

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET
WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30AM

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay our respect to both past and present elders.

3 PRAYER

Almighty God, without whom no Council can stand nor anything prosper we ask that you be present and guide us in our deliberations today. We pray that we will be fair in our judgements and wise in our actions and that decisions will be made with goodwill and a clear conscience for the betterment and welfare of the people of Yarriambiack Shire.

Amen

4 PRESENT

Crs J Wise, A McLean, J Kemfert, R Kingston, H Ballentine, K Zanker, G Lovel, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer), James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning), Bernardine Schilling (Executive Assistant).

5 APOLOGIES

Cr Helen Ballentine (due to inclement conditions)

Cr. Andrew McLean (due to another council commitment)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 November 2010

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 November 2010 be accepted.

Carried

Closed Session – 10 November 2010

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on 10 November 2010 be accepted.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8 BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 Action List from last meeting

8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List

9 PETITIONS

10 REPORTS

Corporate Reports

- 10.1 Mayor's Report
- 10.2 Councillor/Delegate Reports
- 10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report
- 10.4 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report
- 10.5 Technical Services Report
- 10.6 Community Services Report
- 10.7 Economic Development Report
- 10.8 Infrastructure Services Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 Council Delegates for 2010
- 11.4 Lease of Council Land to Basin Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd off Campbell Street, Hopetoun
- 11.5 Request to Name Un-Named Laneway at Murtoa
- 11.6 Capital works programs for Gravel Re-sheets and Reseals 2010-11

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Jean Wise

- 10 November Tri-Annual Meeting of the Aubrey Hall Committee of Management.
- 11 November RSL Remembrance Day- Warracknabeal.
- 14 November Memorial Service for SES at Stawell.
- 15 November Wimmera Volunteers AGM – Horsham
- 16 November Meeting with students and Youth Worker from Knox City.
Attended the opening of the Carer's Expo at the Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House.
Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House AGM.
- 18 November Hopetoun CWA's 75th Anniversary.
- 19 November Opening of the first permanent structure in nearly one hundred years at the Minyip Primary School.
- 22 November YFest Meeting
Rural North West Health Community Meeting.
- 23 November Rural North West Health AGM
- 24 November Council Forum and Pre Statutory Meeting.
Tour of Dunmunkle Health Services across Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup.
- 25 November Wimmera Information Network AGM.
- 30 November University of Ballarat Horsham Campus – Launch of the Research Precinct.
- 1 December Longerenong College – Opening of the Wimmera Trade Training Centre.
Emma's Café – Minyip Community Christmas Get Together
- 6 December Council Statutory Meeting.

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr H Ballentine**

17 November	Emergency Management meeting at Warracknabeal
	Attended the Beulah Progress Association meeting
18 November	Attended 75 th birthday of Hopetoun CWA
23 November	Peter Crisp MP visited Hopetoun to gain more information on back road issues for farmers and I showed him some road issues.
24 November	Pre Stat meeting at Warracknabeal YSC
25 November	1 st meeting of Yarriambiack Tourism Association with representatives of most towns present at YSC Warracknabeal.
01 December	Attended 1 st birthday of Emma's Café Minyip
06 December	Attended election of new Mayor at Statutory meeting Warracknabeal

Cr J Kempfert

10 November	Council Meeting
15 November	Met with visiting students from the Knox City Council.
23 November	Wimmera regional Sports Assembly AGM
24 November	Council Forum
01 December	Minyip Progress Association Community Christmas Function at Emma's Cafe.

Cr A McLean

15 November	Attended and chaired the Patchewollock Community Centre AGM.
19 November	Attended the North Western Municipalities Association meeting in Mildura. An issue arising at the meeting was the additional costs to councils above the cost of chemicals in dealing with locusts and the possible recovery of this cost.
24 November	Council Forum and tour of the Dunmunkle Health Services.
06 December	Council Statutory Meeting.
07 December	Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee meeting in Birchip.

Cr G Lovel

11 November	Attended monthly meeting of The Project Control Group for the Wimmera Intermodal Freight Terminal at Horsham.
15 November	Met with visiting students from the Knox City Council.
17 November	Grampians Regional Waste Management meeting at Stawell.
22 November	Attended Public Information Meeting for the Terminal at Dooen.
24 November	Shire visit to Dunmunkle Lodge and Dunmunkle Health Services at Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup.

Cr K Zanker

15 November	Attended Wimmera Volunteer's AGM
15 November	BBQ at the Warracknabeal Skate Park with Knox City Council Youth 6pm.
15 November	Warracknabeal Memorial Kindergarten AGM 7.30pm
16 November	Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House AGM
23 November	Wimmera North West Health AGM - Apology
24 November	Council Forum, followed by tour of Dunmunkle Health Services
03 December	WRLC Meeting
03 December	Wimmera Volunteers celebration of International Volunteers. Celebrated at the Natimuk Hotel with a luncheon.

Cr R Kingston

15 November	Knox City Youth Council Visit, Warracknabeal A pleasure to meet four very community minded young people from our sister city.
19 November	Livestock Salesyard Association Victoria Teleconference Ongoing Challenges.
22 November	Rupanyup Dirt Music Festival Preliminary Meeting Discussions about feasibility of holding this event next autumn.
25 November	Tri-Annual General Meeting of Minyip Recreation Reserve .
06 December	Statutory Meeting YSC Warracknabeal

Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr J Wise that all Councillors Reports be received.

Carried

10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report – Prepared by Ray Campling

- Attended Locust Plague Update at Grain Innovation Park, Horsham
- Attended Remembrance Day Service outside the Warracknabeal Post Office
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria Executive meeting in Melbourne
- Attended Knox City Youth Exchange function
- Attended Gateway BEET general meeting
- Met with Superintendent Graeme Arthur – Emergency Management
- Met with Stephen Chapple CEO Ararat – various matters
- Attended Community Satisfaction Survey meeting undertaken by the Wallis Consulting Group in Horsham
- Attended north Western Municipalities Association meeting held in Mildura
- Met with Dean Miller, Chief Executive Officer Hindmarsh – various matters
- Attended Wimmera Freight HUB public presentation in Dooen
- With Councillors undertook a tour of the three Dunmunkle Health Services facilities – Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup
- Met with Robert Rattray, Acting Chief Executive Officer West Wimmera – various matters
- Attended Yarriambiack Tourism Association inaugural meeting in Warracknabeal
- Met with Peter Rademaker – SHARE Program
- Attended the official opening of the Wimmera Trade Training Centre at Longerenong College
- Attended Minyip Progress Association Christmas function at Emma's Cafe
- Attended Essential Services Commission – Performance Indicators meeting
- Met with Vincent Sully – Grampians Regional Management Forum
- Attended Rural Northwest Health annual general meeting in Warracknabeal
- Met with Bill McArthur President MAV – North Western Municipalities Association matters

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) -**Beulah:**

- **Community Action Plan** –The Beulah Community Action Plan is now complete and a copy can be viewed at the Beulah Business Centre.

Murtoa:

- **Lake Marma and Rabi Park Management and Development Plan** – The plan will be presented to the community on Wednesday 8th of December at the Mechanics Institute at 6.00pm.

RV FRIENDLY TOWN AND DESTINATION:

Brim and Lascelles are currently preparing applications to become RV Friendly in accordance with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia.

WEB SITES

The Lascelles and Patchewollock community web sites are close to completion.

CARAVAN PARKS

At the time of this report the CFA will inspect the Hopetoun, Murtoa and Warracknabeal Caravan Parks on the 29th of November. The CFA report will assist our application to register the Caravan Parks in accordance with the Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards Regulations 2010. A letter is also being prepared for community groups who manage Caravan Parks to assist them with their registrations.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Date	Meeting
2 November	Woomelang & District Development Association
2 November	Lake Lascelles/Corrong CoM
4 November	Bill Mundy Telstra
16 November	Murtoa Progress Association
17 November	Beulah Progress Association
26 November	Minyip SHARE
29 November	CFA Caravan Park Inspections – Hopetoun Murtoa Warracknabeal

10.4 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee

VICROADS FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HENTY HIGHWAY/CAMBELL ST INTERSECTION AT HOPETOUN

VicRoads have allocated \$234,000. This will improve safety and allow better access for mineral sands trucks to the Hopetoun Rail Siding. A T intersection will be constructed with widening of the Henty Highway. Works will commence after harvest.

ILUKA

Site works have commenced at the Hopetoun rail siding to construct the loading pad and access roads. Initial indications are that a train will operate 6 days per week with no operations occurring on Sundays. Trains are expected to arrive at 5pm each day for loading with the train leaving at approximately 9pm.

ASSETS – Mick Evans

Prepare locust maps in our GIS system for Matt Wellington on a daily basis

Complete the annual Assets report for CT management (MAV & the new National Framework requirements) and Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD)

Develop and complete Renewal Gap report for CT Management and MAV

Develop reseal and stack site maps for Inroads

DESIGN – John Boehm

Annual Leave

TECHNICAL SERVICES – Tony Brennan

- Traffic counters currently located at two positions... (1) Rainbow/Yaapeet Rd. (2) Yaapeet/Kenmare Rd.
- Attend **Municipal Works Officers Association** meeting in function room Nov 9th.
- Issue Road Opening Permits for MF & JL Wilmore Pty Ltd contractors on behalf of GWM Water to remove culverts at various locations in southern parts of the Shire.
- Met with Lynne Loxton from the Warracknabeal Special Development School to arrange for copies of all bus runs. These will be included amongst our mapping of current bus routes for emergency purposes.
- Organise for quotes to fit new equipment underneath slide platform at the Lions Club playground in Minyip as per the recommendation from the maintenance assessment to strengthen this area.
- Attend the **Municipal Recovery Management Committee** and the **Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee** meetings held on Nov 17th.
- Spoke with Chemwatch about regulations and requirements for the storage of all chemicals used for a variety of reasons within shire buildings and depots. Also discussed access and provision of **Material Safety Data Sheets** for all chemicals used and stored by council. Chemwatch provided us with a spreadsheet to fill out and email to them and they will enter the data onto their system for us. They will also notify us of any updates to **MSDS** as required.
- Attend training for new survey instrument from Precision Partners 30th Nov at Technical Service Offices.

SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH

- Pleased to report that all software issues that previously caused issues to both areas above have been fixed and all data transfers are hassle free.
- Test and tag has been completed on all electrical leads in Saleyards office.
- All lighting at saleyards has been checked and repaired as required since the final sale of the year. A quote will be supplied to replace faulty timer switches at saleyards causing lights to stay on during the night when not required.

BUILDING & PLANNING ACTIVITY

In **November 2010** following permits were issued:

Building: 1 Building Permit was issued.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$32,500**

Warracknabeal – Swimming Pool

11 applications were submitted in **November 2010**.

Planning: 4 Planning Permits were issued.

App No: TP43-10

Applicant: Keith Liersch – Dunmunkle Sumpoilers

Address of Land: Lot 3 Wimmera Highway, Murtoa

Proposal: Construction of a Storage Shed/Workshop

Date Issued: 16/11/2010

App No: TP29-10

Applicant: Country Fire Authority

Address of Land: Lot 20 and 21 on LP5787 being Collins Street
Turriff

Proposal: Emergency Service Facility (Fire Station)

Date Issued: 22/11/2010

App No: TP40-10

Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Gawith

Address of Land: 487 Brynterion Road Lubeck being Volume 04925
folio 903 being TP 401314D

Proposal: Subdivision

Date Issued: 16/11/2010

App No: TP44-10

Applicant: Peter Vogel

Address of Land: 88 Walders road Watchem being Volume
06122 folio 245 being TP 522545G

Proposal: Subdivision

Date Issued: 16/11/2010

4 applications were submitted in **November 2010**.

10.5 TECHNICAL SERVICES – Prepared by Brian Poulton**CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM – ROADS AND STREETS 2010-2011**

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Carter Street Speed (\$32,888)	0%	December 2010		Seal Street from Sunraysia Highway to Goudie Street
Doctor Pete's Car Park Hopetoun (\$15,914)	0%	December 2010		Construct and Seal
Haby Lane Murtoa (\$8,915)	0%	June 2011		Construct and Seal
McDonald Street car parking Murtoa (\$14,602)	0%	June 2011		Construct and Seal
Germaine Street Yaapeet (\$6,430)	100%	November 2010	November 2010	New kerb works. Road widening for drainage purposes
Breen Street Murtoa (\$126,000)	0%	January 2011		
Dimboola – Minyip Rd (\$428,800)	5%	March 2011	May 2011	Horsham Rural City Council – Design Completed
Rainbow Yaapeet Rd (\$470,930)	0%	January 2011		
Burrum North Rd (\$55,174) Pavement Renewal	0%	March 2010		
Brim East Rd (Sheephills Bangerang Rd) (\$70,457) Pavement Renewal	0%	February 2011		
Brim East Rd (\$169,214) Pavement Renewal	0%	May 2011		
Brim West Rd (\$70,568) Pavement Renewal	0%	November 2010		
Mount Pleasant Rd (\$20,012) Pavement Renewal	0%	February 2011		
Rupanyup Rd (\$26,332) Pavement Renewal	0%	February 2011		
Galaquil East Rd (\$95,846) Pavement Renewal	100%	September 2010	11/10/2010	Road reconstruction

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

8 DECEMBER 2010

Galaquil West Rd (\$48,977) Pavement Renewal	0%	November 2010		
Yaapeet Kenmare Rd (\$31,597) Pavement Renewal	0%	January 2011		
Minyip Rich Avon Rd (\$178,374) Pavement Renewal	0%	January 2010		
Minyip Banyena Rd (\$99,156) Pavement Renewal	100%	September 2010	19/10/2010	Road reconstruction
Brim East School Rd (\$90,248) Pavement Renewal	0%	April 2011		
Brim East School Rd (\$28,715) Pavement Renewal	0%	May 2011		
Brim East School Rd (\$7,179) Pavement Renewal	0%	May 2011		

FOOTPATH PROGRAM 2010/2011

PROJECT	% COMPLET E	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Taverner Street Beulah (\$11,228)	0%	February 2011		Hotmix - Geotech
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$9,357)	100%	September 2010	September 2010	Premix – Geotech Shire
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$11,228)	0%	November 2010		Hotmix - Geotech
Lascelles Street Hopetoun (\$12,943)	0%	December 2010		Hotmix – upgrade Geotech
Mitchell Place Hopetoun (\$5,848)	100%	September 2010	September 2010	Reseal - Shire
Murdoch Street Hopetoun (\$5,146)	100%	October 2010	November 2010	Hotmix – upgrade Geotech
Cromie Street Murtoa (\$18,980)	0%	November 2010		Shire - Concrete
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$15,538)	0%	December 2010		Shire - Concrete
McDonald Street Murtoa (\$14,300)	0%	May 2011		Shire - Concrete
Dyer Street Rupanyup (\$9,357)	100%	October 2010	October 2010	Hotmix – upgrade Geotech
Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$12,631)	100%	October 2010	October 2010	Hotmix - Geotech
Wood Street Rupanyup (\$2,807)	100%	October 2010	October 2010	Hotmix – upgrade Geotech
Craig Ave Warracknabeal (\$21,771)	100%	August 2010	September 2010	Shire - Concrete
Warunda Ave Warracknabeal (\$6,978)	100%	October 2010	October 2010	Shire - Concrete
Menin Ave Warracknabeal (\$12,505)	100%	September 2010	October 2010	Shire - Concrete
Roberts Street Woomelang (\$18,245)	100%	September 2010	September 2010	Sea Lake Contractor - Concrete
Main Street Minyip (\$11,618)	0%	February 2011		Shire - Concrete
Various (\$5,000)	0%			Renewal of short footpath sections
Various (\$10,000)	0%			Improvement Pedestrian Crossings at Intersections
Various (\$2,948)	0%			Allowance for new works & upgrades

Gravel Resheets Completed –

Completed Gravel Resheets Works 15.149km

Reseal Preparation and aggregate carting (Local roads)

Maintenance Grading

Tree Lopping – Storm Damage works continuing

VIC ROADS – Stabilising works commenced

Slashing program continuing

TOTAL GRAVEL RESHEET WORKS 53.657km

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

KINDERGARTENS

A busy month for kindergartens with information nights being held for new parents and AGM's for most Kindergartens.

We also are surveying new 2011 parents to look at options for how many hours will be offered at each kindergarten next year.

Staff are also busy finalising updated emergency management plans for the DEECD.

All kindergartens will have reasonable enrolments even Beulah now looks like having 4, 4 year old children as we will pick up overflow from BIRCHIP.

We finally have repaved the Rupanyup kindergarten yard to make the path safer and will look at other capital works at Minyip and Warracknabeal during the break.

The transport reference group will meet with the consultant Lynne Gleeson from Springtech consultants in December to set out our community consultations for early 2011.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

White Ribbon day BBQ's were celebrated on November 25th in Murtoa and Beulah to raise the awareness of the prevention of violence against women campaign. Wimmera PCP, Dunmunkle Health, Anglican Church, and Wimmera Uniting Care and Women's Health Grampians assisted with the costs and running of the day.

So far we have had 30 babies born from the 1st July and 48 new enrolments for service this financial year. This is down slightly on last year but January and February are expected to change this.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ LOCAL LAWS

Food premises inspections are ongoing a serious complaint has been dealt with locally with full cooperation of the business owner. The premises will be monitored over the next few months to ensure compliance.

The EHO has met with Dunmunkle kitchen staff to look at food safety standards and provide information on how to comply.

Some consultation with the Rupanyup community centre was required to ensure the onsite wastewater disposal was going to be of the required standard.

Permits have been issued in Patchewollock and Murtoa for new systems.

Blue Green Algae inspections are continuing this month.

The EHO has attended the Victorian Food Safety forum in Melbourne and a Mosquito control day in Echuca.

Fire prevention work this year has seen 525 properties issues with notices to improve.

The southern part of the shire was issued with the most notices, possibly due to the wetter weather and landowners not always being local.

Contractors who tendered for the clean up works have been contacted unfortunately only one of these had been able to work to the tender specification and has completed most of the work. Next year we need to ensure contractors can do the work if they put in a tender.

A quiet month for animals in the pound with only 4 dogs, 2 of these returned to owners and 2 taken by pet rescue for rehousing.

Fire restrictions commence as of 29th November, new fire danger rating signs will be erected at Tempy and Rupanyup in December.

YOUTH

The Knox City youth visit was a great success, the young people were impressed by our schools and the skate park extension group.

They also enjoyed the locust talk by Matt Wellington and commented none of their councillors wore bike leathers.

Thanks to all councillors and staff who welcomed the Knox visitors.

The music equipment committee is having their first meeting shortly, once formed this group will set rental fees and look at hiring agreements.

The youth worker is looking at funding opportunities for the skate park plan extensions in Warracknabeal.

The Warracknabeal Secondary College has also started its link with Fairhills College in Knox.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

This month we held an Emergency relief live exercise at Hopetoun, a relief centre was opened and during the day all services associated with a relief centre tested.

The senior citizens building was the venue and around 55 people from Hopetoun participated as victims, the primary school provided most of the participants.

Red Cross catered and RNH also attended, we had to extend the centre by opening the town hall to cope with the numbers but everything was well tested and we learned valuable lessons for a real incident from the day. DHS ran the scenarios and Police and SES also attended.

Shire staff performed well and this was commented on by Police and SES during the debriefing session.

We are collecting names for the Christmas hamper scheme run by the Christian Food Bank and M&CH nurses are giving out toy vouchers from the Salvation Army.

We are developing information for our MEMP [Municipal Emergency Management plan] on support for vulnerable and at risk people in our community. This is in line with the Bushfire Royal Commission final report.

We have met with RNH and will now plan meetings with other health agencies to try and provide support for as many of our vulnerable residents in our shire that the agencies identify.

We will not be able to pick up all vulnerable people so communities will need to be aware that in a crisis supporting neighbours and helping local emergency agencies identify people needing support will be vital.

We have also met with DHS to look at any Recovery measures that may be required if the locusts impact increase across our shire. DHS has engaged personal support agencies and a template to respond will be developed with local government playing a role in recovery referrals and centres.

AGED AND DISABILITY

We have secured next years senior's week concert a week earlier on the 28th September 2011, Rupanyup will now be able to attend without worrying about showday.

Staff attended the Carers expo held in Warracknabeal to highlight services available through the shire.

A men's health night in Hopetoun was organized by shire staff and RNH and Mallee health and Gateway BEET, 126 people attended.

Staff have formalized links with RNH and are now attending patient discharge meetings to ensure our homecare service is more aware of issues and responds appropriately.

VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT

12 clients were transported 1,607 kilometers this month the transport service starts to wind down over this time of the year.

All shire volunteers are being given a lunch in Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Murtoa as part of national volunteers day celebrations.

The actual day is the 5th of December which is a Sunday, we are doing our BBQ's over the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after this.

10.7 Economic Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

Meetings Attended

22/11/2010 – Y-Fest Committee

22/11/2010 – “Dirt Music” Festival Committee, Rupanyup

25/11/2010 – Yarriambiack Tourism Association

07/12/2010 – Warracknabeal Action Group

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Planning Officer David Young is still working on the report for Council on the planning and cost implications for residential developments on Council land.

The Wimmera Development Association is working on the regional approach to the housing issue.

WIMMERA MALLEE PIPELINE

Our proposal for the development of a program of information sessions on intensive agriculture opportunities provided by the pipeline, is still being considered by the Department of Primary Industry. However, they are preoccupied with the locust problem at the moment and have not had time to confirm arrangements.

“BUY LOCAL” PROGRAM

The direct mail of the special “Message from the Mayor” was completed during the last week in November as reinforcement of the “Buy Local” message.

BUSINESS BULLETIN

The Christmas edition of our Business Bulletin has been produced and forwarded to all businesses on our data base.

WARRACKNABEAL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Grampians Plumbing is due to commence work shortly on the sewerage extension to the Industrial Estate.

BUSINESS TRAINING SEMINARS

In conjunction with the Wimmera Business Centre and Business Victoria, a series of small business training seminars have been organized to run throughout next year.

The subject matter and dates are as follows:-

- Achieve Financial Success – 22 Feb, 8 & 22 March, 5 April.
- Networking – 21 July.
- Getting Started – 11, 25 August, 8 Sept.
- Growing Your Business – 1 & 15 November.

TOURISM

YARRIAMBIACK TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of our new Tourism Association was held on 25th November with a strong attendance from representatives of our various town Progress Associations. Cr Helen Ballentine was elected Chairperson with Terry Grange of Minyip Vice-Chair. Council will provide the Admin support.

TOURISM BROCHURES

The final proofs of the “refreshed” versions of our range of brochures have been received and approved. Printed copies should be available before Xmas.

Y-FEST 2011

Planning continues for next year’s event and as advised, a funding application was submitted to Regional Development Victoria for \$7,500 per year for the next two years to assist with the free entertainment component and marketing.

We have been advised that our proposal has passed the first stage of assessment and we now need to submit a more detailed submission.

That process has been delayed due to the State Election and may be further delayed with a new Government coming in.

RUPANYUP “DIRT MUSIC” FESTIVAL PROPOSAL

A meeting of interested people and community representatives was held in Rupanyup on 22nd November to assess the support for a unique style of amateur music festival proposed for late March, early April next year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**YARRIAMBIACK CREEK WALKING TRACK, WARRACKNABEAL**

Work has now been completed by the Creek Committee and the supporting collateral material is about to be printed.

SPORT & RECREATION

A number of Sport & Recreation projects are awaiting approval of funding applications but we expect some delay to the official announcements due to the change of Government.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 2011

The thirteen projects that were submitted by Council have been approved by the Federal Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government and are detailed below.

• Hopetoun Skate Park	\$38,400
• Murtoa Bowls Club Facilities Upgrade	\$27,700
• Upgrades for Tempy and Hopetoun Halls	\$15,000
• Upgrade to Beulah Toddlers Pool	\$ 2,300
• Beulah Historical Society	\$ 3,400
• Beulah Playgroup Playground upgrade	\$ 1,100
• Beulah Streetscape Development	\$ 9,100
• Upgrade Greens at Warracknabeal Golf Club	\$32,000
• Warracknabeal Bowls Club Airconditioning	\$13,500
• Minyip Tennis Club Clubhouse upgrade	\$ 7,700
• Minyip Golf Club Clubhouse upgrade	\$ 9,100
• Minyip Wetlands facilities	<u>\$15,700</u>
Total	<u>\$175,000</u>

10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor**CONCRETE CRUSHING - HOPETOUN**

As part of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline channel decommissioning program, Council has been accepting concrete pipes and culverts at the transfer station in Hopetoun and Warracknabeal.

At the end of September, Local Mix from Geelong commenced crushing this material at Hopetoun, which Council will be able to use as well as sell to the public.

An amount of over 2,000 tonne was crushed to 20mm in size, this has been placed into stock for Council to utilise and also available for sale to the general public at \$15 per m³

SWIMMING POOLS**Rupanyup**

Council together with Mr Ray Ball carried out an inspection of the Rupanyup swimming pool to identify issues that require replacement as well as some recommended improvements to the facility.

The main area which requires updating is the water treatment system, which following investigations and consultation with the pool committee will be changed over to a salt water chlorination system at a cost of approx \$35,000.

Due to the availability of the unit and contractors this upgrade will be done after the swimming season.

Warracknabeal

In the last week a leak in the joints in the small toddlers pool at Warracknabeal was found, these joints have been re-cut and sealed which will hopefully rectify the matter.

Lifeguards

As Council would be aware the volunteer groups operating the swimming pools in our municipality do a fantastic job, but are struggling with costs in regards to life guards. I am currently gathering information from some of the smaller pools on their costs for lifeguards.

I feel it maybe something that Council may have to consider in next years budget.

CARDBOARD BALING FACILITY

As reported previously to Council the cardboard baling facility constructed at Warracknabeal transfer station has been a great success, so much so that I am seeking additional funding to extend the facilities storage capacity.

The intention is to extend the existing shed to allow for the storage of the bales of plastic and cardboard, so to allow extra room for the dumping of cardboard from the other transfer stations in Hopetoun, Beulah, Woomelang, Minyip, Rupanyup & Murtoa.

I am pleased to advise Council that we have been successful in obtaining funding from the Grampians Regional Waste Management Group to undertake this extension, and have accepted a quotation from Bell's Farma Products to construct the shed.

CONTRACT NO C164/2010 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ONE (1) PRIME MOVER

Council has advertised for the Supply & Delivery of one (1) Prime Mover on the 27th November, 2010, tenders will close on Monday 20th December, 2010.

This vehicle will replace Council's existing Scania R143M operated by Robert Taylor, the existing vehicle is 17 years old.

LANDFILL LEVIES

The table below details the new landfill levies as advised by Sustainability Victoria:-

Year	Rural Municipal	Industrial	Metro Municipal	Metro Industrial
2009-2010	\$7.00	\$13.00	\$9.00	\$15.00
2010 2011	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
2011 - 2012	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

The new levies equate to an increase in waste management costs of around \$20,000 each year.

WARRACKNABEAL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Council prepared tender specification documents for the extension of the Water and Sewerage mains to the new industrial estate together with tender documents the supply and installation of security fencing to each of the three (3) blocks of land.

I am pleased to advise that progress has been made with the fencing to be carried out by Bell's Farma Products and the water and sewerage main extension work to be undertaken by Halls Gap Plumbing.

It is anticipated that this work will commence before the end of December, 2010

Moved Cr J Wise seconded R Kingston that standing orders be suspended at 10:30am

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded R Kingston that standing orders be resumed at 10:59am

Carried

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at November 2010 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Report as at November 2010 be received.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that Finance Report as at November 2010 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at December 2010 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Revenue Report as at December 2010 be received

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that the Revenue Report as at December 2010 be tabled.

Carried

11.3 COUNCIL DELEGATES FOR 2010 – prepared by Ray Campling

Australian Local Government Women's Association	J Wise
GWM Water Regional Recreation Water Users Group	H Ballentine
GWM Water CC Mallee Users Group	A McLean
Grampians Waste Management Group	G Lovel/A McLean
Internal Audit Committee	G Lovel/K Zanker
Municipal Association of Victoria	A McLean/R Kingston
Municipal Emergency Management Committee	J Wise/H Ballentine
North Western Municipalities Association	A McLean/R Kingston
Rail Freight Alliance	J Kempfert
RoadSafe Wimmera	J Wise
Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee	A McLean
Sustainability Accord	A McLean/R Kingston
Victorian Saleyards Association	R Kingston
Warracknabeal Saleyards Committee	R Kingston
Wimmera Development Association	J Wise
WM Tourism Steering Group	H Ballentine
Wimmera Rail Association/Rail Standardisation	J Kempfert
Wimmera Regional Library Service	K Zanker
Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly	J Kempfert
Wimmera Regional Transport Group	G Lovel
Wimmera Volunteers Inc	K Zanker
Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Council	J Wise
Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee	A McLean
Yarriambiack Drought Committee	H Ballentine/G Lovel

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

8 DECEMBER 2010

Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House	K Zanker
Yarriambiack Fire Prevention Committee	R Kingston/K Zanker
Yarrilinks	R Kingston/K Zanker/A McLean
Wimmera Intermodal Freight Terminal Project Control Group	G Level
Yarriambiack Tourism Association	H Ballentine/ R Kingston

RECOMMENDATION

That Council ratify delegates to Committees as presented for 2011.

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded G Level that Council ratify delegates to Committees as presented for 2011.

Carried

**11.4 LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND TO BASIN MINERALS HOLDINGS PTY LTD
OFF CAMPBELL STREET, HOPETOUN – Prepared by Bernie Naylor**

The abovementioned site will be used by Iluka for the out loading of mineral sands to rail for transportation to Hamilton for processing.

Following discussions with Basin Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd, we have come to an agreement to lease the property for \$7,500 per annum plus GST.

Lease agreement documents have now been prepared for the lease of the abovementioned land owned by Council.

Council is now required to sign and seal the agreement for the lease of the land being Part Lot 1 – on TP 409373S Township of Hopetoun, Parish of Goyura described in Certificate of Title Volume 07961 folio 182.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council sign and seal the agreement to lease the land off Campbell Street, Hopetoun, being Part Lot 1 – on TP 409373S Township of Hopetoun, Parish of Goyura described in Certificate of Title Volume 07961 folio 182 to Basin Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd.

The lease is for three years with further extensions by negotiation.

Moved Cr K Zanker seconded R Kingston that the lease is for three years with further extensions by negotiation.

Carried

11.5 REQUEST TO NAME UN-NAMED LANEWAY AT MURTOA – prepared by Mick Evans

After receiving a proposal from Val Gregory, Secretary of the Murtoa & District Historical Society & Community Museum, requesting consideration be given to the naming of the Laneway behind the Museum Complex to “Anders Lane”. Council has followed due process and advertised the proposal, with no objections received from the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that Council adopt the name “Anders Lane” as proposed and follow due process by forwarding an application to Geographic Names.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded K Zanker Council adopt the name “Anders Lane” as proposed and follow due process by forwarding as application to Geographic Names.

Carried

11.6 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS FOR GRAVEL RE-SHEETS AND RESEALS 2010-11 – prepared by Mick Evans

The Capital works Program for Gravel Re-sheets and Reseals as tabled

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Re-sheet and Reseal Programs

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded J Wise that Council adopt the Re-Sheet and Reseal Program

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

- 12.1 That Council write and congratulate the New Government on their Election.**

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that Council write a letter to congratulate the New Government on their Election.

Carried

- 12.2 That Council write and thank previous Labor Government for their contribution to Council and the Community.**

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded J Wise that Council write and thank previous Labor Government on their contribution to Council and the Community.

Carried

- 12.3 That Council write and congratulate the two Local Members on their Election.**

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded J Wise that Council write and congratulate the two Local Members on their Election.

Carried

13 CLOSED SESSION

14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

The Meeting Closed at 11:15am

Chairperson