

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

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 8 December 2010

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 December 2010 be accepted.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8 BUSINESS ARISING

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- 11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)
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- 11.3 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C16

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr John Kemfert

07 December	Flood Waters – Murtoa (7 December – 9 December)
12 December	Attended Senior Citizens Christmas lunch at Murtoa
12 December	Attended Lions Christmas Dinner at Murtoa
12 January	Visit to Murtoa and Minyip with Peter Ryan and Hugh Delahunty for the announcement of State Government Funding for the Murtoa Golf Club and Minyip Tennis Club
18 January	Attended public meeting at Warracknabeal in reference to flood water
19 January	Visit to Warracknabeal to assess flood water (19 January – 20 January)
26 January	Attended Australia Day Celebrations at Beulah and presented Citizen of the Year Award

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr K Zanker**

14 December	Attended Neighbourhood House Meeting
17 January	Wimmera Volunteers Meeting – cancelled due to floods
17 January	January 17 to January 21 - undertaking numerous and differing roles to assist with flood procedures
20 January	Invited to attend an 'after flood' BBQ celebration with the residents in Wood Street Warracknabeal
21 January	Invited to attend a celebration BBQ with the residents in Craig Ave Warracknabeal
26 January	Attended the Australia Day celebrations at Warracknabeal

Cr H Ballentine

- December
- Attended the Hopetoun Secondary College speech night as a presenter of prizes
 - Participated in tele-conference meeting with Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Group Committee
 - Chaired first Yarriambiack Tourism meeting
- January
- Provided information to Digital Taskforce on their upcoming visit to Hopetoun
 - Visited Beulah township three times regarding flood situation (including information evening)
 - Presented 'Best Community Event' award at Australia Day Celebrations in Hopetoun
 - Made myself available on 27th for Digital Taskforce queries

Cr J Wise

- 10 December
- Roadsafe Wimmera Meeting re guidelines etc for the changeover to Roadsafe Community Group in July 2011
- 13 December
- Multi-Cultural Information Session in Nhill
 - Roadsafe Monthly Meeting and Christmas Celebration
- 14 December
- Lady Mayoress 50th Anniversary Christmas Fundraising Lunch in Melbourne hosted by the Lord Mayor. Yarriambiack recognised and thanked as the only Rural Council to attend
- 16 December
- VicRoads send-off in Ballarat for Lance Midgley upon his retirement
- 11-17 January
- Attended the Portsea Camp.
 - Rained for the first half of the week, but despite this the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves
 - There was concern on getting them home safely, great thanks to the coach driver and his careful driving
- 26 January
- Warracknabeal Australia Day Celebrations

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all the hard working Shire staff, emergency service personnel, service clubs and the community as a whole, for banding together to ensure the safety of all during the flood situation.

Special thanks to those who assisted the elderly and those whose houses nearly went under.

Cr A McLean

8 December Facilitated a meeting between the TAC and residents of Speed, in regard to the TAC campaign "Rename Speed".

From this meeting, contacts in the local community were made. The following week a production crew arrived in Speed to begin filming for a Facebook campaign and the TAC advert featuring the renaming of Speed to "Speedkills".

The Facebook page and TAC campaign are aimed at reducing the number of fatalities on rural roads by asking drivers to slow down. The official launch took place on Friday 14 January.

The Facebook page reached our target of 10,000 "likes" on the first day. It is now intended to change the name of Speed to Speedkills for one month for some time in February. Speed farmer Phil Down agreed to change his name to "Phil Slow Down" if a further 10,000 "likes" were made. This target has also been reached and the page is still very active with more fans every day.

26 January Australia Day breakfast with the Speed Lions Club at Tempy

Cr G Lovel

Grampians Waste Management Group – The restructure is now on hold due to the election of the new State Government. The intention was for the new arrangement to occur on 1 July 2011. This may still happen.

23 January **Visit by Deputy Premier** – Attended the Warracknabeal State Emergency Unit on 23 January together with the CEO and Cr Zanker.

Welcomed Peter Ryan and his colleague Damian Drum and confirmed how proud the Shire was of the local SES Unit in the flooding situation at Warracknabeal.

In fact the whole community at Warracknabeal pulled together with very positive results.

I am sure the visitors went away with a very, very positive opinion of the community.

26 January **Australia Day Celebrations** – Wendy and I attended the celebrations at Wallup as in previous years. This function was again very well attended and is a credit to the small rural community.

Cr R Kingston

- 13 December Chaired Warracknabeal Recreation Reserve Tri-annual
General Meeting
- 14 January (14 January – 18 January) Attended flooding related activities
in Rupanyup including the emergency town meeting.
- 20 January Rupanyup community post-flood BBQ
- 26 January Rupanyup Australia Day Ceremony at Jack Emmett Billabong

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

- Attended WDA meeting in Horsham
- Attended Locust Update meeting at Grains Innovation Park
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria Executive meeting in Melbourne
- Met with Council solicitors – transfer of property (53 Lake Street Murtoa)
- Met with Vernon Knight and Frank Lander – Yaapeet Rainbow line
- Attended funding presentation – Murtoa Golf Course and Minyip Tennis Courts
- Attended Warracknabeal public flood meeting at Warracknabeal Town Hall (panel member)
- Attended Brim and Beulah public flood meetings (panel member)
- Met with Premier Ted Baillieu in respect to flood matters
- With Crs Zanker and Lovel, met with Deputy Premier Peter Ryan and Damian Drum – post flood matters
- Attended Australia Day celebrations at Anzac Park Warracknabeal
- Attended CEO and Emergency Services debriefing at Grains Innovation Park Horsham

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

Flood Event January 2011

Heavy rains of average 200mm occurred across our Shire in the second week of January. On 13 January the Grampians catchment received approximately 200mm over a 24 hour period.

Rupanyup and Warracknabeal received extensive flooding from these local rainfall events. Rural areas around and north of Lubeck, south of Murtoa and east of Warracknabeal received extensive overland flow. Murtoa has had several significant rainfall and flooding events over recent months.

Council were advised by authorities during the evening of Sunday 16 January to prepare for a 1 in 100 year flood. The flooding peak was predicted to reach Warracknabeal Friday 21 January.

Planning was in full swing during Monday when Council were advised the peak at Warracknabeal would occur two days earlier on Wednesday.

Council's CEO approved the construction of two levees in Warracknabeal on Monday and also levees for Brim and Beulah as required.

The Municipal Emergency Co-ordination Centre (MECC) was opened at 5:30pm Monday evening.

On Tuesday morning Council recommended to the Municipal Emergency Response Co-ordinator (MERC) that, additional levees be constructed to fully enclose the creek in Warracknabeal. Plans were drawn of proposed levees. These were forwarded by the MERC to the Incident Control Centre (ICC) in Horsham. The MERC later gave approval for Council to undertake the levee works.

Works at Brim and Beulah continued also throughout the week.

Major sandbagging efforts were undertaken, particularly in the townships of Rupanyup, Warracknabeal and Beulah. In Warracknabeal 120,000 sandbags were placed around the township.

Requests to remove sections of weir pool walls were made and approved by the ICC via the MECC. This was done at Warracknabeal, Brim and Beulah. This action lowered the creek level in Warracknabeal by 500mm and probably slightly lesser amounts at Brim and Beulah. Hundreds of houses would have been inundated if, neither the levees nor the cutting of the weir pool walls had not been undertaken.

Approximately 18 hours prior to the flood peak for Warracknabeal, Council were advised via the media, that the Yarriambiack Creek flow was in fact a 1 in 200 year event. Another cut in the Rainbow Road was requested and approved Wednesday as a safety measure.

Supply of sandbags became an issue late Tuesday and Wednesday, with such a demand across eastern Australia.

The peak flow reached Warracknabeal during Wednesday, Brim Thursday and Beulah overnight Friday.

There were several minor breaches of the levee in Warracknabeal and in Beulah, they were quickly repaired.

The Yarriambiack Creek continued to flow north into Lake Corrong. This 17,000 mega-litre capacity lake filled for the first time in 37 years on 28 January. Hopetoun township experienced minor flooding to the eastern side.

Extensive damage of Council's road and culvert assets has occurred. Rectification of roads to provide access has been a priority, much work is yet to be done.

ASSETS ENGINEERING – Mick Evans

- Develop inspection regime for the road inspector on the new Asset Asyst computer program
- Address road name change issues and locality boundary change issues
- Interviews for the Technical and the Environmental/Sustainability officer positions
- Address drainage issues during rain event
- Develop GIS mapping for the flood event
- Flood management and attendance at the MECC during flood disaster

Risk Management

Research and gather data required for CMP audit review and JMAPP audit for February

DESIGN – John Boehm

Nil to Report – Long Service Leave

TECHNICAL SERVICES – Tony Brennan

- Traffic counter reports completed for Rainbow/Yaapect Road and Yaapect /Kenmare Road
- Issue current reports to relative managers for plants/vehicle checklist registers
- Carry out twice weekly Aerodrome Inspections during January and February
- Handled many counter and phone enquiries before, during and after flood event
- Attend OH & S Incident & Accident training held on 5 December 2010
- Assist Design Engineer with surveying at various locations with in the Shire
- Met with John and Jamie Bell to discuss industrial estates boundary fence location, entrance gates, block boundary fence locations and chainmesh height above ground. (Work to commence when site has dried up)
- Issue Road Opening Permits as required to various contractors to carry out works within road reserves
- Worked in the Municipal Emergency Control Centre during flood crisis from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 January as one of the Deputy Municipal Emergency Response Officers

Truckwash

- AVDATA console and truck-wash pump now enclosed in lockable shed security to prevent unwarranted access
- New signage per current standards to be erected on entrance gates to waste water lagoon at truckwash

BUILDING & PLANNING ACTIVITY

In December & January the following permits were issued:

Building: 3 Building Permits were issued in **December 2010.**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$38,999**

Murtoa – Storage Shed
Warracknabeal - Garage
Warracknabeal – Garage

8 applications were submitted in **December 2010**

January 2011

5 Building Permits were issued in **January 2010.**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$237,728**

Rupanyup – Shed Extensions
Hopetoun – Dwelling Extensions
Rupanyup – Shed Demolition
Warracknabeal – Commercial Shed Extension
Warracknabeal – Assembly Hall Extensions

5 applications were submitted in **January 2010.**

Planning: 4 Planning Permits were issued in **December 2010**

App No: TP26-10

Applicant: Price Merrett Consulting – Mark Carter

Address of Land: CA 18A Volume 02308 Folio 450 and Lot 4 PS 212917C being Tarrant and Kurrajong Street Warracknabeal.

Proposal: Land to be developed for the construction of Grain Bunkers and associated Earthworks, the land to be subdivided in accordance with the endorsed plans

Date Issued: 14 December 2010

App No: TP45-10**Applicant:** Woomelang Bowling Club**Address of Land:** 18-20 Gloucester Ave Woomelang**Proposal:** Land to be used by the expansion of the licensed liquor area of the premises.**Date Issued:** 01 December 2010**App No:** TP49-10**Applicant:** Wheatlands Historical Society**Address of Land:** 8-14 Scott St Warracknabeal**Proposal:** Land to be developed by the construction of a Storage Shed, Earthworks.**Date Issued:** 01 December 2010**App No:** TP51-10**Applicant:** Beulah Bowling Club**Address of Land:** CA 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 Phillips St, Beulah**Proposal:** Land to be used by the expansion of the licensed liquor area of the premises.**Date Issued:** 23 December 2010

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

January 2011

1 Planning Permit was issued in **January 2011**.

App No: TP51-10**Applicant:** Rupanyup Community Centre – Kelvin Tyler**Address of Land:** Rupanyup Recreation Reserve - 23 Gibson Street**Proposal:** Land to be used by the expansion of the licensed liquor area of the premises.**Date Issued:** 11 January 2011

3 applications were submitted in **January 2011**.

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%	March 2011		Seal Street from Sunraysia Highway to Goudie Street
Doctor Pete's Car Park Hopetoun (\$15,914)	0%	February 2011		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		Kerb Works - Shire
<i>Dimboola – Minyip Rd (\$428,800)</i>	-----	-----	-----	<i>Horsham Rural City Council</i>
Rainbow Yaapeet Rd (\$470,930)	0%	February 2011		
Burrum North Rd (\$55,174) Pavement Renewal R2R	0%	March 2011		
Brim East Rd (Sheephills Bangerang Rd) (\$70,457) Pavement Renewal R2R	0%	May 2011		
Sheep Hills- Bangerang (\$151,688) Pavement Renewal	0%	May 2011		
Brim West Rd (\$70,568) Pavement Renewal R2R	0%	January 2011		
Mount Pleasant Rd (\$20,012) Pavement Renewal	0%	February 2011		
Rupanyup Rd (\$26,332) Pavement Renewal	0%	February 2011		

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

9 FEBRUARY 2011

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Galaquil East Rd (\$95,846) Pavement Renewal R2R	100%	September 2010	11.10.2010	Road Reconstruction
Galaquil West Rd (\$48,977) Pavement Renewal R2R	100%	December 2010	20.12.2010	Road Reconstruction
Yaapeet Kenmare Rd (\$31,597) Pavement Renewal R2R	0%	January 2011		
Minyip Rich Avon Rd (\$178,374) Pavement Renewal	5%	January 2011		
Minyip Banyena Rd (\$99,156) Pavement Renewal R2R	100%	September 2010	19.10.2010	Road Reconstruction
Brim East School Rd (\$90,248) Pavement Renewal R2R	0%	May 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	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Taverner Street Beulah (\$11,228)	0%	March 2011		Hotmix - Geotech
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$9,357)	100%	September 2010	September 2010	Premix – Geotech Shire
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$11,228)	0%	February 2011		Hotmix - Geotech
Lascelles Street Hopetoun (\$12,943)	0%	March 2011		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%	March 2011		Shire - Concrete
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$15,538)	0%	February 2011		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 - upgrade 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 Re-sheets Completed –

Completed Gravel Re-sheet Works	15.149 km
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<u>Total Gravel Re-sheet Works</u>	53.657 km
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- Reseal preparation and aggregate carting (local roads)
- Tree Lopping – Storm damage works continuing
- Vic Roads – Stabilising works commenced

Storm Damage - Floods

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

The kindergarten year is yet to start, we have had building issues with the Warracknabeal Children's Centre and we will call a meeting with all parties involved to plan for repairs needed. This could/may disrupt services but we need to take corrective measures to prevent future flooding from rain events.

Tempy Kindergarten had some criminal damage to the sheds over the holidays and we are waiting on the police report.

The pilot program will resume on 14 February to ensure all children settle in to their kindergartens before we commence an extra day.

Maternal and Child Health

Despite some minor disruption due to the flooding our M&CH services still operated with a reduced capacity. We have 41 new babies so far this year, 11 more than in December.

We also now have 67 new enrolments, our immunization statistics have an increased and we have 100% rates in most areas due to our monthly sessions and regular opportunistic immunizations.

Environmental Health / Local Laws

Following the floods, residents with wastewater systems need to take some care, people are encouraged to minimize use of the systems until the ground around them has dried out. Caution is also advised when pumping out systems as they can be damaged if the surrounding ground is not dried out enough. Councils Environmental Health Officer can be contacted for advice by any resident.

All recreational water will be monitored following the flood, sampling will be conducted and results put on our website to inform the public.

Food registrations have been delayed due to the floods, certificates are now being finalized and sent out.

The ranger was kept busy this month especially during the flood crisis, many people placed their animals in shelter during the Warracknabeal flood. Thanks to the showground committee we were able to house animals at the poultry pavilion and away from any risk.

During the flood in, the native animals at the Lions Park Warracknabeal needed re-housing, the ranger and a wildlife officer removed the animals to the impound yard but two animals could not cope and passed away. The ranger will be documenting this and asking the Lions Club to have an emergency plan for their animals in the future.

A runaway horse was recently destroyed on the advice of the vet as it was a danger to the public and was unable to be handled.

Dog wandering in Hopetoun continues to be an issue and patrols have increased to reduce this.

Youth

The music equipment has arrived and some young people have already had a practice with the equipment, an event will be planned for all Shire youth to showcase the equipment shortly.

The Facebook site is operating and we have used it to promote events and have put information about flood support available on so all can access. The Knox City Council youth exchange in March is being planned, some local youth may be able to busk at the Knox festival.

Planning is also underway for the "Warracknabeal Has Talent Day" on March 20.

Emergency Relief

The vulnerable person register is almost finalized, with work between the Shire and health agencies to identify people and where they go in emergencies.

Some of this was used during the recent flood crisis and assisted us to contact people needing relocation and shelter.

The Shire relief team performed terrifically during the flood crisis, staff filled roles in the relief centres Rupanyup, Warracknabeal to Beulah non stop for over a week.

We now have set up recovery support with DHS, Centrelink and Consumer Affairs attending all towns affected and following up issues.

The EHO has also provided advice for flood effected households and referred people onto supports needed.

We will organise meetings for the communities once an audit of infrastructure is complete.

The Beulah community has established its own recovery committee and I have met with them to communicate Council progress and obtain feedback for us on the needs of the Beulah community.

Aged and Disability

Portsea Camp has finished for another year, we had a low attendance this year, possibly children have other local options available now. We also struggled to get adult camp leaders this year, if we attend next year we need to recruit new volunteers.

HACC staff numbers are dropping due to recent retirements in Warracknabeal and coming retirements in Brim and Beulah. We have replaced two staff with one new staff member recently; we will review this as the year goes on.

Staff assisted at relief centre's during the flood crisis, many of the staff we trained for this role have moved on and we now need to consider using local support and training the people who live in towns rather than just HACC staff.

Volunteer Transport

We have had a quiet couple of months due to the Christmas break, this usually picks up as specialists return in January.

10.7 Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

Meetings Attended

20/12/2010 – Universities Wipe-Out Water Ski Championships Committee
07/01/2011 – Industry Development Hopetoun
10/01/2011 – Industry Development Hopetoun
12/01/2011 – Ministers Delahunty & Walsh – Sport & Recreation Announcements
25/01/2011 – Woomelang & District Development Association
07/02/2011 – Stacey Noonan, Department, Planning & Community Development – Sport & Recreation Inspections

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Flood Impact

Daily updates have been provided to Regional Development Victoria (RDV) on the impact of the floods on community infrastructure, small businesses and primary producers throughout the Shire.

RDV have provided a spreadsheet report format to be completed detailing damage sustained and cost of repair, replacement and where applicable, loss of income.

Details of the State Government's "Clean up and Restoration Grants" for Small Business, Primary Producers and Not for Profit Organizations were available on the Rural Finance website as of 25 January and we emailed all businesses in Rupanyup, Warracknabeal, Brim and Beulah on 27 January, directing them to the website.

This was also supported by the inclusion of this information in "Up the Creek".

Universities Wipe-out Water Ski Championships

Unfortunately, this event planned for the weekend of 4 – 6 February has been cancelled due to the floods but they are still keen to hold the event in Warracknabeal and are organizing their dates for later in the year.

Industry Development – Hopetoun

We are currently working with Regional Development Victoria, on the potential development of a new export industry in Hopetoun.

Very early in the process and details are confidential at this stage.

Housing Developments

Currently working with Wimmera Development Association on gathering information on residential land availability and potential demand for affordable housing within the Shire.

Business Assistance Scheme

A discussion paper has been prepared for Council regarding the development of a Business Assistance Scheme for new and expanding businesses within the Shire and will be discussed at the Forum.

TOURISM

The next meeting of the Yarriambiack Tourism Association has not been confirmed due to the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Committee's inability to meet as scheduled, due to the floods.

Tourism Brochures

The "refreshed" versions of our three brochures had been expected prior to Christmas but should be available any day.

Y-Fest 2011

Planning continues and the second stage of the funding application to RDV has been completed and submitted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Country Football and Netball Program 2010/11

Two applications have been submitted under this round of funding namely: the Murtoa Football Change Rooms and A & P Society Display Shed Redevelopment (grant requested \$80,000 for a total project cost of \$169,765) and Woomelang Netball Court Upgrade (grant requested \$15,650 for a total project cost of \$23,475).

Community Facilities Funding Program – Minors 2011/2012 (Sport and Recreation):

The Minyip Tennis Courts Redevelopment application was successful with a grant of \$37,312 for a total project cost of \$55,969.

Sustainable Sports Grounds Program

The Murtoa Golf Club Irrigation Upgrade project has been approved with a grant of \$58,720 for a total project cost of \$88,085.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010

All expenditure associated with this program is now complete.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2011

All thirteen applications submitted under this round of funding have been approved and implementation of these projects is now underway.

Projects Acquitted

The Warracknabeal Lions Park Play Ground Upgrade, Hopetoun Bowls Club Synthetic Green and the Rupanyup Outfall Drain projects have all been acquitted.

10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Annual Leave

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr R Kingston that all Reports be received.

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that standing orders be suspended at 10:40a.m.

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that standing orders be resumed at 10:50am.

Carried

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at January 2011 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Report as at January 2011 be received.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that Finance Report as at January 2011 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at February 2011 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Revenue Report as at February 2011 be received

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr H Ballentine that the Revenue Report as at February 2011 be received.

Carried

11.3 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C16 – Prepared by David Young

Applicant: Yarriambiack Shire Council

Introduction

Council has requested that an amendment to the Planning Scheme Maps and Ordinance be prepared for the rezoning of land generally known as the Hopetoun Industrial Estate on Hopetoun West Road, Hopetoun.

Proposal

The amendment proposes to:

Rezones Lot 2 PS306971, Lot 2 PS449847, Lot 1 PS449847, Lot 1 TP390689, Lot 1 TP819806, Lot 1 TP129793, CP159228, Lot 1 LP67395, Lot 1 TP320746, Lot 2 LP 67395, Lot 1 TP390689, Lot 1 TP901088, Lot 1 TP409373, Lot 1 TP405108, Lot1 LP133288, Lot 1 TP129793, Lot 1 PS306971 from a Farming Zone to a Industrial 1 Zone. (See appendix 1.0 Site Plan.) and introduce the “Yarriambiack Shire Analysis of Industrial Land 2004” as a reference document into the Planning Scheme.

The amendment is required as the existing Farm Zone does not allow the flexibility in the use of the site for industrial developments and uses. There is no existing mechanism within the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme to allow Council to achieve the desired outcome of focusing Industrial land in this area of the Township.

Zone and Overlays

The subject land is zoned Farming and is partly covered by an Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) 3 Channel Protection.

Planning Scheme Provisions and Justification

Iluka Pty Ltd received Ministerial approval for the establishment of a warehouse and loading facility at Hopetoun in November 2010. Council has been approached by a number of other potential developers wishing to establish services that will complement the Iluka proposal. However, the current zoning of the land would not allow Council to issue Planning Permits, if it desires, as industry in the zone is a prohibited use.

Council’s Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and adopted Yarriambiack Shire Analysis of Industrial Land 2004 supports and justifies the development of this area for industry. The 2004 study identified the proposed area as being currently used for industry and suitable for expansion. The MSS supports the expansion of industrial areas that are done in an orderly manner and in areas that will not be detrimental to the Shire.

The State Planning Policy Section supports the amendment and is consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework for the following clauses:

- Clause 11.02 Goal
“The State Planning Policy Framework seeks to ensure that the objectives of planning in Victoria (as set out in Section 4 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987) are fostered through appropriate land use and development planning policies and practices which integrate relevant environmental, social and economic factors in the interests of net community benefit and sustainable development.”
- Clause 11.03-1 Settlement
“Planning is to anticipate and respond to the needs of existing and future communities through provision of zoned and serviced land for housing, employment, and infrastructure.....”.
- Clause 11.03-4 Infrastructure
“Planning for development of urban physical and community infrastructure should enable it to be provided in a way that is efficient, equitable, accessible and timely. Growth and redevelopment of settlements should be planned in a manner that allows for the logical and efficient provision and maintenance of infrastructure,”
- Clause 11.03-5 Economic well-being
“Planning is to contribute to the economic well-being of communities and the State as a whole by supporting and fostering economic growth and development by providing land, facilitating decisions, and resolving land use conflicts, so that each district may build on its strengths and achieve its economic potential.”
- Clause 11.03-6 Social needs
“Planning is to recognise social needs by providing land for a range of accessible community resources, places of employment.....”. Land use and development planning must support the development and maintenance of communities with adequate and safe physical and social environments for their residents, through the appropriate location of uses and developments and quality of urban design.”
- Clause 17.03-1 Objective
To ensure availability of land for industry and to facilitate the sustainable development and operation of industry and research and development activity.
- Clause 17.03-2 General implementation
Planning authorities should zone land for industrial development in urban growth areas where good access for employees and freight transport is available and where appropriate buffer areas can be provided between the proposed industrial land and nearby sensitive land uses.

Process for Planning Scheme Amendments

Planning Scheme amendments are required to follow a statutory process as set out under the Planning and Environment Act 87. This is as follows:

1. **Authorisation**
Council seeks the Minister's approval to prepare an amendment to the planning scheme.
2. **Preparation**
Information about preliminary investigation, strategic assessment, consultation and preparation of the amendment documentation are carried out.
3. **Exhibition**
Public exhibition of the amendment is carried out for a minimum of 30 days unless an exemption to advertising is requested.
4. **Submissions**
If submissions received an independent panel is commissioned to consider the amendment.
5. **Adoption**
Council's consideration whether to adopt or abandon the amendment once submissions and panel report are received.
6. **Approval**
The amendment is submitted to the Minister for approval and the Minister's consideration and decision or if approved Council may approve the amendment.

Officers Discussion

The current Farming zone does not allow the flexibility in the use of the site for industrial purposes. Council will continue to face issue when approached by developers due to the zoning of the land. There is no existing mechanism within the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme to allow Council to achieve the desired outcome of directing industrial development to this one area.

The proposed amendment will meet and implement the objectives of planning in Victoria by:

- Facilitating industrial development that is appropriate for the subject area and that it is based on the strategic document: "Analysis of Industrial Land within Yarriambiack Shire 2004".
- To allow the orderly expansion of the Industrial Estate.
- To provide pleasant, efficient and safe working environment.

The proposed amendment will result in a net community benefit through the development of industrial activities within the Hopetoun area. The amendment would allow industrial activities to be established resulting in employment opportunities, both short term through construction of facilities, as well as long term employment from the operations of those industries.

The site will have appropriate controls in regards to setbacks, landscaping and design components to ensure the amendment and subsequent development will not prejudice any environmental issues.

Advertising

After the State Government introduced the Farming Zone into the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme a number of properties were identified as potentially being affected due to the restrictive nature of the Farming Zone and the current industrial activity taking place on the land.

Yarriambiack Shire wrote to landowners who have land predominantly used for an industrial activity located either in a Farming Zone or a Township Zone in a number of towns with the desire to alter the zoning to an Industrial Zone.

Council requested comments from landowners in relation to changing the zone to Industrial prior to commencing a planning scheme amendment. The amendment would only apply to land that is currently being used for an industrial activity. It will not allow for vacant land outside of the defined area to be rezoned at this stage.

No written comments were received by Council in relation to this matter.

It is proposed to request an exemption from advertising to property owners as this has already occurred. There will still be the requirement to give notice in the Government Gazette and in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Request the Minister for Planning's written authorisation to prepare an amendment to the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme in accordance with the report above.
2. Prepare the amendment, subject to any requirements imposed by the Minister, once authorisation is granted.
3. Request an exemption from advertising the amendment.
4. Exhibit the amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Minister and the Planning and Environment Act.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that the above recommendations be received.

Carried



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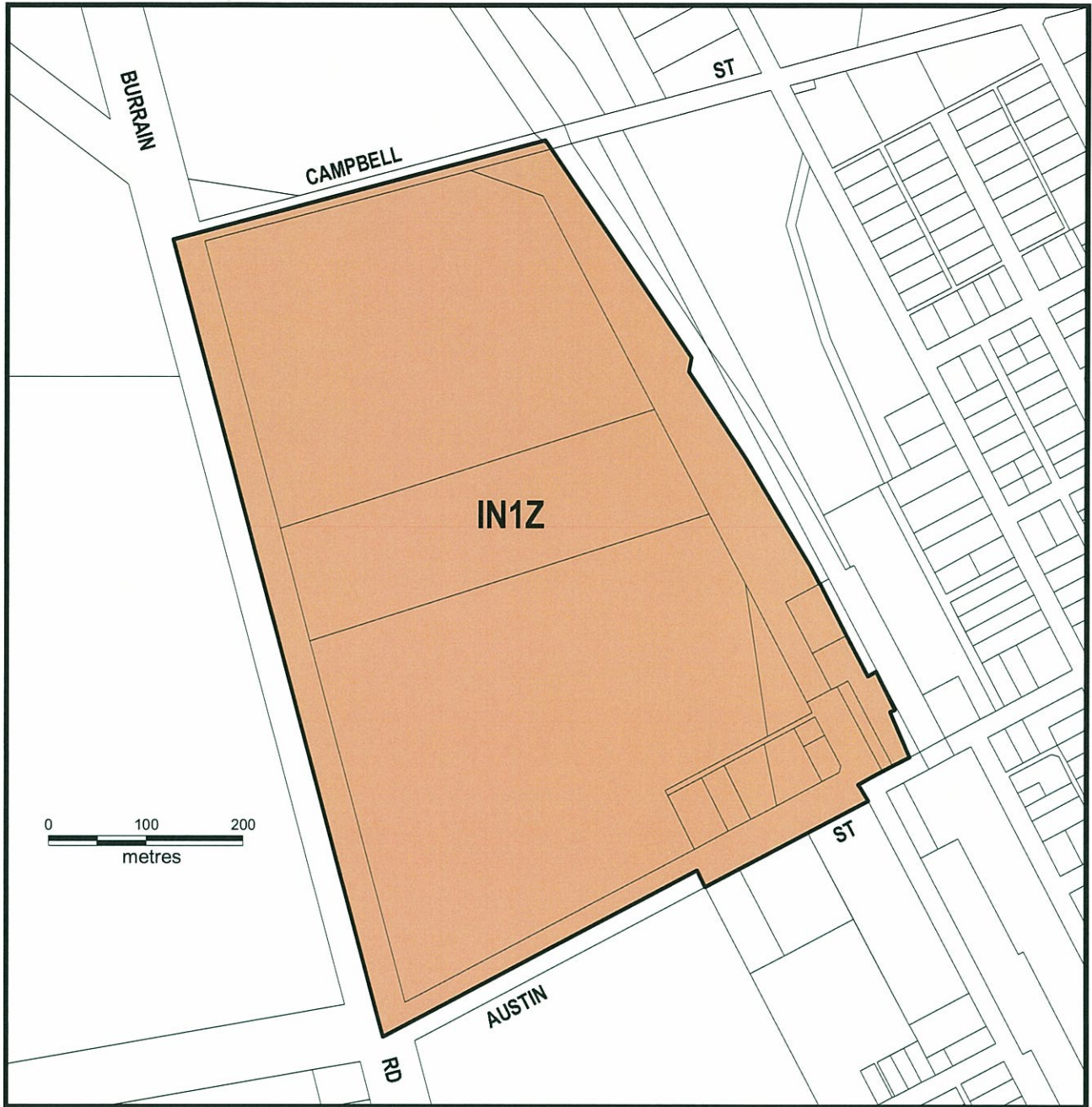
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12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

12.1 Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that a motion of empathy to the residents of this Shire who have suffered emotional trauma and physical damage to their homes and businesses.

Carried

12.2 Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that a motion of gratitude to the emergency services, Shire staff, volunteers and those who put their fears about their own properties to one side to help their community.

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 March 2011 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

The Meeting Closed at 11:20am

Chairperson