

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2011 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 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 – 9 February 2011

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2011 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 SHARE Program
- 10.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report
- 10.6 Works Report
- 10.7 Community Services Report
- 10.8 Economic & Community Development Report
- 10.9 Infrastructure Services Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 Contract C164/2011 – Tandem Drive Prime Mover
- 11.4 Bio-plant Limited – Supply Agreement
- 11.5 Committee of Management – Portion of Lake Marma Reserve on eastern side of lake
- 11.6 Application for Permit – Show Roosters
- 11.7 Young People Youth Grants – Request for Approval

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr John Kemfert

10 February	Attended Wimmera Mallee Rail meeting
14 February	Radio interview in regards to floods
14 February	Met with ratepayers in Murtoa in regards to flooded properties
15 February	Attended Lake Marma & Rabl Park Management & Development Plan meeting
16 February	Alliance of Councils for Rail Freight Development
18 February	Attended North Western Municipalities Association meeting
25 February	Attended opening ceremony of the newly refurbished library at St Joseph's School in Hopetoun

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

8 February	Apology - Hopetoun Progress Association where they discussed ideas of co-operation with Rural Northwest Health (RNH) over the Independent Living Units proposal
16 February	Attended Beulah Pioneer Historical Learning Group Annual meeting and farewell for Don Cook, past President, Shire Councillor and former Mayor. Mr Cook will reside in Horsham with his new wife. Don was thanked for his huge contribution to the group over the years. He helped with the preparation and monitoring of the business case for the round building amongst other civic duties. Peter Huttig is the new Chair
16 February	Attended Municipal Emergency Management Planning (MEMP) Committee meeting at Warracknabeal
18 February	Attended renaming of the township of Speed to "Speed Kills", with Cr Lovel and Terry Sanders. Special guests were Deputy Commissioner of Roads & Regional Policing Kieran Walshe, Deputy Commissioner Staff Officer Bob Raymakers, Phil Reed - Transport Accident Commission and Sergeant Phil McClure - Hopetoun Police
23 February	Attended Council Forum
25 February	Attended recognition ceremony of the 'Building the Education Revolution' at St Josephs School Hopetoun

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- 28 February Apology for the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Group meeting by teleconference
- 3 March Accepted invitation to the awards ceremony for the 2011 Victorian Rural Women's Award to learn more about the roles of rural women in Victoria
- 7 March Apology for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) training session in Bendigo on Powerful Meeting Performance

Cr J Wise

- 14 February RoadSafe Wimmera meeting - Minutes attached
- 18 February 20th Anniversary Dinner of Wimmera Development Association at Sylvania Park
- 23 February Council Forum & visit to Murtoa Stick Shed
- 28 February Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Council meeting in Beulah
- 1 March Warracknabeal Action Group meeting
- 8 March Wimmera Development Association meeting

Cr A McLean

- 16th February Attended the Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee meeting in Birchip
Councillor Ray Hewitt for Northern Grampians Shire was elected Chairperson of the Committee for the next two years
At this meeting it was agreed that the condition of the Highway had been significantly affected by recent rain events
- 18th February Attended meeting of the North Western Municipalities Association in Stawell

The issue was raised that the decommissioning of channels may need revisiting after recent heavy rains caused some issues
Department of Primary Industries were represented by Terry Lewis who updated us on the ongoing locust situation. It was noted that in the 1973/1974 plague, the locusts were eliminated by a parasite. It is hoped that this may be the situation this time as well
Russell Rees – former head of the Country Fire Authority is now working with the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) in the field of Emergency Management and addressed this forum on the subject of Emergency Management Plans
- 2nd March Northern Loch Recreation Reserve Committee in Hopetoun - Chaired Public meeting
- 8th March Attended Councillor Development Powerful Meeting Performance Program in Bendigo

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Cr G Lovel

- 16 February Attended Grampians Waste Management Group Meeting at Stawell
Future of Pomonal Road Landfill was discussed and possible future
management by Northern Grampians Shire and Ararat
- Review of Regional Groups – Outcome to be deferred until at least
July 2012 and groups to continue as before
- 18 February Attended “Speed Kills” function at Speed. Very well conducted,
approximately 100 people present; Cr Ballentine represented the
Mayor
- Wimmera Intermodal Freight Terminal – Several teleconferences
meetings held at very short notice, due to limited time for final
decision making. It is hoped the project will commence very soon

Cr R Kingston

- 14 February Attended Rupanyup Consultative Committee at 8:00pm – General
post summer catch up and much flood related discussions
- 27 February Yarriambiack “We Beat The Flood” get-together celebration at
Warracknabeal 12:00 noon
- 2 March Minyip Progress Association to be held at 7:00pm - cancelled

Cr K Zanker

- 16 February Neighbourhood House meeting
- 17 February Wimmera Regional Library Corporation (WRLC) – Visiting Author –
Michael Meehan
- 21 February Wimmera Volunteers meeting 5pm
Municipal Fire Prevention Committee meeting – Warracknabeal
Group
- 22 February Neighbourhood House General meeting
- 23 February Council Forum
- 25 February WRLC Meeting
- 27 February Attended the “We Survived The Flood” celebration
- 8 March Neighbourhood House meeting

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

- Attended Vision Super meeting
- Met with Dean Miller (CEO) Hindmarsh in regards to various matters
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria meeting in Melbourne
- Attended a flood and channels meeting in Murtoa with Mayor John Kemfert, James Magee and Peter Jess
- Met with Local Member Peter Crisp, discussed various issues
- Attended North Western Municipalities Association meeting in Stawell
- Attended WDA 20th Anniversary Dinner in Horsham
- Attended three 'We Beat The Flood' get-together meetings
- Met with Danny Harris, Australian Services Union (ASU) representative – EBA
- Met with Brad Ead – Internal Auditor
- Attended Wimmera Mallee Joint Interagency meeting
- Met with Mark Crouch (CEO) of West Wimmera – discussed various matters
- Met with Cr. Vernan Knight – MRCC – Queens Gallery Exhibition
- Attended 'We Beat The Flood' get-together at Anzac Park
- Met with Dennis Faulkner – Training Options
- Met with Peter Brown (CEO) Horsham – spoke on various matters
- Met with Colin Morrison – Grants Commission
- Met with Justine Linley (CEO) of the Northern Grampians – Queens Gallery Exhibition
- Attended Regional CEO's meeting in Horsham
- Attended Brim Active Committee meeting

Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr H Ballentine that all Council Reports and CEO's Report be received.

Carried

10.4 SHARE Program - Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged**Lascelles**

- The proposed Lawn Mower Races to be held on 5 March 2011 have been postponed. Date to be advised.

Murtoa

- **Lake Marma and Rabi Park Management and Development Plan** – The plan was presented to the community on Monday 14 February. There were approximately 54 people in attendance.

Yaapeet

- **Mobile Coverage** – A community meeting will be held at the Yaapeet Community Centre on Wednesday 30 March 2011 at 6.00pm. Telstra's Area General Manager for the South West of Victoria, Bill Mundy, will be available to answer questions and concerns from community members. This is a positive opportunity for the Yaapeet community to inform Telstra on the importance of upgrading mobile services in the area.
- **Community Centre** – Celebrations for the 20th Anniversary of the Yaapeet Community Centre are planned for the 26 March 2011.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting
8 February	Yaapeet Community Club
9 February	Hopetoun Progress Association
14 February	Lake Marma Plan Presentation
14 February	Rupanyup Consultative Committee
25 February	Minyip SHARE

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

Flood Focus Group

Council is advertising for interested persons who may wish to assist Council to look at flood and storm mitigation and/or control.

Focus groups will be sought for the following towns:-

- Murtoa
- Lubeck
- Rupyup
- Warracknabeal

A local group is already functioning in Beulah.

Channel Decommissioning

The decommissioning of channels has created drainage issues in various parts of the municipality during recent wet weather. Residents are alerted to advise Council of any water authority culverts which should be retained for drainage purposes. Where channels need to be retained, they should alert GWM Water.

Assessment of the Flood Damage

The full assessment of damage to infrastructure is near completion. A submission for Natural Disaster Funding will soon be submitted.

ASSETS ENGINEERING

Assets

Carried out aerodrome inspections for the month

Assist with the Infrastructure Management audit being carried out by Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors Company from Bendigo

Attend a regional Asset Group training session based on the Moloney system used for asset register and renewal gap process

Develop GIS mapping for culvert issues south of the Shire

Address drainage issues and assist with GIS mapping when required

OH&S - Risk Management

Complete JMAPP audit with insurance company

Collect data and assist with OH&S audit (aimed at General OH&S – Risk Management plus Works Department) with OH&S consultant Collin Supple

DESIGN

Council Capital Works Program (2010 /11)

- Footpaths – Cromie Street Murtoa and Duncan Street Murtoa. Design and set out is completed for works to commence.

Flood and Drainage

- **Yarriambiack Creek Flood** - A first round of proposals to upgrade weir structures and culvert installations on Yarriambiack Creek have been completed at a number of locations – Jeparit/Warracknabeal Road, Warracknabeal; Birchip/Rainbow Road, Beulah; Outlet Weir, Beulah and Inlet Weir, Beulah.

The recent flood event in the Yarriambiack Creek was a large magnitude flow, which exceeded the discharge capacity of culverts and weirs existing along the creek. At critical locations where major property damage in townships will result from floods of similar magnitude, upgrades to drainage structures are being investigated.

January 2011 Flood in Rupanyup - Investigations and discussions with local residents and Council staff has provided information to help manage future flood events.

- **Local Rainfall Flooding** - There a number of locations around the Shire which experienced inundation of house properties and serious flooding. These are still being investigated. Those currently being assessed include north east parts of Warracknabeal (Bowman Street area); Comyn Street Murtoa; Lloyd Street Murtoa; Northern main outfall drain in Church Street and Mill Street Minyip; Flooding in the town area of Sheep Hills.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Michael Evans -Stand in for Bernie during his annual leave from Feb 7 to Feb 21, 2011
- Carry out search for Telstra cabling along front boundary of Industrial Estate prior to fencing being erected
- Fencing contractors have begun work at the Industrial Estate along with Halls Gap Plumbing to provide water and sewerage services
- Issue Road Opening permits as required to various contractors to carry out works within road reserves
- Attend OH&S Management Committee Meeting
- Attend Municipal Recovery Management Meeting
- Attend Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee Meeting
- Begin arrangements for a Reporting Officer's course to be held here for Aerodrome Inspections to be carried out. This course will cover both refreshment for current Reporting Officers and training of new Reporting Officers

SALEYARDS

- Attend Saleyards Committee of Management meeting on Friday 11 February
- Attend Saleyards Managers Forum hosted by the Livestock Saleyards Association of Victoria at the Bendigo Saleyards
- Warning signs have been erected on Waste Water Lagoon

BUILDING & PLANNING ACTIVITY

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

Building:

6 Building Permits were issued in **February 2011**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$450,014**

Warracknabeal - Dwelling

Warracknabeal – Dwelling Alterations

Beulah – Re-stumping of Dwelling

Murtoa - Re-erection of Dwelling

Warracknabeal – Alterations & Additions to Shop

Warracknabeal – Extensions to Transfer Shed

6 applications were submitted in **February 2011**

Planning:

4 Planning Permit were issued in **February 2011**

App No: TP02-11

Applicant: Michael Cook

Address of Land: Volume 03036 Folio 006, 17 Anderson Street,
Warracknabeal

Proposal: The land to be developed for a Dwelling.

Date Issued: 01 February 2011

App No: TP48-10

Applicant: Warracknabeal Community Centre

Address of Land: Allotment 4, Section 27, Township of
Warracknabeal Scott Street Warracknabeal.

Proposal: Land to be used by the expansion of the
licensed liquor area of the premises.

Date Issued: 01 February 2011

App No: TP01-11

Applicant: Brian Sherwell

Address of Land: Lot 1 on LP 115869 being Woodbine Street,
Warracknabeal

Proposal: The land to be developed by the erection of a
portable Class Room and Toilet and associated
earthworks.

Date Issued: 01 February 2011

App No: TP49-11

Applicant: Jamie Bell

Address of Land: 8-14 Scott Street, Warracknabeal being lot 1 on
TP 447836 and lot 1 on LP24022

Proposal: Land to be Developed by the construction of
Storage Shed

Date Issued: 16/02/2011

6 applications were submitted in **February 2011**.

10.6 Works Report – 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%	May 2011		Construct and Seal
Haby Lane Murtoa (\$8,915)	0%			Construct and Seal
McDonald Street car parking Murtoa (\$14,602)	0%	May 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%			Contractor
<i>Dimboola – Minyip Rd (\$428,800)</i>	-----	-----	-----	<i>Horsham Rural City Council</i>
Rainbow Yaapeet Rd (\$470,930)	0%	March 2011		
Burrum North Rd (\$55,174) Pavement Renewal R2R	0%	May 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%	March 2011		

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Mount Pleasant Rd (\$20,012) Pavement Renewal	0%	April 2011		
Rupanyup Rd (\$26,332) Pavement Renewal	0%	April 2011		
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%	March 2011		
Minyip Rich Avon Rd (\$178,374) Pavement Renewal	5%	March 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%			
Brim East School Rd (\$28,715) Pavement Renewal	0%			
Brim East School Rd (\$7,179) Pavement Renewal	0%			

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Footpath Program 2010/2011

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Taverner Street Beulah (\$11,228)	0%	May 2011		Hotmix - Geotech
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$9,357)	100%	September 2010	September 2010	Premix – Geotech Shire
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$11,228)	0%	April 2011		Hotmix - Geotech
Lascelles Street Hopetoun (\$12,943)	0%	April 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%	April 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****Total Gravel Re-sheet Works 53.657 km**

- Reseal preparation (Stabilising) and aggregate carting (local road)
- Tree Lopping – Storm damage works continuing
- Flood damage works

10.7 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

We have informed the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and all user groups at our Warracknabeal children's centre that we will be closed from 4 April - 29 April for repairs.

During this time the verandah at the front of the building will be remodelled to ensure water runs away from the building, the landscaping will also be regarded to channel the water to the creek.

Glenda Hewitt has left to go overseas to England and Sweden on the funded study tour as part of her award from the DEECD for teaching excellence.

She will be away for a month; Marilyn Hewitt from our relieving pool will take her place.

The kindergarten access review community consultations has occurred across our Shire this month, the consultant will now undertake consultations in West Wimmera and Hindmarsh Shires before she starts her draft report.

Maternal and Child Health

The Maternal Health Service in Warracknabeal will relocate to the Council offices for Tuesdays and Thursdays in April.

Staff are focusing on new initiatives to improve service delivery again this year. The key ages and stages assessments are an area we have identified for improvement.

Remote area home visits have been made for families in Mildura council that are just out of our area. This needs to be managed as some access roads are difficult and phone reception is not always good.

Environmental Health / Local laws

Food premises inspections have been lower this month due to seasonal issues such as Mosquito's and Blue Green Algae.

Signs to warn about Blue Algae have now gone up at Lake Lascelles warning of the health risk associated with using the lake for recreation.

Several complaints have been dealt with regarding sewerage discharge offsite, most of these have been generally associated with systems being overwhelmed by waterlogged soil.

An additional complaint has resulted in a homeowner being required to install additional infrastructure on his property to adequately dispose of sewerage.

The Environmental Health Officer (EHO) has spent two days in Mildura assisting with the health assessments of flood damaged properties.

The school immunization program is being planned for 2011.

Local laws issues have seen several at large dogs collected this month, some of these are now on the pet rescue website for re-housing.

Pet rescue is now able to retrain difficult dogs, so we should see a reduction in animals needing to be put down.

We are starting to get unpaid fines collected by a local law collection agency; the first of these has come in this month.

The ranger has spent some early mornings in Warracknabeal investigating rooster complaints.

Youth

The Facebook site now has 235 friends and is being used to promote health and community events for youth. We are monitoring the content regularly to restrict any derogatory or negative comments being posted.

Letters have gone out to 4 young people who have been selected for the youth exchange with Knox City.

The itinerary attached is hectic but provides a good view of the Knox area and culture for our youth. It kicks off with a BBQ with the Knox Mayor, CEO and Councillors.

I think this exchange is a positive step for our youth and staff.

We are working with the Murtoa College to establish further youth services in the south, we will be advertising for a 2 day a week youth worker shortly.

All Councillors are reminded to keep 20 March 2011 free for 'Yarriambiack Has Talent', last year was great and it is worth attending.

Emergency Relief

We are still processing flood relief grants and referring people onto the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) have sent a list of names for us to follow up of flood affected residents in our Shire. The list has 91 names and will take time to check on as we still have our other work to do as well as flood recovery.

Centrelink has contacted us a few times this month to verify claims for hardship being made, unfortunately some of these we have denied as they are not genuine claims.

Aged and Disability

All meals programs commenced again this month, numbers are down in some areas and we will look again at this.

Tai Chi in Murtoa is finishing due to lack of numbers; the Murtoa Neighbourhood House program will now take our clients in their classes.

E-learning for all Home & Community Care (HACC) staff is now available; our staff will be able to do courses from home at their own pace.

This is good, as it frees up staff time for clients and makes more courses available across the State.

The vulnerable persons list is now being finalized, all Shire clients have been visited and emergency plans discussed. Lisa Cook our project worker has also drawn up Memorandums of Understanding with health agencies about the management of vulnerable people during a crisis.

Volunteer Transport

Some transport appointments were cancelled due to floods and road damage this month.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that standing orders be suspended at 10:35am.

Carried

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

Carried

Knox - Yarriambiack Friendship Youth Exchange ITINERARY

Friday 4 th March	5:30 pm	Arrive and settle into Punt Hill Apartments
	6:15 pm	Knox Youth Services staff to meet the group at your accommodation and travel with you to the venue for dinner.
	6.30	BBQ Dinner at Millers Homestead, Boronia Sue McMillan – Mayor, Cr. Peter Cole, Cr. John Mortimore, Graeme Emerson – CEO Tony Justice – Coordinator Youth Services Youth Council and Youth Services staff
	8:00pm	Return to Punt Hill Apartments
Saturday 5 th March	9:00am	Tony Justice, Mim Grundy and 3 KYC young people to meet you at the Punt Hill Apartments. Tour around Knox – visit Council, Skate Parks, Leisureworks and a buzz through the suburbs.
	11:30	Lunch in Doongalla Park in The Basin (Part of Dandenong Ranges National Park) – provided by Youth Services
	1:00pm	I will meet you at the Knox Festival Activities at the festival include food stalls, roving performers, live music and performances stages, Twilight cinema @ 7:00, Fireworks @ 9:00 Check out the program next week on www.knox.vic.gov.au You may want to head off at some stage in the afternoon - to either the swimming pool, or Knox Ozone – I will be at the festival until 4:30.
Sunday 6 th March	9:30	Pip to meet Chris for coffee at Knox Ozone
		Free time at Knox Shopping Centre (opens @ 10:00am) & Knox Ozone

Other Ideas

- We have 4 free passes to the Knox LeisureWorks (Swimming Pool)
- Laser Strike/Time Zone
- Knox Shopping Centre www.knoxshoppingcentre.com.au

Pip Smith: 0400 860 984

Tony Justice: 0438 566 985

10.8 Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

Meetings Attended

09/02/2011 – Hopetoun Progress Association

14/02/2011 – Y-Fest Committee

16/02/2011 – Annual General Meeting Beulah Historical, Learning & Progress Association

18/02/2011 – Transport Accident Commission Launch of “Speed Kills” Campaign

28/02/2011 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Committee

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Flood Impact

As reported last month, Regional Development Victoria and Sport & Recreation Victoria have been provided with regular updates on flood damage to Council and community facilities and infrastructure.

We have now received details of funding guidelines for the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments \$4 million Community Recovery Fund, which will operate in line with the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

Community organisations in flood affected areas can apply for up to \$5,000 with submissions to go directly to Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD). Closing date is 22 March 2011.

Councils recognized as being most impacted, which includes Yarriambiack, will be given an initial allocation of \$50,000 but will be required to work with their communities to identify and prioritise recovery projects for support and provide details to DPCD by 30 June, 2011.

Importantly, the information we have provided Sport & Recreation Victoria on damage to sport and recreation facilities, will be taken into consideration when they determine funding allocations from the Fund.

Industry Development – Hopetoun

No further developments in relation to the potential development of a new export industry in Hopetoun reported on last month, but we expect to meet with the proponents in the near future.

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. We have also met with the Hopetoun Progress Association and Rural Northwest Health regarding the proposed home unit development on the old hospital site in Hopetoun.

Business Assistance Scheme

Following the discussion at the Council Forum on 9 February, a report and recommendation has been prepared for Council's consideration.

“Speed kills” Campaign

The TAC, the Speed community and all those involved in making this campaign such a huge success, should be congratulated.

The “Launch” function at Speed Recreation Reserve on Friday, 18 February was well attended and superbly hosted by Phil Read of the TAC.

The fact that the Victoria Police Deputy Commissioner Kieran Walsh made the effort to attend, was indicative of the importance of the campaign and the extensive media exposure that it attracted.

TOURISM

At the time of writing this report, a teleconference had been scheduled for the Wimmera Mallee Steering Committee at 11.00am on Monday, 28 February 2011.

Tourism Brochures

The “refreshed” versions of our three brochures are now available.

Y-Fest 2011

The Y-Fest Committee met on 14 February, 2011 and confirmed continuation of the sponsorship arrangement with Emmett's and John Deere, approved the brochure design and website design and content.

Yarriambiack Promotion

Preliminary discussions have been held with 3WM/Weekly Advertiser regarding a press and radio campaign in conjunction with local businesses during April.

The main theme will be the return of recreational water to our towns and the caravan and camping opportunities leading up to Easter.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Country Football and Netball Program 2010/11

The Murtoa Football Change Rooms and A & P Society Display Shed Redevelopment and Woomelang Netball Court Upgrade applications have been received and on-site inspections have been conducted by D.P.C.D. personnel.

Sustainable Sports Grounds Program

The Murtoa Golf Club Irrigation Upgrade project has now commenced.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010

Final Reports have been submitted to the Federal Government for all 8 of these projects.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2011

The First Progress Reports due date has been deferred to 1 April, 2011 to accommodate those Shires affected by the floods.

Work on implementation of all 13 projects is underway.

Grant Acquitted

Acquittal documentation for the Community Support Fund funding for the Rupanyup Community Centre has been prepared and forwarded to D.P.C.D.

10.9 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

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 erection of the fencing by Bell's Farma Products and the Water and Sewerage main extension work has also commenced which is being undertaken by Halls Gap Plumbing.

It is anticipated that this work will commence before the end of March 2011.

Gardiner Street Drainage

During the recent rain events in December, Council has some issues with the underground drainage system especially in the following areas:-

- East end of Gardiner Street
- Cnr Lyle and Thomas Street

The water in these areas is the last to drain back through the pump station at the corner of Scott and Gardiner St.

Council has had discussions with Rob Hudson(Consulting Engineer) to assess the underground drainage system for this area and we have requested that he develops a proposal for a solution, including designs to improve the flow of water from these particular sites back through the pump station and into the Yarriambiack Creek.

Levee Banks – Water Levels

During the flood event that proceeded through the Yarriambiack Creek effecting Warracknabeal, Brim and Beulah townships, levy banks were constructed to prevent flooding of these townships.

Once the flood water had receded, Council has engaged Ferguson and Perry, Land Surveyors from Horsham to undertake a survey of these levy banks to provide levels detailing the natural surface level together with the water mark level on the levy banks.

This work has now been completed for Warracknabeal and Beulah, with Council now having received detailed maps showing these levels, which can be used in the future for the possible construction of permanent banks if required and will also assist the new focus groups in making decisions relating to the creek.

Breen Street Kerb and Channel Works

Council has received designs and drawings for construction of kerb and channel in Breen St Murtoa being stage 3 & 4.

Stage 3 – McDonald to Cromie St and Stage 4 being Cromie St to Duncan St.

Initially Council staff were going to undertake these works but due to the increased work load following the recent rain and flood events, we have now sourced this work to Midbrook Pty Ltd who have constructed the other two (2) sections.

The costings for these works are as follows:-

Stage 3 – McDonald to Cromie Streets	\$54,076
Stage 4 – Cromie to Duncan Streets	\$67,326

These funds are in Council's capital works budget for 2010/2011

Works will be completed in this financial year.

Channel Decommissioning

The Channel Decommissioning reference group met at Warracknabeal on Monday 28 February, 2011 with the following issues being discussed:-

- Transfer of channels to Councils
- Modified channel decommissioning by GWM Water criteria
- Flood Response
- Channel Isolation Policy (Draft)
- Channel retention by landholders

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at February 2011 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Report as at February 2011 be received.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that Finance Report as at February 2011 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at March 2011 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Revenue Report as at March 2011 be received

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr R Kingston that the Revenue Report as at March 2011 be received.

Carried

11.3 CONTRACT C164/2011 – Supply & Delivery of one (1) Tandem Drive Prime Mover – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

At Councils forum meeting on Wednesday, 23 February 2011 Council evaluated the tenders for Contract C164/2011 being the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Tandem Drive Prime Mover.

Council received nine (9) tenders for the above mentioned contract.

Following the evaluation it was recommended that Council purchase the DAF FTT CF85 from Greg Thomson Motors for the contract sum of \$185,172.

It was also decided that due to the low amounts offered for the trade and the increase in road maintenance works due to the recent rain and flood events, Council will have to hire in additional plant, including a truck to cart gravel or pull a water tanker, Council would therefore keep the existing Scania truck for next 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION**Supply and Delivery of One (1) Tandem Drive Prime Mover**

- A) That Council accept the tender from Greg Thomson Motors for the Supply and Delivery One (1) DAF – FTT CF85 Tandem Drive Prime Mover for the amount of \$185,172 (Excl. GST)
- B) That Council sign and seal the Contracts with Greg Thomson Motors for the Supply and Delivery One (1) DAF – FTT CF85 Tandem Drive Prime Mover for the amount of \$185,172 (Excl. GST)

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that the above recommendations be received.

Carried

11.4 Bio-plant Limited – Supply Agreement – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

At Council's recent forum held on Wednesday 23 February 2011, Council received a presentation from Mr. Neil Bird of Bio-plant limited.

Bio-plant are constructing a Waste to Energy plant that will utilize Council's municipal waste using pyrolysis technology for the creation of green bio-fuels, electricity and bio-char.

Initially Council would provide waste from its kerb-side waste collection to the plant in Nhill, this waste would no longer go to landfill.

The objective of the agreement as tabled, would provide Council with a green and zero waste solution for our kerb-side waste and reduce our reliance on landfill and also minimize the waste management costs to Council.

Council will supply approximately 1,500 to 2,000 tonnes of dry kerb-side waste.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council sign and seal the agreement with Bio-plant Limited for Yarriambiack Shire Council to collect all kerb-side putrescible available waste materials within its jurisdiction and area and transport the collected waste to the Bio-plant Waste to Energy Plant in a safe and responsible manner.

The agreement is for ten (10) years

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that the above recommendation be received.

Carried

11.5 Committee of Management –Portion of Lake Marma Reserve on Eastern side of Lake – Prepared by James Magee

At a Council Forum meeting in 2008, Council gave intention to relinquish its Committee of Management responsibility for the section of the Marma Reserve on the east side. It was envisaged this may occur at the same time as when GWM Water relinquishes its responsibility with respect to Lake Marma. It was also expected that Council would retain control of the Murtoa Caravan Park area.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) would then seek to establish a community based Committee of Management (COM) for the Lake Marma Reserve at that point.

The need for a local Committee of Management was also highlighted in the Lake Marma and Rabl Park Management and Development Plan.

To relinquish the responsibility of Committee of Management, the Department of Sustainability and Environment will require a letter of resignation from Council.

This is a positive opportunity for the Murtoa community to develop and improve Lake Marma for the benefit of not only local residents but generations to come.

As the plan is now developed it is thought an ideal time for DSE to seek a local COM.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to DSE and advise of intention to relinquish its COM status for the section of Lake Marma reserve on eastern side as marked yellow on the attached plan, and that Council wish to retain COM status for the Murtoa Caravan Park.

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr A McLean that the above recommendation lay on the table until next Council Meeting to be held on 13 April, 2011.

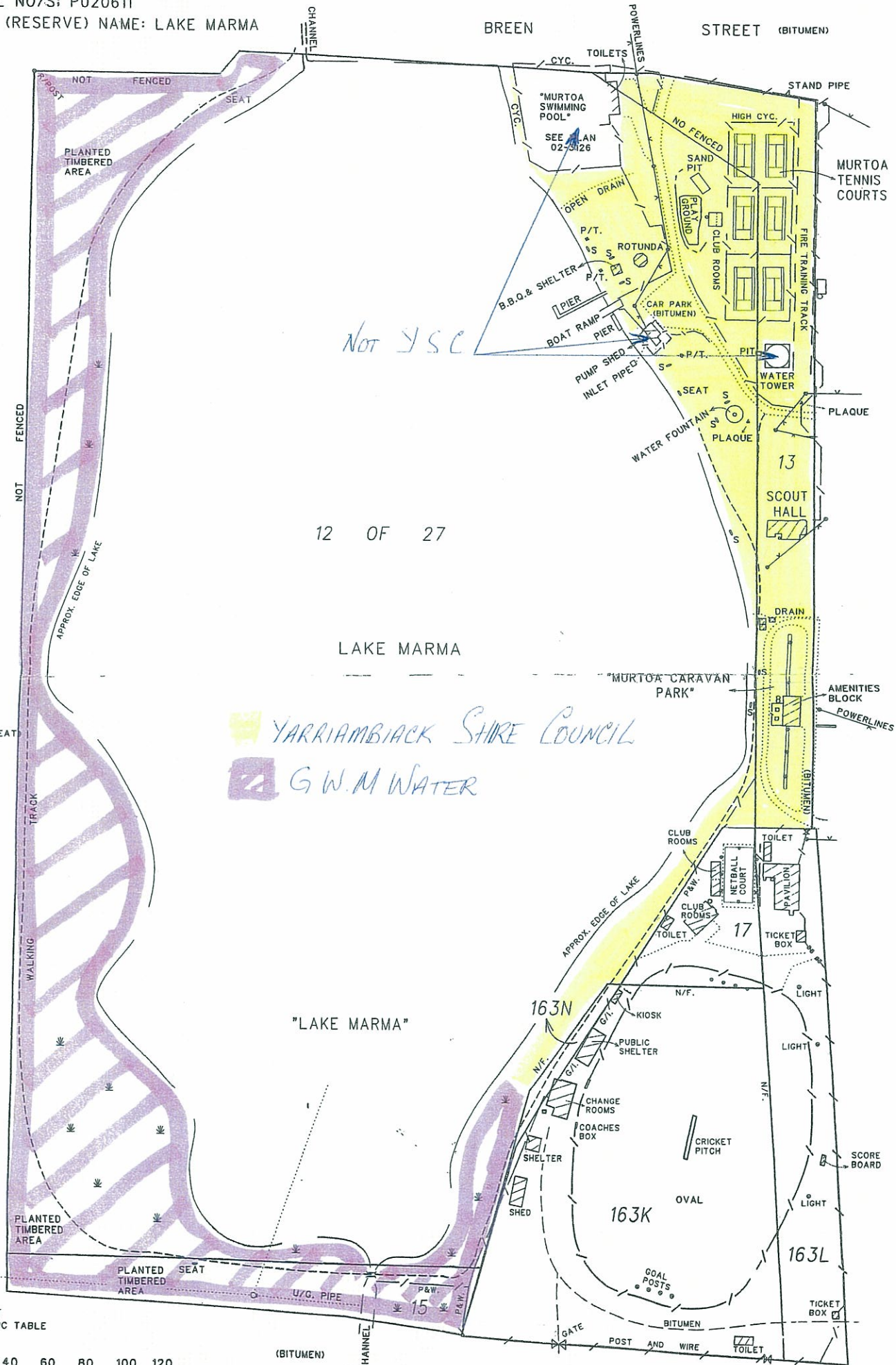
Carried

SKETCH PLAN

PARCEL NO/S: P020611



LOCAL (RESERVE) NAME: LAKE MARMA

BREEN STREET (BITUMEN)



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LAKE MARMA

 YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
 G.W.M. WATER

- S: SEAT
 • P/T: PICNIC TABLE
 0 20 40 60 80 100 120
 SCALE: 1:2000 METRES

Inspecting officer N. BOYD Signature Date of inspection

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

**11.6 Application for Permit to House Show Roosters in Township –
Prepared by Greg Wilson**

Permit to keep three show roosters in a township

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the local laws officer that John Wheelan of 30 Craig Ave Warracknabeal be granted a permit to keep three roosters for the following reasons :-

- He has complied with all directions to minimise noise
- Re-housed roosters away from the neighbours fence and sound proofed shed walls
- Keeps caged areas and floor of pens clean to minimise vermin

I have visited the property on several occasions and found no noise to back up the complainant's story being at 4.30am as well during the daytime.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Wise that the above recommendation be received.

Carried

Cr G Lovel requested that it be recorded that he objected to the above recommendation.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**11.7 Young People Youth Grants – Prepared by Gavin Blinman**

The current round of celebrating young people youth grants attracted 7 entries requesting a total of \$5,615-00.

Yaapeet had funding in October, 2010 for the same purpose and could be funded from our Youth Participation and Access Program (YPA) money.

These are:

1 st Rupanyup Girl Guide's	Regional leadership development camp	\$ 440.00
Jeannie Clark	Waterbug workshop for son in Melbourne	\$ 495.00
Yaapeet Tennis Club	Professional Tennis Coaching	\$ 800.00
Hopetoun Secondary College	Mental Health Reach Program	\$ 880.00
Murtoa Junior Fire Brigade	Equipment for junior Team	\$ 1,000.00
Murtoa/Minyip Schools	Festival of Healthy Living Music Day	\$ 1,000.00
Warracknabeal Schools	Festival of Healthy Living Music Day	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL:-		\$ <u>5,615.00</u>

Jeannie Clark's application is for her son who will use his knowledge for projects on our creek.

All other programs provide young people living in our shire with access to professional coaches or training with young people from other areas.

The schools applications, has combined schools together to produce a musical with professional assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the payment of the above grant, for all but the Yaapeet application which will be funded with YPA Grant money.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr K Zanker that Council approve payment of the Young People Youth Grants.

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

MAV Strategic Planning Meeting to be held on the 30 March, 2011 at Hopetoun

Bill McArthur re-elected as MAV President

Cr. Reid Mather re-elected as MAV Representative

Kylie Zanker to lay wreath on Anzac Day on behalf of Mayor, John Kemfert

Mayor, John Kemfert will be an apology for next forum meeting to be held on the 23 March, 2011. Mayor will be attending the 'Rural Summit' at Rutherglen

Wimmera Development Association will be holding a Strategic Planning Group meeting on 30 March, 2011 at the Yarriambiack Shire Council

13 CLOSED SESSION

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that Council move in to Closed Session.

Carried

13.1 Interest Waiver for Assessment No. 3231 – prepared by Chantelle Pitt

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr A McLean that Council adopt the Resolution from the Closed Session of Council.

Carried

13.2 Interest Waiver for Assessment No. 4166 – prepared by Chantelle Pitt

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that Council adopt the Resolution from the Closed Session of Council.

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council move back into Open Session.

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that the motions from the Closed Session be adopted.

Carried

14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS

RoadSafe Wimmera Inc. Meeting 14 February 2011(distributed)

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

Yarriambiack Shire Council Income Statement by Income / Expense
For February 2011
Rates Report – March 2011

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

The Meeting Closed at 12.00 noon

Chairperson