

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30AM**

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**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**

Mayor J Wise Crs J Kempfert R Kingston G Lovel, A McLean, H Ballentine, K Zanker, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer) James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning) Mrs D Loats (in attendance)

**5 APOLOGIES**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 December 2009

**Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr H Ballentine the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 9 December 2009 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

**7 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor J Wise declared an interest in item 11.5 Warracknabeal Historical Society – Waiver of rates.

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING**

### **8.1 Action List from last meeting**

### **8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List**

## **9 PETITIONS**

### **Dyers Estate Road Upgrade**

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr K Zanker moved the Petition be dealt with as the last item of Council business.**

**Carried**

## **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 Manager Report

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

- 11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 MAV Procurement TC4322 Telecommunications Tender
- 11.4 Procurement Policy – Section 186A
- 11.5 Request for waiver of rates – Warracknabeal Historical Society
- 11.6 Public Holidays Act 1993
- 11.7 Victrack Lease – Hopetoun Railway Lot 38
- 11.8 Sheep Hills Bangerang Road - renaming

**10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Jean Wise**

- 14 December: ALGWA North West Sub-Branch Meeting to discuss “The Year of Women in Local Government 2010” and ways we can increase women’s participation in Local Government right across the board from staff to councillors.
- 14 December: Road Safe Wimmera Meeting & Christmas function
- 15 December: Met with representatives from DPI and the MacPherson Smith Community Alliance at the Lake Lascelles Bush Retreat in Hopetoun.
- 15 December: Presented Special Award Certificates at the Hopetoun Secondary School 2009 Presentation Night
- 16 December: Funding announcement of \$42,000 in Murtoa by the MacPherson Smith Community Alliance for the Lake Marma & Rabl Park Management and Development Plan.
- 18 December: CFA Region 17 Festive Celebrations in Horsham
- 10 -16 January: Portsea Camp
- 26 January: Rupanyup Australia Day Breakfast. Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jacqueline Mills of Horsham for her 19 year commitment to the Rupanyup Girl Guides.
- 26 January: Warracknabeal Australia Day Celebrations where I presented the Yarriambiack Citizen of the Year award to John Aiken of Warracknabeal, the Yarriambiack Community Event of the Year to the Festival of Healthy Living, and congratulated Terry Sanders on behalf of the Shire on him receiving an OAM on Australia Day.
- 27 January: Council Forum
- 31 January: Attended St John’s Lutheran Church in Murtoa for the installation of Pastor Gregory Koch.
- 3 & 4 February: Along with all our councillors, CEO Director Infrastructure & Planning we made our return visit to our Sister City Knox.
- 5 February: Participated in the judging of the Wimmera Regional Ambassadors Award in Donald.
- 8 February: Road Safe Wimmera Meeting - Horsham.
- 9 February: Department of Planning and Community Development - Discussions on Conflict of Interest Provision of the Local Government Act - Ararat
- 9 February: Public Forum on Depression - Warracknabeal

**10.2 Councillor's Reports****Cr J Kiefert**

15/12/2009 Murtoa College speech night  
 16/12/2009 Funding announcement for Rabl Park  
 22/12/2009 Attended funeral in Hamilton of Timothy Michael Neeson with CEO  
 26/01/2010 Attended Australia Day celebrations at Murtoa  
 27/01/2010 Council Forum Meeting  
 31/01/2010 Installation Day for new Lutheran Church Minister

**Cr R Kingston**

27/01/10 Yarrilinks meeting Warracknabeal
 

- committee formed and executive elected
- CMA funding for this year clarified
- positive first meeting with new structure, much to do and enormous potential.

 3 – 4/02/10 Knox City Council sister city visit  
 5/02/10 Livestock Saleyards Association of Victoria Melbourne  
 8/02/10 Rupanyup Consultative Committee meeting

**Cr H Ballentine**

15<sup>th</sup> December – Speech Night Hopetoun Secondary College  
 19<sup>th</sup> December – represented council at Yaapeet Tennis Court Opening  
 Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – reception for Prince William at Government House – honoured to have met Prince William  
 Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – attended Australia Day in Hopetoun, unveiled new flag for Progress Association to be flown at front of Gateway Beet to recognize volunteers and Aussie spirit all year round. Idea of Nell Healy. Flag donated by John Forrest MP  
 Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Council Forum  
 Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> – visit to Knox City Council  
 Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – MAV professional development committee meeting for preparation of councillor development weekend  
 Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – Depression Forum at Warracknabeal

**Cr K Zanker**

December 17th - Attended Wimmera Volunteers Meeting. Discussion held regarding volunteer programs and positive "thank you" promotions held across the Wimmera to show value and support for volunteers eg. Coffee vouchers.

December 18<sup>th</sup> – CFA Christmas afternoon tea – both myself and Cr Wise attended representing Yarriambiack Shire Council.

January 11<sup>th</sup> – WRLC- subcommittee meeting re: discussions around the specifications and tendering process for the mobile library vehicle.

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January 25<sup>th</sup> – WRLC subcommittee consisting of Paula Clark (CEO), Cr Mick Gawith, myself and Brian (mobile library driver) visited the Salvation army to further explore and investigate the “goose neck” truck and trailer in which they have and the suitability of this type of vehicle for the mobile library’s needs.

January 27<sup>th</sup> – Council forum

January 27<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Yarrilinks Meeting Committee formed and process to be put into place so as to give Yarrilinks its own identity as an incorporated body.

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Attended WRLC – general meeting.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Knox City Council Visit.

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

Met with Andrew Rose – GMMWater  
Attended Rural Councils Victoria Executive meeting in Melbourne  
Met with Chris Wotton McPherson Smith Community Alliance and Damian Ferry  
DPCD in Hopetoun and Murtoa  
Met with Terry Lewis Regional Manager DPI – various matters  
Met with Vincent Sully – Grampians Regional Management Forum  
Met with Peter Rademaker – CBI Program  
Met with Robert Rattray – West Wimmera Shire – various matters  
Met with Dean Miller – CEO Hindmarsh Shire Council  
Met with Rob Wall & Steve Wilson – Meekin & Apel  
Met with Doug Hallam – Yarriambiack Creek  
Met with Terry Grange and Coty Vella – Murtoa Progress Association re Minyip PO  
Attended Australia Day function at Warracknabeal Town Hall  
Undertook Knox City Council return visit  
Met with Jim McKay – North Western Municipalities Association  
Met with Brad Ead – Council Internal Audit  
Attended Yarrilinks Committee formation meeting  
Attended Public Forum on depression at Warracknabeal Community Centre

**10.4 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee****Resource Sharing Protocol**

Yarriambiack Shire Council has agreed to participate in a Resource Sharing Protocol as promoted by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). The agreement sets criteria for sharing of resources across municipal boundaries in the case of emergency, including operations, payment of costs and liability.

**Appointment of Building Maintenance Officer/Inspector**

Barry Jackson retired from the abovementioned position at the end of 2009 after a distinguished 41 years service with Yarriambiack and Dunmunkle Shires.

The position was advertised and Darren Winsall of Warracknabeal has been appointed to this position, with his commencement date being 8 February 2010.

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr G Lovel that Council writes a letter of appreciation to Barry Jackson for his service to Local Government.**

**Carried**

**Asset Engineer – Michael Evans**

Annual Leave

**Design Engineer – John Boehm****Council Works Program 2009/2010**

- Design, Plans and Survey works are completed for R.Learmonth Road Reconstruction at Minyip; Marma Street Murtoa concrete path; Phillips Street Beulah concrete path. Works are in progress on all three construction sites.
- Preliminary site survey work at the Hopetoun aerodrome for a council depot development project.

**Community Grant Projects**

- Setout and supervision of the Murtoa Marma Lake walk track - this project is near completion.
- Surveys and setout works for earthworks and pavement construction at the Minyip Parkland project - pavement works are advanced enabling works to start on the amenities block.
- Site surveys at the Rupanyup Community Building project - to assist the committee with siting.
- The Warracknabeal Saleyard has an application in progress for NSQA Accreditation - various reports and works are planned for immediate attention to enable the final part of the QA process to be completed. Sheep Sales recommenced on Wednesday 27 January 2010 with an outstanding sale of approx 7000 head - most lamb prices between \$160/Hd and \$100/Hd. The mandatory NLIS reporting service introduced in 2009 is functioning efficiently.

**Technical Officer – Tony Brennan**

- Assist Design Engineer with field surveying / enquiries as needed.
- In house training on various programs relating to business operations.
  - Over the counter services for road opening permits, dial before you dig, maps etc.
  - Complete plant list alterations for all heavy equipment to carry out plant assessment surveys/reports.
  - Complete 4 x traffic counts for Dyers Estate Road and produce reports for same.
  - Attend MapInfo Professional Level 1 training course in Melbourne (2 days)
  - Commence inspection of all Council owned playgrounds within the Shire. List all faults to be rectified and repair.
  - Complete reports for vehicle / plant inspection registers and forward to managers / superintendents.
  - Carry out Aerodrome inspections during January (twice weekly).
  - Arrange spraying of buildings for white ants and meat ants at Aerodrome.
  - Organise quotes for conversion of spare room in Technical Services Building to office space.
  - Cover for James, Bernie & Mick while on annual leave when required.

**Building & Planning Activity**

In December 2009 and January 2010 the following permits were issued:

**Building:**      **8** Building Permits were issued in **December 2009**.  
Total Value of Building Work: **\$146,095**

**Warracknabeal** – Extensions to Dog Kennels  
**Woomelang** – Alterations  
**Patchewollock** – Dwelling  
**Warracknabeal** – Demolition of Dwelling  
**Warracknabeal** - Alterations  
**Murtoa**– Shade Sail  
**Warracknabeal** – Recladding of Dwelling  
**Minyip** – Hay Shed  
**12** applications were submitted in **December 2009**

**Building January**

**6** Building Permits were issued in **January 2010**  
Total Value of Building Work: **\$108,319**  
**Rupanyup** – Shade Sail  
**Murtoa** – Garage  
**Murtoa** – BBQ Shelter  
**Murtoa** – Swimming Pool  
**Hopetoun** – Dwelling Extensions  
**Warracknabeal** – Ticket Box

**6** applications were submitted in **January 2010**

**Planning:**      **6** Planning Permits were issued in **December 2009**



**App No:** TP31-09  
**Applicant:** T & Z Conway  
**Address of Land:** 1914 Hopetoun Yaapeet Road Hopetoun being  
Volume 07413 Folio 504  
**Proposal:** The land to be Used and Developed for mineral  
extraction  
**Date Issued:** 24/12/2009

**App No:** TP50-09  
**Applicant:** Paul Clyne  
**Address of Land:** 122 Craig Ave, Warracknabeal  
**Proposal:** Re-Subdivision  
**Date Issued:** 23/12/2009

**App No:** TP56-09  
**Applicant:** DSE  
**Address of Land:** 31 Federation Street, Patchewollock - being Lot  
1 TP597162  
**Proposal:** The land to be developed by the Construction of a  
Satellite Dish comprising of 1.2m diameter and ancillary  
works  
**Date Issued:** 07/12/2009

**App No:** TP57-09  
**Applicant:** M Finnigan  
**Address of Land:** 1114 Wimmera Highway, Murtoa  
**Proposal:** Subdivision  
**Application Withdrawn:** 07/12/2009

**App No:** TP28-09A  
**Applicant:** Bruce McIntosh  
**Address of Land:** 67 Henty Highway, Warracknabeal  
**Amendment:** Shed amended to 42m  
**Amendment Date:** 22/12/2009

**App No:** TP19-09A  
**Applicant:** Graeme Prior – Prior & Kelly Pty Ltd  
**Address of Land:** 43 Whitneys Rd, Lah  
**Amendment:** Omitting CA45 from Subdivision  
**Amendment Date:** 22/12/2009

5 applications were submitted in **December 2009**

### **Planning January**

There were no Planning Permits submitted for January 2010.

**10.5 Technical Services – Prepared by Brian Poulton****Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2009-2010**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$36,750)	100%	August 2009	September 2009	Extend seal to Lake Lascelles Reserve
R.Learmonth Road Minyip (\$131,250)	80%	January 2010		Complete seal between Stawell / Warracknabeal Road and Donald / Murtoa Road
Toole Street Car Park Hopetoun (\$3,150)	0%	March 2010		Final Seal
Brown's Road Hopetoun West Gypsum Road (\$396,000)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Final Seal 30/10/2009
Rupanyup Road Pavement Renewal (\$156,750)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Final Seal 30/10/2009
SheepHills/Kellalac Road Pavement Renewal (\$85,500)	0%	April 2010		
SheepHills/Minyip Road Pavement Renewal (\$56,600)	0%	March 2010		
Aubrey Road Pavement Renewal (\$35,150)	0%	March 2010		
Brim West Road Pavement Renewal (\$36,100 )	0%	January 2010		
SheepHills/Bangerang Road (\$26,825)	70%	November 2009	December 2009	Sealed 19/12/2009
SheepHills/Bangerang Road (\$20,812)	70%	November 2009	December 2009	Sealed 19/12/2009

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**Footpath Program 2009/2010**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Main Street Minyip (\$21,950)	0%	March 2010		Concrete – Shire
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$6,146)	100%	August 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$7,497)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Church Street Minyip (\$10,536)	100%	July 2009	July 2009	Concrete – Shire
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,702)	100%	July 2009	August 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Breen Street Murtoa (\$11,063)	100%	November 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Marma Street Murtoa (\$11,063)	100%	January 2010	February 2010	Concrete – Shire
Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$23,373)	100%	November 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Gibson Street Rupanyup (\$6,600 )	100%	August 2009	September 2009	Bill Guest Fence Contractor
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$10,536)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Concrete – Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$11,590)	100%	August 2009	August 2009	Contractor Marv Duncan
Lyle Street Warracknabeal (\$15,190)	100%	September 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Lyle Street Warracknabeal (\$11,590)	70%	September 2009	February 2010	Contractor – Marv Duncan
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$11,414)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Yarriambiack Creek Reserve Warracknabeal (\$22,050)	100%	July 2009	July 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Proctor Street Woomelang (\$22,932)	100%	August 2009	August 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Various (\$9,344)	30%			Footpath ReHab Sections – Shire
Various (\$9,409)	30%			Pedestrian Crossings – Shire

**Completed Gravel Resheet Works** 34.358 km  
**Total Gravel resheet Works** 62.300 km

**Gravel Resheets Completed**

Ailsa Road, Newell's Road, Kranz Road, Price's Road

**Pedestrian Crossings**

Hopetoun

Toole / Murdoch Street (south east corner)  
Mandeville / Denny Street (south east corner)

Warracknabeal

Begg / O'Brien Street (north / west & south west corner)  
Campbell Street / O'Brien Street (north / east & south / east corner)

Beulah

Phillip Street/Murdoch Street (north/west corner)

**Footpath ReHabs**

Warracknabeal – Anderson Street (Lyle Street / Tregear Street – west side)

**Works Program**

Storm damage and tree lopping program

**10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman****Maternal and Child Health**

Following the resignation of our nurse in the south we are interviewing this month to replace her. Once the new nurse is in place, we will meet with communities to ensure the service is occurring at times the individual communities need it. While we still need to meet the new M&CH guidelines and conduct appointments only services I am hopeful that our home visits and other supports for families will improve.

**Kindergartens**

The 15 hours project is now being finalized. Glenda Hewitt our Warracknabeal based teacher has met with West Wimmera and Hindmarsh services as well as Yarriambiack. We now need to complete a capacity assessment report by the end of February 2010. A final report will need to be done by April once we meet with the Department and discuss issues and suggestions put forward in the capacity report. I should be able to confirm numbers in our Kindergartens once the term commences at this stage we know they are up a little from our estimates last year.

**Environmental Health**

During December the EHO focused on a few problem food businesses that were demonstrating non compliance issues. Since then the businesses have gone from being at risk of prosecution to demonstrating a high standard of compliance. This meant extra work for the EHO but it enabled local business to stay open and improve their service to the community.

Permits to install onsite wastewater systems have been approved for Minyip, Rupanyup, Brim, Speed and Tempy and Warracknabeal.

With the renewal of our recreational waterways the EHO has conducted testing of Lake Lascelles and the Yarriambiack Creek. The Creek has recorded good results so far, Lake Lascelles results have not returned yet.

The draft Public Health Plan will be tabled at the Council meeting, we are seeking comments before making it available to the public.

**Local Laws**

The duck issue in Murtoa is now resolved with ducks being removed by the end of January 2010.

Several dog issues have been dealt with resulting in dogs being rehoused or unfortunately put down. Investigations into some cases are continuing with owners possibly facing legal action.

Fire prevention is continuing as some properties have had renotification and need further clean up action.

We are still trying to resolve the Rupanyup railway station issue with the owner being difficult to contact.

**Youth**

Thirteen clients were assisted during the break the Youth Worker also liaised with medical and allied health agencies on behalf of clients.

The Beyond Blue forum on the 9 February 2010 is gradually taking shape.

**Emergency Relief**

37 people received assistance from the scheme during the holiday period, we also gave out Christmas hampers and toy vouchers to people across the Shire.

**Aged and Disability**

We are currently looking at our meals on wheels and centre based meal programs both are lower in numbers than we would expect for this time of the year. The coordinator will need to survey our client base and visit the programs to look at why we are seeing a reduction in numbers wanting these services.

All HACC staff will undergo funded training in medication as part of the new HACC standards, DHS is providing the funding.

New assessments are being trialed, the living at home assessments take longer but capture client needs better. Staff will soon receive update training in this.

The Portsea camp went well, 34 applications were received with 31 children attending. 4 children from the northern area , 17 from Warracknabeal and 10 from the southern part of the shire attended.

Funding from the Shire, Wimmera Uniting Care and Wimmera Community Options assisted the children this year, families also contributed.

**Volunteer Transport**

We are currently looking at ways to increase our volunteer pools in towns like Beulah and Hopetoun. Wimmera volunteers are also talking with us and Gateway BEET about an in town only transport service that assists people to socialize and attend in town appointments. Unfortunately we have not had much interest from prospective volunteer drivers in Hopetoun.

**10.7 Economic Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders****Meetings Attended**

16/12/2009 – Rural Skills Connect  
21/12/2009 – 04/01/2010 – Annual Leave  
05/01/2010 – Colin Kemp WDA  
21/01/2010 – Tim Martin, Rural Skills Connect  
02/02/2010 – Warracknabeal Action Group  
02/02/2010 – Rural Skills Connect Steering Committee  
03/02/2010 – Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee  
04/02/2010 – Film Victoria (Film North West Victoria Website Training)

**Economic Development**

An update on issues from the December report:-

**Housing Developments – National Rental Affordability Scheme**

The next round of funding closes in August and the intention is to submit a joint application with Wimmera Mallee Councils under the auspices of Wimmera Uniting Care.

**Woomelang Community Enterprise**

The purchase of the old general store property has still not been finalised due to problems communicating with the owner who now resides in Queensland. The Woomelang & District Development Committee continue to try and finalise the purchase.

**Warracknabeal Industrial Estate**

I'm pleased to report that we have a buyer for Lot 1 at the asking price of \$69,000. Contracts are currently being prepared and the sale will be conditional on the Regional Development Victoria funding and installation of the sewerage, water, communication and road access infrastructure and security fencing.

**Yarriambiack Business Directory**

The final draft has been approved and forwarded to North West Press for printing. A huge amount of work has gone into the design and compilation of the publication and I should thank our Admin Support staff member Renee Glen for all the extra work she has put into the project. I expect that the Directory will be available within the next couple of weeks.

**Wimmera Mallee Tourism Study**

The four Shire officers on the Steering Committee met on the 4 February 2010 to discuss progress in relation to the formation of the Local Tourism Associations in each Shire.

**Other Issues****Y-Fest 2010**

Plans are progressing for Warracknabeal's major festival for the year and the Committee is determined to at least match the huge success of last year although this will have to be achieved on a tighter budget.

**Rural Skills Connect**

I am pleased to report that Regional Development Victoria has extended the funding for this very effective program for a further six months. Unfortunately, funding for training subsidies for participants has been excluded and although our Project Manager Tim Martin has been very successful in tapping into a range of training programs, there is an expectation that some funds will be required for training subsidies. The Steering Committee plans to approach each Council for a contribution to assist in this regard.

**Film North West Victoria**

Film Victoria used our function room on 4 February 2010 to conduct a training day for Council officers from the North West municipalities. This was to familiarise staff with the website designed to promote North West Victoria as a site for film locations.

**Yarriambiack Creek Walking Track**

The proposed walking track was the subject of discussions in July 2009 with Sandy Hodge and Gail Harradine of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council who advised that the project could not proceed without a Cultural Heritage Management Plan being completed. Early in January 2010, I was provided with the contact details of a consultant to provide a quote for this work. Matt Cupper of "Landscape" in Melbourne has indicated that due to the Yarriambiack Creek being regarded as a heritage "hot-spot", the cost of a Management Plan could be anything from \$100,000 to \$200,000. At that cost level, I doubt whether the project will proceed.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT****Country Football and Netball Program 2009/10:**

Department of Planning & Community Development representatives have conducted a site visit for the Rupanyup Netball Court shed extension, concreting, re-surfacing, court line re-marking and scorer's relocation grant application, for assessment panel presentation.

**Community Facilities Funding Program – Minors 2010/2011 (Sport and Recreation):**

Waiting on the outcome of our three applications.

**Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program:**

Waiting on the outcome of our two applications.

**Synthetic Surfaces Program:**

Waiting on the outcome of our application.

**Living Regions Living Suburbs Program:**

Signed Terms and Conditions for the \$2,000 grant relating to the "Back to Beulah 2010" have been returned to R.D.V.

**Project Acquitted:**

Community Facility Funding Minors 2009/2010 - Yaapeet Tennis Courts.

**Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program**

Waiting on the outcome of our applications for 8 projects to be funded under this program.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING INITIATIVE**



**Murtoa:**

- **Caravan Park** – The building approval for a B.B.Q area and sink to be constructed at the Caravan Park has been approved. The Apex Club will begin construction as soon as possible.

**Hopetoun:**

- **ABC Radio Competition, Revive and Thrive** – The Hopetoun Progress Association has submitted an application in the Revive and Thrive Competition. The State winners will be announced in February.
- **Town Map** – A town map has been developed by a local young person to be utilised by Gateway BEET and the Caravan Park. The tourist information for the back of the map is currently being confirmed.

**Rupanyup:**

- **Wood's Museum** – Arrangements for the Consultative Committee to establish the Friend's of Wood's Museum Group to help the Wood's brothers with the display and exploring the possibilities for succession planning for the future are continuing.
- **Jack's Track Signage** – Designing the signs for Jack's Track are continuing. The designs will be based around native flora and fauna and local history.

**Minyip:**

- **Community Action Plan** – The CAP was launched at a wine and cheese night on the 2 December 2009 at Emma's Cafe. There were representative from many community groups in attendance, making the night a wonderful success.
- **Farrar Monument** – The Monument is close to completion. Paving and minor rendering will complete the project.

**Macpherson Smith Community Alliance and Department of Planning and Community Development visit –**

- Funding announcement for the Lake Marma and Rabi Park Management and Development Plan - \$42,000 from the McPherson Smith Community Alliance
- Dinner at the Mallee Bush Retreat with Hopetoun community members
- Breakfast at Emma's Café in Minyip with the Community Building Initiative Steering Committee

**Meetings attended this December and January:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
1 December	Warracknabeal Action Group
2 December	Launch of the Minyip Community Action Plan
21 January	Laura Poole ABC Radio - Revive and Thrive Competition Hopetoun
29 January	Minyip CBI

**10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor  
Annual Leave**

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**Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr A McLean that Council suspend standing orders 10.30am**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr R Kingston that Council resume standing orders at 10.45am**

**Carried**

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane**

The Finance Report as at January 2010 will be tabled.

**Recommendation:**

The Finance Report as at January 2010 be received.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Kemfert the Finance Report as at January 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

### **11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt**

The Revenue Report as at February 2010 will be tabled.

**Recommendation:**

The Revenue Report as at February 2010 be received.

**Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr H Ballentine the Revenue Report as at February 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

**11.3 MAV Procurement TC4322 Telecommunications Tender - prepared by Chantelle Pitt**

At Council's Forum meeting on Wednesday 27 January 2010 Council agreed to enter into an agreement to enable the purchase of telecommunications services from MAV Procurement's Telecommunications contract with Telstra Corporation Limited. The contract provides an opportunity for Council to benefit from this collaborative purchasing initiative.

**Recommendation**

That Council ratify its decision made at the Council Forum on Wednesday 27 January 2010 that Yarriambiack Shire Council enter into a service contract with Telstra Corporation Limited to enable the purchase of telecommunications services.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr R Kingston that Council ratify its decision made at the Council Forum on Wednesday 27 January 2010 that Yarriambiack Shire Council enter into a service contract with Telstra Corporation Limited to enable the purchase of telecommunications services.**

**Carried**

**11.4 Procurement Policy – Section 186A – prepared by Ray Campling  
(Tabled)**

As discussed at the Council Forum on 27 January 2010 the Local Government Act 1989 was recently amended and introduced a requirement for all Victorian Councils to prepare and approve a Procurement Policy. In addition to preparing and approving the Procurement Policy it must also be made available for inspection at Council offices and on Council's internet website.

Basically, the purpose and intention of the Procurement Policy is to :

- Provide policy and guidance to the Council to allow consistency and control over procurement activities
- Demonstrate accountability to ratepayers
- Provide guidance on ethical behaviour in public sector purchasing
- Increase the probability of obtaining the right outcome when purchasing goods and services.

**Recommendation**

- That Council adopts the Yarriambiack Shire Council Procurement Policy as tabled.
- That the Procurement Policy be made available at the various Council offices for public inspection and also on Council's internet website.

**Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker the recommendation be adopted.**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Kemfert that Ben Bentley's letter be read out in open Council as requested.**

**The motion was lost.**

**Cr Lovel requested that his vote be recorded in favour of the motion.**

**Cr Ballentine requested that she be recorded as abstaining from the vote.**

**Cr J Wise left the Council Chamber at 11.03am**

**11.5 - Request for Waiver on Rates - Warracknabeal & District Historical Society Inc - Prepared by Chantelle Pitt**

Council has received a letter from the Warracknabeal & District Historical Society Inc asking for a waiver on the annual rates for their property at 61 Gardiner Street, Warracknabeal. The Society purchased this property in September 2004 and it has since been incorporated into the Wheatlands Museum grounds.

The annual rates on the property for 2009/2010 are \$72.45.

Under section 169 of the Local Government Act Council can grant a rebate or concession in relation to any rate or charge:

- (a) to assist the proper development of the municipal district; or
- (b) to preserve buildings or places in the municipal district which are of historical or environmental interest; or
- (c) to restore or maintain buildings or places of historical, environmental, architectural or scientific importance in the municipal district; or
- (d) to assist the proper development of part of the municipal district.

**Recommendation**

That Council grants the Warracknabeal & District Historical Society Inc a 100% rebate off their annual rates to assist the Historical Society in preserving the history of Warracknabeal and the surrounding district.

**Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council grants the Warracknabeal & District Historical Society Inc a 100% rebate off their annual rates to assist the Historical Society in preserving the history of Warracknabeal and the surrounding district.**

**Carried**

**Cr J Wise returned to the Council Chamber at 11.06am**

**11.6 Public Holidays Act 1993 – prepared by Ray Campling**

As a result of the Public Holidays Act 1993 being amended in 2008, Melbourne Cup Day is now automatically a public holiday across the entire State. This change effectively ensures that all Victorians receive the same number of public holidays each year regardless of where they live.

Under the amended Act non-metropolitan Councils are still able to nominate a day of local significance as a substitute for the Melbourne Cup Day holiday.

As councillors will recollect that towards the end of 2009 Minister Joe Helper met with several regional stakeholder groups which included the following Local Government authorities: Yarriambiack Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council, Horsham Rural City Council, Gannawarra Shire Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Latrobe City Council and Greater Bendigo City Council. This particularly positive and encouraging meeting provided Minister Helper with some constructive views as to how the Public Holidays Act 1993 amendments functioned in the first year of operation. Minister Helper to his credit also sought views on the best possible outcome for regional communities in respect to their Melbourne Cup Day public holiday arrangements. The Minister now seeks Council's views as to its preferred arrangements.

Essentially information is sought as to whether Council would:

- a) prefer to continue to observe the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday or an alternative full day public holiday throughout the entire municipality;
- or
- b) consider that part Shire arrangements should apply as part or parts of Yarriambiack Shire have long standing local events that would prefer to observe with a full day local public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day.

**Recommendation**

That Minister Helper be advised that Yarriambiack Shire Council supports option (b) – “consider that part Shire arrangements should apply as part or parts of Yarriambiack Shire have long standing local events that would prefer to observe with a full day local public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day.”.

That the Minister be thanked and congratulated for resolving this critical matter in a positive and common sense manner.

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr R Kingston that Minister Helper be advised that Yarriambiack Shire Council supports option (b) – “consider that part Shire arrangements should apply as part or parts of Yarriambiack Shire have long standing local events that would prefer to observe with a full day local public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day.”.**

**That the Minister be thanked and congratulated for resolving this critical matter in a positive and common sense manner.**

**Carried**

**11.7 Victrack Lease to Yarriambiack Shire Council – Hopetoun Railway Lot 38 – Prepared by James Magee (Tabled)**

The railway lot as described has been leased by Council for the purpose of town drainage. Two dams exist which are used to catch stormwater. Most of the stormwater is utilised by the users of the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve. The annual rent is \$390.00.

The land manager Victrack Access require the lease agreement to be signed and sealed by Council.

**Recommendation**

That Council sign and seal the Heads of Agreement for Hopetoun Railway Lot 38 as tabled.

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr A McLean that Council sign and seal the Heads of Agreement for Hopetoun Railway Lot 38 as tabled.**

**Carried**

**11.8 Proposal to rename Sheep Hills Bangerang Road – prepared by Michael Evans**

Council has received a request from all residents of the “Sheep Hills Bangerang Road” to rename the road to “Sheep Hills Road”.

Council’s records indicate that the Road has always been known as the Sheep Hills Bangerang Road.

Council has advertised as part of the due process and received no objections to the change.

Name changes should not be taken lightly as changes to mapping takes time and confusion can be caused with emergency services. In this case, there are other roads within the Shire that are locally known as “Sheephills Road”. Some of these include:

- Sheephills Warracknabeal Road
- Boolite Sheephills Road
- Sheephills Minyip Road

There is also a Sheephills Road in Buloke Shire which starts at the eastern Yarriambiack Shire boundary and ends at Donald. Principle 7 in the guidelines for Geographic Names Victoria states that road naming authorities should not duplicate names and that they have the authority to request an alternative name be submitted.

Although, the Sheephills Bangerang Road name is cumbersome, there are no other roads with same name, it has an identified history of having that name for a long period and cannot be confused with other roads.

**Recommendation**

That Yarriambiack Shire Council denies the request and the road currently known as Sheep Hills - Bangerang Road retains the same name.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr R Kingston that Yarriambiack Shire Council denies the request and the road currently known as Sheep Hills - Bangerang Road retains the same name.**

**Carried**



**11.9 Petition – Upgrade Dyers Road**

A petition requesting that “Yarriambiack Shire Council re-instate the Dyers Estate Road between the Lallat South Rd. (commonly known as the School Rd.) and Glenorchy Rd., as an ALL WEATHER ROAD as promised in 1999. The road needs to be gravelled for the safety and convenience of all users; so that landowners have adequate access to their land which is an integral part of their businesses and so that others such as real estate agents, transport drivers, grain and stock buyers, Agronomists, etc. can access the properties along this section and on either side of it.”

**James Magee:**

The Road Hierarchy process will be brought forward for discussion over the next two weeks. Councillors will look at specific information on Dyers Estate Road at the Forum meeting on 10 February 2010. Major review of mapping/policies which surround the process to take place – opportunity to make changes if deemed relevant, acceptable and affordable.

**Cr Kingston** better to put individual requests through Road Hierarchy process. Embarrassed about promise made and policy in other direction.

**Cr Lovel** needs to be affordable.

**Cr Ballentine – roads all over the Shire which are in similar condition and need attention.**

**Cr Kemfert** – 200 signatures on petition, these people have given this a lot of thought.

**Mrs Dulcie Loats**

Did Council receive a letter of support for upgrade from GWMWater?

Road first gravelled in 1965 – huge developments in business since then – road deteriorating back to 1964 conditions. Quoted ABS website figures which gave comparison of West Wimmera vs Yarriambiack expenditure on roads. Northern Grampians Shire has just regavelled its section of the road where no houses exist. Thought needs to be given about way Yarriambiack Shire is maintaining roads currently. Good response from people signing petition and lots of requests for similar upgrades.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr G Lovel that Council accepts the Petition and that the upgrade of Dyers Estate Road be considered as part of the Road Hierarchy discussion.**

**Carried**

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS** (including strategic direction and specific issues)

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council writes to the Minister for Gaming The Hon Tony Robinson MP objecting to the huge increase in liquor licensing fees and the effect the increase is having on local licensed premises and sporting/community clubs.

**Carried**

**13 CLOSED SESSION**

**14 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS**

**16 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

**17 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11.58pm

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Chairperson