

**MINURES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2012 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET  
WARRACKNABEAL AT 9:30 AM**

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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**

Crs K Zanker, J Kemfert, A McLean, J Wise, G Lovel, R Kingston and Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer).

**5 APOLOGIES**

Cr H Ballentine  
James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning)

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 12 September 2012

**Cr J Wise seconded Cr J Kemfert the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 September 2012 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

## **7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING**

### **8.1 Notice of Rescission**

Submitted by Councillor Geoff Level in relation to Council Meeting of 8 August 2012. Report 11.4 Request for Exemption of Council Rates – Sisters of Mercy Property Association.

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

## **9 PETITIONS**

## **10 REPORTS**

### **Corporate Reports**

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

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

- 11.1 Finance Report
- 11.2 Revenue Report
- 11.3 2011/2012 Annual Report
- 11.4 Appointment of Municipal Emergency Officers and Deputies
- 11.5 Department of Planning and Community Development, Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan
- 11.6 Royalties for Gravel
- 11.7 Proposal to Name Un-Named Road

**10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Kylie Zanker**

12 September	Business Horsham – Bruce Sullivan guest speaker – “Communication Specialist”
13 September	Officially opened the Country Music Festival at the Hopetoun Town Hall
13 September	Officially asked to draw the Warracknabeal Country Women's Association evening branch raffle
17 September	Electoral Commission night hosted at Warracknabeal Shire Offices
19 September	Bus tour of the Shire celebrating 25 Years of Yarrilinks, planting and revegetation within the Shire.
19 September	Speed Field Days Mallee Football League Presentation Dinner hosted at the Beulah Recreation Reserve. Presented the “Rising Star Award” to Daniel McEwan from Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers
21 September	Wimmera Regional Library Corporation board meeting
24 September	Woodbine Annual General Meeting – responded to the reports from the CEO, President and Treasurer.
26 September	Council Forum
26 September	Wimmera Volunteers Board meeting
28 September	Officiated with five Australian Citizenships in the Council Chambers
28 September	Powercor Wimmera Business Awards Dinner 2012
3 October	Senior Citizens Week Concert Opening
3 October	Minyip Community Consultation
6 October	Warracknabeal and District Historical Society 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
7 October	Official Opening of Sheep Hills Fire Station with Peter Walsh

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

- 3 October                      Attended Community Consultation meeting at Minyip
- 5 October                      Attended Murtoa Big Weekend
- 10 October                     I would personally like to thank Councillors and Staff for assisting me during my four years of service as a Councillor at the Yarriambiack Shire Council

**Cr H Ballentine**

- 26 September                GWM Recreation Water Committee meeting
- 3 October                      Minyip Community Consultation meeting

**Cr G Lovel**

- 20 September                Attended MAV Dinner in Melbourne with Cr John Kemfert. I received an award for 15 years service as a Councillor. Cr John Kemfert award for 20 years service as Councillor and a meritorious award for three terms as Mayor in three separate municipalities
- 26 September                Council Forum at Yarriambiack Shire Council
- 3 October                      Attended Community Consultation meeting at Minyip

**Cr A McLean**

- 18 September                Participated in MAV candidate information evening in Sea Lake
- 20 September                Attended MAV State Council in Melbourne
- 20 September                Attended MAV Dinner
- 26 September                Council Forum
- 28 September                Attended North West Municipalities Association meeting in St Arnaud
- 3 October                      Drove bus for seniors to the Senior's Concert in Warracknabeal

**Cr J Wise**

16 September	Australian Local Government Women's Association Teleconference
24 September	Woodbine AGM
28 September	Funding announcement for the installation of reverse cycle air- conditioning at the Rupanyup Hall
28 September	Powercor Business Award in Horsham
1 October	Roadsafe Wimmera Meeting in Horsham
3 October	Minyip Community meeting
5 October	Murtoa Big Weekend Gala Opening
8 October	Y/Fest meeting

**Cr R Kingston**

24 September	Meeting with GWM Water Management re Channel Decommissioning, Warracknabeal
24 September	Channel Decommissioning Reference Group meeting, Warracknabeal
28 September	Meeting with Peter Walsh re Rupanyup Primary School Bus
28 September	Funding announcement for Rupanyup Memorial Hall by Peter Walsh
3 October	Minyip Consultative Committee meeting
8 October	Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance meeting in Stawell
8 October	Rupanyup Consultative Committee

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

- Met with CT Management representatives – staff training
- Met with Gavin Mahoney – MAV Councillor Information Session
- Met with Rudy Panozzo – University of Ballarat
- Attended Buloke Council MAV Councillor Information Sessions at Sea Lake and Wycheproof in the capacity as the visiting CEO
- Attended Rural Council's Victoria Executive meeting in Melbourne
- Attended VEC election presentation in Warracknabeal
- Met with Dean Miller, CEO Hindmarsh – North Western Municipalities Association
- Met with Rupanyup Community Centre representatives
- Attended GWM Water Channel Decommissioning meeting
- Attended Woodbine AGM
- Met with Helen Friend, GWM Water – water quality
- Attended Woomelang and District Development Association AGM
- Attended Local Government Victoria Procurement meeting
- Met with Danny Harris – ASU
- Met with Ron Ritchie – Victorian Electoral Office
- Attended North Western Municipalities Association meeting in St Arnaud
- Attended Wimmera Development Association Powercor Business Awards in Horsham
- Attended the Minyip Community Visit at Emma's Cafe
- Attended the Warrackabeal/Brim Victorian Farmers Federation AGM
- Attended the Official launch of the Murtoa Big Weekend
- Attended Official Opening of the CFA facility at Sheep Hills

## **10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee**

### **Rainbow Road Bridge Warracknabeal**

Recent guardrail works on the above mentioned bridge have made it more difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. A verbal request to VicRoads to assess pedestrian safety on the bridge has not come to fruition as yet. I suggest that Council write to VicRoads and request such assessment.

### **Beulah Weir Pool**

Two lots of works commenced at Beulah this week. Two weir gates are being installed on Luna Park Road, bringing the total number of gates at Beulah to seven. A large portion of the southern levee of the weir pool is being removed. This project will continue for another two weeks.

### **Technical Services**

- Processed various Civic Requests as needed
- Update vehicle checklists and plant machinery checklists with vehicle changeovers as required
- Produced quarterly Vehicle and Plant Checklist reports and emailed to relevant Managers
- Continued with Town Hall Service Agreement discussions prior to adoption
- Issued Road Opening Permits as needed for various minor works
- Monitored all Dial Before You Dig enquiries throughout the Shire to assess if a Road Opening Permit was required
- Updated Plant list Radio numbers for all vehicles
- Organised for letter of Agreement between GWM Water and Council regarding notification of works and reinstatement in road reserves when carrying out repairs
- Attend Playground Inspection three day course

### **Warracknabeal Regional Livestock Exchange**

- Arranged for works to continue for extension of pen heights (holding/drafting) to prevent stock from jumping out
- Upgraded Maintenance Log for repairs carried out per audit regulations
- Erect new signage along highways warning motorists of trucks entering on sale days
- New drinking troughs fitted for dogs to access during summer
- Conducted internal audit per National Saleyard Quality Assurance Audit Regulations

**Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans****Asset Engineer**

- Following protocol for new road names as per Geographical Names procedures for “Peppercorn Way”
- Finished the 2012-13 Capital Works Program
- Continuing process of reviewing the Road Management Plan
- Developed Asset Evaluation Report for the Finance Department and the Finance Auditors
- Looked at opportunities for future funding and commencing process of developing a long term Asset Renewal Program for the Shire Aerodromes with Driscoll Engineering Services
- Reviewed the Play Ground Inspection Reports conducted by our external consultant and sent all reports out to the community committees where applicable

**Design – Prepared by John Boehm****Council Capital Works Program 2012 / 2013**

Design plans, surveys and Set out:-

- Replacement/ new concrete paths in Gardiner Street Warracknabeal and Garrard Street Hopetoun
- Intersection plan for the Lah Angle Road connection to the Borung Highway
- New concrete kerb in Rose Street Warracknabeal

**Flood Works Projects**

- Brim West Road culvert – concrete end walls are completed to the new 2011 Yarriambiack Creek culvert
- Brim flood clean up and repair works – Works are still progressing at the outlet weir
- Investigations and works on the Murtoa south side sub-catchment project, including the Murtoa bypass drain and flood control works
- Discussions and investigation works are continuing on the Beulah Weir Pool (upstream control) and associated flood repairs

**Other Projects**

- Discussions and investigations are continuing for a fuel outlet at Woomelang
- Investigations on a drainage proposal for the Marma Lake reserve and new Tennis Courts in Murtoa



**Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey**

- Finalised connection of Solar Panels on Stadium to grid
- Inspected Lah Road and Bibby's Road for Native Vegetation issues prior to maintenance works
- Contacted Department of Sustainability & Environment re above.
- Inspected problem street trees
- Provided letters of support for Beulah, Hopetoun and Woomelang/Lascalles Landcare groups for grant applications re weed and rabbit control work
- Inspected airport trees to be trimmed for Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Yarrilinks meeting
- Attended Emergency Warden training
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Landcare bus tour
- Attended Council Forum to discuss potential street lighting bid
- Attended Tech Services meeting
- Responded to various customer complaints/requests

**Technical Support – Prepared by Nathan McLean**

- Assisted Design Engineer with surveying
- Traffic counter activation and reporting
- Assisted Asset Engineer with Capital Works Program
- Custom Fleet vehicles quotes and deliveries
- New Hopetoun Depot building quotes

**Risk & Safety Report – Prepared by Barry Sullivan**

- Risk Assessment of the Rupanyup Recreation Reserves eastern drainage line. Concern over injuries to horses stepping into the newly constructed draining line. Recommendations made to Engineer to minimise risk
- Final audit of Warracknabeal main depot and maintenance depot with safety team, Supervisors and Infrastructure Manager
- Set up and attended a CFA Fire Warden course at Longerenong
- Continued the Chemwatch program
- Upgraded all staff policies for all Council depots as part of the Chemwatch program
- Organised computers and computer access to OH&S Representatives at Murtoa, Hopetoun and Warracknabeal. Access to Council's intranet is yet to be set up at Murtoa.
- Manifest boxes have been delivered to all depots. Some are yet to be installed inside the depot gates. Manifest boxes to hold a list of chemicals stored at each depot
- Depot buildings have had signs installed on the outside so emergency services can link the building numbers with the manifest
- Investigate the illegal dumping of asbestos pipes on a roadside at Murtoa. Site cleaned up

**10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Brian Poulton****Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2012-2013**

<b>URBAN ROAD PROJECTS</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
King Street Brim (\$119,715)	%	October 2012		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Byrne Street Yaapeet (\$8,400)	100%	September 2012	September 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Strachan Street Hopetoun (\$34,500)	%	January 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Mandeville Street Hopetoun (\$11,025)	100%	July 2012	July 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Gladstone Street Beulah (\$7,700)	%	November 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Hope Road Hopetoun (\$8,610)	100%	July 2012	July 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Conran Street Hopetoun (\$8,750)	100%	July 2012	July 2012	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$8,820)	%	November 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Bell Street Beulah (\$1,680)	%	November 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal - Shire

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Degenhardt Street Murtoa (\$9,775)	%	January 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Friend Street Murtoa (\$32,775)	%	January 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Munro Street Murtoa (\$13,110)	%	November 2013		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
McDonald Street Murtoa (\$22,724)	100%	August 2012	Sept 2012	Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Rabl Park Car Park Murtoa (\$15,000)	%	December 2012		Signage & Resurfacing
Cemetery Road Warracknabeal (\$117,300)	%	October 2012		Road & Shoulder Reconstruction - Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$51,117)	%	October 2012		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Pyers Street Warracknabeal (\$18,802)	%	September 2012		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire
Rose Street Warracknabeal (\$16,388)	%	November 2012		Road Reconstruction & Seal - Shire

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<b>Bell Street Beulah (\$10,005)</b>	%	<b>December 2012</b>		<b>Kerb &amp; Channel Contractor</b>
<b>Galaquil West Road (\$29,932)</b>	%	<b>May 2013</b>		<b>Construction &amp; Realign Shire</b>
<b>Patchewollock – Temy Road (\$250,793)</b>	%	<b>September 2012</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Sea Lake - Lascelles (\$185,557)</b>	%	<b>November 2012</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Brim West Road (\$126,274)</b>	%	<b>April 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Galaquil East Road (\$323,050)</b>	%	<b>February 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Galaquil East Road (\$276,983)</b>	%	<b>February 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Rainbow Road Rosebery (\$69,129)</b>	%	<b>May 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Lascelles West Road (\$86,521)</b>	%	<b>March 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Harts Road Beulah (\$187,072)</b>	%	<b>January 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Thomas Road Murtoa (\$276,400)</b>	%	<b>April 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Ashen Jacksons Road (\$44,210)</b>	%	<b>March 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>
<b>Dimboola – Minyip Road (\$153,208)</b>	%	<b>March 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal – Shire</b>

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<b>Glenorchy Road (\$214,782)</b>	%	<b>January 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Minyip Rich Avon Road (\$66,396)</b>	%	<b>January 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Minyip Rich Avon Road (\$33,527)</b>	%	<b>February 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Mount Pleasant Road (\$50,276)</b>	%	<b>February 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Mount Pleasant Road (\$12,277)</b>	%	<b>February 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Cemetery Road Murtoa (\$168,365)</b>	%	<b>April 2013</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>
<b>Lah Angle Road (\$389,344)</b>	%	<b>September 2012</b>		<b>Road Reconstruction &amp; Seal - Shire</b>

**Footpath Program 2011/2012**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Foundry Street Minyip (\$14,582)	%	March 2013		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Wimmera Street Minyip (\$4,815)	%	March 2013		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Main Street Speed (\$3,768)	%	November 2012		Concrete Maintenance
Breen Street Murtoa (\$2,153)	%	March 2013		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Bowman Street Warracknabeal (\$2,770)	%	December 2012		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Jamouneau Street Warracknabeal (\$2,093)	%	February 2013		Concrete Maintenance
McLeod Street Murtoa (\$6,007)	%	February 2013		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Miller Street Murtoa (\$7,383)	%	February 2013		Quarry Dust Maintenance
Begg Street Warracknabeal (\$10,047)	%	November 2012		Concrete Maintenance
Coral Avenue Warracknabeal (\$11,861)	%	November 2012		Concrete Maintenance
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$14,652)	%	December 2012		Concrete Maintenance
Phillips Street Warracknabeal (\$15,000)	%	December 2012		Concrete Maintenance
Scott Street Warracknabeal (\$61,260)	%	October 2012		Concrete Maintenance
Werrigar Street Warracknabeal (\$16,885)	%	November 2012		Concrete Maintenance

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<b>Cumming Street Hopetoun (\$9,070)</b>	%	<b>October 2012</b>		<b>Concrete Maintenance</b>
<b>Garrard Street Hopetoun (\$50,097)</b>	%	<b>September 2012</b>		<b>Concrete Maintenance</b>
<b>Garrard Street – Cumming Street Hopetoun (\$8,254)</b>	%	<b>October 2012</b>		<b>Quarry Dust Maintenance</b>
<b>Various \$10,000</b>	%			<b>Short Sections Concrete</b>
<b>Various \$10,000</b>	%			<b>Pedestrian Crossings</b>

**Gravel Re-sheet Works**

**Total Gravel Re-sheet Works      62.490km**

**Completed Works**

- \*Schultz's Road
- \*Anderson – Neville Road

**Completed Works                              12.330km**

**Gravel Shoulders**

- \*Sheep Hills / Bangerang Road

**\*Global Contract – commenced gravel work in the southern region of the Shire**

## **10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman**

### **Kindergartens**

Quiet month for Kindergartens with the school holidays, planning is underway with committees to look at services next year and our ability to provide 15 hours service for each child.

An application for funding for an upgrade to Hopetoun Kindergarten under the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Capital upgrade program was submitted this month.

### **Aged and Disability**

Lisa Dunkley has been appointed as our Aged and Disability Coordinator, her position as Aged and Disability Services Officer has been advertised internally. Michelle Hallam is currently acting in this position.

The seniors concert (part of seniors week) has provided a busy time for us with two concerts this year.

The Warracknabeal concert provides staff with the busiest time of the year, as planning transport, BBQ and venues for 300 seniors is a constantly changing thing right up to the day of the event.

Additional staff are co-opted in for the day to ensure we provide for all needs and weather conditions.

Home and Community Care (HACC) staff will shortly commence training in Dementia support, we are also looking at our recruitment of HACC staff to ensure we attract quality staff into the role and increase our staff numbers to reduce the need for a waiting list for services.

### **Environmental Health / Local Laws**

Food premises inspections this month found an issue with best before dates not being stamped on tins. This has been addressed following advice from the Environmental Health Officer to the store owner.

Two onsite wastewater approvals were given this month in Beulah and Rupanyup, both were for conventional septic systems.

Concerns over an algae bloom in Lake Lascelles were addressed this month following complaints. The lake was tested earlier than we normally start testing due to this. A high concentration of green algae was detected but only a low level of blue green algae noted. A media release in the Hopetoun paper was undertaken by Council.

Only two dogs placed in the pound this month, both of these are being placed for adoption. Cat trapping is still being carried out and will be an issue in some towns for a while due to the numbers and people feeding stray cats.

Rubbish dumping at Lah along the creek is an issue at the moment. The Shire staff and local Apex members have cleaned the rubbish up as the creek flow was nearly at the area and Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) was not moving on the issue.

Tree cutting also remains an issue on the creek north of Warracknabeal; the ranger is working with DSE on better ways to address these situations in the future.



## **Youth**

Following the success of 'Yarriambiack Has Talent' the youth worker and teachers involved held a debriefing session over lunch at the Commercial Hotel. Certificates of participation were awarded to the students involved and ideas for improvement discussed.

Two homeless youth assisted locally and referrals received for support for youth in the south. Monique Le Bas is assisting with singing workshops for young people.

Our youth worker in the south is making inroads with more young people involved in the talent event this year.

Nexus has been organised to partner with us and the youth and community bus will attend the Murtoa Big Weekend.

The southern youth worker is looking at issues recently raised in a YAKFAT meeting about issues with youth and families in Murtoa and is working with the Dunmunkle Health social workers and school nurse at Murtoa to address the issues.

## **Emergency Relief**

Lisa Cook has now finished in her role as the Flood Recovery Officer, commencing in May 2011. She supported residents in the Yarriambiack Shire and Hindmarsh Shire.

I have listed a few statistics from her work with the Yarriambiack Shire:-

- Residents contacted by the FRO: 197
- Grant assistance: 155
- Referrals to other agencies: 66

We had lots of feedback from the communities supported by Lisa and it was all very positive, she always respected the privacy of individuals and was able to provide individuals with support that matched where they were at in their own recovery cycle.

Working with Wimmera Uniting Care initially in Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack Shire, many residents received support we could not have provided without the additional funding to support this role. In our final report to Department of Planning & Community Development we will highlight the need for roles like this to be put in place as the event is happening if possible in future.

The Community Assessment & Rehabilitation Teams (CART) initial set up has been completed by Lisa.

## **Volunteer Transport**

12 clients were transported 3,136 kilometers this month most of these were to Horsham or from outlying towns to Warracknabeal.

## **Maternal and Child Health**

The staff have been busy with a baby boom, our nurse in the south saw six new born babies last week and had two new notifications.

School immunisations have been completed at Murtoa and Hopetoun. Warracknabeal should be completed in the first week back from school holidays.

## **10.7 Infrastructure Services Report – Prepared by Bernie Naylor**

### **Contract C170/2012**

Council has advertised for the supply and delivery of one Tipping Truck and Three Axle Dog Trailer based at Warracknabeal.

Tenders for this contract closed on Monday, 24 September 2012.

Council received nine tenders for the abovementioned contract.

As Council is in 'Caretaker' mode this contract will go to the November 2012 Council Meeting for a decision.

### **Contract C173/2012 – Sealing of Various Local Roads**

Council has called tenders for the sealing of various local roads within the municipality.

This tender is a three year tender and is the second time we have advertised this way. Previously it was done every year.

By going for three years we achieved a more competitive tender.

The abovementioned tender will close on Friday, 26 October 2012.

### **Weir Gates - Beulah**

Council has engaged contractors to prepare the site at the Beulah Weir for the installation of the additional two weir gates.

Work has involved removing two small concrete plinths and pouring new concrete sections for the new gates to be fixed too.

It is anticipated that the new twin leaf gates will be installed by the end of October, 2012.

### **O H & S Inspections – Operational Depots**

Council has been undertaking inspections of its operations depots in regards to Occupational Health & Safety.

Through this process Council ensures that all materials and equipment within these depots is safe and in good working condition.

Council have identified in the depots inspected to date being Minyip, Murtoa, Rupanyup and Warracknabeal that there are materials and some items of equipment that are no longer required for Council purposes.

When all the inspections are completed, it is anticipated that these items will be relocated to the one site and auctioned off.

### **VicRoads – Jet Patcher**

Following Council discussions with VicRoads management regarding the state of roads within our municipality, Council has offered for VicRoads to utilise Council's two Jetpatchers to assist with some maintenance of their roads.

Council provided a working demonstration to Vic Roads staff of Council's Jetpatcher on Thursday, 4 October 2012.

## **10.8 Business, Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Jaye Macumber**

### **Meetings Attended**

04/09/2012 – David Ward, Warraknabeal Herald  
04/09/2012 – Bevanart Signs and Graphics  
04/09/2012 – Joanne Schorback, ACE Radio  
04/09/2012 & 13/09/2012 – Dick Harberger, Harberger Crash Repairs  
05/09/2012 – Joe McLelland, Bus Rural  
06/09/2012 – Trevor Starbuck, Hopetoun Co-Op  
10/09/2012 – Rupanyup Community Visit  
10/09/2012 – Cathryn Wilken, Home Hardware  
11/09/2012 – Martin Zweep, Heritage Victoria  
11/09/2012 & 27/09/2012 – Y/Fest  
12/09/2012 – Brendan Doran, Community Axis  
12/09/2012 – Sally and Kevin Gebert, Commercial Hotel Warracknabeal  
13/09/2012 – Rudy Panozzo, Ballarat University  
18/09/2012 & 25/09/2012 – Hopetoun Co-Op  
18/09/2012 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism  
18/09/2012 – Rupanyup Flood Benefit Concert Committee  
18/09/2012 – Murtoa Progress Association  
19/09/2012 – Val Gregory and Peter Adler, Murtoa Museum  
19/09/2012 & 20/09/2012 – Colleen (new proprietor), Emma's Cafe Minyip  
19/09/2012 – Men's Shed, Warracknabeal  
20/09/2012 – Chris Taylor, Bellevue Trading  
25/09/2012 – Woomelang & District Development Association  
28/09/2012 – Wimmera Business Awards

### **Community Development**

- Rupanyup Flood Concert – Committee in place. Concert planned for late February/early March
- Wyperfield National Park Tour, Yaapeet Area

### **Business Development**

- Meeting held for Y/Fest 2013
- Initial proposal meeting held for a planned Warracknabeal traders Christmas festival
- Initial proposal discussion held for planned water-ski competition in Shire over Australia Day weekend 2013
- Initial proposal discussion held for planned model glider competition at Warracknabeal aerodrome around Anzac Day 2013
- Hopetoun Co-Op subdivision of Industrial land meeting held
- Met with several business owners from Warracknabeal, Minyip, Murtoa, Hopetoun to discuss their plans within the Shire

## **Community Projects – Prepared by Dennis Smith**

### **Putting Locals First Program**

The Rupanyup Memorial Hall air conditioning grant application has been successful with a grant of \$15,890 for a total project cost of \$27,045.

The Hopetoun Football Clubrooms function area extension design is almost completed. Once costing has been obtained a Project Proposal will be submitted to Regional Development Victoria for consideration.

### **Country Football and Netball Program 2011/2012**

Re-sheeting works for the Hopetoun Netball Courts Upgrade project have been completed with Synpave to be applied late October.

### **Community Facility Funding Program 2013/2014**

Two applications have been prepared and submitted to the Department of Planning & Community Development under this round of funding.

The first application is for the Beulah Bowling and Croquet Club for the installation of a synthetic surface on their 'A' green. The application requests a grant of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$152,300.

The second application is for the Hopetoun Cricket Club to construct a new dual wickets practice facility at the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve. This application requests a grant of \$22,400 for a total project cost of \$33,595.

### **Beulah Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade**

The new light towers have been erected and underground power installed. The installation of new light globes and subsequent electrical connection will be carried out over the forthcoming weeks.

### **Murtoa Angling Club Clubhouse**

Internal works are well underway with an expected completion of all works to be late December.

### **Hopetoun Golf Club Synthetic Tees**

Installation of the new synthetic tees is approximately 50% complete.

### **Rupanyup Tennis Courts**

Re-sheeting works have been completed with Synpave to be applied late October.

### **Warracknabeal Streetscape Stage Three**

Arrangements for implementation of this project are underway with an anticipated commencement in October.

**SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson****Community Engagement Consultant**

The Community Post Cards are currently circulating in all communities and asks residents to identify what is important to them and what projects they would like to see happen.

The Community Post Cards can also be accessed from the Yarriambiack Shire Council website, [www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au)

**SHARE Community Grants**

The latest round of SHARE Community Grants closed on Friday, 5 October 2012. The evaluation panel will meet on Thursday, 18 October 2012.

**Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association**

The Monthly Photo and Video Competition is now open and information can be found at [www.wimmeramalleetourism.com.au](http://www.wimmeramalleetourism.com.au) The Facebook Page is continuing to grow with currently 160 people who 'Like' the page.

**Yarriambiack Tourism Association**

The next Yarriambiack Tourism Association meeting will be held on Monday, 29 October 2012 at Emma's Cafe in Minyip.

Approximately 30 members and friends attended a tour of the Wyperfeld National Park on Wednesday, 26 September 2012.

**Woomelang Cronomby Tanks**

Gravel works to upgrade the car park and some sections of the walking track are now complete at Cronomby Tanks. These works now enable free camping during all weather conditions. The next stage of the project will include the construction of basic amenities.

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

The Finance Report as at September 2012 will be tabled.

#### **Recommendation**

The Finance Report as at September 2012 be received.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Wise that Finance report as at September 2012 be received.**

**Carried**

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

The Revenue Report as at October 2012 will be tabled.

#### **Recommendation**

The Revenue Report as at October 2012 be received.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that Revenue report as at September 2012 be received.**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr J Wise that standing orders be suspended at 10:25am.**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr G Level seconded Cr J Kemfert that standing orders be resumed at 10:45am.**

**Carried**

**11.3 2011/2012 Annual Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane**

The 2011/2012 Annual Report for Yarriambiack Shire Council has been prepared in accordance with Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989. Council gives public notice that the Annual Report has been prepared and can be inspected at the Council offices.

**Recommendation**

The 2011/2012 Annual Report be adopted by Council.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that Council adopt the 2011/2012 Annual Report.**

**Carried**

#### **11.4 Appointment of Municipal Emergency Officers and Deputies – Prepared by James Magee**

##### **Purpose**

To appoint Michael Evans as Municipal Emergency Resource Officer under S 21(1) of the Emergency Management Act 1986 and to appoint the following officers as Deputy Municipal Emergency Resource Officers:

Nathan McLean  
Geoff Harvey  
Barry Sullivan  
James Magee  
Robert Taylor

To appoint the following officers as Deputy Municipal Recovery Officers under S 21(1) of the Emergency Management Act 1986:

Tim Rose  
Jaye Macumber  
Lisa Dunkley  
Bernadine Schilling

##### **Background**

The Emergency Management Act 1986 S 21 (1) states that a municipal council must appoint a person or persons to be the municipal emergency resource officer or municipal emergency resource officers.

Sec 21 (2) states that a municipal emergency resource officer is responsible to the municipal council for ensuring the co-ordination of municipal resources to be used in emergency response and recovery.

This position was previously held by James Magee who was nominated by Council. Currently Bernie Naylor, Brian Poulton and Tony Brennan are already nominated as Deputy Municipal Emergency Resource Officers.

The Municipal Recovery Manager is currently Gavin Blinman. He is responsible for the co-ordination of municipal relief and recovery operations during or after an emergency.

##### **Recommendation**

- That Council appoint Michael Evans under Emergency Management Act 1986 s.21 (1) to the position of Municipal Emergency Resource Officer
- That Council appoint under Emergency Management Act 1986 s.21 (1), Nathan McLean, Barry Sullivan, Geoff Harvey, Robert Taylor and James Magee as Deputy Municipal Emergency Resource Officers
- That Council appoint under Emergency Management Act 1986 s.21 (1), Tim Rose, Jaye Macumber, Lisa Dunkley and Bernadine Schilling as Deputy Municipal Recovery Officers



**Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr R Kingston that Council adopt the following recommendation:-**

- **That Council appoint Michael Evans under Emergency Management Act 1986 s.21 (1) to the position of Municipal Emergency Resource Officer**
- **That Council appoint under Emergency Management Act 1986 s.21 (1), Nathan McLean, Barry Sullivan, Geoff Harvey, Robert Taylor and James Magee as Deputy Municipal Emergency Resource Officers**
- **That Council appoint under Emergency Management Act 1986 s.21 (1), Tim Rose, Jaye Macumber, Lisa Dunkley and Bernardine Schilling as Deputy Municipal Recovery Officers**

**Carried**

## **11.5 Department of Planning and Community Development, Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan – Prepared by Ray Campling**

### **Purpose**

1. To provide Councillors with information about the progress of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan and the upcoming exhibition of the plan.

### **Background**

2. Regional growth plans are being prepared for Victoria's eight regions as the next stage of planning for growth and change across Victoria.
3. The Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan is being developed in partnership between local government, state agencies and authorities. All councils in the Wimmera Southern Mallee region are represented on the plan's Project Steering Committee and Technical Working Group.
4. The regional growth plan will provide land use planning responses to the strategic directions and actions identified in the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Strategic Plan. This plan identified the need to undertake regional scale planning strategies to provide a common approach to land use issues affecting the Wimmera Southern Mallee.
5. The Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan is being prepared to identify preferred locations for particular activities and development. It will;
  - a) Identify where future development will be supported and where it will not
  - b) Identify important regional environmental, economic, community and cultural resources to be preserved, maintained or developed
  - c) Identify key regional priorities for future infrastructure planning and investment to support growth
6. The growth plan furthers state planning policy and strategies and will guide land use planning at the regional level. The growth plan will also inform decision making by a range of agencies regarding future investment within the region.
7. The growth plan will not generally provide localised direction; this is the role of local planning activities such as planning schemes and structure plans.
8. Opportunities for growth are a central focus of the plan.

### **Process to Prepare the Plan**

9. The plan is being developed over a two year period and includes opportunities for community input.
10. The project includes the following broad stages:
  - i. Project establishment
  - ii. Prepare the background issues paper
  - iii. Establish the plan's strategic directions, including community consultation
  - iv. Prepare draft regional growth plan, including community consultation
  - v. Finalise the regional growth plan
11. The project has now reached the phase of preparing the draft plan.

**Strategic Directions Brochure and Consultation**

12. Councils, the Department of Planning & Community Development and other key stakeholders have explored various ideas and issues and how and where growth should occur in order to establish the plan's proposed strategic directions.
13. The Project Steering Committee endorsed a brochure for consultation purposes earlier in 2012 which included a land use vision, planning principles and key directions for the plan.
14. The project team completed a one month community consultation phase in March-April 2012, inviting comments from the community on the brochure. This included telephone interviews and mail outs to nominated stakeholders.
15. Useful feedback was obtained in relation to recognition of tourism opportunities, retaining social capital, value adding to local products and Aboriginal heritage. There were no significant concerns raised with the proposed direction for the regional growth plan.
16. Feedback from the consultation was reported back to the Project Steering Committee to help inform the direction of the regional growth plan.

**Draft Regional Growth Plan**

17. The draft Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan has now been prepared by the project team in close collaboration with council officers and key agencies.
18. The draft regional growth plan addresses the following matters:
  - a) Economic development – this includes rural land use, industry, energy, tourism and commercial activity
  - b) Environment – this includes landscapes, water, environmental risks and key assets
  - c) Settlement – this includes identifying the regional settlement network, planning for key towns and managing smaller and rural settlements
  - d) Infrastructure – this includes transport, social infrastructure and utilities
19. The principles guiding the direction of the draft plan are to:
  - i. Support integrated and prosperous settlements with appropriate growth throughout the region
  - ii. Encourage a focus on key centres to manage population change and access to services
  - iii. Provide for the enhancement of ecological health and rural landscapes.
  - iv. Protect key agricultural resources, support productivity and the development of industry
  - v. Utilise the region's assets to facilitate the diversification of the economy and ensure resilient communities
  - vi. Support adaptation to changes in climate
  - vii. Support the development of distinct settlements and healthy, attractive and liveable communities
  - viii. Identify opportunities for growth and enable councils to facilitate appropriate local development
  - ix. Identify infrastructure to support growth
20. Opportunities for growth are a central focus of the plan.
21. The region's ten largest towns are considered by the plan in greater detail. This includes identifying whether additional land is required for residential or employment purposes and other factors affecting long term growth. The plan considers the role of settlements in a regional context, including how they service other centres within their local community of interest.

22. The plan includes discussion on the major infrastructure needs of the Wimmera Southern Mallee.
23. The draft regional growth plan has been considered and endorsed by the Project Steering Committee to proceed to public consultation.

### **Finalising the Draft Plan**

24. The draft plan will be subject to a one month engagement period, to commence as soon as practicable after the local government elections.
25. Submissions will be considered by the project team and recommended changes to the plan will be referred to the Project Steering Committee.
26. The final draft regional growth plan will be referred to Council for endorsement in 2013 before submission to the Minister for Planning for approval.

### **Recommendation**

That Council notes this report and the upcoming public exhibition of the draft Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan.

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that Council notes this report and the upcoming public exhibition of the draft Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan.**

**Carried**

**11.6 Royalties for Gravel – Prepared by James Magee**

Where Council extracts gravel from private property, a royalty is payable for each loose cubic metre of gravel.

The current royalty rates have been in place for 12 years. The current rates are \$1.00 per m<sup>3</sup> for limestone and \$0.75 per m<sup>3</sup> for sandstone. A higher rate for limestone is generally paid because limestone pits are of less depth than the sandstone equivalent and hence potentially a greater surface area disturbance.

It is proposed to increase the royalty rates to be in line with current market rates.

**Recommendation**

That the royalty rate paid to property owners for limestone gravel be set at \$1.50 per cubic metre (exclusive of GST).

That the royalty rate paid to property owners for sandstone gravel be set at \$1.13 per cubic metre (exclusive of GST).

That the royalty rates be reviewed in three years.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that Council adopt the following recommendation:-**

- **That the royalty rate paid to property owners for limestone gravel be set at \$1.50 per cubic metre (exclusive of GST)**
- **That the royalty rate paid to property owners for sandstone gravel be set at \$1.13 per cubic metre (exclusive of GST)**
- **That the royalty rates be reviewed in three years**

**Carried**

**11.7 Proposal to Name Un-Named Road 'Peppercorn Way' – Prepared by Michael Evans**

Council is proposing to name an un-named Road due to the road being upgraded. The existing Road runs off Dumbuoy Road heading north back towards the township and provide access to the only two residing residents.

Council is proposing the Road be named "Peppercorn Way" as suggested by the two residents.

Council advertised in all relevant local papers and invited comments or objections from any interested parties as per the Geographic Names Guide Lines and no comments or objections where received.

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt the name 'Peppercorn Way' and continue due process with Geographic Names.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that Council adopt the name 'Peppercorn Way' and continue due process with Geographic Names.**

**Carried**

**11.8 Notice of Rescission – Request for Exemption of Council Rates – Prepared by Cr G Lovel**

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Kemfert moved that the decision made in relation to the request for Exemption of Council Rates by the Sisters of Mercy at the August 8, 2012 Council Meeting be rescinded.**

**Not Carried**

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

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr G Lovel that Yarriambiack Shire Council write a Letter of Support in relation to Ovine Johne's Disease and the proposed management plan to commence on 1 January 2013.

Cr A McLean congratulated Cr G Lovel and Cr J Kemfert for their years of Service with Local Government and Yarriambiack Shire Council.

Cr G Lovel responded to Cr A McLean and Council.

**13 CLOSED SESSION****14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS****15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS**

Rates Report – October 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council Income State by Resources for September 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council Income State by Department for September 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council Capital Expenditure for September 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2012

Copy of Notice of Rescission with letter received from the Sisters of Mercy

**16 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 14 November 2012 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

**17 CLOSE 11:30am**

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