

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 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 Kempfert, A McLean, J Wise, H Ballentine, G Lovel, R Kingston, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer) & James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning).

**5 APOLOGIES**

Cr H Ballentine, James Magee, Terry Sanders and Gavin Blinman.

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 March 2012

**Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr J Wise the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 March 2012 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

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

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING**

**8.1 Action List from last meeting**

**8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List**

## **9 PETITIONS**

## **10 REPORTS**

### **Corporate Reports**

- 10.1 Mayor's Report
- 10.2 Councillor/Delegate Reports
- 10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report
- 10.4 Director 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 (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 Section 173 Agreement
- 11.4 Proposal to Name Un-Named Road
- 11.5 Caravan Park Rules
- 11.6 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C18

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

15 March	Wimmera Volunteers Staff Meeting
16 March	Opening of new store in Rupanyup – 'Rupanyup Living'
22 March	Breakfast at Natimuk with the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Hon Ryan Smith MP
22 March	4pm – Citizenship Ceremony at the Shire Offices
23 March	Wimmera Volunteers – Andy Fryar Workshop. Presenter focusing upon 'Making your Organisation a Volunteers Magnet'
25 March	Official Opening at Redda's Park Brim
28 March	Council Forum
1 April	Official Opening of the Warracknabeal Yarriambiack Creek Development Committee Inc - new facilities
2 April	Neighbourhood House Executive Meeting
3 April	Areegra Recreational Reserve Public Meeting
6 April	Officially opened and attended the Art Show Preview and Artist Talk
7 April	Y-fest Parade
7 April	Warracknabeal Easter Races
7 April	Wheatland's Vintage Tractor Pull
8 April	Y-fest Water-skiing Spectacular

**10.2 Councillor's Reports****Cr G Lovel**

- 21 March Grampians Regional Waste Management Group, Stawell
- 27 March Sustainability Workshop at Stawell
- 28 March Council Forum

**Cr J Wise**

- 19 March Y/Fest Meeting
- 20 March Wimmera Development Association Meeting
- 28 March Council Forum

**Cr A McLean**

- 22 March Attended the 'Weathering the Future' Forum in Birchip
- 25 March Attended the Opening of the new additions to Redda's Park, Brim
- 27 March Council Forum
- 1 April Attended celebrations at the Yarriambiack Creek in Warracknabeal

**Cr J Kempfert**

- 22 March Attended Senior Citizens Dinner at Murtoa
- 28 March Council Forum
- 29 March Attended A & P Society Show Meeting at Murtoa
- 30 March Attended North West Municipalities Association Meeting at Kerang
- 1 April Minyip Festival
- 1 April Attended Official Opening of new facilities at the Warracknabeal Boat Ramp
- 2 April Attended the Murtoa Fire Brigade Annual Meeting

**Cr R Kingston**

- 19 March                      Rupanyup Consultative Committee
- 28 March                      Council Forum
- 29 March                      Rupanyup – flood and drainage mitigation

**Cr H Ballentine**

- 15 March                      I attended the Victorian Rural Women's Awards for the Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation (RIRDC) at Parliament House as a guest of Peter Walsh MP, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security. Tania Chapman from Mildura was the winning applicant. Whilst in attendance I was able to meet and converse with Jaala Pulford MLC, Candy Broad MLC, Kaye Darveniza MLC, Jeanette Powell MP & Minister for Local Government, Damien Drum MLC, Peter Walsh MP, Peter Crisp MP, and Hugh Delahunty MP as well as Andrew Broad, President of the Victorian Farmers Federation. There were some interesting research projects offered by the finalists and I felt it was good to see rural women connected to agriculture showcasing their specific business skills and ideas. Obviously these are different to the traditional roles that women play in supporting the Agricultural Industry
- 20 March                      Marianne Ferguson (Community Development Officer) and I attended the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association Meeting in Horsham where we introduced Melissa Mitchell from Woomelang as our Yarriambiack Industry representative. Melissa was appointed at our last Yarriambiack Tourism Association Meeting
- 21 March                      Beulah Progress Association Meeting
- 27 March                      Attended the Grampians Wimmera Mallee Recreational Water Users Group Meeting in Horsham
- 28 March                      Council Forum at Warracknabeal

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

- Met Jo Bourke, Wimmera Development Association (WDA) – Wimmera Southern Mallee Growth Plan
- Met with John Craven, Caribou Publications – Tour of Sunraysia
- Met with Vision Super Representatives – Annual Review
- Attended WDA Meeting in Horsham
- With Mayor, Kylie Zanker and other regional Mayors and CEO's met the Minister for Environment, the Hon Ryan Smith at Lake Natimuk
- Met with Des Warrick – Councillor's IT requirements
- Attended WDA Internal Audit Committee Meeting
- Met with Keith Jackson – Grampians Regional Management Forum
- Met with Paul Fennell, Wimmera Catchment Management Authority – Flood Studies
- Met with Peter Rademaker, Regional Development Victoria – SHARE Program
- Met with Dean Miller, CEO Hindmarsh Council – North Western Municipal Association
- Attended Redda Park, Brim – upgrade Official Opening
- Addressed National Institute of Public Works Conference in Melbourne
- Met with Peter Crisp, Member for Mildura – Yaapeet/Rainbow Line
- Met with Terry Lewis, Department of Primary Industries – various matters
- Met with Marc Amos, Regional Development Victoria – Economic Development
- Attended Bureau of Meteorology Seminar in Horsham
- With Councillor John Kemfert attended North Western Municipalities Association Meeting in Kerang
- Attended GWM Water Annual Public Board Meeting in Horsham
- Attended Official Opening of the new facilities adjacent to creek in Warracknabeal
- Met with David Brennan, CEO Wimmera Catchment Management Authority – various matters

**10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee****Yaapeet Rainbow Railway Line**

Council has received further letters of support for the upgrade of the Yaapeet rail leg. Letters have been received from Graincorp, Hopetoun Progress Association, The Country Women's Association of Victoria and Yaapeet Primary School. These have been forwarded to the Hon Terry Mulder MLA in support of Council's written request for the rail upgrade sent 14 March 2012.

Council's commitment to the project as part of the partnership consists of the following works as nominated at Forum meeting 14 March 2012.

- widen shoulders and seal Silo Access Road \$15,000
- construct and seal Recreation Reserve Access Road \$40,000
- widen and seal Byrne Street \$10,000

**Flood Study Sought for Rupanyup & Dunmunkle Creek**

Yarriambiack Shire Council is supporting the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority in resubmitting an application for funding to State Government for a flood study of Rupanyup and Dunmunkle Creek.

Rupanyup was our municipalities' worst affected township and the study is required to provide clarification on many issues; and to provide a future direction on many flood mitigation aspects proposed by the Council and the community.

The original application submitted was unsuccessful.

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

- Attended an Australian Airports Association (AAA) - Vic Division Meeting in Bendigo
- Researching and following protocol for new road names and road name changes as per Geographical Names procedures for the following roads; Woomelang Tip Road, Clarendon Ave and Dumbuoy Service Road
- Prepared Road Inspection regime for condition assessments
- Completed 2012-13 Technical Services Draft Budget
- Commenced research and development of a new 2012-13 Capital Works Program

**OH&S - Risk Management**

- Attended a MAV Insurance seminar on Road Management Plans and Trees
- Still developing a new Risk Management Register
- Continue to address OH&S issues with Consultant, Collin Supple

**Design – Prepared by John Boehm****Council Works****Surveys, Design and Plans for Capital Works Program (2011/12)**

- Concrete Footpaths: Alamein Street Warracknabeal; Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal
- Kerb and Channel Schemes: South Street Minyip; Brock Street Woomelang; Anderson Street Warracknabeal

**Flood Control Works in Progress**

- On-going works with Murtoa township south side bypass drain: complete clean up of excavated soil; clean out drain to Marma Street rail crossing; complete control weir for new drain; beaching repairs to drain
- Continue works on Warracknabeal weir (Rainbow Road) west side sill and discharge drain
- Beulah Lunar Park Road floodway: earthworks well advanced for road flood invert

**Community Projects and Other Works**

- Rupanyup Grandstand
- Engineering Reports for various Planning Permit applications: Werrigar Roadhouse upgrade, Pony Xpress Storeyard and CFA Stations
- Yarriambiack creek surveys for flow control works



**Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey**

- Organised Yarrilinks annual and quarterly meetings
- Surveyed Yarriambiack Creek off-take
- Attended Emergency Management Working Group Meeting
- Complete application for funding for Landcare Facilitator for Yarrilinks
- Discussions with Barengi Gadjun re creek regulator
- Responded to ratepayer requests/complaints

**Technical Services – Prepared by Tony Brennan**

- Processed various Civica requests as needed
- Updated vehicle checklists and plant machinery checklists with vehicle changeovers as required
- Produce quarterly Vehicle and Plant Checklist Reports and emailed to relevant Managers
- Continued with Town Hall Service Agreement discussions prior to adoption
- Carried out Traffic Counter Reports and updated all sites on MapInfo as required
- Issue Road Opening Permits as needed for various minor works
- Attended monthly OH&S Meeting

**Saleyards**

- Completed Livestock Standstill Plan
- National Saleyard Quality Assurance audit postponed until 18 April 2012 sale day
- Upgrade Maintenance Log for repairs carried out per audit regulations
- Organised to erect permanent signage along Henty Highway and Stawell - Warracknabeal Road warning motorists of trucks entering and leaving Saleyard facility as approved by VicRoads
- Met with contractors to discuss alteration to shower block
- Organised trees to be trimmed away from overhead powerline inside saleyards
- Arranged for desktop messaging (SMS) to be available from laptop on sale days to advise buyers, agents, and clients of start times etc
- Arranged quote in regards to renewing all signage around saleyard perimeter

**Technical Support – Prepared by Nathan McLean**

- Road Management Plan Audit
- Follow up on Local Government Infrastructure Program
- Assisted the Design Engineer with surveying
- Purchased new lease vehicles with Custom Fleet
- OH&S procedures, checklists for aerodrome
- Aerodrome Inspections
- New equipment for Metro Count and installation
- Vehicle Operator Checklists
- Outlet pipes into waterways located and measured
- Update Warracknabeal and Hopetoun aerodrome manuals
- Registrations for lease vehicles electronic labels or stickers

## **Building & Planning Activity**

In March the following permits were issued:

### **Building**

**3** Building Permits were issued in **March 2012**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$52,600**

**Warracknabeal** – Storage Shed

**Lah** – Garage

**Murtoa** – Dwelling Extensions

**7** applications were submitted in **March 2012**

### **Planning**

**1** Planning Permit were issued in **March 2012**

**App No:** TP02-12

**Applicant:** SES Rupanyup

**Address of Land:** 2 Wood Street Rupanyup being Lot 1  
TP893169

**Proposal:** The land to be developed by the construction  
of a shed and associated earthworks

**Date Issued:** 22/03/2012

**5** applications were submitted in **March 2012**

**10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Brian Poulton****Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2011-2012**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$23,221)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal
Campbell Street Hopetoun (\$146,296)	100%	July 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Campbell Street / Hopetoun West Intersection Hopetoun (\$130,328)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Altered Intersection Road Reconstruction Shire
Campbell Street / Lascelles Street – Henty Highway Intersection Hopetoun (\$149,176)	100%	August 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Degenhardt Street Murtoa (\$10,048)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$14,067)		May 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$5,024)		May 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dettmann Lane Woomelang (\$12,727)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Church Street Woomelang <b>R2R</b> (\$58,053)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire

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Haby Lane Murtoa (\$9,143)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Stewart Street Rupanyup R2R (\$46,883)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction & Hotmix Intersection Shire
Hopetoun Reservoir Lane 7 (\$60,844)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Luna Park Beulah (\$33,492)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Brock Street Woomelang (\$18,000)		April 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
Brock Street Woomelang (\$12,560)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)	100%	October 2011	December 2011	Kerb & Channel Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$29,473)	100%	April 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)	100%	October 2011	January 2012	Kerb & Channel Shire
McLeod Street Minyip (\$19,650)	100%	March 2012	March 2012	Kerb & Channel Shire
McLeod Street Minyip (\$14,625)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
South Street Minyip (\$11,850)	100%	March 2012	April 2012	Kerb & Channel
South Street Minyip (\$8,820)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire

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Breen Street Murtoa (\$74,927)	100%	July 2011	September 2011	Kerb & Channel Contractor
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,196)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$21,300)		May 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
Luna Park Beulah (\$50,000)	70%	April 2012		Bridges & Culverts Contractor
Brim West (\$11,000)	90%	September 2011		Bridges & Culverts Contractor
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$6,275)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$3,143)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$5,582)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$25,000)		March 2012		Drainage Contractor
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$20,000)		March 2012		Drainage Contractor
Woomelang Tip R2R (\$72,566)	100%	February 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Dumbuoy Road Warracknabeal (\$40,000)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dimboola/Minyip Road R2Market (\$443,808)	100%	September 2011	November 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Rainbow Yaapeet Road R2Market (\$487,417)	70%	March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire

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Rupanyup Road (\$17,851)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Brim East Road (\$48,700)	100%	September 2011	September 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Burrum North Road R2R (\$247,913)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$264,615)	100%	September 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$64,579)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$43,052)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$21,526)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Watchem Warracknabeal Road R2R (\$115,507)	100%	August 2011	August 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Galaquil West Road (\$228,629)	80%	March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Sheep Hills Minyip Road (\$113,492)	100%	September 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Ashens Jackson Road (\$155,409)	20%	March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire

**Footpath Program 2011/2012**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Gladstone Street Beulah (\$5,828)		May 2012		Gravel Path Shire
Garrard Street Hopetoun (\$14,295)		April 2012		Premix Path Shire
Toole Street Hopetoun (\$714)		May 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Church Street Minyip (\$11,490)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Concrete Path Contractor
Market Street Minyip (\$5,065)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Mill Street Minyip (\$2,037)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$4,838)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,082)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,208)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$6,728)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Lake Street Murtoa (\$7,512)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Miller Street Murtoa (\$2,541)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Cromie Street Rupanyup (\$2,493)		May 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Chamberlain Street Speed (\$8,368) + (7,322)		May 2012		Premix Path Shire

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Yarrick Lane Hopetoun (\$210)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Wychunga Street Lascelles (\$1,411) + (\$878)		March 2012		Quarry Dust Path Shire
Dyer Street Rupanyup (\$5,292) + (\$378)		March 2012		Quarry Dust Path Shire
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$13,008)		June 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Jamouneau Street Warracknabeal (\$5,203)		June 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,259)		May 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$2,385)		May 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,151)	30%	March 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$15,826)		April 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$14,959)		April 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Milbourne Street Warracknabeal (\$14,091)	100%	March 2012	March 2012	Concrete Path Contractor
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$10,948)	100%	March 2012	March 2012	Concrete Path Contractor
Tavernor Street Beulah (\$1,605)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire



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Tavernor Street Beulah (\$1,001)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Various (\$10,000)				
Various (\$10,000)				

**Gravel re-sheet Works**

**Total Re-sheet Program    65.820 km**

**Completed Re-sheets        45.100 km**

**\*Roads Completed – Feb / March**

- \* Edmonds road
- \* Boundry Road
- \* Brynterion Road
- \* Mount Pleasant Road
- \* Quicks Road

**\* Road Shoulders Gravelled**

- \* Rupanyup Road

**\* Global contract – Works Completed Jan / Feb**

- \* Desert Road
- \* Yarto East Road
- \* Speed – Yarto Road
- \* Finch – McLeans Road
- \* Bathgates Lane
- \* Torneys Road

**Total Estimate Completed Works – 32.00 km**

**\* Porter Plant Contract – Urban town stabilisation works completed**

**\* Bitu-mill Contract – Rural stabilisation works completed**

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

### **Kindergartens**

We are looking at replacing equipment for playgrounds in Minyip and Tempy; a recommendation resulting from a risk assessment completed last year.

I have been meeting with the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) this month to look at our preparation to implement the new National Quality Framework.

We have to develop a Quality plan by the end of April in all Kindergartens.

All kindergarten staff are busy working on their quality plans and ensuring they have systems in place to meet new standards. All policies will also need to be reviewed this year as part of this and the introduction of new national laws and regulations.

Painting of the Rupanyup kindergarten has been organized for the holidays and a new roof for Minyip kindergarten, to replace the rusty one.

### **Aged and Disability**

Tenders for Meals on Wheels and Centre Based Meals are out and close in April. All current providers have been rung to remind them contracts finish in June.

HACC staff are currently reviewing costs for clients in the meals programs. The Department have pricing recommendations well in excess of what we charge.

The Improving Livability for Older Persons (ILOP) project is underway; we have asked Lynne Gleeson from Springtech Consultants to undertake community consultations.

She will meet back with the reference committee in May to discuss issues highlighted.

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

All food business registrations for 2012 have been issued, food sampling to test contamination of alfalfa sprouts as part of a regional survey have been done this month.

School immunizations were conducted for year seven students, next round is in May.

Staff flu vaccinations were completed with a 50% increase in employees vaccinated.

Final lake inspections for blue green algae have been completed, all appear clear. No further inspections are due now until October.

Onsite wastewater inspections in several locations occurred this month, four permits were issued.

A complaint into wastewater at Beulah is being investigated, property owners have been spoken with and repairs are being completed.

A significant amount of time has been spent by Council's Ranger in relation to animal registration and renewals. The Ranger has 'door knocked' a large number of residences across the Shire and as a result, many unregistered animals have been identified. Animal owners are advised of the requirement to register or be liable for infringement penalties.

Council's Ranger is currently in the process of re-housing a number of homeless cats and dogs through 'Save a Pet'. Several cats have been re-housed during March.

Three applications have been submitted to Council in order to apply for permits to house animals in excess of the number allowed under Council's Local Law. These applications are currently being prepared for Council.

**Youth**

Homeless youth were assisted this month, a case conference was organized to ensure family mediation and other assistance was in place before alternative housing was needed.

A complimentary Health Expo with Rural Northwest Health and Dunmunkle Health is being organized as part of our promotion of 'Good Health and Wellbeing for Young People'. The Expo is planned for 14 September 2012 at the Warracknabeal Town Hall.

Following complaints from skate park users in Warracknabeal a risk assessment has been conducted and some minor works will be carried out to reduce injury risks.

Extending the skate park is not an option as it is too close to the seniors building.

The 'Engage' program has commenced with Chris Solly (Youth Worker) meeting with Warracknabeal Secondary College staff and students.

The program will roll out over three years and will expand from Warracknabeal and involve all schools.

The aim is to have a 'youth plan' and run a 'youth event' with some assistance from our Youth Worker.

Our Youth Worker will be attending the Minyip festival on the youth bus on 1 April 2012 to support young people in the south.

**Emergency Relief**

Emergency relief was quiet again this month within Yarriambiack Shire Council, only a few referrals for assistance.

Lisa Cook's (Flood Recovery Officer) position has now been extended to the end of September, this is great as she will be able to finalise the project with the Community Action Relief Teams Council are working on.

**Volunteer Transport**

Seven Clients were transported 1,150 kilometers, a reduction in demand this month.

**Maternal and Child Health**

We have met with Department of Education & Early Childhood Development to review our service improvement plan and look at funding needs. Staff have been complimented on their best practice in clinics' and manuals they have developed.

The high rate of immunizations and communication with families has been noted by the department as one of the best in our region.

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

**Regional Victoria Living Expo**

Preparation for the Regional Victoria Living Expo is continuing with the creation of an Economic Development Brochure that highlights the exciting and affordable lifestyle options in the Yarriambiack Shire.

**SHARE Community Grants**

The Evaluation Panel for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of SHARE Community Grants will meet on Friday, 20 April 2012 to discuss applications.

**Wimmera Mallee Regional Tourism Association**

The website: [www.wimmeramalleetourism.com.au](http://www.wimmeramalleetourism.com.au) has continued to progress and the committee is currently formulating the 2012/2013 budget to include new marketing material and development of social media opportunities.

**Woomelang Travellers Rest**

The Woomelang and District Development Association have contracted SRS Solutions (underground fuel tank Consultants) to provide a report that details possible options for securing or removing the underground tanks that are located on the proposed land for the Travellers Rest.

**Yarriambiack Tourism Association**

Melissa Mitchell from Woomelang was nominated to represent Yarriambiack communities on the Wimmera Mallee Regional Tourism Association.

The development of Town Maps is continuing with committee members finalising text and collecting relevant images.

**Y-Fest**

At the time of this report, all plans are now in place for the Y-Fest Festival.

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

### **Hopetoun Swimming Pool / Poulton Park**

The project to upgrade the toilets, change rooms and construction of first aid room and office are progressing very well, thanks to the local trade's people.

Concrete slab and footings have been completed, brickwork and framing has also been completed for the first aid room and office.

Roof trusses are currently being installed with the roof structure including iron being completed by Easter.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by May, 2012.

### **Weir Gates and Spillways**

Works to install dual levee weir gates at Warracknabeal and Beulah have now been completed with these works finishing on Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Works are continuing to construct spillways on Luna Park Road, Beulah and also on the Lah West Road together with earthworks clearing clay and debris from these crossings.

### **Stabilisation Works**

Stabilisation works on Rural Roads and Residential Streets has now been completed.

These works were undertaken by Porter Plant and Bitu-mill.

Rural Roads           13,759m<sup>2</sup>

Residential Streets   12,278m<sup>2</sup>

Total cost \$1.8m

### **Sealing of Various Roads**

Council's contract with Inroads to undertake resealing of various local roads within the municipality will be completed by Easter.

There has been serious issue with the supply of aggregate this year due to the amount of flood works being undertaken throughout Victoria.

This contract was a three year contract and is in its final year and will be advertised again next year.

There have been some very real cost benefits to Council through having a three year contract over a single year contract.

**Detox Your Home Program**

Sustainability Victoria conducted the Detox Your Home Collection Program in Warracknabeal on Saturday, 17 March 2012 between 8.00am and 11.00am.

It has been a couple of years since the collection has been held in our municipality.

There were about 20 residents who used the service on this particular day.

**Concrete Crushing**

Council have engaged Local Mix from Geelong to undertake concrete crushing at Murtoa, Warracknabeal and Lah.

There was 3,000 tonne crushed at Murtoa, with crushing just commencing at Warracknabeal, I would anticipate a similar amount of material to Murtoa being crushed at Warracknabeal.

Council intends to crush this concrete and put in stock for Council use at this stage.

**Museum House – Warracknabeal**

Council has had a request from the Warracknabeal Wheatland's Museum to disconnect the power and remove the old museum residence.

We have now obtained quotations to demolish the residence, which will be done in May.

**Carbon Tax**

As Council would be aware the Carbon Tax is due to commence in the 2012/2013 financial year and there is some confusion whether the regional landfills fall under the scheme or not.

The threshold is 25,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> of which the Horsham regional landfill is near that threshold amount.

Only complicated calculations will give an indication if and when the threshold is exceeded.

The carbon price is \$23 per tonne (CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent) and 1 tonne of municipal waste will decompose into 1.19 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.

Therefore each tonne of waste accounts for \$27.37 of carbon tax (23 X 1.19).

I believe it is therefore prudent that Council make an allowance in the 2012/2013 budget for payment of approximately \$40,000 in carbon tax.

**10.8 Community Development Projects Report – Prepared by Dennis Smith****Putting Locals First Program**

The Project Proposal for the third stage of the Warracknabeal Streetscape has been approved and the full application submitted.

This application requests a grant of \$43,903 for a total project cost of \$58,537.

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

We are waiting on the outcome of our Hopetoun Netball Courts application.

**Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010/2011**

All projects are complete and all Final Reports have been submitted, we are waiting for final sign-off from the Federal Government.

**Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles Project**

Works at the Warracknabeal, Brim and Beulah Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles, funded through the Sustainable Small Towns Development Fund, have all been completed.

Openings/family days have been held at Beulah, Brim and Warracknabeal.

Grant acquittal documentation has been prepared, site inspections have been carried out by Regional Development Victoria (RDV) personnel, and acquittal documentation forwarded to RDV.

**Minyip 4<sup>th</sup> Tennis Court Project**

The remaining work to re-instate the fence will be carried out over the next month.

**Murtoa Football Change Rooms Project**

The framework, roofing, external cladding, windows and doors installation have all been completed; and internal lining, 'wet area' construction, electrical wiring and staircase construction works are underway, with a view to having the project completed by the end of April 2012.

**Grants Acquitted**

Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles Project.

Woomelang Netball Court Redevelopment Project.

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

The Finance Report as at March 2012 will be tabled.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Report as at March 2012 be received.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr J Kemfert that Finance report as at March 2012 be received.**

**Carried**

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

The Revenue Report as at April 2012 will be tabled.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Revenue Report as at April 2012 be received.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that Revenue report as at April 2012 be received.**

**Carried**

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

**Carried**

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

**Carried**



**11.3 Section 173 Agreement 'Northern Gypsum and Lester' – Prepared by James Magee**

Council has developed an Agreement pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 for operation of a gypsum mine and associated obligations with the parties of Northern Gypsum Co Pty Ltd, Keith Harold Lester and Robert Neil Lester.

**Recommendation**

That Council Sign and Seal the Agreement as tabled.

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr R Kingston that Council Sign and Seal the Agreement as tabled.**

**Carried**

**11.4 Proposal to Name Un-Named Road to Woomelang Tip Road – Prepared by Michael Evans**

Council has decided to construct a sealed road into the Woomelang transfer Station. The existing road runs off Duthies Road in a South Easterly direction into the Transfer Station.

Council is proposing the currently un-named road be named 'Woomelang Tip Road'.

Council advertised in all relevant local papers and invited comments or objections from any interested parties before any further decision was made.

Council has received correspondence from Ken and Myra Duthie, requesting consideration be given to the naming of the road as 'Church Street South' or 'Church Street Extension'.

Under Principle 4(E) in the Geographic Guides Lines Council can not use the proposed names.

Council has since informed the Duthie's and because Council had not received any other objections or correspondence, Council will proceed with the name 'Woomelang Tip Road'.

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt the name of 'Woomelang Tip Road' and continue due process with Geographic Names.

**Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr J Wise that Council adopt the name of 'Woomelang Tip Road' and continue due process with Geographic Name.**

**Carried**

**11.5 Caravan Park Rules – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson**

To assist the Caravan Park Managers and Council Officers to regulate and operate the Yarriambiack Shire Council Caravan Parks the following rules as per the attached have been developed.

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt the Caravan Park Rules for the Hopetoun, Murtoa and Warracknabeal Caravan Parks.

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr G Lovel that Council adopt the Caravan Park Rules for the Hopetoun, Murtoa and Warracknabeal Caravan Parks.**

**Carried**

Yarriambiack Shire Council Caravan Parks have established the following rules which apply during your stay in our parks. These rules are designed to minimise disturbance and inconvenience to all our visitors and ensure your stay is an enjoyable one. The Park Manager & Council are committed to the safety of all our guests and will endeavour to make your stay with us an enjoyable experience.

## Park Rules

1. Failure to abide by the rules can result in refusal into the park or removal of any persons, tent or caravan.
2. Visitors are required to book in on arrival with the Park Manager. Please contact the Park Manager on the contact number provided if necessary. This will ensure all applicable fees are paid and you have access to relevant facilities within the park during your stay.
3. A park speed limit of 10 km/hr must be observed at all times. Adherence to these limits will ensure safety for all patrons.
4. Dogs are permitted in the park provided they:
  - are kept on short leads or under the supervision of a responsible person at all times; and
  - do not cause noise or annoyance.
5. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Visitors failing to adhere to these rules will be asked to remove their pet from the park.
6. Visitors must keep the area near their site in a clean and tidy manner at all times.
7. Visitors are to keep the toilet and shower facilities as clean as possible.
8. Respect of others by controlling noise during the day to a minimum and ensuring no noise is made before 8.00am and after 10.30pm.
9. All rubbish must be disposed in the waste bins provided. Littering within the park and surroundings will not be tolerated.
10. Bicycles, scooters and skate equipment are only permitted on the roadway within the park boundary. Riding on the footpath areas near amenity blocks or other camp sites is not permitted. Bicycles, scooters and skate equipment must be stored in a manner that does not cause potential hazards such as tripping when not in use.
11. Visitors are requested to report any accidental damage during their stay to the Park Manager and are expected to pay for any unreasonable breakages or damage to the facilities, amenities, gardens or trees within the park.
12. Visitors must comply with any directions of the Park Manager and or Council in relation to compliance with the Occupation Health & Safety Act and the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations.
13. Visitors use our facilities at their own risk. No responsibility is taken by the Park Manager or Council for personal loss, damage to people's property, and equipment or injury incurred during your stay. Care must be taken of your own possessions. Lock up your property when the site, cabin, van or tent is unoccupied. Any loss or injury must be reported to the Park Manager.
14. All caravans and vehicles parked, stored and moved on and around the site are done so entirely at the owner's risk.
15. The premises are not to be used for the purpose of conducting a business or any illegal activity.
16. Visitors are asked not to waste water and please advise the Park Manager if you notice water leaks within the park or facilities.
17. Disruption caused by any visitors will not be tolerated and may result in the removal of any persons from the park without refund.
18. **Working smoke detectors MUST be installed in caravans and motor homes.**

*We trust you will abide by our rules and respect other visitors during your stay.  
Enjoy your visit to Yarriambiack Shire Council.*

**11.6 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C18 – Prepared by David Young**

**Applicant:** Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPG) on behalf of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

**Introduction**

CPG on behalf of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has requested Council to rezone the former Murtoa Primary School and two adjoining properties from a Public Use Zone Schedule 2 to a Township Zone and correct the Heritage description of the land. See appendix 1.0- Location Plan and Current Zone Plan.

The former Murtoa Primary School is located on land at the corner of Duncan and Degenhardt Streets in Murtoa and is known as 20 Cromie Street, Murtoa - Crown Allotment 1, Section 6 Murtoa. The adjoining site at 17 Duncan Street and part of the adjoining lot at 19 Duncan Street and the school site are currently zoned Public Use Zone - Schedule 2: Education.

This rezoning will ensure consistency with State Government policy which requires any Department land deemed surplus to requirements be rezoned to its underlying zone prior to sale.

The amendment proposes to amend the schedule to the heritage overlay applying to this site and associated sites to correctly reflect the site by making the following changes:

- Moving H037 to the actual Mechanics Institute site at 35 Duncan Street
- Moving H043 from 70 Duncan Street to the former school site at 20 Cromie Street

Council is therefore requested to initiate an amendment to the Planning Scheme Maps, see attached, and ordinance for the following:

**Proposal**

The amendment proposes to:

1. rezone land know as:
  - Crown Allotment 1 Section 6 Murtoa, 17 Duncan Street, Murtoa
  - Crown Allotment 1A, Section 6 Murtoa.and 19 Duncan Street
  - Lot 1, TP663913from a Public Use Zone Schedule 2 to a Township Zone
2. amend the schedule to the heritage overlay applying to this site and associated sites to correctly reflect the site by making the following changes:
  - Moving H037 to the actual Mechanics Institute site at 35 Duncan Street
  - Moving H043 from 70 Duncan Street to the former school site at 20 Cromie Street

**Officer Comments and Strategic Assessment****Why is the amendment required?**

The amendment proposes to rezone the former school site and its neighbouring properties from the Public Use Zone 2 - Education to the Township Zone that is considered to be its underlying zone. The new zone will facilitate the future sale and redevelopment of the property that has been identified by the State Government as being surplus to requirements for education. The amendment proposes to amend the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay to ensure it correctly covers the significant aspects of the former school site.

The applicant has advised Council that "The rezoning of the site to its underlying zone will allow the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to comply with State Government policy regarding surplus department land. This policy requires that surplus land is rezoned to its underlying zone before offered for sale."

The changes to the overlay and zoning will ensure that the land can be sold and is covered by the most appropriate planning controls. The amendment will allow the former school site to be sold and developed for the future development of the Murtoa Township.

**Does the amendment implement the objectives of planning and address any environmental, social and economic effects?**

The proposed amendment implements the planning objectives as it will provide for the redevelopment and use of vacant land and fully utilize current infrastructure. The amendment will have positive social and economic effects as it will facilitate the redevelopment of the site and encourage its use for residential development that will respect and reflect the surrounding residential neighbourhood character.

There should be no significant environmental effects from this rezoning amendment and the site is not considered to have any significant environmental constraints.

**Does the amendment comply with the requirements of any Minister's Direction applicable to the amendment?**

The amendment complies with the requirements of the Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes and is accompanied by the relevant information.

**Does the amendment support or implement the SPPF?**

The applicant has advised that by amending the planning scheme to allow the use of an underutilised piece of land within the Murtoa the amendment supports the following objectives of the SPPF:

- Planning is to anticipate and respond to the needs of existing and future communities. (Clause 11)
- Planning is to facilitate sustainable development that takes full advantage of existing settlement patterns and facilities (Clause 11)
- Developing networks of settlements that will support resilient communities and the ability to adapt and change (Clause 11.05-1)
- Providing for appropriately located supplies of residential, commercial and industrial land across a region, sufficient to meet community needs (Clause 11.05-1)

- Directing housing growth into existing settlements (Clause 11.05-3)
- Directing growth to locations where utility, transport, commercial and social infrastructure and services are available or can be provided in the most efficient and sustainable manner (Clause 11.05-4)
- Improving the availability of a diverse range of affordable accommodation, including social housing, in locations with good access to transport, commercial facilities and community services (Clause 11.05-4)
- To promote a housing market that meets community needs (Clause 16.01 -1); and
- Increase the supply of housing in existing urban areas by facilitating increased housing yield in appropriate locations, including under-utilised urban land (Clause 16.01-1)

The amendment does and supports these objectives of the SPPF as it responds to the changing needs for Murtoa and the community. The location of the subject land is consistent with Clause 11 as it will allow for sustainable development in an already serviced area.

By correcting anomalies in heritage overlay mapping the amendment supports the following objectives of the SPPF:

- To ensure the conservation of places of heritage significance (Clause 15.03-1)
- Provide for the conservation and enhancement of those places which are of, aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, cultural, scientific, or social significance, or otherwise of special cultural value (Clause 15.03-1); and
- Retain those elements that contribute to the importance of the heritage place Clause 15.03-1)

#### **Does the amendment support or implement the LPPF?**

The amendment implements and supports the MSS AS IT allows for land to be release within the township of Murtoa to that has previously been constrained from future development. The amendment also implements the heritage strategies of Clause 21.08-5, which seek to ensure the protection, maintenance and enhancement of heritage assets and features by continuing to protect the original school building. The correction of the heritage overlay mapping will ensure the heritage overlay is appropriately applied to the relevant sites in Murtoa.

The amendment will implement the objectives of Clause 22.01-1, which seeks to consolidate existing township areas by maximising development opportunities within these areas.

#### **Does the amendment make proper use of the VPP?**

The amendment utilises the most appropriate VPP tools in the form of rezoning the land to Township Zone and correcting errors in the application of the Heritage Overlay.

#### **Is the amendment consistent with any relevant planning practice note?**

The amendment is consistent with Applying the Heritage Overlay, as it corrects errors within the Schedule to the overlay.

#### **How does the amendment address the views of any relevant agency?**

Exhibition of the amendment will allow for any relevant agency to submit their view which will be considered as part of the amendment process.

**Does the amendment address relevant requirements of the Transport Integration Act 2010?**

The proposed amendment will have no significant impact on the transport system as defined under section 3 of the Transport Integration Act 2010.

There are no applicable statements relating to the proposal under section 22 of the Transport Integration Act 2010.

**What impact will the new planning provisions have on the resource and administrative costs of the responsible authority?**

The impact of the proposed amendment on the resource and administrative costs of Council will be limited. Council is required to carry out all administrative requirements in relation to amendments. Council should ensure the applicant agrees to meet any cost associated with panel hearings, preparation of documents and advertising.

**Process for Planning Scheme Amendments**

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

**1. Authorisation**

Council seeks the Ministers approval to prepare an amendment to the planning scheme.

**2. Preparation**

Information about preliminary investigation, strategic assessment, consultation and preparation of the amendment documentation are carried out.

**3. Exhibition**

Public exhibition of the amendment is carried out for a minimum of 30 days unless an exemption to advertising is requested.

**4. Submissions**

If submissions received an independent panel is commissioned to consider the amendment.

**5. Adoption**

Councils consideration whether to adopt or abandon the amendment once submissions and panel report are received.

**6. Approval**

The amendment is submitted to the Minister for approval and the Minister's consideration and decision or if approved Council may approve the amendment.

**Conclusion**

The former Murtoa School site has been disused for a number of years and has been allowed to fall in to a state of disrepair. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have now identified the land as being surplus to requirements and wish to sell the land on the open market. In order for this to occur the land needs to be rezoned to its underlying zone and a correction made to the Heritage Overlay.



The applicant has stated that the proposed amendment seeks to:

- It allows for the future use of the surplus former school site for a range of township purposes
- It corrects anomalies within the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay which will ensure the appropriate future protection of the brick school building and other significant sites in the area
- It provides additional semi-vacant land for development within the boundaries of the Murtoa Township, thus reducing development pressure on its fringes
- It is an appropriate use of the Victoria Planning Provisions
- It will have a positive impact on the community socially, economically and environmentally
- It will allow for the future sale of the former school site in line with State government policy regarding public land disposal

Based on the information provided and Council's own desire to see the site redeveloped the application should be supported.

### **Recommendation**

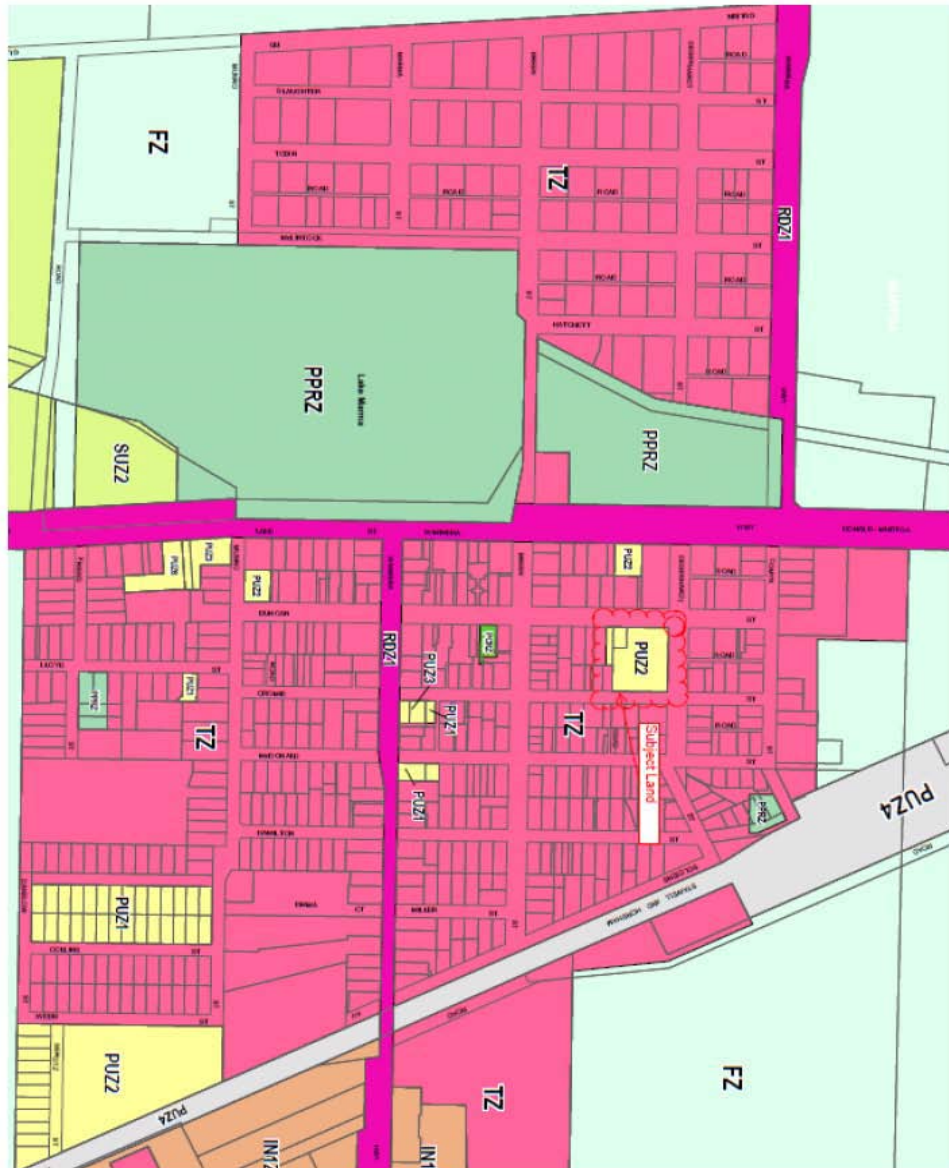
That Council:

1. Prepare the amendment to:
  - a) rezone land known as Crown Allotment 1 Section 6 Murtoa, 17 Duncan Street, Murtoa - Crown Allotment 1A, Section 6 Murtoa and 19 Duncan Street, Murtoa - Lot 1, TP663913 from a Public Use Zone Schedule 2 to a Township Zone
  - b) amend the schedule to the heritage overlay applying to this site and associated sites to correctly reflect the site by making the following changes
  - c) Moving H037 to the Mechanics Institute site at 35 Duncan Street
  - d) Moving H043 from 70 Duncan Street to the former school site at 20 Cromie Streetsubject to the applicant agreeing to meet all cost associated with the amendment including, advertising and panel hearing costs.
2. Request the Minister for Planning's written authorisation to prepare an amendment to the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme in accordance with the report above.
3. Prepare the amendment, subject to any requirements imposed by the Minister, once authorisation is granted.
4. Exhibit the amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Minister and the Planning and Environment Act.

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr R Kingston that Council accept the above recommendations.**

**Carried**

Appendix 1.0 Location and Current Zone Plan



Appendix 2.0 Heriatge Changes

YARRIAMBIACK PLANNING SCHEME - LOCAL PROVISION



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**Overlay**  
Heritage Overlay



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

Cr. R Kingston spoke in relation to the National Broadband Network Rollout.

**13 CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that Council move into Closed Session.**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston that Council move back into Open Session.**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr J Wise that Council adopt the Resolutions from the Closed Session of Council.**

**Carried**

**14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS**

**15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS**

Rates Report – April 2012  
Yarriambiack Shire Council – Income Statement by Resources for March 2012  
Income Statement by Department for March 2012  
Yarriambiack Shire Council Capital Expenditure for March 2012  
Yarriambiack Shire Council Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2012

**16 NEXT MEETING**

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

**17 CLOSE 11:15am**

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