

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2011 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30AM**

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**1 WELCOME**

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay our respect to both past and present elders.

**3 PRAYER**

*Almighty God, without whom no Council can stand nor anything prosper we ask that you be present and guide us in our deliberations today. We pray that we will be fair in our judgements and wise in our actions and that decisions will be made with goodwill and a clear conscience for the betterment and welfare of the people of Yarriambiack Shire.*

*Amen*

**4 PRESENT**

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

**5 APOLOGIES**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 13 April 2011

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 April 2011 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

**7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Jean Wise declared a declaration of conflict of interest in regards to Reports for Decision Items 11.4 & 11.5 – Wimmera Regional Library – Deed of Amendment and Service & Funding Agreement.**

## **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 Community Projects Report
- 10.8 Infrastructure Services Report

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

- 11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 Land Owner Consent Agreement
- 11.4 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation – Deed of Amendment
- 11.5 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation – Service & Funding Agreement
- 11.6 Road Upgrade Deed – Iluka Resources

**10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr John Kemfert**

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| 14 April | Attended Flood Focus Group meeting in Murtoa   |
| 15 April | Attended Warracknabeal Skate Park for the launch of the Wimmera Youth and Community Centre   |
| 19 April | Attended the Murtoa Progress Association meeting   |
| 25 April | Attended the Anzac Memorial Services at Murtoa and Warracknabeal   |
| 26 April | Attended Stawell Easter Gift   |
| 27 April | Attended Council Forum at Yarriambiack Shire Council in Warracknabeal  |
| 29 April | Attended Mayoral get together at the RSL in Horsham, hosted by the Horsham Rural City Council  |
| 9 May    | Attended an evening accompanied with Cr H Ballentine and Cr Andrew McLean at the Hopetoun Scout Hall to celebrate and support Shinae Colville and Kelli Price in receiving the highest award in the scout age group, 'Premier Scout Award' |

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council write a letter to congratulate these two young ladies, Shinae Colville and Kelli Price in receiving the highest award in the scout age group.**

**Carried**

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

- 20 April            Attended Hopetoun Senior Citizens luncheon for Easter bonnet parade
- 20 April            Unable to attend Beulah Progress Group meeting
- 27 April            Attended Council Forum at Yarriambiack Shire Council
- 29 April            Chaired Beulah Park Trustees AGM
- 9 May              Attended the Hopetoun Scout Hall with Mayor, John Kemfert and Cr A McLean to celebrate and support Shinae Colville and Kelli Price in receiving the highest award in the scout age group, 'Premier Scout Award'
- 10 May             Attended the Regional Recreation Water Users Group Meeting in Horsham

**Cr J Wise**

- 22 - 25 April        Congratulations must go to all the organisations involved in the Y/Fest Weekend for a successful event. I attended the opening of the Art Show on the Friday night.  
I was unable to attend the Street Parade but the comments I received following the parade were very positive, a job well done by Dennis Smith and other Shire staff who ensured a safe environment for another amazing event
- 25 April            Attended the Dawn Service at Sheep Hills. Ceremony was attended by approximately 120 people.  
Attended Brim Anzac Day March and Service. Brim service was also well attended with approximately 100 people.  
Travelled back to Warracknabeal for the wreath laying ceremony at the Post Office
- 27 April            Council Forum
- 9 May              Road Safe Wimmera meeting – VicRoads Horsham
- 10 May             Wimmera Development Association (WDA) meeting - Horsham

**Cr G Lovel**

4 May Attend the Warracknabeal Court House with the Historical Society for a presentation by Mint Inc.

**Cr A McLean**

4 April Attended Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee meeting in Beulah

13 April Attended Yarrilinks AGM and General meeting

25 April Attended Anzac Ceremony at Patchewollock

27 April Attended Council Forum in Warracknabeal

9 May Attended the Hopetoun Scout Hall with Mayor, John Kempfert and Cr H Ballentine to celebrate and support Shinae Colville and Kelli Price in receiving the highest award in the scout age group, 'Premier Scout Award'

**Cr R Kingston**

4 April Attended Minyip Progress Association meeting

29 April Attended Livestock Saleyard Association Victoria Executive Meeting by teleconference

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**Cr K Zanker**

- 13 April                      Attended Council Meeting at Yarriambiack Shire Council
- 15 April                      Attended official opening of the Youth Bus at the Warracknabeal Skate Park
- 19 April                      Wimmera Volunteers meeting to deliberate over the volunteer grants. Large volume of applications submitted with a proportion of the funds being given to Hopetoun and Beulah groups
- 22 April                      Invited to attend and officially open the Warracknabeal Arts Council Easter Art Exhibition. The exhibition featured works representational of our area with artist John Everard and Marieke Munson, photographer
- 27 April                      Attended Council Forum
- 2 May                         Attended Wimmera Volunteers CEO farewell dinner for Debbie Coyle
- Asked to attend the Court House by Historical Society for a presentation by Mint Inc.
- 4 May                         Mint Inc. is a five member committee appointed by the Victorian Government to restore heritage properties that are located on Crown Land for commercial and community use. The Court House is short listed for this
- 4 May                         Attended farewell afternoon tea for Debbie Cayle, CEO for Wimmera Volunteers
- 10 May                        Attended National Volunteer Week breakfast celebration in Warracknabeal

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

- Met with Helen Dorian – Queen Hall, Parliament House
- Met with Rob Wall – Enterprise Bargaining Agreement process
- Met with Dean Miller – Hindmarsh CEO – various matters
- Attended Department of Primary Industry Locus Plague update in Horsham
- Met with Jo Bourke – Wimmera Development Association & Regional Development Australia
- Attended Youth Bus Launch in Warracknabeal
- Met Cr Reid Mather, Buloke Shire – Flood Exhibition
- Attended Transport Solutions Workshop in Horsham
- Met with Lance Huebner – YFest program
- Met with Colin Morrison - Grants Commission visit – follow up
- Attended Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement meeting
- Met with Brad Ead - Internal Auditor
- Met with Peter Brown, Horsham Rural City Council CEO – various matters
- Met with Amy Rhodes – Flood Exhibition
- Met with Peter Crisp – Member for Mildura – Flood Exhibition
- Met with Justine Linley, North Grampians Shire Council CEO – various matters
- Attended Regional CEO's meeting in St. Arnaud
- Met with Colin Kemp – Wimmera Development Association
- Met with all North Western Municipalities Association Flood Exhibition contacts in Warracknabeal
- Attended various YFest activities
- Attended Warracknabeal Anzac Day Service and RSL function
- Met with Peter Walsh, Member for Swan Hill – general
- Attended RDV Regional Growth Fund meeting in Horsham
- Attended Gateway BEET general meeting and AGM
- Attended North Western Municipalities Association Flood Exhibition Launch – Queens Hall Parliament House
- Attended Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Club 'Switch On' the new lights function

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

### **Weir Gates and Weir Pools**

During recent months much consultation has occurred with the local community and VicRoads regarding weirs and structures along Yarriambiack Creek and the need to upgrade them to facilitate larger flood flows.

The following provides the current status of investigations and planning:-

#### **Hopetoun**

The existing culverts under the Henty Highway at the northern end of town are to be removed and replaced by box culvert structures in May 2011. Works to be done by VicRoads (2 x 2400 x 1200). Existing culverts on Campbell Street will be removed and replaced with box culverts during July 2011. Works to be undertaken by Council.

#### **Beulah**

VicRoads have agreed to replace the existing pipes with a larger box culvert structure on the Birchip Rainbow Road (3 x 2400 x 1500). They are also investigating the construction of a floodway to the west of Yarriambiack Creek.

Propose to install an 8m wide box culvert under the outlet structure on the outlet weir under the Luna Park Road. The cost is estimated at \$50,000 and this item will be nominated for Council decision in the upcoming budget.

Box culvert structure to be placed on inlet weir in 2012/2013 - \$30,000. New gates to be placed on existing box culvert structure in 2013/2014 - \$30,000.

#### **Galaquil**

VicRoads have agreed to install additional box culverts at the Henty Highway crossing of Yarriambiack Creek (2 x 1500 x 900 cells). Works are expected to be completed by end of June.

#### **Brim**

Council will install 8x600mm culverts under the Brim West Road. Materials to be purchased in current year with installation in 2011/2012.

Some stabilisation works are required on the inlet structure and weir. These will also be done in the next financial year.

Box culverts structures to be placed on inlet weir in 2012/2013 year – proposed for budget decision - \$30,000.

Gates to be placed on new culverts at outlet 2013/2014 - \$30,000.

#### **Warracknabeal**

VicRoads have agreed to install box culverts in Rainbow Road at Warracknabeal (5 x 1500 x 900) and these works are scheduled to commence in May 2011.

With respect to weir gates, I propose to construct and install three new gates (similar to the existing two gates) in the 2011/2012 year. I have applied for a grant of \$20,000. Cost of project is \$60,000 and will be nominated during budget discussions. The remaining three gates should be scheduled for 2014/2015 - \$70,000 in total.



## **ASSETS ENGINEERING**

### **Assets**

- Review and update asset registers due to completed capital work projects
- Complete Technical Services Department budget
- Develop GIS mapping of Rupanyup flood event based on the map that was provided by the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
- Together with Don Philips from CT Management, started to review and develop Asset Management Plans, based on the requirements from the new national framework implemented by the Federal Government
- Review Tree Policy with Geoff Harvey – Environmental Project Officer
- Attend Councils Regional Asset Group Meeting in Horsham

### **OH&S - Risk Management**

- Collect data and assist with OH&S Audit (aimed at General OH&S – Risk Management in all departments) with OH&S consultant Collin Supple
- Review and Collect data for CMP audit review
- CMP Complete CMP audit review with the insurance company
- Completed Fire Warden's Emergency Evacuation course

## **DESIGN**

### **Council Works Program**

- Brim West Road Pavement Reconstruction – Survey pegs offset for the centreline are complete to allow reconstruction of the pavement
- Minyip Rich Avon Road Pavement Reconstruction (S-bend curve) / Additional survey pegs with finished/design pavement levels are completed to assist construction works with this job
- Sheep Hills Bangerang Road Pavement Reconstruction – Commenced survey works including reference pegs

### **Flood Control Works**

- Survey works, mapping and the design of culvert structures to reduce the effect of flood damage at townships has continued
- Brim Weir outlet - Concrete culvert pipes are ordered to increase the outfall capacity for Brim Lake (Yarriambiack Creek) on the Brim West Road. The proposed pipe structure will also function as a roadside drain culvert, discharging stormwater to the creek
- Investigations are continuing to improve flood control of the Dunmunkle Creek through Rupanyup
- Murtoa Drain – An open drainage system is being constructed around the south east of Murtoa township to minimise / eliminate water damage to residential properties from large local rainfalls and also divert runoff flows from overloading the existing storm drain system through town. The existing east side storm drain systems in Murtoa discharge most runoff to the Rabl Park Lake. The new drain system will reduce the flows in the existing pipe drains, also reducing the volume of surface flows in town streets and the risk for water damage, particularly during large local rainfall events

- Local flood control drains are complete in the industrial estate north east of Warracknabeal – survey levels and an as-built plan are completed for this project
- A pipe drain is surveyed for construction in Clarendon Street Warracknabeal to reduce local flooding around the northwest residential properties, some which experience serious water damage during local heavy rainfalls

### **Other Items**

- An annual audit for the saleyard on Quality Assurance is scheduled for May 2011 requiring work on the Quality Manual and associated Records Register
- Attended a training program in Melbourne (Engineering Design Software)

### **ENVIRONMENT**

- Attended CMP Climate Change Seminar in Ararat
- Yarrilinks Tree Group Annual Meeting. - I am now Secretary/Treasurer
- Locust summary for Department of Primary Industry
- Attended Minyip Dimboola Road Revegetation Committee meeting
- Preparing Firewood Permit process
- Preparing Tree Policy

### **TECHNICAL SERVICES**

- Assist Design Engineer with surveys as required
- Process various Civica Requests as needed
- Continue with entry of all chemicals used by Council (indoors/outdoors) onto Chemwatch website to obtain Material Safety Data Sheets to be filed onsite for use in case of emergency. These sheets are a mandatory requirement by Worksafe and a copy will also be kept by the Works Manager. Risk Assessments to be carried out also
- Issue Road Opening permits for culvert removal and driveway entrance within nominated Road Reserves
- Continue with Safety Interface Agreements for rail crossings within the Shire. A website should be available soon to assist in the completion of these agreements
- Place traffic counter on Birchip/Rainbow Road approx 1km East of Beulah township & produce report as per counter details
- Met with Barry Jackson to discuss alterations required to Lions Club playground in Minyip per previous inspection
- Produce reports for Plant Checklist register and Vehicle Checklist register and email to Managers/Supervisors as required
- Complete final arrangements for Aerodrome Reporting Officer's course to qualify certain staff members to carry out twice weekly inspections of the Warracknabeal & Hopetoun Aerodromes as required by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority

### **SALEYARDS**

- Continue with updates National Saleyard Quality Assurance manual for upcoming audit
- Remove perished lino floor coverings from kiosk and replace with new commercial grade floor covering as required per current food handling standards
- Arrange for plumbing repairs to be carried out on waste water pits in the mechanics depot and east side of saleyards as required

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

- Assist the Design Engineer with pegging out part of Brim West Road
- Assisted Technical Officer with the traffic counter and collection of data
- Produced maps for internal staff
- Analysed the processes involved for pathway inspections to be started next month
- Entered road inspections into the Asset Asyst Program; A program that will now be used for recording of road inspections
- Continued in costing out the new Hopetoun Depot so that it can be included in the next budget

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council write to VicRoads to request additional box culverts on the Yarriambiack Creek at Birchip Rainbow Road at Beulah, as the current proposal by VicRoads is not sufficient to protect the township of Beulah from flooding.

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr R Kingston that Council write to VicRoads to request additional box culverts on the Yarriambiack Creek at Birchip Rainbow Road at Beulah.**

**Carried**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council write to VicRoads to request the provision of additional box culverts across Dunmunkle Creek near the township of Rupanyup, on the Stawell Warracknabeal Road and the Wimmera Highway, as the two structures were clearly an impediment to flow during the January floods and may have contributed to flooding of the township.

**Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that Council write to VicRoads to request the provision of additional box culverts across Dunmunkle Creek near the township of Rupanyup, on the Stawell Warracknabeal Road and the Wimmera Highway.**

**Carried**

**BUILDING & PLANNING ACTIVITY**

In **April 2011** following permits were issued:

**Building:** 9 Building Permits were issued in **April 2011**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$1,293,131**

**Beulah** – Storage Shed  
**Brim** – Dwelling Extensions  
**Warracknabeal** – Dwelling  
**Speed** – Re-Erection of Dwelling  
**Warracknabeal** – Carport  
**Murtoa** – Demolition of Dwelling  
**Warracknabeal** – Storage Shed  
**Warracknabeal** – Dwelling  
**Hopetoun** - Dwelling

**6** applications were submitted in **April 2011**

**Planning:** 0 Planning Permits were issued in **April 2011**

**1** Notice of Decision was issued in **April 2011**

**App No:** TP52-10

**Applicant:** Tim Conway

**Address of Land:** 45-47 Mandeville St, Hopetoun

**Proposal:** The Use of the Land for a Warehouse (storage of Gypsum, Gravel, Stone and Wood Chips and Vehicles) and to Develop the land by the erection of a Shed, Dam, Storage Bays and associated Earthworks and Car Parking.

**Date Issued:** 20 April 2011

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

**10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Brian Poulton****Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2010-2011**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Carter Street Speed (\$32,888)	0%	May 2011		Seal Street from Sunraysia Highway to Goudie Street
<b>Dr Pete's Car Park Hopetoun (\$15,914)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>26.04.2011</b>	<b>Construct and Seal</b>
Haby Lane Murtoa (\$8,915)	0%			Construct and Seal
McDonald Street Car Parking Murtoa (\$14,602)	0%	May 2011		Construct and Seal
<b>Germaine Street Yaapeet (\$6,430)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>New Kerb Works. Road widening for drainage purposes</b>
Breen Street Murtoa (\$126,000)	0%			Contractor
<b>Dimboola – Minyip Rd (\$428,800)</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	-----	<b>Horsham Rural City Council</b>
<b>Rainbow Yaapeet Rd (\$470,930)</b>	80%	March 2011		<b>Complete Reconstruction &amp; widening</b>
Burrum North Rd (\$55,174) Pavement Renewal <b>R2R</b>	0%	May 2011		
Brim East Rd (Sheep Hills Bangerang Rd) (\$70,457) Pavement Renewal <b>R2R</b>	0%	May 2011		
Sheep Hills Bangerang (\$151,688) Pavement Renewal	0%	May 2011		
<b>Brim West Rd (\$70,568) Pavement Renewal R2R</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	May 2011	<b>Bitu-Mill contractors Stabilise &amp; Seal</b>

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<b>Mount Pleasant Rd (\$20,012) Pavement Renewal</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>21.04.2011</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Rupanyup Rd (\$26,332) Pavement Renewal</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>7.04.2011</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Galaquil East Rd (\$95,846) Pavement Renewal R2R</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>11.10.2010</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Galaquil West Rd (\$48,977) Pavement Renewal R2R</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>December 2010</b>	<b>20.12.2010</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Yaapeet Kenmare Rd (\$31,597) Pavement Renewal R2R</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>4.04.2011</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Minyip Rich Avon Rd (\$178,374) Pavement Renewal</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>20.04.2011</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Minyip Banyena Rd (\$99,156) Pavement Renewal R2R</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>19.10.2010</b>	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>
<b>Brim East School Rd (\$90,248) Pavement Renewal R2R</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>May 2011</b>		
<b>Brim East School Rd (\$28,715) Pavement Renewal</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>May 2011</b>		
<b>Brim East School Rd (\$7,179) Pavement Renewal</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>May 2011</b>		

**Footpath Program 2010/2011**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Taverner Street Beulah (\$11,228)	0%	May 2011		Hotmix - Geotech
<b>Austin Street Hopetoun (\$9,357)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>Premix – Geotech Shire</b>
<b>Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$11,228)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>Premix – Geotech Shire</b>
Lascelles Street Hopetoun (\$12,943)	0%	April 2011		Premix – upgrade Geotech
<b>Mitchell Place Hopetoun (\$5,848)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>Reseal - Shire</b>
<b>Murdoch Street Hopetoun (\$5,146)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>Hotmix – upgrade Geotech</b>
<b>Cromie Street Murtoa (\$18,980)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>Tony Briggs Contractor</b>
<b>Duncan Street Murtoa (\$15,538)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>Tony Briggs Contractor</b>
<b>McDonald Street Murtoa (\$14,300)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>Tony Briggs Contractor</b>
<b>Dyer Street Rupanyup (\$9,357)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>Hotmix – upgrade Geotech</b>
<b>Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$12,631)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>Hotmix - upgrade Geotech</b>
<b>Wood Street Rupanyup (\$2,807)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>Hotmix – upgrade Geotech</b>
<b>Craig Ave Warracknabeal (\$21,771)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>Shire - Concrete</b>
<b>Warunda Ave Warracknabeal (\$6,978)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>Shire - Concrete</b>

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Menin Ave Warracknabeal (\$12,505)	100%	September 2010	October 2010	Shire - Concrete
Roberts Street Woomelang (\$18,245)	100%	September 2010	September 2010	Sea Lake - Contractor Concrete
Main Street Minyip (\$11,618)	0%	May 2011		Tony Briggs Contractor
Various (\$5,000)	0%			Renewal of short footpath sections
Various (\$10,000)	0%			Improvement Pedestrian Crossings at Intersections
Various (\$2,948)	0%			Allowance for new works & upgrades

**Completed Gravel Re-sheet Works**

**23.900 km**

Roberts Rd  
Schulz Rd

**Total Gravel Re-sheet Works**

**53.657 km**

***Drainage -***

**Warracknabeal**

Asquirth Reserve	Box culverts
Ratray's Rd	Box culverts
Dungey St	Box culverts
Rifle Range	Box culverts
Golf Links Rd	Box culverts
Gardiner St	Rear access drain
Henty Highway	Drainage works

**Brim**

Henty Hwy drainage works

**Murtoa**

Rabl Park – Lake Marma	Box culverts
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**Rupanyup**

Gibson St	Box culverts Drainage works
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**\*Vic Roads** – Main Rd - Slashing throughout Shire  
Main Rd - Stabilising (Contractor)



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

Work has been going nearly all month at the children's Care Centre in Warracknabeal. The whole front area of the building has needed attention; the Centre has been closed since 4 April 2011 and was originally meant to reopen on 3 May 2011.

We are now looking at the work being completed by 13 May 2011.

Every effort is being made to have services back in the building; we have met with staff and a Committee representative and will be offering an indoor program from 2 May only for the Kindergarten.

The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has been notified and we have put information in the local paper and have contacted each family.

Our Annual Cluster Management dinner with Kindergarten Committees is on 11 May in Warracknabeal, we have a speaker from the DEECD coming to discuss the new move to national regulations.

**Maternal and Child Health**

Staff have been working from the Shire office due to the Children's Care Centre being closed.

The birthrate is around the same as last year - 63 compared to 62 for the same time.

Immunization rates have dropped slightly due to transient clients moving and some families have not kept appointments. These are followed up as particularly with whooping cough in recent times we have seen the need to immunize all children at appropriate times.

**Environmental Health / Local laws**

Food inspections have been continuing again this month, the Palace Hotel is again operating.

Unfortunately the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) had to follow up with a number of businesses to ensure fees were paid, in future if the business is regularly late we may send infringement notices out to reduce the time and cost spent in this area.

All weir pools have been tested for water quality prior to Easter; results were good with Lake Corrong being cleared of harmful levels of Blue Green Algae.

Seven applications for onsite wastewater have been received this month, these are being processed.

Two complaints regarding onsite wastewater were received, one in Warracknabeal and one in Beulah.

Council Building Department is investigating the first complaint as the home is in a severe state of disrepair.

Local Laws issues this month have seen lower dog numbers in the pound; our campaign to re-house dogs with 'Save a Pet' is paying off. We have received several emails from dog owners who have taken on a dog from our Shire thanking us for saving the dogs.

Council is currently investigating a complaint of an unsightly property in town that is also vermin infested.

Fire Prevention Notices this month have numbered 19 with all properties being monitored.

**Youth**

The youth worker attended the Rural Northwest Health Expo recently to showcase our youth program and give out flyers for YFest.

One of the Youth Participation and Access grant program success stories has been Stephen Nitschke who attended a come try event run by the rifle club organized with Chris.

He has recently travelled to Queensland to compete in the national under 25's championships.

Our facebook page is going well we use it to advertise Shire and local events and have found it a great way to communicate with young people.

The Youth Bus Launch in our Shire was a great event and we will now utilize the bus to attend local events.

**Emergency Relief**

This month has been quiet for requests for vouchers but our flood recovery has stepped up. We now have an Wimmera Uniting Care Flood Recovery/ Mental Health worker in the south of the Shire in place for six months.

Alison Butler has already visited a number of people and will work with us to identify anyone needing personal support as a result of the floods.

Lisa Cook commences on the 2 May as the Flood Recovery Officer, working with community groups and agencies to address issues arising from the floods. This position is for 12 months. Both Flood Recovery positions will be working across Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack Shires.

I have attended a Wimmera Catchment Management Authority flood information session in Rupanyup recently along with regional SES personnel. The CMA is trying to gain information on the extent of the floods in each area for future flood mapping.

**Aged and Disability**

All HACC staff has now completed level two first aid and CPR updates.

We are speaking with Horsham HUB about Certificate 3 training for our staff in July.

We have recruited new staff to Brim and Warracknabeal to replace retiring staff members; we still need additional staff to cover emergencies and sick leave.

Seniors Week planning is underway as we will be a week earlier - September 28 for our concert.

A University of Ballarat student will assist us this year as part of her event planning course. Hayley Van Der Boom will document events and prepare information.

The Department of Health is looking at funding a consultant to work with Yarriambiack and Hindmarsh Shires to assist Council and health agencies to develop better working relationships and streamline paper work. This will benefit our clients and improve their path through the service system.

Olinda assisted Wimmera Community Options to present a carers training session on HACC services recently.

**Volunteer Transport**

Only 8 people transported this month, 2380km's due to a vehicle being off the road for some time.

We have organized BBQ's to thank volunteers as part of Volunteer's Week during May.

BBQ's will be held at Murtoa, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun.

We have met with Dunmunkle Health to review transport costs as part of the Health Alliance Review, all transport costs have been adjusted upwards 10%.

## **SHARE Program – (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged)**

### **Hopetoun**

#### **Sustainability Open Day**

The Lake Lascelles/Corrong Committee of Management will be holding a Sustainability Open Day at the Mallee Bush Retreat in Hopetoun on 3 June 2011. The event will educate community members and school students of the benefits of renewable power, sustainability practices, energy efficiency and retrofit of homes.

#### **Clean Beaches Awards**

The Lake Lascelles/Corrong Committee of Management has entered the 2011 Clean Beached Awards. The Clean Beaches Awards recognise and celebrate positive actions taken by communities to protect and enhance their local beach environments. The Committee has entered five initiatives in the following sections; Friendly Beach, Community Government Partnerships, Pam Keating Environmental Sustainability, Beach Cultural Heritage and Community Action.

#### **Digital Television Coverage**

Analog signals in regional Victoria are being switched off in early May. **A subsidy scheme is available for eligible homeowners in regional and remote areas who cannot access the digital signal.** The subsidy payment does not cover installation of the required satellite and could cost residents in regional areas \$200 to \$350, depending on the location.

A letter outlining Yarriambiack Shire Council's concerns for residents in our municipality who cannot afford the cost of satellite installation has been forwarded to the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

### **Beulah**

An application to the Campervan and Motor-home Club of Australia (CMCA) for Beulah to become an RV Friendly Location is currently being prepared. The RV Friendly Town Scheme aims to promote RV tourism related services across Australia. For more information please see the CMCA website at [www.cmca.net.au](http://www.cmca.net.au)

#### **SHARE Community Grants**

The first round of SHARE Community Grants is open from Monday 2 May until Friday 27 May 2011. Eligible projects may include small equipment, events, projects that encourage shared facilities and equipment and projects that encourage visitors and tourism to the region. Projects that are not eligible include retrospective funding, prizes, raffles, wages, insurance and ongoing maintenance or running costs.

#### **Meetings Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
13 April	Rural Northwest Health Independent Living Hopetoun Units
20 April	Beulah Progress Association
28 April	Hopetoun Neighbourhood House Sustainability Open Day
29 April	Minyip SHARE
29 April	Beulah Business Centre RV Friendly Town Application

**10.7 Community Projects – Prepared by Dennis Smith****Country Football and Netball Program 2010/11**

No advice has been received yet as to the outcome of our Murtoa Football Change Rooms and A & P Society Display Shed Redevelopment and Woomelang Netball Court Upgrade applications.

**Country Football and Netball Program 2009/10**

The Rupanyup Netball Shed Extension project is now complete and acquittal documentation will be prepared for submission to Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD).

**Community Facility Funding Program 2010/11**

The Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Lighting project is now complete and acquittal documentation will be prepared for submission to DPCD.

**Community Facility Funding Program 2011/12**

The Funding Agreement documentation for the Minyip Tennis Club fourth Court has been received and will be processed and returned to DPCD.

**Sustainable Sports Grounds Program 2010/11**

The Murtoa Golf Club Irrigation Upgrade project is well underway, with anticipated completion in early June.

**Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program Round 3**

Work on implementation of all 13 projects is underway, with the following projects now completed: Beulah air conditioning, Beulah playgroup synthetic grass, Beulah toddler's pool shade, Minyip Golf Club water tank and air conditioning, Minyip Tennis Club electrical connection and kitchen upgrade and Warracknabeal Bowls Club air conditioning.

**Grant Acquitted**

Acquittal documentation for the Small Towns Development Fund funding for the Warracknabeal Walking Track has been prepared and forwarded to Regional Development Victoria (RDV).

## 10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

### Warracknabeal Industrial Estate

An update on the progress of the Warracknabeal Industrial Estate Development.

Fencing work by Bell's Farma Products has been completed and the water and sewerage main extension work being undertaken by Halls Gap Plumbing has also been completed.

Council has now also completed the construction of the entrances to each block.

As all services to the Industrial Estate have been completed, the subdivision and sale of land can now be finalised.

### Free Green Waste Day – 15 May 2011

Council will once again be conducting the annual free green waste day on Sunday 15 May 2011.

The following transfer stations will be open for disposal of **Green Waste** during their normal operating hours:

Woomelang	Beulah	Rupanyup
Speed/Tempy	Yaapeet	Murtoa
Hopetoun	Warracknabeal	Minyip

Note: Patchewollock will be open on Saturday 14 May 2011.

Transfer Stations will be open for other types of waste as usual but normal charges shall apply.

### Hopetoun Swimming Pool / Poulton Park Toilet Upgrade

As Council would be aware we have received funding of \$135,000 for this project which is matched by Council on a 2 for 1 basis.

I have met with the Hopetoun Swimming Pool Committee and the architects to finalise the plans.

Due to issues with the soil and compaction, a series of soil tests have been undertaken over the last couple of months and a new design for the concrete slab has now been received.

Council has now advertised in the local papers seeking tenders for this upgrade, tenders for the project close on Friday 3 June 2011.

### **Enterprise Bargaining Agreement No 6**

The second meeting of the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Committee was held on 19 April 2011 with agreement being reached on nearly all issues raised by the Unions, Staff and Council, including pay rates.

It is anticipated that only one more meeting will be required to finalise the agreement.

This agreement shall come into operation on the 22 May 2011 and shall remain in force until 22 May 2014.

### **Swimming Pool Start Up and Shutdowns**

Three (3) years ago Council trialled a system where a contractor would assist our swimming pool committees in starting up, shutting down and also provide assistance during the swimming season in the running of their water treatment systems.

I believe this trial was very successful and I have now agreed to engage the same contractor, Bendigo Aquatic Services for another three years.

The cost to Council to provide this assistance to our swimming pool committees is \$10,000 per year.

### **Murtoa Flood Focus Group**

Council officers attended the Murtoa Flood Focus Group meeting on 14 May 2011 in Murtoa.

The Group indicated that they were very happy with the progress that Council had made in regards to flood mitigation especially in relation to the construction of the drainage channel through Ross Sudholz's property on the southern side of the Murtoa township.

This channel will take water from Graincorp and redirect it to Lake Marma, thus removing a large portion of this storm water from flowing through Breen Street.

### **Normal Rain Events**

There was general consensus that both Lake Marma and Rabl Park have the capacity to accept storm water run off during normal rain events.

### **Management of Drains**

The group suggested that Council prepare a document detailing the management of drains around the Murtoa Township.

### **Breen Street Culvert**

It was suggested that Council investigate the upgrade of the connection pipes between Rabl Park and Lake Marma.

## **Flood Focus Groups**

For Councillor's information the following residents are members of the relevant Flood Focus Groups -:

### **Warracknabeal**

Gavan Marshman, David Symes, Mandy Bryce, Ken Taylor, Richard Wilken, Bill Alford and Phil Zanker.

### **Rupanyup**

Gary Bourke, Ian Taylor, Ron Cahill, Joe Murphy, Adrian Tyler, Eric Davison, Helen Davison, Ken Barber, Ian Morgan and Ray Kingston.

### **Murtoa**

Craig Schodde, Andrew Clark, Roger Webb, Peter Ballagh and John Kemfert.

Council Staff represented on these groups are James Magee, Bernie Naylor and Brian Poulton

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

**Carried**

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

**Carried**

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

The Finance Report as at April 2011 will be tabled.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Report as at April 2011 be received.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Wise that Finance Report as at April 2011 be received.**

**Carried**

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

The Revenue Report as at May 2011 will be tabled.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Revenue Report as at May 2011 be received

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that the Revenue Report as at May 2011 be received.**

**Carried**



**11.3 Land Owner Consent Agreement – Prepared by James Magee**

Yarriambiack Shire Council proposes to extract limestone gravel from a property at Navy Dam Road, west of Hopetoun, (Lot 1 CA 41 Parish of Cambacanya).

An agreement is required between the Council and the Land Owner.

The agreement is tabled and requires the Common Seal of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council sign and seal the agreement as specified for gravel extraction activities at the abovementioned property.

**Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that Council sign and seal the above agreement as specified for gravel extraction activities at the above mentioned property.**

**Carried**

**Cr. J Wise left the Council Chambers at 10:55am**

**11.4 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation 'Deed of Amendment' – Prepared by Gavin Blinman**

Following legal advice from the Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD), changes have been made to the original Wimmera Regional Library Corporation (WRLC) agreement.

A Deed of Amendment has now been produced to reflect these changes and the amended deed is now required to be signed by all six member Council's and returned to the WRLC.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council sign and seal the 'Deed of Amendment' to accept these changes and return the signed Deed of Amendment to the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation.

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr R Kingston that Council sign and seal the 'Deed of Amendment' to accept changes and return the signed Deed of Amendment to the Wimmera Regional Library.**

**Carried**

**11.5 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation 'Service and Funding Agreement 2011-2014' – Prepared by Gavin Blinman**

Wimmera Regional Library Corporation has forwarded their Service and Funding Agreement 2011-2014 for signing by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council sign and seal the Service and Funding Agreement 2011-2014 and return the signed agreement to the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation.

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr G Lovel that Council sign and seal the Service and Funding Agreement 2011-2014 and return the signed agreement to the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation.**

**Carried**

**Cr J Wise returned to the Council Chambers at 11:03am**

**11.6 Road Upgrade Deed (Iluka Resources) - prepared by James Magee**

As part of Iluka Resources plan to load mineral sands from it's Kulwin and WRP deposits onto rail at Hopetoun, an upgrade of access roads is required.

This deed sets out the standards of works to be undertaken on portions of Campbell Street, Hopetoun and the Hopetoun West Road. By signing the deed, Council is agreeing to undertake the works at the amounts specified within the document. The deed is tabled.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Yarriambiack Shire Council sign and seal the Road Upgrade Deed as tabled, with the other party being Iluka Resources Limited.

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr J Wise that Council sign and seal the Road Upgrade Deed as tabled.**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that all Councillors, CEO and Manager Reports be received.**

**Carried**

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

Mayor, John Kemfert highlighted Appreciation Letter received at Yarriambiack Shire Council on 5 May 2011 acknowledging one of our workers.

Mayor, John Kemfert asked CEO, Ray Campling on behalf of Council to talk to Origin Energy in regards to the Smart Meter Program and the possibility of having a representative to speak at a future Forum.

Cr Jean Wise was please to note that the Government have communicated that with notification, Council are able to allocate a ½ day holiday for Melbourne Cup Day and Local Show Day.

Cr Helen Ballentine provided Meeting Minutes on behalf of the Regional Recreational Water Users Group to provide update for Council.

Cr K Zanker commented on an article in the 'Age' in regards to Mayors being elected by members of the community/public and not by Council.

Cr Andrew McLean updated Council on the progress of the Wimmera Mallee Machinery Field Days to be held on 3 August 2011.

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

A copy of appreciation letter received by Council on 5 May 2011  
Yarriambiack Shire Council Income Statement by Resources Report for April 2011  
Rates Report – May 2011  
Copy of Land Owner Consent Agreement relating to 11.3

**16 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

**17 CLOSE**

Moved R Kingston seconded Cr H Ballentine that Meeting closed at 11:15am