

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIAK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET
WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30AM

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3 PRAYER

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

Amen

4 PRESENT

Mayor J Wise Crs J Kempfert, R Kingston, A McLean, H Ballentine, K Zanker, G Lovel, James Magee (Acting Chief Executive Officer) Bernie Naylor (Acting Director Infrastructure & Planning).

5 APOLOGIES

Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 July 2010

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 July 2010 be confirmed.

Carried

Closed Session – 14 July 2010

Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr G Lovel that the Minutes of the Closed Session of Council held on 14 July 2010 be confirmed.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cr J Wise declared an interest in item 11.6 - Sponsorship Allocations 2010

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 of Infrastructure & Planning Report
- 10.5 Technical Services Report
- 10.6 Community Services Report
- 10.7 Economic Development Report
- 10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Finance Report
- 11.2 Revenue Report
- 11.3 Budget 2010/2011
- 11.4 Declaring the Rate and Differential Rate 2010/2011
- 11.5 Changes to Valuation Certification
- 11.6 Sponsorship Allocations 2010
- 11.7 Review of Road Management Plan
- 11.8 Application for Variation of Licence by Woomelang/Lascalles Combined Sporting Club at Woomelang Recreation Reserve

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Jean Wise

- 17 July Apex Club of Warracknabeal Changeover Dinner, welcoming Jason Keys as the new President.
- 20 July Yarriambiack Kindergarten Group Music Man Session - Warracknabeal.
Warracknabeal Cubs & Scouts AGM.
- 21 July Warracknabeal Aged Care Facility's 2nd Birthday celebrations and the naming of the facility as the Yarriambiack Lodge.
- 23 to 25 July The Councillor Development Weekend at Creswick was a great opportunity to catch up on advancements in governance and relevant information, along with networking opportunities. There were a number of excellent presentations and workshops. I attended workshops including "Measuring Up" highlighting that all councils have something in common, though to varying degrees which indicated that the steps we are taking in meeting and working with the community shows we are on the right track. "Getting it Together" presented by Macedon Ranges was similar, talking about their communities planning their own future. Similar model to the "SHARE" program we are now running. The last day included a look into the history of local government; the story of Li Cunxin (Mao's Last Dancer) was a moving experience, highlighting the determination of a young man to reach for a better life; and the final presentation from Rob Quantock was an inspirational and hilarious look at climate change.
- 27 July Woomelang Community Consultation. Following the success of the Beulah and Minyip community meetings, Woomelang was well attended by the local residents and business operators. Concerns, issues and ideas were raised by the residents with councillors and the relevant managers and staff. The Murtoa Community meeting will be held on the 17th August.
- 28 July Council Forum.
- 31 July Yarri Links Tree Planting Weekend. I took the opportunity to talk with many of the visitors who assisted with the plantings during Saturday and again at the dinner, experiencing the diversity of the various cultures and discussed the differences between city and rural areas.
- 1 August Attending the official opening of the new facilities at St Mary's School.
- 2 August Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Board Meeting.
- 3 August Warracknabeal Action Group AGM.
- 4 & 5 August Speed Field Days
- 6 August Launch of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Strategic Planning Initiative in Murtoa.
- 9 August Meeting with Terry Lewis from the DPI on the locust situation.
Road Safe Wimmera AGM in Horsham.
- 10 August Essential Services Commission meeting to outline the Final Report recommendations, Pilot Report and review process.
Wimmera Development Association Meeting.

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr G Lovel****Waste Management Group**

The recent meeting at Stawell considered the future of the group after the Re: organisation to occur on 1 July 2011. We have been advised that we still be included with the current municipalities with the addition of West Wimmera and Hindmarsh. I attended the Waste Management meeting at Lakes Entrance on 15/16 July at which the Government set out the timelines.

Wimmera Intermodal Freight Hub – Dooen

A meeting on the 20 July decided the construction timetable. This is an exciting project for the Wimmera and will greatly benefit surrounding municipalities in addition to Horsham Rural City. It is expected that construction will commence later this year and be completed in mid 2011.

Community Meeting with Council at Woomelang

This was a very worthwhile experience and it was pleasing to have a strong staff representation.

Cr H Ballentine

July 21	Attended Beulah Community planning (SHARE program) - gave letter of support to Hopetoun Senior Citizens for grant application
July 26	Facilitated a community meeting at Tempy regarding the decision on a commemorative project
July 27	Missed Recovery Management meeting Warracknabeal
July 27	Attended Community Consultation tea at Woomelang
July 28	Attended Council Forum YSC chambers Warracknabeal
July 30	Apology for Yarrilinks tree planting weekend
Aug 5	Attended Speed Field Days
Aug 6	Attended MAV - PDRG meeting in Bendigo
Aug 10	Attended second meeting at Tempy to check on progress of research for commemorative project

Cr J Kemfert

July 20	Progress Association Meeting
July 23, 24, 25	Councillor Development in Creswick
July 27	Woomelang Community BBQ

Cr K Zanker

- July 19 Attended Wimmera Volunteers Meeting
 July 21 Attended the 2nd birthday celebrations of the Aged Care facility at RNWH, where the naming of the facility was unveiled and the wings of the service named.
- July 24 Warracknabeal Urban Fire Brigade and Warracknabeal Fire Brigades Auxiliary dinner. The dinner was to celebrate the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary of service to the brigade.
- July 26 Met with Debbie Coyle from Wimmera Volunteers to ascertain the availability and avenues for funding of "volunteer programs" available for the Yarriambiack Shire.
- July 30 Met the bus of Yarrilink tree planters at the post office and welcomed them to Warracknabeal and then settled them into their accommodation for the week end. They were staying at the wing of the Neighbourhood house.
- July 31 Attended the Yarrilinks dinner at the Warracknabeal Secondary College.
 August 1 Attended the official opening and blessing of the new school building at St Mary's Primary school.

Cr R Kingston

- July 14 Warracknabeal Saleyard NSQA Presentation
 July 14 Livestock Saleyard Association Vic Regional AGM in Horsham
 July 21 Tri-Annual General Meeting Rupanyup Bowling Club Reserve Committee in Rupanyup
- July 23 Opening of the Renovation to Rupanyup Primary School
 August 4 Mallee Machinery Field Days in Speed
 August 4 -6 Livestock saleyard Assoc Vic Annual Conference in Swan Hill
 August 9 Rupanyup Consultative Committee Meeting

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

- Met with Glen Davis – CEO Northern Grampians
- Met with Nick Rees – Regional Manager Powercor
- Met with Terry Lewis – DPI – Various matters
- Met with Keith Senior (DPCD) SHARE Program
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria meeting in Melbourne
- Met with Jeff Rigby – GWMWater
- Met with Jim McKay – Secretary NWMA
- Attended Wimmera Development Association meeting in Horsham
- With Councillors Wise and Zanker attended RNWH 2nd anniversary celebrations.
- Met with Rob Wall & Steve Wilson – Industrial Relations
- Met with Dean Miller CEO Hindmarsh – Various matters
- Met with Bill Munday – Regional Manager Telstra
- Met with Greg Haines – Staff training proposals
- Met with Anne Bothe – Wimmera Leadership Program
- Attended Woomelang Community Visit
- Met with Catherine Derbyshire – Department of Justice
- Met with Dan Hogan – MAV Programs
- Met with Roger Millar – VEC
- Met with Minister Helper – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday and Locust situation
- Attended Woomelang and District Development Association meeting
- Attended MAV meeting in Melbourne – Funding for Small Rural Councils
- Attended the official launch of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Strategic Plan
- Attended meeting with DPI staff – Locust Briefing
- With James Magee and Matt Wellington attended Plague Locust Briefing in Charlton
- Met with Peter Rademaker - RDV

10.4 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee**Rail Crossing – Stawell Warracknabeal Road**

Just north of Minyip on the Stawell Warracknabeal road an un-signalised rail crossing exists. Council has made many attempts in the past to gain funding to install signals at the crossing. Those efforts have been unrewarded.

In recent years a stop sign has been placed for the south bound traffic. As the approach angle is offset, this creates difficulty for heavy vehicles as an approaching train from the north is obscured.

With grain freight being quite regular on this line of late, and daily mineral sands trains expected within the next year, I believe it is time for Council to once again lobby for the installation of signals.

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr G Lovel that Council lobby the responsible authority regarding an upgrade of the railway crossing north of the Minyip township on the Stawell-Warracknabeal Road to a signalised railway crossing.

Carried

Yarriambiack Creek

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr K Zanker that Council writes to the Catchment Management Authority requesting that the sand bags be removed from the mouth of the Yarriambiack Creek to allow the natural flows to come through and that these bags be removed urgently.

Carried

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council writes to the Catchment Management Authority requesting that the Yarriambiack Creek and Wimmera River be viewed and treated as the one waterway in relation to environmental and natural water flows.

Carried

Digital Television for Hopetoun

Final approvals are being sought so that the analogue transmitter at Hopetoun may be upgraded to digital by November this year. The transmitter will be located at the existing transmission site being the barley silo operated by Graincorp.

Locusts

Council officers have attended various information sessions with respect to the planned response for locust management. A verbal update will be provided.

Fire Prevention

Gaining approvals for works on the Fire Access Track along Yarriambiack Creek at Warracknabeal.

Advertising for contractors for mowing/slashing of urban blocks prior to summer is about to commence.

Lake Marma

A recent meeting with officers of GWMWater revealed that they could not guarantee a water allocation for Lake Marma. While GWMWater staff are putting together a strong case for an entitlement, there are other factors and bodies which prefer discretionary water to go directly to the environment.

Council and the community need to continue to voice the need for water in Lake Marma.

It would be of great advantage to minimise the allocation required by diverting stormwater overflow from Rabl Park into the lake.

Councils Design Engineer in association with the Murtoa Progress Association will investigate this option over coming months.

ASSETS ENGINEER – Mick Evans

- Road hierarchy policy and procedures review
- Developing 2010-2011 Re-Sheet program
- Research and development on footpath product called Tripstop that eliminates tripping hazards caused by movement of the ground under paths
- Organise and oversee jobs for the university student Arron Hutig from Rosebery on work experience for three weeks

TECHNICAL SERVICES – Tony Brennan

- Check all survey measurements for each block on the Industrial Estate at Warracknabeal
- Conduct Aerodrome Inspection per regulations twice weekly at Warracknabeal Aerodrome
- Compile reports for Plant Inspections and Vehicle checklists registers then email to Supervisors and Managers
- Enter all information from Plant Assessment surveys to online Safety Systems Data base to produce separate reports for all Graders, Tractors, Light/Heavy trucks and mowers. Print reports and rectify any issues as required with operators/supervisors.
- Issue 3 x Road Opening permits to Halls Gap Plumbing to carry out water main/valve replacements in Warracknabeal...(3 locations), Minyip...(1 location) and Murtoa...(5 locations). Approx 3 months to complete works.
- Meet with works crew from Safeplay Systems regarding erection of new playground equipment at Rabl Park Murtoa. Hoping to begin Tue 27th July and finish by Thur 29th July. Also met with Chris Martin from Murtoa Community Group who will mark out the

new location for the playground. Once the playground is erected new soft fall and bordering will need to be put in place. Until then the new equipment cannot be used and will be cordoned off.

- Attended the **Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS)** training course in Horsham July 29th/30th...Note – AIIMS is the **Incident Management System** utilised by agencies such as DSE, DPI, PV, CFA, POLICE, Catchment Management Authorities, Water Authorities and Ambulance Victoria to manage emergency incidents.

DESIGN – John Boehm

Council Works

- Surveys are completed for Carter Street Speed road reconstruction; Germaine Street Yaapeet kerbing, drainage, road pavement; McDonald Street and Haby Lane Murtoa streetworks in Murtoa.
- Design and Survey set-out for 200m of new concrete path in Craig Avenue (Warracknabeal).
- Surveys and Plans for the north-east drainage area of Warracknabeal – a report of details and recommendations to be drawn up to improve drainage in this area.

Warracknabeal Saleyard

John Boehm attended Saleyard Committee meetings and assisted the Saleyard Committee with the presentation of the Quality Assurance Certificate on 14 July 2010. NSQA secretary David Pollock and NSQA Board member Cr Stuart McLean attended, with Cr Jean Wise and saleyard committee chairman Ben Bentley also as speakers.

The Warracknabeal Saleyard had a successful year, with increasing stock numbers at sales (annual throughput approx 145,000), and excellent prices.

Community Projects

- Assisted the Yarriambiack Creek committee in Beulah with a proposal for DSE to enlarge the Beulah Weir pool.

ENVIRONMENT – Matt Wellington

- Engaged contractor for up coming rabbit control works for follow up of areas treated in the previous control program
- Assisted the Lake Lascelles and Coorong Committee of Management in a grant application for roof top solar for the Mallee Bush Retreat
- Round table discussions on the use of biomass for an energy source within the region
- AIIMS training (Emergency Management)
- Yarrilinks planning and subsequent planting

Building & Planning Activity

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

Building: 10 Building Permits were issued.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$894,707**

Murtoa – Shade Sail
Warracknabeal – Dwelling
Warracknabeal – Commercial Alterations
Warracknabeal - Extensions
Tempy – Alterations to Hall
Rupanyup – Dwelling Alterations
Rupanyup – Dwelling Removal
Woomelang – Garage
Rupanyup - Dwelling
Warracknabeal – Carport

7 applications were submitted in **July 2010**.

Planning: 4 Planning Permits were issued.

App No: TP15-10
Applicant: Country Fire Authority
Address of Land: Lots 20 & 21 North St, Turriff
Proposal: Consolidation of lots 20 & 21.
Date Issued: 21/07/2010

App No: TP12-10
Applicant: Anzac Park Trustees
Address of Land: Anzac Park, Scott St, Warracknabeal
Proposal: Erection of 4 Light towers & remove existing 4 light towers.
Date Issued: 20/07/2010

App No: TP16-10
Applicant: Paul Clyne
Address of Land: Lot 11, PS329163M, Parish Werrigar, Craig Ave
Warracknabeal
Proposal: Construction of a Dwelling
Date Issued: 29/07/2010

App No: TP19-10
Applicant: Diadem on behalf of ANZ Bank
Address of Land: 47 Scott St, Warracknabeal
Proposal: Erection of Signage
Date Issued: 30/07/2010

5 applications were submitted in **July 2010**.

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

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Carter Street Speed (\$32,888)				Seal Street from Sunraysia Highway to Goudie Street
Doctor Pete's Car Park Hopetoun (\$15,914)				Construct and Seal
Haby Lane Murtoa (\$8,915)				Construct and Seal
McDonald Street car parking Murtoa (\$14,602)				Construct and Seal
Germaine Street Yaapeet (\$6,430)				Road widening for drainage purposes
Breen Street Murtoa (\$126,000)				
Dimboola – Minyip Rd (\$428,800)				
Rainbow Yaapeet Rd (\$470,930)				
Burrum North Rd (\$55,174) Pavement Renewal				
Brim East Rd (Sheephills Bangerang Rd) (\$70,457) Pavement Renewal				
Brim East Rd (\$169,214) Pavement Renewal				
Brim West Rd (\$70,568) Pavement Renewal				
Mount Pleasant Rd (\$20,012) Pavement Renewal				
Rupanyup Rd (\$26,332) Pavement Renewal				
Galaquil East Rd (\$95,846) Pavement Renewal				
Galaquil West Rd (\$48,977) Pavement Renewal				
Yaapeet Kenmare Rd (\$31,597) Pavement Renewal				
Minyip Rich Avon Rd (\$178,374) Pavement Renewal				

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Minyip Banyena Rd (\$99,156) Pavement Renewal				
Brim East School Rd (\$90,248) Pavement Renewal				
Brim East School Rd (\$28,715) Pavement Renewal				
Brim East School Rd (\$7,179) Pavement Renewal				

Footpath Program 2010/2011

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Taverner Street Beulah (\$11,228)				Hotmix - Geotech
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$9,357)				Hotmix - Geotech
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$11,228)				Hotmix - Geotech
Lascelles Street Hopetoun (\$12,943)				Hotmix – upgrade
Mitchell Place Hopetoun (\$5,848)				Hotmix – rehab
Murdoch Street Hopetoun (\$5,146)				Hotmix – upgrade
Cromie Street Murtoa (\$18,980)				Concrete
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$15,538)				Concrete
McDonald Street Murtoa (\$14,300)				Concrete
Dyer Street Rupanyup (\$9,357)				Hotmix – upgrade
Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$12,631)				Hotmix
Wood Street Rupanyup (\$2,807)				Hotmix – upgrade
Craig Avenue Warracknabeal (\$21,771)				Shire Concrete
Warunda Ave Warracknabeal (\$6,978)				Concrete
Menin Ave Warracknabeal (\$12,505)				Concrete
Brock Street Woomelang (\$6,699)				Concrete
Roberts Street Woomelang (\$18,245)				Hotmix
Main Street Minyip (\$11,618)				Concrete
Various (\$5,000)				Renewal of short footpath sections
Various (\$10,000)				Improvement Pedestrian Crossings at Intersections
Various (\$2,948)				Allowance for new works & upgrades

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

We are gearing up for the start of the Pilot project with Minyip and Rupanyup kindergartens. Meetings for staff and the communities will occur in the next week. And we have set the 23rd August to commence the trial, transport has been organized and the budget now will be signed of on with the department.

An information night for the Kindergarten committees and staff will be held this month as part of our good governance training.

DEECD staff from Ballarat will attend and Glenda Hewitt will give a presentation also on the 15 hours universal access project she did with our shire and West Wimmera, Hindmarsh.

A new round of capital funding has been announced by the DEECD and we will look into this for our Kindergartens, applications close in September.

Maternal and Child Health

Focus this month has shifted to the new ages and stages checks that the nurses are now doing across the shire. We are aiming to improve our rates of the 4 year old participation and part of the will be the nurses attending the Speed field days together for both days and holding clinics.

We also are going to introduce monthly sessions when both nurses will work across the shire and do double sessions in towns across the shire.

Nurses are happy to have improved internet availability in their rooms across the shire thanks to Chantelle and Des Warrick introducing new technology funded by our DHS grant.

Environmental Health

Following changes to the food act 1984, the department of health has finalized documentation for the EHO's that will reduce red tape for small businesses.

Concerns with the Woomelang community centre septic have been dealt with recently.

Concerns with a Hopetoun poultry issue have been dealt with and the birds removed by the owner odour issues at the property are being monitored.

Concerns with smoking at local hotels have been addressed, owners of the premises were given a warning and information about the Tobacco regulations.

A local premises has been cleaned up by the owner with cars removed and fences being fixed.

The EHO attended and AIMS course recently as part of his role in emergency management.

Local Laws

A busy month for animals in the pound, with 22 dogs being processed. 7 of these have been rehoused or returned to owners.

5 cats have also been surrendered to the Council, the new cat cages have made the housing of the cats easier.

We have had a number of issues raised with dogs, roosters, rubbish and odour and overhanging trees and tree removal from the creek. Rubbish dumping and horse welfare are also complaints received this month.

Most of these have now been dealt with, however some are being investigated; these include littering and the tree removal from the creek. A clean up notice for the old Woomelang store has also been issued.

The local police are assisting the ranger with the tree removal investigations.

We are also preparing the fire prevention work for the summer.

Youth

Still continuing with the visits to Hopetoun and Murtoa, to date very little contact, youth worker has visited schools to advertise her attendance in the towns.

12 young people attended a nexus Friday night live event with the youth worker.

A number of young people are using a face book site to gather support for improvements to the Warracknabeal skate park.

The site called Extend the Warracknabeal Skate Park has 141 members to date.

2 youth work students will be doing placement with the youth worker shortly.

Emergency Relief

Client numbers have reduced with the introduction of the Financial Counselling Service from Wimmera Uniting care, the service is continuing and regular sessions are offered using council facilities.

We supported a single house fire victim in Beulah this month, limited support was required as the person was able to start repairs and was planning to move back in after repairs.

Aged and Disability

We still have a number of Rotary care packs for needy families to give away. Families in Yaapeet, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun received clothing donated by the closure of the Holeproof factory recently.

We are planning already for the Portsea camp in January 11th – 17th 2011.

25 children are being offered places at the camp, we are also seeking adults interested in volunteering to help at the camp.

We are looking for more drivers for the volunteer transport service also in Beulah and Hopetoun.

Staff interviews are being held shortly to cover staff changes with retirements and new clients, we are reaching a point with the HACC service where we need to have a waiting list for new clients. Staff resources stretch only so far when clients need assistance at the same hours each day.

Volunteer Transport

Numbers down a little at the moment less appointments being made due to the cold weather.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council suspend standing orders at 10.35am.

Carried

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that Council resume standing orders at 11.00am.

Carried

10.7 Economic Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

Meetings Attended

- 14/07/10 – Warracknabeal Fun- Run Committee
- 27/07/10 – Woomelang Community Visit
- 02/08/10 – Warracknabeal Yarriambiack Creek Development Committee
– Walking Track Project
- 02/08/10 – Warracknabeal Fun-Run Committee
- 03/08/10 – Warracknabeal Action Group – AGM
- 03/08/10 – Mallee Field Days – Setup
- 04/08/10 – Mallee Field Days, Speed
- 05/08/10 – Grampians Development Network - Ararat
- 06/08/10 – Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Strategic Plan – Launch Murtoa
- 10/08/10 – Business Breakfast, Murtoa Neighbourhood House

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Housing Developments

Regional Housing Forum scheduled for 26th August, facilitated by WDA.

Warracknabeal Industrial Estate

The sale contracts for Lot 1 have been finalised but are conditional on the completion of the infrastructure works, for which the tender process is continuing.

“Ready for Tomorrow” A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria

A meeting with Marc Amos, the new Horsham based Regional Manager for Regional Development Victoria, has been scheduled for 24th August and we expect to be provided with further information and guidelines for the new and updated funding programs announced in the “Blueprint”.

Biodiesel Central Wimmera Community Enterprise

The Committee met on the 14th July to assess the project and decide on the future direction.

They decided to continue and plan to form a “corporate association” with Andrew Weidemann to act as interim Chairman.

They plan to work with Smorgons to establish a containerised supply depot at the Shire Depot in Rupanyup and a planning permit will be submitted shortly.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is currently being organised for later this month.

2010 Powercor Wimmera Business Awards

The Yarriambiack Shire launch and information session for the 2010 Awards is to be held on Thursday 12th August from 5.30PM – 7.00PM in the Function Room at the Shire Offices.

Invitations have been emailed to all businesses on our database.

Rural Northwest Health, Fitness & Lifestyle Campaign

Planning is continuing for the Warracknabeal Fun-Run on Sunday 15th August.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**Country Football and Netball Program 2010/11:**

The Murtoa Football Change Rooms Redevelopment application will be submitted under this program as our project in the 'up to \$60,000 grant' category when guidelines and time frames are available.

Community Facilities Funding Program – Minors 2011/2012 (Sport and Recreation):

Applications have been submitted for the following projects: Brim Netball/Tennis Courts (grant requested - \$60,000, total project cost - \$96,067), Hopetoun Netball Courts (grant requested - \$60,000, total project cost - \$91,670) and Minyip Tennis Fourth Court (grant requested - \$37,312, total project cost - \$55,969).

D.P.C.D. representatives have conducted site visits for these applications.

Sustainable Sports Grounds Program:

Currently developing an application for the Murtoa Golf Club Watering Upgrade for submission under this program.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010:

The second round of Progress Reports has been submitted.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2011:

The six applications have been completed and submitted.

Community Support Fund:

The 2nd progress report on the Rupanyup Community Centre Project has been submitted.

Projects Acquitted:

Woomelang Memorial Hall Redevelopment.
Brim Sports and Social Club Facilities Upgrade.

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) -

The SHARE Program has commenced with community groups embracing the opportunity to undertake community planning. The SHARE Program also aims to increase communication for the community, Council and stakeholders and ensure positive outcomes are achieved.

Beulah:

- **Community Action Plan** – A Community Planning Forum was held in Beulah on the 21st of July in preparation of the Community Action Plan. 42 people attended the very successful forum with many valuable community projects identified.

Hopetoun:

- The Wimmera Leadership Community Group 2010 has undertaken a Marketing Plan for the Mallee Bush Retreat on the foreshore of Lake Lascelles. The Marketing Plan will assist the Lake Lascelles/Corrong Committee of Management to undertake initiatives to promote the community operated accommodation facilities and increase patronage.

Minyip:

- **Wetlands Playground** - The application to the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance to purchase playground equipment was not successful.

Murtoa:

- **Lake Marma and Rabi Park Management and Development Plan** – The Management and Development Plan has commenced with the consultants conducting interviews with various stakeholders and community members. At the time of this report, there is a Community Planning Forum planned for Sunday 8th of August.

Rupanyup:

- **Memorial Park Upgrade** – The application to the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance to upgrade parking facilities and install a shade area over the playground was not successful.

Woomelang:

- **Community Action Plan** – A Community Planning Forum will be held at the Woomelang Memorial Hall on Tuesday 24th of August, 7.30pm. The forum will assist the community to identify positive projects for the Community Action Plan.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting
7 July	Murtoa Lake Marma Management Plan - Mike Smith & Associates, Murtoa Progress Association
8 July	Murtoa Lake Marma Management Plan - Mike Smith & Associates
21 July	Beulah Community Planning Forum
26 July	Brim Active Group
27 July	Woomelang Community & Council BBQ
27 July	Woomelang & District Development Association
29 July	Beulah Business Centre - Community Action Plan
30 July	Minyip CBI Steering Committee

10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor**Kerbside Recycling Collection Data**

The table below details the amount of recycling material in tonnes that has been collected through the kerbside collection service that was introduced in 2007.

Month	Tonnes Received – Kerbside Collection			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	0	48.22	48.08	50.5
February	49.32	47.22	46.66	49.46
March	45.34	44.47	46.3	47.91
April	42.76	44.04	45.8	50.83
May	59.8	63.24	63.65	71.3
June	38.32	41.0	42.8	46.62
July	38.96	40.20	42.10	46.56
August	38.72	42.0	41.74	
September	40.70	43.06	44.12	
October	64.04	68.52	68.14	
November	45.48	46.78	48.24	
December	50.26	48.46	53.31	
Total	513.70	577.21	590.94	363.18

As can be seen in the above table the amount of recyclable material collected through the kerbside collection service is continuing to increase which is a great result for our Council. It appears that the months of May and October are the most productive periods of the year for recycling.

The amount collected for July 2010 is already 30 tonnes more than was collected to July 2009.

Residents need to be congratulated on these results, four years ago this material would just go to landfill.

Hopetoun Swimming Pool / Poulton Park Redevelopment

Council has been advised that our application for funding for the abovementioned project has been successful.

Council has 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, it is my intention to advertise for tenders in September, 2010 for this project.

2009 – 2010 DrumMUSTER Results

Detailed below are the number of farm chemical drums collected throughout our municipality for the 2009/2010 financial year.

Area	No of Farmers	Total Drums Collected
Minyip	73	5,843
Murtoa	79	6,627
Rupanyup	57	8,804
Warracknabeal	98	8,672
Beulah	25	4,672
Yaapeet	4	512
Woomelang	5	703
Patchewollock	20	1,595
Speed/Tempy	4	510
TOTAL	365	37,938

You will notice in the above table there are no numbers for Hopetoun and very low for Woomelang.

The reason for this is that both Hopetoun and Woomelang have community collections with funds going back into the community.

There were approximately 3,500 drums collected in Hopetoun and approximately 2,500 collected at Woomelang.

With these drums included, more than 40,000 drums were collected in the municipality.

2010 – 2011 Swimming Pool Allocations

The following information details the annual allocations to the swimming pools throughout our municipality for the 2010/2011 financial

Beulah	\$ 9,872	Rupanyup	\$ 9,450
Hopetoun	\$15,515	Tempy	\$ 3,520
Minyip	\$11,342	Warracknabeal	\$ 37,658
Murtoa	\$16,653	Woomelang	\$ 9,550

These grants represent a 5% increase on the previous year providing a total of \$113,560 for the swimming pool committees.

Shredding Green Waste – Warracknabeal

There is currently a large stockpile of green waste at the Warracknabeal transfer station.

Instead of burning this material this year we are going to trial shredding this waste, which will be available **free of charge** to residents.

It will only be available for collection for domestic quantities (Trailer) not commercial amounts.

Fire Prevention – Removal of Fire Hazards

Part of the fire prevention program this year, Council will be calling tenders to undertake the removal of fire hazards from properties within the municipality.

The intention is to be able to have several contractors located throughout the shire therefore improving the response times in removing both green waste and other material from these properties.

This contract will be advertised in August.

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

No Finance Report for July due to finalising year end accounts.

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

No Revenue Report for August due to finalising year end accounts

11.3 BUDGET 2010/2011 – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The 2010/2011 Budget is tabled.

At the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 23 June 2010 Council resolved to advertise (section 127 Local Government Act 1989) that the 2010/2011 Budget had been prepared.

The 2010/2011 Budget has been advertised accordingly. No submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2010/2011 Budget as tabled be adopted.

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr R Kingston that Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the 2010/2011 Budget as presented.

Carried

11.4 DECLARING THE RATE AND DIFFERENTIAL RATE 2010/2011 – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

Amount Intended To Be Raised

- (A) That an amount of \$8,090,577 be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by General Rates, Service Charges and Municipal Charge, which the amount is circulated as follows:

General Rate	\$7,210,459
Service Charge	\$ 723,428 (excluding GST)
Municipal Charge	\$ 156,690

General Rates

- (B) (1) A general rate be declared for the period commencing on the 1st July 2010 and concluding on the 30th June 2011.
- (2) It be further declared that subject to paragraph 5 of this part, the general rate be raised by the application of a uniform rate.
- (3) A percentage of .6234% be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate (which percentage may be alternatively expressed as .006234 cents in the \$)
- (4) It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable property by that percentage (so that the amount payable be .006234 cents in the \$ of the Capital Improved Value)
- (5) (a) It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to maintaining the existing rate burden between farm land and other land.
- (b) A differential rate be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:

In accordance with:

- (i) The definition of Farm Land in Section 2 of the Valuation of Land Act 1960.
- (c) The differential rate be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the rateable land categorised in paragraph 5 (b) by the percentage indicated in the following table:

Category	%	cents in \$ of CIV
Farm Land	.5298	.005298

- (d) It be further recorded that the objectives of the differential rate are those objectives specified below:
- (i) To allocate a lower rate in the dollar for Farm Land on the basis of maintaining the existing rate burden between farm and other land.
- (6) In accordance with Section 4 (1) of the Cultural & Recreational Lands Act 1963, Council does not levy a rate on Cultural and Recreational Land within the Municipality.

Municipal Charge

- (C) (1) A Municipal Charge of \$30.00 per rateable assessment be declared for the period commencing 1st July 2010 and concluding on 30th June 2011.
- (2) A person may apply to a Council for an exemption from the payment of a municipal charge on rateable land in accordance with Section 159 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989

Service Charge

- (D) (1) An annual service charge be declared for the period commencing on 1st July 2010 and concluding on the 30th June 2011.
- (2) The following annual service charges be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse in the Yarriambiack Shire:
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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Residential 240ltr service fee | \$255.45 |
| Residential 120ltr service fee | \$131.25 |
| Residential 80ltr service fee | \$94.55 |
| Commercial 240ltr service fee | \$281.00 (inclusive of GST) |
| Commercial 120ltr service fee | \$144.40 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural 120ltr service fee | \$144.40 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural 80ltr service fee | \$104.00 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural 240ltr service fee | \$281.00 (inclusive of GST) |
| Residential Kerbside Recycling | \$84.80 |
| Commercial Kerbside Recycling | \$93.30 (inclusive of GST) |
| Rural Recycling | \$93.30 (inclusive of GST) |

Rebates and Concessions

- (E) Subject to any further resolution of Council, the following rebates and concessions have been granted for the period commencing 1st July 2010 and concluding 30th June 2011:
- (i) Rate reduction for new housing developments, in accordance with the Yarriambiack Shire Council Rate Relief – New Houses Policy.
- (ii) Council employee payroll deductions, for the purpose of paying rates on properties within the Yarriambiack Shire Council, in accordance with the Yarriambiack Shire Council Enterprise Bargaining Agreement No. 4.
- Interest will be waived for employees using payroll deductions for payment of rates.

Incentives

- (F) No incentives are declared for the payment of general rates (and annual service charge described earlier in this resolution) before dates fixed or specified for their payment under Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Interest

- (G) (1) The rate of 10.5% per centum per annum be specified as the rate of interest set by Council for the purposes of Section 172 (2) of the Local Government Act 1989.
- (2) The rate so set be effective until a new rate is set in accordance with Section 172 (c) of the Local Government Act 1989.

Consequential

The Revenue Officer be authorised to levy and recover General Rates, Service Charges and Municipal Charge in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Pensioner Rate

- (H) "That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, in relation to General Rates, Service Charges and Municipal Charge, levied under provisions of the above act, with the consent of the minister, the Council, in relation to recipients eligible for waivers in 2010/2011 as having made continuing application for waiver in respect of the same rateable land or part on which a waiver was granted in 2009/2010, unless the person advises the Council that a waiver is no longer sought."

RECOMMENDATION:

Yarriambiack Shire Council strike the rates and charges for 2010/2011 as presented.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that Yarriambiack Shire Council strike the rates and charges for 2010/2011 as presented.

Carried

11.5 CHANGES TO VALUATION CERTIFICATION - Prepared by Chantelle Pitt



CERTIFICATION FOR CHANGES IN THE VALUATION

This is to certify that the total valuation of rateable properties in the Rate Book of the municipality of the Yarriambiack Shire Council was increased by Supplementary Valuations and Objections to Valuations as referred to in returns by Council's Valuer dated as at **27th August 2009, 21st September 2009, 25th September 2009 and 22nd April 2010** and that the alterations have been incorporated into the Rate Book in accordance with such returns.

The total rates levied by the municipality on the 12th August 2009 by a General rate of **.6249 cents in the dollar** and a Differential rate of **.5312 cents in the dollar** (being all farm land within the municipality) by virtue of the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act for that period ending 30th June 2010.

Dated this the 11th August 2010.

The Common Seal of the Yarriambiack Shire Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Councillor:

Councillor:

C.E.O:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Certification for Changes in the Valuation be signed and sealed.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr R Kingston that the Certification for Changes in the Valuation be signed and sealed.

Carried

Cr J Wise left Council Chambers at 11.23am due to declared Pecuniary Interest for item 11.6

11.6 SPONSORSHIP ALLOCATIONS 2010 - Prepared by Dennis Smith

Council advertised for expressions of interest to its Sponsorship Allocation Scheme in July 2010.

The maximum amount to be paid to one organisation is \$200 and the Budget allocation is \$2,000.

Council received 28 applications with all applications meeting the funding criteria, therefore the grant amount for each group has been adjusted accordingly.

Community Organisation	Event	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
Beulah Bowling & Croquet Club	Invitation Fours	\$200	\$75
Brim Active Community Group	Christmas Party	\$200	\$75
Hopetoun A & P Society	A & P Show	\$200	\$75
Hopetoun CWA	Showgirl	\$200	\$75
Hopetoun Lake Lascelles/Corrong C.o.M.	New Years Eve	\$200	\$75
Hopetoun Health & Fitness	Family Day	\$200	\$75
Hopetoun Ski Club	Family Day	\$200	\$75
Hopetoun Traders Association	Christmas celebration	\$200	\$75
Mallee Football League	Under 18's Rising Star	\$200	\$75
Minyip A & P Society	A & P Show	\$200	\$75
Minyip Golf Club	Annual Tournament	\$200	\$75
Murtoa Angling Club	Local Fishing Competition	\$200	\$75
Murtoa Bowling Club	Fours Tournament	\$200	\$75
Murtoa Golf Club	Annual Tournament	\$200	\$75
Murtoa SLAAM	"Poets by the Pier"	\$200	\$75
Rupanyup A & P Society	A & P Show	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal A & P Society	A & P Show	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Bowling Club	Open Pairs Medley	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Croquet Club	Annual Tournament	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Dunmunkle Tennis Assoc	Finals	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Golf Club	Four Ball Best Ball & Ladies Individual	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Historical Society	Annual Easter Vintage Rally	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Model Aircraft Club	2010 Mallee Rally	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Rotary Club	"Courtesy is Catching"	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Swimming Club	Swim Meet	\$200	\$75
Warracknabeal Trap & Skeet Club	Championship Event	\$200	\$75
Woomelang Golf Club	Annual Ladies Day Tournament	\$200	\$75
Woomelang Ladies Bowling Club	Annual Tournament	\$200	\$75

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve Sponsorship Allocations of \$75 each to the above community groups for 2010/11.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr R Kingston that Yarriambiack Shire Council approve Sponsorship Allocations of \$75 each to the above community groups for 2010/11 as presented.

Carried

11.7 REVIEW OF ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN – prepared by Mick Evans

Council advertised in mid-July 2010 its intention to review its Road Management Plan and has invited written submissions on the proposed review until Friday 20 August 2010.

The Road Management Plan nominates standards for safety and inspections of Council roads.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the action of advertising the planned review of the Road Management Plan be ratified by Council.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr K Zanker that the action of advertising the planned review of the Road Management Plan be ratified by Council.

Carried

**11.8 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF LICENCE BY
WOOMELANG/LASCELLES COMBINED SPORTING CLUB AT
WOOMELANG RECREATION RESERVE – prepared by James Magee**

The Department of Justice has given Council the opportunity to object to the variation of trading hours and the licensed area.

Any objection may be made on the grounds that the applicant would detract from, or be detrimental to the amenity of the area in which the licensed premises are situated. Objections will be referred to the Liquor Licensing Panel.

The proposal hours are 11am to 12 midnight Monday to Sunday. Currently the licensed hours are 12 midday to 12 midnight Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday.

The proposed area for liquor to be contained on the grounds is also to be extended around the paved area, under the veranda and near the fire pit. Currently liquor is restricted to inside the building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council does not object to the application for variation of the licence.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr R Kingston that Council does not object to the application for variation of the licence.

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

12.1 Cr G Lovel – Railway Crossing Henty Highway North of Warracknabeal

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council writes to the responsible authority about Council's concerns regarding the railway crossing signals being on when Graincorp are loading carriages at the Warracknabeal Grain Terminal.

Cr A McLean – Gave a report on Speed Field Days

Cr R Kingston – Congratulating the State Government on the climate change white paper.

Cr J Kemfert – Raised matters concerning Sprott Fountain – heritage study to be undertaken.

Planting of trees in towns – It was agreed that Council make contact with relevant community groups about purchasing trees from Rupanyup SES if they have a project (Marianne Ferguson to coordinate)

13 CLOSED SESSION

Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council move into Closed Session

Carried

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr K Zanker that Council move out of Closed Session

Carried

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr R Kingston that Council adopt the resolutions from the Closed Session of Council.

Carried

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council sign the transfer of land documentation as proposed by the Department of Human Services.

Carried

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr A McLean that the dog be declared menacing and be placed on the state wide dangerous dog register for the life of the animal.

Carried

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr K Zanker that Council delegates the authority to declare a menacing or dangerous dog to the Chief Executive Officer and the Community Services Manager. So that in future cases the Chief Executive Officer or Community Services Manager can consider all options and act immediately or in a timely manner and reduce the risk to the public.

Carried

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr G Lovel that the sundry debtor accounts as presented to Council be written off.

Carried

14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 8 September 2010 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Chairperson