

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30AM**

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**1 WELCOME**

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**3 PRAYER**

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

*Amen*

**4 PRESENT**

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

**5 APOLOGIES**

Cr G Lovel

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 April 2010

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Kemfert the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 April 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

**7 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING**

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

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

## **9 PETITIONS**

## **10 REPORTS**

### **Corporate Reports**

- 10.1 Mayor's Report
- 10.2 Councillor/Delegate Reports
- 10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report
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- 10.5 Technical Services Report
- 10.6 Community Services Report
- 10.7 Economic Development Report
- 10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager Report

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

- 11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 Replacement of Playground Equipment at Rabl Park Murtoa

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

- 16 April Longerenong College Graduation Ceremony. There were a number of graduates from the Yarriambiack Shire, including Ashley Teasdale who took out the Dux of the Advanced Diploma of Agriculture
- 17 April Brim Lions Club 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 19 April Local Government Performance Monitoring Review Presentation.
- 21 April Celebration of the Year of Women in Local Government – Melbourne. The opening address was given by Hon Maxine Morand MP, Minister for Women's Affairs. There is a very strong push by Federal and State Governments to increase the participation of women across all levels of government including staff, managers & councillors and board members. The keynote speaker was Dr Kathy Alexander, CEO Melbourne City Council, with closing comments made by Hon Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Local Government.
- 21/22 April Local Government Ministerial Forum 2010. With the theme for the forum being Liveability, Sustainability and Prosperity, the forum covered a large range of topics from Waste Management, Planning, Sport and Recreation, with a number of break out workshops to raise issues and to suggest solutions. The message was given loud and clear that one size does not fit all when decisions are being made. The recent hike in liquor licenses was raised as a prime example where small communities are being hit with higher fees due to bad behaviour in metropolitan areas.
- 23 April GWMWater – Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy Stakeholder Forum.
- 25 April Anzac Day Services at Sheep Hills; Brim; Warracknabeal & Hopetoun.
- 28 April Council Forum
- 2 May Worksafe Game of the Month – Warrack Eagles v Minyip Murtoa at Anzac Park, Warracknabeal.
- 3 May Warracknabeal Creek Development Committee Meeting – Town Hall
- 5 May Wimmera Catchment Management Authority - Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy Stakeholder Information Seminar. Warracknabeal Golf Club.
- 7 May University of Ballarat Graduation Presentation
- 9 May Opening of the Woods Farming & Heritage Museum in Rupanyup

**10.2 Councillor's Reports**

**Cr J Kemfert**

12/4/2010 – Murtoa CFA Meeting  
15/4/2010 - GWMWater – Opening of the Pipeline in Horsham  
19/4/2010 – Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly meeting in Horsham  
28/4/2010 – Council Forum meeting

**Cr R Kingston**

15th April Yarrilinks meeting in Warracknabeal.

23/4/2010 Livestock Saleyard Association Victoria Brooklyn  
Future legislation on animal welfare means that Warracknabeal Saleyards recent NSQA accreditation is a very timely step forward.

25/4/2010 Rupanyup Anzac Day service

5/5/2010 Minyip Progress Association

9/5/2010 Opening of new shed at Wood's Agriculture & Heritage Museum

11/5/2010 Rupanyup Consultative Committee

**Cr A McLean**

15th April Yarrilinks meeting in Warracknabeal.

25th April ANZAC services at Patchewollock and Hopetoun.

28th April Council Forum.

4th May Warracknabeal Creek Weir Pool meeting with Wimmera CMA.

**Cr H Ballentine**

**14th April** - attended DPI 'Futures' evening at Hopetoun to listen to feedback, many statistics provided, little feedback, more sessions will be held

**15th April** - GWMWater Opening of Pipeline - wonderful historical occasion for our region

**23rd April** - attended the presentation of the draft for the Western Regional Water Plan and extra meeting at GWMWater offices

**28th April** - attended Council Forum

**5th May** - attended further information session for the draft of the WRWP at Warracknabeal Golf Club

Referred two requests from ratepayers.

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**Cr K Zanker****15/4/2010 Yarrilinks meeting in Warracknabeal**

Planning underway for scheduled weekend 31 July and 1 August. I am endeavouring to expand local links for accommodation and site meals for all planters for the weekend.

**16/4/2010 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation meeting – apology**

Visiting author Sofie Laguna will be at the Warracknabeal Library on 12/5/2010. Sofie was originally trained as an actor and playwright. Warracknabeal Secondary College students will attend. It should be an interesting and informative session. A great opportunity for students to engage and hear from an established and published author.

**25/4/2010 Attended Warracknabeal Anzac Day service****10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report – Prepared by Ray Campling**

- Attended AG Futures Forum at Lake Lascelles
- Attended Wimmera Mallee Pipeline launch at Sawyer Park Horsham
- Met with Keith Jackson SHARE program
- Management team representatives met with RDV – future direction
- Met with Dean Miller Hindmarsh CEO – various matters
- Attended Warracknabeal Anzac Day ceremony (lowered/raised Council's flag)
- Attended Gateway BEET Meeting at Hopetoun
- Met with Terry Lewis DPI Horsham – various matters
- Met with Vincent Sully – Grampians Regional Management Forum
- Met with Dan Hogan – Municipal Association of Victoria
- Met with Anne Bothe – WDA Leadership Program
- Met with Roger Millar – VEC – Electoral Boundary Review
- Met with Tony Bawden – Horsham RCC – VARIOUS MATTERS
- Met with Colin Kemp – WDA – various matters
- Met with Richard Wilken and David Young
- Attended CMA Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy meeting at Warracknabeal Golf Course
- Met with Jo Bourke – CEO Wimmera Development Association – various matters
- Met with Jim McKay – North Western Municipalities Association
- Met with Terry Grange – Minyip Progress Association
- Met with Jeff Rigby – CEO at GWMWater
- Met with Melissa Mitchell Woomelang District Development Association
- Attended Ballarat University Student Graduation Ceremony in Horsham
- Met with Nick Rees Regional Manager Power

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

The Stawell Warracknabeal Road is an arterial road managed by Vicroads. Funding for the road comes directly from the State Government.

Council has lobbied strongly for widening of a 9km section between Minyip and Warracknabeal for at least the last ten years. The section of road carries large volumes of traffic including heavy vehicles.

The last narrow section of this road between Warracknabeal and Minyip is currently under construction. The 2.5km segment is due for completion in June 2010.

In a Council survey on local roads several years ago, the single greatest issue was that of the narrow section of the Stawell Warracknabeal Road, despite the fact that the road is not under Council control.

Thank you to regional Vicroads officers in Ballarat who continually supported Council's efforts to gain funding for the road improvement.

**Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy**

The State Government has released a draft strategy for community comment. The document aims to identify threats to water availability over the next 50 years and identify actions to enable adaption to climate change and prolonged drought.

Council is formulating a submission and some of the points to be considered may include:

- the importance of Yarriambiack Creek to our region
- the need to have a fair and equitable pricing arrangement for community based water supply for sporting facilities
- environmental and recreational water to be supplied at zero cost
- that Lake Corrong be recognized as a significant terminal lake at the northern end of Yarriambiack Creek
- the need for Yarriambiack Creek to be allocated environmental flows
- requirement to improve mapping as Yarriambiack Creek and Lake Corrong not noted on some maps in draft
- importance of allowing natural flows in creek and river systems

Public submissions are encouraged and may be made by 5pm 21 May 2010

**Design Engineer**

- Design and Survey works for Kerb and Channel Replacement in Church Street Minyip, between Wimmera Street and South Street (East side). Water ponding and drainage problems means some additional works will be required to complete the project in the future.

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- Survey works for the Minyip Main street concrete path.
  - A traffic management plan has been discussed and implemented at the Catholic School in Murtoa. The new facility includes a pedestrian / school crossing, car parking, bus zone, one way traffic flow with all necessary line marking and signage. The school is yet to follow up on supervisor training requirements for crossings.
  - Warracknabeal Saleyard. Various improvements to the Quality Manual and additional Quality Records completed Council's application for NSQA Accreditation - final confirmation of Accreditation is now expected. Completion of Quality Records and periodic audits now forms part of the QA process. Assistance was provided to The Saleyard committee with 2010 / 2011 Budget items, including engineering advice and costs for capital works items in next years program.

### **Community Projects**

- Investigations are complete on drainage problems at the Rupanyup caravan parking. The local park committee is investigating options to supply gravel and complete the works.
- Traveller Rest Stop on the Henty Highway Warracknabeal - Discussions with the local committee has meant a Letter and Plans were submitted to Vicroads. It is envisaged there will be further developments on reply to the Vicroads submission.

### **Asset Engineer**

Continue the sealed road condition inspections.

Co ordinate maintenance program resulting from the H3 footpath inspections with assistant Technical Officer.

Still reviewing the Road hierarchy policy and procedures through the Asset Management Working Group and Works supervisors.

Prepare budget for Technical Services department.

Started developing 2010-2011 Capital Works Program.

Gather data and implement on GIS mapping the YSC hydrants from the Inspection officer.

### **Environment**

- Rabbit program – program completed with more than 500 rabbit warrens ripped. Cost for rabbit contractor amounted to \$16,500 out of the total \$34,375 for the total project fund. Some positive feedback was received from a number of landholders that I spoke throughout the duration of the program. The Department of Primary Industries was very happy with the project outcomes.
- Future climate change planning – have been involved with a number of planning sessions for our regions adaptation to climate change and peak oil. The sessions

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were coordinated through Department Sustainability & Environment and Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Association and involved numerous state government agencies and other local governments in our region.

- Yarrilinks planning – the planning process is well underway for the Yarrilinks plantings. Planting sites are currently being identified, while the newly formed Yarrilinks Committee is busy organising the logistics of the main planting weekend, which is scheduled for July 31 and August 1.
- Agfutures success – the five Agfutures Forums that have been running in the Hopetoun community over the last couple of months have been granted a success. Agfutures is a DPI initiative that provides selected local communities throughout Victoria the chance to discuss and explore issues that are important to the local community. Some of these sessions focussed around farming activities, carbon trading and the future demographics of Hopetoun. The Yarriambiack Shire has been a keen partner in the delivery of the Hopetoun Agfutures project.
- Environment Strategy complete – the very first Yarriambiack Shire Council Environment Strategy has been completed and the focus is now on implementing efficiencies throughout the workplace to enhance the sustainability of council.



## **Building & Planning Activity**

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

**Building:**      **10** Building Permits were issued.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$942,066**

**Warracknabeal** – Dwelling

**Rupanyup** – Demolition – 3 Sheds

**Sheep Hills** – Storage Shed

**Beulah** – Garage

**Warracknabeal** – Re-cladding

**Warracknabeal** – Re-erection of Church Hall

**Rupanyup** – Community Centre

**Warracknabeal** – Carport

**Minyip** – Carport

**Warracknabeal** – Re-Stumping

**11** applications were submitted in **April 2010**.

**Planning:**      **0** Planning Permits were issued.

**2** applications were submitted in **April 2010**.

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

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$36,750)	100%	August 2009	September 2009	Extend seal to Lake Lascelles Reserve
R.Learmonth Road Minyip (\$131,250)	100%	January 2010	February 2010	Complete seal between Stawell / Warracknabeal Road and Donald / Murtoa Road – sealed 26/2/10
Toole Street Car Park Hopetoun (\$3,150)	0%	May 2010		Final Seal
Brown's Road Hopetoun West Gypsum Road (\$396,000)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Final Seal 30/10/2009
Rupanyup Road Pavement Renewal (\$156,750)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Final Seal 30/10/2009
SheepHills/Kellalac Road Pavement Renewal (\$85,500)	100%	March 2010	March 2010	Sealed 27/3/2010
SheepHills/Minyip Road Pavement Renewal (\$56,600)	100%	March 2010	March 2010	Sealed 25/3/2010
Aubrey Road Pavement Renewal (\$35,150)	100%	March 2010	March 2010	Sealed 25/3/2010
Brim West Road Pavement Renewal (\$36,100 )	100%	January 2010	February 2010	Sealed 13/2/2010
SheepHills/Bangerang Road (\$26,825)	100%	November 2009	December 2009	Sealed 19/12/2009
SheepHills/Bangerang Road (\$20,812)	100%	November 2009	December 2009	Sealed 19/12/2009

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**Footpath Program 2009/2010**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Main Street Minyip (\$21,950)	0%	May 2010		Concrete – Shire
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$6,146)	100%	August 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$7,497)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Church Street Minyip (\$10,536)	100%	July 2009	July 2009	Concrete – Shire
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,702)	100%	July 2009	August 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Breen Street Murtoa (\$11,063)	100%	November 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Marma Street Murtoa (\$11,063)	100%	January 2010	February 2010	Concrete – Shire
Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$23,373)	100%	November 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Gibson Street Rupanyup (\$6,600 )	100%	August 2009	September 2009	Bill Guest Fence Contractor
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$10,536)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Concrete – Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$11,590)	100%	August 2009	August 2009	Contractor Marv Duncan
Lyle Street Warracknabeal (\$15,190)	100%	September 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Lyle Street Warracknabeal (\$11,590)	90%	September 2009	April 2010	Contractor – Marv Duncan
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$11,414)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Yarriambiack Creek Reserve Warracknabeal (\$22,050)	100%	July 2009	July 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Proctor Street Woomelang (\$22,932)	100%	August 2009	August 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Various (\$9,344) Phillip Street Beulah	50%			Footpath ReHab Sections – Shire
Various (\$9,409) Phillip Street Beulah Begg St Warracknabeal Toole Street Hopetoun	100%			Pedestrian Crossings – Shire

**Completed Gravel Resheet Works** 56.090 km  
**Total Gravel resheet Works** 62.300 km

**Gravel Resheets Completed**

Dodgshuns Road, Hopetoun West Road , Burdetts Road , Grahams Road, 3LK Road, Mac's Lane, Yaapeet South Road, Kranz Road

**Pedestrian Crossings**

Hopetoun

Toole / Murdoch Street (south east corner) Completed 10/2/2010  
 Mandeville / Denny Street (south east corner) Completed 20/9/2009

Warracknabeal

Begg / O'Brien Street (north / west & south west corner) Completed 12/2009  
 Campbell Street / O'Brien Street (north/east & south/east corner) Completed April 2010

Beulah

Phillip Street/Murdoch Street (north/west corner) Completed February 2010

**Footpath ReHabilitations**

Warracknabeal – Anderson Street (Lyle Street / Tregear Street – west side)  
 Beulah – Phillip Street – west side Complete February 2010

**VicRoads Works**

Minyip – Main Street kerb and channel - completed  
 Minyip – Church Street kerb and channel – completed

Main Road – stabilising patches

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

The immunization program changes initiated by the nurses have been a success with many families attending the new sessions across the shire.

Our data sent to the DEECD has shown an improvement of 20% in the overall services offered since our nurses have restructured their programs.

**Kindergartens**

We have submitted the final report of the universal access 15 hours project. I have asked Glenda Hewitt to present her report at the Council Forum. It is important that Council is informed of the issues identified in the report as for towns like Beulah, the Early Years services may require extra support and good community partnerships to continue.

We have been able to ensure our relief pool of staff has improved with teachers and assistants available to reduce the need to close services in the event of sick leave. We have organized a trip for staff to Knox City services in June 2010. This will be a good chance to network for our staff and for myself to discuss issues with the Knox Early Years Manager.

**Environmental Health**

Nearly all annual registrations for food premises have been paid now. Three businesses are yet to comply. These businesses now incur a late fee and will be given an extension of time to comply.

A follow up with the recent food sampling results have resulted in a business cooperating with council directions to improve and a written policy implemented to prevent poor sampling results in the future.

The EHO has attended a nationally accredited course to conduct food sampling to ensure he is current in all Australian standards.

The second round of school immunizations are nearly complete with Murtoa to be done on the 6 May 2010.

**Local Laws**

Complaints this month were minor with four dogs' surrendered to Council, two of these were as the result of an investigation of a complaint. Outstanding animal registrations are now being reviewed and follow up on these will be conducted over the next month. These will incur a late fee of \$10.

**Youth**

The youth worker assisted 16 clients this month with various issues. Clients needed assistance with medical and psychiatric appointments and housing problems.

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Other issues were Centrelink problems and employment counselling appointments. In partnership with RNH the youth worker is setting up a planning day for youth to look at improving mental health by community engagement and music.

The Risk It program is continuing with a number of young indigenous students now involved.

Nexus has run a few Friday night live initiatives and the youth worker has organized 37 young people from the Shire to attend.

### **Emergency Relief**

33 clients received assistance this month. We are referring clients to financial counseling at Wimmera Uniting care regularly and this and the scheduling of appointments has actually reduced the daily visits.

We will be looking at how we manage the scheme in the 2010/2011 year to see if we can assist this group to be less reliant on the voucher system.

### **Aged and Disability**

The coordinator has attended a number of in-service training sessions run by DHS locally and in Melbourne. These sessions are to introduce the new guidelines in HACC and to ensure our staff are using the new framework.

### **Volunteer Transport**

18 people were transported 2,666 kilometres in April, most appointments were Horsham based so the overall kilometers travelled is down this month.

# YouTH biZneZZ

**Goal:**

- To have young people showcase positive Mental Health and Well Being messages.
- To facilitate young people planning and organising youth activities across the Shire.
- To launch musical equipment available for young people to hire.

**Objective:**

- To improve youth mental health outcomes.
- Initiate a 12 month plan for youth activities across the Shire which includes the areas of Rural Northwest Health and Dunmunkle Health Services.
- Encourage young people to utilise musical equipment for activities.
- Showcase youth talents to the public through the arts.

**Strategies:**

- Yarriambiack Shire Youth Services, Rural Northwest Health and Dunmunkle Health Services to join forces and invite all youth aged between 12 and 25 years to enter a Mental Health and Wellbeing competition. The topic for the competition is "Looking After Your Mental Health".
- Youth will be able to use mediums of their choice such as dance, art, drama, information technology, video, song, poetry or story telling to address mental health issues with an emphasis on mental health rather than illness. It is envisaged the entrants will interpret the theme in many different ways.
- Entrants will present their entry at the 'YouTH biZneZZ' event on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at the Warracknabeal Town Hall.
- The event will begin with youth planning activities, followed by music equipment launch then mental health competition performances which will be open to the public.



Dunmunkle LOGO

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

*Annual Leave until 17 May 2010*

**Community Projects****Country Football and Netball Program 2009/10:**

The Rupanyup Netball Court Shed Extension application has been successful with a grant of \$48,262 for a total project cost of \$72,393.

Currently working with the Beulah community to develop an application for the Recreation Reserve lighting upgrade.

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

The Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Lighting application has been approved with a grant of \$31,170 for a total project cost of \$46,755 and the Warracknabeal Lions Park Playground Equipment application has been successful with a grant of \$49,585 for a total project cost of \$74,377.

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

The Hopetoun Bowls Club Synthetic Green application has been approved with a grant of \$60,000 for a total project cost of \$122,130 and the Rupanyup Outfall Drain application has been successful with a grant of \$16,540 for a total project cost of \$44,816.

**CBI Report  
Murtoa:**

- **Lake Marma and Rabi Park Management and Development Plan** – Over the next month an evaluation panel will select a suitable consultant to undertake the plan.

**Hopetoun:**

- **Web Site** – The Hopetoun web site is operational. To view the site, please go to [www.hopetounvictoria.com.au](http://www.hopetounvictoria.com.au).
- **Hopetoun Community Gym** – The opening of the Gym is planned for Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. Further details to be released.

**Rupanyup:**

- **Memorial Park** – The application to the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance for funding to re-surface the caravan rest area and install a shade sail over the playground has been submitted.



**Minyip:**

- **Wetlands** – The application to the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance for funding to install playground equipment at the Wetlands has been submitted.

**Warracknabeal:**

- **Website** – The Warracknabeal Action Group is planning to re-design the current website.

**Meetings Attended:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
12 April	Rupanyup Consultative Committee
14 April	Hopetoun Ag Futures – Demographics
20 April	Murtoa Progress Association
21 April	Hopetoun Community Gym

**10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor****Free Green Waste Day – 23rd May 2010**

Council will once again be conducting the annual free green waste day on Sunday 23 May 2010

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 22 May 2010.

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

**Review of Regional Waste Management Groups**

Sustainability Victoria made a presentation at the recent Association of Victorian Regional Waste Management Group's meeting.

It appears likely now that the seven (7) region model will be adopted by the State Government.

Under the proposed model there would be seven (7) Statutory Authorities with Regional Waste Management Group Boards located around the state, with offices located in Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Mildura, Shepparton, Traralgon, and Wangaratta

Under the proposed model Grampians Regional Waste Management Group will be amalgamated with Highlands and Desert Fringe Waste Management Groups to create a "Super Region" of eleven (11) or twelve (12) Councils.

Yarriambiack will be within this region and a divisional model is proposed.

A map detailing these proposed regions is attached for Councillors information.

**Channel Decommissioning Reference Group**

GWM Water have formed a Channel Decommissioning Reference Group with membership including Local Government, Wimmera, North Central and Mallee CMA's, Department of Sustainability and GWM Water Customer Committee members.

The objectives are as follows:-

- Manage the risks of disused GWM Water Channels
- As a priority, return channels to productive land

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- Identify where channels may be retained and management and ownership responsibilities of these channels
  - Ensure sites of conservation value are protected

A capped amount of \$15.8M is approved funding from the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project for the channel decommissioning project. Tenders have been let for supply systems 1, 2 & 5 with farmers having currently pushed in more than expected.

GWM Water have conducted six (6) community information sessions with the main purpose of identifying and discussing flooding and drainage issues, as well as future management responsibility and liability in relation to channel and structure retention.

GWM Water has prepared criteria for works to be undertaken by GWM Water in relation to Large Channel and Large Structures.

As stated above channel and structure decommissioning works have been in progress for some time in supply systems 1 & 2 as drainage is not much of an issue as particularly in Yarriambiack water courses are more defined.

It is recognized that flooding and drainage issues are likely to be of a more significant problem in Supply Systems 3, 4 and 6.

#### **Contract C161/2010 - Specification to Prepare a Management Plan for Lake Marma Reserve and Rabi Park – Murtoa**

Council called tenders for Contract C161/2010, for suitably qualified parties to produce a management Plan, including maintenance and development for Lake Marma Reserve and Rabi Park, Murtoa. Tenders for this contract close on Friday 30 April 2010.

The plan is to be a strategic guide for future management of the reserve. The plan shall also include actions to inform the community about the reserve, encourage interested groups to become involved in management programs and encourage cooperative land management programs involving the Reserve and Park management, community and managers of areas adjacent to the reserve. Council has received five (5) submission for this tender

Council has received funding to produce the Management and Development Plan to the amount of \$50,000 including GST.

#### **Disposal of Syringes**

Recently a number of syringes were found in the kerbside recycling collection from Murtoa. They were loose and posed a great health risk to those that undertake the sorting of the recyclable material at Vicwest.

Council in co-operation with its Waste Contractor Wimmera Mallee Waste have carried out a householder drop to residents in Murtoa advising of how and where to dispose of syringes.

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr K Zanker that Council suspend standing orders 10.40 am**

**Carried**

**Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council resume standing orders at 11.00 am**

**Carried**

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

The Finance Report as at April 2010 will be tabled.

**Recommendation:**

The Finance Report as at April 2010 be received.

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr R Kingston that the Finance Report as at April 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

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

The Revenue Report as at 11 May 2010 will be tabled.

**Recommendation:**

The Revenue Report as at 11 May 2010 be received.

**Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr K Zanker that the Revenue Report as at 11 May 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

**11.3 Proposal to remove and replace the playground equipment in Rabl Park Murtoa - prepared by Tony Brennan and Michael Evans**

This proposal is for the planned replacement of the ageing, sub standard unit that would be uneconomical to renovate. Some of the reasons for this are:

- Cracked and splinted timbers
- Sub standard slide
- Entrapment areas
- No hand grips on transition areas
- Sand is no longer considered appropriate material as soft fall and needs to be replaced with pine mulch

Every year since 2002 this equipment has been recommended for replacement by Ray Hutchison & Associates who carry out the audits of all the Yarriambiack Shire Council playground equipment annually.

The equipment will be replaced as part of the Yarriambiack Shire Council's replacement program with a new modern centre piece satisfying all the needs of children and meeting the requirements of the Australian Standards.

The budgeted amount to replace and install the play equipment is \$20,000

**Recommendation:**

That Yarriambiack Shire Council agrees to the removal of the sub standard playground equipment located at Rabl Park Murtoa and approves the replacement of new play equipment.

**Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Kemfert that Yarriambiack Shire Council agrees to the removal of the sub standard playground equipment located at Rabl Park Murtoa and approves the replacement of new play equipment.**

**Carried**

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

**12.1 Municipal Early Years Plan 2010 - 2012**

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr K Zanker that Yarriambiack Shire Council adopt the Municipal Early Years Plan 2010 – 2012.

Carried

**12.2 Locust Plague**

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr H Ballentine that Yarriambiack Shire Council continues working with the State Government and Department of Primary Industries to ensure resources are available to control locusts in the Spring.

Carried

**13 CLOSED SESSION**

**14 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Victorian Regional Waste Management Groups Meeting 16/4/2010 (distributed)

**15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS**

Western Region Water Strategy Draft Report 24/4/2010 (distributed)

North Western Municipalities Association Agendas 21/5/2010 (distributed)

**16 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 9 June 2010 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

**17 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11.25am

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Chairperson