

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2011 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET
WARRACKNABEAL AT 2.00 PM

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, H Ballentine, G Lovel, R Kingston, K Zanker, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer), James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning).

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 September 2011

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr R Kingston the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 September 2011 be confirmed.

Carried

Closed Session – 14 September 2011

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on 14 September 2011 be confirmed.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8 BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 Action List from last meeting

8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List

9 PETITIONS

10 REPORTS

Corporate Reports

10.1 Mayor's Report

10.2 Councillor/Delegate Reports

10.3 Chief Executive Officer – Activity Report

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report

10.5 Works Report

10.6 Community Services Report

10.7 Infrastructure Services Report

10.8 Economic & Community Development Report

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report (*tabled*)

11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)

11.3 2010/2011 Annual Report

11.4 Policy Update – Municipal Rate Relief – New Houses (*attached*)

11.5 Access & Inclusion Plan 2011-2014

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr John Kemfert

12 September	Attended Community Engagement Dinner at Rupanyup
18 September	Attended the Opening of the Rupanyup Community Centre
21 September	Attended Mallee Football League Annual Presentation Dinner at the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve
23 September	Attended a meeting with the Heritage Council of Victoria at Murtoa, facilitated by Mr Jim Norris
27 September	Accompanied by Ray Campling, met with Jacinta Allan and Shadow Minister, Richard Wynne at Nhill
28 September	Council Forum
30 September – 2 October	Attended the 'Murtoa's Big Weekend' and 'Murtoa Show'
5 October	Attended the Rupanyup Show
6 October	Attended the Warracknabeal Show
9 October	Attended the Opening of the newly renovated Woomelang & District Bush Nursing Centre
9 October	Attended the Hopetoun Show

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr K Zanker**

16 September	Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Meeting
18 September	Rupanyup Community Centre Official Opening
22 September	Wimmera Volunteers Board Planning Day
28 September	Council Forum
29 September	Wimmera Freight Hub Visit
2 October	Murtoa Big Weekend Celebration
3 October	Wimmera Volunteers Meeting

Cr H Ballentine

18 September	Attended Opening of Rupanyup Community Centre
28 September	Council Forum
29 September	Attended Tour of Wimmera Intermodal Freight Hub Construction Site
4 October	Attended Recreational Water Meeting at Birchip
9 October	Attended Hopetoun Show and Opening of Skate Park
9 October	Officially opened the recently renovated Grandstand at Hopetoun

Cr R Kingston

18 September	Attended Opening of Rupanyup Community Centre
23 September	Attended a meeting with the Heritage Council of Victoria at Murtoa in regards to the future of the Stick Shed
28 September	Council Forum
29 September	Tour of Wimmera Intermodal Freight Hub Construction Site
10 October	Rupanyup Consultative Committee Annual General Meeting
7 October	Attended Meeting in Geelong with Livestock Saleyard Association of Victoria

Cr G Lovel

28 September Council Forum

Cr J Wise

18 September Opening of the Rupanyup Community Centre

20 September Redda's Park Tri-Annual Meeting – Brim

28 September Council Forum

28 September Seniors Day Lunch at the Leisure Centre

29 September Site visit to the Dooen Freight Hub

2 October Australian Local Government Women's Association Teleconference Meeting

4 October Men's Probus Club

6 October Warracknabeal Show

7 October Wimmera Leadership Breakfast and Project Presentations

10 October Wimmera Community Road Safe Meeting – Shire Offices

11 October Wimmera Development Association Meeting

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

- Attended Wimmera Development Association Meeting with Cr Wise
- Met with Jo Bourke, WDA – various matters
- Met with Peter Rademaker – SHARE Program
- Met with Terry Lewis, Department of Primary Industries, Horsham
- Met with David Brennan, CEO – Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
- Met with Colin Morrison, Victorian Grants Commission
- With Mayor Kemfert, attended Mallee Football League Dinner in Hopetoun
- Met with Steve Cashion, Civica Consultant
- Attended Gateway BEET Meeting in Hopetoun
- Met with ACE Radio representatives – Cruise Prize
- Attended the Official Opening of the Rupanyup Community Centre
- Attended Wimmera Shared Services Meeting in Horsham
- Met with Dean Miller, CEO Hindmarsh – North Western Municipalities Association
- With Mayor Kemfert and other Wimmera Mayor's and CEO's, met with Jacinta Allan and Richard Wynne in Nhill
- Met with Brad Ead, AFS – Internal Auditors
- Attended Dooen Freight Hub Inspection
- Attended Regional CEO Meeting in Edenhope
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee Strategic Plan Meeting in Horsham
- Met with Keith Jackson, Grampians Regional Management Forum
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee Crime Prevention Reference Group Meeting in Horsham
- Attended Rural Council's Victoria Executive Meeting in Melbourne
- Attended Opening of the newly renovated Woomelang & District Bush Nursing Centre

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee

Rainbow Road Warracknabeal – Culverts

Works are progressing well on installation of large box culvert structures near the weir gates in Warracknabeal. A three cell box culvert structure was completed on the west side of the bridge in September. A second larger structure is currently being installed on the eastern side of the bridge.

The western structure was funded by VicRoads while the second structure was funded by Council.

The structures will greatly improve flood capacity and reduce future impacts of flooding in the township.

Brim Weir Pool

Flood improvement works are progressing well with reinstatement of the southern weir. The weir wall has been lowered with placement of beaching, so that future flood flows can go over the top. There should be no need for excavation in future flood events.

At the northern weir, 10 x 600mm culverts have been installed and a floodway is in progress on the Brim West Road. Again, at this weir, all future flood flows will be catered for.

Assets

- Continue developing 2011-2012 Capital Works Program – Re-seals
- Develop Assets 2010-2011 Grants Commission Report for Finance Department
- Review Council's computerised CRM system (Civica) and address the issues raised

OH&S - Risk Management

- Assist with the implementation of the OH&S Action Plan with OH&S Consultant, Colin Supple
- Develop a new draft OH&S structure and OH&S Committee structure for the Yarriambiack Shire Council
- Develop Job Safety Analysis forms for the Yarriambiack Shire Council
- Implement the election process for new OH&S Reps
- Develop a new Risk Management Register

Design

Council Capital Works Program 2011/2012

- Survey, set out and design plans for Dimboola Minyip Road Reconstruction (Stage 1 length 1400m)
- Clifford Street Warracknabeal - Survey and plans for the reconstruction of kerb, channel (both sides) and road pavement

Flood Control Works

- **Brim Lake and Brim West Road:** Works to repair the inlet weir and construct two inlet spillways to Brim Lake have commenced. At the northern outlet weir end of Brim Lake, a pipe culvert has been installed and work is underway on an outlet spillway and road invert floodway on the Brim West Road.
- **Jeparit Warracknabeal Road culvert installations:** A VicRoads managed construction crew is well advanced on installing flood control culverts each side of the bridge on Yarriambiack Creek. Both culverts are scheduled to be installed by Friday 30 September. Council staff have organised contractors to continue with the construction of spillways and other works associated with this project.

Environment

- Attended Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance Meeting St. Arnaud
- Tree Inspections
- Yarrilinks Meeting
- Anzac Park designated as Neighbourhood Safer Places
- Prepared application to Aboriginal Affairs Victoria re stick rake and regulator removal
- Inspected regulator and stick rake with Barengi Gadjin Land Council staff re any cultural heritage issues involved in removal
- Meeting with Wimmera Catchment Management Authority Vegetation Staff
- Department of Sustainability and Environment re vegetation issues

Technical Services

- Assist Design Engineer with surveys as required
- Process various Civic Requests as needed
- Met with Craig Garland from Halls Gap Plumbing to discuss location for new hydrant to be fitted at Bowman Street Warracknabeal. Also confirmed new hydrant to be fitted at Lascelles on 1 September
- Carry out Aerodrome Inspection
- Organise for a quote to repair/replace motor and resistor on heating/cooling unit in Town Hall
- Issue Road Opening permits for culvert removal and driveway entrance within nominated Road Reserves
- Update information for Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Aerodromes for inclusion in the next En Route Supplement Australia Edition
- Mark out new lead in/out line from apron to runway at Aerodrome and arrange for painting
- Met with Ambulance Officers to change-over chain and padlocks on Aerodrome access gate at Warracknabeal
- Attend Technical Services Department Meeting
- Update plant and vehicle checklists to include various vehicle change-overs as required
- Attend Wimmera Emergency Management Steering Group Meeting in Horsham on behalf of James Magee
- Complete Civil Aviation Safety Authority questionnaires online for Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Aerodromes
- Complete Bi-Annual Drug and Alcohol Management Plan Report for Aerodromes
- Issue NOTAM for light not working atop of Optus Tower in Piers Street
- Begin Audit of Drug and Alcohol Management Plan as requested by Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Saleyards

- Organise for spraying of fence lines and truck-wash area
- Order new Shire padlocks to be used at various locations within saleyards to eliminate the use of too many different keys
- Organise three security padlocks for meter boxes to be locked and accessed by power companies only
- Met with Phil Zanker to discuss fitting of solar light above loading ramp as a demonstration
- Begin Livestock Standstill Plan in draft form as per new regulations
- Met with Rusty Barry to fill out incident report form for minor accident during last sale

Technical Support

- Enter road inspections into Asset Asyst Program

Building & Planning Activity

In **September 2011** the following permits were issued:

Building: 5 Building Permits were issued in **September 2011**

Total Value of Building Work: **\$197,097**

Minyip – Re-stumping of Dwelling

Minyip – Shade Sail

Warracknabeal – Swimming Pool

Brim – Swimming Pool

Warracknabeal – Alterations

8 applications were submitted in **September 2011**

Planning: 12 Planning Permit were issued in **September 2011**

App No: TP38-11
Applicant: Beulah Football Club – Lee Oval
Address of Land: Beulah Recreation Reserve, Beulah
Proposal: The land to be developed by the construction of two light towers and associated earthworks
Date Issued: **01/09/2011**

App No: TP34-11
Applicant: Evans Planning Pty Ltd – Matt Evans
Address of Land: Construction and operating a telecommunications (mobile) facility, comprising of 35m high steel lattice tower and ancillary components enclosed within secure compound
Proposal: 2-4 Industrial Road, Murtoa being Volume 10297 Folio 243
Date Issued: **14/09/2011**

App No: TP35-11
Applicant: A&P Parks Constructions – Heath Kelly
Address of Land: 67 Scott Street, Warracknabeal
Proposal: The land to be developed for an awning
Date Issued: **01/09/2011**

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App No: TP26-11
Applicant: Brian Bentley Transport
Address of Land: Lot 2 on LP 86032 being Borung Highway, Warracknabeal.
Proposal: The land to be subdivided in accordance with the endorsed plans and subject to the following conditions
Date Issued: **06/09/2011**

App No: TP27-11
Applicant: Evans Planning Pty Ltd – Matt Evans
Address of Land: 3693 Henty Highway Beulah being Volume 06365 Folio 888
Proposal: Construction and operating a telecommunications (mobile) facility, comprising of 60m high steel lattice tower and ancillary components enclosed within secure compound
Date Issued: **14/09/2011**

App No: TP28-11
Applicant: Evans Planning Pty Ltd – Matt Evans
Address of Land: 355 Nyallo Road, Hopetoun being Volume 07877 Folio 008
Proposal: Construction and operating a telecommunications (mobile) facility, comprising of 80m high steel lattice tower and ancillary components enclosed within secure compound
Date Issued: **14/09/2011**

App No: TP37-11
Applicant: Chris Clyne
Address of Land: Lot 6 Government Road, Warracknabeal being Volume 03694 Folio 657
Proposal: The land to be used and developed for a dwelling and associated earthworks
Date Issued: **27/09/2011**

App No: TP39-11
Applicant: Leo Delahunty
Address of Land: 100 Hudson's Road, Murtoa being Volume 09428 folio 869
Proposal: Land to be subdivided
Date Issued: **27/09/2011**

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App No: TP40-11
Applicant: Cameron Penny
Address of Land: 86 McLachlan's Road, Minyip being Volume 08898 folio 091
Proposal: Land to be subdivided
Date Issued: 27/09/2011

App No: TP44-11
Applicant: Kevin Gebert
Address of Land: 2-6 Scott Street, Warracknabeal being Volume 10996 Folio 350 and Volume 9566 Folio 306
Proposal: The land to be developed by alterations to the existing building and surrounds
Date Issued: 27/09/2011

App No: TP42-11
Applicant: CFA
Address of Land: 1659 Hopetoun-Yaaapeet Road, Hopetoun
Proposal: Consolidation
Date Issued: 28/09/2011

App No: TP45-11
Applicant: Judith Heeps
Address of Land: 17-19 Cromie Street, Rupanyup
Proposal: Land to be used for a shop/office
Date Issued: 27/09/2011

Planning Permit Amendments

App No: TP07-11A
Applicant: Yarriambiack Shire Council
Address of Land: Lake Lascelles, Hopetoun
Proposal: Re-location of playground equipment
Date Issued: 28/09/2011

App No: TP04-11A
Applicant: Yarriambiack Shire Council
Address of Land: Minyip Wetlands, Petering Street, Minyip
Proposal: Re-location of playground equipment
Date Issued: 28/09/2011

App No: TP16-09A
Applicant: Wilken Engineering
Address of Land: 213 Henty Highway, Warracknabeal
Proposal: Replace glass window with brick wall
Date Issued: 28/09/2011

10 applications were submitted in **September 2011**.

10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Peter Jess**Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2011-2012**

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$23,221)		Feb 2012		Road Reconstruction
Campbell Street Hopetoun (\$146,296)	90%		October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Campbell Street / Hopetoun West Intersection Hopetoun (\$130,328)	100%		September 2011	Road Reconstruction
Campbell Street / Lascelles Street – Henty Highway Intersection Hopetoun (\$149,176)	100%		September 2011	Road Reconstruction
Degenhardt Street Murtoa (\$10,048)		Nov 2011		Road Reconstruction
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$14,067)		Nov 2011		Road Reconstruction
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$5,024)		Nov 2011		Road Reconstruction
Dettmann Lane Woomelang (\$12,727)		Jan 2012		Road Reconstruction
Church Street Woomelang (\$58,053)		Jan 2012		Road Reconstruction
Haby Lane Murtoa (\$9,143)		Nov 2011		Road Reconstruction
Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$46,883)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction

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Hopetoun Reservoir Lane 7 (\$60,844)		Dec 2011		Road Reconstruction
Luna Park Road Beulah (\$33,492)		Nov 2011		Road Reconstruction
Brock Street Woomelang (\$18,000)		Feb 2012		Kerb & Channel
Brock Street Woomelang (\$12,560)		Feb 2012		Kerb & Channel
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)		Sept 2011		Kerb & Channel
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$29,473)		Sept 2011		Kerb & Channel
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)		Sept 2011		Kerb & Channel
McLeod Street Minyip (\$19,650)		Oct 2011		Kerb & Channel
McLeod Street Minyip (\$14,625)		Oct 2011		Kerb & Channel
South Street Minyip (\$11,850)		Oct 2011		Kerb & Channel
South Street Minyip (\$8,820)		Nov 2011		Kerb & Channel
Breen Street Murtoa (\$74,927)			September 2011	Kerb & Channel
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,196)			September 2011	Kerb & Channel

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PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$21,300)		Feb 2012		Road Reconstruction
Luna Park Road Beulah (\$50,000)		Nov 2011		Bridges & Culverts
Brim West Road (\$11,000)	90%			Bridges & Culverts
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$6,275)	90%	Aug 2011	September 2011	Drainage
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$3,143)	90%	Aug 2011	September 2011	Drainage
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$5,582)	90%	Aug 2011	September 2011	Drainage
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$25,000)		Mar 2012		Drainage
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$20,000)		Mar 2012		Drainage
Woomelang Tip Road (\$72,566)		Feb 2012		Road Reconstruction
Dumbuoy Road Warracknabeal (\$40,000)		Mar 2012		Road Reconstruction
Dimboola Minyip Road (\$443,808)	60%	Oct 2011		Road Reconstruction
Rainbow Yaapeet Road (\$487,417)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction
Rupanyup Road (\$17,851)		Feb 2012		Road Reconstruction
Brim East Road (\$48,700)			September 2012	Road Reconstruction
Burrum North Road (\$247,913)		Nov 2011	Oct/Nov 2011	Road Reconstruction

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PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Lascelles West Road (\$264,615)	80%	Jan 2012	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Lascelles West Road (\$64,579)	80%	Jan 2012	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Lascelles West Road (\$43,052)	80%	Jan 2012	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Lascelles West Road (\$21,526)	80%	Jan 2012	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Watchem Warracknabeal Road (\$115,507)	100%	26.8.2011	August 2012	Road Reconstruction
Galaquil West Road (\$228,629)		March 2012		Road Reconstruction
Sheep Hills Minyip Road (\$113,492)		Sept 2011		Road Reconstruction
Ashen Jacksons Road (\$155,409)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction

Footpath Program 2011/2012

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Gladstone Street Beulah (\$5,828)		Jan 2012		
Garrard Street Hopetoun (\$14,295)		Feb 2012		
Toole Street Hopetoun (\$714)		Feb 2012		
Church Street Murtoa (\$11,490)		Oct 2011		
Market Street Minyip (\$5,065)		Oct 2011		
Mill Street Minyip (\$2,037)		Oct 2011		
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$4,838)		Nov 2011		
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,082)		Nov 2011		
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,208)		Nov 2011		
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$6,728)		Nov 2011		
Lake Street Murtoa (\$7,512)		Dec 2011		
Miller Street Murtoa (\$2,541)		Dec 2011		
Cromie Street Rupanyup (\$2,493)		Jan 2012		
Chamberlain Street Rupanyup (\$8,368)		Jan 2012		

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PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Chamberlain Street Speed (\$7,322)		Mar 2012		
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$13,008)		Jan 2012		
Jamouneau Street Warracknabeal (\$5,203)		Jan 2012		
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,259)		Feb 2012		
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$2,385)		Feb 2012		
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,151)		Feb 2012		
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$15,826)		Feb 2012		
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$14,959)		Feb 2012		
Milbourne Street Warracknabeal (\$14,091)		Mar 2012		
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$10,948)		Mar 2012		
Various (\$10,000)				
Various (\$10,000)				

Gravel Re-sheet Works

Warracknabeal Watchem Road – 4 km Shoulders – September

Schaches Road – 1.4 km Re-Sheet – 20%

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

Woomelang Kindergarten has asked us to answer a number of questions in regards to starting kindergarten in Woomelang next year.

I will contact them and arrange to discuss the issues and move things forward; we also need to meet with the Beulah community, as their numbers for 2012 are low. I have organized this and will meet with them shortly before we finalise things with Woomelang.

Now that Hindmarsh, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack Shire Council have adopted the Wimmera Early Years Transport Support Project Report, a letter will be sent to Minister Lovell and the Regional Education & Early Childhood Department Manager, Keryl Thomas. We are looking at a forum in November in Warracknabeal to discuss the report.

Aged and Disability

This month has been busy preparing for the Seniors Concert held on 28 September. The 'Dusty, Doris and Me Show' with Wendy Stapleton was well received and hosted around 250 people at the Secondary College in Warracknabeal.

The crowd participation was great and the picnic afterwards was a success. We catered for at least 250 and our "on loan" university student, Hayley, assisted by running the games and fancy hat contest. Staff from across the Shire assisted with the day and co-ordination of the event, Lisa Dunkley in particular, which ensured a very successful day. Thanks to all Councillors who attended the picnic, the seniors really appreciated it.

Next, we finalise plans for the two Police Bands attending Rupanyup and Beulah on 20 October.

Free transport has been organized and catering will be done locally, with local groups being given a \$200 donation (plus costs) by the Office of Victorian Seniors to cater for this event.

Environmental Health / Local Laws

Tim Rose, Environmental Health Officer / Local Laws, is on leave this month.

Local Laws has had a busy month, 16 pups, 11 adult dogs and three cats have been surrendered and put in the pound.

Eight of the pups and five dogs have been re-housed, the rest were euthanized as they had temperament issues.

A concern is the number of well fed and healthy animals that end up in the pound not being claimed by owners.

A new tank and pump has been installed at the pound to improve cleaning facilities.

A policy in relation to dangerous dogs will go before Council in November; this is in line with recent State Legislation and changes across the Local Government Sector in the handling of dangerous dog issues.

Rupanyup Railway Station clean up is underway, stage one items have been removed. Talks will now take place with the owner to remove other items before the summer fire season.

Other derelict properties in the Shire are being targeted for clean up.

Fire prevention inspections are starting this week, we have already had calls from concerned residents about grass and snakes.

All residents should be now looking to prepare for fire season and reduce long grass and overgrown bushes. We will be putting notices in papers shortly to remind everyone of the importance of keeping properties clean and safe this fire season.

Youth

Youth Worker, Chris Solly, is on leave this month.

Kitty has been active developing a school holiday program to engage youth during their break.

Kitty has also been working with local primary schools, Police and the Justice Department to support young people with issues.

During Murtoa's Big Weekend, Kitty will be with the youth bus to promote our services and discuss issues with young people.

She will also attend the Rupanyup Show.

We are also looking at new funding from the Minister for Youth Affairs, for a program called 'Engage'. The funding looks at ways of increasing young people's participation and decision making in our community. Kitty, Chris and I are looking at ideas for this funding.

Emergency Relief

This month we have seen a few more requests for emergency relief from new clients in the area and also from a homeless family unable to get emergency housing.

Lisa Cook and I are planning a series of community meetings across the Shire starting this month. The meetings will look at setting-up local community committees that we can work with during major incidents to assist with the staffing of Relief Centres and catering for the emergency teams.

We have received funding from Department of Planning & Community Development to develop these local volunteer committees and provide training. Once developed, the committees will be part of our emergency relief and recovery structure and will be recognized in our planning.

Eight towns have been targeted for this training; advertising will appear in all local papers and newsletters shortly.

Volunteer Transport

Numbers were up this month, 15 clients were transported 3,996 kilometres. Our volunteer driver pool is providing good support to clients.

Maternal and Child Health

Nurses have been busy with training to update skills recently; they have also supported our immunization program in schools, working with Tim Rose.

Both nurses have been trying to develop the playgroup and mothers groups across the Shire; these groups are important for isolated families and young mothers to maintain social contact.

SHARE Program – (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged)**SHARE Community Grants**

The second round of SHARE Community Grants has received a great response with many applications received from community organisations. The evaluation panel is expected to meet in late October.

Caravan Parks

The Hopetoun Caravan Park Emergency Management Plan has been forwarded to relevant emergency service organisations for comment. The Emergency Management Plans are a requirement of the Residential Tenancies Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards Regulations 2010.

On Wednesday 28 September the CFA conducted fire safety inspections at the Rupanyup Memorial Park, Minyip Caravan Park, Brim Redda's Park, Beulah Caravan Park, Yaapeet Caravan Park, Lascelles Camping Ground and the Mallee Bush Retreat. The CFA Fire Safety Reports will be utilised in the Emergency Management Plans.

Upgrades to the men's amenities at the Hopetoun Caravan Park are expected to begin in late October 2011.

Emergency Services Day Woomelang

The Emergency Services Day has been a bi-annual event since 2004 and aims to educate and promote emergency services to youth in the region. The next event will be held on 21, 22 and 23 June 2012.

In the past the event has operated over two days but this year will extend to three and include high school students, who will participate in career focused workshops. Over 700 participants attend the event each year over the two days and it is expected the Careers Day will engage a further 250 high school students.

The event will also be open to any community members who wish to take part in the event.

10.7 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme

On 30 August 2011 the Legislative Council resolved that the Environment and Planning Legislation Committee enquire into the Environment Protection Amendment (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2011.

The main purpose of the Bill is to amend the Environment Protection Act 1970 to establish a beverage container deposit and recovery scheme to be administered by the Environment Protection Authority.

The Committee is to give consideration to:-

- Proposals for nationally consistent or uniform approaches to waste recycling and disposal
- The potential impact the Bill in its current form may have on such options
- Victorian engagement in national recycling initiatives
- Environmental benefits, financial costs and benefits, any cost of living impacts and;
- Any other matter the Committee considers is relevant thereto

Submissions must be submitted by Monday 10 October 2011.

I have prepared and forwarded a submission to the enquiry on behalf of Council, conveying Council's support for the introduction of a Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme, which Council believes would have the support of environmental groups and also support from the community.

Council believes the following benefits would be achieved through the introduction of a Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme.

- Reduction of kerbside collection disposal costs to Local Government
- Substantial increase in the container material recycling rate
- Increase in the diversion rate of material from landfill
- Decrease in the amount of roadside litter
- Financial benefit to community groups, charities and some disadvantaged sections of the community through the collection of deposit bearing containers

Contract C169/2011 Front End Loader

Council advertised on 17 September 2011 for the supply and delivery of one 4WD Front End Loader based out of the Warracknabeal Depot.

Tenders for this item of plant close on Friday 14 October 2011.

Graders

Council has now taken delivery of the second-hand Caterpillar 12H Grader which has been purchased by Council and also the new Caterpillar 12M Grader which Council is leasing for a period of two years, with the intention to purchase at the end of the lease period.

This will take our fleet of graders to nine and will enable Council to have a major impact on our maintenance grading program.

Channel Decommissioning – Structures

Following further discussions with GWM Water regarding structures and local drainage areas, a list of channel structures in Yarriambiack Shire Council's area that will not be removed pending further investigations has been compiled. These investigations are either:

- As part of a local area drainage plan, where planning/consultative process is currently underway and may lead to the retention of some sections of channels for drainage purposes.
- Where local scale drainage needs have been identified, which may benefit a small number of properties, but are not part of a broader local area drainage plan.

The list below is a blanket listing of reaches of channels where they may be retained for a local drainage scheme:

- Lubeck Channel
- Lubeck North Channel
- Ashens Creek Channel
- Main Central Channel
- Marma Lake Channel
- Minyip and Minyip South Channel – south of the Candy's Channel off take
- East Karkaroc Channel, where it is in Dunmunkle Creek, between Switchback Road and Lawler Road
- Main Eastern Channel (structure near Rocklands Lubeck Channel, pending agreement on a main eastern drainage plan)

Council has also requested that the Murtoa South Channel also be included for consideration in local drainage plans.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that standing orders be suspended at 2:45pm.

Carried

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that standing orders be resumed at 3:00pm.

Carried

10.8 Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

Meetings Attended

23/09/2011 – Stick Shed Workshop, Murtoa

30/09/2011 – Big Weekend Official Opening, Murtoa

Economic Development

Warracknabeal Industrial Estate

Two strong expressions of interest were received in relation to the purchase of the remaining two blocks, which has delayed us proceeding with the proposed subdivision.

However, a firm offer has not been received at this stage and we will now proceed with the subdivision.

We have also received a letter from Regional Development Victoria approving our request to vary the grant conditions to allow the unspent portion of the original grant to be used to cover some of the additional costs.

Hopetoun Industrial Estate

Council is assisting the Corrong Co-operative with both the re-zoning of the Hopetoun Industrial Estate and obtaining funding for the infrastructure costs associated with the subdivision of the vacant block three into two separate blocks.

An initial inquiry to Regional Development Victoria has received a positive response and a funding submission is currently being prepared.

Housing Development

We are currently awaiting a response from the Department of Planning and Community Development regarding the possible re-zoning and subdivision of Council owned land.

Woomelang Travellers Rest

As previously reported, the discovery of the underground fuel tanks on the old general store site has caused considerable concerns about the community taking ownership of the site.

We are currently trying to obtain an estimate of the cost of testing the site for possible contamination and if required, rehabilitation.

Regional Growth Fund

The Regional Growth Fund replaces the previous Government's Regional Development Funding Programs and allocates \$1 billion over eight years to Regional Victoria.

Of particular interest to us is that 40% of that amount is allocated to the Local Government Infrastructure Fund (\$100 million) and the Putting Locals First Fund (\$100 million).

CEO, Ray Campling and Community Projects Co-ordinator, Dennis Smith met with Peter Rademaker, Marc Amos and Jessica White of Regional Development Victoria on 13 September to discuss funding opportunities for Council's priority projects.

A list of possible projects was prepared prior to the meeting and forwarded to Regional Development Victoria.

Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Wimmera Mallee

One of the priority actions detailed in the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Strategic Plan was to identify and detail sustainable agriculture opportunities presented by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline.

We are currently working with the Committee established to action this objective, to ensure that our farmers are provided with all the necessary information needed to assess investment opportunities available to them.

Murtoa Stick Shed

Attended a "Future Use and Management Workshop" in Murtoa on 23 September which was organised by Heritage Victoria, in conjunction with the Heritage Council of Victoria and attended by all relevant stakeholders in the future of the Stick Shed.

We were taken on a tour of the shed and advised that the \$1.6 million restoration works were nearing completion and the main reason for the workshop was to examine potential uses for the building and possible management structures.

A number of potential uses were discussed and management models explored and a Steering Committee formed to further pursue the issues of ownership, access, ongoing maintenance and management.

Tourism

Yarriambiack Tourism Association

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday 27 October 2011.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday 20 October at the Wimmera Development Association office in Horsham with the main agenda items to be:-

- Tourism component of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Strategic Plan
- Wimmera Branding and how it can be used for Wimmera Mallee Tourism
- Wimmera Mallee Website Development
- Melbourne and Adelaide Caravan & Camping Shows
- Regional Victoria Living Expo

Community Development / Community Projects

Community Facility Funding Program 2012/2013

Three full applications have been completed and submitted to the Department of Planning & Community Development with details as follows:-

The Beulah Recreation Reserve Oval Lighting Upgrade application requests a grant of \$50,817 for a total project cost of \$76,226. The Warracknabeal Golf Club Clubhouse Facilities Upgrade application requests a grant of \$66,850 for a total project cost of \$100,289 and the establishment of the Murtoa Angling Club Clubhouse application requests a grant of \$24,394 for a total project cost of \$36,591.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010/2011

The Final Report for the Minyip Wetlands fitness equipment and playground installation, funded through this program, has now been submitted.

Local History Grants Program 2010/2011

The Tempy commemorative sign has been completed, delivered to Tempy and should be installed over the forthcoming weeks.

Victorian Veterans Council Grants Program 2011/2012

An application for funding through the Victorian Veterans Council Grants Program 2011/2012, Victorian Veterans Fund for the construction of the commemorative wall at Tempy has been submitted requesting a grant of \$17,342.

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at September 2011 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Report as at September 2011 be received.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr K Zanker that Finance Report as at September 2011 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at October 2011 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

The Revenue Report as at October 2011 be received.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr H Ballentine that the Revenue Report as at October 2011 be received.

Carried

11.3 2010/2011 Annual Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The 2010/2011 Annual Report for Yarriambiack Shire Council has been prepared in accordance with Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989. Council gives public notice that the Annual Report has been prepared and can be inspected the Council offices.

RECOMMENDATION

The 2010/2011 Annual Report be adopted by Council.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council adopt the 2010/2011 Annual Report.

Carried

11.4 Policy Update – Municipal Rate Relief – New Houses – prepared by Chantelle Pitt (Tabled)

Council's current Municipal Rate Relief Policy regarding new houses was last reviewed in 2009 and has since been reviewed and updated to include additional sustainable energy initiatives.

The objective of this policy is to encourage and provide incentive for the construction of new (or relocated) residential housing developments within this Shire which include sustainable water and energy initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the reviewed and updated Municipal Rate Relief – New Houses Policy as presented.

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that Council approve the reviewed and updated Municipal Rate Relief – New Houses Policy as presented.

Carried

Cr G Lovel requested that it be recorded that he objected to the above recommendation.

OBJECTIVE

The Yarriambiack Shire Council wishes to encourage and provide incentive for the construction of new (or relocated) residential housing developments within this Shire which include sustainable water and energy initiatives.

The freezing of municipal rates for new residential housing developments for a period of three years would assist owners with reduced rates for this period. The new housing developments may be in a rural or urban area.

POLICY

The Yarriambiack Shire Council will base its rate calculation on the following:

$$\frac{\text{Capital Improved Value} - \text{Value of New Residential Housing Development}}{\text{Capital Improved Value}} = \text{Rate Reduction}$$

This rate calculation will be applied for a period of three years after the date of issue of Certificate of Occupancy for the new residential housing development.

At the end of the three year period the annual rate charge will be based on Council's Capital Improved Value, which will include the new housing development.

This policy does not apply to temporary housing or sheds.

Note:

The rate reduction is only applicable to the annual rate charge. All other charges associated with the property (ie garbage service and recycling charges) will be as stated in Council's Annual Rate Declaration.

REQUIREMENTS

The residence must comply with three of the five requirements with the first one being compulsory to be eligible for municipal rate relief under this policy:

- Provision of a rain water tank with a minimum capacity of 13,000 litres with the entire residence to be plumbed to have the option of rain water or town supply (dual plumbing);
- Residence to be fitted with a solar hot water service or a heat pump hot water system;
- An EPA approved aerated wastewater treatment system for reuse to be installed;
- Residence to be fitted with photo voltaic panels of minimum 1kw capacity with connection to state power grid;
- Residence to be fitted with approved grey water reuse and irrigation system.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is applicable to housing developments with an occupancy certificate issued 12 October 2011 or later. Applicants with Certificates of Occupancy issued prior to 12 October 2011 shall be assessed under the previous policy.

Council Adoption Date	12 October 2011
Minute No	
Review Date	12 October 2013
Officer Responsible	Chief Executive Officer

11.5 Access and Inclusion Plan 2011 / 2014 – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

The Access & Inclusion Plan acknowledges the rights of people in Yarriambiack to be fully participating members of the community. The Access Plan is designed to address barriers that prevent people with a disability from participating in society. Many of these barriers can be eliminated with forethought and planning. The Access & Inclusion Plan will assist Council as it seeks to improve facilities, information process, programs and compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Background

The plan has been developed by the Working Party representing both Community and Disability Organisations.

Public consultations were held across the Shire.

RECOMMENDATION

Yarriambiack Shire Council approve and adopt the Access & Inclusion Plan 2011/2014.

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr J Wise that the Yarriambiack Shire Council approve and adopt the Access & Inclusion Plan 2011/2014.

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

Mayor John Kemfert voiced his concern regarding the fact there is no Doctor in the township of Murtoa.

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr R Kingston that the Yarriambiack Shire Council write and congratulate Mr Doug McColl on being named the Victorian Senior of the Year for 2011.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that the Yarriambiack Shire Council write and congratulate Mrs June Solly on being awarded with a 2011 Ageing Victoria Senior Achiever Award during the Victorian Senior of the Year Presentations at Government House.

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr K Zanker that the Yarriambiack Shire Council write and congratulate Mayor Michael Ryan of Horsham Rural City Council and Mayor Sue McMillan of Knox City Council on being elected to the Local Government, Ministerial-Mayors Advisory Panel.

13 CLOSED SESSION

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr G Lovel that Council move into Closed Session.

Carried

Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr R Kingston that Council move back into Open Session.

Carried

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr R Kingston that Council adopt the Resolutions from the Closed Session of Council.

Carried

14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

Access and Inclusion Plan 2011/2014
Yarriambiack Shire Council Income Statement by Resources for September 2011
Income Statement by Department for September 2011
Rates Report – October 2011
Yarriambiack Shire Council Capital Works Statement for September 2011
Yarriambiack Shire Council Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2011

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE 4:00pm
