

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 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**

Crs A McLean, J Kemfert, R Kingston, H Ballentine, K Zanker, G Lovel, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer) and Bernie Naylor (Infrastructure Service Manger)

**5 APOLOGIES**

Mayor J Wise, James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning)

**Acting Chairman:**

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr G Lovel that Cr A McLean be appointed as acting chairman for the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 October 2010.**

**Carried**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 8 September 2010

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr G Lovel that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 August 2010 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 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 (*tabled*)
- 11.2 Revenue Report (*tabled*)
- 11.3 2009/2010 Annual Report
- 11.4 Yarriambiack Tourism Association, Instrument
- 11.5 Amended Road Management Plan

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

- 09 September 100 Women Event – Horsham Rural City Council's Celebration of the Year of Women in Local Government.
- 11 September Opening of the Warracknabeal Bowling Club's 2010/2011 Season
- 13 September Ministers Flood Information Meeting in Horsham  
Road Safe Wimmera Meeting
- 14 September Wimmera Development Association Executive Meeting – Horsham  
Wimmera Development Association Board Meeting – Horsham
- 15 September WDA Wimmera Leadership Program Presentations - Horsham  
Launch of Seniors Computer Kiosk at Gateway Beet in Hopetoun. This program provides two computers, desks and chairs targeted towards our senior population. Volunteer tutors are sourced from the community to assist the seniors in learning how to use computers and the internet.  
Mallee League Annual Presentation Dinner in Hopetoun. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our football and netball clubs for their hard work and dedication to their sport.
- 17 September Warracknabeal Herald's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ.
- 19 September Opening of the new Tift Dwarf Green at Rupanyup.
- 20 September Warracknabeal Ladies Bowls 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- 22 September Council Forum
- 24 September Yarriambiack Shire's Celebration of the Year of Women in Local Government. Attended by a mixture of past, present and hopefully future councillors and local government staff, along with the CEOs of RNWH and Woodbine and former WDA Leadership Chair, this event proved a good avenue to promote LG. A special YoWiLG Presentation was made to Pam Pittwood to acknowledge her 34 years in Local Government.
- 25 September Warracknabeal Bowling Club AFL Grand Final Breakfast.
- 30 September Wimmera Uniting Care's Foster Care Luncheon in Horsham to recognise the work of foster carers in our region.
- 01 October Powercor Business Awards – Horsham
- 04 October Hopetoun Probus Club
- 06 October Yarriambiack Seniors Week Picnic at the Lions Park and the Seniors Concert in the Town Hall Warracknabeal.
- 08 October Wimmera Leadership Business Leaders Presentation –Horsham
- 10 October Centenary of Guiding – Warracknabeal Secondary College.
- 11 October Rupanyup Community BBQ
- 12 October Leaving for the National Local Roads & Transport Congress being held in Bunbury WA.

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

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| 17 September | Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Meeting  |
| 21 September | Wimmera Volunteers Grant sub committee meeting. The sub committee met to decide upon the Wimmera Volunteer Grants recently advertised for submission. |
| 22 September | Council Forum   |
| 24 September | Celebration of women in leadership networking meeting and lunch held at the Shire Meeting room.   |
| 29 September | Wimmera Volunteers presentation regarding inclusion and implementation of the 'Short Term Volunteers Register'.                                       |

**Cr H Ballentine**

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| 16 September             | Attended Horsham Rural City Council 'Women in Local Government' gathering - won two HRCC glasses for travelling the furthest.  |
| 18 September             | Attended an ancestry workshop at Hopetoun NHH and met up with Woomelang ladies wishing to re-establish the Woomelang Historical Society  |
| 23 September             | Hosted Peter Crisp MP in the Hopetoun Ward, visited Gymnasium to recognise young people involved, viewed grandstand renovations, multipurpose shed with new additions, historical society to see blacksmith shop, Lake Lascelles with Bert Hallam to see newest addition (limestone building), viewed Lake Corrong from Hallam lookout, viewed Beulah weir pool, Brim Weir pool, visited Mallee Sunset Gallery and escorted Crisp to a meeting with Ray Campling to discuss the horrible state of Henty Highway, developments with Illuka loading bay at Hopetoun and electorate perception of drought assistance needing to continue next year. |
| 24 September             | Attended and spoke at Yarriambiack 'Women in Local Government' gathering   |
| 24 September             | Shared afternoon tea with Minyip Probus Group at Mallee Sunset Gallery   |
| 30 September & 1 October | Won ABC competition for two days attendance and dinner at the third National Conference on the Sustainability of Australia's Country Towns (worth \$895) Ideal venue at La Trobe Uni Bendigo to gain further information to advocate for renewable energy projects and the importance of the farming community to regional centres. Will report and share any ideas I find for any of our smaller towns.   |
| 9 October                | Attended Tempy Centenary - assisted by displaying Parish Maps for reflection and gathering of more history on Tempy. Assisted with a flyer and newspaper article for the committee, enhancing their support from YSC.  |

**Cr J Kemfert**

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| 17 September | Warracknabeal Herald Celebrating 125 years    |
| 22 September | Council Forum                                 |
| 11 October   | Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly Presentation |
| 01 October   | Murtoa Show                                   |
| 02 October   | Murtoa's Big Weekend                          |

**Cr A McLean**

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| 22 September | Attended Council Forum.  |
| 30 September | Attended the meeting of GWMWater's Mallee Customer Committee in Ouyen. |
| 5 October    | Attended the SHARE Program Community Planning Forum in Patchewollock.  |

**Cr G Lovel**

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| 9 September  | Attended Stawell Community Meeting to discuss on-going problems with the Stawell/Ararat landfill on behalf of the Regional Waste Management Group. |
| 15 September | Chaired regular meeting of the Waste Management Group at Horsham. Re elected as Chairman at Annual Meeting   |
| 19 September | Welcomed attendees to annual reunion of past residents of Warracknabeal  |
| 1 October    | Attended Regional Meeting of the Wimmera Intermodal Freight Terminal Planning Group at Ballarat  |

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

- Met with Richard Bolt – DPCD – Wimmera Southern Mallee Strategic Plan
- Met with Jim McKay – CEO Hindmarsh – various matters
- Met with Justine Linley RDV – various matters
- Met with Peter Rademaker – SHARE Program
- Met with Nigel Binney – GWMWater – Lake Marma
- Met with Vincent Sully GRMF Presentation
- Attended CEO Forum in Horsham
- Met with Mike Smith LakeMarma/Rabl Park Management Plan
- Met with Dean Miller, CEO Hindmarsh – various matters
- Attended Essential Services Commission Panel Meeting in Melbourne
- Met with Doug Hallam – Yarriambiack Creek
- Attended Warracknabeal Herald 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- With Mayor Jean Wise, attended the launch of the Seniors Internet Kiosk at Gateway BEET
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria executive meeting in Melbourne
- Met with Peter Crisp, Member for Mildura – various matters
- Met with Peter Damarell – Risk Management Consultant
- Attended Wimmera Information Network meeting in Horsham
- With Mayor Jean Wise attended the Mallee Football and Netball League Presentation at Hopetoun
- Attended Powercor Wimmera Business Awards in Horsham
- Met with Colin Watson – Converge Management
- Met with Jennifer Corbett – NBN Program
- Attended Patchewollock Community Planning evening
- Met with Brad Ead – AFS Internal Auditor
- Met with Tracey Rigney – LLEN Program
- Met with Terry Lewis – DPI – various matters
- Met with Nick Rees – Powercor – various matters
- Met with Lisa Cody – land registry matters
- Attended Rupanyup Community Visit
- Met with Alison McGregor – Locust update
- Attended SHARE Program Community Planning in Patchewollock

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

Yarriambiack Shire has experienced flooding for the first time since 1996. The long awaited flows were not without their problems particularly in the southern portion of the Shire. Significant overland flow in areas south of Rupanyup and Lubeck and around Longerenong caused impacts on roads and cropping.

Flooding occurred in the Richardson River, Wimmera River, Yarriambiack Creek and Dunmunkle Creek. Field Shire staff did a tremendous job responding to requirements during and after the peak of the flows.

Some damage to culverts, road shoulders and crossings has occurred. The damage bill has been estimated to be \$230000. Council has applied for government assistance in respect of these costs.

Yarriambiack Shire managed the regulation of weir gates at Warracknabeal and liaised with committee of management representatives at Beulah and Brim. Improvements to weir gates will assist in regulating future flows and this is under investigation at present

**ILUKA**

Latest developments include:

- onsite inspection by Iluka representatives
- land lease agreement developed
- cleanup of site commenced by Council staff

**ASSETS – Mick Evans**

- Develop 2010-11 Reseal Program
- Attended a Geographic Names information session in Horsham- new 2010 guide lines
- Research and develop reports for council on Road Requests -name changes and road upgrades
- Attend MOWA exhibition in Bendigo looking at any new products that could be useful to the Yarriambiack Shire Council

**DESIGN – John Boehm**

Annual Leave

**ENVIRONMENT – Matt Wellington**

- Locusts – Meetings/ monitoring/training/ equipment set up.  
Chemical is at Hopetoun depot. Spray units are ready to go at a moments notice (some minor adaptation still required but won't hamper our efforts). All Hopetoun outdoor staff have been briefed on the program (Warracknabeal later this week). Some on ground monitoring between Hopetoun and Woomelang has produced mixed results, with no found egg beds but some hatched at one site.
- Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance meetings
- Flood monitoring
- Surveying with John – Minyip Rich Avon rd.

**TECHNICAL SERVICES – Tony Brennan**

- Issue Road Opening Permit to Donald Mineral Sands to conduct soil sampling along the following roads within the Shire-: K Woods, Lallat Nth, C Readings, Hopefield, Ashen Jacksons and Florences.
- Met with GWM Water Representative and Graham Symes of Lascelles CFA to discuss the location and installation of a hydrant in the pipeline to refill fire trucks/tankers at Lascelles.  
Organise for quotes to supply and install hydrant
- Met with Hugh Keam of Wheatlands District Church Warracknabeal and Colin Newell Warracknabeal CFA to discuss location of new hydrant in Bowman Street directly in front of the church buildings. Due to proposed building extensions by the Church the CFA has recommended another hydrant is required closer to the building as the current ones are to far away causing some pressure and flow issues during a fire.  
Organise for quotes to supply and install hydrant.
- Attend **Emergency Management Planning Committee** meeting on 18/08/10.
- Set up traffic counter along Dumbouy Road Warracknabeal in 3 locations between Henty Highway and Cannum Five Chain Road.
- Submit letter of application to Powercor for the installation of a new street light at 6 Rose Street Warracknabeal.
- Issue NOTAM (Notice to All Airmen) regarding the replacement of the secondary windsock and tower at Warracknabeal Aerodrome due to deterioration.
- Organise for quote to upgrade Primary Windsock Lighting at Hopetoun Aerodrome to new Standard.
- Handle various enquiries and issues relating to Waste matters while Bernie is on leave.
- Attend Geographical Names Information session in Horsham regarding the new requirements for naming, renaming or changing the boundaries of features, localities and roads in Victoria.
- Carry out various duties as required for Saleyards and truckwash areas while John Boehm is on long service leave.
- Attend the National Works and Engineering Conference in Bendigo Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**BUILDING & PLANNING ACTIVITY**

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

**Building:** 6 Building Permits were issued.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$121,291**

**Hopetoun** – Pergola

**Rupanyup** – Bell Tower

**Hopetoun** – Garage

**Warracknabeal** - Workshop

**Warracknabeal** – Shade Sail

**Speed** – Garage

**Beulah** – Re-Stumping of Dwelling

6 applications were submitted in **September 2010**.

**Planning:** 4 Planning Permits were issued.

**App No:** TP32-10

**Applicant:** Maurie Parsons

**Address of Land:** Warracknabeal Lions Pk, Craig Ave, W'Beal

**Proposal:** The land to be developed by the erection of a Shade Shelter and associated earthworks.

**Date Issued:** 14/09/2010

**App No:** TP14-10

**Applicant:** Jamie Bell

**Address of Land:** 97 Henty Highway, Warracknabeal

**Proposal:** The land to be developed by the erection of a Storage Shed and earthworks.

**Date Issued:** 14/09/2010

**App No:** TP22-10

**Applicant:** Peter Howieson

**Address of Land:** 1248 Yarto Speed Rd, Speed

**Proposal:** The land to be Used and Developed for a second Dwelling, garage and associated earthworks

**Date Issued:** 17/09/2010

**App No:** TP28-10

**Applicant:** Northern Land Solutions

**Address of Land:** 28-30 Wychunga St, Lascelles

**Proposal:** Consolidation

**Date Issued:** 21/09/2010

6 applications were submitted in **September 2010**.

**10.5 Technical Services – Prepared by Brian Poulton****CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM – ROADS AND STREETS 2010-2011**

| <b>PROJECT</b>   | <b>% COMPLETE</b> | <b>START DATE</b>         | <b>COMPLETION DATE</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>  |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Carter Street Speed<br>(\$32,888)  | 0%                | December<br>2010          |                        | Seal Street from<br>Sunraysia Highway to<br>Goudie Street |
| Doctor Pete's Car<br>Park Hopetoun<br>(\$15,914)                               | 0%                | December<br>2010          |                        | Construct and Seal  |
| Haby Lane Murtoa<br>(\$8,915)  | 0%                | March 2011                |                        | Construct and Seal  |
| McDonald Street car<br>parking Murtoa<br>(\$14,602)                            | 0%                | March 2011                |                        | Construct and Seal  |
| Germaine Street<br>Yaapeet<br>(\$6,430)  | 0%                | December<br>2010          |                        | Road widening for<br>drainage purposes                    |
| Breen Street Murtoa<br>(\$126,000)   | 0%                | January<br>2011           |                        |   |
| <b>Dimboola – Minyip<br/>Rd<br/>(\$428,800)</b>                                | -----             | -----                     | -----                  | <b>Horsham Rural City<br/>Council</b>                     |
| Rainbow Yaapeet<br>Rd<br>(\$470,930)   | 0%                | January<br>2011           |                        |   |
| Burrum North Rd<br>(\$55,174)<br>Pavement Renewal                              | 0%                | November<br>2010          |                        |   |
| Brim East Rd<br>(Sheephills<br>Bangerang Rd)<br>(\$70,457)<br>Pavement Renewal | 0%                | February<br>2011          |                        |   |
| Brim East Rd<br>(\$169,214)<br>Pavement Renewal                                | 0%                | May 2011                  |                        |   |
| Brim West Rd<br>(\$70,568)<br>Pavement Renewal                                 | 0%                | November<br>2010          |                        |   |
| Mount Pleasant Rd<br>(\$20,012)<br>Pavement Renewal                            | 0%                | January<br>2011           |                        |   |
| Rupanyup Rd<br>(\$26,332)<br>Pavement Renewal                                  | 0%                | January<br>2011           |                        |   |
| <b>Galaquil East Rd<br/>(\$95,846)<br/>Pavement Renewal</b>                    | <b>70%</b>        | <b>September<br/>2010</b> |                        | <b>Road reconstruction</b>                                |

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

13 OCTOBER 2010

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| Galaquil West Rd<br>(\$48,977)<br>Pavement Renewal           | 0%         | October<br>2010           |  |                            |
| Yaapeet Kenmare<br>Rd<br>(\$31,597)<br>Pavement Renewal      | 0%         | January<br>2011           |  |                            |
| Minyip Rich Avon Rd<br>(\$178,374)<br>Pavement Renewal       | 0%         | <b>September<br/>2010</b> |  |                            |
| <b>Minyip Banyena Rd<br/>(\$99,156)<br/>Pavement Renewal</b> | <b>70%</b> | <b>October<br/>2010</b>   |  | <b>Road reconstruction</b> |
| Brim East School Rd<br>(\$90,248)<br>Pavement Renewal        | 0%         | April<br>2011             |  |                            |
| Brim East School Rd<br>(\$28,715)<br>Pavement Renewal        | 0%         | April<br>2011             |  |                            |
| Brim East School Rd<br>(\$7,179)<br>Pavement Renewal         | 0%         | April<br>2011             |  |                            |

**FOOTPATH PROGRAM 2010/2011**

| <b>PROJECT</b>                                     | <b>% COMPLETE</b> | <b>START DATE</b>         | <b>COMPLETION DATE</b>    | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
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| Taverner Street Beulah<br>(\$11,228)               | 0%                | February<br>2011          |                           | Hotmix - Geotech   |
| <b>Austin Street Hopetoun<br/>(\$9,357)</b>        | <b>100%</b>       | <b>September<br/>2010</b> | <b>September<br/>2010</b> | <b>Premix – Geotech<br/>Shire</b>                          |
| Dennys Street Hopetoun<br>(\$11,228)               | 0%                | November<br>2010          |                           | Hotmix - Geotech   |
| Lascelles Street Hopetoun<br>(\$12,943)            | 0%                | December<br>2010          |                           | Hotmix – upgrade<br>Geotech                                |
| <b>Mitchell Place Hopetoun<br/>(\$5,848)</b>       | <b>100%</b>       | <b>September<br/>2010</b> | <b>September<br/>2010</b> | <b>Reseal - Shire</b>                                      |
| Murdoch Street Hopetoun<br>(\$5,146)               | 0%                | September<br>2010         |                           | Hotmix – upgrade<br>Geotech                                |
| Cromie Street Murtoa<br>(\$18,980)                 | 0%                | November<br>2010          |                           | Shire - Concrete   |
| Duncan Street Murtoa<br>(\$15,538)                 | 0%                | December<br>2010          |                           | Shire - Concrete   |
| McDonald Street Murtoa<br>(\$14,300)               | 0%                | May<br>2011               |                           | Shire - Concrete   |
| Dyer Street Rupanyup<br>(\$9,357)                  | 0%                | October<br>2010           |                           | Hotmix – upgrade<br>Geotech                                |
| Stewart Street Rupanyup<br>(\$12,631)              | 0%                | October<br>2010           |                           | Hotmix - Geotech   |
| Wood Street Rupanyup<br>(\$2,807)                  | 0%                | October<br>2010           |                           | Hotmix – upgrade<br>Geotech                                |
| <b>Craig Ave Warracknabeal<br/>(\$21,771)</b>      | <b>100%</b>       | <b>August<br/>2010</b>    | <b>September<br/>2010</b> | <b>Shire - Concrete</b>                                    |
| Warunda Ave<br>Warracknabeal<br>(\$6,978)          | 0%                | October<br>2010           |                           | Shire - Concrete   |
| <b>Menin Ave Warracknabeal<br/>(\$12,505)</b>      | 50%               | <b>September<br/>2010</b> |                           | <b>Shire - Concrete</b>                                    |
| <b>Roberts Street<br/>Woomelang<br/>(\$18,245)</b> | <b>100%</b>       | <b>October<br/>2010</b>   | <b>September<br/>2010</b> | <b>Sea Lake<br/>Contractor -<br/>Concrete</b>              |
| Main Street Minyip<br>(\$11,618)                   | 0%                | February<br>2011          |                           | Shire - Concrete   |
| Various<br>(\$5,000)                               | 0%                |                           |                           | Renewal of short<br>footpath sections                      |
| Various<br>(\$10,000)                              | 0%                |                           |                           | Improvement<br>Pedestrian<br>Crossings at<br>Intersections |
| Various<br>(\$2,948)                               | 0%                |                           |                           | Allowance for new<br>works & upgrades                      |

**Gravel Resheets Completed –**

Albrechts Rd  
Boolite / Donald Rd  
Donald / Laen Rd  
Florences Rd  
Gaulkes Rd  
McClounan's Rd  
Barley St - Patchewollock

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| <b>Completed Gravel Resheet Works –</b> | <b>8.506km</b>  |
| <b>Total Gravel Resheet Works –</b>     | <b>53.657km</b> |

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

### **KINDERGARTENS**

Funding from DEECD has been given to our shire to set up and chair a Transport reference group, comprising of representatives from Hindmarsh shire, West Wimmera shire and Yarriambiack shire and a DEECD representative.

The group will look at transport options for 3-4 year old children attending Early year's services.

The group will be tasked with hiring a consultant to build on the work done during our Early Years review and develop a report for the Department on options for future access to Early years services.

Community consultations across the 3 shires will be held to ensure everyone can have their say about this issue.

This is a positive initiative as for the first time 3 year old children will be considered, we have lobbied for this to happen as in small rural communities this group has been overlooked.

Many of our kindergartens in small rural towns would be have viable futures if 3 year old funding was considered.

### **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

The YAKFAT committee which was established to look at reducing incidents of family violence has met again this month.

Agencies involved are supporting White ribbon day this year on November 25<sup>th</sup>, the day is aimed at prevention of violence towards women. We will work with Wimmera PCP and Dunmunkle health and RNH to run 2 community BBQ'S at Beulah and Murtoa to promote the day and we welcome support from councilors.

We will publicize the event in the media and newsletters across the shire.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/LOCAL LAWS**

Local laws have been looking at a number of properties that we have received complaints about for being unsightly this month. Compliance from property owners has been good with these so far.

Rooster complaints are being reported also at the moment we are tracking these as complainants have not always been able to pinpoint the locations of the roosters.

We have had 2 dog attacks this month; one dog currently has a menacing dog declaration on it. The other attack is being investigated as the dog injured another dog being walked by two young girls.

We have the debt collector's notices going out to people who have not paid fines since 2008; Bartels legal firm is undertaking this work for us.

We have a large number of cats being trapped at the moment, owners are giving the excuse they can't afford the animals or they are to big now.

With Christmas not far away people should think of this before giving animals as presents or make sure that the animals are getting desexed to prevent more animals being abandoned.

Preparations for the fire prevention season are occurring pet owners should also think about summer preparations for their pets especially if going away.

**YOUTH**

The visits to Hopetoun and Murtoa continue with youth in Murtoa seeking assistance, no real issues dealt with in Hopetoun at this stage. Freeza events held in Horsham this month with 24 young people being transported, unfortunately some bad behaviors by a few caused some issues but the youth worker and parents have worked through this.

Youth exchange with Knox city is being organized with the youth workers in both councils and secondary schools.

5 applications have been received for the Celebrating Youth grants round 8.

No applications received from the south of the shire.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF**

Limited this month all are new clients to us, most of these clients have been referred by us to the Christian food bank in Horsham.

We are encouraging other welfare agencies to use the financial counseling services at Wimmera Uniting care as we have found many of our previous clients have now become independent of our services.

We assisted a family after a single house fire in Warracknabeal this month with a DHS grant and referral to Red Cross and the Salvation Army for housing.

**AGED AND DISABILITY**

The senior's concert is on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and we are expecting a large crowd this year, Horsham will bring a bus to the picnic for the first time. We have had to move the concert forward to 12.30 as Debra Byrne has to be back in Melbourne for Mary Poppins stage show. HACC staff numbers are at the lowest we have had following a couple of recent resignations. We have had some rostering issues with staff on sick leave and long service leave, however we are not intending to rush in and recruit more staff yet.

This is a good chance to review all staff rosters and evaluate the needs in each town before we recruit staff without being able to offer good working hours.

Our services are at capacity and we will have waiting lists for some services.

The meals program is being looked at with issues in Murtoa and low numbers in Warracknabeal. We have also had a request to recommence meals on wheels in Woomelang.

The falls prevention program in Patchewollock and Hopetoun has been completed.

15 clients attended in Hopetoun and 9 in Patchewollock, over 15 weeks clients attended exercise classes to give them strength and balance and reduce the risk of falls in the home.

The Portsea camp is filling slowly, we will advertise in all school newsletters this term and should get more participants.

**VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT**

We are still requiring drivers in Hopetoun and Beulah, requests are being met on most occasions although vehicle shortages at times impact on the service.



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

### **Meetings Attended**

09/09/10 – Warracknabeal Yarriambiack Creek Development Committee  
16/09/10 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism Meeting  
23/09/10 – Peter Crisp MLA  
04/10/10 – Warracknabeal Action Group  
08/10/10 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Committee

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

Following on from the Regional Housing Forum held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, we have been working with Planning Officer David Young to look at the potential for residential subdivisions within Warracknabeal and other towns within the Shire.

### **WIMMERA MALLEE PIPELINE**

The opportunity for the development of more intensive agriculture businesses such as lamb and beef feedlots, piggeries and poultry, has been promoted by DPI as one of the main benefits of the pipeline but so far, there has been little development along those lines.

Research conducted by WIDCORP appears to indicate that doubts about water security was holding back investment in these industries but with our reservoirs now holding close to 30% of capacity, we have indicated to DPI that now may be an opportune time to conduct some information sessions across the region on development opportunities.

Brian Kearns of DPI has indicated that there would be support for our proposal and will discuss it further on his return from leave.

### **“BUY LOCAL” CAMPAIGN**

The lead up to Xmas is an appropriate time to reinforce our “Buy Local” message through a refresh of our flyer and direct mail out to all residents.

## **TOURISM**

### **YARRIAMBIACK TOURISM ASSOCIATION**

As discussed at the recent Council Forum, the formation of a Local Tourism Association as a Section 86 Committee of Council is another step along the path towards the establishment of an effective administrative and marketing structure for the Wimmera Mallee Region.

### **WIMMERA MALLEE TOURISM STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Committee is due to meet on 8<sup>th</sup> October and is expected to confirm the recommended structure and action plan.

### **TOURISM BROCHURES**

Supplies of our Warracknabeal, Southern Towns and Mallee Towns brochures are getting very low and quotes have been obtained for a “refresh” and reprint.

**CARAVAN PARKS**

New Caravan Park regulations came into effect from 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and if applied literally, could have serious ramifications for the three parks we operate and the many community operated camping areas.

An information forum is being conducted by Environmental Health Australia on 11<sup>th</sup> October in Ararat and our relieving EHO Garry Newman will attend and provide a report for Council.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*****Community Projects*****COUNTRY FOOTBALL AND NETBALL PROGRAM 2010/11:**

This program is now open and an application for the Murtoa Football Change Rooms Redevelopment is currently being prepared.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES FUNDING PROGRAM – MINORS 2011/2012 (SPORT AND RECREATION):**

Awaiting the outcome of our three applications submitted under this program

**SUSTAINABLE SPORTS GROUNDS PROGRAM:**

The Murtoa Golf Club Irrigation Upgrade project has been submitted requesting a grant of \$58,720 for a total project cost of \$88,085.

**REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 2010:**

The Anzac Park Lighting project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

**REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 2011:**

Waiting on the outcome of our thirteen applications submitted under this round of funding.

**2010 SECOND ROUND OF SHIRE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS:**

Our Community Assistance Grants have been advertised and we are currently accepting applications from community groups for funding under this program. The closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> October with funds to be distributed November/December to successful applicants.

**PROJECT ACQUITTED:**

The Lubeck Memorial Hall Upgrade project has now been acquitted.

**SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) -****Beulah:**

- **Community & Business Survey** - The Beulah Historical Learning & Progress Association is conducting a Community & Business Survey of all householders within Beulah. Results from the survey will be utilised in the Beulah Community Action Plan.

**Hopetoun:**

- **Mallee Bush Retreat Marketing Plan:** The Mallee Bush Retreat Marketing Plan, prepared by the Leadership Wimmera Community team is now complete.

**Murtoa:**

- **Lake Marma and Rabl Park Management and Development Plan** – At the time of this report a draft of the opportunities for Lake Marma and Rabl Park is being prepared for display at the Big Weekend.

**Yaapeet:**

The Yaapeet Community Club is preparing to apply to the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia to become a RV Friendly Location.

**Free Tree Opportunity**

The Rupanyup Consultative Committee, Woomelang Golf Club, Warracknabeal Apex Club and Gateway BEET Hopetoun have all taken the opportunity to obtain free trees for their community projects.

**Meetings Attended:**

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Meeting</b>                   |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 8 September  | Hopetoun Progress Association    |
| 16 September | Rupanyup Memorial Hall           |
| 22 September | Beulah Progress Association      |
| 22 September | Mike Smith and Associates        |
| 22 September | Lake Lascelles/Corrong Committee |

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

**Carried**

**Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr K Zanker that Council resume standing orders at 11.00am.**

**Carried**

**10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager Report – Bernie Naylor****FLOOD DAMAGE**

Following the recent flows down the Yarriambiack and Dunmunkle creeks during the moderate flood event, Council has sustained some damage to roads and crossings.

Under the Natural Disaster Financial Assistance program, Council has submitted a claim for \$195,177 which is detailed below:-

**Emergency Protection Works**

|                       |                  |           |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Purchase of Signs     | \$ 3,813         |           |
| Purchase of Sand Bags | \$ 2,250         |           |
| Emergency Road Works  | <u>\$ 17,068</u> | \$ 23,131 |

**Asset Restoration Works**

|                                |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Gravel & Sealed Rd Restoration | \$183,261        |                  |
| Clearing of Debris             | \$ 7,500         |                  |
| Culvert Repairs                | <u>\$ 16,285</u> | <u>\$207,046</u> |

|                           |  |                   |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Total                     |  | \$230,177         |
| Less Council Contribution |  | <u>\$ 35,000-</u> |

**Total Claim** **\$195,177**

A total of 6.5kms on 28 roads received damage

**SHREDDING GREEN WASTE – WARRACKNABEAL**

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

Instead of burning this material this year we have now shredded this green waste, which is available **free of charge** to residents.

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

**CONCRETE CRUSHING - HOPETOUN**

As part of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline channel decommissioning program, Council has been accepting concrete pipes and culverts at the transfer station in Hopetoun and Warracknabeal.

At the end of September, Local Mix from Geelong commenced crushing this material at Hopetoun, which Council will be able to use as well as sell to the public.

The material was crushed to 20mm in size.

Unfortunately at this stage we are unable to crush the material at Warracknabeal due to the site being extremely wet.

There is however an issue with the crushing of pipes, you require additional concrete to mix with the pipes to assist with the crushing due to the continuous lengths of reo in the pipes.

### **RUPANYUP SWIMMING POOL**

Council together with Mr Ray Ball carried out an inspection of the Rupanyup swimming pool in September to identify issues that require replacement as well as some recommended improvements to the facility.

The main area which requires updating is the water treatment system, which we are currently investigating the possible options for this to be done.

### **FIRE PREVENTION – REMOVAL OF FIRE HAZARDS**

Part of the fire prevention program this year, Council will be called 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.

Council received submissions from 4 contractors, which will all be used if required.

Also as part of the fire prevention program, Council will be once again conducting the free Green and Hard Waste disposal days from the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 to the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 at all transfer station during normal hours of operation.

### **CARDBOARD BALING FACILITY**

The cardboard baling facility constructed at Warracknabeal transfer station has been a great success, so much so that I am seeking additional funding to extend the facilities storage capacity.

The intention is to extend the existing shed to allow for the storage of the bales of plastic and cardboard, so to allow extra room for the dumping of cardboard from the other transfer stations in Hopetoun, Beulah, Woomelang, Minyip, Rupanyup & Murtoa.

Our cartage contractor has now located a truck in Warracknabeal and employed a person from Warracknabeal to undertake the collections.

### **CONTRACT NO 1012/0905 TPE SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ONE (1) GRADER**

Council have participated in a joint tender through Procurement Australia for the supply and delivery of one (1) grader.

We have not previously been part of these plant tenders but have decided to be part of this tender in the anticipation that we may receive some very competitive pricing.

Generally these group tenders cover all types of earthmoving equipment, which could consist of a dozen or more graders.

Tenders were advertised on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and closed on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.

I intend to have a recommendation at the next meeting of Council on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

As a part of the evaluation process we get Council's plant operators to trial the machines tendered, so the evaluation for graders generally takes abit longer than other items of plant.

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

The Finance Report as at September 2010 will be tabled.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Report as at September 2010 be received.

**Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that the Finance Report as at September 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

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

The Revenue Report as at October 2010 will be tabled.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Revenue Report as at October 2010 be received

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

**Carried**

**11.3 2009/2010 Annual Report - Prepared by Anita McFarlane**

The 2009/2010 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 at the Council offices.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The 2009/2010 Annual Report be adopted by Council.

**Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr H Ballentine that Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the 2009/2010 Annual Report as presented.**

**Carried**



**11.4 Yarriambiack Tourism Association, Instrument – Report By Terry Sanders**

The Wimmera Mallee Tourism Report, commissioned by the Yarriambiack, Buloke, West Wimmera and Hindmarsh Councils, and produced by Tourism Alliance in October 2009, made a number of recommendations in relation to the current and future structure of tourism management and marketing in the region.

The key recommendation was for each LGA to form a functional and robust Local Tourism Association with a common set of roles and responsibilities, which would form the foundation for the future establishment of a Wimmera Mallee Regional Tourism Association.

The Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Group, formed to commission the Tourism Report and oversee the implementation of the recommendations, has agreed on the common set of “Duties and Purposes” and these are embodied in the attached Instrument of Delegation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the attached “Instrument of Delegation”.

**Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council adopts the attached “Instrument of Delegation”.**

**Carried**

**11.5 Amended Road Management Plan – Michael Evans**

Council advertised its intention to review its Road Management Plan and invited submissions upon that review – no submissions were received.

The Plan was amended and the amended Road Management Plan advertised for comment for a period of 28 days, with the public submission period being from 1 September 2010 to 29 September 2010.

The Road Management Plan nominates standards for safety and inspections of Council roads, the following 2009 Plan sections were amended:-

**Section 5.2.2 Maintenance Resealing of Sealed Roads**

Condition inspections - auditors recommendation is Council inspect 20% of its road network per year.

**5.9.1 Asset Condition Surveys**

Asset condition surveys - auditors recommendation is Council inspect 20% of the following categories:-

- Sealed Roads
- Gravel Roads
- Footpaths
- Kerb & Channel
- Street Furniture
- Bridges and Culverts

**5.9.4 Regular Maintenance Inspections – Bridge and Major Culverts**

Level 2 inspections have been changed from every two years to every three years as recommended by Council's independent bridge and culvert inspection consultant and meets new regulations that have been implemented.

**Appendix L**

New Asset Management Implementation Timetable inserted

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the amended Road Management Plan dated April 2010 be adopted by Council.

**Moved Cr K Zanker seconded Cr G Lovel that Council adopts the amended Road Management Plan dated April 2010.**

**Carried**

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

**Cr G Lovel –**

Moved Cr G Lovel and seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council write to Mr Keryn Shade congratulating him on his service to Local Government and the region.

**Carried**

**Cr H Ballentine –** Provided update on Parliamentary Enquiry

**Cr J Kemfert –** Sprock Fountain (Murtoa) – Ray Campling to speak with David Young for an update

David Young to provide Council with update on Hobby Farms at next Council Forum

**Cr A McLean –** Ray Campling to provide Councillors with an updated list of staff and Councillors contact details

**13 CLOSED SESSION**

**14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS**

**15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS**

**16 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 10 November 2010 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

**17 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11.45am

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Chairperson