

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2012 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 9:30 AM

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

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 08 February 2012

Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr J Wise the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 08 February 2012 be confirmed.

Carried

Closed Session – 08 February 2012

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on 08 February 2012 be confirmed.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr R Kingston declared a Declaration of Conflict of Interest in regards to item 11.4 Recycling Community Group Financial Assistance Grants.

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 Celebrating Young People Youth Grants

11.4 Recycling Community Group Financial Assistance Grants

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Kylie Zanker

13 February	Attended Rupanyup Water Meeting
16 February	Attended grant announcements for the Warracknabeal Golf Club and Beulah Recreation Reserve Oval at Warracknabeal by Minister Hugh Delahunty and then to Murtoa for the grant announcement for the Murtoa Angling Club Clubhouse
22 February	Council Forum
23 February	Attended Murtoa for the 80 th CWA to open the Central Wimmera Group Conference
23 February	Attended Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Community Information Session at Minyip
24 February	CEO and myself met with John Forrest and Shadow Minister for Childcare and Early Childhood Learning, Sussan Ley to discuss funding around 'Take-a-Break' Child Care Centres across the Yarriambiack Shire
27 February	Attended Municipal Association of Victoria Strategic Planning Meeting at Gateway BEET, Hopetoun
28 February	Presented the Swimming Trophy at the Interschool Little Desert Black Ranges Swimming Carnival
1 March	Met with Dr Jane Farmer to discuss the research around Health Services, Health Literacy and the issues impacting on rural Health Service providers across our Shire
2 March	Mayoral Lunch – various matters discussed with neighbouring Shire Mayors
4 March	Attended Beulah to officially open the Beulah Recreation Reserve Building
5 March	Attended Rural Northwest Health Hopetoun Campus 'Dessert Party' celebrating International Women's Day – guest speaker
6 March	Wimmera Regional Library – Parliamentary Inquiry into Public Libraries
7 March	Attended the Field Days
8 March	Rural Northwest Health Warracknabeal Campus held at the Neighbourhood House – 'Dessert Party' celebrating International Women's Day – guest speaker

10.2 Councillor's Reports**Cr J Kemfert**

- 13 February Attended Rupanyup Water Meeting
- 15 February Attended Sports Assembly Meeting in Horsham
- 16 February Attended grant announcements for the Warracknabeal Golf Club and Beulah Recreation Reserve Oval at Warracknabeal by Minister Hugh Delahunty and then to Murtoa for the grant announcement for the Murtoa Angling Club Clubhouse
- 22 February Council Forum
- 23 February Attended Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Community Information Session at Minyip
- 27 February Attended Municipal Association of Victoria Strategic Planning Meeting at Gateway BEET, Hopetoun

Cr R Kingston

- 22 February Council Forum
- 24 February Livestock Saleyard Association Victoria Board Meeting Geelong
- 2 March Grampians Regional Management Forum Ararat
- 7 March Minyip Progress Association

Cr H Ballentine

- 13 February Chaired Annual General Meeting of Hopetoun Racecourse Committee of Management at Community Hotel. Francis Hallam was elected President and Brian Decker as Secretary
- 21 February Attended Opening of Dimboola to Rainbow Railway Line and met with Edward Donohue, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Damien Drum MLC, Local Member, Peter Crisp and Yaapeet farming representatives
- 22 February Attended Council Forum and participated in performance review of Chief Executive Officer
- 24-26 February Attended Adelaide Caravan and Camping Show as a rostered member for the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association site
- 5 March Chaired Yarriambiack Tourism Association Meeting held at Mallee Sunset Gallery, Rosebery

Cr G Lovel

9 February	Wimmera Regional Intermodal Freight Hub Meeting in Horsham
15 February	Grampians Regional Waste Management Group Meeting in Horsham. Final meeting for Mr David Eltringham, General Manager Technical Services – Horsham Rural City Council
16 February	Warracknabeal Golf Club – Grant Announcement
22 February	Council Forum
27 February	Attended Municipal Association of Victoria Strategic Planning Meeting at Gateway BEET, Hopetoun
1 March	Wimmera Regional Intermodal Freight Hub Meeting in Horsham
3 March	Attended send-off for Mr David Eltringham at Horsham

Cr J Wise

13 February	Road Safe Wimmera Meeting held in Nhill, followed by a site inspection of the Truck Interchange
14 February	Wimmera Development Association Meeting
20 February	Yarriambiack Chaplaincy Meeting
22 February	Council Forum
24 February	Western Highway Action Committee Meeting in Horsham
27 February	Municipal Association of Victoria Strategic Session - Hopetoun

Cr A McLean

17 February	Attended the GWM Water Mallee Customer Committee Meeting in Ouyen
22 February	Council Forum
24 February	Attended Meeting at Hopetoun with John Forrest MP, Sussan Ley, Shadow Minister for Childcare & Early Childhood Learning and Wendy Middleton, CEO of Wimmera Uniting Care regarding Child Care issues affecting local ratepayers
27 February	Attended the Municipal Association of Victoria Strategic Planning Meeting in Hopetoun
4 March	Attended the Beulah Creek Committee's Activity Day

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

- Met with Terry Lewis, Department of Primary Industries – update
- Met with Marc Amos, Regional Development Victoria – funding options
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee Meeting
- Met with David Brennan, CEO Wimmera Catchment Management Authority – various matters
- Attended Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Public Information Session at Rupanyup
- Met with John Craven – Tour of Sunraysia
- Met with Mark Zuker – Community Satisfaction Survey
- Attended Rupanyup Consultative Committee Meeting
- Attended Wimmera Development Association (WDA) Meeting in Horsham
- Met with Peter Crisp, Member for Mildura – various matters
- Attended Wimmera Development Association Internal Audit Committee Meeting
- Attended funding announcements in Murtoa and Warracknabeal by the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hugh Delahunty
- Met with Keith Jackson – Grampians Regional Management Forum
- Met with Dean Miller, CEO Hindmarsh Shire Council – North West Municipalities Association
- Attended Martin Monk and Vaughan Kimber farewell function
- Met with Peter Brown, CEO Horsham Rural City Council – various matters
- Attended GWM Water Public Information Session at Minyip
- Attended Child Care Issues Meetings in Hopetoun and Warracknabeal with Mayor, Kylie Zanker
- Attended Municipal Association of Victoria Roadshow at Gateway BEET, Hopetoun
- Met with Fiona Davey – SED Consulting
- Attended Grampians Regional Management Forum in Ararat

10.4 Director Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee**Yaapeet Rainbow Railway Line**

Cr Ballentine, CEO Ray Campling and I met with Members of Parliament Edward O'Donohue MLC – Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Damien Drum MLC for Northern Victorian Region and Peter Crisp MLA, Member for Mildura 21 February 2012 to request that State Government consider the upgrade of the last 16km of rail between Rainbow and Yaapeet.

The Yaapeet Grain Receival Centre for the last two years has received 25-30,000 tonnes of grain.

It is the wish of Council and the community that, as much of this grain be transported from Yaapeet via rail. This will improve safety and reduce wear on our local roads.

Council is working in collaboration with GrainCorp, the Victorian Farmers Federation and the local community to develop a partnership package to put to State Government. Council will provide.

Fire Requirements for Developments

Two meetings involving Council and concerned Warracknabeal business leaders were held late February and early March. The high cost of providing fire safety equipment for new developments within industrial areas was highlighted. Some indicative estimates for fire safety ranged between \$40,000 and \$80,000.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) are able to grant dispensation in some instances, however it is felt more discretion could be used in our municipality to ensure that fire requirements are realistic and not restrictive to development on financial basis.

The meeting also discussed pressures and flow rates in township fire hydrants. These pressures are below that required to satisfy fire protection standards for adjoining developments. Council agreed to liaise with GWM Water regarding mains pressure, to consider options for boosting pressure particularly in industrial areas.

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr J Wise that Council meet with GWM Water to request a meeting to discuss pressures and flow rates within township mains and hydrants with a view to reducing the fire requirements on new developments and increasing the safety of the general community.

Carried

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council meet with the CFA requesting that consideration be given to the low fire risk and the actual use of the development when considering dispensation or variation of fire requirements within Yarriambiack Shire.

Carried

National Broadband Network

The Victorian Rollout Program is expected to be announced later this month. At this stage Warracknabeal is scheduled to be connected to optic fibre, while Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup are listed for wireless connection.

It is expected more Townships will be listed in the wireless category when the rollout program is announced.

Those Townships and rural areas not provided with fibre connection or a wireless service will be provided with a satellite connection.

Assets – Prepared by Mick Evans

- Completed a two day course on Unsealed Roads
- Attended a new user group meeting for Regional Aerodromes
- Researching and following protocol for new road names and road name changes as per Geographical Names procedures for the following roads; Webbs Road, Woomelang Tip Road, Clarendon Avenue and Dumbuoy Service Road
- Involved in the process of interviewing for a new Risk & Safety Officer
- Organised Technical Services building renovations

OH&S - Risk Management

- Completed a Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Insurance Audit (formally CMP)
- Completed a JMAPP Insurance Company Audit Review
- Attended an information session on vehicle safety by Gallagher Bassett
- Currently developing a new Risk Management Register

Design – Prepared by John Boehm

Surveys, Design and Plans for Capital Works Program (2011/12 Program)

- Concrete Footpaths: Woolcock Street Warracknabeal; Milbourne Street Warracknabeal; Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal; Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal
- Kerb and Channel Schemes: McLeod Street Minyip; South Street Minyip; Brock Street Woomelang; Clifford Street Warracknabeal
- Road Construction Works: Church Street Woomelang (Extend bitumen seal); Tip Road Woomelang (Construct and Bitumen seal); Dettman Lane Woomelang (Extend bitumen seal to Brock Street)

Flood Control Works in Progress

- Complete Warracknabeal industrial area drain (connected Henty Highway drain to Canning Canal)
- Complete east side flood culvert on Rainbow Road at Warracknabeal weir
- Continue investigations and recommendations for flooding in Rupanyup (N/E sub catchment area)
- West side flood culvert on Rainbow Road (Warracknabeal Weir) – construct overflow sill, discharge channel and rock beaching

Community Projects and Other Works

- Plans for Additions to Hopetoun Welfare Centre (Application for Grant funding)
- Plans for Addition to Angling Shed on Yarriambiack Creek
- Update Warracknabeal Stadium to Disabled Persons Access (Comply with Australian Standard)
- Engineering Reports for Planning Permit Applications

Environment – Prepared by Geoff Harvey

- Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee Meeting
- Contacted Barengi Gadjin and Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water re Creek regulator
- Surveying, Warracknabeal
- Street Tree Inspections, Warracknabeal
- Street Tree Inspections, Minyip
- Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance Meeting, Ararat
- Organise replacement trees for Scott Street, outdoor staff to plant
- Yarrilinks Administration
- Department of Sustainability & Environment and Catchment Management Authority re possibility of facilitator for Yarrilinks
- Minyip-Dimboola Road Revegetation Meeting
- Respond to various inquiries from public

Technical Services – Prepared by Tony Brennan

- Processed various Civica Requests as needed
- Update vehicle checklists and plant machinery checklists with vehicle changeovers as required
- Continued with Town Hall Service Agreement discussions prior to adoption
- Carried out Traffic Counter Reports and update all sites on MapInfo as required
- Issued Road Opening Permits as needed for various minor works
- Carried out final alterations to V/Line Safety Interface Agreement for sign off
- Attended monthly OH&S Meeting

Saleyards

- Continued with Livestock Standstill Plan
- Continued updates to National Saleyard Quality Assurance Program
Conducted Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) demonstration at 8 Feb sale. A discussion and power point presentation was held at the conclusion of the sale for all parties involved at the meeting room in the Shire offices
- Upgraded Maintenance Log for repairs carried out per audit regulations
- Replaced faulty uninterruptible power supply unit in Saleyard office
- Approached VicRoads for permission to erect permanent signage along Henty Highway and Stawell-Warracknabeal Road warning motorists of trucks entering and leaving Saleyard facility
- Conducted Internal Audit of Saleyards
- Attended Committee of Management Meeting

- Work with Livestock Saleyards Association of Victoria to construct a draft submission for funding to purchase electronic scanners and carry out alterations to the yards for the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
- Attend Saleyards Managers Forum in Geelong

Technical Support – Prepared by Nathan McLean

- Aerodrome Reporting Officer Course
- Quotes for installation of security on Yarriambick Shire Council depots
- Quotes on check valves for Shire waterways
- Fire Hydrant Inspections
- Assisted the Design Engineer with surveying
- Construction Induction Card Course
- Ongoing Footpath Inspections
- Traffic Counter Activation
- Organised two new phones and installation of split system for the new offices in Technical Services Department
- Emergency Management Course
- Met CFA representative Matt Gardner at the new site of the Hopetoun depot
- Road Management Plan Audit

Building & Planning Activity

In February the following permits were issued:

Building: **6** Building Permits were issued in **February 2012**.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$786,065**

Warracknabeal– Storage Shed

Minyip – Storage Shed

Beulah – BBQ Shelter

Hopetoun – Workshop

Hopetoun – Extensions

Warracknabeal - Verandah

3 Applications were submitted in **February 2012**

Planning: **0** Planning Permits were issued in **February 2012**

4 Applications were submitted in **February 2012**

10.5 Works Report – Prepared by Brian Poulton**Capital Works Program – Roads and Streets 2011-2012**

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$23,221)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal
Campbell Street Hopetoun (\$146,296)	100%	July 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Campbell Street / Hopetoun West Intersection Hopetoun (\$130,328)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Altered Intersection Road Reconstruction Shire
Campbell Street / Lascelles Street – Henty Highway Intersection Hopetoun (\$149,176)	100%	August 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction
Degenhardt Street Murtoa (\$10,048)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$14,067)		May 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dingwell Street Beulah (\$5,024)		May 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dettmann Lane Woomelang (\$12,727)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Church Street Woomelang R2R (\$58,053)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire

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Haby Lane Murtoa (\$9,143)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Stewart Street Rupanyup R2R (\$46,883)		April 2012		Road Reconstruction & Hotmix Intersection Shire
Hopetoun Reservoir Lane 7 (\$60,844)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Luna Park Beulah (\$33,492)	100%	November 2011	December 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Brock Street Woomelang (\$18,000)		April 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
Brock Street Woomelang (\$12,560)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)	100%	October 2011	December 2011	Kerb & Channel Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$29,473)	100%	April 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Clifford Street Warracknabeal (\$24,000)	100%	October 2011	January 2012	Kerb & Channel Shire
McLeod Street Minyip (\$19,650)	80%	March 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
McLeod Street Minyip (\$14,625)		March 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
South Street Minyip (\$11,850)		April 2012		Kerb & Channel
South Street Minyip (\$8,820)		April 2012		Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire

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Breen Street Murtoa (\$74,927)	100%	July 2011	September 2011	Kerb & Channel Contractor
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,196)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Shoulder Reconstruction & Seal Shire
Anderson Street Warracknabeal (\$21,300)		March 2012		Kerb & Channel Shire
Luna Park Beulah (\$50,000)		April 2012		Bridges & Culverts Contractor
Brim West (\$11,000)	90%	September 2011		Bridges & Culverts Contractor
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$6,275)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$3,143)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Devereux Street Warracknabeal (\$5,582)	100%	August 2011	September 2011	Drainage Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$25,000)		March 2012		Drainage Contractor
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$20,000)		March 2012		Drainage Contractor
Woomelang Tip R2R (\$72,566)	100%	February 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Dumbuoy Road Warracknabeal (\$40,000)		March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Dimboola/Minyip Road R2Market (\$443,808)	100%	September 2011	November 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Rainbow Yaapeet Road R2Market (\$487,417)	20%	March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire

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Rupanyup Road (\$17,851)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Brim East Road (\$48,700)	100%	September 2011	September 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Burrum North Road R2R (\$247,913)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$264,615)	100%	September 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$64,579)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$43,052)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Lascelles West Road R2R (\$21,526)	100%	January 2012	February 2012	Road Reconstruction Shire
Watchem Warracknabeal Road R2R (\$115,507)	100%	August 2011	August 2011	Road Reconstruction Shire
Galaquil West Road (\$228,629)	80%	March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire
Sheep Hills Minyip Road (\$113,492)	100%	September 2011	October 2011	Road Reconstruction Contractor
Ashens Jackson Road (\$155,409)		March 2012		Road Reconstruction Shire

Footpath Program 2011/2012

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Gladstone Street Beulah (\$5,828)		May 2012		Gravel Path Shire
Garrard Street Hopetoun (\$14,295)		April 2012		Premix Path Shire
Toole Street Hopetoun (\$714)		May 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Church Street Minyip (\$11,490)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Concrete Path Contractor
Market Street Minyip (\$5,065)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Mill Street Minyip (\$2,037)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Duncan Street Murtoa (\$4,838)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,082)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$4,208)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Hamilton Street Murtoa (\$6,728)	100%	December 2011	December 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Lake Street Murtoa (\$7,512)	100%	October 2011	October 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Miller Street Murtoa (\$2,541)	100%	November 2011	November 2011	Quarry Dust Path Contractor
Cromie Street Rupanyup (\$2,493)		May 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Chamberlain Street Speed (\$8,368) + (7,322)		May 2012		Premix Path Shire

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Yarrick Lane Hopetoun (\$210)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Wychunga Lascelles (\$1,411) + (\$878)		March 2012		Quarry Dust Path Shire
Dyer Street Rupanyup (\$5,292) + (\$378)		March 2012		Quarry Dust Path Shire
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$13,008)		June 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Jamouneau Street Warracknabeal (\$5,203)		June 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,259)		May 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$2,385)		May 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$16,151)		April 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$15,826)		April 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Kokoda Avenue Warracknabeal (\$14,959)		April 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Milbourne Street Warracknabeal (\$14,091)		March 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$10,948)	50%	March 2012		Concrete Path Contractor
Tavernor Street Beulah (\$1,605)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire

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Tavernor Street Beulah (\$1,001)		March 2012		Reseal Footpath Shire
Various (\$10,000)				
Various (\$10,000)				

Gravel Re-sheet Works

Total Re-sheets Program 65.820km

Completed Re-sheets 30.500km

***Roads Completed – Jan / Feb**

- *P. Wood Road
- *Minyip – Coromby Road
- *Tempy – Nandaly Road
- *Boundry Road
- *Mill Street – Minyip

***Road Shoulders Gravelled**

- *Rupanyup Road

***Global Contracts – Works Completed Jan / Feb**

- *Two Mile Road
- *Nyallo
- *Duthies Track
- *Gregors Road
- *Talblot's Road
- *Mills Road
- *Malcolm's Road
- *Dattuck Road

Total estimate completed works – 28.165km

***Porter Plant contract – Urban Town stabilisation works completed**

***Bitu-Mill Contract – Rural stabilising works completed in Southern part of the Shire**

10.6 Community Services – Prepared by Gavin Blinman

Kindergartens

We have been successful in getting the new teacher enrolled in the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) mentoring scheme, she will attend a training day in Melbourne and then become a mentee under Glenda Hewitt our Warracknabeal teacher who is already enrolled as a mentor.

We have been successful in getting \$80,000 for Rupanyup kindergarten to do a building upgrade and improve the front reception area under the Local Government Infrastructure Program. I have met with a local builder and have sent information to the committee; we will now set timelines for the work and finalize the plans.

Woomelang kindergarten is going well; we have almost completed all works required by the DEECD to ensure we comply with regulations. Birchip families are using this service now that Beulah has closed their three year old program.

Staff attended a meeting to discuss professional development this year and also to look at the quality improvement plans that need to be in place by May.

Tuesday, 13 March will be a day that all centres close so staff can attend a regional training session in Horsham.

We are also looking at a day in April for another regional training day; these are being planned by our regional reference group which we chair.

Aged and Disability

The seniors building in Hopetoun has had new carpet installed to replace the worn carpet which was becoming a trip hazard.

Meals in Murtoa appear to be going well, quality has been good so far and clients report they are happy with the change.

Home & Community Care staff participated in Heat Wave training this month and have been given their annual training calendar for 2012.

Staff reviews have also been conducted throughout the month.

Environmental Health / Local Laws

Two inspections were conducted this month for prospective new food businesses in Warracknabeal and north of the Shire.

The Environmental Health Officer has attended a government funded course on auditing of cook/chill facilities, this is important with our Meals on Wheels services.

Several onsite wastewater inspections have been completed with five permits being issued.

Permits have been issued for the new CFA stations at Sheep Hills, Beulah, Hopetoun West and Yaapect.

Monthly inspections for Blue Green algae have been carried out.

The pound has been empty this month for the first time in 12 months.

Dog and cat issues have dropped off; Beulah is the main area of concern particularly for cats.

Contract mowing for fire prevention has now finalized, however some blocks may need checking as owners have not been diligent in checking their land.

Work is being done on new local laws needed and draft fire plan.

Youth

We have received 10 applications in this round of the Celebrating Young People grants. Applications were from across the Shire.

With the recent house fire tragedy the Youth Worker has been working with the Secondary College to support youth in need.

Other issues this month have been homeless youth, with two young people assisted in accommodation needs and another youth assisted with family mediation to stay at home.

Safety Inspection of Skate Park to look at complaints raised by users in regards to the barriers at each end.

Met with Salvation Army, Department of Human Service and Wimmera Uniting Care - support homeless youth.

Emergency Relief

Quiet period again for emergency relief vouchers, we have provided assistance to families in Murtoa in conjunction with Dunmunkle Health Social Workers.

Lisa Cook (Flood Recovery Officer) has been attending a number of Flood Relief meetings to finalize some of her work.

We have set up training days in May for the Community Action Relief Teams (CART).

Department of Human Services, Red Cross and SES have met with us and a training curriculum is being designed for community members to meet our needs.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will hold training in Rupanyup for Murtoa and Minyip and in Hopetoun for the towns in the north.

Volunteers in Warracknabeal will be able to attend either session.

Lisa has also assisted us to prepare emergency evacuation plans for our vulnerable list clients.

Around 17 people have been assisted so far.

Volunteer Transport

16 people were transported 5326 kilometres this month. This time of year the transport service begins to get busier.

Maternal and Child Health

Maternal Child Health manuals are currently being updated along with policy review to ensure we comply with current legislation.

Shire immunization stats are looking good at 100% in most ages.

Five new babies born this month in Warracknabeal and Murtoa; Minyip is expecting a series of births over the next three months.

Birthrates slightly down on last year.

SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) – Prepared by Marianne Ferguson**Caravan Parks**

The six cabins and laundry facility have been installed in the Hopetoun Caravan Park. The connection of services is expected to take approximately one to two months to complete.

A caravan park advertising program is currently being developed to promote the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds within the Shire. The card will display the Yarriambiack Shire Council and Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association web sites.

Share Community Grants

The 3rd round of SHARE Community Grants will open on Monday, 5 March 2012 and close at 5.00pm Friday, 6 April 2012.

Applications from community organisations can be made to the value of \$5000 for the following:

- Small equipment
- Events
- Projects that encourage communities to work together and share equipment with other groups and organisations
- Projects that are innovative and creative
- Projects that promote and encourage safe practices and healthy living
- Activities for everyone in the community, including young people, older people, people of all abilities, people from different backgrounds
- Activities that celebrate community and local identity
- Projects that focus on our environment and sustainability
- Projects that generate tourism and visitors to the region

10.7 Infrastructure Services Report – Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Hopetoun Swimming Pool / Poulton Park

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

The project to upgrade the toilets, change rooms and construction of first aid room and office are progressing very well, thanks to the local trade's people.

Concrete slab and footings have been completed, brickwork is almost completed and framing has commenced for the first aid room and office.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by May, 2012.

New Hopetoun Works Depot

Works have commenced on the construction of the new Operations depot in Hopetoun.

The new depot is located at the Hopetoun Aerodrome.

Gravel pavement has been completed along with the perimeter fencing, with power having now been connected to the site.

Council has obtained quotations for the first stage, being the construction of the mechanics shed and wash down area.

Permission has been obtained from GWM Water for water main tapping and installation of Hydrant.

Weir Gates and Spillways

Works to install dual levee weir gates at Warracknabeal and Beulah will commence on 5 March for Warracknabeal and 12 March for Beulah. Each installation takes about four days.

Works are also being undertaken to complete the spillway on the west side of the Warracknabeal weir, which should be completed by the end of March, 2012.

Community Recycling Grants

Council resolved to continue the allocation of \$12,000 to community groups that were carrying out recycling activities within the Shire until 2012.

Council has now written to these groups seeking applications to provide funding for specific projects, with a maximum grant of \$3,000.

The grants are to assist with the maintenance and capital improvements of community assets or other projects which benefit the community as approved by Council.

Applications for this years grant closed on Monday, 12 March 2012.

Wimmera Regional Transport Group

Attended the Wimmera Regional Transport Group meeting on Wednesday, 15 February 2012 in Horsham.

The following issues were discussed at this meeting:-

- Wimmera Regional Intermodal Freight Hub
- Western Highway Realignment Horsham
- Grain Freight Logistics Task Force - Copy of Report provided to Councillors
- Flood Restoration Works – Councils
- Wimmera Heavy Vehicle Routes
- Overtaking Lanes – Stawell to SA Border

Also discussed was the draft submission regarding 'C' Routes - Detour Route Improvement Strategy.

Detox Your Home Program

Sustainability Victoria is conducting the Detox Your Home Collection program in Warracknabeal on Saturday, 17 March 2012 between 8.00am and 11.00am.

It has been a couple of years since the collection has been held in our municipality.

Residents will be able to dispose of unwanted household chemicals free of charge.

Items that can be disposed of include:-

Aerosol cans, cleaners, insect sprays, floor care products, herbicides & pesticides, paint, pool chemicals, solvents, Glues and batteries (All Kinds).

Items **not** accepted include: - Motor Oil, Chemicals used by Businesses, Farm Chemicals, Asbestos, Ammunition or Firearms.

Concrete Crushing

Council have engaged Local Mix from Geelong to undertake concrete crushing at Murtoa, Warracknabeal & Lah.

There is approximately 4,000 tonne at Murtoa, 3,000 tonne at Warracknabeal and a small amount at Lah.

Council intends to crush this concrete and put in stock for Council use at this stage.

Regional Litter Prevention Officer

The Grampians Regional Waste Management Committee has appointed Darren Moss as the Regional Litter Prevention Officer.

Part of his role together with Litter Enforcement and Prevention is to assist Council with the development of a Litter Strategy for each of the four municipalities.

10.8 Economic & Community Development Report – Prepared by Terry Sanders

14/02/2012 – Y-Fest Committee
15/02/2012 – Wimmera Southern Mallee Economic Development Regional Forum
15/02/2012 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism Committee
21/02/2012 – 22/02/2012 – Caravan & Camping Show
23/02/2012 – Corrong Co-operative re Hopetoun Industrial Estate
24/02/2012 – Levels of Service Training
28/02/2012 – Joe McClelland Dept of Business & Industry
29/02/2012 – SED Consulting – Small Towns Enhancement Program
02/03/2012 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism Teleconference
01/03/2012 – Rupanyup Tennis Club re flood damaged courts
05/03/2012 – Yarriambiack Tourism Association
07/03/2012 – 08/03/2012 – Melbourne Caravan & Camping Show

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Regional Victoria Living Expo 27 – 29 April, 2012

The Regional Victoria Living Expo is an added component to the “Living, Working, Investing in Regional Victoria” campaign and will be supported by an extensive media campaign to encourage Victorians, particularly Melbournians, looking for an alternative lifestyle, to visit the Expo and find out about housing affordability, job vacancies, investment prospects, education, sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities across regional Victoria.

The Expo will be held each year for the next four years and each participating regional Council will receive \$20,000 from Regional Development Victoria (RDV) to cover the cost of display and collateral material.

The Wimmera Mallee Councils that include Buloke, Hindmarsh, Horsham, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack, have decided to join forces to mount a combined display and meetings are currently being co-ordinated by Wimmera Development Association (WDA) to finalise the details. Marianne Ferguson and I represent Council at these meetings.

Industrial Estates

A contract of sale is being prepared for Lot 3 of the Warracknabeal Industrial Estate which leaves only Lot 2 now available.

This has caused us to re think the further subdivision of the remaining block but will require an examination of the remaining industrial land in Warracknabeal and potential future demand.

We are also working with the Corrong Co-op at Hopetoun and have finalised the costing details for the provision of services to the subdivided block and submitted the funding application to RDV.

Woomelang Travellers Rest

Council would be aware from my previous reports of the constant and re-occurring problems associated with the potential purchase of the old shop site and surrounding land by the Woomelang community.

Discussions are currently being held with Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) regarding the possible transfer of two titles to the community, leaving the old shop title until the fuel tank issue is resolved.

This option will hopefully provide a way forward.

Discussions continue with Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) in relation to the rezoning issues.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism

The Steering Committee organised and conducted very successful promotions at the recent Adelaide and Melbourne Caravan and Camping Shows.

The website: www.wimmeramalleetourism.com.au is also up and running despite some delays due to Jason Keys unfortunate accident.

Y-Fest 2012

The Y-Fest Promotions Committee has finalised the advertising campaign for this year's event and looks forward to another successful Easter weekend.

Flood Damage Funding

Council would be aware that we were allocated \$90,000 from DPCD Community Recovery Fund for flood damaged community infrastructure but a number of the projects we nominated were assessed as eligible for funding under other Department's programs.

This left an amount of \$28,553 unspent from the original \$90,000 allocation but with the advice and assistance of DPCD, we were able to put forward a proposal for the production and placement of 10 storyboards telling the story of the "Great Flood".

We also suggested that we allocate part of the money towards the cost of repairs to the Warracknabeal Town Hall floor.

Both projects have been approved.

We also applied for and received \$83,000 from the Victorian Floods Disaster Relief Fund and \$49,900 from Regional Development Victoria for repairs to the flood damaged Rupanyup tennis courts.

Being on Council land they did not qualify for Department of Sustainability & Environment funding.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Facility Funding Program 2012/2013

As has been reported in the local press, all three of our applications were approved for funding under this program. These projects are to commence in the next financial year.

The details are as follows: Beulah Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade grant of \$50,817 for a total project cost of \$76,226, Warracknabeal Golf Club Clubhouse Facilities Upgrade grant of \$66,850 for a total project cost of \$100,289 and Establishment of the Murtoa Angling Club Clubhouse grant of \$24,394 for a total project cost of \$36,591.

Country Football and Netball Program 2011/2012

We are waiting on the outcome of our Hopetoun Netball Courts application.

Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010/2011

All projects are complete and all Final Reports have been submitted, we are waiting for final sign-off from the Federal Government.

Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles Project

Works at the Warracknabeal, Brim and Beulah Weir Pools and Lake Lascelles, funded through the Sustainable Small Towns Development Fund, are progressing smoothly, with approximately 95% of the works complete. The works undertaken have dramatically improved the facilities at each location.

Grant acquittal documentation will be prepared over the forthcoming weeks as well as site inspections by Regional Development Victoria personnel.

Minyip 4th Tennis Court Project

The remaining work to re-instate the fence will be carried out over the next two months.

Murtoa Football Change Rooms Project

The framework has been constructed and subsequent works are underway, with a view to having the project completed by the end of April 2012.

Woomelang Netball Court Extension Project

This project is now complete and acquittal documentation will now be prepared and forwarded to DPCD.

Moved G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that Council recognize and congratulate Terry Saunders, Economic & Community Development Manager for his 16 years exemplary service to the Yarriambiack Shire Council and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Carried

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr H Ballentine that standing orders be suspended at 10:30am.

Carried

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr H Ballentine that standing orders be resumed at 10:50am.

Carried

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at February 2012 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Report as at February 2012 be received.

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr H Ballentine that Finance report as at February 2012 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at March 2012 will be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

The Revenue Report as at March 2012 be received.

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr J Wise that Revenue report as at March 2012 be received.

Carried

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr R Kingston that congratulations be awarded to CEO and staff for standard of reports that are presented in Council.

Carried

11.3 Celebrating Young People Youth Grants Round 11 - Prepared by Gavin Blinman

The current round of Celebrating Young People Youth grants attracted 10 entries requesting a total of \$8293.

These are:

Jeannie Clark.....	\$ 100
Rockin Youth Warracknabeal	\$ 795
Hopetoun College.....	\$ 978
Maree Baker Murtoa	\$ 420
Mallee Netball Association	\$1,000
Beulah Netball Club	\$1,000
CWA Evening Group	\$1,000
Minyip Festival Committee	\$1,000
Warracknabeal Secondary College.....	\$1,000
Hopetoun Patchwork Group.....	\$1,000
Total.....	\$8,293

As we allow \$5,000 for each round of the grant we have recommended the following amounts for each group.

Jeannie Clark.....	\$100
Rockin Youth Warracknabeal	\$400
Hopetoun College.....	\$978
Maree Baker Murtoa	\$250
Mallee Netball Association	\$500
Beulah Netball Club	\$500
CWA Evening Group	\$500
Minyip Festival Committee	\$770
Warracknabeal Secondary College.....	\$500
Hopetoun Patchwork Group.....	\$500
Total.....	\$4,998

The programs all provide an experience for young people that broaden their social skills and improve life skills.

Recommendation

That Council approves the payment of the above grants.

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council approve payments of the above grants.

Carried

Cr R Kingston left Council Chambers at 11:00am due to a Declaration of Conflict on Interest in regards to item 11.4 Recycling Community Group Financial Assistance Grants.

11.4 Recycling Community Group Financial Assistance Grants - Prepared by Bernie Naylor

Following the introduction of kerbside recycling throughout the Yarriambiack Shire, Council resolved to continue the allocation of the \$12,000 to community groups that were carrying out recycling activities within the Shire ending in 2012.

Letters were sent out in February, 2012 to those community groups eligible for the financial assistance requesting applications for the funding, with applications closing on Monday 12th March, 2012

Council received four applications for funding.

Recommendation

That the following allocations for funding under the Recycling Community Group Financial Assistance Scheme be approved:-

Community Group	Allocation	Project
Rupanyup Lions Club	\$3,000.00	Contribution towards photocopier re: publishing of Lions newsletter
Warracknabeal Lions Club	\$3,000.00	Upkeep of animals at Lions Park. Feed & Veterinary care
Rupanyup SES	\$3,000.00	Refurbish Kitchen & Gravel Pavement works
Brim Lions Club	\$3,000.00	Seating & Tables Redda's Park

Moved Cr J Wise seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council approve the above allocations for funding under the Recycling Community Group Financial Assistance Scheme.

Carried

Cr R Kingston returned to Council Chambers at 11:05am.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

Cr J Kemfert expressed continuous concerns in regards to the old Murtoa School site.

Cr J Kemfert announced that the Murtoa Railway Hotel is under new Management.

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr G Lovel that we write to the Murtoa Cricket Club to thank them for the services they perform on the Friday and Saturdays at the Murtoa Community Centre.

Carried

Moved G Lovel seconded Cr J Wise that we write to David Eltringham and congratulate him on his 42 years service with Local Government and 17 years service with Horsham Rural City Council.

Carried

Mayor, Kylie Zanker spoke on meeting attended with Wimmera Volunteers.

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

Rates Report – March 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council – Income Statement by Resources for February 2012

Income Statement by Department for February 2012

Yarriambiack Shire Council Balance Sheet as at 29 February 2012

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 11 April 2012 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE 11:15am