

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30AM

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3 PRAYER

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

Amen

4 PRESENT

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

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 March 2010

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr K Zanker the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 March 2010 be confirmed.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cr A McLean declared an interest in item 11.3 - Appointment of Assistant Municipal Fire Prevention Officers at Gateway BEET Hopetoun.

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 Appointment of Assistant Municipal Fire Prevention Officers
- 11.4 Heatwave Plan (*tabled*)
- 11.5 Celebrating Young People Grants
- 11.6 Community Assistance Recycling Grants
- 11.7 Application for Limited Licence Minapre Hotel Lascelles
- 11.8 Environment Strategy Plan 2010 - 2020

10.1 Mayor's Report – prepared by Cr Jean Wise

- 11 March ALGWA North West Sub Branch Meeting – Swan Hill. Discussions were held on the Year of Women in Local Government.
- 15 March Roadsafe Wimmera Meeting – Horsham - Minutes distributed.
- 16 March WDA – Horsham – Minutes distributed.
- 18 March Attended funding announcement at Hamilton for Iluka Resources.
- 18/19 March ALGWA State Conference & AGM. With representation from both State and Federal Governments attending as key note speakers, it was very clear that at both levels there is a stronger push to encourage women in our communities to look at making Local Government either their career choice or standing as a councillor.
- 21 March Region 18 Fire Brigade Championships in Beulah where I had the pleasure of presenting some of the trophies.
- 22 March Vic Roads Meeting – Warracknabeal. Update on programs.
- 24 March Council Forum.
- 25 March Mayoral Information Workshop – MAV Melbourne. This is the second workshop held this year and once again was a great opportunity for networking and sharing of ideas.
- 2 April Warracknabeal Art Show Opening. Congratulations to the Arts Council for once again attracting a high standard of artist to Warracknabeal providing an avenue of interest to both locals and visitors to the town.
- Attending the Warracknabeal Golf Club Seafood Night was a great delight (especially the prawns). With a mixture of young and more mature attending, there was a great atmosphere and the use of “local” talent added a great touch to a good night.
- I would like to take this opportunity in my report to congratulate all organisations involved in the YFest Weekend as we once again showcased Yarriambiack to visitors from far and wide.
- 7 April Western Vic Football launch of new office and season 2010.
- 9 April Regional Mayors Meeting – Horsham.
- 14 April WDA Board Meeting – Rural North West Health – Warracknabeal.

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

16 March – Murtoa Progress Association

17 March – Melbourne to Rail Freight Development Meeting

24 March – Murtoa Apex Club – final meeting

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr K Zanker that a letter of thanks be sent for 50 years service given to the community by Murtoa Apex Club.

Carried

25 March – Murtoa A & P Society

Cr R Kingston

15 March – Attended Rupanyup Consultative Committee

Cr A McLean

11th March - Patchewollock Airstrip Committee of Management AGM.

similar committee re-elected with a couple of new members on the committee.

21st March - Attended the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria Region 18 Rural Championships at Beulah.

24th March - Attended Council Forum in Warracknabeal.

30th March - Attended Agfutures Forum in Hopetoun Titled "Carbon Trading theory to practice and Future Energy of Victoria".

An informative session, however the way forward with Carbon Trading and meeting the future energy requirements is still somewhat unclear.

1st April -Mallee Rural Counselling Service – final meeting of group

7th April Attended the Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee Meeting in Warracknabeal.

Cr H Ballentine

March 10th - Council Meeting.

March 17th - I have sent a letter of thanks to the Governor of Victoria for my invite to the reception for HRH Prince William in January and have received an acknowledgment from the Governor.

March 18th - Met with Emma Mahoney DPCD to discuss needs for Women in Leadership, I reported in my opinion that day time meetings prevent a lot of professional or working people, male and female becoming councillors and that teleconferencing in the future may be an option for any time poor councillors. I strongly reported that I believe the new role of councillors does include updates and training and that I value inter regional and inter shire meetings.

I believe my training with MAV and my membership of the MAV Professional Development group is good support for myself as a councillor.

March 23rd - Apology for the Wimmera Mallee tourism meeting at Kaniva, Council Officer, Terry Sanders attended and presented a model for tourism development for the four shires involved and he will report upon this. Terry has a strong tourism background.

March 23rd- Invited to MAV roundtable meeting in Melbourne to discuss incoming Workcover legislation for councillors. This is legislated to commence 1st July 2010. A proposal from MAV has been circulated. I would hope that my fellow councillors support my interest in attending further meetings around this subject as our representative on the roundtable. It is good that MAV have recognised that issues for rural councils are different to city councils. Time spent travelling is one difference.

March 24th - Council Forum.

March 25th/26th - hosted a University of Ballarat, Arts Academy, PHd student in the Hopetoun Ward - her project is called "Country Women: personal meaning and survival through artistic expression" She interviewed nine women. Many women expressed their interest in gardening, preserving, cooking, craft and photography - which supports our past council request to maintain agricultural shows in our shire, but mostly these women reported that they do these roles for personal enjoyment - some as chores.

March 30th - apology for the 'Regional Recreation Water Users Group', this is the group that decides on recommendations to the board for recreational water use in our region and has a membership of council representatives and water alliance members.

March 30th - attended DPI dinner in Hopetoun for information on carbon trading and energy futures.

March 30th - apology for YSC recovery management meeting regarding managing code red days - good to see a RNH representative attending as we have needed a workable shire wide co-ordinated plan for the safety of our ratepayers.

11 April Valedictory service for St Lukes Anglican Church in Hopetoun.

Cr K Zanker

15 March – Wimmera Volunteers strategic plan of organisation to move forward so as to ensure users needs are met. Grants currently available up to \$750 per organisation.

18 March – Met with Emma Department of Planning & Community Development to discuss 'womens issues' in Leadership. Questions posed as to why so few women take on these roles. Yarriambiack is an exception with three women in Council.

25 March – Library mobile sub committee meeting expression of interest for tendering for the new vehicle explained.

2 April – Attended Arts Council Art Show Preview – very positive and greatly supported.

4 April – Attended Warracknabeal Fire Brigade as guest speaker and drew raffle. The Brigade participated once again in the Good Friday Appeal – an amazing fund raising effort from a small and dedicated group.

Cr G Lovel

16 March – Internal Audit Committee

17 March – Minyip Pump Station opening – named “Stewart Petering Pump Station”

3 April – Yfest activities

7 April – Grampians Regional Waste Management Group meeting at Stawell

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

- Attended meeting of Wimmera Volunteers Network
- Attended Gateway BEET meeting
- Addressed an all Government Inquiry into the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline in Horsham
- Met with Lucy Stott (DPI) AG Futures Forum
- Met with Tony Bawden – Horsham RCC - various matters
- Met with Wavell McPherson – Brim Active Committee
- Attended Grampians Regional Management Forum in Ararat
- Met with Andrew Rose – GWMWater – various matters
- Met with Ross Cook – WDA Community Member – various matters
- Met with Greg Haines – Ballarat University –GRMF evaluation
- Met with Doug Hallam – Wimmera Highway Bridge at Jung
- Met with Keith Jackson – CBI Program
- Undertook annual meeting with Vicroads representatives along with James Magee and Madam Mayor
- Attended Wimmera Southern Mallee Strategic Planning session at Grains Innovation Park
- Met with Jo Bourke (WDA) – various matters
- Met with Jim McKay – North Western Municipalities Association
- Attended AG Futures Forum in Hopetoun
- Met with David Hutchings – Internal Audit
- Met with Peter Rademaker – Regional Development Victoria – various matters
- Met with Roger Millar – Victorian Electoral Commission
- Met with Helen Friend GWMWater – Wimmera Mallee Pipeline launch
- With Madam Mayor attended Wimmera Football League Season launch in Horsham
- Met with Dean Miller – CEO Hindmarsh Shire – various matters
- Attended Rural Councils Victoria meeting in Melbourne
- Attended WDA Meeting at Rural Northwest Health

10.4 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee**Marine Safety Victoria**

Two representatives of Marine Safety Victoria met with committee members of Lake Lascelles. Marine Safety Victoria were providing guidance on safety management for boating on the lake.

Items included:

- Provision of new signage.
- Appropriate marking of designated swimming areas with buoys.
- State boating regulations
- Annual grants programs for boating safety initiatives.
- Other water bodies in Yarriambiack Shire where boating occurs.

Annual VicRoads Meeting

Regional Manager of VicRoads and two of his officers met with Cr Wise, Ray Campling and myself on 22 March 2010.

Issues included:

- Potential funding for road access to proposed Iluka site at Hopetoun.
- Intersection of Murtoa Glenorchy Road and Horsham Lubeck Road regarding safety concerns.
- State funding for Dimboola Minyip Road
- State funding for Rainbow Yaapeet Road.

Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions were lifted for all areas of Yarriambiack Shire on Monday 22 March 2010.

Assets

Continue the sealed road condition inspections

Coordinate maintenance program resulting from the H3 footpath inspections with assistant Technical Officer

Still reviewing the Road Hierarchy Policy and procedures through the Asset Management Working Group and Works supervisors

Gather asset data required for the STEP program report

Design Engineer

Council Capital Works

- Design and a final option is complete for a traffic plan in Collins Street at the Murtoa Catholic School, including a pedestrian crossing, bus parking and car parking.
- Design and plans are complete for the replacement of kerbing in Church Street Minyip, between Wimmera Street and South Street (east side). Works have commenced.
- A final plan is complete for the Loading Zone in Woolcock Street Warracknabeal.

Warracknabeal Saleyards

NSQA Accreditation – We have finally achieved Accreditation. The successful Site Audit report on 24 March Sale completed the requirements for assessment.

For a number of years the Saleyard Committee has been working toward upgrading facilities to be in a position to apply for Accreditation. Through the combination of Council commitment and voluntary work projects many upgrades have been achieved:

- Extensive repairs and modifications to the Selling Yard gates and fences, including new pipe fencing, raised fencing, new gates;
- Rebuild of the gate catches;
- Excellent signage and noticeboards;
- Much improved unloading ramps, including trailer ramps;
- Reseal to the unload area;
- Improvements for patrons;
- Upgrade to effluent treatment at the truckwash;
- Avdata control installation at the truckwash.

Many projects were targeted for NSQA, and with the recent clean up we now have a great economic asset with continued strong support from both producers and buyers, and excellent sheep prices here at Warracknabeal.

Environment

- Completion of the Environment Strategy
- Participation in a Global Workshop series that is planning for councils and other government organisations within our region on issues including global warming, the onset of peak oil, higher energy prices, more efficient transport services.
- Commencement of the rabbit project in the north of the shire.
- Level 2 First Aid course

Building & Planning Activity

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

Building: 8 Building Permits were issued.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$58,193**

Woomelang – Garage

Hopetoun – Demolition

Warracknabeal – Re-Stumping of Dwelling

Minyip – Shade Shelter

Warracknabeal – Storage Shed

Brim – Removal of Church Hall from 253 Brim East School Road

Warracknabeal – Demolition of Old Bowling Club Room

Warracknabeal – Re-Erection of Storage Shed

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

Planning:

2 Planning Permits were issued.

App No: TP06-10

Applicant: Noel Kruger

Address of Land: CA 56, Parish Yellangip

Proposal: The land to be developed by the removal of Native Vegetation development of an offset and associated Earthworks.

Date Issued: 29/03/2010

App No: TP07-10

Applicant: Noel Kruger

Address of Land: 183 Neuman Lane, Lah being CA 64, Parish of Yellangip

Proposal: The land to be developed by the removal of Native Vegetation development of an offset and associated Earthworks.

Date Issued: 29/03/2010

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

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

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

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Footpath Program 2009/2010

PROJECT	% COMPLETE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMENT
Main Street Minyip (\$21,950)	0%	March 2010		Concrete – Shire
Austin Street Hopetoun (\$6,146)	100%	August 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Dennys Street Hopetoun (\$7,497)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Church Street Minyip (\$10,536)	100%	July 2009	July 2009	Concrete – Shire
Breen Street Murtoa (\$9,702)	100%	July 2009	August 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Breen Street Murtoa (\$11,063)	100%	November 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Marma Street Murtoa (\$11,063)	100%	January 2010	February 2010	Concrete – Shire
Stewart Street Rupanyup (\$23,373)	100%	November 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Gibson Street Rupanyup (\$6,600)	100%	August 2009	September 2009	Bill Guest Fence Contractor
Alamein Avenue Warracknabeal (\$10,536)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Concrete – Shire
Gardiner Street Warracknabeal (\$11,590)	100%	August 2009	August 2009	Contractor Marv Duncan
Lyle Street Warracknabeal (\$15,190)	100%	September 2009	November 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Lyle Street Warracknabeal (\$11,590)	70%	September 2009	April 2010	Contractor – Marv Duncan
Woolcock Street Warracknabeal (\$11,414)	100%	September 2009	October 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Yarriambiack Creek Reserve Warracknabeal (\$22,050)	100%	July 2009	July 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Proctor Street Woomelang (\$22,932)	100%	August 2009	August 2009	Hotmix Contractor Bendigo
Various (\$9,344) Phillip Street Beulah	50%			Footpath ReHab Sections – Shire
Various (\$9,409) Phillip Street Beulah Begg St Warracknabeal Toole Street Hopetoun	100%			Pedestrian Crossings – Shire

Completed Gravel Resheet Works 44.508 km
Total Gravel resheet Works 62.300 km

Gravel Resheets Completed

Gaalanungah North Road, Yaapeet-Kenmare Road, Lallat North Road

Shoulder Resheets Completed

Sheep Hills – Bangerang Road

Pedestrian Crossings

Hopetoun

Toole / Murdoch Street (south east corner) Completed 10/2/2010

Mandeville / Denny Street (south east corner) Completed 20/9/2009

Warracknabeal

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

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

Beulah

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

Footpath ReHabs

Warracknabeal – Anderson Street (Lyle Street / Tregear Street – west side)

Beulah – Phillip Street – west side Complete February 2010

VicRoads Works

Minyip – Main Street kerb and channel - complete

Minyip – Church Street kerb and channel - commenced

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

The nurses have begun to review their practices across the shire and commencing in April we are changing the way we conduct immunizations. To try an increase our participation rates we are now going to hold monthly immunization sessions with both nurses working together to improve the service to families.

Dunmunkle Health has agreed to assist us by making a room available in its Health Centres if kindergarten prevents us from holding our monthly sessions at Shire centres.

Kindergartens

Staff have had the first in service day to discuss the 15 hours plans for our shire, Glenda Hewitt our teacher consultant has identified Beulah as the service that will have viability issues due to low numbers and location.

We now will discuss some of these issues with the Beulah community and the school and DEECD to find a way to introduce the 15 hours per child access for the early years service.

I will ask Glenda to present her report to council forum so that you are informed of the issues moving ahead to 15 hours across our shire. Council will need to sign of on our final report in April to the DEECD.

Environmental Health

Registrations for all food premises have been sent out to 120 businesses for 2010, 9 businesses are yet to pay.

4 random samples of salad rolls were taken last month 3 passed however the 4th one was described as of marginal quality. The premises will be inspected and the owner asked to provide a report of hygiene practices in writing. A retest will be conducted in a fortnight.

Inspection for a new business in Warracknabeal has been conducted, the new business will open before Easter.

A policy on the management of blue green algae outbreaks has been sent to GWM Water for its assessment.

Investigations from a Gastro outbreak in February have been completed with recommendations for improvement to the food safety plan.

Council's school immunization program has recommenced for secondary schools.

2 permits for onsite waste water have been issued during March in Speed and Turiff.

Local Laws

7 dogs were impounded this month, 2 have been returned to their owners. 2 being rehoused and others put down or still at the pound awaiting a court case. Cat numbers continue to remain high and a number of cats and Kittens were put down this month.

Animal registrations have gone out and a number of new registrations completed in the last month.

We have had several complaints about trucks parked within town limits, the police have assisted here with fines for illegal parking.

Youth

16 clients were assisted this month, many of these with health issues requiring a link to the most appropriate service.

10 students attended Risk It program this term, 5 were Aboriginal or Torres Strait islanders.

The L2P'S program has commenced training volunteer driver trainers this month they will complete training in April.

We have had five applications in the latest round of the Celebrating Young People grant round. One application from Rupanyup and four from Warracknabeal.

Emergency Relief

39 relief packages were allocated this month , we are referring many people to Wimmera Uniting care for financial counseling as we have had repeat clients regularly.

We are also adjusting the hours that emergency relief clients can attend as with the increase in demand the need for appointments has become apparent. This service as it expands has an impact o our other roles so having clients attend at set hours is needed.

Aged and Disability

Staff attended area meetings this month, we have employed a new staff member in Warracknabeal, and only one application was received for Hopetoun from a current staff member in Patchewollock.

Assessment staff had training from the regional project officer on the new assessments which now take up to 3 hours per person.

Reporting on the new assessments now also is more complicated, staff are required to record all conversations as part of case management. 60 new assessments have been conducted this year and 38 reassessments.

Generally we assess 257 households per year, the new format may reduce this.

Centre based meals have recommenced in Woomelang with a change of provider 9 people attended the first meal.

Surveys to meals on wheels clients are being done as part of our annual review process.

Coordination staff have attended a communication course this month.

Volunteer Transport

Nineteen clients were transported 5,048 kms which is an increase on February 2010 activities.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council suspend standing orders 10.45 am

Carried

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that Council resume standing orders at 11.05 am

Carried

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

10/03/2010 – Local Government and Affordable Housing Conference, Doncaster
11/03/2010 – The Emerging Terrestrial Carbon Market – A briefing for rural & regional municipalities, MAV Melbourne.
15/03/2010 – Wimmera & Southern Mallee Regional Strategic Planning Initiative – Energy needs workshop.
16/03/2010 – 17/03/2010 – First Aid Course.
22/03/2010 – Leisure Centre Committee
22/03/2010 – Y-Fest Committee
23/03/2010 – Wimmera Mallee Tourism Steering Committee – Kaniva
29/03/2010 – Y-Fest Committee
30/03/2010 – Ag Futures Forum on Carbon Trading – Hopetoun
02/04/2010 – 5/03/2010 – Y-Fest Events

Economic Development

An update on issues from the March report:-

Housing Developments – National Rental Affordability Scheme

The Education Department has responded to our request for a valuation of the former Primary School site in Murtoa which the community has identified as suitable for housing development.

The Department values the site at \$79,550 on an unrestricted basis or at \$32,000 with the zoning remaining as “Public Use”. This information has been passed onto Wimmera Uniting Care for possible inclusion in their planning for the NRAS submission.

Woomelang Community Enterprise - No further developments.

Warracknabeal Industrial Estate

Contracts for the sale of Lot 1 are currently with the purchaser’s solicitor.

Yarriambiack Business Directory - still with the printer.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism

The Steering Committee met on the 23 March 2010 to look at the possible establishment of Local Tourism Associations (LTA) in each of the four Shires involved. Buloke is half way through the process, West Wimmera has a Tourism Board but is due for restructuring and Hindmarsh is similar to us in that they rely on the town progress associations.

I presented a model LTA structure for discussion with the emphasis on a need for clear guidelines as to the roles and responsibilities of the organisations.

As pointed out in the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Study, the LTA’s should focus their efforts on enhancing the visitor experience and leave the marketing to the Regional body. An interim action plan is now being prepared to provide a timetable for establishment of the LTA’s.

Y-Fest 2010

At the time of writing this report, the planning for this year's event has been completed and the advertising and promotional campaign is in full swing.

Community Development Community Projects

Country Football and Netball Program 2009/10:

Waiting on the outcome of the Rupanyup Netball Court Extension application.

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

Waiting on the outcome of our three applications for Murtoa Football Change Rooms, Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Lighting and Warracknabeal Lions Park Play Equipment.

Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program:

Waiting on the outcome of our two applications for Warracknabeal Golf Club Santa Anna Greens and Rupanyup Outfall Drain Works.

Synthetic Surfaces Program:

Waiting on the outcome of our Hopetoun Bowls Club Synthetic Green application.

Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program (Federal Government)

Our application for funding of 8 projects totaling \$173,000 has been approved as follows (and as requested):

- Beulah Pool Pump - \$7,600
- Hopetoun Rec. Res. Kitchen - \$38,000
- Jung Rec. Res. Water Connection - \$3,200
- Minyip Football Change Rooms - \$20,000
- Murtoa Cricket Practice Facilities - \$22,000
- Rupanyup Outfall Drain Works - \$10,000
- Warrack. Anzac Park Lighting - \$40,000
- Hopetoun, Minyip and Warracknabeal Senior Citizens Shade Areas - \$32,200

Both the Beulah Pool Pump and Jung Recreation Reserve Water Connection projects have now been completed.

Community Building Initiative

Murtoa:

- **RV Friendly Town** – An application will be submitted to the Campervan and Motor Home Club of Australia to become a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Friendly Town.

Hopetoun:

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- **Web Site** – The Hopetoun Web Site will be re-designed and should be functional by the end of April.
 - **Mallee Bush Retreat and Lake Lascelles Brochure** – The new brochure is finished and available from a number of tourism information outlets. The brochure will focus on Lake Lascelles, the Mallee Bush Retreat and the facilities available at the precinct.

Rupanyup:

- **Memorial Park** – An application to the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance for funding to re-surface the caravan rest area.

Minyip:

- **Wetlands** – The Minyip Progress Association are preparing to submit an application to the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance for funding for playground equipment and a walking track at the Wetlands.
- **Signage** – The CBI Committee are researching possibilities for signage at the entrances of the township to advertise the facilities available in Minyip.

Warracknabeal:

- **Y-Fest** – The new signage at the Race Course has been installed and the flags in Scott Street are up.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting
4 March	Warracknabeal Action Group
9 March	Y-Fest
10 March	Hopetoun Progress Association
11 March	Warracknabeal Town Hall Committee
19 March	Hopetoun Lake Committee
22 March	Y-Fest
23 March	Murtoa Progress
26 March	Minyip CBI

10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor**Old Minyip Tip – Rehabilitation Works**

Following the development of the Transfer Station at Minyip, we are now in the process of undertaking rehabilitation works at the old landfill. The works will involve pushing up the existing uncovered hard waste, then removing the soil from the internal banks to use as cover. The area will be battered off and eventually planted down with some vegetation. These works will commence after Easter.

Contract C155/2009 – Road Maintenance Unit

On 31 March 2010 Council took delivery of the new Road Maintenance Unit supplied by Ausroads Pty Ltd. This Road Maintenance Unit is a Jetpatcher which Council will now have two of, one for the Northern area and one that operates in the Central and Southern parts of the municipality.

With the second unit coming into operation this will have a major impact on our ability to cover the whole shire effectively.

Community Recycling Grants

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 March 2010 to community groups eligible for the financial assistance requesting applications for the funding, with applications closing on Friday 9 April 2010.

Fuel Contract

Council's existing contract for the purchase of fuel is with BP and this contract finished in December 2009. Strategic Purchasing who represent Councils throughout Victoria called public tenders for the supply of fuel at retail outlets on the 27 October 2009 with tenders closing on the 18 November 2009

The tenders had to address member Councils issues regarding, Price, Coverage, Need for a multi-branded card, Administration/reporting, Fraud and Bio Fuels. Five tenders were received from, Atlas, BP, GPD, Retail Decision (Motorpass) and Scotts Petroleum with discounts ranging from 2 – 4 cents per litre.

One of the main advantages with the "One Card" is our ability to support local fuel outlets with Retail Decision (Motorpass) being part of the tender. Local fuel suppliers who accept Motorpass have the option to accept the "one card" with Motorpass or can enter into an arrangement with Strategic Purchasing to offer Councils a discount for the purchase of fuels from their local outlets.

Letters have been sent to all our local fuel outlets advising them of their options under this fuel tender.

Plant Replacement Program 2010-2011

As part of the budget process we review our plant requirements for the next five years, the following items of major plant are due for replacement in the 2010/2011 financial year:-

1. CAT Grader – T. Lynch
2. Scania Prime Mover – R. Taylor

Both these items of plant are between 12 and 13 years old.

Council has also included the purchase of a road profiler into the budget, to be fitted to the skidsteer loader which will enable us to undertake small stabilising patch repairs without the need to hire in the necessary equipment. – approx cost \$20,000

Contract C161/2010 - Specification to Prepare a Management Plan for Lake Marma Reserve and Rabl Park – Murtoa.

Council called tenders for Contract C161/2010, for suitably qualified parties to produce a management Plan, including maintenance and development for Lake Marma Reserve and Rabl Park, Murtoa.

Tenders for this contract close on Friday 30 April 2010.

The plan is to be a strategic guide for future management of the Reserve. The plan shall also include actions to inform the community about the Reserve, encourage interested groups to become involved in management programs and encourage cooperative land management programs involving the Reserve and Park management, community and managers of areas adjacent to the reserve.

- As a working document for the Reserve and Park, the plan will serve as a framework to guide subsequent detailed planning of management activities.
- It will refer to the Urban Development Framework plan developed by the Murtoa community, the DSE requirements for any alterations or controls of such reserves, the appropriate Heritage Overlay of Yarriambiack Shire, and will establish controls on future uses of the reserve.
- It will establish current and future Tourism, Historic, Cultural, Economic, Social, Scientific, Physical, Ecological and Environmental values.
- It will address the issue of the current management structure, and whether there is a more appropriate management structure for this reserve in the future.
- It will specifically address the future management structure for the Lake Marma Reserve.
- It will address the issue of ownership and control of the body of water, supply of that water, the quality of that water and the use of that water.
- It will address mutually shared boundaries, including fencing, fence cost sharing, and delineation of these boundaries.
- It will address the issue of ordinary day to day maintenance, cost, responsibility and the cyclic nature of same.

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- It will address the existing built and natural assets and their continuing usage or alternative usage.
 - It is expected to coordinate and direct maintenance and development of the reserve for at least the next twenty years or until the plan is reviewed.
 - It will address the issue of professional consultation on all issues involving general or specialized maintenance of the reserve, both current and future.
 - It will address ongoing sources of funding appropriate to the above requirements.
 - It will address a future capital works or improvements program for the next 10 years.

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

Landfill Levies

Moved Cr Lovel seconded Cr J Kemfert that Council advise the Minister for Environment and Climate Change the Hon Gavin Jennings MP that the current proposed landfill levy charges are considered excessive, particularly in the case of Rural Regional Landfills and that a review of this proposal by the Government would be appropriate.

Carried

Moved Cr Lovel seconded Cr K Zanker that Council write to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change the Hon Gavin Jennings MP and request that Yarriambiack Shire Council remains grouped with the Wimmera Councils ie Horsham Rural City, Northern Grampians Shire and Ararat Rural City Councils.

Carried

11 REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.1 Finance Report – Prepared by Anita McFarlane

The Finance Report as at March 2010 will be tabled.

Recommendation:

The Finance Report as at March 2010 be received.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr K Zanker that the Finance Report as at March 2010 be received.

Carried

11.2 Revenue Report – Prepared by Chantelle Pitt

The Revenue Report as at April 2010 will be tabled.

Recommendation:

The Revenue Report as at April 2010 be received.

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr J Kemfert that the Revenue Report as at April 2010 be received.

Carried

Cr McLean left the Council Chambers at 11.45am

11.3 Appointment of Assistant Municipal Fire Prevention Officers under *CFA Act 1958* – prepared by James Magee

In accordance with the *CFA Act 1958* Council wishes to appoint additional Assistant Municipal Fire Prevention Officers for the purpose of assisting the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (Greg Wilson) with the following duties:-

Issuing permits to burn.

It is proposed to appoint Cathy Schroder and Vicki Hateley to this position for the purpose of issuing permits to burn from Gateway BEET Hopetoun.

Recommendation

The appointment of Cathy Schroder and Vicki Hateley as Assistant Municipal Fire Prevention Officers under the *CFA Act 1958* to be ratified by Council.

Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr G Lovel that the appointment of Cathy Schroder and Vicki Hateley as Assistant Municipal Fire Prevention Officers under the *CFA Act 1958* to be ratified by Council.

Carried

Cr McLean returned to the Council Chambers at 11.47am

**11.4 Heat Wave Plan 2010 – 2012 – prepared by Gavin Blinman
(Tabled)**

Heat Waves have been experienced in the past and are forecast to increase in frequency and intensity in the future. Evidence shows that Heat Waves cause death and can aggravate existing health conditions. Those most at risk are vulnerable population groups including the elderly, babies and children and those with pre-existing medical conditions.

Adverse health effects of hot weather and Heat Waves are largely preventable and this Heat Wave Plan aims to form partnerships with other levels of government and local agencies to increase the resilience of the community and to ensure that solid plans are in place to respond to Heat Waves in the future.

The aim of this plan is to:

1. Assist in reducing illness and death caused by Heat Wave events in the community.
2. Provide support and recovery assistance throughout the duration of a Heat Wave.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Heat Wave Plan 2010 – 2012 as tabled.

Moved Cr A McLean seconded Cr G Lovel that Council adopts the Heat Wave Plan 2010 – 2012 as tabled.

Carried

11.5 Celebrating Young People Youth Grants Round 7 - Prepared by Gavin Blinman

The current round of Celebrating Young People Youth grants attracted six entries requesting a total of \$3,820.

All of these meet the criteria for funding and are therefore recommended.

These are :

* Waterbug Workshop Jeannie Clark School sessions provided by applicant's son	\$420
* Rupanyup Girl Guides For 15 young people to attend national event and improve social connection.	\$400
* Warracknabeal Secondary College Experience a national energy event and learn problem solving skills.	\$1,000
* GenR8 Extending young people skills in a city event.	\$1,000
ON TRACK Learning RISK IT Program	\$1,000
	Total \$3,820

Recommendation

That Council approves payment of the Celebrating Young People grants.

Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr K Zanker that Council approves payment of the Celebrating Young People grants.

Carried

11.6 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 March 2010 to those community groups eligible for the financial assistance requesting applications for the funding, with applications closing on Friday 9 April 2010.

Council received five (5) 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	\$2,000.00	Upgrade to disabled toilets at Memorial Park
Hopetoun Scouts	\$2,500.00	Completion of sewerage to building
Warracknabeal Lions Club	\$3,000.00	Replacement of in ground watering system at Lions Park
Rupanyup SES	\$2,500.00	Air Conditioning at SES Depot
Brim Lions Club	\$2,000.00	Tables & seating Redda's Park

Moved Cr J Kemfert seconded Cr H Ballentine that the recommendation be adopted.

Carried

11.7 Application for Limited Liquor Licence - Prepared by Ray Campling

Liquor Licensing Victoria has provided a copy of the application lodged by Burning Ambition Pty Ltd for Minapre Hotel 18 Wychunga Street Lascelles.

Proposed extended trading hours detailed on the application are:

Saturday 29/5/2010 licence extension until 3am

Extension of trading hours until 3am for private function approx 200 people

The Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 provides that a Council objection must be made within 30 days of the application being lodged. The only ground for objection by Council is that the grant, variation or relocation of a licence would detract from, or be detrimental to, the amenity of the area in which the premises is situated.

Recommendation

Liquor Licensing Victoria be advised Yarriambiack Shire Council has no objection to the application for extension of Liquor Licence lodged by Burning Ambition Pty Ltd for Minapre Hotel 18 Wychunga Street Lascelles.

Moved Cr G Lovel seconded Cr A McLean that Liquor Licensing Victoria be advised Yarriambiack Shire Council has no objection to the application for extension of Liquor Licence lodged by Burning Ambition Pty Ltd for Minapre Hotel 18 Wychunga Street Lascelles.

Carried

**11.8 Environment Strategy 2010 – 2020 Adoption – prepared by Matthew Wellington
(tabled)**

The very first Yarriambiack Shire Council Environment Strategy has been completed after its development over the last 12 months. The Environment Strategy has evolved through a series of consultation phases and has been completed with a series of actions to be implemented over the next ten years of the Strategy life.

This Environment Strategy will work closely with stakeholder groups to adapt to; and mitigate the impacts of climate change, while continuing to reduce the negative effects that the Yarriambiack Shire Council's operation has on the environment. The Strategy is due to be reviewed every two years, which will allow for any changes in environmental focus, while adapting to any changes in legislation and regulation.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Environment Strategy 2010 - 2020 as tabled.

Moved Cr J Kempfert seconded Cr A McLean that Council adopts the Environment Strategy 2010 - 2020 as tabled.

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS (including strategic direction and specific issues)

- 12.1 Moved Cr H Ballentine seconded Cr G Lovel that Council acknowledges the exemplary service given by Senior Constable Ben D'Ornay during his time in the Speed community.

Carried

13 CLOSED SESSION

14 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Internal Audit Committee – 16/3/2010 (previously distributed)
Alliance of Councils for Rail Freight Development 17/3/2010 (distributed)
Roadsafe Wimmera Minutes of meeting 15/3/2010 (distributed)
Wimmera Development Association 16/3/2010 (distributed)
Roadsafe Wimmera Minutes of meeting 12/4/2010 (distributed)

15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

17 CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12.15pm

Chairperson