

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

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**1 WELCOME**

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**3 PRAYER**

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

*Amen*

**4 PRESENT**

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

**5 APOLOGIES**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 June 2010

**Moved Cr John Kemfert seconded Kylie Zanker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 June 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

Closed Session – 9 June 2010

**Moved Cr Helen Ballentine seconded Kylie Zanker that the Minutes of the Closed Session of Council held on 9 June 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

Special Meeting – 23 June 2010

**Moved Cr Ray Kingston seconded Kylie Zanker that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 23 June 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

## **7 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING**

**8.1 Action List from last meeting**

**8.2 Ongoing and Pending Action List**

## **9 PETITIONS**

## **10 REPORTS**

### **Corporate Reports**

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- 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 Municipal Public Health Plan (*tabled*)
- 11.4 Community Facilities Funding Program 2011/2012 – Minor Facilities
- 11.5 Yarriambiack Shire Council Blue Green Algae Management Policy (*tabled*)

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

- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Mayoral Meeting – Horsham
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Launch of the State Government's Blue Print Document at the Mining Exchange in Ballarat
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Lions Club of Warracknabeal Change Over Dinner and installation of President Peter Ginnane and his board.
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Opening of the new Neighbourhood House Facilities in the former Landt Home by Candy Broad MP. These facilities offer plenty of opportunities for additional services into the future.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Access Ministries Chaplaincy Seminar in Camberwell
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Opening of the Yarriambiack Has Talent Concert in the Warracknabeal Town Hall. There is certainly a lot of hidden talent amongst our youth and this was a great opportunity to showcase this talent. Full marks to our youth for accepting the challenge of performing for their peers. Well done.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Special Meeting of Council to adopt the draft budget for 2010/2011.
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – Leadership Wimmera Sponsors Breakfast a Sylvania Park.
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Regional Stakeholder Briefing for the Grampians Region by Minister Jacinta Allan MP – Horsham. Minister Allan congratulated our region on being the first to complete our Regional Strategic Plan.
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – SetUP and AddsUP Launch by Wimmera Uniting Care in Horsham and is the first regional provider of this service in Australia. The initial program, NILS (No interest loans scheme) with loans up to \$1,000 has been well received in our region with over 400 successful applications. The SetUP Program is the next step by providing loans of up to \$3,000 at only 3.99% interest. Further to this is the AddsUP Program, where the National Bank will match amounts between \$300 & \$500 encouraging those who do participate positively in both these programs to start a savings plan that will further enhance their capabilities in managing their own lives and future.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Launch of the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund overview of projects funded in the first ten years of the funding, along with the new guidelines for extra 260 million dollars as announced in the 'Ready for Tomorrow' Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Lions Club of Minyip Change Over Dinner and installation of President Jenni Miller & her Board.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Road Safe Wimmera Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting Re Implementation of New community Road Safety Programs Model – Ballarat
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Wimmera Development Association Meeting

## 10.2 Councillor's Reports

### Cr A McLean

- June 17<sup>th</sup> – GMMWater Mallee Consultative Committee Meeting in Ouyen. This was the last meeting of the old members before the new committee, however there will be little change in the membership of this group.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June – attended the Future of Local Government Forum in Melbourne. We heard from a variety of speakers focusing on the changes that need to be made to the way we do things to cope with peak oil (have we already seen this or when will it occur?), increases in the cost of power and other problems associated with Climate Change.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Attended the meeting of the Yarrilinks Committee. Mainly to do with the preparation for the Yarrilinks tree planting at the start of August.

### Cr K Zanker

- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Attended WRLC Mobile tender evaluation meeting.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Opening of the Neighbourhood house with Kandy Broad in attendance
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – WRLC Meeting
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Attended Yarriambiack got talent.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Council Draft Budget and forum
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – WRLC Mobile library tender evaluation meeting
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Attended Onkaparinga Council (South Australia) with mobile library sub committee to view their mobile library.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Neighbourhood House Committee Meeting
- July 1<sup>st</sup> – 1pm - Yarrilinks meeting, finalizing, preparing and organising the strategies for the tree planting weekend on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> – 7pm – Rural Northwest Health Public Forum

### Cr R Kingston

- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Livestock Saleyard Association Victoria, Brooklyn. Further discussion about national association
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Launch of Ready for Tomorrow (A Blueprint For Regional and Rural Victoria by Minister Allen) Horsham
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Yarrilink Meeting, Warracknabeal
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Rupanyup Consultative Committee Meeting, Rupanyup also attended Housing Sub-Committee Meeting

**Cr H Ballentine**

- 26<sup>th</sup> May - Council forum - apology
- 27<sup>th</sup> May - Attended RNH consultative review by Peter Axten with Gavin Blinman & Cr Kemfert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Minyip community consultation BBQ
- 8<sup>th</sup> June - Spoke to WIN News alongside Hopetoun community representatives re: Bush Retreat
- 9<sup>th</sup> June - Council meeting - apology
- 15<sup>th</sup> June - Attended launch of Blueprint for Victoria in Ballarat
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - attended reunion of Hopetoun Drama Club
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Special council meeting and forum
- 7<sup>th</sup> July - Hopetoun Lioness AGM / Vic Roads visit

**Cr J Kemfert**

- Attended Murtoa Progress Association Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Attended Murtoa Fire Brigade Meeting – Ladies Committee has decided to disband after 55years due to no members.
- Attended Horsham Sports & Community Club Presentation. Awards for funding went to Minyip, Murtoa, Warracknabeal and Beulah. Over 1 million dollars has been distributed to communities
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Vic Roads meeting in Hopetoun
  - Poor visibility of trains
  - Maintenance of shoulders
  - The use of black and gold on highways chevrons on curves
  - Lack of reconstruction of roads

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

- Attend Hopetoun Progress Association meeting
- Met with Keith Senior in respect to SHARE Program
- Attend Information, Communication & Technology Project meeting in Horsham
- Met with Bill Munday – Regional Telstra Manager
- Met with Vincent Solly, Grampians Regional Management Forum Survey
- Met with Nick Rees – Regional Powercor Manager
- With Madam Mayor and Councillor Ballentine attended Regional Blue Print Launch in Ballarat
- With Madam Mayor and Councillor Zanker attended the official opening of the Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House
- Met with Terry Lewis – DPI
- Attended Vicroads presentation at Gateway Beet
- Attended Wimmera Development Association meeting in Horsham
- Met Jim McKay – Secretary North Western Municipalities Association
- Met with Jo Bourke – WDA Executive Officer
- Met with Rob Gersch – Chairman Rural Councils Victoria
- Met with Glen Davis – CEO Northern Grampians Shire Council
- Met with Justine Linley – Regional Manager RDV
- Met with Dean Miller – CEO Hindmarsh Shire Council
- Attended meeting of Rural Councils Victoria in Melbourne

**10.4 Director of Infrastructure & Planning Report – Prepared by James Magee****Lake Marma Submission**

Council has made a second submission to the draft Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy. The first revolved around Yarriambiack Creek. The second submission was focused on Lake Marma and its importance to the township of Murtoa and the southern portion of Yarriambiack Shire.

The need to provide a water allocation to Lake Marma was emphasized with the substantial community benefits outlined.

Over 250 submissions were received by DSE on the draft strategy. The final strategy is due for release later this year.

**Regulator on Yarriambiack Creek**

During last winter, there were concerns about the amount of branches and other debris blocking the trash rack and regulator which is approximately 150m from the Wimmera River. The partial blockages obviously reduced the flows up Yarriambiack Creek.

The responsibility for cleaning of the structure was questioned. GWMWater confirmed that the trash rack structure is the responsibility of the Yarriambiack Creek Flow Protection Committee.

GWMWater however, have cleared the two structures recently and so are ready to receive the flows.

**Assets**

- Continue the organisation of sealed road condition inspections
- Still reviewing the Road hierarchy policy and procedures through the Asset Management Working Group and Works supervisors with recommendations to be announced shortly
- Condition inspection program for street furniture has been carried out with the intention of locating all furniture assets on the GIS system in the next month
- Still developing 2010-2011 Capital Works Program (Re-Sheet and Re-Seal programs)
- Locality Boundary changes – still reviewing changes with letters being developed and to be sent to all residents involved, informing of either approved changes or denied with the process having to start again.
- Prepare methodology and revaluation data for the finance department and the external auditors
- Develop new building condition inspection sheet for all YSC building assets including the new essential services section for the building officer
- Attend a Sustainability Workshop in Ouyen with the shires Sustainability Officer

**Risk Management/OH&S.**

- Attend a training session on CHEMWATCH a program to manage the YSC hazardous substances and dangerous goods register and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Attend a WorkSafe information session in Horsham

**Design**

- A new traffic plan was designed and implemented at the Murtoa Catholic School.
- The Woolcock Street loading zone proposal has been forwarded to the Warracknabeal Traders Group. .
- Attended engineers design/drawing course Melbourne.
- Attended one Saleyard committee meeting.
- Saleyard quality records, budget items for 2010/11, maintenance and a number of issues with the NLIS report system.
  
- Investigation and site surveys for the north east drainage area of Warracknabeal. There are a number of problem locations where water ponding occurs.
- Warracknabeal Saleyard Quality Assurance Application – A number of items were submitted to the NSQA committee to obtain successful Accreditation for Council's Saleyard. Advice has been received Council was successful in obtaining Accreditation, and a short presentation of the certificate is planned for the 14 July 2010 sale.
- I have commenced Engineering works for the 2010 /11 capital works programme. We have commenced first with a number of town road construction works which are planned for construction this year.

**Technical Services**

- Assist design engineer with field surveying / enquiries as needed.
- In house training on various programs relating to business operations.
- Over the counter services for road opening permits, dial before you dig, maps etc.
- Continue traffic counts and produce reports for same.
- Continue with inspection/repairs of all Council owned playgrounds within the Shire.
- Commence condition inspections on all bitumen roads and streets within the Shire.
- Attend IT training for new computers in Tech Services Dept



**Building & Planning Activity**

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

**Building:** 12 Building Permits were issued.

Total Value of Building Work: **\$554,722**

**Hopetoun** – Dwelling Extensions  
**Warracknabeal** – Storage Shed  
**Hopetoun** – Carport  
**Woomelang** – Garage  
**Rupanyup** – Dwelling Extensions  
**Warracknabeal** – Garage  
**Warracknabeal** – Carport  
**Warracknabeal** – Garage  
**Warracknabeal** – Garage  
**Murtoa** – Pergola  
**Hopetoun** – Dwelling Extensions & Alterations  
**Minyip** - Shed

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

**Planning:** 2 Planning Permit were issued.

**App No:** TP08-10

**Applicant:** Country Fire Authority

**Address of Land:** Pt CA 4, Sec 3 being Lot 1, TP247305,  
Wimmera St, Minyip

**Proposal:** The land to be developed for a Fire Station

**Date Issued:** 08/06/2010

**App No:** TP10-10

**Applicant:** Scott Fagan

**Address of Land:** Lot 1, 2 and 3 on PS 034624 being 28 Woolcock  
St, Warracknabeal

**Proposal:** The land to be Used for Motor Repairs and Developed  
by the construction of a Workshop, earthworks and an  
Office.

**Date Issued:** 10/06/2010

3 applications were submitted in **June 2010**.

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

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

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**Footpath Program 2009/2010**

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

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**Completed Gravel Resheet Works** 62.30 km  
**Total Gravel resheet Works** 62.30 km

**Gravel Resheets Completed**

Rosebery / Rainbow Rd, Patchewollock / Tempy Rd

**Shoulder Resheets Completed**

Beyal Rd  
Mount Pleasant Rd  
Patchewollock/Tempy Rd  
Rosebery/Rainbow Rd  
Rupanyup Rd  
Sheephills/Minyip Rd

**Pedestrian Crossings**

Hopetoun

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

Warracknabeal

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

Beulah

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

**Footpath ReHabilitations**

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

**VicRoads Works**

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

Main Road – stabilising patches

Thanks to Brian Poulton, Peter Jess and Chris Lehmann for the excellent capital works outcome.

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

### **Maternal and Child Health:**

Staff have been working on providing better information for families using the service and a number of initiatives are now being trialed. This certainly gives the service a more professional look and much better information to all who need assistance from the nurses.

### **Kindergartens.**

We are currently planning to commence the pilot project in the next term. I am hopeful we can start in August, DEECD staff and myself are meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> July in Ballarat to go through the department plan and organize transport funding. Following this I will organize a community meeting for Rupanyup and Minyip and also a staff meeting so that all parties have input before we put our final implementation plan forward.

We have been given a \$20,000 grant to set up a reference group to look at transport issues in Yarriambiack, Hindmarsh and West Wimmera shires. The reference group will use a consultant to identify issues and submit a report back to the department. This will build on the information we have already provided through the early years review.

### **Environmental Health.**

Due to changes with the food act around classifications of food business all existing business classifications have been changed. 2 businesses have had transfer inspections this month.

2 onsite wastewater applications have been received and are being assessed. An issue with illegal work at the graincorp site in Murtoa has been resolved.

Following the council visit to Beulah the odour complaint is being investigated, a log of times the odour is occurring is being kept to assist us to identify the cause.

A complaint in Hopetoun about an issue council had spent some time on has resurfaced and is being investigated.

A pigeon complaint in Warracknabeal has been dealt with.

### **Local Laws.**

The Wood St issue has seen the resident issued with a letter giving 14 days [7<sup>th</sup> July] to respond if no response is received a notice to comply will be issued through our legal representatives.

A Warracknabeal man was caught by local laws staff cutting down trees along the creek, DSE unfortunately will only impose a small fine on the man.

Several dogs at large have been impounded this month, council is trying to rehouse them currently.

### **Youth.**

The Yarriambiack Has Talent afternoon appears to have been a successful day, at least 70 young people attended the afternoon workshop and evening talent show.

A number of youth issues were discussed in the afternoon, the youth worker is collating the information. Already a facebook site has been developed by the young people called extend the skate park with 120 members so far. The evening talent show was attended by many community members and featured many young talented people. The important thing was that many of these young people now want to be involved in organizing an event like this next year and for these young people looking to the future is an important step.

The visits to Hopetoun and Murtoa have continued, I think we need to work on the promotion of this a bit more and will meet with the youth worker to discuss this.

The Risk It program has now finished, the program ran over 3 years and has reached its usefulness for our young people.

The students who wanted to continue will be able to access the program on line.

**Emergency Relief.**

We have finished the financial year and provided relief on 265 occasions, some comparisons to the previous financial year are:

08/09   09/10

90	133	Centrelink clients assisted
58	84	New clients
2	14	Multiple use clients.
19	37	clients referred to other services.

Recently the initiative in having Wimmera Uniting Care financial counseling staff attend on Tuesdays has seen 14 individuals now on budgets or referred elsewhere and no longer needing assistance on a regular basis. This is a great result for these people in gaining some independence in their lives.

We assisted with Emergency relief in Woomelang this month after a single house fire occurred, a DHS grant was paid and contacts given for Red Cross and other agencies needed. The local police also assisted with support and the community

**Aged and Disability.**

We are once again recruiting staff for the home care area, with the age of some staff and client demands we need to keep staff numbers up to ensure we meet clients needs.

The making a move project is happening across the shire and will assist our senior citizens to keep fit and stay in their homes longer.

**Volunteer Transport.**

This month 16 clients were transported 3036 kilometers.

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

### **Meetings Attended**

11/06/10 – Steering Committee, Hopetoun Independent Living Units.  
21/06/10 – Leisure Centre Committee of Management  
21/06/10 – Biodiesel Committee – Rupanyup  
23/06/10 – Wimmera Business Centre Manager – Horsham  
29/06/10 – Minister Jacinta Allan – Launch of “Ready for Tomorrow” - Horsham  
30/06/10 – Warracknabeal Fun-Run Committee  
01/07/10 – Minister Jacinta Allan – Launch of Regional Infrastructure Development Fund, Hepburn Springs.

### **Economic Development**

#### **Housing Developments – National Rental Affordability Scheme**

Wimmera Uniting Care has handed the facilitator role to the Wimmera Development Association and CEO Jo Bourke is planning to invite all stakeholders to a “Housing Forum” some time in July to discuss the housing situation and formulate a regional approach to the problem.

#### **Warracknabeal Industrial Estate**

Tender process for the infrastructure works is continuing.  
The sale of Lot 1 is progressing and the amended contracts signed by Council and are now with the purchaser.  
The Agent has also reported strong interest in Lot 3.

#### **“Ready for Tomorrow” A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria**

Jacinta Allan, Minister for Regional and Rural Development, conducted the Grampians Region launch of the blueprint in Horsham on 29<sup>th</sup> June.  
Importantly, the former Small Towns Development Fund has been continued although slightly revised and renamed as the Sustainable Small Towns Development Fund with \$43 million for local infrastructure projects.  
The Regional Infrastructure Development Fund has also been retained and the amount allocated increased to \$260 million.  
The Provincial Victoria campaign will also continue under the guise of “The Good Life Campaign”.  
A number of other new or revamped programs are included in the blueprint and the complete details will be made available in the near future.

#### **Biodiesel Central Wimmera Community Enterprise**

The first meeting in nearly 12 months of the above committee was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June to discuss the future direction of this project and to examine a proposal for the establishment of a stand alone, containerised, community fuel outlet.  
The lack of numbers did not allow for any decisive action.

#### **Wimmera Mallee Tourism**

At the time of writing this report, we did not have a meeting date for the Steering Committee.

**Rural Northwest Health Fitness & Lifestyle Campaign**

The Warracknabeal "Fun Run" planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> August has been put back a week to the 15<sup>th</sup> and the first meeting of the organising committee suggested some alternative routes for the run which are being considered.

**Community Development****Community Projects****Country Football and Netball Program 2010/11:**

The Murtoa Football Change Rooms Redevelopment application will be submitted under this program as our project in the 'up to \$60,000 grant' category when guidelines and time frames are available.

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

Funding Agreements for the Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Lighting and the Warracknabeal Lions Park Playground Equipment have been received, documentation prepared, and returned to Sport and Recreation Victoria.

**Community Facilities Funding Program – Minors 2011/2012 (Sport and Recreation):**

As agreed in the Council Forum held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, work on preparing full applications has commenced. These applications relate to the Brim Netball/Tennis Court Surface Replacement, the Hopetoun Netball Court Re-surfacing and the Minyip 4<sup>th</sup> Tennis Court Construction. Closing date for these applications is 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

**Sustainable Sports Grounds Program:**

This is a new funding program recently announced by the State Government in their "Ready for Tomorrow" blueprint and replaces both the Synthetic Surfaces Program and the Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program. Once guidelines are received it is proposed to submit an application for the Murtoa Golf Club Watering Upgrade under this program.

**Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2010:**

The Second Progress Reports (or Acquittal Reports as the case may be) are required to be submitted by the end of July 2010.

**Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2011:**

Council have been allocated a further \$173,000 under this Federal Government funding program and a list of proposed projects to be funded is attached for Council's consideration. The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

**Community Support Fund:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> progress report for this grant relating to the Rupanyup Community Centre is to be submitted to D.P.C.D. this month.



## Community Building Initiative Report

### **SHARE Program (Sustainable Healthy Adaptable Resilient Engaged) -**

The SHARE Program is set to commence in July and will implement a community action planning process that increases connection between people and townships. The SHARE program will see community members build skills, knowledge and more optimistic attitudes through active involvement in their community projects while enhancing council capacity to facilitate community ownership and involvement.

Based on success of the People, Places and Pipes Project (a state government Community Building Initiative), the SHARE program will develop Community Action Plans to facilitate opportunities for community members to:

Provide every community member with a voice

Develop and organise project plans

Promote individual projects for prospective funding and support

Coordinate and plan for future infrastructure and service needs

Work alongside YSC in respect to priority community projects

Build relationships and connections with stakeholders and other communities in times of significant change

#### **Murtoa:**

Web Site – The Murtoa Neighborhood House and the Murtoa Progress Association have chosen a contractor for construction of the Murtoa web site. The web site is expected to be functional in late July.

Lake Marma and Rabi Park Management and Development Plan – The preparation for the plan is expected to begin in July and proposed to be completed in late November.

#### **Hopetoun:**

Skate Park - The Sk8 Park committee are exploring the possibility of a modular metal skate park to reduce the project cost.

#### **Rupanyup:**

Jack's Track Signage – Designs for the signs are finished and ready for printing.

#### **Minyip:**

Farrier Monument – The official opening of the Monument will be announced in the near future.

Town Brochure – The CBI Committee are exploring the possibility of a town brochure for Minyip.

#### **Meetings Attended:**

Date	Meeting
7 June	Rupanyup Consultative Committee
9 June	Hopetoun Progress Association
16 June	Beulah Progress Association
22 June	Lake Lascelles/Corrong Meeting
25 June	Minyip CBI

**Moved Cr John Kemfert seconded Cr Helen Ballentine that Council suspend standing orders at 10.45am**

**Moved Cr Kylie Zanker seconded Cr Helen Ballentine that Council resume standing orders at 11.00am**

**10.8 Infrastructure Services Manager – Prepared by Bernie Naylor****Warracknabeal Transfer Station – Cardboard Baling Facility**

Council has completed the construction of a cardboard baling facility at the Warracknabeal transfer station that will enable council to recycle cardboard received from our commercial sector.

The facility will accept commercial quantities of cardboard from all our transfer stations which will then be baled and sent for recycling.

The cost to develop this facility is \$75,000 which includes the following items as detailed below:-

- Steel Shed
- 240V Bale Press
- Concrete Floor for Shed
- Generator

Council received funding through the Grampians Regional Waste Management Group for this project.

**Wimmera Regional Transport Group**

Attended the Wimmera Regional Transport Group meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 with the following items being discussed:-

- Wimmera Intermodal Freight Hub (WIFT) – Funding has now been received for \$16.44 m to complete stage 1 of the new freight hub at Dooen.
- Horsham Aerodrome Upgrade – State Government funding of \$1m has been received to upgrade the north-south runway which will be extended, widened and sealed to accommodate fully loaded retardant planes for the fire season. The aerodrome services both the Little Desert and Grampians National parks during the fire season.
- Mineral Sands Projects – Iluka have applied for planning exemptions for the construction of loading and unloading facilities at Hopetoun and Hamilton
- Donald mineral Sands are undertaking further investigative drilling over next 6 months and have applied for mining licence.
- Native Vegetation Issues – Yarriambiack and Horsham Council's have now both signed MOU's with DSE
- WDA – Advised Council's that the State Government are currently in discussion with the MAV regarding Council's being responsible for locust management spraying of roadside reserves.

**Municipal Fire Prevention Officer's Course**

Attended Municipal Fire Prevention Officer's Course in Woodend over 4 days in June.

This Course is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills to undertake the role of the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or as an assistant.

Areas covered during the course include the following :-

- Fire Behaviour
- Fuel Management techniques
- Fire Prevention
- Prevention and Burning Notices
- Emergency Management

Also discussed was the transition from the existing Municipal Fire Prevention Committee's (MFPC) to the new Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee.(MF MPC).

The changes to this new committee include:-

- Will address both fire prevention issues together with other fire management planning issues.
- Committee membership and brigade representation will be different, individual brigades will no longer elect representatives, rather their views, ideas and needs will be consolidated and submitted through selected representation.
- The MF MPC will be led by a fire service (mostly CFA) with input and ownership by all agencies.
- There will be representation from other agencies ie: DSE, Parks Victoria, Water Authorities etc.

**Warracknabeal Industrial Estate**

Currently Council is preparing tender specification documents for the extension of the Water and Sewerage mains to the new industrial estate together with tender documents the supply and installation of security fencing to each of the three (3) blocks of land.

## **11 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

The Finance Report as at June 2010 will be tabled.

**Recommendation:**

The Finance Report as at June 2010 be received.

**Moved Cr Andrew McLean seconded Cr Kylie Zanker that the Finance Report as at June 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

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

The Revenue Report as at July 2010 will be tabled.

**Recommendation:**

The Revenue Report as at July 2010 be received

**Moved Cr Helen Ballentine seconded Cr John Kemfert that the Revenue Report as at June 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

**Cr Geoff Lovell left Council Chambers at 11.30am**

**11.3 Municipal Public Health Plan– prepared by Tim Rose**

Municipal Public Health Plans (MPHPs) are a requirement of the local government strategic planning process as specified in the *Public Health & Wellbeing Act 2008*. Council's plan outlines several actions required to prevent or minimize public health dangers, as well as to enable people living in the municipality to achieve maximum health and wellbeing.

The Yarriambiack MPHP was reviewed by Council, the community and health service providers earlier this year.

**Recommendation:**

That Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the Municipal Public Health Plan as presented.

**Moved Cr Helen Ballentine seconded Cr Ray Kingston that Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the Municipal Public Health Plan as presented.**

**Carried**

#### **11.4 Community Facilities Funding Program 2011/2012 – Minor Facilities – prepared by Terry Sanders and Dennis Smith.**

The 2011/2012 round of this program, funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria, has opened earlier this year and has been advertised for community sports clubs and groups to submit Expressions of Interest to Council for projects which may be funded through this program. Community applications to Council closed on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010 with applications received from:

**Hopetoun Football and Netball Club** – Re-surface both netball courts with Geo Fabric and asphalt. Re-mark courts and install a root barrier to west side of courts to prevent future playing surface damage. The project cost is estimated to be \$89,413.

**Comment:** According to the Guidelines, particular emphasis this year is being placed on “inclusion” in community recreation and the development of sustainable sport and recreation facilities. This application would meet these criteria. Furthermore, the state of the court surface was highlighted during Netball Victoria’s audit of local netball facilities which was conducted approximately four years ago.

**Rupanyup Football Netball Club** – Install two new light towers at the south east and south west areas of the football ground as Stage 1 of a plan for four new towers. Four towers will be required in order to meet the minimum 50 lux required for training across the oval. This project cost is estimated to be \$110,000.

**Comment:** This project would satisfy the guideline objectives, however Rupanyup Recreation Reserve has received quite a large amount of funding in recent months (Small Towns Development Fund -\$300,000 and Community Support Fund -\$50,000) and \$48,262 from the Country Football and Netball Program for the Netball Shed extension. Given these grants it may be opportune to re-evaluate this application at a later date should a funding program arise.

**Murtoa Show Yards Reserve Committee of Management** – To demolish the existing football change rooms (leaving the relatively new brick shower and toilet building) and construct new change rooms in place of those demolished. Estimated project cost is \$118,000.

**Comment:** The project meets one of the objectives regarding sustainable sport and recreation facilities. However this application was unsuccessful in the previous round and it is considered to be more appropriately aligned with the Country Football and Netball Program (funding for the next round was recently announced in the “Ready for Tomorrow” document). Therefore it is recommended that this project be submitted under the next round of Country Football and Netball Program.

**Murtoa Golf Club** – Renew and upgrade the course watering system to access water made available through piped GWMWater. Estimated project cost is \$86,223.

**Comment:** This project would meet the sustainability objective of the program. However, the State Government announced during the Budget that a new program named Sustainable Sports Grounds Program would be replacing both the Synthetic Surfaces Program and the Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program.

We believe that an application through this new funding program would maximize the chances of obtaining funding for this project.

**Minyip Tennis Club** – Remove the two dilapidated eastern courts and replace with one concrete court with Plexi-paving surface. Estimated cost is \$56,000.

**Comment:** This meets the two previously mentioned objectives and will fit into our one application in the 'up to \$60,000 total project cost'.

**Hopetoun Progress Association** – Construct a Skate Park at the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve. Estimated project cost is \$98,000.

**Comment:** This project meets the projects for young people criteria, however it may be difficult to justify in that the potential skate park user numbers may be insufficient to attract funding. It is felt that the Hopetoun Netball Court project will have far more benefit to the wider community.

**Murtoa Bowling Club** – Construct a new Clubhouse. No designs or costing available.

**Comment:** The application has been submitted to let Council know that the Bowls Club is looking to replace their Club House in the future. Dennis Smith will liaise with the Committee regarding possible funding sources as more details become available.

**Warracknabeal Hockey Club** – Construct a new multi-storage facility at Anzac Park for use by the Hockey Club, Cricket Club, Auskick and the Swimming Pool. Each group will have their own lock-up storage area. Project cost is estimated at \$42,625.

**Comment:** This is a well thought out project, but may be difficult to justify under the program guidelines. It is suggested that this project be held over and possible alternate funding sources be investigated.

**Brim Sports and Social Club** – Remove the existing cracked tennis/netball courts, including the foundations, and construct new concrete courts with Plexi-paved surface. Estimated cost is \$219,000.

**Comment:** This project aligns with the program objectives, plus it has the added advantage of being a shared facility thereby having all year round usage, with netball in winter and tennis in summer

Council is able to submit a maximum of three applications to Sport and Recreation of which two applications can request a grant up to \$60,000 and one application for a total project cost up to \$60,000. Applications to Sport and Recreation from Council close on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

**Recommendations:**

Based on the above criteria, and applications received, it is recommended that Council submit the following applications on behalf of the sporting groups:

- The two applications under the 'up to \$60,000 grant' category being the Hopetoun Netball Courts Re-surfacing project and the Brim Netball/Tennis Courts Replacement, and
- The one application under the 'total project cost up to \$60,000' category being the Minyip Tennis Club Fourth Court Construction.

**Moved Cr Helen Ballentine seconded Cr Ray Kingston that Council submit two applications under the 'up to \$60,000 grant' category being Hopetoun Netball Courts Re-surfacing project and the Brim Netball/Tennis Courts Replacement, and the one application under the 'total project cost up to \$60,000' category being the Minyip Tennis Club Fourth Court Construction.**

**Carried**



**11.5 Yarriambiack Shire Council Blue Green Algae Management Policy  
– prepared by Tim Rose**

Yarriambiack Shire Council's Blue Green Algae Action Plan details the arrangements that will be implemented to ensure effective management of blue green algae in weir pools and lakes across the municipality. The primary objective of this action plan is to protect public health and minimise potential social, environmental and economic impacts. This management policy has been developed and will operate in conjunction with the GWMs Regional Blue Green Algae Coordination Plan 2009-2010.

Council reviewed this policy earlier in the year. The draft policy has since been submitted to GWM for comment.

**Recommendation:**

Council adopts the blue green algae management policy in preparation for summer.

**Moved Cr John Kemfert seconded Cr Kylie Zanker that Yarriambiack Shire Council adopts the Blue Green Algae Management Policy.**

**Carried**

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

- 12.1 Moved Cr John Kemfert seconded Cr Ray Kingston that Council write a letter to Department of Infrastructure requesting a meeting, with respect to future of Murtoa Railway Station

Carried

**13 CLOSED SESSION**

Moved Cr Kylie Zanker seconded Cr Helen Ballentine that Council move into Closed Session.

Carried

Moved Cr Kylie Zanker seconded Cr Andrew McLean that Council move out of Closed Session.

Carried

Moved Cr Helen Ballentine seconded Cr Andrew McLean that Council adopt the resolutions from the Closed Session of Council.

Carried

Moved Cr Andrew McLean seconded Cr Kylie Zanker that Council ratifies the above projects for funding under the Regional Community Infrastructure Program Round 3 and that full applications are developed and submitted to the Federal Government.

Carried

**14 MINUTES FROM MEETINGS**

**15 ATTACHMENTS / REPORTS**

**16 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 11 August 2010 at 9.30am at Warracknabeal.

**17 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11.53am

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Chairperson