

CEO THOUGHTS



What ever you wish to achieve and accomplish in practical terms should always be realistic, relevant, viable and ultimately measurable. You can dream the dream or you can make it happen – so give it a go and make the dream reality and then live the dream.

Council Community Visitation Program

The next stage of the Council Community Visitation Program will be undertaken on Wednesday May 20th, 2009 with Councillors and staff visiting Minyip, Rupanyup and Murtoa. An invitation is extended to you to come along and speak with Councillors and staff over a cuppa and nibbles. The venues and times for the visits are:-

Minyip Memorial Hall: 9.30 to 10.30am
Rupanyup Service Centre: 11.30 to 12.30pm
Murtoa Mechanics Institute: 2.00 to 3.00pm

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Ray Campling on (03) 5398 0100.

shire plans \$1m splurge

Yarriambiack Shire Council hopes to spend more than \$1 million in the shire in the next six months as part of a nationwide effort to stimulate the economy.

The council has allocated Federal Government money of \$440,000 across 18 Community Infrastructure Program projects.

The shire has also applied for State Government funding to complete projects at Warracknabeal Showground, Warracknabeal Town Hall, Warracknabeal Tourist Information Centre, Woomelang Town Hall, Hopetoun Display Shed, Lubeck Memorial Hall, Minyip Wetlands, Lake Marma Walking Track, Rupanyup Community Centre and Woomelang Travellers Rest.

The Council's Economic Development Manager Terry Sanders said most supplies and contractors to complete projects would be sourced from within the shire.

He said projects would stimulate the local economy.

"It is a large amount of money, almost half a million dollars. Hopefully, we'll receive State Government money as well and a lot of the communities are putting

in, if not cash, in-kind donations, voluntary labour."

"If we get all the matched funding that we were applying for, we're looking at a total spend, including voluntary labour, of \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million."

Mr Sanders said the council was hopeful they could spend the money before the September deadline.

Yarriambiack community infrastructure projects:

- **Hopetoun Recreation Reserve:** Installation of air-conditioning, a shade structure and works to improve irrigation water supply. \$43,000.
- **Warracknabeal Leisure Centre:** Upgrades to sporting facilities and improvement to disability access. \$35,000.
- **Warracknabeal Showgrounds:** Construction of multi-purpose building for community group use. \$14,000.
- **Warracknabeal Swimming Pool:** Change room improvements to accommodate winter use and rainwater tank installation for irrigation and landscaping of entrance area. \$35,000.
- **Warracknabeal and Hopetoun caravan parks:** Installation and upgrade of sewage disposal points. \$26,750.
- **Tempy Playgroup shade sail.** \$5,000.
- **Warracknabeal Tourist Information Centre:** Construction of an outdoor pergola, landscaping, paving, installation of outdoor furniture and toilet facilities upgrade for disabled access. \$11,250.
- **Woomelang Town Hall:** Improvements to the supper room, replacement of leaking skylights and suspended ceiling. \$10,000.
- **Warracknabeal Town Hall:** Light improvements. \$11,000.
- **McGinnis Park, Hopetoun:** Shed construction to house restored vintage agricultural machinery. \$10,000.
- **Mallee Bush Retreat, Lake Lascelles:** Building accommodation. \$45,000.
- **Lubeck Memorial Hall:** Ceiling restoration work, kitchen and windows upgrade. \$7,000.
- **Minyip Wetlands:** Picnic and seating area, pedestrian bridge and security fence construction. \$37,500.
- **Lake Marma, Murtoa:** Track around the lake, including earth work and tree removal. \$15,000.
- **Murtoa Swimming Pool:** Replace water treatment system with a hypochlorite system. \$16,000.
- **Rupanyup Community Centre:** New centre at Rupanyup Recreation Reserve. \$50,000.
- **Woomelang Travellers Rest:** Installation of toilets, showers, caravan and camping sites and tourist information. \$42,500.
- **Yaapeet Tennis Court:** New court at Yaapeet Recreation Reserve. \$30,000.

