

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Council's Meals on Wheels Co-ordinator would like to hear from anyone who would like to be an emergency volunteer driver for our Meals on Wheels program.

If you haven't delivered meals before, someone will take you around for the first time to show you what is involved. This is a great service and very rewarding to be part of it.

If you are interested, please contact Pennie at the Shire Offices, 53980130

CHILD CARE SHORTAGE CONTINUES

The Warracknabeal Child Care Steering Committee is concerned with the chronic shortage of childcare. Currently there are 41 children on the waiting list for Family Day Care in Warracknabeal. Whilst Council has secured State and Federal Government funding for a Childrens Centre it will some time till the centre is operational. Other towns within the Shire are also experiencing Childcare shortages. As an interim arrangement Council has made available the Warracknabeal Youth Centre to Wimmera Uniting Care for In Venue Care. Wimmera Uniting Care is currently advertising for people interested in being Care Providers from this Centre. This position is a full time position for which there is the possibility of a job share arrangement. The closing date for this position is 30 June, 2005. Wimmera Uniting Care is also seeking people interested in providing In Venue Care in Rupanyup. There are also several positions available for Family Day Care Providers across Yarriambiack Shire, with an In Home Carer needed in Warracknabeal. Interested people should phone Kerri Baker on 1800 555 140 or 0429147488.

DISABLED PARKING PERMIT

A statewide Disabled Person's Parking Scheme currently operates in Victoria. Disabled Permit application forms are available from Council offices in Warracknabeal, Rupanyup and Hopetoun and in doctor's clinics throughout the Shire.

Disabled Permits are available if you have mobility problems or a severe disability (supported by your doctor), which limits your ability to walk long distances or requires you to take rest breaks while walking. There are two categories with various parking concessions, based on your need for assistance.

Disabled Permit Codes

Code A – for a driver/passenger who has a disability

Code B – for a passenger who has a disability

Code C – for an organisation providing transport for people with disabilities

Code D – for a temporary permit

Category 1 – Disabled Parking Permit - Blue

Determined by a medical practitioner, where a person has significant ambulatory disability **requiring use of a complex walking aid** or other condition which affects applicants ambulatory ability. A complex walking aid is defined as an aid which has two or more contact points with the ground. Blue permit holders may park in a disabled parking bay or in a normal bay for twice the specified time.

Category 2 – Disabled Parking Permit – Green

Determined by a medical practitioner, where a person has significant ambulatory disability, or severe illness which **does not affect their ability to walk distances but requires rest breaks when continuous walking is undertaken**. Green permit holders may park in an ordinary parking bay for twice the specified time, not in a disabled parking bay.

More information is on the VicRoads website at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

WHATS ON FOR THE MAYOR

Tuesday 14 June
Council Meeting, 9.30am

Wednesday 15 June
Wimmera Lakes Meeting, Northern –
Grampians Shire Council, 10.30am

CEO Trivia – Did You Know ?

In the time it takes to read this sentence, 50,000 cells in your body will die and be replaced with new ones!!