



WHAT'S ON FOR THE MAYOR

Tuesday 18 October
Redda's Park Recreation Reserve
Committee of Management Meeting,
Brim, 7pm

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

People wanting to nominate for Council must lodge a nomination form and a \$250 nomination fee with the Returning Officer by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 25 October 2005. Nomination forms can be collected between Monday, 17 October & Tuesday 25 October 2005 from: Colin Denman, Returning Officer for the Yarriambiack Shire Council elections at the Yarriambiack Shire Council Offices, 34 Lyle Street, Warracknabeal.

An information session will be held at the Shire Offices Function Room on Tuesday 18 October at 7.00pm.

Nomination forms will also be available at the information session. Further information about nominating as a candidate in these elections can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, Colin Denman, on 5381 1944.

Electoral Structure

As a result of an electoral representation review in 2004-2005, Yarriambiack Shire will elect seven councillors from three wards at these elections.

The following structure will apply from these elections:

- Dunmunkle Ward (2 councillors)
- Hopetoun Ward (2 councillors)
- Warracknabeal Ward (3 councillors)



CEO Trivia – Did You Know?

Your mouth produces about
40,000 litres of saliva in a lifetime.

MUNICIPAL RATE CONCESSIONS EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The assistance is in the form of a 50% concession on municipal rates and charges to rural ratepayers assessed by Centrelink to be eligible for EC Relief Payments (ECRPs). These concessions will be available while current EC declarations remain in place and will apply for the current rating year (2005/06) and 2006/07 where Centrelink ECRPs continue to be paid.

To receive the concession you will need to apply to your local Council at the time you pay your rates and provide evidence that you are receiving, or have received in the preceding 90 days, Centrelink ECRPs. This evidence is required for both instalment and full lump sum payment of rates. If your Council is registered with the Centrelink Confirmation eServices (CCeS) it may, with your permission, be able to confirm your eligibility for the concession directly with Centrelink. Most Councils are registered. If you are unsure please contact your local Council. Alternatively, you will require an ECRP Income Statement issued by Centrelink to substantiate your eligibility. ECRP Income Statements are available either by calling the Drought Hotline – phone 13 23 16 or from a Centrelink Service Centre. Councils cannot obtain these Income Statements direct from Centrelink.

Once your ECRP has expired, unfortunately, Centrelink will not be able to provide you with an Income Statement. Your Council can however use the CCeS to confirm with Centrelink your eligibility. You will need to discuss this with them.

Rates will still need to be paid to your Council. When paying in person and claiming the concession, you will need to provide your Centrelink Reference Number to enable the Council to confirm your eligibility with Centrelink via the CCeS or your Centrelink Income Statement together with your municipal rate notice and complete an application form. Before paying by post you will need to obtain an application form and discuss any eligibility issues with your Council. When paying by post and claiming the concession, you should include a completed application form, plus the original Centrelink Income Statement (or a clear, unmarked photocopy), or your Centrelink Reference Number and an authorisation for the Council to confirm your eligibility with Centrelink via the CCeS, together with your rate notice and a cheque for 50% of the Total Amount Due as listed on the rate notice.

If you have more than one rural property, or if your principal place of residence is separate from the farm, please contact your Council to clarify eligibility for this concession. If you have other questions concerning this concession please contact your Council, the DPI Customer Service Centre – phone

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136 186 or visit the DPI website –
www.dpi.vic.gov.au/raterelief.

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