

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT VICTORIA GRANT

A Regional Development Victoria Grant was used to resurface the Fire Brigade track at Anzac Park, Warracknabeal. The track surrounding the Football Oval at Anzac Park will also be resurfaced with this funding.

SENIORS CARD

The Victorian Seniors Card Program is currently preparing the 2006-2007 editions of the Seniors Card Metropolitan and Rural & Regional Retail & Services Directories.

Launched in March 1991, the Seniors Card Program is a Victorian Government initiative, in partnership with the private sector. Through the offers available for participating businesses and services, Victorian Seniors Card holders can access a wide range of discounted products and services.

The Victorian Seniors Card Program is committed to promoting the products and services of Victorian businesses to the more than 830,000 Seniors Card holders who reside in Victoria. The aim is to encourage Seniors Card holders to support local business by shopping and conducting business in their local communities.

They will be printing and distributing 500,000 copies of the Metropolitan Retail and Services Directory and 200,000 copies of the Rural & Regional Retail & Services Directory, in an initial State-wide distribution in January 2006, and then on an ongoing weekly basis, to new card holders during the directories lifespan.

Businesses can obtain further information by contacting the Seniors Card Program on (03) 96038860, or by email on marion.petersen@dvc.vic.gov.au

DRAFT BUDGET

Council at its meeting last Tuesday recommended that the 2005/2006 Draft Budget in accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 be advertised and publicly displayed for a period of 14 days. This year's budget has been developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review with its elected representatives and Senior Management.

The 2005/2006 draft budget incorporates a general rate increase of 5%. The Shire's financial position is strong as a consequence of its high level of cash reserves. Council's operating budget of 2005/2006 is identified as being \$14 million. The total capital expenditure program has been projected to be \$5.15 million of which \$234,000 relates to projects carried forward from last year. Of the \$5.15 million of capital funding, \$2.67 million will be derived from Council operations, \$400,000 from loans and the remainder from cash and investments and working capital. Whilst the 2005/2006 budget has been prepared on the basis of constraint, it is acknowledged that Council still needs to fund new community and organisational initiatives. In this year's budget a number of new initiatives costing in excess of \$1.345 million have been proposed. Council's 2005/2006 Draft Budget can be viewed at Warracknabeal, Rupanyup and Gateway Beet Offices.



WHATS ON FOR THE MAYOR

Monday 18 July

Regional Mayors Meeting,
Warracknabeal, 11.30am



CEO Trivia – Did You Know ?

The swine flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent!

Council's Service Director, Bruce Andrews has recently accepted a position as Director of Assets & Services with the Pyrenees Shire Council. Bruce's departure will be a great loss to the organisation and the community. Council wishes Bruce and his family all the best in their future pursuits. Bruce officially finishes on 29 July, 2005.