

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 be 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.

The Volunteer Transport Program aims to meet the needs of people who have specialist medical appointments away from their home town, who do not have means of transport, such as family, friends or Veteran Affairs and who can not access public transport. We can cater for transport requests as close as Horsham or as far away as Melbourne, using a Volunteer's or a Shire car. A small fee is charged to contribute to fuel costs.

This program relies on the generous services of volunteer drivers, who make an invaluable contribution to our community. If you have some time to spare and would like to find out more about volunteer driving or would like to make a booking contact Elizabeth Robinson at the Warracknabeal Office, 1800 065 647

DROUGHT RECOVERY FUND 2005– GUIDELINES

Objectives

The Drought Recovery Program has been established to equitably distribute the \$400,000 made available to Council under the State Government Rural Community Infrastructure Development Grants Program for drought-affected communities in North-West Victoria.

Level of Assistance

Projects will be funded up to 100% of the cost, to a maximum of \$50,000 per project. Projects which include some local contributions (cash and/or in-kind) will be viewed favourably, but is not essential.

Conditions

Projects for which assistance is sought under this Program will be required to be completed by 30 June 2005. Contact; Dennis Smith, Special Projects Officer, 53980126 or smith@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au



WHATS ON FOR THE MAYOR

Tuesday 21 June 14

Wimmera Regional Transport Group Meeting, Horsham, 12.30pm

Thursday 23 June 14

Launch Regional Migration Incentive Fund Strategy, Horsham, 9.30am



CEO Trivia – Did You Know ?

The pupil of the eye expands as much as 45% when a person looks at something pleasing