

RATES INSTALMENTS DUE

Ratepayers who pay rates by Instalments are reminded that the Final Instalment is due on Tuesday 31 May, 2005.

BIRD WATCHING

Yarriambiack Shire Youth Worker, Christine Solly has initiated Bird Watching at lunch times at the Shires three Secondary colleges. The initiative came about through the Yarriambiack Health Alliance addressing three main priorities of nutrition, physical activity and mental health & wellbeing.

School staff members Mr Barlow (Murtoa), Mr Salter (Hopetoun) and Mr Wallis (Warracknabeal) who are keen bird watchers are taking a lead role in the project.

Ms Solly began her hobby of bird watching in 1995 when visiting friends who were keen watchers. Since then Ms Solly has viewed birds all around Australia and worked in Kakadu for a season to witness the migratory birds using Kakadu as a resting place after crossing the oceans.

Bird watching has many benefits apart from exercise. It increases knowledge of the environment, can lead to careers in national parks, eco tourism, tour guide, photography, art and other careers relating to the environment.

As bird activity is less during the winter guest speakers will be organized such as Jon Starks from Wimmera Catchment Management Authority, Rae Talbot from Landcare, WIRES, Homing Pigeon Club and perhaps even Atlas Australia.

PROPERTY VICTORIA

The March edition of Property Victoria is now available online from www.land.vic.gov.au *Property Victoria* is a quarterly property information publications produced by Land Victoria. Each edition features different information to help build an authoritative and broad picture of property activity in Victoria. Topics include statewide valuation information, title searches, mortgages registered and discharged, plans of subdivision, and property prices. This edition includes an item on the first Victorian subdivision approved online, among others. To register to receive Property Victoria by email send an email to property.victoria@dse.vic.gov.au

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WHATS ON FOR THE MAYOR

Monday 25 April

Anzac Day Dawn Service
Sheep Hills 7.00am

Tuesday 26 April

Council Forum
Warracknabeal 9.30am



CEO Trivia – Did You Know ?

Though human noses have an impressive five million olfactory cells with which to smell, sheepdogs have 220 million, enabling them to smell 44 better than us!