

## **VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT**

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.

## **TARAGO AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Wimmera Volunteers are making a vehicle available to community groups and organisations in the Yarriambiack Shire to assist with their transport needs in the first full week of each month from June 2005.

Wimmera Volunteers are working in partnership with the Yarriambiack Shire Council, who will manage the vehicle for the week it is in the Shire and will take bookings for the service.

All people intending to drive the vehicle need to attend one of the Vehicle Familiarisation and Information Sessions which will be held on the **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2005**, in Warracknabeal at the Shire Offices in 34 Lyle Street at 9.30am, and in Hopetoun at Gateway Beet at 1.30pm.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions or have any queries, please call Karen Fuller at Wimmera Volunteers in Horsham on 03 5382 5607.

### **CEO Trivia – Did You Know ?**

Kittens can clock an amazing 50kms per hours at full speed, and can cover about three times their body length per leap!

## **RURAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Council will be conducting information sessions throughout the Shire to inform the community of the recently announced Rural Community Infrastructure Development Grants.

The program has been established to assist communities in the North West of the state affected by poor harvests in 2004 which have exacerbated the continuing impacts of the present drought. The program is targeted at community infrastructure projects which have a social benefit and will include such things as maintaining sporting and community facilities, streetscape works and upgrading public infrastructure. Council has received an amount of \$400,000 to undertake the program. The community information sessions will be held at:

Gateway BEET, Hopetoun, Monday 9 May at 7.00pm

Mechanics Hall, Murtoa, Tuesday 10 May at 7.30pm

Minyip Memorial Hall, Wednesday 11 May at 7.30pm

Warracknabeal Shire Offices, 12 May at 7.30pm

Beulah RTC Building, Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm

For further information contact Ray Campling, 53980101.

### **WHATS ON FOR THE MAYOR**

**Friday 6 May**

Hopetoun Courier Newspaper Week  
Hopetoun, 12 noon