

SHOW ME THE MONEY – GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SOURCING

The sustainability and success of community projects is often dependant upon the ability to source grants. This workshop will identify sources of funding in the Wimmera region and provide information about how to apply for these funds.

The topics to be covered are funding bodies in the region, who to contact for further information and application forms. How to go about applying for these funds and how to make your application appealing to the funding body.

This workshop will be held at the Commercial Hotel, Rupanyup on Monday 11 July, 2005 from 6.30pm till 9.30pm.

For further information and to book your place contact Phil King at Wimmera CMA on 5382 1544 or kingp@wcma.vic.gov.au. Bookings close at 5.00pm, 8 July, 2005. Limited spaces available.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Yarriambiack Shire Council has introduced structural changes to promote more economic development throughout the municipality.

Council has appointed former Community Development Manager Terry Sanders as Economic Development Manager with the immediate task of establishing a shire-wide advisory group. This group will be responsible for developing an economic development strategic plan for the shire.

CEO Ray Campling said that Council's intention to focus more on economic development came after an examination of results from annual community satisfaction surveys for the past two years.

"Whilst I am sure that the community recognises and appreciates Council's initiatives in relation to industrial estates, main street redevelopment, housing development and community infrastructure and the very active role we have played in securing State and Federal Government support for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline and our drought affected farming businesses, there is a strong view that additional resources should be allocated to economic development," he said.

"The main objective will be to develop new business opportunities and to assist existing businesses to maintain their viability and encourage growth."

As Economic Development Manager Mr Sanders will continue to be responsible for Tourism, Sport and Recreation and Landcare. New Special Projects Officer Dennis Smith will take over responsibility for community infrastructure projects and associated grant applications.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

A one-day suicide prevention and intervention training session, giving participants the opportunity to understand the suicidal mind and develop basic skills to intervene and refer in a suicidal situation. Developing appropriate care-giver attitudes to people in crisis and the suicidal person is a key focus in this workshop.

The program covers;

- Suicide in Australia
- Understanding the suicidal person
- Warning signs
- Overview of S.A.L.T strategy
- Overview of H.E.A.D.S strategy

The workshop will be held at Gateway BEET, 75 Lascelles Street, Hopetoun on Thursday 14 July, 2005 from 10am till 5pm and is free. Participants limited to 24. RSVP in advance to Neil Smith at Gateway BEET, phone: 5083 3001.

INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

This workshop will introduce participants to strategic planning methods and processes that will assist communities, organisations and businesses to face the challenges of tomorrow. Participants will be provided with information and resource materials that will assist them to develop a strategic plan. This workshop will be held at Gateway BEET on Wednesday 13 July, 2005. For further information and bookings contact Phil King at Wimmera CMA on 5382 1544 or email kingp@wcma.vic.gov.au.



WHATS ON FOR THE MAYOR

Tuesday 12 July

Council Meeting, 9.30am

Thursday 14 July

Victorian Saleyards Meeting, Ballarat

Saturday 16 July

Combined Warracknabeal Urban Fire Brigade & Ladies Auxilliary Dinner, Warracknabeal, 6.30pm



CEO Trivia – Did You Know ?

'Happy Birthday' was the first song to be performed in outer space, sung by the Apollo IX astronauts on 8 March, 1969.