



2025 **YEAR 1** **ACTIONS**

Yarriambiack Shire Council

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029



1. An Innovative and Diversified Economy

INDICATORS AND MEASURES - What you will expect from Council over the next four years:

Indicator	Measure / Trend
Proactively advocate for funding, and support Council practices that enhance economic development activities across our Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust and/or review the differential rating system to ensure it supports agricultural / farming activities across the Shire. Apply for all available road and connecting infrastructure funding opportunities to improve our road and associated networks. Deliver Council's Economic Development Strategy initiatives.
Support tourism activities and invest in assets across the Shire to support economic growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver Council's Tourism Strategy and Caravan Park Master Plan initiatives. Commit funding towards the Visitor Economy Partnership.
Assess the impact of mining on agricultural land use across our Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund a social benefit cost analysis to analyse the impact of mining on societal welfare.
Advocate for equitable access to internet and mobile connectivity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support funding submissions and advocacy to improve and construct mobile towers and install satellite and NBN across our Shire.
Apply for funding opportunities as they arise to enhance community assets that create connection and enhance accessibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support funding submissions and revenue allocations for the redevelopment and/or upgrade of public and staff amenities.
Township structure plans developed outlining Councils preferred direction for future growth and development and how it will be managed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funding and complete township structure plans.
Update and improve planning schemes, reflecting changes in an area, implementing new policies or addressing specific issues or errors, ensuring the Yarriambiack Planning scheme remains relevant and effective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete planning scheme amendments.

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ACTION	DUE DATE	RESULT	COMMENTARY
Apply for funding to develop the Hopetoun Former School Site to support Tourism.	30 June 2026		
Apply for Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program funding to widen Councils strategic sealed road network.	30 June 2026		
Deliver the construction of the widening of the Glenorchy Road and the Banyena-Pimpinio Road, funded via the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.	30 June 2026		
Identify projects for construction under the TAC Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.	30 June 2026		
Provide funding to Melbourne University to support a research student to complete a Social Benefit Cost Analysis on the impact of mining within our Shire.	30 June 2027		
Road Management Plan revision to meet the requirements of the <i>Road Management Act 2004</i> .	31 October 2025		
Revision of the Asset Management Plan and development of the Asset Class plans.	31 December 2025		
Complete township structure plans for Hopetoun, Warracknabeal and Murtoa. Secure further funding to complete township structure plans for Rupanyup, Minyip, Brim, Beulah and Woomelang.	30 June 2026		
Complete planning scheme amendments:	30 June 2026		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C31 Yari Correction Amendment • C32 Yari Agricultural Museum Amendment • C30 Yari Showgrounds Amendment • C24 Yari Warracknabeal, Brim and Dunmunkle Creek Flood Amendment 			
<p>Apply for the Regional Precincts and Partnership Program – Stream 2, to support the construction of the Beulah Supermarket.</p> <p>Develop a contingency plan, considering other funding opportunities.</p>	30 October 2025		

2. A Healthy and Inclusive Community

INDICATORS AND MEASURES - What you will expect from Council over the next four years:

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Advocate and support volunteerism across our Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist community groups in sustaining or growing their volunteer numbers, and in promoting age diversity among volunteers.
Services and partnerships that inspire greater health, educational and wellbeing outcomes for our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved/enhanced kindergarten service delivery across our Shire. Increase the number of day care places across our Shire. Retention of rural health services with a community health focus across our Shire. Maintained or increased patronage and satisfaction with our library and engagement services.
Capital works planning and delivery that includes infrastructure that is accessible and inclusive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual capital works program that includes infrastructure delivery that enhances accessibility, social connection and inclusion at our kindergartens, libraries and senior citizens buildings.
Enhance Council's library service to be an embedded community service that enhances community engagement and social connection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support user groups accessing and utilising our library facilities. Support library infrastructure funding applications to enhance services across our Shire. The community engagement van utilised as a tool to promote Council services.
Advocate, partner and seek funding for increased housing across our Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where feasible, allocate land to create housing opportunities. Apply for and secure funding to construct connecting and trunk infrastructure. Seek out opportunities to develop Council owned land across the Shire.

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Advocate for the Victorian State Government to fund building insurance for state-owned assets managed by volunteer community groups.	30 June 2026		
Partner with the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation and our Local Secondary Colleges to deliver a successful Youth Leadership Program.	30 June 2028		
Increase knowledge of the Wimmera Southern Mallee By5 program across the Shire, and advocate to secure ongoing funding now and into the future.	30 June 2026		
Support Emerge Early Years Service to become the champion early years, not for profit provider across the Wimmera Southern Mallee By5 footprint, increasing the quality of education, care and access across our Shire.	30 June 2026		
Seek funding opportunities for recreation reserve improvements where co-contributions are provided by the respective clubs/groups.	30 June 2026		
Subdivided land in Cromie Street Murtoa to the Murtoa Housing Innovation Pty. Ltd to provide diverse housing options to our community.	31 December 2025		
Complete the construction of the Hopetoun, Warracknabeal and Rupanyup affordable houses.	31 December 2025		
Apply and/or partner with other providers and/or developments on funding opportunities	30 June 2026		

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to develop the Hopetoun Former School Site to support the diversification and expansion of housing across the Shire.			
Apply for the Living Libraries Infrastructure Grant for the redevelopment of the Hopetoun Neighbourhood House Building, Lascelles Street to support the enhancement of Library services across our Shire.	30 June 2026		
If successful with funding application, deliver the Minyip Emma's Café Library expansion project.	30 June 2026		

3. A Resilient and Sustainable Natural Environment

INDICATORS AND MEASURES - What you will expect from Council over the next four years:

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Advocate for recreational water security, to maintain and enhance tourism, liveability and social health and wellbeing outcomes of our residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the revision of the Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy, advocating for changes to the Wimmera Glenelg Bulk Entitlements and recreational water security.
Improve access, quality and safety of our recreation and open spaces, including sporting grounds and parklands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased utilisation of public places and infrastructure. Community satisfaction with recreation and open spaces is maintained or increased. Support, deliver or partner on Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy initiatives. Support Community Groups to deliver on their Recreation Reserve Master Plan initiatives.
Implementation of priority actions under the Master Environment Strategy and Action Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Tree Strategy. Plant more trees for public amenity and diversity. Maintain and develop Councils drainage to mitigate flood impacts. Implement programs for the collection and recycling of difficult wastes such as tyres, hard rubbish, and electronic waste.
Implement the circular economy policy initiatives to meet our unique community requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement food and organic waste services that meet the needs of our Community, whilst complying with legislative requirements. Assess and where required, change the glass collection process to meet the needs of our community. Reduce the volume of waste directed to landfill. Improve the operation of transfer stations to maximise efficiency and service value.
Frequent and factual communication, education and engagement to ensure a resilient and sustainable environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase communication and education sessions across the Shire, educating on pest and weed control, responsible environmental management, waste and recycling.

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Advocate for sustainable community benefits from State Government mandated renewable energy and transmission projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased funding for legacy sustainable infrastructure that benefits the Yarriambiack community.

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Complete a full review of our Waste and Recycling practices, developing a business case for presentation to Council with an aim of stabilising costs and offering services that meet the diverse needs of our municipal district.	30 December 2025		
Develop tree planting strategy and plan.	31 December 2025		
Deliver the Murtoa Netball and Tennis Court Project.	30 June 2026		
Deliver the Hopetoun Netball Lighting Project.	30 June 2026		
Deliver the Hopetoun Swimming Pool and Changeroom Upgrade Project.	30 June 2026		
Apply for funding, and if successful deliver the Minyip Recreation Reserve Netball Lighting Project.	30 June 2026		

4. A Council that serves its community

INDICATORS AND MEASURES - What you will expect from Council over the next four years:

Indicator	Measure / Trend
Community engagement in Council planning, projects, and decision-making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All engagement activities are in alignment with the Community Engagement Policy and Guidelines. • Maintain or improve community satisfaction with our engagement. • Develop position statements and advocacy documents that reflect the sentiment of the Community.
Council proactively advocates for community priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy documents are used to promote strategic projects and priorities. • Awareness of our advocacy priorities among stakeholders and the community is enhanced. • Council advocacy achieves results.
Cost-effective, customer-focused, and responsive services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall community satisfaction measures are maintained or improved. • Customer Request Management system is responsive to community requests.
Well-informed decision making, and ethical governance which builds trust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community satisfaction with decisions made by Council in their interests is maintained or improved. • Fully compliant with Public Transparency Policy requirements under the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>. • No reported findings of unethical practices by integrity agencies.
Information, communication and technology that supports the enhancement of good governance and legislative compliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of key priorities identified in Council's ICT and Business Transformation Strategy.
Embed sound risk management practices into Council activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedded strategic and operational risk register and frameworks. • Appointment of experienced Audit and Risk Committee independent members.

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Sound strategic financial decision making for now and into the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative compliant and best practice asset management systems and practices. Service level planning and business case development that informs the budget process that addresses financial sustainability, social, environmental and economic impacts. Long Term Financial Plan that is financially responsible.
Support the identification and elimination of systemic causes of gender inequality in policy, programs and delivery of services in workplaces and community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a Gender Lens for Council services and the construction and renewal of assets and infrastructure to ensure equal access for all.
Supporting Prevention of Family Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate and support awareness campaigns or events to reduce and prevent family violence.

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Revised Community Engagement Policy and Guidelines that meets the expectations of the community and sets the standards for engagement.	31 July 2026		
Asset Management Framework and Methodology adopted, and condition data base lines established to support best practice processes.	31 December 2026		
Revision of the Workforce Plan and Gender Equality Action Plan.	30 September 2025		
Revision of the Revenue and Rating Plan.	31 July 2026		

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Development and adoption of the Annual Budget and revision of the Long-Term Financial Plan.	30 June 2026		
Development and adoption of the Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and Performance Report.	30 June 2026		
Annual Councillor Training Program to meet the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and supporting regulations.	31 December 2025		
Adoption of the revised ICT and Business Transformation Strategy.	30 June 2026		
Actively promote and participate in the 16 Days of Activism and R U OK Day.	30 June 2026		
Advocate to the State Government to cover the cost of Building Insurance on State Government owned land.	30 June 2026		