



ANZAC PARK

Warracknabeal

The epicentre of sport

Yarriambiack Shire is in the heartland of the Wimmera Southern Mallee in North West Victoria. Covering 7158 square kilometres of land, Yarriambiack is a major agricultural and food producing region, as well as providing a broad range of opportunities in other industries including education, construction, retail and tourism.

Home to the original Silo Art Trail, Yarriambiack Shire continually strives for excellence and aims to serve its community through strategic, sustainable and innovative projects.

ANZAC Park Warracknabeal is currently home for the following sporting and community organisations:

- Cricket
- Fire Brigade
- Football
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Netball
- Playgroup
- RSL
- Swimming



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Sport and recreation is the fabric that holds rural communities together.

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Yarriambiack
SHIRE COUNCIL



The only 50-metre swimming pool in the Yarriambiack Shire

Swimming Pool

The space includes a 50-metre, 8 lane swimming pool, with step entry, two junior water slides, changerooms, pool office and plant room, built in shade, sitting areas with tables and chairs, toddler pool and memorial kiosk/entry.

The pool provides a safe swimming and social place for all ages and employment opportunities through lifeguarding.

The Warracknabeal Swimming pool is utilised by casual swimmers and is a host to numerous events.



Host venue for VicSwim lessons and regional swim meets



Host venue for swim club, training and lap swimming



Host venue for school carnivals, swimming sports and events



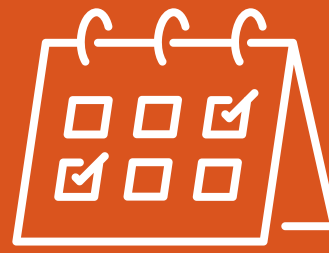
An estimate of 4,000 community and casual swimmers attend the pool annually



Swim Club training on Tuesday and Thursdays with roughly 20 members



Warracknabeal hosts two regional swim meets per season with competitors coming from Horsham, Stawell, St Arnaud and Ararat



The pool is used for the School Swimming Program around 38 days per season



Lap swimming occurs roughly 78 days per season



Upgrade Requirements of the Amenities

The pool facilities are outdated and in need of a desperate upgrade to accommodate the various user groups and increasing use of the facility. The changerooms, kiosk and pool accessibility are archaic and not compliant to current standards.

The current amenities at the pool accommodates several damaging issues such as:

- Not being disability and all age accessible
- Not DDA compliant or meeting compliance
- Not meeting any current facility guidelines
- Not fit for purpose
- The facility is outdated and over 50 years old
- Building and structure issues including lack of weatherproofing and rodent proofing
- Insufficient number of available toilets and showers
- Increased costs due to ongoing maintenance and upkeep

“ The changerooms at the swimming pool have only had minor and reactive upgrades to plumbing and toilets when needed. The rest is original and well overdue for redevelopment. There are great opportunities to co-exist changerooms with netball and tennis to be used year-round. ”

Susan



The Importance of Funding

The current estimates of this project is in excess of 1.5 million. To deliver a project of this magnitude Council and Warracknabeal Pool Committee will require a funding partnership with all levels of government.

With the entire Warracknabeal community and all user groups behind this project, Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to seeing this project come to life.

Outcomes

There are several benefits from the completion of this project such as:



Increase attendance



Decreased ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs



Meet compliance and facility guidelines



Positive reputation of facility



Supporting amenities encourage people to participate



The ability to attract a greater number of regional events and activities



Disability and all age accessible



A facility the community can be proud of

The Challenges

The Warracknabeal Swimming Pool is part of ANZAC Park which is made up of one parcel of land that is Crown land. It is managed by the ANZAC Park Trustees as the Committee of Management on behalf of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

The co-contribution required for funding is challenging for communities to raise the much-needed funds to upgrade the assets. Rural Council's have competing priorities for infrastructure.

With 18 communities and dozens of Council-owned sporting facilities across 20 sites, the challenge of prioritizing the 71 State Government owned facilities within Yarriambiack is complex in a highly competitive and finitely funded space.