

Council seeking levee feedback

Yarriambiack Shire Council is asking for feedback to finalise a levee design for Warracknabeal at a series of community information sessions and meetings starting this week.

Chief executive Ray Campling has invited people to drop into the Warracknabeal council office today or on Wednesday next week between 4pm and 5pm to view levee plans and talk to council staff.

People can also register feedback by visiting Facebook page Warracknabeal Proposed Levee Height and leaving a comment.

The council will present the final design at a community meeting at its office on July 11 from 6.30pm.

The levee is part of a Warracknabeal and Brim flood investigation project.

Signs along Yarriambiack Creek indicate heights of the proposed levee.

Mr Campling said last year the community indicated a high level

of support for a flood-protection levee based on what happened during flooding in January 2011.

"We have discussed things such as height and length and where existing sections of road can be raised to the required levee height," he said.

"There is a lot to go through, and this is why we have involved the community in this process every step of the way."

In January 2011, Warracknabeal experienced a flood that modelling described as larger than a one-in-100-year event.

At the time, the council and residents constructed a temporary levee to stop water inundating the town.

Following the flood, the council removed some sections of the levee and kept others.

Mr Campling said many people in Warracknabeal credited the temporary levee with saving the town from more significant and irreparable damage.

"From my perspective it is a

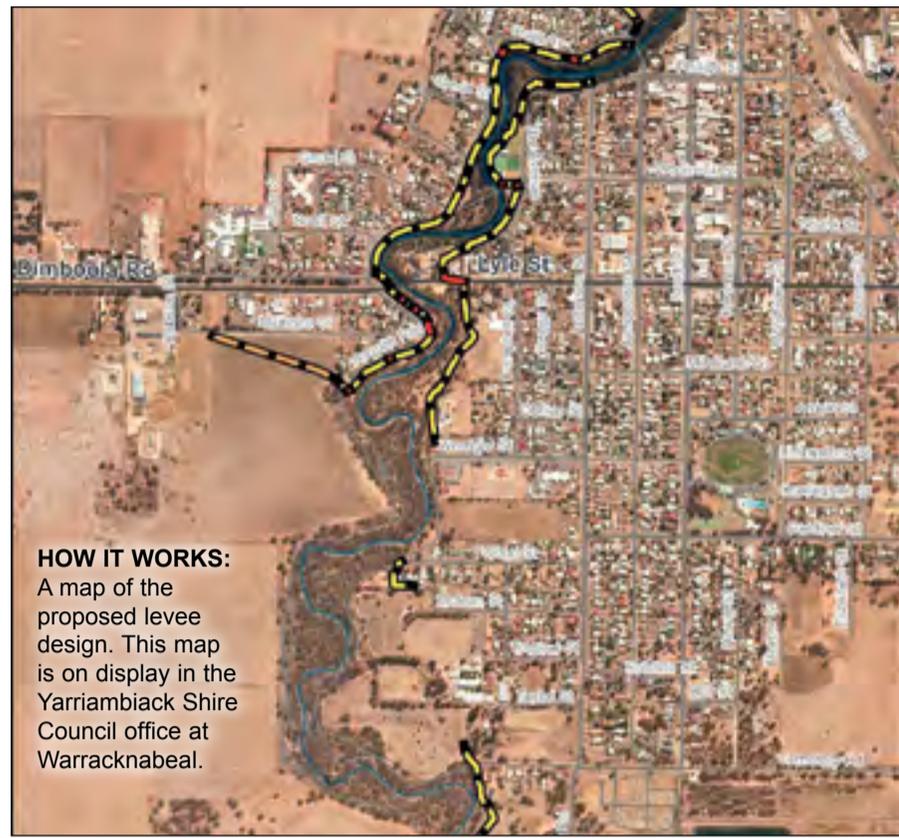
no-brainer, the parts of the levee that still exist need to be maintained and extended along the creek," he said.

It doesn't necessarily have to look like a levee, or be unsightly around the creek because it can be landscaped to fit in with the surrounding environment."

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority, Water Technology and the council are working with a community steering committee to complete the Warracknabeal and Brim flood investigation.

People can find further information and copies of draft flood modelling and the proposed Warracknabeal levee design online at www.wcma.vic.gov.au or www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au.

The council will also run a community meeting at Brim Sports Centre on July 11 at 3.30pm to present flood-warning and flood-intelligence information developed for Brim as part of the Warracknabeal and Brim flood investigation.



HOW IT WORKS:

A map of the proposed levee design. This map is on display in the Yarriambiack Shire Council office at Warracknabeal.

PRIORITISING HEALTH:

Wimmera Health Care Group's breast screen team, from left, receptionist Leanne Mills, chief radiographer Kristy Paine and radiographers Helen Bryan and C M R Sadana, encourage women to book a free appointment.



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Take control of your health

Wimmera Health Care Group chief radiographer Kristy Paine has encouraged women aged between 50 and 74 to book a breast screen appointment.

Ms Paine said although she was pleased many Wimmera women were prioritising their health by having a two-yearly screen, she hoped to see more taking advantage of the free service.

BreastScreen Victoria's 2013-2015 participation data showed 59 percent of Horsham women screened regularly, compared with 54 percent statewide.

One in eight women will be

diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and of those, 75 percent will be aged 50 and older.

Ms Payne said regular breast screens were the best way to find breast cancer early, before any symptoms were noticed and when treatment was likely to be most successful.

"Our entire team, from our receptionists to our radiographers, are dedicated to ensuring all women who visit the clinic feel at ease and are comfortable," she said.

Ms Payne took on the role of chief radiographer at Horsh-

am's Wimmera Base Hospital in January.

"The best part of my role is seeing women take control of their own health," she said.

"We know a breast screen can be a daunting experience and we are here to help women tick this important item off their to-do list while feeling informed and supported by our staff."

Ms Payne said a breast screen took 10 minutes and appointments were free for women aged 50 to 74.

She said people could call 13 20 50 or visit breastscreen.org.au to make an appointment.

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