

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE
HORSHAM RURAL CITY COUNCIL

To be held on

4 July 2022

At 5.00pm

In the

Council Chamber, Civic Centre

18 Roberts Avenue, HORSHAM



Horsham Rural City
Council urban rural balance

COUNCILLORS are respectfully requested to attend the Council Meeting of the Horsham Rural City Council to be held on 4 July 2022 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Horsham at 5.00pm

At the Monday 27 June 2022 Council Meeting it was resolved to close the meeting at 9.30pm and reconvene on Monday 4 July 2022 at 5.00pm.

Order of Business

PRESENT

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

1. PRAYER

Almighty God, we pledge ourselves to work in harmony for, the social, cultural and economic well-being of our Rural City. Help us to be wise in our deliberations and fair in our actions, so that prosperity and happiness shall be the lot of our people. AMEN

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT

The Horsham Rural City Council acknowledges the five Traditional Owner groups of this land; the Wotjobaluk, Wergaia, Jupagalk, Jaadwa and Jadawadjali people. We recognise the important and ongoing place that all Indigenous people hold in our community.

We pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present, and commit to working together in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect for the benefit of the broader community and future generations.

3. OPENING AND WELCOME

Chairman, Cr Robyn Gulline formally welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. The Mayor advised that the meeting will be recorded to maintain a video archive, which will be available on the Horsham Rural City Council website as soon as possible.

4. APOLOGIES

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest, must leave the meeting and remain outside the room while the matter is being considered, or any vote is taken.

Members of Staff

Under Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers or people engaged under contract to the Council providing a report or advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests in the matter, including the type of interest.

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SUNIL BHALLA
Chief Executive Officer

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO 194

Given by Cr Di Bell

TAKE NOTICE that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting of the Horsham Rural City Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Roberts Avenue, Horsham, on Monday 27 June 2022.

“That Council, in consultation with the Local Government Minister, conduct an external audit of the City to River planning and delivery process. The results to be released to the Community.”

Rationale: The City to River Masterplan encompasses a very large central area of the City and is integral to the future progress of Horsham Rural City. When the masterplan was developed, it was so large that many in the community didn't fully comprehend what was included, and still don't. We have seen the response recently to the Central Activity District Streetscape plan with many stating it's not long since millions were spent on the CBD – leave it alone.

We have now entered a time of uncertainty with steep rises in cost of living, and many in the community have re-evaluated what is important in their lives. We are constantly reminded that money is tight, yet we are developing projects that may require significant maintenance and renewal. These costs will need to be covered by ratepayers.

I believe that as Councillors we must lead the way and live up to our responsibilities, to ensure that the planning and delivery process for this masterplan is financially and environmentally sustainable for our Municipal community.

Refer to **Appendix “6.1A”** for copy of Notice of Motion.

Cr Di Bell

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6.2 NOTICE OF MOTION NO 195

Given by Cr Di Bell

TAKE NOTICE that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting of the Horsham Rural City Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Roberts Avenue, Horsham, on Monday 27 June 2022.

“That Council conduct a strategic review of all infrastructure projects, including City to River, currently identified in HRCC Plans and Strategies, to establish the priority of all projects. This review to be completed by 31 December 2022 or earlier.

Review to include prioritising based on the following questions:

- 1 Is the project based on clear current community need?
- 2 Will the project deliver clear public value and align to Council’s strategic priorities?
- 3 Will the project benefit future initiatives and are there any dependencies?
- 4 How feasible is the project re staff resources?
- 5 How financially and sustainably viable is the project?
- 6 What level of the Social infrastructure hierarchy does project address?
- 7 Are projects fair and equitable across the municipality?”

Rationale

The HRCC Social Infrastructure Framework provides a strategic approach to asset management ensuring a fair, transparent, and consistent approach to renewal and upgrades, but we need a strategic approach to prioritising projects and plans against one another, in the interests of the whole municipal community.

Without this we run the risk of focussing on a particular project or area of the Municipality to the detriment of others.

If answers to these questions are sought on each project, in an open and transparent manner, the community will then understand how and why some projects are prioritised over others.

As Councillors, it is our responsibility to the Community to ensure projects are inclusive, fair and equitable to all in our Municipality. Discussions with community members, are revealing that they believe areas are feeling left behind by the constant intense focus on City to River projects.

I believe that demonstrating to the community how projects are financially and sustainably viable, will increase community confidence in Council.

Refer to **Appendix “6.2A”** for copy of Notice of Motion.

Cr Di Bell

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6.3 NOTICE OF MOTION NO 196

Given by Cr Ian Ross

TAKE NOTICE that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting of the Horsham Rural City Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Roberts Avenue, Horsham, on Monday 27 June 2022.

“That HRCC include \$750,000 in our 2022/2023 Budget and Action Plan, to maximise the opportunities for the Wesley Performing Arts Centre (WPAC) to have successful grant applications and to ensure that this asset is restored to the community for use.

If grant applications are unsuccessful, HRCC fully fund the project in the 2023/2024 Budget and Action Plan.”

Rationale

The WPAC Committee have been working for 5 years to hand ownership of this property to Council with the goal posts being moved further and further away. If we don't act now, this wonderful community venue asset may be lost to the people of Horsham. We are blessed to have a world class piano housed at WPAC for eisteddfods and entertainers. It would be tragic if this piano was lost from Horsham along with the venue.

Refer to **Appendix “6.3A”** for copy of Notice of Motion.

Cr Ian Ross

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