



INVESTMENT READY PRIORITIES

Horsham Rural City Council priority
capital works projects for government
and private sector investment



Upgrade of key freight routes

Horsham is an agriculture and grain producing hub. As a result, many large trucks, B Doubles and other specialised heavy vehicles travel on key freight routes identified in Council's local road network.

Planned upgrades to key link roads are identified in Council's capital expenditure budget each year

Leveraged funding from State and Federal Governments is a critical funding component

Benefit

Heavily used local link roads upgraded 6m wide seals means B Double trucks can pass each other without moving on to gravel shoulders. This improves safety for all road users and reduces maintenance costs for vehicles and roads

Status

Investment ready

Project Value

\$2.5million per year



Upgrade Horsham City Oval

The upgrade of facilities at Horsham's premier sporting precinct has commenced following the completion of the Precinct Plan in 2021

Stage One includes the following components:

1. New netball facilities including a second netball court and compliant netball pavilion
\$3million – fully funded
To be completed 2024
2. Outdoor events stage to provide for large scale, regional events
\$3million – fully funded
To be completed 2024
3. New multi-purpose community pavilion and AFL compliant change rooms, food kiosk, ticket boxes and landscaping of main precinct entrance
\$9.6million – requires funding

Benefit

The redevelopment of City Oval to a regional standard will enable regional AFL and cricket sporting events and other non-sporting events to be hosted. Upgrades will support growth in male and female sports including football, cricket and netball

Status

Tender documentation complete
Shovel ready

Project Value

\$9.6million

Council Commitment

\$4.8million



Horsham Aquatic Centre

Progression of the Aquatic Centre Masterplan to ensure the continued development of Horsham's regional indoor/outdoor aquatic facility

The next stage of the Masterplan to be delivered:

Hydrotherapy Pool

To construct a public access hydrotherapy pool with associated equipment for rehabilitation and exercise programs

Benefit

A publically accessible hydrotherapy pool will provide important health and well-being outcomes for all ages, with hydrotherapy used in pain relief and treatments for a range of illnesses and conditions

Status

Schematic design and tender documentation

Project Value

\$3.4million



Industrial Estate Development

The Horsham region has emerging agricultural innovation, education and technology opportunities. Affordable and available industrial land is the key to leveraging a strong agricultural base and significant freight and logistics terminal to grow our regional economy.

Benefit

Increased economic output for the Wimmera region.

Horsham has three sites ready for industrial development:

1. WAL HUB

75 hectare, three stage multi-lot subdivision that has been zoned to support and align with the Wimmera Intermodal Terminal at Doon.

Status

Investment ready

Project Value

\$8million

2. Enterprise Estate

This estate is located 2.5km south-west of the city centre with 50 hectares of land zoned Industrial 1

Status

Investment ready

Project Value

\$5.3million

Council commitment \$1.2million

3. Burnt Creek

The Burnt Creek estate plans to become one of the greenest industrial estates in Victoria and has 182 hectares of Council owned land zoned Industrial 1 available for development

Status

Investment ready

Project Value

\$2.4million



Rail freight to Portland

The Maroona to Portland rail line is 172kms long and connects the western half of Victoria to the national rail grid and the Port of Portland. The line links Portland to Ararat and is essential for the efficient rail transport of industry exports from the Wimmera region to Portland and overseas markets. This is particularly needed to meet the future demand for mineral sands exports

The condition of the current line has deteriorated to a point where speed is limited to 40km/hr

The rail line needs to be upgraded to achieve a minimum 80km speed limit at 23 TAL (in line with the rest of the Australian Rail Track Corporation network)

Benefit

- Efficient and safe transportation of regional produce to the Port of Portland
- Remove heavy truck movement from regional roads
- Reduce carbon impact of road freight emissions
- Reduce truck damage to regional highways

Status

Business case

Project Value

\$206million



The Wesley

The historic Wesley centre was a much loved regional performing arts venue until it is closed in 2017 due to non-compliance with fire safety standards

This project will redevelop, re-open and re-imagine The Wesley, providing a vibrant, modern, multi-purpose venue that meets all contemporary standards of safety, accessibility and inclusion

Benefit

- The re-opened Wesley facility will welcome at least 8,000 patrons annually
- Add an extra \$1.5million to the regional economy and boost annual visitor numbers by 2000+ people
- Enhances the livability, health and well-being of our community

Status

Detailed design complete.
Tender ready when funding is confirmed

Project Value

\$1.8million

Council and Community Commitment

\$500,000



Laharum Oval: New community Facility

Replacement of ageing community infrastructure at the Laharum sporting precinct to support local AFL football, cricket, tennis, school and general community use. New 350 sqm multi-purpose facility (AFL compliant) with solar panels

Status

Shovel ready

Project Value

\$900,000+

Benefit

- Enhances community social cohesion, supports a disadvantaged rural community increasingly impacted by bushfires and flood events
- Supports social inclusion for the growing Karen refugee community
- Encourages gender equity and female participation
- Strengthens community volunteering
- Incorporates universal design for greater accessibility
- Provides improved emergency management capability (response and recovery).





Want to learn more?

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