



New grader to tackle road program

A new motor grader has joined Horsham Rural City Council's road plant fleet.

The six-wheel-drive John Deere 672GP will be responsible for the important task of road re-construction and maintenance across the municipality.

The timing of its delivery is particularly valuable as HRCC gets to work repairing flood damaged roads.

"The new grader is a big step up in technology compared to the older machines. This allows it to provide much improved fuel economy, driver comfort and ease of operation," Acting Fleet Coordinator Tim McDonald said.

"Graders have traditionally been one of the more difficult pieces of equipment to master but manufacturers have incorporated GPS guidance technology to make operation easier and increase production and efficiency," he said.

With a road network that spans more than 3,000 kms, Council's graders can always be found working on road maintenance, improvement and rehabilitation.

"We aim to replace our graders every



ASSET RENEWAL: Acting Fleet Coordinator Tim McDonald with the new grader.

10 years to obtain good trade in values while minimising repairs and down time," Mr McDonald said.

One of the new grader's first operations will be the reconstruction of Polkemmet Road in the north west of the municipality.

As well as sealed road construction

work, the grader will be used for the gravel road re-sheeting program which will continue in the Haven and Wartook areas in coming weeks.

The new grader is one of five motor graders in the HRCC fleet and replaces an older model which has recently completed 10,000 working hours.

TENDERS AND RFQ

#Q16/2023
DOOEN LANDFILL OFFICE AND TOILET BUILDING
Closes 12noon, Thursday 10 November

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RECONSTRUCTION OF HOCKING STREET
Closes 12noon, Friday 11 November

#Q13/2023
ACCESSIBLE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS FOR AMENITIES
Closes 5pm, Monday 21 November

All tender, EOI and RFQ details online at: www.eprocure.com.au/horsham-rural-city-council/



ANIMALS OF OZ AT THE HUB

Kalkee Road Children's & Community Hub celebrated Children's Week with local families last week.

The 2022 theme for Children's week was "All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development".

Children's Week is a reminder to all of us that every week, indeed, every day, is a time to celebrate and to nurture and love our children.

This year the Hub invited the team from Animals of OZ to present their 'Animals Galore' education program. All 137 attendees got to meet and touch some of Australia's wonderful and unique native fauna.

"The sessions were a lot of fun! There was a fantastic sense of community, and it was a great way for families to familiarise themselves with the space as Supported Playgroup starting back this week," Supported Playgroup Facilitator Jessica Jamieson said.

For more information about upcoming events or playgroups visit the Playgroup on Facebook page or contact Supported Playgroup



HEALTH AND WELLBEING SESSIONS

Council is partnering with fitness and wellbeing providers to deliver free sessions at Sawyer Park.

This Saturday
Fit4You Haven - Low Impact Exercise Session

November 12
Fit4You Haven Tai Chi Session

ALL SESSIONS START 9AM

Young people to elect their own Council

A new partnership between HRCC and the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), will back young people in the region to take on a more active role in local democracy and decision making.

Building on the existing HRCC youth council, the Young Mayors program will support people aged 17 and under to get elected to the youth council.

Members will define priority action areas, and be supported with a fund to deliver projects and campaigns.

"Our Youth Councillors have made an incredible contribution to Horsham through event and community organising. But we know they were keen to do even more," Louise Barnett, Youth Services Planning and Engagement Officer said.



"Young Mayors will bring this to life as an active part of our local government - with opportunities to learn about and participate in the systems that govern their lives, and influence decisions that impact their community."

For councils like HRCC the program will foster civic identity at a young age, leading to greater participation in the democratic process and more engaged citizens.

"Local governments play a huge role

in the everyday lives of people in our communities, and that includes young people. But young people are often locked out of power - consulted but never in charge," FYA's Executive Director of Civic and Cultural Engagement Molly Whelan said.

"This program puts young people in the driver's seat - ensuring that council policies and programs better reflect the concerns, needs, and desires of local young people."

The Young Mayors program has been designed by FYA and is based on successful UK models. The Horsham Young Mayors Program is supported by the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing through the Engage program.

VEGETATION WORKS

HAMILTON STREET

In preparation for the construction of the new pedestrian bridge, vegetation clearing will take place including the removal of trees near the corner of Menadue and Hamilton Streets. Works will be undertaken between 2-4 November. During the works, access to the area will be limited and clearly defined with bollards and caution signs.

CARAVAN PARK

Nine hazardous sugar gum trees will be removed from the Horsham Caravan Park in the week starting 7 November.

They have been identified as problematic due to poor branch attachments and decay pockets. The timber will be repurposed and used for habitat for our wetlands in the new subdivisions and for mulch used in council gardens beds around the municipality.