



MAYORAL ELECTION

Members of the public are advised that Horsham Rural City Council will hold a Council Meeting on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 5.30pm in the Municipal Offices, Council Chamber, Roberts Avenue, Horsham.

The purpose of the Council Meeting will be for the election of the Mayor and related matters.

The meeting will also be livestreamed on the Horsham Rural City Council website www.hrcc.vic.gov.au.

TENDERS AND RFQ

#Q21/2023
HORSHAM CITY OVAL EARTHWORKS HILL REMOVAL
Closes 12noon, Wednesday 23 November

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FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) RECYCLING SERVICES
Closes 5pm, Friday 2 December

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

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MULTIPLE BIRTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Do you love babies? Would you enjoy helping a family look after their twins, triplets or more? We need your help!

The HRCC Maternal Child Health Nurse centre recruits, trains and coordinates local people to help multiple birth families in their homes, primarily when their multiples are babies.

To express your interest in becoming a volunteer for this program, contact Jo Taylor on 0437 747 280



ACTIVE HORSHAM
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SESSIONS

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

This Saturday
Lisa from Planet Feelgood
Upper body mobility: 9am
Spine mobility: 9.15am
Hip mobility: 9.30am
Upper back mobility: 9.45am



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Slashing teams working long hours

HRCC's operations staff are working long hours to catch up on weather-impacted slashing and mowing programs.

Acting Chief Executive Officer John Martin said the long wet winter this year had resulted in rapid growth in turf and grass across our municipality.

Persistent rainfall meant the late-winter roadside spraying program was less effective than usual and sodden roadsides have caused the slashing program to start very late.

However improved weather over the past few weeks has allowed slashing crews to focus on rural roads across the municipality, with at least one cut completed in most areas.

All of Council's tractors are working 10.5 hours per day and two tractors normally used for urban mowing have been partly redeployed to rural slashing.

All up, more than 200 hours per week of work is going into roadside slashing as the crews try to catch up.

In urban areas, Council is currently receiving many requests for the mowing of parks as well as complaints about long grass on private land.

"We are aware that the public is concerned about roadside vegetation and the appearance of reserves and Council staff are too," Mr Martin said.

"They take great pride in what they do however in many cases we have been unable to achieve our desired level of service, which the community are accustomed to, because of the inclement weather. Persistent rain and saturated soils have also prevented timely servicing of parks and reserves in some areas.

"This is a problem for many councils, not just ours," he said.

Free Green Waste Disposal



To assist residents with property clean-up, Horsham Rural City Council is offering free green waste disposal until the end of November.

Green waste fees will be waived for HRCC residents and ratepayers across all waste management facilities until Wednesday November 30.

Councillor Column: Cr Penny Flynn



Sometimes it feels like we have a plan for everything. And for someone like me who likes to be organised a plan is always a great place to start and important reference document.

Every four years Council is required to develop a Council Plan. This plan has five key themes, Community, Liveability, Sustainability, Accessibility and Leadership.

This Council Plan also includes a Health and Wellbeing Plan. From this each year Council develops an Annual Action Plan outlining how we are going to deliver on the Council Plan.

There are nine priorities included in the Health Wellbeing plan.

One priority highlighted was improving sexual and reproductive health.

Engagement responses on this priority highlighted that some people in our community did not have a good understanding of services available for support safe sexual practices and reproductive health.

To support this priority, the Annual Action Plan includes the following action aligned with Liveability: "In partnership with our health and wellbeing partners, advocate for the provision of locally based sexual health and reproductive health services and outreach programs".

We are fortunate in this region to have the organisation Women's Health Grampians who strive to see improvements in women's equality, health and wellbeing in the Grampians region and further afield.

I was however disappointed, when reading the Department of Health – Victorian Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Plan 2022-30, to learn of the planned location of Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Hubs.

New hubs were established this year in Warrnambool, Shepparton and Gippsland.

What about Horsham and the north west of the state?

To access these hubs women from the Wimmera and Mallee would need to travel to Bendigo, Ballarat or Warrnambool.

On behalf of women who choose to make western Victoria their home, advocacy work for women's health in our region needs to continue to ensure we have equal access and do not need to travel to access these important health services.