



Christmas Extravaganza back: Two Fridays of family fun

Central Horsham's Christmas Extravaganza returns in 2022 with two Friday nights of street activation in the lead up to the festive season.

On Friday 2 December and Friday 16 December, central Horsham will come alive with activity and music, with celebrations centred around Friday night shopping and a giant Christmas tree.

The 5pm-to-9pm activities will be family-focused and include a Horsham Youth Council-run scavenger hunt. The Wimmera Woodturners will have a 'Santa's Workshop' stall, which will include mini Christmas tree giveaways for children.

It all starts on Friday 2 December when Mayor Robyn Gulline lights the six-metre Christmas tree to mark the opening of the festive season.

Roberts Place (between Ward Street and Firebrace Street) will be the focal point of the campaign to support local businesses during the festive period.

Throughout December, families and businesses will also be invited to join the Christmas shopping spirit through a local business roaming advent calendar initiative with a daily prize draw where \$200 gift vouchers will be up for grabs each day until Christmas eve.

There will also be a Christmas shop window display competition for central Horsham businesses.

The community will vote for their favourite display and the prize is a \$2000 Ace Radio advertising package and a night's accommodation in Melbourne.



Have Your Say Flood Amendment

Council has prepared planning scheme amendment C81hors (the Flood Amendment) to the Horsham Planning Scheme.

The Flood Amendment seeks to implement the findings of six flood studies and associated maps prepared on behalf of the Wimmera CMA.

The Flood Amendment revises the mapping extent of flood management overlays within the areas of the respective six studies to land identified as flood prone.

These overlays will ensure areas at risk of flooding are shown on planning scheme maps, enabling Council to make informed planning decisions based on the most accurate information.

The closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 20 December 2022**.

Details at hrcc.vic.gov.au.



NEW SPRINGBOARD FUNDING FOR COVID-HIT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Horsham Rural City Council in the 2022-23 budget has allocated total funding of \$50,000 to be distributed to 'not-for-profit' community groups impacted by Covid.

The special Springboard funding is HRCC's way of helping groups continue to bounce back following the pandemic.

Mayor Robyn Gulline said that Council wanted to provide some financial relief to our small community groups.

"Not-for-profit community groups are the life-blood of our municipality, whether it is sporting clubs, special interest groups or rural community groups," she said.

Council will allocate the funding equally between all eligible applications received by 31 January 2023, with a maximum allocation per group of \$500.

Applying for the Covid Springboard Funding is very easy. Details and an on-line form are on Council's website.

People can also visit the Civic Centre to obtain a paper application or phone the community grants team on 53829777.



SUPPORT: Wimmera Kart Racing Club (president Remo Luciani pictured with Mayor Robyn Gulline) has previously benefited from similar grant programs. All not-for-profit groups impacted by the pandemic can apply for a share of \$50,000.

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

Councillor Column: Cr Les Power

Our local sports clubs and general community groups are the lifeblood of the Horsham region. In these changing times I believe we need to start considering what the needs of our groups will be in the coming decades and how we can make them better equipped to prosper.



Traditionally community sporting clubs have a physical location or club house which becomes the central meeting and socialising place. It is also where honour boards, trophy cabinets and photographs are proudly displayed.

While some local groups are housed in privately managed buildings, the vast majority occupy Council-owned facilities – and many of those are nowhere near as good as they could be.

Currently there are a large number of buildings maintained by Horsham Rural

City Council that are aging in condition and with a number that are underused and vacant for the majority of the week.

Think of a building in Horsham... any building – A place of work, residential home, local hall, church, cafe, community building, primary school, clubrooms.

There are plenty of hours in the day, week, month or year where the spaces in these buildings are empty, quiet and lonesome. In many cases the utilities are primed waiting for someone to enter - think about the waste that is occurring.

There is probably no better illustration of this inefficiency in Horsham than buildings occupied by a single user group. Let's imagine a single group uses a hall for eight hours a week during daylight hours for a year. That equals 90% of the time when the building is vacant! And who pays for the upkeep on these buildings – all to service the need of one user group? The answer is the community.

The buildings we all pay for, located a short distance away and used for only 10%

of the year are off-limits to the community who effectively own them? It makes little sense.

Space sharing is a reasonable notion that needs no introduction and the times in Horsham are changing, we can no longer support one user group occupying a space that should have fair and equal access to all members of the community.

Allowing all members of the community access to our buildings means we can maintain our shared facilities to the appropriate standard and maximise opportunities for bookings and usage and promote availability and accessibility of the assets to the community.

We need to improve access to our existing facilities for the community that maximises the conduct of cultural, social, recreational, sporting and other activities deemed necessary to promote education, health and well-being within the community, if we manage shared facilities equitably, affordably and appropriately we can maximise community participation and access.

TENDERS AND RFQ

#Q14/2023
WAL HUB ENTRANCE SIGNAGE
Closes 5pm, Thursday 22 December

#Q20/2023
MEDIA SUPPORT SERVICES
Closes 5pm, Wednesday 30 November

#Q24-2023
PROVISION OF RECRUITMENT SERVICES
Closes 5pm, Monday 9 November

#Q06/2023
THE STATION ACCESSIBLE TOILET AND INTERNAL DOORWAY UPGRADES
Closes 12noon, Tuesday 20 December

#23/012
FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) RECYCLING SERVICES
Closes 5pm, Friday 9 December

#23-014
CONSTRUCTION OF AN EVENT STAGE, BROADCAST BOX, FOOD KIOSK AND TICKET BOXES AT HORSHAM CITY OVAL
Closes 12noon, Monday 19 December

#23/010
CONSTRUCTION OF RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS FIREBRACE STREET, HORSHAM
Closes 12noon, Friday 16 December

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

