

## Panel proposes HRCC ward structures

The electoral structure of Horsham Rural City Council is being reviewed.

In line with Victoria's 'Local Government Act 2020', HRCC must transition from an unsubdivided structure to a structure with seven wards each electing a single representative.

An electoral representation advisory panel, supported by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is considering:

- The appropriate number of councillors and wards for the council
- Ward boundary locations
- Ward names.

A preliminary report was released last month and response submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday 19 July.

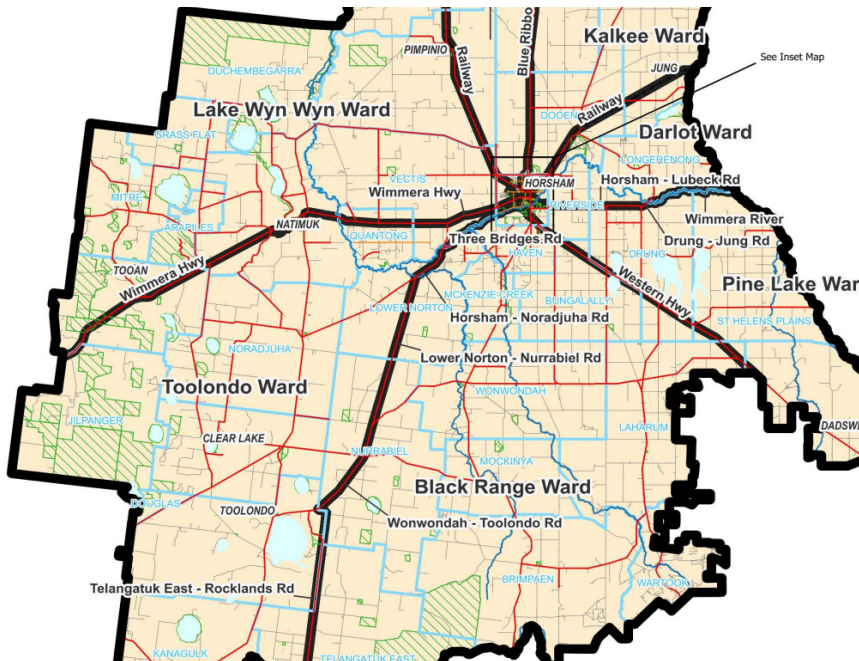
The preliminary report presents three models for public consultation.

The models use, where possible, strong natural features such as the Wimmera River, major roads or the railway line as boundaries.

The boundaries depart from these features in some places to ensure an equal number of voters per ward.

Model one divides the Horsham city area into five wards and the rural areas into two wards that are predominantly eastern and western areas.

The second option is similar to that of model one, except it divides rural areas into north and south zones with minor



**OPTIONS:** One of three models proposed by the Victorian Electoral Commission's Advisory Panel.

variations in the division of city areas.

The third model is significantly different to models one and two because every ward would include part of a city and rural area.

The independent Electoral Representation Advisory Panel is conducting the review and HRCC has no role in the process.

At the end of the review, the panel will make

a final recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

Any change to the electoral structure for Horsham Rural City Council following this review is expected to apply at the next local council elections.

**To find out more visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or call 131 832.**

## Seniors Festival 2023 Planning

Council is hoping to partner with community groups and organisations to make the 2023 Horsham Seniors Festival memorable for all involved.

The festival will run throughout the month of October this year, offering a range of affordable and accessible events for seniors to participate in.

Project Officer Community Inclusion, Dan Rees said that Council would deliver an event of their own, likely to be a concert.

"Council also want to support other festival events and activities being delivered by community groups," Mr Rees said.

"Council has a small amount of funding to support other community events being held for the Seniors Festival and this can go towards event costs such as venue hire, catering or promotion," he said.

The maximum that can be offered by Council is \$300 per event. This could however be reduced if more events are delivered that require Council's support.

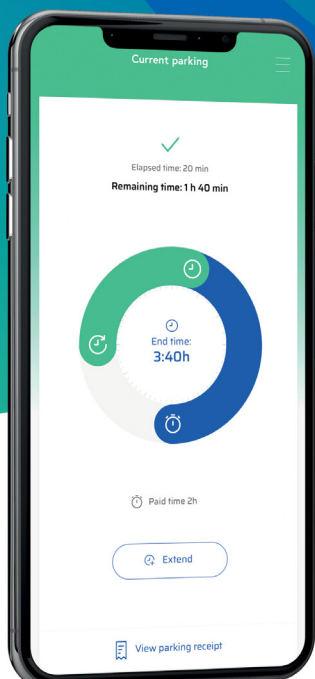

Council may also be able to provide in-kind support to event organisers.

If a group is interested in hosting an event during the festival, it can contact Council on (03) 5382 9777 and ask to speak to our Project Officer Community Inclusion to discuss the event and how it can be supported.


The closing date for submitting an event for the Horsham Seniors Festival is Wednesday 9 August at 5pm.

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**23/042 FLOOD RECOVERY ROAD WORKS PACKAGE 8**  
Regrading, resheeting and restoring gravel roads.  
**Closes 12noon, Monday 17 July**


**23/043 FLOOD RECOVERY ROAD WORKS PACKAGE 9**  
Regrading, resheeting and restoring gravel roads.  
**Close 12noon, Wednesday 19 July**

**23/044 FLOOD RECOVERY ROAD WORKS PACKAGE 10**  
Regrading, resheeting and restoring gravel roads.  
**Close 12noon, Wednesday 19 July**

**23/045 FLOOD RECOVERY ROAD WORKS PACKAGE 11**  
Regrading, resheeting and restoring gravel roads.  
**Close 12noon, Wednesday 19 July**

**Q54/2023 QUANTONG OVAL DRAINAGE WORKS**  
Supply and installation of box culverts at the Quantong Oval.  
**Closes 12noon, Monday 17 July**

All tender, EOI and RFQ details at [hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au)



### TAYLORS LAKE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Taylors Lake community members and groups are invited to join Councillors and staff for a community conversation.

**Monday 17 July 5.30pm to 7pm**  
**Taylors Lake Public Hall**

This is an opportunity for people from the Taylors Lake area to raise local issues and questions for Council.

If you want to raise a question or topic for conversation prior to the meeting please contact Fiona Kelly.

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