

## Graders operating despite wet winter

Graders are back working at full capacity after wet weather in June interrupted Horsham Rural City Council's rural road maintenance program.

Horsham Airport had 87.2 mm in the gauge last month, the wettest June since recording started in 1998.

But dryer conditions this week has allowed all of HRCC's graders to get to work maintaining the municipality's 1,830 kilometres of unsealed roads.

Mayor Robyn Gulline said multiple roads were being graded in Taylors Lake, Green Lake, Laharum, Brimpaen, Dooen and Quantong areas across this week and next.

"Our road grading schedule is a very important part of our overall Road Management Plan and it's frustrating to have it delayed by weather conditions," Cr Gulline said.

"We understand the importance of having local roads graded and the frustration these delays cause residents.

"The good news is that, for now, it's dry enough for our crews to be out every day completing maintenance grading to ensure roads are safely passable while smoothing out some of the potholes and corrugations, especially coming in to what we hope to be a busy harvest season.

"We appreciate the patience of local residents and encourage them to report any urgent road hazards by calling Council or submitting an online service request," she said.

## GRANTS TO GROW HRCC BUSINESSES

Whether you are looking to grow your business or need support to navigate through challenging times, your business could benefit from Council's Business Enhancement Grant Program.

Grants of up to \$1000 are available to businesses in the HRCC municipality.

The program, which opened last week, is designed to support innovation, operational improvements, marketing strategies, accessibility, inclusiveness, and business growth.

Examples include:

- Improved online presence
- Infrastructure or equipment upgrades
- Signage, business fronts
- Upgrade of online promotional images
- Marketing and communications
- Accessibility and inclusion upgrades

The funding can be used to contribute to part of a project or to deliver a project in full. All projects must be completed by 30 June 2024.

Council has already received a large amount of applications and the funding stream will close when the \$20,000 allocation has been expended.

All HRCC business operators can subscribe to updates from the economic development team by emailing [business@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@hrcc.vic.gov.au).

Paper application forms are available at the Wimmera Business Centre. Applications can also be lodged online by scanning the QR Code.



**CATCHING UP:** Roads are being graded in Taylors Lake, Green Lake, Laharum, Brimpaen, Dooen and Quantong throughout this week and next week.

Meanwhile Council is using government funding to complete flood recovery works on roads specifically damaged in the 2022 Spring Flood.

"Using external funding will benefit our municipality in the long run, but it also means we can't rush out and complete repair work as quickly as we'd all like," Cr Gulline said.

"We ask the community for patience as we go through the strict process required

by the Federal Government's funding arrangements. Following previous disasters we know this will ensure we can get the best results for our community," she said.

Council has allocated \$6.8 million to roads in its 2023-24 Budget, with more than \$5.5 million assigned for rural roads.


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### TENDERS AND RFQ

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**

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

**Q02/2024**  
**SOLAR PV INSTALLS - JUBILEE HALL AND DUDLEY CORNELL**  
Solar installs at Jubilee Hall and Dudley Cornell Park.  
**Close 12noon, Friday 28 July**

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



## PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION

Reference number: PA2200515

**The land is located at:** Lot 1 Western Highway, Riverside 3401 (VOL: 04512, FOL: 209, PARISH: Riverside)

**The application is for a Permit to:** Use and development of the land for a service station, sign and to create or alter access to a road in a Transport 2 Zone

**The applicant for the Permit is:** Michael Korfiatis Lorenzo Business Park C/- Human Habits.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the Permit may make submissions to Council.

Copies of submissions received may be made available to any person.

If you have any concerns, please call 03 5382 9798 or email [council@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@hrcc.vic.gov.au).

An objection must be sent to Council in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application free of charge by contacting the Civic Centre or visiting Council's website.

**Council will not decide on the application before 16 August 2023.**



**Next Council Meeting:** Monday 24 July 2023 - 5.30pm

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