



## Nominate someone for an award

Help celebrate what's great about our community by nominating someone you know for an Australia Day Award.

Horsham Rural City Council's Australia Day Awards recognise and honour individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to our local community.

HRCC is on the lookout for the next:

- **Community Event of the Year**
- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year.**

Nominations for Horsham Rural City Council Australia Day Awards are open now until Monday 28 November.

To nominate someone, complete the online form via [hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au) collect or a hard copy available at the Civic Centre.

Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Celebration on Thursday January 26, 2023, at Horsham's Sawyer Park.

Mayor Robyn Gulline said the awards provided an opportunity to recognise those who go the extra mile for the Horsham community.



"The Australia Day Awards give us the chance to show our appreciation and respect for those in our community who put their time and effort into making our municipality an even better place to live and visit," Cr Gulline said.

"These people don't do it for the accolades but we think it's important to recognise their achievements and give credit where it is due.

"We know there are some outstanding individuals and events in the region so we'd encourage everyone to think about the great people they know and the events they've attended in the past year, and to put in a nomination," she said.



**SUNSHINE PLEASE:** HRCC's David Gove at City Oval, where warm weather would be welcomed.

## Rain hampers cricket preparations

**Turf managers at Horsham Rural City Council are facing a battle against mother nature as they work to have the municipality's cricket pitches available for the upcoming season.**

HRCC staff curate City Oval all year round. They also prepare wickets at Dudley Cornell Park and Sunnyside Oval before clubs take over regular maintenance during the season.

Team leader Darrell Gunn said it was usual for turf wickets to be unavailable until November depending on weather conditions leading up to a season.

And while Sunnyside Oval and Dudley Cornell Park are in reasonable condition despite the weather, it's a different story at City Oval where football finals were played.

"Saturated conditions for the Wimmera League grand final meant the centre of the ground was torn to shreds, so our team has been working hard to rectify that and have the wicket ready as soon as possible," Mr Gunn said.

"The persistent wet weather in recent

weeks has impacted the preparations that would normally happen at this time of the year."

HRCC has been in discussions with the HCA and matches will be scheduled only at grounds with hard wickets until mid to late November. The season starts October 15.

In the meantime Mr Gunn and his team are hoping for warm and sunny weather so they can make up for lost time.

"Works include scarifying the wicket table in four different directions, top dressing the wicket table with Merri Creek soil and topping up low areas across the ground. Cross rolling of the whole wicket table evens out any little side humps and bumps," Mr Gunn said.

"In addition to the levelling, we fertilise the whole wicket table to bring the couch out of dormancy."

"Once the couch starts to grow well with warm sunny days we will start to mow the whole wicket table down to a height of 10mm, so the couch can grow horizontal and creep over any bare areas," he said.

## TENDERS AND RFQ

#Q04/2023  
**HORSHAM CITY ENTRANCES – SCULPTURAL & WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**  
Closes 12noon, Monday 17 October

#Q05/2023  
**LANDSCAPING FOR HORSHAM CITY ENTRANCE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**  
Closes 12noon, Monday 17 October

#Q17/2023  
**SWITCHBOARD UPGRADE - HORSHAM CARAVAN PARK**  
Closes 5pm, Monday 17 October

#Q15/2023  
**CITY TO RIVER WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**  
Closes 12noon, Thursday 27 October

TENDER #23-009  
**GOLF COURSE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**  
Closes 12noon, Monday 31 October

#Q19/2023  
**PROPOSED ENTERPRISE ESTATE INDUSTRIAL AREA SUBDIVISION**  
Closes 12noon, Wednesday 26 October

#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/](http://www.eprocure.com.au/horsham-rural-city-council/)



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

**This Saturday**  
*Ripe2Train*

Fitness should be FUN! Sessions are suitable for all ages. Come by yourself, with a friend, with the kids or the whole family to enjoy some games, challenges and outdoor

**ALL SESSIONS START 9am**

## CURRENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

### HORSHAM NORTH LOCAL AREA PLAN

Public feedback on the Draft Plan is open until November 9.

### GREEN LAKE WATERWAY RULES

Public feedback on proposed updates to the rules is open until Wednesday 26 October.

[hrcc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say)

## Young people to elect own Council

A new partnership between Horsham Rural City Council (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 foundations of the existing HRCC youth council, the Young Mayors program will support people aged 17 and under to get elected to the youth council.

Young council members will work together to define priority action areas, and be supported with a fund to deliver projects and campaigns linked to these in their local communities.

"Our Youth Councillors have made an incredible contribution to the community 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.