



Funding for City Oval netball facilities

Horsham Rural City Council has welcomed an \$800,000 investment from Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) that will help deliver long-awaited netball facility upgrades at the municipality's premier sporting precinct.

Two new netball courts and a modern community pavilion will be delivered at Horsham City Oval as part of the \$3.2 million project.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced the funding in Horsham on Wednesday after HRCC successfully applied for a SRV Female Friendly Facilities grant.

LED floodlights, two change rooms with accessible showers and toilets, player and spectator amenities, an office, social room, storage facilities and umpires room are also included in the plans.

Council will commit \$2,402,030 to the redevelopment thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund.

HRCC will soon call for detailed design tenders and onsite works will begin in the

coming months.

The City Oval/Sawyer Park redevelopment project is one of seven precincts included in the City to River Masterplan, and is the second to progress after work started on the riverfront precinct in 2021.

In June, HRCC secured \$2 million from the Victorian Government to build a multifunctional stage that will better connect City Oval with Sawyer Park.

Council will seek further money for projects such as a new cricket/football community pavilion with modern change rooms and the expansion of the City Oval playing field.

COUNCIL GRATEFUL FOR SRV FUNDING

"The wider benefit of this upgrade is about inspiring female participation in sport and providing great, safe facilities to enable more women to participate for longer," Mayor Robyn Gulline said.

"The flow-on effect of more sport participation is of course improved personal wellbeing, better health, social interaction and better quality of life.

"We sincerely thank the Victorian Government for its investment in our regional city. It will certainly be appreciated for many decades to come. Recognition



FUTURE READY: The \$3.2 million project is being funded via the Federal and Victorian Governments.

should also go to members of the Community Reference Group who were instrumental in the City Oval/Sawyer Park concept design process," Cr Gulline said.

NEW CLUBHOUSE AND AMENITIES A BOOST FOR WFNL

Wimmera Football Netball League President Pauline Butler welcomed the

announcement.

"Not only will the two netball courts create more participation in the sport, it will also provide the league and clubs access to first rate facilities for regular season matches and finals," Ms Butler said.

"It also allows us to be flexible with game day management of potentially playing more than one game at a time."

Victorian Seniors Festival
40 Years
2022



Takin' it Easy

For Local Events: See Page 13

TENDERS AND RFQ

TENDER #Q11/2023
ONE NEW 2WD SIDE BY SIDE ATV
Closes 1pm, Wednesday 12 October

TENDER #Q10/2023
DIESEL FUEL TRAILER - 1,000 LITRES (APPROX. MINIMUM)
Closes 1pm, Wednesday 12 October

TENDER #Q12/2023
ONE HEAVY DUTY 3PTL SLASHER APPROX.1830MM (6 FEET) CUT
Closes 1pm, Friday 14 October

#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

All tender, EOI and RFQ details online at: 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

Lisa from Planet Feelgood

4x 15min Stretch Labs

9am: Upper body mobility, 9.15am: Spine mobility, 9.30am: Hip mobility, 9.45am: Upper back mobility

ALL SESSIONS START 9am

CURRENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

HORSHAM NORTH LOCAL AREA PLAN

Public feedback on the Draft Plan is open until October 31.

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



Councillor Column: Cr Bob Redden

As I take this new position I am reminded of our history.

Modern Australia evolved from British penal settlements in all states except South Australia, from 1788 onwards. Each state moved towards self-government with separate characteristics and constitutions, and differed in taxes on interstate trade, convict immigration, treatment of aboriginals, pastoral and farming rights, judiciary and transport. The right of women to vote was approved first in South Australia.

Visionary thinking by Henry Parkes led to drafting of a constitution. This was accepted peacefully by the United Kingdom, approved by referenda in each state, and Australia was proclaimed in 1901, with the UK sovereign as head of state.

This resulted in three tiers of government. States ceded powers to the Commonwealth such as external affairs and trade, military, quarantine, census, postal and broadcasting services, copyright and patents and immigration. States retained all other powers; education, policing, judiciary, schools, hospitals, roads, agriculture and fisheries, public works, sports, recreation, and transport. Local Government remained under state power.

Now the Commonwealth has responsibility for Medicare, but shared responsibility for health, highways, hospitals and education with much blurring of boundaries.

States have limited powers to directly raise funds (stamp duties, licenses and registrations), and Local Government has limited direct funding sources such as property rates. Local Government in Victoria answers to the State, and depends on grants from the State and Commonwealth for over half of its funding.

We are fortunate to call Australia home. We all now co-exist with a growing spirit of tolerance, compromise and pragmatism. Horsham district is attractive with fresh air, native vegetation and the Wimmera river, a safe and friendly place to raise a family.

There are opportunities to contribute to and continually improve the Horsham district. Much is happening with a wide range of sports and recreational activities, theatre and agricultural shows. The strength of these activities is underpinned by volunteers at many levels; P&F school associations, charities, plus Apex, Lions and Rotary clubs. These make up the glue cementing the characteristics of Horsham.

It is an honour and privilege to serve on the Horsham Rural City Council, which plays a key role in the health and wellbeing of local society. The council can facilitate and support community functions, with regional linkages to the silo art trail, the Grampians, the Stick Shed and cultural museum at Rupanyup. Importantly we can pull together as a region for better rail linkages and airport development.

There are many positives in our community, and we have the opportunity to constructively build on these.