



Alteration of intersection at Noradjuha

The Noradjuha Tooran East Rd and Noradjuha Silo Road intersection is due for reconstruction in 2018/19 and the right-of-way priorities are being reviewed.

Comments are sought until **6 July 2018** on the option to leave it as it is or to change the priorities.

Further details are available on Council's website or contact the Infrastructure Manager Martin Duke on 0408 892 642.

Downsize garbage bin and save money

Ratepayers who currently have a standard 240L rubbish bin can downsize to a half size 120L rubbish bin and save each year.

Not only will you save money, you are reducing waste to landfills and improving recycling and composting practises.

The proposed annual charge for 2018/2019 is \$394 for an urban 240L rubbish bin and \$253 for an urban 120L rubbish bin. For the rural areas, it is proposed the charges will be \$365 for a 240L rubbish bin and \$224 for a 120L rubbish bin.

Requests can be made via Council's website, by emailing council@hrcc.vic.gov.au, in person at the Council Offices or by calling 5382 9777 before **Friday 29 June 2018**.

IMMUNISATION CLINIC

Thursday 5 July 2018, 8.30am to 10am
Tuesday 17 July 2018, 4pm to 5.30pm
Kalkee Rd Children's & Community Hub
Enquiries: Shirley Brown Ph: 5382 9769



New accessible parking bays at May Park

Visiting Horsham's May Park will soon be more convenient for everyone with works on two accessible parking bays to start this week.

As part of the final stage of revitalisation works, one additional accessible bay will be created and another existing park is to be upgraded.

Recent improvements at the popular park have included a new amenities block, complete with a state of the art Changing Places facility to cater for people with severe to profound disabilities.

The playground area has also undergone a significant upgrade with the provision of new equipment to cater for children of all abilities and new rubber soft fall paths will provide improved access for children, parents, carers and grandparents.

Horsham Rural City Council Community Development Manager Anne Donovan said the final part of the project was providing accessible parking that met current standards.

"The existing accessible bay on May Park Terrace will be widened and lengthened to provide safe access from vehicles and a new standard size accessible park will be created adjacent," Ms Donovan said.

People who use the new parking bays will require a valid disabled parking permit.

Help reduce pollution from wood heaters

Horsham Rural City Council reminds residents to use their wood heaters efficiently in order to help reduce air pollution.

Senior Environmental Officer Luke Mitton said while wood heaters were a great source of winter warmth, problems could arise if they were not operated correctly.

"This winter, a number of residents have contacted Council concerned about the pollution from wood heaters, so we're encouraging people with wood heaters to follow a few simple steps before burning," Mr Mitton said.

To reduce pollution from wood heaters:

- Use plenty of dry kindling
- Burn dry and seasoned wood (to check this, bang wood together - it should make a 'crack' sound rather than a dull thud)
- Use several small logs and stack them loosely in your heater (so air can circulate around them)
- After reloading, open air controls for at least 20 minutes
- Don't let your heater smoulder overnight - maintain a flame in the fire and only turn down the airflow when you have a hot bed of charcoal
- Inspect and clean the flue at least once a year and check it regularly to see if smoke is being emitted (wood heaters should only smoke for 20 minutes when first lit and just after reloading)

Mr Mitton encouraged residents affected by smoke from wood fire heaters on neighbouring properties to attempt to resolve the issue amicably.

"If after talking to your neighbour and you don't see an improvement, contact Council," he said.

If you are experiencing excessive smoke emissions from your wood heater or if you are concerned with smoke coming from a neighbour's wood heater, contact Council's Environmental Health Unit on (03) 5382 9768.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Cr John Robinson

Let's decide on a vision for the future

The primary objective of a Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions – *Local Government Act 1989 Section 3C*.

The only way that we can do this is to have a collective vision and a commitment to progress towards that vision.

Have we as a community adequately considered what we want the Rural City of Horsham to look like in the near and perhaps medium future? What are the challenges?

I offer the following thoughts for consideration and comment.

Horsham can be one thriving city or it can be two small towns forever and increasingly divided by the Wimmera River. We must secure a connecting river crossing to the south west before the practical options are forever built out.

If we don't do this Horsham city will fragment as the population migrates south of the river.

This will drain the CBD precinct, result in increasing congestion and increasing numbers of large transports and dangerous cargo will be paraded through the middle of our city.

As yet, Council has not invested in developing a plan for south Horsham. This needs to change as a matter of priority.

Uniquely, we are at the junction of five major roads, midway between two capital cities and close to the deepest port on Australia's south coast.

Council needs, as a matter of priority, to complete a credible integrated transport strategy for all forms of transport and covering the whole municipality, taking into account wider impacts on our farming, industrial and commercial sectors. Investment and employment are keys to improving our way of life.

Are we sufficiently focused in these areas? Can large employers look at our messaging and see that we have planned for and are welcoming of their investment?

Finally, is Council living up to community expectations or could we do better? It is important to recognise that Council is constituted by and representative of the wider community.

While we bring to bear diverse views we must recognise that our mission is to represent and strive for what is in the best long term interests of our community.

The soon to be released community satisfaction survey will be an indicator of our effectiveness. We must heed any community messages.

Pensioner Rates Assistance Scheme

Government assistance for municipal rates and charges and the fire services property levy is available for eligible Centrelink and Veterans' Affairs Pensioners for a single rateable property used exclusively for residential purposes.

New applications for waiver on rates payable for the year ending 30 June 2019 must be made on the appropriate forms available at municipal offices at Horsham or Natimuk by **30 June 2018**.

Assistance consists of:

1. General Rates, Municipal and Garbage Charges - \$229.40
2. Fire Services Property Levy Fixed Charge - \$50.00

Continuing Eligibility: If you remain a pensioner eligible for a pension rebate and you are a resident at the same address, you need not reapply for the rebate.

Horsham Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest are sought from people interested in filling one of two vacancies as a Community Representative on the Horsham Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee which meets every second month.

Application forms together with Terms of Reference and committee information can be found at www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Committees/Committees-Council-Facilities (select Horsham Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee). Enquiries to Kathy Newton on 5382 9712 or kathy.newton@hrcc.vic.gov.au. Applications close **31 July 2018**.

WHAT'S ON...

Jung Market

Saturday 30 June, 9am to 1pm

Jung Recreation Ground, Jung Monthly Market, with fresh produce, clothes, plants, food and more
Ph: 0490 500 615

Horsham Motorcycle Club Day Races

Sunday 1 July, 8am to 4pm

Dooen Recreation Reserve, Henty Hwy
Third race meet of 2018, if you are a member come enjoy some racing
Ph: Jacqui on 0439 724 533

School Holidays at The Plaza Week 1

Monday 2 July to Friday July 6, 11am to 3pm

Horsham Plaza, Roberts Ave, Horsham

Mon Colour in caps

Tue Ladybug house and farm barn

Wed Woven placemats

Thu Felt flower bouquet

Fri Decorate handbag/pencil case

\$4 per child

Denise Drysdale

Tuesday 3 July, 10.30am

Horsham Town Hall, Pynsent St
Gold Logie award winner Denise Drysdale. Cost: \$25 Adult, \$20 Members
Ph: 5382 9555 or horshamtownhall.com.au

Dance for Cancer - Old Time Dance

Tuesday 3 July, lessons 7pm, program 7.30pm

Hamilton Lamb Memorial Hall, Kalkee Rd
Dance evening to raise money for the Cancer Council.
Cost: \$6 with supper supplied
Ph: 5382 4371 or 0419 538 206

School Holiday Program at Horsham Town hall

Tuesday 3 July to Friday 13 July

Handbury Education Centre, Horsham Town Hall
Hands-on, art making program for teens and children wishing to get creative over the school holidays
For more information, including times and costs: Ph: 5382 9555 or horshamtownhall.com.au

ForT - Asking for Trouble

Wednesday 4 July, 10.30am to 2.30pm

Horsham Town Hall, Pynsent St
Spectacular acrobatics and poetic visual imagery come together to create a performance all about imagination, perfect for the whole family
Cost: \$20 Adult, \$15 Members, \$15 Conc., \$60 Family (2 Adults/2 Kids). Ph: 5382 9555

For further information on events in the region:

Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information

Centre 20 O'Callaghan's Pde, Horsham

www.visithorsham.com.au

5382 1832, tourism@hrcc.vic.gov.au



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 2 July 2018 - 5.30pm

Monday 16 July 2018 - 5.30pm

Civic Centre, Roberts Ave

All welcome