



TTS technology now on Council's website

People will now have better access to Council's website following the installation of ReadSpeaker text-to-speech functionality.

The text-to-speech software was purchased in partnership with West Wimmera Shire Council and will allow people the option of listening to, rather than reading, the content on Council's website.

ReadSpeaker provides greater accessibility for people who have visual impairments, limited literacy skills or English as a second language and cater for the growing elderly population.

People can access ReadSpeaker by clicking the button at the top right of any page on Council's website and it will talk them through the information on the page.

Changing your details

If you have changed your residential or postal address, please notify Council via hrcc.vic.gov.au/residents/changing-your-details.

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



Have your say: Draft Youth Strategy

Council's Draft Youth Strategy is now out for public comment and the community is encouraged to have its say.

Mayor Pam Clarke said the strategy signaled Council's commitment to better outcomes for young people within the Horsham Rural City region.

"After spending the past two months consulting with our community, it is very exciting to now be able to present a draft strategy to the community," Cr Clarke said.

"Young people are our future so we need a strategy that helps to ensure they have the resources they need to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and are provided the opportunities and skills they need to learn, work, and engage with the community," she said.

The Draft Strategy will guide how Council will work with young people, services, schools and the community across the next 10 years.

"There will be changes in the way we deliver youth services, changes in how we engage with young people and changes to our advocacy platform," Cr Clarke said.



Director Community Services Kevin O'Brien said the Draft Strategy recommended a transition away from the current centre-based youth services model that is currently delivered under the Nexus brand.

"It is proposed that Council shifts its youth services resources to an internal youth officer role who will be well placed to deliver on emerging priorities and coordinate engagement with young people.

"This is necessary for Horsham to continue grow and evolve as a vibrant, inclusive and youth friendly community.

The Strategy reveals that Horsham has many assets to offer young people but the region's youth also face some challenges.

"Respondents said they valued the safety and peacefulness of the Horsham area, while many expressed concerns about drug and alcohol use, bullying and mental and physical health," Mr O'Brien said.

The Draft Youth Strategy seeks to empower young people with a voice in decision making across all of Councils work areas. It also proposes that a youth council be developed to provide young people with more meaningful opportunities with Council.

"We are not defining the model, as we think it is important that young people tell us what they want," Mr O'Brien said.

The Draft Youth Strategy is available for public comment from **3 July until 29 July 2018** and can be viewed at the Council Offices in Natimuk and Horsham or on Council's website hrcc.vic.gov.au.

Feedback will be used to inform the final draft strategy, which will be presented to Council for approval later this year.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Cr Josh Koenig

Youth plan vital for our region

Being a Councillor is something that I'm very proud of, even with its challenging times I'll look back on the 2016 to 2020 term with fond memories, which will when it's all said and done, have been a big part of my life.

The Youth Strategy is something that I have been involved with over the last few months as the Councillor representative on the project control group.

It's currently in draft form and has this week gone out to the public for comment.

I'm really excited to see some outcomes of this into the future that will provide our youth a chance to be involved in and shape projects in and around Horsham for them.

Does it look like a Youth Council? A yearly youth forum? Some youth friendly events? I'm not sure, but it's exciting.

A pleasing element of this was that there was a very high level of community consultation with over 325 people participating in the discussions over a number or targeted and random interactions.

I was privileged to be able to attend the co-design youth workshop along with 26 young people from a range of secondary schools.

The insights that these young people provided and the way they interacted with the consultants, each other and the Council staff that were floating around was super impressive and they deserve full credit.

Issues raised as priorities included alcohol and drug use, mental health issues, bullying and things for young people to do.

This is a very good starting point, identified by the people that this strategy is all about. Our youth. However it's not totally focused on issues and areas to improve.

Public places including the river and town hall, opportunity for sport involvement and the friendliness of the people in the community are some elements that our young people identified as things that they love.

Finally, a quick congratulations to all of our volunteers who continue to get things happening, with the Wimmera River Parkrun kicking off on 25 August, this is just one example of our local people getting things happening for the wider community.

Alteration of intersection at Noradjuha

The Noradjuha Tooan 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.

Adoption of 2018-19 Budget

Public notice is given pursuant to Section 130 (2) of the Local Government Act (1989) that at its meeting on **Monday 25 June, 2018**, Council adopted its 2018-19 Budget following consultation set out in the Act.

Copies are available at the Civic Centre, Roberts Avenue, Horsham and the Natimuk Office, Main Street, Natimuk and on Council's website.

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...

Haven Market

Saturday 7 July, 9am to 1pm

Haven Recreation Reserve, Haven
Fresh fruit and vegetables, homemade cakes, produce and interesting crafts
Ph: 0409 257 256

School Holidays At Horsham Library

Monday 9 July, 10.30am

McLachlan St, Horsham
Jamie & Kim's Mobile Zoo
For bookings phone 5382 5707

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 or horshamtownhall.com.au

Hannie Rayson's - Hotel Sorrento

Saturday 7 July, 8pm

Horsham Town Hall, Pynsent St
The award winning play Hotel Sorrento by Australian playwright Hannie Rayson
Cost: \$40 Adult, \$30 Members, \$35 Conc., \$25 Members Conc.
Ph: 5382 9555 or horshamtownhall.com.au

Horsham Harness Racing

Wednesday 11 July, 1.30pm

Horsham Racing Centre, Bennett Road
Enjoy a day out at the races
Ph: 5382 1828 or www.harness.org.au

Old Time Dance

Friday 13 July, 8pm

Hamilton Lamb Memorial Hall, Kalkee Rd
Easy dance program and requests, bring a plate of supper to share
Cost: \$7. 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

School Holidays at the Plaza

Monday 9 to Friday 13 July, 11am to 3pm daily

Horsham Plaza, Roberts Ave
Mon: Felt Flower bouquet, **Tue:** Decorate handbag/pencil case, **Wed:** Ladybug house & farm barn, **Thu:** Colour in caps, **Fri:** Woven placemats. \$4 per child

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 16 July 2018 - 5.30pm

Monday 6 August 2018 - 5.30pm

Civic Centre, Roberts Ave

All welcome