



### Small Business Festival coming to the Wimmera

Bookings are now open for the Wimmera Small Business Festival's series of workshops to be held in the region from next month.

The Festival runs throughout August and early September and features a program of business events that provide inspiration, ideas and information for anyone starting or building a business.

As part of the Victorian Government's Small Business Festival 2018, the Wimmera Business Centre will coordinate eight workshops tailored around some of the most common enquiries received from local businesses each week.

Horsham Rural City Council Economic Development Manager Stephen Pykett said Council was committed to supporting local businesses and employment opportunities.

"Council is focused on building the capacity of our local businesses so that they are able to drive their own growth and create sustainable and local employment opportunities," Mr Pykett said.

"The festival events will cover off some really common enquiries we receive from local businesses.

"They are the perfect way for local small business owners to get some practical tips and advice that can quickly help their business become more productive and more efficient," he said.

For a full list of events happening in Horsham visit <https://festival.business.vic.gov.au/wimmera-southern-mallee/> or contact the Wimmera Business Centre on (03) 5381 0300.

## IMMUNISATION

**Thursday  
2 August  
8.30am to 10am**

**Tuesday  
14 August  
4pm to 5.30pm**

**Enquiries: Shirley Brown Ph: 5382 9769**



**Kalkee Road  
CHILDREN'S & COMMUNITY  
HUB**

### Subsidised farm trees ready for collection



Environmental Resources Officer Chris Vincent sorts trees at the depot.

Trees and shrubs ordered through Council's 2018 subsidised revegetation program for rural property owners can be collected this Friday and Saturday.

Please note that orders for this year are no longer being taken.

Plants will be available to be picked up from Selkirk Drive Depot on **Friday 27 July from 8am to 6pm** and **Saturday 28 July from 8am to 4pm**.

### Proposed changes to meeting procedure

Council is proposing to make changes to its meeting procedure and the public has the opportunity to provide feedback.

The majority of changes relate to Councillor reports and acknowledgments as well as motions and debate.

A copy of the proposed amendments can be downloaded from the Have Your Say section of Council's website.

Submissions close **9 August, 2018** and can be entered online or mailed to the Chief Executive Officer, Horsham Rural City Council, PO Box 511, Horsham 3402.

## TENDERS

**RECONSTRUCTION OF WAVELL STREET  
QUEEN STREET TO KALKEE ROAD**

TENDER No. 19/002

**RECONSTRUCTION OF FEDERATION AVENUE  
DRUMMOND STREET TO KALIMNA AVENUE**

TENDER No. 19/001

To obtain a copy of these tender documents, log on to Council's website at [www.hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au), select tenders. A link will automatically take you to a registration/login site where documentation can be downloaded.

Tenders close at 12 Noon Wednesday 15 August 2018

For technical support in obtaining this tender, please contact Tender Search on 1800 836 337.

Michelle A Plain  
Contract Co-Ordinator



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### Ambition needed for City Oval plan

As Councillors we should never lose sight of our duty to make Horsham and the Wimmera a better place for future generations.

It's no secret that a most critical long-term issue is the lack of youth retention and slow overall population growth.

How do we fix the problem? The shortage of health services, further education options and career opportunities are challenges that are well documented.

The fact that passenger trains service just about every region apart from the Wimmera also sends the wrong message about our part of the state.

Another aspect that should be always included in future planning conversations is our sporting facilities.

I've been involved with local sport all of my life and I believe it is one of the most effective ways of keeping our youth from leaving town.

But for that to happen we need to be ahead of the game with our infrastructure, and for starters, Horsham City Oval needs to again be the showpiece of Wimmera sport.

While the oval is well maintained and generally well presented, right now it cannot attract elite sports such as AFL and cricket because it hasn't been significantly upgraded for decades.

You may ask why hosting elite sporting events is relevant to Horsham. Why are we worried about it?

The fact is preseason AFL matches were this year played in Victoria's other regional cities like Colac, Wangaratta, Bendigo and Moe.

It's the same for elite cricket, where matches are shared around many regional cities. Once again, Horsham misses out.

It is also frustrating to lobby for the Melbourne Vixens to play netball matches here, only to be knocked back because our facilities are not quite up to scratch. The same goes for interstate basketball.

It requires a long-term vision for major projects to be successful, and the Wimmera needs to be ambitious.

Of course there are examples of previous forward thinking that is rewarding us now. The Horsham Town Hall is a fantastic facility for the arts, and congratulations to the Horsham Motorcycle Club which will next month host the World Junior Motocross Championships.

But it will become more difficult to sell Horsham in the future if we don't have more examples of progression.

To get these things to happen, we need to reduce the negative publicity and bickering that turns people away.

It's very difficult to attract new families or Government support when the message coming from Horsham is all about unfair rates, bad roads and indecisiveness on key projects such as the bypass and sports stadium.

We need to be a community that looks after everyone.



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## COUNSELLING SKILLS

### for the Accidental Counsellor

*Presented by: Sue Collins*

As a worker, are you faced with people who unexpectedly share personal problems? This workshop offers professional insight and practical skills to give you greater confidence in handling these situations with respect, wisdom, boundaries and grace.

**WHEN:** Friday 10 August 9am-5pm  
**WHERE:** Wimmera Business Centre 62 Darlot St Horsham  
**BOOKINGS:** \$200 per person  
[eventbrite.com.au/e/counselling-for-the-accidental-counsellor-tickets-47936793239](http://eventbrite.com.au/e/counselling-for-the-accidental-counsellor-tickets-47936793239)

## CAREERS

Our thriving regional centre is a great place to live and work. To meet the challenges of growth and change, a review of the organisation has created a number of new positions at various levels within the staff structure.

If you would like to join a friendly and proactive team and contribute to the transformation of Horsham Rural City Council, please consider applying for one of the following permanent positions:

- **Manager Strategic Asset Management**
- **Co-ordinator Recreation & Open Space Planning**
- **Co-ordinator Strategic Planning**
- **Co-ordinator Youth & Early Years (up to 0.8EFT)**

Further enquiries can be directed to the Organisational Development Manager, Tony Schneider, (03) 5382 9719 or [hr@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:hr@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

To view the position descriptions and to apply for any of these positions please go to: [hrcc.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Work-With-Us](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Work-With-Us) Applications close online at 10pm Monday 6 August 2018.



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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Monday 27 August 2018 - 5.30pm**  
**Civic Centre, Roberts Ave**  
**All welcome**