

# From little things, big things grow

The Wimmera continues to reap the rewards of Horsham Motorcycle Club's major events with this weekend's landmark World Junior Motocross Championship to provide more than \$1 million to the economy.

It will be the first international motocross tournament hosted in Australia with 25 teams of five riders on the entry list.

Horsham Rural City Council Chief Executive Sunil Bhalla said the three-day event at Dooen was estimated to bring \$1 million from visitors staying in our hotels, eating at our restaurants and shopping.

"When you add the support crews involved with each team it adds up to about 500 international visitors and more than 1000 domestic fans are also expected to descend on the Wimmera," Mr Bhalla said.

"Economic modelling based on conservative attendance figures (3,500 day-trip visitors, 700 domestic overnight visitors and 300 international visitors) indicates a direct economic output of \$1 million. This equates to an average daily visitor spend of \$224. With industrial and flow-on effects, the total impact of the event is estimated at \$1.7 million.



"International riders, their families and support crew have already arrived and you will see them out and about. Many of the teams will spend eight to 10 days here.

"There has been a rush on accommodation in the region and that's great news.

"Council invests in big events like these to bring people to our city, that's why it's important we continue to contribute to these events," he said.

Mr Bhalla said the championship was an opportunity to promote the Wimmera.

"The championships will be live streamed around the world, giving us the chance to show the Wimmera's tourism strengths," he said.

Mayor Pam Clarke said the event would involve hundreds of community volunteers, with the support of Council staff.

"This event is an excellent example of the Paul Kelly lyric 'from little things, big things grow'," Cr Clarke said.

"Horsham Motorcycle Club is a small not-for-profit group and over the past 20 years, it has worked incredibly hard to raise the profile of motocross.

"The club has continually upgraded the quality of the motocross track and support facilities to a level that is suitable to host state, Australian and now global events.

"It's been a huge effort. They all need to be commended," Cr Clarke said.



## Events aplenty in Horsham

It has been a number of weeks since my previous column, with a bit happening in my world as a Councillor since.

We as a Council completed the move from fortnightly 'ordinary meetings' to monthly.

This a positive move as it allows Council staff prepare reports with an increased strategic focus and it will also cut down on expenditure. From the conversations that I have had over the journey, increased strategic direction and cost saving is what people are asking for, so I would judge this as a win.

It's a progressive way of working and is bringing us in line with the vast majority of other Councils in similar positions to Horsham across the state.

At the end of the day it is only one less meeting per month, with briefing meetings, committee meetings, public events and board meetings still in most of our calendars, there is always plenty to do.

There are some exciting things happening for the community over the next week or so.

In no particular order we have the Wimmera River Parkrun kicking off on Saturday. Be sure to check out the Facebook page if you're interested to learn more about this. A big congratulations to those involved with getting this off the ground.

Another is that following the submission period we have the Youth Strategy coming in front of Council on Monday to potentially get endorsed. A very important piece of work and I sincerely thank all of those that took time out of their day to make submissions and provide valuable feedback to Council.

Also, Horsham has the 2018 World Junior Motocross Championship over the weekend. With competitors from all over the world including Europe, America, Asia, New Zealand and of course Australia, this is a massive event for not just Horsham, but Victoria and Australia.

Congratulations to the Horsham Motorcycle Club in being pivotal in bringing this to our doorstep, a great achievement.

These three items, just a snapshot of some of the great happenings across our municipality.

I have had a number of conversations with community members, and I appreciate those that take the time to give me a call, stop me in the street for a chat or send me an email.

## TELANGATUK COMMUNITY MEETING

Community Consultation and Briefing Meeting

**Telangatuk East Hall Monday 10 September  
7.30pm to 8.30pm**

This is an opportunity for people from the Telangatuk district to raise local issues and questions for Council on various issues. If the matters you wish to raise require prior research by Council contact Fiona Kelly on 53829725 or [fiona.kelly@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:fiona.kelly@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

## TENDERS

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN OVERARCHING CONCEPT PLAN AND VISION FOR THE WIMMERA RIVER PRECINCT HORSHAM AND HORSHAM CENTRAL ACTIVITIES DISTRICT (CAD)**

CONTRACT No. 19/004

To obtain a copy of this tender document, 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 12noon Wednesday 5 September.

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

Michelle A Plain  
Procurement Officer, Governance



## IMMUNISATION

**Thursday  
6 September  
8.30am to 10am**

**Tuesday  
18 September  
4pm to 5.30pm**

Enquiries: Shirley Brown Ph: 5382 9769



## CAREERS

### Co-ordinator Home Support

Full-time (fixed term until 30 June 2020)

We are looking for a customer focused leader to co-ordinate our Home Support Team.

The successful candidate will work collaboratively to develop, support and implement current and new service projects. They will also provide effective operational management and leadership.

Ideally this person would have extensive experience in Home Support, with an ability to lead and manage a great team of staff during a period of change in Home Services provision.

For more information on this position please contact Mandi Stewart on (03) 53829747. To apply for this job or download a position description go to [hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au](http://hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au) and enter reference code: 4303463.

Applications close 5pm, Monday 3 September 2018

### Manager Engineering Services

The Infrastructure team at Horsham Rural City Council delivers civil engineering projects across the municipality to make our community a better place to be.

We are proud of our work and are always looking for new opportunities to improve the services we deliver. That's why we are currently seeking to appoint a Manager Engineering Services.

You will be responsible for delivering Council's capital works program, implementing an improved project management framework and shaping many of the infrastructure developments in the municipality.

To be successful in this role, you will have a degree or diploma recognised by Engineers Australia and at least five to 10 years' experience in a broad range of municipal engineering functions or similar relevant experience

Go to [www.hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au](http://www.hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au) for further details about this position or to apply.

Applications close 5pm, Tuesday 28 August

### Supported Playgroup Facilitator

1 day per week in school term

Horsham Rural City Council in collaboration with Southern Grampians Shire Council is seeking a Supported Playgroup Facilitator.

The temporary part-time position will work with the Hamilton and Coleraine communities to develop and facilitate culturally appropriate and accessible playgroup sessions.

The program will work with preschool aged children from diverse backgrounds, and incorporate the Smalltalk program.

You will possess qualifications in Early Years children's services, social work and be able to meet other requirements as specified in the position description.

Go to [www.hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au](http://www.hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au) for further details about this position.

Specific enquiries can be directed to the Manager Community Services Emergency [mandi.stewart@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mandi.stewart@hrcc.vic.gov.au) or by calling (03) 53829 747.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 24 August

