

Dog owners urged to take care

Horsham Rural City Council is reminding dog owners of their responsibility to contain pets within their property.

There has been an increase in dogs roaming the streets across the past six months, prompting Council to take a harder line when it comes to maintaining Local Laws.

Director Development Services Angela Murphy said apathy was too often to blame, with dog owners failing to maintain their fence line to stop their dogs escaping and wandering.

"We are here to support the community and make it safe for everyone," Ms Murphy said.

"It is every dog owner's responsibility to ensure their animal does not pose a risk to other people, pets or stock.

"Responsible pet ownership starts at home – close doors and gates and make sure fences are well maintained in order to stop your dog from roaming the streets, and keep dogs leashed around other animals and people. Taking your dog to an off-leash park is another option and a great way to meet other dog owners as well as socialise and exercise your pet."

Council manages four off leash dog parks in Horsham. These areas have been clearly marked as off-leash areas with signage and equipped with animal waste bags and bins.

"However, remember off-leash areas are public areas too. So owners need to ensure their dogs don't bail up other people or animals. Make sure your dog understands verbal commands and comes back to you when it's called," Ms Murphy said.

Owners face a \$242 fine for not having their dogs on chain, cord or leash on a road or in a municipal place unless designated as an off-leash area.

If you find a lost cat or dog, and it is safe to do so, check for identification like a registration tag, name and contact number on the collar.

Contact Council on 5382 9777 to report the animal as found. Be ready to provide a good description of the animal and any identifying information.

Dogs wandering at large can be collected by rangers during business hours, however after hours, the dog must be contained for collection by the ranger.

"This can be by tying the dog to a post or containing it to your yard, however, remember your safety is paramount, if in doubt don't approach a dog at large."

If a dog is impounded and it is the first time the Community Safety Officers have picked it up, there is no charge for a release

However, if the dog has been impounded before, the pound release fees are \$100.

Ms Murphy said other responsibilities include cleaning up your dog's faeces. All dog owners are required by law to clean up after their pets if they defecate in a public place.

"This is important not just for your health but for the health of your pet and your neighbourhood. When you exercise your pet away from your property carry a plastic bag to clean up any dropping it leaves. Dog faeces may contain worms that can cause a threat to human health," she said.



- Weir Park, Barnes Blvd
- Jenkinson Reserve, Baillie St
 (Unfenced)
- Langlands Park, Houston St
- Lions Park, Plant Ave



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER Cr Les Power

United voice needed for future

With the State Election just over two months away, the leaders of our region will be doing everything they can to win the attention of Spring Street.

Recently Council finalised our Advocacy Priorities.

The four local infrastructure projects are:

- Horsham Regional Livestock Exchange Roofing
- Horsham Aquatic Centre Redevelopment
- Horsham Town Hall replacement of heritage floor
- CBD Revitalisation Stage 1

I urge any person who wants the best for our region to get behind these projects and make it clear that the Horsham region deserves the same investment as in other parts of the state.

These projects have been chosen based on what the community as well as service providers and industry representatives have recommended.

However the most important part of lobbying for government funding is having a united voice from the community.

In other words, the projects that are ready to proceed if funding becomes available are given priority.

The flip side is that, as a community, if we cannot agree on what we want a major project to look like, it can set a project back by many years.

If you notice other well-known projects are missing from the list above, there's a good chance that it's because we are yet to achieve enough unity to progress through the detailed planning stages.

Until long standing arguments are settled locally, it's a very tough ask to get state and federal governments to deliver the all-important funding.

That means we have to sometimes put aside our personal preferences and think about the bigger picture and what's best for the wider community.

Past generations have sacrificed so much for Horsham, allowing the city to be what it is today.

It's vital that we do the same, and start planning a better future now so the next generations can enjoy a thriving Wimmera.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The laneway adjoining Commercial Hotel, Wilson Street Horsham will be closed until further notice

TENDERS

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS, SELECTED BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS

CONTRACT No. 19/007

Council invites tenders from suitably equipped suppliers for the supply and delivery of asphalt, bituminous cold mix, bulk emulsion CRS 170 for use on various Council roads within the Municipality.

Tenders close 12noon Wednesday 19 September.

PROVISION OF ROADSIDE WEED AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

CONTRACT No. 19/006

Council is seeking experienced contractors to undertake a variety of weed and rabbit control tasks on selected roadsides within the Horsham in the Natimuk, Noradjuha, Jung, Drung, Wonwondah and Toolondo rural road areas.

Tasks will include, but not be limited to:

Rabbit Control – mechanical, chemical and manual warren closure methods

Weed Control – selective spot spray, boom spray and broad

This contract will be awarded for one term commencing 1 October 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Tenders close 12noon Wednesday 19 September.

For more information visit hrcc.vic.gov.au and select tenders. A link will automatically take you to a registration/login site where documentation can be downloaded.

For technical support contact Tender Search on 1800 836 337.



PUBLIC MEETING

KALKEE RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE INC

Wednesday 12 September, 7.30pm, Kalkee R.R.

The term of the current Committee of Management for the Reserve is due to expire on 14 October 2018. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the meeting night.

For more information contact Debbie Lawson ph: 0428 832 266

CAREERS

Horsham Rural City Council is an outwardly focused, modern and progressive organisation which is highly committed to innovative practice. The Council provides excellent employment conditions and flexibility to meet staff needs to achieve work/life balance.

Undergraduate Engineer Vacation Employment

Council has a program of providing summer vacation employment for an undergraduate civil engineer at Horsham Rural City Council.

For more information on this summer vacation position, please contact the Co-ordinator Project Office, Sue Newall on (03) 5382 9751 or sue.newall@hrcc.vic.gov.au

Registrations close Sunday 30 September 2018

Project Manager (2+ positions)

If you are ready for a challenge, and like getting things done, here is an opportunity to put your project skills on display and help develop and build new facilities for our municipality.

These new roles report to the Co-ordinator Project Office within the Infrastructure Directorate. Council is developing a stronger focus on enhanced project management skills and delivery of program within time, scope and budget.

Key objectives of this role:

- Using well developed project management skills to deliver infrastructure projects from Council's capital program
- Assist cross-organisation project teams in the development of infrastructure related proposals, to facilitate the preparation of robust grant applications
- Support the extension of an enhanced project management framework across the organisation, including its application to non-infrastructure projects

The ideal applicants will have a relevant degree or diploma qualification with several years' experience in contract management and delivering infrastructure projects, with a keen eye for detail and sound report writing skills.

For more information on this position please contact the Co-ordinator Project Office, Sue Newall on (03) 5382 9751 or sue.newall@hrcc.vic.gov.au

Applications close Friday 14 September, 2018

To apply for jobs at Horsham Rural City Council go to http://hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au



IMMUNISATION

Tuesday 18 September 4pm to 5.30pm



