



Noise reminder: Don't be an annoying neighbour

Spring is the season for being outdoors and Horsham Rural City Council is reminding residents to be aware of noise regulations in the municipality.

Director Development Services Angela Murphy said common residential noise complaints included noisy air conditioners, garden equipment, loud music and people talking outside at a party.

"As the weather warms up and people begin to open up their houses and spend longer outside, they should be mindful of how their activities are affecting their neighbours," Ms Murphy said.

"Noise can interfere with a person's wellbeing - especially if a person's sleep is disturbed due to noise.

"On the other hand, having noise in town

is normal and sometimes unavoidable. It is a fact of life that we all make noise, whether we are talking to others, playing music, entertaining, working around the house or just going about our daily business.

"What is enjoyable to one person may be noise to another," she said.

Prohibited times for residential noise is before 7am and after 8pm on weekdays and before 9am and after 8pm on weekends and public holidays.

For music and parties, noise that can be heard from inside neighbouring dwellings is only permitted until 10pm weeknights and until 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Ms Murphy said many noise disputes could be resolved with a discussion.

"Council encourages residents to discuss any issues they have with their neighbour first as often they do not realise that they are causing a problem.

"If the noise continues, we recommend keeping a log book (available on Council's website) of when the noise occurs and contacting us."

Where noise issues occur outside of business hours Council recommends people contact their local police station.

The police are best placed to respond to late night noise complaints when neighbours do not co-operate.

Noise occurring from major industries is dealt with by the EPA. Queries or complaints relating to this should be directed to the EPA directly on 1300 372 842.



Oversized trucks headed for Murra Warra

Drivers are asked to take extra caution on Wimmera roads over the coming months as the Murra Warra Wind Farm steps up its construction phase.

Oversized trucks travelling from Portland are currently delivering turbine bases to Murra Warra and blades up to 70 metres long will arrive in the Wimmera from next month.

The wind farm is expected to be operational by mid 2019.

RATES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK

The nine members who make up Horsham Rural City Council's Rates Strategy Advisory Committee will be finalised next week.

Council last month resolved to have a detailed and independent review undertaken of how rates are calculated.

Applications to join the independent advisory committee closed on Monday September 10, with 28 people expressing an interest in joining the group.

An independent Chair will be appointed early next week and that person will manage the selection process.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER
Cr Pam Clarke

University's future critical for region

Last week I had the privilege of presenting a Community Development Award to Federation University nursing student Georgina Ganley.

In her first year of study, Georgina has overcome personal challenges and has built herself a great platform to enjoy a satisfying career.

For me, the presentation again underlined how crucial it is to have locally appropriate tertiary courses available in our region.

If you look at other countries such as the United Kingdom or the United States they have tertiary institutions spread right across their regions, not just focused in their capital cities.

Here in the Wimmera, we are grateful to have a FedUni Campus and many successful careers have had their origins in Horsham thanks to the quality education provided.

The courses provided to our region now are excellent and hopefully we can work together to increase the opportunities for our community to be trained locally.

We need to let the university know exactly where the training gaps are and what types of courses are needed.

Perhaps the best way to do that is through a local advisory group which can make recommendations at board level.

Wimmera Health Care Group currently estimates that 30 per cent of its nursing workforce is Federation University trained.

If face-to-face clinical teaching components were no longer available in the Wimmera, there would be a significant impact on workforce availability.

For many students, travelling to Ballarat to study is not a viable option because of the enormous strain on family finances and relationships.

It would be even harder for the many students who travel to Horsham from neighbouring districts including the Mallee.

Key to enhancing the tertiary options in Horsham is state and federal assistance.

We need to work with the university to achieve appropriate funding models that work for our community and not city-based levels of participation that exclude small institutions from running the courses.

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 scale application

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.



CAREERS

DEAF AWARENESS TRAINING

Wednesday 17 October

- Understand issues faced by deaf and hard of hearing people
- Learn about deaf community and culture
- Learn basic Auslan (Australian Sign Language)

Location: Kalkee Road Childrens and Community Hub
Time: 2pm until 3.30pm or 7pm until 8.30pm

Cost: Free **RSVP:** by 10 October

Contact: Maggie Bridgewater Deaf Access Worker
Maggie.Bridgewater@hrcc.vic.gov.au Ph/mobile text: 0437167125

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.

Asset Systems & GIS Officer

As part of an organisational review we are now seeking an Asset Systems & GIS Officer. This position will maintain and improve the data accuracy and functionality of the asset management systems, asset register, and integration to other systems.

The position will support the development and maintenance of Council's GIS system to facilitate enhanced asset management practices.

To be successful in this role you will possess:

- Tertiary qualifications in Engineering, Asset Management or Computer Science and/or such other qualifications or experience that would be advantageous in carrying out the duties of Asset Systems and GIS Officer, or lesser relevant qualification combined with relevant work experience
- Excellent time management, prioritisation and organisational/administrative skills
- Extensive experience in the application of asset and GIS databases
- Extensive experience in development and maintenance of GIS systems.

For more information on this position contact
Co-ordinator Assets, Ram Upadhyaya
(03) 5382 9722 or ram.upadhyaya@hrcc.vic.gov.au

Applications close Friday 28 September, 2018

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

To apply for jobs at Horsham Rural City Council visit hrcc.recruitmenthub.com.au



IMMUNISATION

**Thursday
4 October**

8.30am to 10am

**Tuesday
16 October**

4pm to 5.30pm



Kalkee Road
COLLEGE & COMMUNITY
HUB