



# \$1.7 million for 5G Horsham internet

Horsham Rural City Council has welcomed the Victorian Government's \$1.7 million funding for enhanced high-speed broadband for Wimmera businesses.

Minister for Regional Development Jaala Pulford on Wednesday announced a partnership with Spirit Telecom that will give Horsham businesses access to the latest wireless infrastructure that will deliver symmetrical gigabit broadband.

The technology is designed to put Horsham's broadband technology on par with Melbourne and other major metropolitan centres in Australia.

Under the plan, the fixed-wireless service will cover all of Horsham including the Horsham CBD, Horsham enterprise park, aerodrome and freight terminal with speeds of up to one gigabit per second in both directions.

Chief Executive Officer Sunil Bhalla welcomed the opportunity for Horsham to be offered the pilot technology.

"The great thing is that it will mean better access for our existing businesses and agriculture. It will allow high-quality video conferencing and other emerging high bandwidth applications, making it easier to work remotely," Mr Bhalla said.

"It also means Horsham will become even more attractive for businesses looking to relocate or start up in regional centres.

"Residents can also choose to sign up to the new plans, and they will enjoy internet speeds that bridge the digital divide between metro and regional areas," he said.

Spirit Telecom says it will offer the service to businesses at prices significantly lower than currently available for business-grade broadband services in regional Victoria. These prices will be competitive with the best available in metropolitan Melbourne.

Horsham families will also benefit from the availability of faster speeds with residential plans likely to present much better value for money than current offers.

- ✓ Horsham to be first Victorian regional city to get 5G tech and sky-speed internet
- ✓ Victorian Government funding for up to five towers erected across Horsham
- ✓ Wireless 5G signal will cover a 10km radius from each tower
- ✓ Packages to be available for businesses and residents

Spirit Telecom will build and maintain the network, which is being delivered as part of the State Government's Connecting Regional Communities Program.

Project construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2019 but the first services, available in limited areas, could be offered as soon as mid next year.



## Victorian Councillor Service Awards

The Wimmera was well represented at the Victorian Councillor Service Awards in Melbourne last week.

Cr Mark Radford and Cr David Grimble were awarded for 10 years of service.

Mayor Pam Clarke received an Emeritus Award.

The Awards were conferred at the Municipal Association of Victoria's Annual Dinner following its Annual Conference last Thursday night at the Sofitel Hotel.

Long service is recognised at 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years' service, and award of Mayor Emeritus recognises councillors who have served three or more terms as Mayor, with a full term considered to be 12 months.

# Bradbury Car Park tree to be replaced

A hazardous tree in the centre of Horsham's Bradbury Car Park will be removed with a replacement tree to be planted in autumn.

Recently, limbs have fallen and damaged vehicles, creating a risk for users of the car-park that must be managed.

Horsham Rural City Council Director Infrastructure John Martin said the large Lemon Scented Gum is regarded as a significant tree and all options to save it have been explored.

"The tree has been assessed twice by a Council arborist and once by an independent arborist who all recommended removal

of the tree or exclusion of vehicles and pedestrians," Mr Martin said.

"Excluding pedestrians and vehicles from the area is not an option as the area required to be fenced would include up to 16 parking bays and at least one traffic lane would also need to be closed.

"Tree cabling, in which limbs in danger of falling are tied back to the trunk, is also not likely to be effective as even the smaller limbs that have fallen from this tree, and which are not suitable for cabling, are up to 100mm in diameter. Taking into account the height they fall from and their weight, they could cause a catastrophic incident.

"Lopping the tree to the degree necessary would damage the structural integrity of the tree and potentially create a greater risk of large parts of the tree falling," he said.

Mr Martin said a suitable replacement tree would be planted when conditions were suitable in autumn.

"This will be a Rose Gum (Angophora Costata) which is a large, wide and spreading tree that will grow to a height of between 15m and 25m," he said.

"In time, this will provide excellent shade for car park users."



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## BOATING EXEMPTION

Horsham Rural City Council, the waterway manager for the Wimmera River (within the boundaries of Horsham Rural City), declare under section 203(3) of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic) that person and vessels participating in the Horsham Dragon Boat Regatta event proposed by Dragon Boat Racing Victoria from 6:30am to 5:30pm on Sunday 4 November 2018 are exempt as follows:

State Rules made under the Marine Act 1988:

1. Clause 2(c) - 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel - for competitors and rescue vessels;
2. Clause 3(a) - 5 knots within 50 metres of the water's edge - for competitors and rescue vessels; and

Waterway rules made under the Marine Act 1988:

3. Clause 69.1 and 69.3 of Schedule 69 - 5 knot speed restriction zone and no wash zone

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

1. Masters of rescue vessels must adhere to speed and distance rules unless undertaking a rescue operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs and deliver them to a place of safety
2. The exemptions apply from 6:30am to 5:30pm on Sunday 4 November 2018 for the Wimmera River (within the boundaries of Horsham Rural City)
3. The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

## 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.

**To obtain a position description and to apply go to [hrcc.recruitment.com.au](http://hrcc.recruitment.com.au)**

### Team Leader Customer Service

Applications close 31 October 2018

For more information on this position, please contact Manager Governance and Information, Kerrie Bell, [kerrie.bell@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kerrie.bell@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

### Assets Engineer

Applications close 4 November 2018

For more information on this position contact Co-ordinator Assets, Ram Upadhyaya ph: 5382 9722

### Wimmera Emergency Management Project Officer

Applications close 11 November 2018

For more information on this position contact the Wimmera Emergency Management Co-ordinator Praphulla Sherstha, ph: 5382 9739



## ANNUAL MEETING

### Haven Community Enterprise Inc

FREE information session on the defibrillator at the Haven Hall Following the training session, a short meeting (AGM) of the Haven Community Enterprise Inc will be held.

**Sunday 4 November 2018, Haven Memorial Hall**  
2pm to 3pm Defibrillator training, 3.30pm to 4pm meeting  
Refreshments will be available  
Enquiries: Sue Exell 0409 257 256

*A great opportunity to learn a new skill and become involved with the development of Haven and our local community.*

## TENDERS

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### Mowing

HRCC invites expressions of interest from mowing contractors who want to be placed on a list for work generated following Council's fire hazard inspections.

Residents who receive fire Prevention Notices with orders for grass and vegetation to be cut may require assistance with reducing fire hazards on their property.

Interested parties can send business details and a copy of their public liability insurance to [council@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@hrcc.vic.gov.au) marked for the information of the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

Expressions of interest close Friday 26 October 2018.

### REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

#### Open Space Strategy

Quotation No. Q02/2019

Quotations close 12 Noon Wednesday 31 October 2018

### OPERATION OF CANTEEN

### HORSHAM REGIONAL LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

Contract No. 19/011

Tenders close at 12 Noon Wednesday 7 November 2018

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