



# Rates Review: How to share your opinion

The independent Rates Strategy Advisory Committee is developing a new rating strategy for the coming five years and is asking for public input to ensure everyone's opinion is considered.

There are four ways to get involved:

### Complete an online survey

The survey results will help guide the Rates Strategy Advisory Committee's final recommendation to Councillors. The survey is available via Council's website and closes Tuesday 13 November.

### Written submission

The Rates Strategy Advisory Committee welcomes written submissions covering

any element of the Rates Strategy. However, to assist with the lodgement of submissions, there is a short summary available on Council's website that covers the principles that will be considered along with some discussion points. Submissions can be made via email to [community@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:community@hrcc.vic.gov.au) or via mail to PO Box 511 Horsham 3402.

### Attend a drop-in session

The meetings will provide a chance for residents to express what is important to them as the new rating strategy is developed.

- Wednesday 7 November, 1pm-5pm
- Wednesday 14 November, 6pm-8pm

Location: Uniting Wimmera Board Room Level 1, 185 Baillie Street, Horsham.

No appointment is necessary.

### Individual appointment

Individual appointments with independent facilitator Mark Davies of Mach 2 Consulting are available between 9am and 12noon on Wednesday 7 November. To book contact Kathy Newton ph: 5382 9712.

**Find out more about the Rates Strategy Review**

 [hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au)



## Town Hall Assistive Hearing Technology

Desktop hearing shuttles are now available at Horsham Town Hall, Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre and Council's Civic Centre customer service desk.

Additionally, the Town Hall offers neck loop, headphones and transistor equipment so that people who are hard of hearing can enjoy an enhanced experience at all amplified shows.

Instructional videos for each piece of equipment are available on the HRCC website.

## Older Persons Reference Group completes surveys

Horsham's Rural City Councils Older Persons Reference Group has completed its research on ways to improve the municipality as a place where older people live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved in the community.

Established in March this year, the 12-member Group surveyed the community in July and August where 180 people were asked about their physical and social environments and what might make their community more age friendly.

Horsham Rural City Council Director Community Wellbeing Kevin O'Brien said the assessment was based on the World Health Organisation's checklists for Age Friendly Communities.

"The Group's task was to determine what aspects of the Horsham municipality enable people to stay active and engaged as they age – and what areas need improving," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Reference Group has collated its findings and make recommendations to Council."

Positive results included access to venues such as the Horsham Town Hall, YMCA and U3A which provide important events and opportunities for social connection.



Results also showed local bus and taxi services were reliable, clean, comfortable and affordable and the drivers were courteous.

Areas for improvement were transport options to Melbourne and Ballarat as well as between medical and other key facilities in Horsham.

Access to parking is an ongoing concern, because as people age or are unwell, they may only be able to walk short distances.

The survey also found older people did not always feel consulted or that their input was valued. Also, more shade in the central activity district was important during summer.

The next step is the development of a detailed implementation plan based on the actions identified in the Aged Friendly Communities Audit Findings and Actions report which will then be presented for council consideration.



# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

## Nominations Now Open

Residents can nominate a person or a community event/festival they believe worthy of recognition, within the three categories. Citizen of the Year applies to people older than 25, while Young Citizen of the Year is for those under 25 as at Australia Day next year. A category is also available for the Community Event of the Year, which must have been held during the 2018 calendar year. Nominations forms are available at Council reception or call Gloria McRae on 53829706 or visit [hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au) for your application. The awards will be presented at the Australia Day Celebration on Saturday 26 January, 2019 to be held at Sawyer Park, Horsham.

Closing date for nominations is Monday 3 December, 2018

## 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)

### 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



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

### Dadswells Bridge Hall

Monday 12 November  
7.30pm to 8.30pm

Raise local issues and questions for Council

If the matters you wish to raise require prior research please contact 53829732 or email [sue.frankham@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sue.frankham@hrcc.vic.gov.au)



## TENDERS

### PROVISION OF PAVEMENT AND LINE MARKING SERVICES

Tender No. 19/012  
Tenders close at 12 Noon Wednesday 14 November 2018

### JUBILEE HALL ALTERATION WORKS INCLUDING ENTRY RAMP AND STAIRS

Tender No. 19/012  
Tenders close at 12 Noon Wednesday 21 November 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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