

PEDAL BOATS A STEP CLOSER

Interest sought from commercial operators

Horsham Rural City Council is calling for expressions of interest to launch a long-awaited water recreation initiative on the Wimmera River.

Former Mayor Mark Radford was successful in leading a 2019 campaign to acquire 10 pedal boats for people to use on the Wimmera River through the Victorian Government Pick My Project scheme.

But since then Council has not been able to attract a not-for-profit community group to operate the pedal boats.

“Volunteer availability has been the main deterrent,” Chief Executive Officer Sunil Bhalla said.

“Council is now seeking expressions of interest to find a commercial operator,” he said.

The project was completed in 2020 during the pandemic, with the boats, life jackets, timers and a purpose-built trailer delivered to Horsham.

Chief Executive Officer Sunil Bhalla said Council was committed to seeing the pedal boats project come to fruition.

“At the time of the successful proposal,



it was identified that a local community group would need to come on board to run the pedal boats as a business, offering the boats for hire,” he said.

“With warmer weather just around the corner, there is now a business opportunity for potential operators and a fantastic tourism offering for our beautiful Wimmera River.”

Mr Bhalla said the pedal boats would complement recent developments along the river including the Nature Play Park

and the riverfront activation project.

“They will offer more ways for residents and visitors to enjoy our riverfront.”

“The addition of pedal boats will introduce a fun activity for families and friends to get out and about on the water,” he said.

Scan the QR code to see the tender advertisement.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Current Community Engagements

For full details visit the Have Your Say section of the HRCC website

PARKING REVIEW

Share feedback on the city’s parking. Visit hrcc.vic.gov.au/parking-feedback or pick up a hard copy form at the Civic Centre.

Submissions close 5pm Friday 8 September.

ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS AND CROSSINGS

HRCC wants to hear from the community about improving pathways or crossings to increase accessibility, ease of travel and pedestrian safety.

The information you provide will assist Council to develop a Pathways and Crossings Plan.



Upcoming urban road works

Several streets in Horsham will undergo micro-surfacing works between Thursday 7 September and Monday 11 September.

Works will continue into and over the weekend.

Residents will receive a letter in their mailbox informing them on the exact days micro-surfacing will occur on their streets and what the parking arrangements will be.

The following streets will be impacted:

- Wavell Street between Frederick and Florence Street
- Cecil Street between Hazel Street and Wavell Street
- Errett Street between Edward Street and Wavell Street
- Sinclair Place
- Baillie Street between Robinson Street and Dooen Road
- Baillie Street between High Street South and Churchill Road



NATIMUK PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council adopted the Natimuk Economic & Social Plan in August 2022.

We are now in the process of forming a Project Advisory Committee to work with Council to implement the priority area actions within the plan.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following positions:

- A member with an interest in sustainability and the environment
- A younger person (16-25 years)
- An older person (60+ years)
- A business operator in Natimuk
- A member with an interest in tourism
- A member with an interest in recreation

HOW TO NOMINATE AND VOTE:

Nominations will be accepted until 5pm Sunday 10 September.

- Via email: business@hrcc.vic.gov.au
- Via post to: HRCC Business Team, 62 Darlot St, Horsham, 3400
- In person at Natimuk Post Office or Horsham Civic Centre
- Via the QR code below

Pre-election voting will start:

9am Monday 11 September until 5pm Sunday 24 September

In person voting will be held via show of hands at a public meeting:

Wednesday 27 September, 6pm at NC2 Community Centre.



TENDERS AND RFQ

Q23-032 NETBALL PAVILION CONSTRUCTION

Netball pavilion, associated infrastructure and landscaping at Horsham City Oval

Closes 12noon, Monday 11 September

Q07/2024 FIREBRACE ST TRIAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Line marking, parking alterations, installation of rubber kerbing, signage, rubber speed cushions, a layback and ancillary landscaping.

Closes 12noon, Monday 11 September

24-004 LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT- THE STATION YOUTH CENTRE

Undertake works at the front sections of 14-16 Pynsent St Horsham

Closes 12noon, Tuesday 12 September

Q08/2024 DRAINAGE UPGRADE JUNG

Upgrade of drainage at Store Street, Jung.

Closes 12noon, Wednesday 13 September

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 24-005 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF PEDAL BOATS

HRCC is seeking a commercial operator to manage and operate 10 pedal boats on the Wimmera River, Horsham.

Closes 12noon, Monday 18 September

All tender, EOI and RFQ details at hrcc.vic.gov.au



VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2023

Wimmera seniors will be treated to entertainment and fun-focused activities during next month’s Victorian Seniors Festival.

There is something for everybody, and most events are being offered at either reduced cost or free of charge.

For more information contact Community Inclusion Officer Daniel Rees. Email daniel.rees@hrcc.vic.gov.au or phone: 5382 9777.

Events schedule:

- 4 October:** Horsham & District Community Groups Expo, Horsham Town Hall
- 6 October:** Uke can sing together, Horsham Neighbourhood House
- 8 October:** Come and Try Croquet afternoon, Horsham Croquet Club
- 11 October:** Natimuk & District Senior Citizens High Tea, Soldiers Memorial Hall
- 18 October:** A fun day for all Seniors, Kalimna Park Croquet Club
- 19 October:** Let’s Dance, Hamilton Lamb Memorial Hall
- 20 October:** Tai Chi Session, Haven Hall
- 22 October:** Music for the young at heart, Laharum Hall
- 24 October:** Horsham Seniors Concert, Horsham Church of Christ
- 25 October:** Tai Chi Session, Horsham Seniors Citizens Centre.



Next Council Meeting: Monday 25 September 2023 - 5.30pm

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