

Age Friendly Communities Plan due for update

Horsham Rural City Council is renewing its Age Friendly Communities Plan and is inviting the community to help shape it.

Age friendly communities are places where older people live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved in society.

Healthy ageing is the ability to live an active, safe and socially inclusive lifestyle.

People can have their say on what should be considered in the plan by completing a survey available in hard copy at the Civic Centre and online.

Submissions will be open until Friday November 3.



Council staff and the Older Persons Advisory Committee will then review the public feedback and prioritise actions and goals for the plan.

Councillors will be presented with a draft

plan in early 2024 and a four-week community consultation process will follow before final changes are made and Council endorses the new plan.

The current Age Friendly Communities Implementation Plan is in its final year of implementation. It is available on the HRCC website or in hard copy by request.

For more information please contact Daniel Rees - daniel.rees@hrcc.vic.gov.au or 5382 9777.

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CITY OVAL REDEVELOPMENT Frequently Asked Questions

The City Oval/Sawyer Park redevelopment project is one of seven precincts included in the City to River Masterplan, and is the second to progress after work was completed on the riverfront precinct in 2023.

We have developed a list of frequently asked questions to help answer some of your queries, and update you on what, when and where and how individual projects will happen.

Is the oval being re-orientated?

No, it will stay as it currently is.

Original concepts as part of the Draft City to River Masterplan showed the oval re-orientated to run north-south with an expanded playing surface.

However re-orientation was abandoned following community consultation prior to the Masterplan's adoption in 2021.

Will the size of the oval be increased?

The City Oval Concept Plan has the playing surface of the oval increasing by three meters on each side.

This is planned at a later stage of the redevelopment and depends on external funding.

What will happen to Hocking Street?

Hocking Street will remain a two-way straight road connecting O'Callaghans Parade and the bottom end of Firebrace Street.

Parking will be significantly improved. With sealed parking bays, upgraded drainage, pedestrian crossings and footpaths on both sides of the street.

Why have trees along Hocking Street been removed?

This is to make room for the new netball pavilion and multipurpose stage as well the new footpaths.

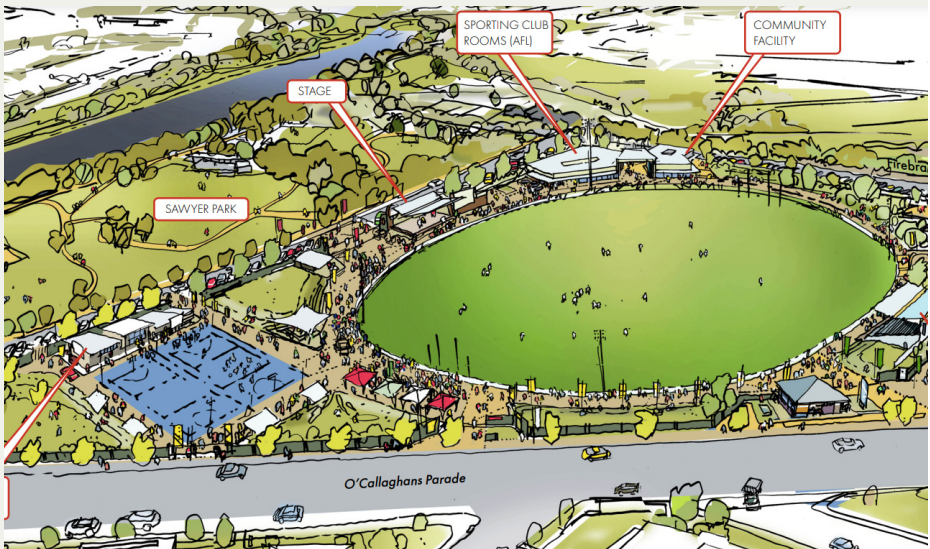
Will the 2024 netball season be disrupted?

Netball will be able to return to City Oval next season. The two new netball courts will be completed ready for round one. The netball pavilion will not be completed and alternative change room arrangements will be made.

Will the 2024 football season be disrupted?

Football will not be interrupted at City Oval.

There will be changes to parking arrange-



ments within the ground, and improved parking availability outside the ground following the completion of Hocking Street works.

When will the football clubrooms be replaced?

Council is advocating for state and federal government funding for a new single-story modern and accessible community pavilion and sporting change rooms.

The new facility will be available for community use.

HRCC is awaiting the outcome of a federal government Growing Regions Fund grant application which will allow the project to proceed.

What will the new multifunction stage be used for?

Horsham will be able to attract large scale music and entertainment events.

Streaming of these events live or graphics on large screens is part of the design and the new structure will accommodate removable LCD displays on each side and across the back of the stage.

Due to our regional location it is not feasible or economical for touring shows to

bring all required infrastructure for these displays, so our stage has been designed to support the screens.

The Soundshell at Sawyer Park cannot now host modern music festivals because it has a limited capacity for patrons and performers and is more than 40 years old.

The new stage will meet contemporary sound and lighting requirements and be able to host up to 8,000 people.

Council will initially target the scheduling of two large events in the first year of operation, increasing tourism numbers by up to 15,000 people which would create an estimated \$5 million boost to the Wimmera economy.

It will also benefit local sports competitions on match days or presentations.

What's happening with the grandstand?

A replacement grandstand on the Baker Street side of the oval is included in the City Oval concept plan.

The planning works will happen over the next financial year however construction will only take place when funding becomes available for this final stage of the City Oval precinct development.

TENDERS AND RFQ

TENDERS TO BE UPDATED

Go to <https://app.eprocure.com.au/horsham-rural-city-council/home>

24-011
PLANT AND MACHINERY HIRE
Council invites tenders from suppliers and contractors to provide a comprehensive list of plant items available for hire.

Closes 12noon, Wednesday 27 September

Q12-2024
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OUTDOOR STAFF UNIFORM BULK ORDER
Quotation for bulk uniforms to cater for outdoor staff.

Closes 5pm, Thursday 28 September

24-006
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – WIMMERA MULTI-SPORT SCHEMATIC PLANS
Schematic plans and quantity surveyor estimations for the plan's three proposed sites.

Closes 12noon, Monday 2 October

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



HAVE YOUR SAY

Current Community Engagements

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

SAFER RIVER LINKAGES

Council was successful in receiving grant funding from the State Government to upgrade accessibility along the riverfront. This work has been completed and Council is now required to undertake a follow-up survey to assess the effectiveness of the lighting improvements.

PROPOSED REGIONAL MUSEUM - INVENTORY OF COLLECTIONS

Council would like to hear from community members or groups who house significant historical items that could be part of the proposed museum.

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.



Next Council Meeting: Monday 23 October 2023 - 5.30pm

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