

## WASTE AND RECYCLING UPDATE

Our combined efforts are making a huge impact. Here's an update on how we're progressing

### Thank you

A recent assessment of kerbside waste collections has shown low levels of contamination compared with other municipalities.

While there's still room for improvement, our recycling facility can now better separate items rather than sending them to the Doon Landfill.

### Results

**Purple bins** - The contamination rates of glass bins are very low – however recently we have seen an increase in items such as cans, milk cartons or even general waste ending up in the glass collections.

**Yellow bins** - Recycling is operating more efficiently with glass now separated.

*Remember:* Glass does not go in the yellow recycling bin. Broken glass contaminates other materials and prevents them from being recycled.

**Green bins** – The vast majority of people are doing the right thing. FOGO is being processed and turned into fertiliser - most importantly it is not ending up at Doon Landfill. This helps Council avoid potentially significant increases in the annual waste charge that residents pay as part of their rates.

*Remember:* No plastic bags or caddy liners can go in the FOGO bin - even if they are biodegradable. This is a direction from Council's processing contractor. Newspaper can be used to line the FOGO bin.

### What happens to our glass?

Council is sending our municipality's glass to a Yarriambiack processing facility - doing so means transport costs are minimised.

We collect the glass after it is crushed and use it to mix with road base or as an alternative to sand. We have successfully trialled recycling glass into footpaths in Horsham.



**END RESULT:** The image on the left shows the results of properly sorted glass. On the right, items such as paper, plastic and cans have been placed in glass bins, contaminating the collection.

### The problem with contamination

Contamination occurs when the wrong items are placed in our bins.

For example, if the wrong items are collected in purple bins, they have to be removed before the glass is crushed, adding to the cost of processing.

Council does not profit from waste charges. The kerbside collection service runs on a cost recovery model, that means the more the service costs to operate, the more each resident pays via their annual waste charge.

If everybody uses their bins correctly, we can save tax and ratepayer dollars as well as help to protect the environment.

### Kerbside review – have your say

A community survey will help Horsham Rural City Council find ways to improve the Better Sorted Waste kerbside collection services introduced in April.

The vast majority of the community has done the right thing when it comes to sorting waste properly, and that has meant that now only half of the municipality's kerbside waste is going to landfill.

However, we understand that everyone has had to adapt to the new service and we are keen to find out whether there are improvements we can make

The survey is designed to allow residents to share their thoughts on potential solutions to teething issues that have been reported.

These include bins filling too quickly, odour, additional rural glass drop-off points and people's ability to store extra bins.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the Kerbside Waste Review.



## Works start on Hamilton Street public toilet

Works to build a new public toilet in central Horsham's southern shopping area have started.

The facility will be constructed along Hamilton Street on the western side of the Firebrace Street roundabout.

It will be a single accessible cubicle with a concrete pathway to it and perimeter and safety fencing on the three road-facing sides.

Mayor Robyn Gulline said the site was chosen at the request of the community.

"The CBD south commercial and shopping district has been the focus of community requests for a public toilet for some time," she said.

"Historically there was a public toilet next to the Livestock Bazaar, but this was removed during the redevelopment of the saleyards that resulted in the Aldi supermarket, Headspace, Goodstart Early Learning centre and the City Gardens residential development.

"This feedback, and the requirements from the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority relating to flood levels, have informed the decision to install the public toilet in this location," she said.

The work is expected to complete by the end of December 2023.

"Council thanks business operators and residents for their patience as the works occur and looks forward to when the amenities are operational," Cr Gulline said.



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS Nominations now open

Help celebrate what's great about our community by nominating someone you know for an Australia Day Award.

HRCC's Australia Day Awards recognise and honour individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to our local community.

We are on the lookout for the next:

- Community Event of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year.

Nominations for Horsham Rural City Council Australia Day Awards are open now until Monday 4 December.

To nominate someone, complete the online form or a hard copy version available at the Civic Centre.

Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Celebration on Friday 26 January, 2024 at Sawyer Park.



## TENDERS AND RFQ

**FLOOD RECOVERY PACKAGES 15 AND 18**  
HRCC invites road construction contractors to tender for individual packages for the 2022 Flood Recovery Roadworks Program.

Various closing dates

Q15/2024  
**DEPOT DECONTAMINATION:  
MULTIPHASE EXTRACTION EVENT FOR  
IN-SITU SOIL**  
Quotation for three multiphase extraction events to remediate soil following fuel contamination from underground fuel tanks.

Closes 10am, Friday 13 October

All tender, EOI  
and RFQ details  
at [hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au)



## HORSHAM LIBRARY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Horsham Library will be closed for two weeks from Monday October 16 while carpets are replaced.

Library hours will resume as normal on Monday October 30.

V/Line purchases will remain available through the foyer and hold items can still be collected. Other library services will not be available during this time.

The Edenhope, Kaniva, Goroke and Harrow library branches will not be affected and will continue under their regular operating hours.

We appreciate your patience.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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

### KERBSIDE WASTE REVIEW

Council is undertaking a six-month review of the Better Sorted Waste kerbside collection services which started in April. Submissions will close 9am, Monday 23 October.

### PLAY SPACE STRATEGY

Our Play Space Strategy will guide the development, improvement and maintenance of play spaces. From parks to playgrounds, we want to make sure these spaces are safe, inclusive and loads of fun for everyone. Complete an online or hard copy survey by Sunday November 5.

### COMMON SEAL AND CONDUCT AT MEETINGS LOCAL LAW 2023

Make any comment on the Common Seal and Conduct at Meetings Local Law 2023 in writing to "Local Law 2023", PO Box 511, Horsham, VIC, 3402 or via email to [council@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@hrcc.vic.gov.au). Submissions close Tuesday 24 October at 5pm.



**Next Council Meeting:** Monday 23 October 2023 - 5.30pm

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