

## Blazing new trails with virtual history tour

Visitors following Natimuk's Heritage Trail can now connect to history videos thanks to a \$5000 Horsham Rural City Council Community Development Grant awarded to Arapiles Historical Society.

Society research officer Gianna Sudholz compiled the information used in the production and Pat Ford created the videos with voiceovers by Lisa Jackson, both from Arapiles Multimedia.

Natimuk Heritage Trail is a self-guided tour around Natimuk comprising 40 different sites in the town and one at nearby Grass Flat. People taking the trail can now use their phones and QR codes at 10 of these sites.

Club President Peter French said the interpretive plaques could only provide limited information but this has now been extended by several minutes of historical facts through the videos.

"Gianna's extensive research based on documents and anecdotal evidence reveals how four pounds could buy a block in the very early days and that pioneers were no strangers to floods, fires and mixed financial fortunes," Mr French said.

"You can learn how the National Hotel burned down and faced fire on either side in its early day and had a string of early publishers and owners.

"At the Colonial Bank, the video tells of floods, bank name changes and its role in hosting both a pioneering flying doctor and a radio expert," he said.

He said the Soldiers Memorial Hall site had hosted homes, a library, an early gramophone demonstration, the shire offices and many pivotal community events over more than 150 years.

Mr Ford combined old photographs, recre-



**HISTORY TRAIL:** Gianna Sudholz, Lisa Jackson and Pat Ford have created videos about Natimuk landmarks which can now be accessed using QR codes.

ated newspaper clippings, copies of original documents and some impressive animations of fire, a ghost and a monkey puppet, to complement the detailed historical information.

These videos not only add value to the heritage trail, but have had positive impacts for the society.

"Since this project began, the Society's memberships has increased markedly to 30, with traffic on the Arapiles Historical Society website also growing," Mr French said.

Arapiles Historical Society is open most Tuesdays from 2pm-4pm. The Arapiles Climbing Museum is open Sundays from 2pm-4pm in Main Street Natimuk.

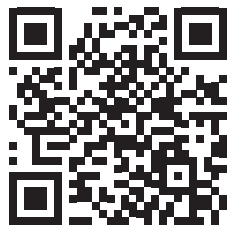
HRCC's Community Grants have been highly successful over the past 12 months with dozens of local projects worth \$210,211 allocated funding.

Most successful applications range between \$500 and \$5,000 and are awarded to not-for-profit organisations that enhance the Horsham municipality.

Clubs and organisations can apply for a share of the next round of funding via the HRCC website from 1 February until 28 February 2024.

### GRANT FINDER TOOL

Community Groups can now access up-to-date information on available and upcoming grants from all levels of government as well as philanthropic programs – all in the one place on the HRCC website.



### TENDERS AND RFQ

Q18-2024  
**COMMUNITY FACILITY PLAN**  
The project will investigate the demand for council's community buildings  
**Closes 12noon, Friday 10 November**

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



### ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR SALE

HRCC is seeking expressions of interest for the sale of 276 square meters of high-quality artificial turf previously used at the Roberts Avenue green space.

**Condition:** Used, but in good condition  
**Inspection date:** November 3, 2024  
**Contact:** Abdul Khan Ph: 0499 191 510

EOIs should be lodged via an online form before 14 November.



Scan QR code for more information

### Disability Advisory Committee VACANCIES

Applications to join the Committee are open until Friday 24 November.

Membership will include:

- Six people with lived experience of disability
- Two people who work in the disability sector
- Two people who are carers of a person with disability.

To apply: Complete the online form (scan QR code) or hard copy form at Civic Centre. Contact HRCC for other options.



### 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.



## BOOK OF THE WEEK



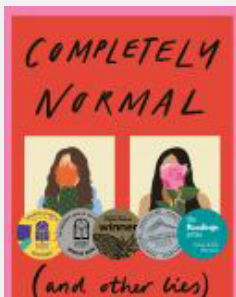
**Title:** Completely Normal (and Other Lies)

**Author:** Buffy James

**Available formats:** Book at Horsham Library

**Abstract:** Love has rules. So does grief. And Stella Wilde's about to break them all. Stella Wilde is secretly in love with the hottest guy in school, Isaac Calder. He seems to love her back, but there's a problem - he already has a girlfriend, the gorgeous Grace Reyes. When Isaac is killed in a car accident, the entire school is turned upside down with grief. And while Grace can mourn publicly, Stella has to hide her feelings to stop people from finding out about her and Isaac being more than friends. But how long can Stella keep lying - to herself and everyone else? And when the truth finally comes out, how will it affect her newfound friendship with Grace?

**Why we recommend it:** We love supporting local authors and this novel is by an author that lives in nearby Yarriambiack Shire. The teen fiction novel tackles the problematic social structures of high-school aged children such as bullying and pushes the reader towards understanding the complexities of mental health.



Wimmera Libraries encompasses the Horsham, Edenhope, Goroke, Harrow and Kaniva libraries across Horsham Rural City Council and West Wimmera Shire. Browse books, DVDs, magazines and more at [wimmeralibraries.vic.gov.au](http://wimmeralibraries.vic.gov.au)

### Remembrance Day Service Parking Arrangements HOCKING STREET CLOSED

- On Saturday 11 November, Hocking Street will remain closed to general traffic from Memorial Drive to Firebrace Street
- Memorial Drive will be reserved for parking for the disabled or wheel chair users
- Alternative parking will be available along O'Callaghans Parade as well as at the back of the Angling Club rooms
- The closest public toilets for use will be at City Oval on the corner of Firebrace and Baker Streets, on the corner of O'Callaghans Parade and Baker Street and near the Angling Club rooms
- When the reconstruction of Hocking Street is completed, parking will be significantly improved with sealed parking bays, upgraded drainage, pedestrian crossings and footpaths on both sides of the street.

### Christmas Extravaganza

#### CALLOUT FOR MARKET STALLHOLDERS

HRCC invites expressions of interest from market stallholders who would like to participate in two free Christmas events at the Riverfront (Angling Club carpark).

- Friday 8 December 5pm-9pm
- Saturday 16 December 2pm-6pm

The events will include live music, food trucks, children's activities and a market. Contact [business@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@hrcc.vic.gov.au) if you are interested in setting up your stall at these events.

**Next Council Meeting:** Statutory Meeting: Thursday 16 November 2023 - 5.30pm

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