

Corridor solution

Horsham Rural City Council has released a plan to transform the city's rail corridor into several hectares of public open space for comment.

The landscape concept plan is the next step in the community's long-running bid to transform the industrial rail corridor from an eyesore to an asset.

"Council will hold public feedback sessions on November 22 and 23 to ensure the design captures all of the community's suggestions and concerns.

Design details are largely based on the extensive community feedback provided as part of the Horsham North Local Area Plan, released in May this year, together with known site limitations.

"The appearance of the rail corridor was consistently the number one issue raised by the community. People told us they want this area to look nicer, feel safer and better connect north and south Horsham," Chief Executive Officer Sunil Bhalla said.

"This landscape design includes a series of connecting paths for walkers and cyclists which provide an alternative route to busy roads such as Mill Street. There are also smaller trails winding through the corridor to explore woodlands planted within the area.

"There will also be a carpark for 39 cars near the Silo Art installation with seats and viewing areas and opportunities across the corridor for public art and storytelling.

"Importantly, the plan includes landscaping to support a new proposed rail underpass linking to the northern end of David Street, which, if funded, would provide a safer pedestrian route from the north to the south of the city and will also be compatible for any return of passenger rail in the future," he said.

The Landscape Plan feedback sessions will be held at Kalkee Road Children's Hub on November 22 and 23 from 11am-1.30pm and 5pm to 7.30pm both days.



People can also view the plan at the Civic Centre and complete an online survey via the QR code.



THE PLACE TO BE: Sylvie Robertson cooled off at the Nature and Water Play Park last Friday when Horsham's temperature hit 37 degrees. With summer just around the corner many residents and visitors are heading to the Riverfront to explore the recent improvements. The water play park, now fully operational, offers plenty of space for a family barbecue, a variety of play equipment and modern amenities, making it the perfect spot to relax and let the children splash around.

CAD PARKING: FIRST 30 MINUTES FREE You still need to enter your rego

Parking in central Horsham is now free for the first 30 minutes.

To take advantage of the free period, people must enter their vehicle registration in a meter or via the Blinkay mobile app.

Also, free parking has been made available for accessible parking permit holders. There is no need for blue or green card holders to enter the number plate into the meter or Blinkay App but time limits still apply.

Have you downloaded the Blinkay app?

When paying for parking via the app, you do not need to go to the meter at all. It's cheaper, quicker and you can also claim your free 30 minutes from your phone. Scan the QR code to install.



ASSET DISPOSAL

HRCC has the following items for sale via online auction in accordance with its Asset Disposal Policy:

Truck

1999 Mack CH Fleetliner convertible body

Tanker Trailer

1983 Marshall, triaxle

Tanker Trailer

1997 Pohlner, tandem

Slasher

2007 Howard EHD Series, 1800mm

Outboard Motor

Mercury 8hp with fuel tank

**AUCTIONS END 7PM
THIS THURSDAY**



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.



STATUTORY MEETING

HRCC will elect a Mayor at its Statutory Meeting on Thursday 16 November.

The 5.30pm meeting will be held in the Council Chambers. It will be open to the public to attend and livestreamed via hrcc.vic.gov.au/livestream

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: Remarkably Bright Creatures

Author: Shelby Van Pelt

Available formats: Book available for hold

Abstract: What do you get when you put an ageing cleaning lady, a 30-year old bloke who has struggled to get his life together, and a Giant Pacific Octopus in the same room? Well, if you're lucky, you can clear-up a lifelong family mystery. When Tova's husband passed away, she switched from caring for him to cleaning at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, as keeping busy has always helped her cope with grief since their son disappeared 30 years ago.

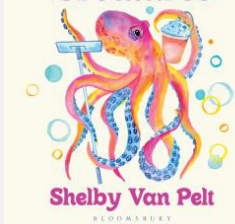
Marcellus has been confounding his captors and counting the days since his incarceration began, watching the passing people with a remarkably observant eye for a cephalopod. As he watches Tova, he reaches out – literally, tentacularly – to her, and soon an understanding between them develops.

Why we recommend it: This book does a fantastic job of exploring what it means to feel grief and covers friendship and redemption in an exciting new way. This book does contain information regarding a death by suicide so take care of yourself while reading. The story is an easy read by a debut author that explores both the stories of a sentient creature on display at a public aquarium as well as those of the Bay's human residents, providing eye-opening new perspectives on life.



THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
"Full of heart and humor... I loved it!"
Ruth Hogan

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3 X VACANCIES

CAD COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

The Central Activity District (CAD) Community Reference Group provides support, advice and guidance to Council for delivery of the CAD Revitalisation: Streetscape Plan projects.

Vacancies currently exist for the following positions:

- **2 x hospitality business owner**
- **1 x retail business owner**

For information and to apply, scan the QR code below or visit the HRCC website.

Paper based application forms are available at the Civic Centre.



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

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