

# AGENDA

## MEETING OF THE **HORSHAM RURAL CITY COUNCIL**

**To be held on**

**11 May 2026**

**At 5.30pm**

**In the**

**Roberts Avenue Kindergarten**

**23 Roberts Avenue, HORSHAM**



**COUNCILLORS are respectfully requested to attend the Council Meeting  
of the Horsham Rural City Council to be held on 11 May 2026  
in the Roberts Avenue Kindergarten, 23 Roberts Avenue, Horsham at 5.30pm**

### **Order of Business**

#### **PRESENT**

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **1. PRAYER**

Almighty God, we pledge ourselves to work in harmony for, the social, cultural and economic well-being of our Rural City. Help us to be wise in our deliberations and fair in our actions, so that prosperity and happiness shall be the lot of our people. AMEN

#### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT**

Horsham Rural City Council acknowledges the five Traditional Owner groups of this land; the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people. We recognise the important and ongoing place that all Indigenous people hold in our community.

We pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present, and commit to working together in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect for the benefit of the broader community and future generations.

#### **3. OPENING AND WELCOME**

Chairman, Cr Brian Klowss formally welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. The Mayor advised that the meeting will be recorded to maintain a video archive, which will be available on the Horsham Rural City Council website as soon as practicable.

#### **4. APOLOGIES**

## 5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### Declarations of Interest

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest, must leave the meeting and remain outside the room while the matter is being considered, or any vote is taken.

### Members of Staff

Under Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers or people engaged under contract to the Council providing a report or advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests in the matter, including the type of interest.

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Chief Executive Officer

## **REPORTS FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

### **6. OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **6.1 AWARD OF CONTRACT 26-016 – THREE BRIDGES ROAD SAFETY UPGRADE**

<b>Director:</b>	John Martin
<b>Directorate:</b>	Infrastructure
<b>File Number:</b>	26-016

##### **Officer Conflict of Interest**

Officer disclosure in accordance with *Local Government Act 2020* – Section 130:

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Reason:** Nil

##### **Status**

Defined as confidential information in accordance with *Local Government Act 2020* – Section 3(1):

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Reason:** Nil

##### **Appendix**

Nil

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##### **Purpose**

To seek Council approval to award Contract 26-016 for the Three Bridges Road Safety Upgrade works.

##### **Summary**

- Tender 26-016 relates to road safety improvement works on Three Bridges Road, Haven.
- Works include guardrail installation, shoulder reconstruction, drainage improvements, and associated civil works.
- Five conforming tenders were received and evaluated in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.
- A preferred tenderer has been identified through the evaluation process as representing best value for money.
- Commercially sensitive details, including tenderer names and pricing, are contained within the confidential attachment.

##### **Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Award Contract 26-016 – Three Bridges Road Safety Upgrade to the preferred tenderer ( ) for a contract sum of \$ (ex GST); and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute all contractual documentation on behalf of Council.

## REPORT

### Background

The Three Bridges Road Safety Upgrade is funded under the TAC Safe Local Roads and Streets Program (SLRSP). The project aims to improve road safety outcomes along sections of Three Bridges Road, Haven, through installation of guardrail, shoulder widening, drainage improvements, and associated works. Tenders closed on 25 March 2026, with five conforming submissions received.

### Discussion

Tenders were evaluated against price, capacity, capability, risk, and local content. A preferred tenderer has been identified as providing best value for money and lowest delivery risk.

Council's consideration of this item is informed by a Confidential Tender Evaluation Report that contains commercially sensitive information classified as confidential information under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. In accordance with the Act and Council's Procurement Policy, the identity of the preferred tenderer has been redacted from the public report and will be disclosed following Council's resolution.

### Options to Consider

Option 1 – Accept recommended tender (preferred).

Award the contract to the preferred tenderer identified in the confidential report.

This provides the best value-for-money outcome and lowest delivery risk.

Option 2 – Do not award and re-tender the works.

Council may choose not to award the contract and re-tender the works.

This would result in project delays and potential funding risks.

*[LGA 2020 S.9 (b) Overarching governance principle – priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations]*

### Sustainability Implications

Nil beyond standard construction impacts.

*[LGA 2020 S.9 (c) Overarching governance principle – Economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted]*

### Community Engagement

Not Applicable.

*[LGA 2020 S.9 (d) Overarching governance principle – The municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making]*

### Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not applicable.

*[LGA 2020 S.9 (e) Overarching governance principle – Innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued]*

### Collaboration

Delivered in collaboration with the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

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*[LGA 2020 S.9 (f) Overarching governance principle – Collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought]*

**Financial Implications**

The project is fully funded under the SLRSP program. Financial details are contained in the confidential Tender Evaluation Report.

*[LGA 2020 S.9 (g) Overarching governance principle – Ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured]*

**Regional, State and National Plans and Policies**

Aligns with TAC Safe Local Roads and Streets Program and Victorian Road Safety Strategy.

*[LGA 2020 S.9 (h) Overarching governance principle – Regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making]*

**Council Plans, Strategies and Policies**

- 2025 - 2029 Council Plan

This project supports the delivery of safe, accessible transport infrastructure, contributing to improved road safety outcomes for the municipal community. The works align with the Council's objective of providing well-maintained, sustainable infrastructure that supports community safety and functionality.

**Risk Implications**

Low overall delivery risk. Risks managed through standard contract controls and supervision.

**Conclusion**

A preferred tenderer has been identified as best value for money. Approval to award the contract is recommended.