



# INVESTMENT READY PRIORITIES

Horsham Rural City Council priority  
capital works projects for government  
and private sector investment



## Upgrade of key freight routes

Horsham is an agriculture and grain producing hub. As a result, many large trucks, B Doubles and other specialised heavy vehicles travel on key freight routes identified in Council's local road network.

Planned upgrades to key link roads are identified in Council's capital expenditure budget each year

Leveraged funding from State and Federal Governments is a critical funding component

### **Benefit**

Heavily used local link roads upgraded 6m wide seals means B Double trucks can pass each other without moving on to gravel shoulders. This improves safety for all road users and reduces maintenance costs for vehicles and roads

### **Status**

Investment ready

### **Project Value**

\$2.5million per year



## Upgrade Horsham City Oval

The upgrade of facilities at Horsham's premier sporting precinct has commenced following the completion of the Precinct Plan in 2021

Stage One includes the following components:

1. New netball facilities including a second netball court and compliant netball pavilion  
**\$3million – fully funded**  
To be completed 2024
2. Outdoor events stage to provide for large scale, regional events  
**\$3million – fully funded**  
To be completed 2024
3. New multi-purpose community pavilion and AFL compliant change rooms, food kiosk, ticket boxes and landscaping of main precinct entrance  
**\$9.6million – requires funding**

### **Benefit**

The redevelopment of City Oval to a regional standard will enable regional AFL and cricket sporting events and other non-sporting events to be hosted. Upgrades will support growth in male and female sports including football, cricket and netball

### **Status**

Tender documentation complete  
Shovel ready

### **Project Value**

\$9.6million

### **Council Commitment**

\$4.8million



## Horsham Aquatic Centre

Progression of the Aquatic Centre Masterplan to ensure the continued development of Horsham's regional indoor/outdoor aquatic facility

The next stage of the Masterplan to be delivered:

### **Water Play/Splash Park**

To construct a water play and splash park with covered canopy

### **Status**

Design Phase

### **Benefit**

A water play/splash park will provide another water-based option at the Aquatic Centre. This water play area will be particularly suited to younger and more inexperienced water users

### **Project Value**

\$1.75M



## Central Park Community Play Space

Following the completion of a Precinct Plan in 2023, this project will redevelop the Horsham Skate Park as a multi-use, multi-generational and inclusive play space in central Horsham

### Features

Focus on family friendly, safe and accessible play areas:

- roll-in skate and scoot bowl for learners
- all weather pump track
- multi-purpose hard court
- accessible play equipment for all ages and abilities
- shade structures
- accessible pathways
- landscaping and lighting

### Status

Design complete

Seeking Federal and State Funding

### Benefit

Transformation of an existing public realm utilised by experienced skaters into a safe, inclusive, multi-purpose play space. The new play area will encourage more participation in active recreation by women, girls, younger children and people living with a disability

### Project Value

\$2.5million

### Council commitment

\$250,000

Seeking Federal and State co-funding



## Industrial Estate Development

The Horsham region has emerging agricultural innovation, education and technology opportunities. Affordable and available industrial land is the key to leveraging a strong agricultural base and significant freight and logistics terminal to grow our regional economy

### **Benefit**

Increased economic output for the Wimmera region

Horsham has three sites ready for industrial development

### **1. WAL HUB**

75 hectare, three stage multi-lot subdivision that has been zoned to support and align with the Wimmera Intermodal Terminal at Doon.

### **Status**

Investment ready

### **Project Value**

\$8million

### **2. Enterprise Estate**

This estate is located 2.5km south-west of the city centre with 50 hectares of land zoned Industrial 1

### **Status**

Investment ready

### **Project Value**

\$5.3million

Council commitment \$1.2million

### **3. Burnt Creek**

The Burnt Creek estate plans to become one of the greenest industrial estates in Victoria and has 182 hectares of Council owned land zoned Industrial 1 available for development

### **Status**

Investment ready

### **Project Value**

\$2.4million



## The Wesley

The historic Wesley centre was a much loved regional performing arts venue until it closed in 2017 due to non-compliance with fire safety standards

This project will redevelop, re-open and re-imagine The Wesley, providing a vibrant, modern, multi-purpose venue that meets all contemporary standards of safety, accessibility and inclusion

### Benefit

- The re-opened Wesley facility will welcome at least 8,000 patrons annually
- Add an extra \$1.5million to the regional economy and boost annual visitor numbers by 2000+ people
- Enhances the liveability, health and well-being of our community

### Status

Detailed design complete.  
Tender ready when funding is confirmed

### Project Value

\$2million

### Council and Community Commitment

\$1million



## Laharum Oval: New community Facility

Replacement of ageing community infrastructure at the Laharum sporting precinct to support local AFL football, cricket, tennis, school and general community use. New 350 sqm multi-purpose facility (AFL compliant) with solar panels

### Status

Shovel ready

### Project Value

\$1.2million

### Benefit

- Enhances community social cohesion, supports a disadvantaged rural community increasingly impacted by bushfires and flood events
- Supports social inclusion for the growing Karen refugee community
- Encourages gender equity and female participation
- Strengthens community volunteering
- Incorporates universal design for greater accessibility
- Provides improved emergency management capability (response and recovery)







# Want to learn more?

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