## RURAL CITY COUNCIL NEWS

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
PRESENTED TO THE
COMMUNITY ON THE LAST
FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

# We're listening, CATING WE'READVOCATING

Council is energised and ready for investment

### A TRUE POPULATION FOR ROBINVALE

Council is seeking to have the number of residents who call our region home, accurately represented:

- We want to ensure Robinvale is being correctly serviced and has facilities commensurate with the population from the 2019 study.
- We seek support to further investigate a municipal wide population determination study.
- Encourage the introduction of a new and more modern way to collect Census data, to cater to an increasingly diverse Australian population



#### A NEW SWAN HILL HUSPITAL

Swan Hill District Health services a catchment of 35,000 people. Much of the hospital's key infrastructure is old, not fit for purpose and in need of redevelopment.

The Federal Government's \$30 million commitment and the Victorian Government's 18.7 million commitment has acted as seed funding for Stage 1 of the new Emergency Department – we need to continue advocating for a new Swan Hill Hospital, in its entirety.



#### **FUNDING NEW COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Council is working with residents and community groups to revitalise key community infrastructure in our municipality.

Council is advocating for funding for:

- Riverfront developments in Swan Hill, Nyah and Robinvale
- Better roads and footpaths
- Improved facilities and infrastructure upgrades





#### **REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

Council is working with Murray River Group of Councils, neighbouring councils and other local advocacy groups to achieve projects that will benefit our entire region.

#### **IMPROVED HOUSING AVAILABILITY**

A lack of suitable, affordable housing is a significant barrier to economic growth across our municipality. Workers in all sectors have trouble finding housing when re-locating to our area. This is especially problematic for the seasonal workforce that our horticulture sector relies on.



#### **WATER AND SEWERAGE FOR SMALL TOWNS**

Poor water and wastewater infrastructure is one element restricting housing development in our small towns, in areas where our agriculture, horticulture and manufacturing sectors need housing the most.



#### **BUILDING BETTER TRANSPORT LINKS**

Efficient road and rail freight is essential to our \$1.2 billion agriculture and manufacturing sectors. Access to safe transport is also essential for our people to access the services and social activities they need - many of which are unavailable locally.

- Ensure the Swan Hill bridge is next to be built along the Murray.
- Provide additional funding to complete the Murray Basin Rail Project.
- Fund an intensive Strategic Agriculture Routes Plan.