



## **Media Release**

### **Increased street lighting for Nhill**

Hindmarsh Shire Council has been successful in receiving funding to improve street lighting in Nhill as part of more than \$3.48 million of grants awarded to Councils across Victoria under the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund program.

The grants program, which is part of the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program, supports the development of public safety and security infrastructure to improve community safety and confidence in public places.

Funding for the Nhill Lighting Project was obtained following a competitive grant application process. The Community Crime Prevention Program recognises the importance of reducing opportunities for crime and focuses on activating spaces to encourage community use and minimising anti-social behavior.

The grant received by Hindmarsh Shire Council will assist in the installation of new street lights in areas leading to popular community assets including Davis Park, Jaypex Park, Nhill Lake and the Nhill Aquatic Centre Precinct that includes the Lowan Sports Stadium and Nhill College.

Hindmarsh Shire Council, Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "The funds received through this grant will assist Council to install street lighting in areas that residents have reported there is poor or no lighting. In response and as part of the funding application process, Council has undertaken night time audits of the streets to identify the most appropriate and suitable locations for the new lights".

Cr Ismay added "As the new lights will be installed on existing infrastructure, Council will engage a contractor to undertake the supply and installation of the lights".

As part of the project Hindmarsh Shire Council needs to undertake a community based survey on Community Crime Prevention. The survey is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C2CTYH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C2CTYH) and will be distributed amongst residents of Nhill or in hard copy at Council's Nhill Customer Service Centre.

Cr Ismay said "Council encourages residents to undertake the survey as it will provide valuable information in relation to crime and anti-social behavior at and in the vicinity of the locations where the new street lights are to be installed".

"A follow up survey will be conducted within twelve months of the installation of the lights to evaluate their effectiveness".

Responses to the Community Crime Prevention survey should be submitted by Friday 30 March 2018.

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