



## **Media Release National Volunteer Week 21 – 27 May 2018**

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from 21 - 27 May 2018 under the theme of 'Give a little. Change a lot'. Hindmarsh Shire Council will express its appreciation to all local volunteers by providing vouchers for a free coffee and cake. The voucher is a token of appreciation to volunteers to encourage a moment of 'time out' at one of our regions participating businesses. The vouchers are a small gesture to acknowledge the willingness of volunteers who provide time, energy and expertise to the many community projects and programs offered throughout the Shire. To allow volunteers to take a break from their busy schedule the vouchers will be redeemable until Monday 11 June 2018 inclusive.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, states that "Council wishes to pay tribute to all the hardworking community members who give their time and effort volunteering in a broad range of activities across the Shire. National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to show our appreciation for everything that volunteers do, irrespective of whether it is for a sporting club, the elderly, the environment or the community."

National Volunteer Week is a way of thanking volunteers and publicly acknowledging the work and essential role in our society that volunteers make. Volunteers are a vital part of the community, providing valuable resources and ensuring the sustainability of much needed services and resources in the community.

"As the need for volunteering grows, Council needs to acknowledge and recognise the contributions volunteers make to Hindmarsh and the broader communities," Cr Ismay said. "There are many clubs and organisations that would struggle to survive without the contribution of volunteers."

Vouchers, redeemable to the value of up to the agreed value, can be redeemed at any of the following local businesses:

Dimboola

Wimmera Bakery  
Bakery

Jeparit

Nhill

Jeparit IGA

Rainbow

Amber's Sweet Bliss      Bow

Olivers Diner  
Olivia Rose Café  
Wimmera Bakery

Rainbow 50's Café

### Nhill Takeaway

The vouchers are available for collection from each of the Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centres or alternatively, volunteers can contact Hindmarsh Shire Council on 5391 4444 to arrange for the vouchers to be mailed to them.

“Once again Council thanks you for all your hard work, and trusts all volunteers enjoy the complimentary voucher for coffee and cake”, concluded Cr Ismay.