



Media Release

Hindmarsh Shire Council 2018 Autumn School Holiday Program

The 2018 Autumn School Holidays have crept around very quickly and Hindmarsh Shire Council, along with some helpful community organisations, will again be providing plenty of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, said “The school holidays are a time to relax and enjoy spending time with your friends and family.” Cr Ismay added, “Throughout the 2018 April school holidays Hindmarsh will once again have a lot to offer! There is so much to do within our Shire - and definitely something for everyone.”

If you are looking for something to do over the Easter weekend why not check out the annual Jeparit Fishing Competition which will take place along the banks of the Wimmera River on Saturday March 31 between 7:30am and 3:00pm.

Registration will be at the Jeparit Anglers Club Rooms (Jeparit Golf Club) from 12:00 noon – 6:00pm on Friday 30 March.

The Jeparit Fishing Competition has been running for a number of years and this year there will be thousands of dollars of prizes on offer! Cost is \$30 for senior entrants and \$20 for junior (U/16) entrants. Camping is available along the river bank and the competition is for bank fishing only - no fishing from boats allowed. For more information please visit www.jeparitanglersclub.com or contact Rohan Viljoen 0434 974 860 or Paul Holmes 0477 085 464.

The Nhill Town Committee is calling on local school aged kids to join them for an Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday 31 March from 10:00am until 12:00 noon at Jaypex Park. A sausage sizzle, fun and games and a free GWM Water bottle will be available. For more details and to book contact Helen Ross on 0419 536 126 or email nhilltowncommittee@yahoo.com.au

The Nhill Karen Community extends an invitation to Nhill residents to join in the celebrations of the Water Festival to herald in the Buddhist New Year. The sprinkling of water was intended to metaphorically "wash away" one's sins of the previous year. The Water Festival will be held at St Patrick's School on Saturday 31 March 2018 from 10:00am. The Dimboola Town Committee is hosting an “Easter Eggstravaganza” on Saturday 31 March

from 5:00pm at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve sound shell. This event will include local live music featuring Jeff Woodward and Acousticus Stomp, face painting, food and refreshments, a climbing wall and bungee run. An Easter egg hunt will take place at approximately 5:30pm. Uniting will host a cooking session for children at the Nhill learning Centre on Tuesday 3 April from 10:00am. To make a booking or for further information please contact Uniting on 5362 4000. Bookings are essential.

Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House (RLGNH) extend an invitation to residents to join them for their weekly singing group. The singing group runs between 10:00am and 12:00noon on Tuesdays at a small cost of \$3.00.

RLGNH also invites anyone interested in photography to attend their next photography group meeting at 7:30pm on Monday 9 April. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. For bookings or more information, please contact Alison Ey at the Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House on 0438 313 052.

The Nhill Library will host an Easter themed movie afternoon for families on Wednesday 4 April from 12:00 noon. The movie will be suitable for ages 5+ and costs \$2.00 per person for entry. BYO nibbles or lunch and enjoy an afternoon out with friends.

Nhill Library and Wimmera Regional Library Corporation will host Magician Duck Cameron at the Nhill RSL Hall, Clarence St, Nhill on Wednesday 11 April at 3:00pm, at a cost of \$2 per participant.

Bookings are essential for both the family friendly movie and Magician Duck Cameron as places are limited. For more information or to book either of these events, please contact Nhill library at nhill.library@wrlc.org.au or call 5391 1684.

Hindmarsh Shire Council will host a free arcade style entertainment program at the Jeparit Memorial Hall between 11:00am and 2:00pm on Thursday 5 April. Come along to challenge each other on games and competitions that will bring out the competitiveness in attendees. Challenge each other on PAC-MAN or see who can score the most baskets on our basketball backboard with electronic goal counter. There will be plenty of fun for everyone! To book please call Meg Hall on 5391 4444 or email mhall@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

Cr Ismay said 'Hindmarsh Shire Council will officially open the new Rainbow and Dimboola skate parks during the April school holidays with the Rainbow Skate Park to be officially opened on Monday 9 April at 12:00noon while the Dimboola Skatepark will be officially opened at 12.00noon on Tuesday 10 April.

Both events will include a BBQ lunch, scooter and skate board demonstrations followed by a workshop and competition that will provide giveaways and prizes at the conclusion of official proceedings. To take part in the competition a signed waiver and consent form will need to be signed by all participants. To receive the consent forms prior to the event please go into your local Council Customer Service Office or email mhall@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

In a partnership arrangement between Hindmarsh Shire Council and West Wimmera Shire Council, skate enthusiasts are invited to participate in a Skate Park tour on Friday 13 April. Participants will be transported by bus from Nhill, leaving at 8:00am from the Hindmarsh Shire Council office, arriving in Edenhope at 9.30am for breakfast before spending time at the Edenhope Skate Park. The bus will then travel to Horsham Skate Park and onto Dimboola Skate Park, arriving back in Nhill by 4.30pm. Lunch is to be purchased by participants in Horsham.

As places are limited, bookings are essential by contacting Meg Hall, Hindmarsh Shire Council, Youth and Early Years Officer on 5391 4444 or email mhall@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au. Please note that a consent form is required to attend this event.

Cr Ismay concluded, “As most of the mentioned events are drug, alcohol and smoke free, we encourage families to attend and enjoy some unique entertainment as a family unit. The drug, alcohol and smoke free events are free or subsidized thanks to assistance from State Government FReeZa funding, the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council and our wonderful community organisations.” Bookings are required to help with event planning so please contact each individual organisation to book.

For any further enquiries please contact Hindmarsh Shire Council's Youth and Early Years Officer, Meg Hall, on ph. 5391 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or find us on Facebook by searching Hindmarsh Shire Council or Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council.