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MEDIA RELEASE

2022 Australia Day Ambassador and Events in Hindmarsh Shire

Communities around Australia are once again preparing to come together for Australia Day, a day where we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia, and being Australian.

Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow will each host events on Australia Day. A flag raising ceremony will take place in each town, along with addresses from the Australia Day Ambassador, Deputy Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland, and different members of the community. Awards for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will also be presented on the day.

Hindmarsh Shire Council is pleased to receive notice that they will be hosting **Wesa Chau** as Hindmarsh's Australia Day Ambassador for 2022.



Wesa Chau is an experienced manager, board director, speaker, trainer and specialist consultant on cultural diversity. Her first foray into heading initiatives was founding the Australian Federation of International Students in 2002 while a student herself. Since then she has served on many boards including Carers Victoria, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria and the Multicultural Business Ministerial Council.

Wesa is a passionate advocate for the benefits of cultural diversity and understanding in businesses and organisations. She is CEO of Cultural Intelligence, a specialist consulting firm that help organisations better navigate cultural diversity and its impacts on design, decision making, customer service, messaging and policy setting. Wesa's commitment to gender equality, cultural diversity and social cohesion has been recognised through the Australian Leadership Award and an induction to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Wesa is currently undertaking her PhD at Swinburne University to research political skills and how people develop them. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is a qualified teacher.

On Wednesday 26 January 2022, the formal Australia Day program begins with meet and greets and a breakfast BBQ in Rainbow from 7:30am at the Rainbow Oasis, followed by another breakfast BBQ in Jeparit from 9:00am at Menzies Square, a morning tea from 10:30am in Dimboola at the rear of the Dimboola Library, and finally a lunchtime BBQ from 12:00pm in Nhill at Goldsworthy Park. For more information, please visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/australia-day.

All attendees are required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination upon entry to these events.

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to extend its thanks to the Lions Club of Rainbow, Jeparit Town Committee, Dimboola CWA, Dimboola Town Committee and the Nhill Lions Club for hosting the Australia Day Event in their respective towns on 26 January 2022. Council appreciates the ongoing efforts of these community groups to celebrate our history, identity and future opportunities as Australians – and looks forward to celebrating with you all over the Australia Day weekend.

Assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.

Greg Wood
Chief Executive Officer

