**School Holiday Program Success**

The recent school holidays were abuzz with activities in Hindmarsh Shire thanks to several community organisations and Hindmarsh Shire Council working together to promote and run an array of different and engaging school holiday programs. The range of programs on offer meant there really was something for everyone throughout Hindmarsh Shire! With nearly all events fully booked, young people from all over the shire were able to get out of the house and meet new friends, whilst learning a new skill or taking part in diverse activities and being entertained for hours!

The 2018 Winter School Holiday Program was as follows:
- **Tuesday 3 July**, My Town Through my Eyes photography workshop.
- **Wednesday 4 July**, Screening of the Emoji Movie.
- **Thursday 5 July**, The Funny Farmers Musical stage show & Jamie and Kim’s Mobile Zoo.
- **Friday 6 July**, Rock Art Painting and Snow Globes.
- **Tuesday 10 July**, Slime making workshop.
- **Wednesday 11 July**, Soy Candle making workshop.
- **Thursday 12 July**, Girls Rock! Leadership day.
- **Friday 13 July**, Girls Go Wild! Leadership event.

The three Hindmarsh Shire Council supported events alone engaged 179 young people. Hindmarsh Shire Council extends a warm thank you to the community organisations that went above and beyond to provide entertainment for the youngest members of our community. Council run events are proudly supported by the Victorian Government’s Freeza Funding, with a focus on live music, art and culture.

If you have any ideas for future school holiday program events or would like to run an event, please contact Hindmarsh Shire Council Early Years Officer, Meg Hall on 5391 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

Pictured above: Elizabeth Van Der Linden, Tori Menzel and Amaya Woodward at the Girls Rock! event at the Little Desert Nature Lodge.
Business Assistance and Community Action Grants available now

Hindmarsh Shire Council’s 2018/19 Business Assistance and Community Action Grants Programs are both open to local businesses and community.

Council has allocated $20,000 towards the 2018/2019 Business Assistance Grants Program in Council’s 2018/2019 Annual Budget. In order to streamline the application process, the program has been streamlined into two categories, Business Development and Streetscapes.

Round 1 of the Business Assistance Grants Program will close at 5.00pm on Friday 10 August 2018 and will be presented to Council for assessment at the September Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting.

Deadlines for the two 2018/19 Business Assistance Grant Program are detailed below:

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The Community Action Grants Program continues in 2018/19 with $30,000 available over the course of the year. The program was established to support communities with funds to provide services, self-help and assist with community development, social action and connectedness.
Round 1 of the Community Action Grants Program will close at 5.00pm on Friday 31 August 2018. The four categories and deadlines for the 2018/19 Community Actions Grant Program are detailed below:

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Business Assistance and Community Action Grant application forms are available on council’s website [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au)

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**2018 Dimboola HPV Event**

Not long to go now! The 2018 Dimboola Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Expo is on at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve on Sunday 5 August 2018. The only event of this type in the west of Victoria is attracting teams from Ballarat, St Arnaud, Hamilton, Horsham, Warracknabeal, Mt Gambier and Millicent.

Teams and support crews will bring around 200 people to the event themselves, and with the added promotion and marketing for the event through Visit Victoria’s Regional Events Fund grant we are hoping to see more than 500 people attending the event. There will be onsite catering throughout the day along with a Mixx FM live broadcast followed by a DJ and live music.

This is a fantastic event for all the family presenting the growing sport of Human Powered Vehicle racing. It is hoped that the annual Dimboola event will continue to grow and evolve into a full race event in the future.
## Rainbow Recreation Reserve / Rainbow Caravan Park Master Plan

Council has engaged Richard Simon of Simon Leisure, to undertake the development of a Master Plan for the Rainbow Recreation Reserve / Rainbow Caravan Park.

The Master Plan will address Council and community issues and trends specifically focusing on:

- Review of aging facilities in the recreation reserve and caravan park,
- What new facilities are desired,
- Direction of the caravan park (redevelop, expand or re-locate, develop design and cost estimates for future capital works,
- Funding opportunities for the future capital works, and
- Identification of increased uses of the recreation reserve.

Consultation with key stakeholders and user groups has already commenced and it is anticipated that the Master Plan will be available for public exhibition and comment from mid-August 2018 before being adopted by Council in late September or early October.

## Rainbow Desert Enduro

Rainbow will soon play host to Australia’s fastest off road racers as they arrive to tackle the gruelling Rainbow Desert Enduro, the final round of the 2018 BF Goodrich CAMS Australian Off Road Championship (10-12 August 2018).

Drivers, co-drivers and their support crews will gather in Rainbow on Friday 10 August 2018, with pre-race scrutineering and safety checks to take place in Federal Street, ahead of the weekend competition which will see racers complete up to 7 laps of the challenging 75km course between Rainbow and Wyperfeld National Park.

The event, which also doubles as a round of the Victorian Off Road Championship, will see approximately 70 specially designed off road...
competition vehicles reaching speeds in excess of 200kmh as they race their way around the course.

Racing action kicks off at 10:00am on Saturday morning with the exciting 8km prologue qualifying stage setting the order for the main event. Competitors then complete 2 laps of the 75km course on Saturday afternoon before again facing the challenge of a further 5 laps on Sunday from 9:00am.

Spectators can view the action from the dedicated spectator zone off Rainbow Rises Road on the outskirts of Rainbow or visit dedicated spectator areas at various sites around the 75km course.

| Nhill Skate Park | The construction of the new Nhill Skate park is a step closer with Council currently advertising for tenders for the construction of the skate park at Jaypex Park. After an extensive consultation and concept design stage Council is now ready to appoint a suitably qualified contractor to complete construction of the new skate park, which includes design input from the younger members of our community who will utilise the park.

A commencement date will be announced once Council has appointed a contractor. With strong demand for contractors across Australia, it is hoped construction will get underway in early 2019. |
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| Kerb and Channel in Wimmera and Victoria Streets, Dimboola | Council is currently constructing new kerb and channel in Dimboola which will improve the amenity of the town around the CBD.

Kerb and channel works will be carried out along Wimmera Street from Church Street to Victoria Street and through to Lochiel Street. |
Footpath in Victoria Street, Dimboola

As part of Council’s 2018/19 capital works program, construction has commenced to replace the ageing footpath on the east side of Victoria.
Street, Dimboola from Lochiel to Wimmera Street.

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