

# Hindmarsh Shire Council

## Monthly Newsletter

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| <p><b>Successful Walk to School Funding</b></p>    | <p>Council has been successful in obtaining a grant from VicHealth to again facilitate the Walk to School program in October 2018 and have received conditional approval to facilitate the program in 2019. This will be Council's 4th year running the program in the shire.</p> <p>Given the success of the program over the last three years, the schools are very excited to be involved again and to see what exciting activities will be included for 2018 and 2019 programs.</p>   |
| <p><b>Changes to Movie Screenings in Nhill</b></p> | <p>Council has recently conducted a review into the usage and attendance of movie screenings at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre Cinema. The review has indicated that Friday night screenings are preferable to Tuesday night screenings so for the foreseeable future Council has decided to suspend the Tuesday night screenings. Effective from Friday 15 June 2018 screenings will occur on a Friday night however special screening events or school holiday screenings may occur at other times.</p> <p>Community members are encouraged to support the cinema by attending movie screenings and special events.</p>  |
| <p><b>Commercial Carpark completion</b></p>        | <p>The Commercial Carpark works are now complete. This project involved the installation of five trees including tree grates to capture storm water, line marking, irrigation and landscaping works.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>   |
| <p><b>Nhill Skate Park consultation</b></p>        | <p>On Monday 25 June, 2018 at 4.00pm Hindmarsh Shire Council held a community consultation where parents, teenagers and community members had an opportunity to voice their thoughts regarding the concept design for the new Nhill skate park.</p> <p>The Nhill skate park will be the third new one of its kind in the shire, after Council officially opened new skate parks in Dimboola and Rainbow in April. The Nhill skate park will be constructed from concrete, but will feature a different design to the Rainbow and Dimboola parks to provide unique challenges for participants of all skill levels. Hindmarsh Shire Council received a \$100,000 State Government grant for the project, which will be constructed within the next financial year (2018-2019).</p> <p>Council hopes to have the final design and tender for construction awarded by the end of September with construction to begin as soon as</p> |

possible thereafter.



Youth and parents at the Nhill skate park consultation on Monday 25 June 2018.

**It's Ok to Say NO!**

On Friday 22 June 2018, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors went on an excursion to attend the "It's OK to say NO!" information session. The session a Horsham Rural City Council initiative, the information evening featured performances from Horsham's St Brigid's College year 10 students, Rob Martin, a local police officer, members of the Wimmera Drug Action Task Force and employees of Grampians Community Health who discussed the issues surrounding young people and alcohol in Horsham.

This event was intended to start a conversation about the role of alcohol in our community. Special Guest speaker, comedian Fiona O'Loughlin (winner of 2018 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Outta Here) shared her own personal story of alcoholism and suggested that "talking about alcoholism was a great place to start".

The vision of the event was to see more people socially supporting one another to reduce risky drinking, resulting in reduced harm for themselves, their family and friends, those in the vicinity and the broader community.

The event definitely started a conversation and cleared up some misinformation that is often shared regarding the laws and legalities of underage drinking and young partygoers. The biggest message that was shared across the evening was that it really is OK to say NO.



**School  
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 Program**

With the 2018 Winter School Holidays fast approaching Hindmarsh Shire Council has again prepared a comprehensive program of activities to entertain children throughout the shire over the holiday period. The school holidays are a great time to get out and explore the shire and possibly even venture a little further afield! It is a good time to enjoy spending time with friends and family without the parent stresses of school lunch organisation, drop off and pick up. Throughout the 2018 July school holidays Hindmarsh will once again have a lot to offer! There is so much to do within the Shire - and definitely something for everyone.

The 2018 Winter School Holiday Program is as follows.

**Tuesday 3 July** - Wimmera Health Care Group invite Dimboola Youth aged 12-18 years to participate in the “My Town Through my Eyes” photography workshop. An open exhibition to follow in August.

**Wednesday 4 July** - Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House (RLGNH) will host a screening of the Emoji Movie. During the evening, Nhill Memorial Community Centre Cinema will screen ‘Solo: A Star Wars Story’.

**Thursday 5 July** - Wimmera Regional Library Corporation will host ‘THE FUNNY FARMERS’ musical stage show at the Nhill Library. Wimmera Regional Library Corporation will also host Jamie and Kim’s Mobile Zoo at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve.

**Friday 6 July** - Rock Art Painting and Snow Globes will be created at the Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House.

**Tuesday 10 July** - Jeparit children are invited to come along and create their own slime at a slime making workshop at the Jeparit Memorial Hall.

**Wednesday 11 July** - Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House will host a Soy Candle making workshop.

**Thursday 12 July** - There is a lot to do on Thursday 12 July with several events on offer throughout the shire. Kaniva Guides is hosting an open event for girls aged 12-17, including rock climbing, rock art, campfire cooking, slack lining and plenty more at the Little Desert Nature Lodge.

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|                                  | <p>In Nhill, Uniting will host Jamie and Kim's Mobile Zoo at the old kindergarten (9 Clarence St, Nhill) between 10.30am and 12:30pm. The Nhill Memorial Community Centre will host a School Holiday Movie Marathon, with soup, chicken nuggets and chips on the lunch menu. "Monster Family" will be the morning session and after lunch "Peter Rabbit" will screen.</p> <p><b>Friday 13 July</b> - Kaniva Guides invites primary school aged (9-12) girls to the Little Desert Nature Lodge between 10.00am and 3.00pm for an action packed day of adventure including rock climbing and campfire cooking.</p> <p>If you are still looking for something else to do these school holidays, Nhill library is running a "Create your own Fantastic Beast Competition".</p> <p>For further information on each event and how to RSVP please visit Council's website or social media pages.</p>  |
| <p><b>Dimboola HPV event</b></p> | <p>Hindmarsh Shire Council is hosting its second Human Powered Vehicle Expo on Sunday 5 August at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve. In 2017 Council worked in conjunction with Holy Trinity Lutheran College in Horsham to run a trial HPV event in Dimboola to assess the suitability of the location for the growing sport. This this is the only event of this type in the west of Victoria.</p> <p>This year Council received marketing support from Visit Victoria's Regional Events Fund to help grow the event. This will include press advertising and editorials in both local areas and further afield locations where teams are coming from, including a couple of South Australian teams. There will also be an outside broadcast on the day with Mix FM along with supportive radio advertising.</p> <p>Further track infrastructure development will be needed in the future to grow the demonstration event into a full race event.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="432 1482 963 1729" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div data-bbox="963 1424 1437 1729">  </div> </div> |

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| <p><b>Nhill Rainbow Road</b></p>                   | <p>Approximately 3kms of Rainbow-Nhill Road is currently being reconstructed to widen the pavement and improve driver safety at a section of road just north of Amy Johnson Hwy.</p>   |
| <p><b>Hazeldene Road - Gravel Road Renewal</b></p> | <p>The 5.6km re-sheet will have all the limestone carted by Friday 29 June 2018 with the final trim and drainage will be completed by Thursday 5 July 2018.</p> <p>Silt from the drains and shoulders were removed and used as backfill at Robinson's Quarry to make the road higher and wider for local farmers and their equipment to get better use from the road. Extra material was placed in loam and sandy areas to give better pavement strength in problem areas.</p> <p>This re-sheet will now provide all weather access from the Birchip-Rainbow Rd through to the Pullut East Rd.</p>  |
| <p><b>Concrete Recycling</b></p>                   | <p>Crushing in excess of 3,000 tonnes of concrete has been completed at the Dimboola Transfer Station. This material once destined for landfill, will now be re-used as construction material on roads, footpaths and kerbing works.</p>  |

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### Refugee Week

Hindmarsh Shire was well represented at the official launch of Refugee Week by the Prime Minister in Parliament House in Canberra on Wednesday 20 June 2018.

Nhill's Kaw Doh Htoo addressed the gathering on his experiences as a refugee and moving to Nhill. As well as the PM, other refugees, Ministers and MPs were in attendance.



Pictured with Kaw Doh (third from the right) are left to right John and Margaret Millington, Nhill, Catherine Scarth (CEO of AMES Australia), Andrew Broad MP (Member for Mallee), Greg Wood (CEO, Hindmarsh Shire Council) and Ehtadah Paw.