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2018 Dimboola HPV Event - EVENT SUMMARY	The 2018 Dimboola Human Powered Vehicle Expo, held on Sunday 5 August, was a huge success. Around 700 people enjoyed the day in the sun watching all of the action at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve, with the rain holding off until after the race had finished. Local MP Emma Kealy waved the starting flag as 29 HPVs and Energy Efficient Vehicles began their six hour demonstration race around the 1.2km course. Twelve teams from across Victoria and South Australia were represented and all enjoyed the day. This year's event was significantly larger than the inaugural 2017 expo, with at least 10 extra vehicles and 2 new teams adding to those returning for their second year. The onsite caterers were kept busy with the coffee vendor reporting they were 5 times busier than last year's event, and the Dimboola Town Committee having a steady line-up for their BBQ throughout the day. This year's event was boosted by grant support from the Australian Government <i>Building Better Regions Fund</i> and Visit Victoria's <i>Regional Events Fund</i> . This support enabled much broader marketing and promotions for the event. Feedback received from the teams has been very favourable for continuing to hold future events at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve. Some improvements to the track surface and some widening in places will be necessary to increase HPV numbers and develop the 'expo' into an official race event.
Exciting new	An exciting new era in the provision of Early Years Services in
era for	Hindmarsh Shire will begin in 2019 with Horsham and District
Hindmarsh	Kindergarten Association set to commence the delivery of both
Early Years	kindergarten and childcare programs in Dimboola and Nhill, and
Management	kindergarten in Jeparit and Rainbow.



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	<ul><li>Horsham and District Kindergarten Association (HDKA) will take over services currently delivered by Uniting, who have been responsible for early years' education in Hindmarsh Shire for almost 20 years.</li><li>HDKA will work closely with Council and Uniting to ensure a smooth transition between service providers in preparation for 2019. Families will attend information sessions in late August and early September to learn more about what this change means for them and how to enrol their children in services for 2019.</li></ul>
Rainbow Desert Enduro - EVENT SUMMARY	A new champion was crowned at the final round of the BF Goodrich CAMS Australian Off Road Championship held in Rainbow over the weekend of 10-12 August. Competitors from all over Australia took to the challenging Rainbow track. Shannon Rentsch along with his co- driver, father Ian Rentsch, secured their 9 <sup>th</sup> Australian Championship with victory on the Saturday backed up by a second place on the Sunday behind Mark Burrows. Competitor registration and race vehicle scrutineering took place on the Friday afternoon with race qualifying and stage one of the main race held Saturday. Sunday saw competitors line up for a further 5 laps of the gruelling 75km course with mixed weather adding to the challenges already presented by the track.
	More than 1,000 people descended on Rainbow for the weekend with local businesses, community organisations and sporting groups benefitting from the opportunity to cater for the influx of visitors. The Australian Off Road Racing Championship will return to Rainbow again in 2019.
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Fishing pontoon to improve	Anglers will have the opportunity to fish on the water with a new fishing pontoon to be installed at Nhill Lake. Funded by the Victorian Government's Recreational Fishing Grants program and Hindmarsh

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accessibility for Anglers at Nhill Lake	Shire Council the new pontoon, similar to those already installed on the Wimmera River at Dimboola and Jeparit, will include rod holders, bait tables, handrails and seating. With the contractor shortly to commence construction it is hoped the new pontoon will be delivered and installed before Christmas 2018.
Nature strip and Town Trees - Tree Strategy, Technical Guidelines and Preferred Species List	Stephen Frank from 'Tree Logic' provided some excellent training to our staff on proper planting and pruning techniques and explained the three reasons why trees fail when planted.           Council has been working with Stephen and Meg Caffin from 'Urban Forest Consulting' on a Tree Strategy, technical guidelines and preferred species list. The draft version of these documents has been out to the community for feedback, which closed 24 August 2018. Community input will be presented to Council in their consideration to adopt the final strategy.
Maintenance Action - Earth Gutter Cleaning and Limestone Grading	Our Nhill maintenance crew are focusing on cleaning the table drains and gutters around town, ready for more winter rain. Both Jeparit and Nhill crew's are working on limestone maintenance while there is some moisture around in the roads too.

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Free Green Waste Disposal Month SEPTEMBER 2018	Council has decided to waive the fees for green waste at the Dimboola, Jeparit, Rainbow and Nhill Transfer stations for the whole month of September in order to assist residents in cleaning up their yards before the fire season.
Construction in Victoria Street – New Kerb and Channel	Council's construction crew are progressing well and are now almost halfway through the kerb and channel works in Victoria Street, Dimboola. Then they'll be starting on the works in Wimmera Street.
Planning Scheme Update	<ul> <li>Amendment VC148 to planning schemes across the State. Amendment VC148 was gazetted on 31 July 2018 and:</li> <li>introduces a new Planning Policy Framework (PPF)</li> <li>enables the future introduction of a Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)</li> <li>simplifies the VPP structure by: <ul> <li>restructuring particular provisions</li> <li>integrating VicSmart into applicable zones, overlays and particular provisions</li> <li>consolidating operational and administrative provisions</li> <li>amends specific zones, overlays and particular provisions to improve their structure and operation, and to support the future translation of Local Planning Policy Frameworks (LPPFs) to the MPS and PPF</li> <li>introduces a new Specific Controls Overlay to replace Clause 52.03</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Specific Sites and Exclusions</li> <li>deletes outdated particular provisions</li> <li>deletes permit requirements for low-impact uses in industrial zones</li> <li>reduces car parking requirements for uses in commercial areas and for land within walking distance of high-quality public transport.</li> </ul>
Diapur Windfarm	On 21 August 2018, VCAT issued a planning permit for a three turbine windfarm at Diapur, subject to 54 conditions relating to amenity, traffic management, landscaping, noise, aviation safety, native vegetation removal, and other matters.
NOTAM Issued at the Nhill Aerodrome	A Notice to Airmen ( <b>NOTAM</b> ) is a notice filed with an aviation authority to alert aircraft pilots of potential hazards along a flight route or at a specific location that could affect the safety of the flight. A NOTAM was issued for approximately two weeks at the Nhill Aerodrome, closing the grass runway due to the condition of the surface after rain. The surface becomes unsafe to land or take off on; this was identified during a routine inspection of the aerodrome. The NOTAM has now been removed and the runway reopened.
Recycling of Bricks and Concrete	Ever wondered what happens to the waste generated from construction and demolition? Materials such as bricks and concrete are crushed and re-used as bedding for kerb & channel works such as those underway in Victoria Street, Dimboola and as a surface aggregate for unsealed paths including in the Dimboola Recreation Reserve.