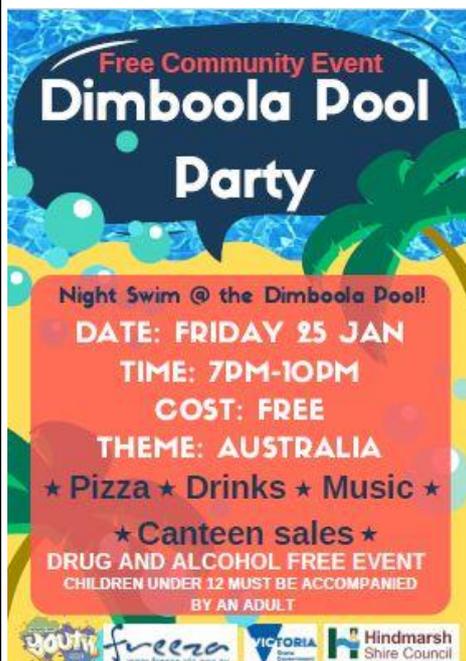


Dimboola Pool Party



The first Freeza event of the year for Hindmarsh Shire took place on the Friday night of the recent Australia Day long weekend with almost 300 people of all ages in attendance at the Dimboola Pool Party. The Victoria Hotel, Dimboola provided delicious pizza for dinner and DJ Chris Hauselberger provided a great mix of old and new tunes. The Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council would like to thank the Dimboola Pool lifeguards and in particular, Mick and Lisa Polycarpou for being wonderful hosts and providing a great space for a fun night for everyone. This event was proudly supported by State Government Freeza funding.

Rainbow & Dimboola Skate Competitions

The Australian Skate Park League (SPL) is coming to Hindmarsh Shire on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 February with VIC League competitions at Rainbow and Dimboola respectively. The VIC League makes up one part of YMCA's national pathway program that visits skate parks in QLD, SA, TAS, NT, WA & NSW.

Both events will include skate, scooter and BMX competitions at both of the new skate parks in Rainbow and Dimboola.

The YMCA, in conjunction with Victorian Skateboarding Association (VSA), Skate Australia and participating LGA's facilitate more than 100 SPL events a year, making up the Australian Skate Park League – the biggest and most established grass roots skateboard, scoot and BMX series in Australia.



The Dimboola and Rainbow events are made possible through a partnership between YMCA VIC, VSA (Victorian Skateboarding Association), Skate Australia and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

Other Major sponsors of the VIC League include: Bad Boy Australia, Element, OCD Skate Shop, Goliath, Harsh Protective Gear, Scooter Hut, Root Industries and Rampfest.

Details of Competitions:

Date: Friday 8 February 2019

Time: 4:30pm – 9:00pm

Location : Rainbow Skate Park, King Street, Rainbow

	 <p>Date: Saturday 9 February 2019 Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm Location : Dimboola Skate Park, Dimboola Recreation Reserve</p> <p>For more information regarding the event, please contact: Alice Hogan Director, YMCA Action Sports alice.hogan@ymca.org.au or 0430 409 105</p>
<p>Nhill Skate Park Update</p>	<p>Construction will soon commence on the Nhill Skatepark with earthworks scheduled to commence in mid-February ahead of construction in March 2019.</p> <p>Skatepark specialists Trinity Skateparks, who also constructed the new Dimboola and Rainbow Skateparks, will undertake construction through March and April with anticipated completion due in early May. The new Skatepark will be a great addition to Jaypex Park, which is already a popular recreational space, utilised by both locals and travellers on the Western Highway.</p> <p>This project has been made possible with funding from Hindmarsh Shire Council and Sport and Recreation Victoria.</p>
<p>Rainbow Rises 240 Off Road Race</p>	<p>Off Road racing fans will have a reason to visit Rainbow earlier this year with the addition of a new off road event.</p> <p>Rainbow is already a popular destination with competitors and spectators in August each year when the town hosts the Rainbow Desert Enduro, the final round of the Australian Off Road Championship. Rainbow will now kick off the Victorian Off Road Racing Championship with the Rainbow Rises 240 to be held over the March long weekend.</p> <p>To be held on a short 7.7km course within the Rainbow Rises Reserve on the outskirts of town, the event promises to bring a different set of challenges for competitors used to the mud normally seen at the Enduro event later in the year.</p> <p>Race teams are expected to arrive on Saturday March 9 before racing gets underway on Sunday March 10. Spectators are welcome with entry being free.</p>

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New Era for Hindmarsh Shire Early Years Services	<p>2019 heralds a significant change for Hindmarsh Shire Early Years Services with Horsham and District Kindergarten Association (HDKA) taking over the delivery of kindergarten services in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit. Additionally, HDKA will also deliver childcare services in Nhill and Dimboola.</p> <p>HDKA already provides kindergarten services in both Horsham Rural City and Northern Grampians Shire, all of which are either meeting or exceeding National Quality Standards</p>
Dimboola Sports Stadium roof replacement	<p>Tenders for the replacement of the roof of the Dimboola Sports Stadium have closed with Council due to appoint the contractor at the first Council meeting in February.</p> <p>The contract will also see the installation of under roof insulation and roof ventilators which will assist in reducing the internal temperature during summer and therefore increase player comfort.</p>
Dimboola Library	<p>Tenders for the construction of the new Dimboola Library have been advertised and close on 20 February 2019.</p> <p>The new Library will be linked to the existing circa 1860 built building and will provide a modern multi-purpose space that will be able to be used as a traditional library and community space.</p> <p>A contractor will be appointed by Council in March with construction due for completion late 2019 or early 2020.</p>
E-Waste Sheds for Dimboola and Nhill Transfer Stations	<p>Tenders for the construction of new E-Waste Sheds at the Dimboola and Nhill Transfer Stations are due to close in early February with Council expected to appoint contractors in late February or early March.</p> <p>The E-Waste sheds will be approximately 200sq mt and will enable electrical equipment such as computers, televisions etc to be disposed of safely and correctly.</p>
Boost for Nhill Aerodrome's RAAF Base heritage	<p>2019 marks the 100 year celebration of aviation in Nhill, to be celebrated by an Air Show in October. Council have been successful in obtaining funding from Victoria Remembers and are working closely with <i>Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre</i> to construct a memorial at the entrance to the aerodrome.</p> <p>The entrance will act as a gateway and introduction to the heritage of the former RAAF Base and will include the installation of interpretive signs along the heritage walk around the site. It is envisaged this project will be completed well prior to the centenary celebrations in October 2019.</p>

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Cycling tourism to see increased promotion	<p>In September 2018 the <i>Grampians RDV Region Cycling and Trails Infrastructure Business and Masterplan</i> final report was delivered. This document presents a strategic approach to developing and promoting cycling tourism across the greater region, and included the Wimmera River Discovery Trail (formerly known as the Hindmarsh Trail) as a priority project. Following on from this report, work is now beginning on a broad marketing and branding strategy for the greater promotion of cycling in the west of the state.</p>
Dimboola Recreation Reserve	<p>The Dimboola Recreation Reserve continues to be a popular asset with the community with the following activities already booked for March, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wedding - 3 March• Wedding - 16 March• Wimmera Equestrian Club - 31 March•
Transfer Stations – Hours of operation	<p>On days of Total Fire Bans, the normal operating hours for all transfer stations will change to 8.00am to 11.00am. This will occur on days when the transfer station is normally open.</p>
Diapur Wind Farm	<p>Council met the project proponents in early January 2019 to discuss traffic management issues associated with the construction phase of the development which is expected to commence in the next few months.</p>
Antwerp Woorak Road - Reconstruction	<p>Council's construction team has commenced the road construction component of the Antwerp Woorak Road. The first section constructed is from Kiata North heading east for approximately 1km. This work is funded from the 'Local Roads to Market' program.</p>
Dimboola Drainage Project	<p>Construction works are well underway for the project in Ellerman Street, High Street, Horsham Road, Lowan Street and Upper Regions Street. Works include kerb and channel, underground stormwater and road construction.</p>