



Hindmarsh Shire Council

Hindmarsh Pride Committee Meeting

6 November 2025

To Committee Members,
“as addressed”

General Meeting of **Hindmarsh Pride Committee** of Hindmarsh Shire Council held via Teams on 5 November 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm.

MINUTES

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

2 ATTENDEES:

Petra Croot (DC&CS, PC); Cr Chan Uoy (CU); Rhys Webb (RW); Wiremu Lems Larkins (LL); Craige Proctor (CP).

3 APOLOGIES Natalia Aguirre

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Nil previous Minutes

6 CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

7 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Rhys Webb offered to act as Chair and Craig Proctor offered to act as Secretary with the potential for the roles to be rotated. Committee endorsed these positions and Rhys commenced chairing the meeting.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Topic	Discussion
Harmony Day Planning	21 March 2026. One day within Harmony Week. RW: A Saturday event is preferable to a weekday event – best for families and community, possibly outside?; should be a multicultural event; should embrace all, not only LGBTQI+ but people with disabilities, First Nations groups and other indigenous cultures (Karen, Filipino) along with indigenous arts. CU: Food should be a major component – national dishes etc. RW: If outside, possibly stalls for each culture/group; partnering with WWHS for a health stand? Should be a point of difference in some way. Performances? RW: could potentially bus in other communities. PC: to consult with Wellbeing Team re possible support. RW: Wimmera Pride may come on board. Venue: traditionally in Nhill Hall or Shire Offices. Success factors? RW: having a really good MC assists the success; feeding attendees later can be an issue; important to keep children entertained. PC to ask Community Events Team to attend December meeting.
Connecting with WWHS	PC: Nothing from Dorothy (on leave) at the moment. Could possibly reach out to Jake Wiffen.
Youth Formal	PC: HSC Youth Officer to reach out to Horsham Council for further information.
ChillOut Festival	Registrations for stalls now open; \$100-\$375 for community groups. PC: sounds achievable; it would be sensible for HSC to engage with this. RW: the LGBTQI+ should have a presence; also worthwhile in terms of tourism.
MidSumma and other Grants for future Pride Event	Usually staged Jan.-Feb. Investigating grants for regional Pride activities: PC: FRRR; VicHealth. We should progress the Harmony Day option and look for options for partnering with and hosting MidSumma events. RW: good to have something local as opposed to mainly regional events. CU: Steampunk – 17 April 2027; theme: A Starfarer's Jubilee (19th century space travel). RW and CU: specifically for Jeparit, the Hindmarsh Hotel could be an excellent, unique venue for a MidSumma event e.g. 'Hollywood glamour' or 1980s theme party. RW: the 1980s is a period for the LGBTQI+ community to reflect on. CU: a great venue for celebration. (Lengthy discussion on this idea.) CP: an

	appropriate time to tap into this as a venue for celebration given the current momentum for the Menzies Symposium. PC to carry out research on MidSumma for the December meeting. CU: 2026 or 2027? PC: if we apply for funding it would need to be in 2027. CU: good lead time to develop storytelling, planning, booking entertainers/acts and exploring funding.
Consideration of Key Dates Pride Month (June 2026) MidSumma (February) IDAHOBIT (17 May) Other	CU: what has been done in the past in Hindmarsh for IDAHOBIT? PC: not so much from a Council perspective in 2025 but did run two years ago a youth-based online program through the libraries. RW: for Pride Month, possibly show films in halls including at Jeparit with food and guest speaker. CU: cost of accessing vintage gay films? We should also focus on joy and fun rather than just serious social issues. CU: has there been an appreciable improvement locally in attitudes to diversity? RW: there has been enormous change with more progressive ideas and responses evident over the past ten years. CU: exposure leads to greater acceptance and embracing diversity.

9 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT - NA

10 NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3 December 2025, 7.00 p.m. via Teams

9 MEETING CLOSED 7:55 p.m.

COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

I, Petra Croot, accept the following recommendations made by the Hindmarsh Pride Committee at this meeting held on 5 November 2025:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
4	Minutes	No previous minutes to confirm
5	Correspondence	No correspondence
6	General Business	
8	Finance Report	NA

SIGNED: 

Dated: 19 November 2025