



Hindmarsh Shire Council

Hindmarsh Pride Committee Meeting

18 February 2026

To Committee Members,
“as addressed”

A General Meeting of **Hindmarsh Pride Committee** of Hindmarsh Shire Council was held via Teams on 18 February 2026 commencing at 7.00 pm.

MINUTES

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognised 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); Mark Fletcher (Manager, ED&T, MF); Nan Da San Bleh Dah (CW&YO, NDS); Rhys Webb (RW); Wiremu Lems Larkins (LL); Craige Proctor (CP)

3 APOLOGIES:

Nil.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil declared.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Hindmarsh Pride Committee Meeting held on 28 January 2026 via Teams circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: RW

Seconded: CP

CARRIED

6 CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Topic	Discussion
<p>ChillOut Festival: Sunday 8 March, Daylesford</p>	<p>Attendance and tickets: PC advised 6 or 7 HSC representatives will attend.</p> <p>Action: PC is working on tickets and other logistics (start time); awaiting details from ChillOut organisers.</p> <p>Theme: Space and galaxy. GWMT needs to approve possible slogans: “Space to wander” or “Feeling your space” (MF). Displays will be on this theme and can be used later in other arenas/at other events. MF has asked 7 local estate agents for data on properties for sale/rent and collating jobs available in the region. Planning on 3-4 large images/banners including Rainbow Silo and night skies (Ryder Burns’ images). The focus will be ‘tree change’ plus tourist destinations in order to promote visiting or relocating to the region. MF collaborating with Shauna Johnson on design elements of these. RW acknowledged MF’s efforts with this work.</p> <p>PC: we should provide lollies and any other possible freebies; frisbees?</p> <p>Action: PC to investigate.</p>
<p>Harmony Day Planning: Saturday 28 March</p>	<p>The event has been well-advertised. Need to encourage attendances to BYO chairs/rugs.</p> <p>Welcome to Country: an Acknowledgement will be given.</p> <p>Action: NDS to investigate cost of a Welcome to Country.</p> <p>Permits (HSC): PC/HSC is handling this.</p> <p>Set up, bunting and sound: RW – Rotary and Lions not available to provide bunting/setting up. Freemasons are happy to help set up. RW has been in touch with John Millington re sound but if there is an issue RW/LL can provide equipment.</p> <p>Action: RW to advise committee on sound equipment (Bluetooth/usb).</p> <p>Stalls: NDS: so far there are 6 stalls. One person has offered to speak; NDS to continue to liaise and to canvass more interest.</p> <p>Food vans: Twister Potatoes with Big Bertha possible. Possibly ice cream van. RW: possibly offer a poi making activity? RW and LL have bought 25m international flag bunting and several flags.</p>

	<p>Performers and activities: NDS: no formal Eols for performances as yet. Wanda Queen of the Little Desert offering support. RW: could Wanda be MC? PC: there were some good multicultural performers at Carols; worth investigating. Karen dancing not confirmed yet.</p> <p>Action: LL to speak with Samoan and Fijian community. So far no response from Wimmera Filipino Community. Possibly playing and singing <i>We are Australia</i> as closing performance?</p> <p>Action: NDS to reach out to community member who could explore local Indian community participating. Craft/henna activity?</p> <p>Action: NDS can investigate and liaise with Youth Council re craft activity.</p> <p>Headspace Horsham potentially providing entertainment activities.</p> <p>NDS: Wimmera Southern Mallee Development is planning a cultural diversity week event to complement other events in March and has funding for transport between Ararat, Horsham etc. and Nhill but not confirmed yet. Potentially some performers from events in these places could be provided with transport to attend Nhill event.</p> <p>Action: NDS to follow up.</p> <p>Actions: Need to get confirmation of performers and set a schedule (and print and laminate this).</p>
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8 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

N/A

9 NEXT MEETINGS:

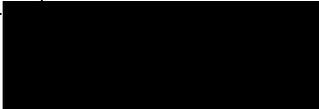
Wednesday 4 March 2026, 7.00 p.m. via Teams – specifically for Pride Month planning

10 MEETING CLOSED 7.47 p.m.

COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

I, Petra Croot, accept the following recommendations made by the Hindmarsh Pride Committee at this meeting held on 18 February 2026:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
5	Minutes	Minutes taken as read and confirmed.

SIGNED: 

Dated: 19 February 2026