

**Dimboola and
Rainbow Skate
Park- Official
Openings**

On Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 April 2018 Hindmarsh Shire Council held the official openings for the Rainbow and Dimboola Skate parks respectively.

It is estimated that nearly 200 people attended both openings that consisted of a broad range of younger children, teenagers, parents and grandparents plus interested residents.

Skate workshops were conducted at both events by Phil Marshall and Tobi Stanley from Melbourne based skate company OwnLife while Sunshine Coast, Queensland based Ben and Jake from Board Store / Trinity Skate Parks joined them for skate demonstrations. Clayton Farmer, proprietor of Trinity Skate Parks who constructed both facilities attended both openings. Horsham based Vornehm Audio Visual provided music at both events.


Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors Bridie O'Halloran and Jordan Leach acted as Master of Ceremonies at Rainbow while Danni Haebich and Kynan Clarke performed the role at Dimboola. All Youth Councillors did a great job.

The skate parks were identified as priorities in the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council Youth Strategy 2016 – 2020 as a way of providing increased outdoor activities for youth. The skate parks were also prioritised in the Hindmarsh Shire Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016, the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan, the Dimboola Community Precinct Plan and the Rainbow Community Plan.

Construction of the Dimboola Skate Park commenced in December and was ready for use just after Christmas and construction of the Rainbow facility commenced mid-January.

Construction of the Dimboola and Rainbow Skate Parks was made possible with funding from the Victorian Government's 2017 – 2018 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



	
<p>Nhill Skate Park Funding Community Consultation</p>	<p>Following recent reports that Hindmarsh Shire Council has received funding for the construction of a new skate park in Nhill, there has been considerable discussion within the community in relation to the proposed location and design.</p> <p>Council received advice from the Hon John Eren, MP Minister for Sport that funding of \$100,000 has been provided through the Victorian Government’s 2018 – 2019 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund for this project. Council will contribute the balance of funds for the project.</p> <p>A community consultation regarding developments about the new Skate park for Nhill occurred at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre on Wednesday 4 April 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. 22 participants attended and a diverse discussion was held.</p> <p>This consultation allowed residents to ask questions and to gain an understanding of the processes already taken in developing the concept designs and site selection of the skate park.</p> <p>Some items raised throughout the consultation included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ideal location of the new Skate park • Safety risks- including the availability of footpaths leading to the new facility and encouraging youth not to travel on their scooters, skateboards and BMX’s along the road. • Lighting • The close proximity of the powerlines above the suggested location • Fencing between the new facility/Jaypex park and the highway. <p>Further consultations will now occur before detailed plans are fabricated.</p>
<p>Autumn School Holiday Program</p>	<p>The 2018 Autumn School Holidays were abuzz with fun & family orientated things to do!</p> <p>Hindmarsh Shire connected with a number of community groups and organisations to organise and/or promote a number of family friendly events across the April school holidays. With something available for entertainment almost every day of the school holidays!</p>

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Sat 31 March-

Nhill- Easter Egg Hunt- Jaypex Park- Nhill Town Committee

Jeparit- Fishing Comp- Wimmera River Jeparit- Jeparit Anglers Club

Dimboola- Easter Eggstravaganza- Dim Recreation Reserve-
Dimboola Town Committee

Tuesday 3 April-

Nhill- Cooking Class- scones 3 ways- at Nhill Neighbourhood House-
Uniting

Wednesday 4 April-

Nhill- Easter movie Screening at Nhill Library- Wimmera Regional
Library Corporation

Thursday 5 April-

Jeparit- Arcade Fun- at Jeparit Memorial Hall- Hindmarsh Shire
Council



Monday 9 April-

Rainbow- Rainbow Skate park Opening- The Oasis- Hindmarsh Shire
Council



Tuesday 10 April-

Dimboola- Dimboola Skate park opening- Dimboola Recreation Reserve- Hindmarsh Shire Council



Dimboola- Duck Cameron the Magician at Dimboola Library- Wimmera Regional Library Corporation

Wednesday 11 April-

Nhill- Duck Cameron the Magician 3.00pm at Nhill Library- Wimmera Regional Library Corporation

Friday 13 April-


Shire Wide- Skate park Tour- Hindmarsh, West Wimmera and Horsham Rural City Council. In a partnership arrangement between Hindmarsh Shire Council and West Wimmera Shire Council, skate enthusiasts participated in a Skate Park tour on Friday 13 April. Participants were transported by bus from Nhill, leaving at 8:00am from the Hindmarsh Shire Council office, arriving in Edenhope at 9.30am for breakfast before spending time at the Edenhope Skate Park. The bus then travelled onto Natimuk and then onto Horsham Skate Park, with the tour ending at the brand

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	<p>new Dimboola Skate Park.</p> <p>All events were well attended and appreciated by those who joined in the fun! Almost 250 young people and their families were entertained through Council run events with a further almost 700 attendees taking part across community organisation led events.</p>
<p>Walk to School Funding Application</p>	<p>Council has again applied for funding from VicHealth to facilitate the Walk to School program in our Shire for all of the participating primary schools. Given the success of the program the last three years, the schools are very excited to be involved again this year.</p> <p>Last year students received a ticket for each day they walked, rode or scooted to school or the bus stop, some of the tickets were lucky which enabled them to win a prize. Students absolutely loved the idea of getting a ticket to see if they would win a prize. We saw participation numbers raise last year, with students excited to participate in this year's program. If the funding application is successful the program will occur during October.</p>
<p>Active April</p>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council was excited to promote a number of activities throughout the month of April to promote an active lifestyle in conjunction with the Premiers Active April program. The program aimed to encourage all Victorians to undertake 30 minutes of physical activity each day during April. It's free, it's fun and it's part of the Victorian Government's commitment to get more people active and healthy.</p> <p>Hindmarsh Shire Council was excited to provide members of the community with the opportunity to get involved in some of the great existing services that are available within our Shire. Council also facilitated 2 free Yoga sessions in Jeparit during the month. The activities provided community members additional opportunity to get involved in the program.</p> 

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<p>Western Hwy Safety Improvements, Nhill</p>	<p>Council has received quotations and is currently working with contractors to install a unsigned pedestrian crossing connecting the West Wimmera Health Service Centre with the median carpark, including provision of all abilities car spaces. Works also include installation of an electronic warning sign and bollards on Nelson Street (Adelaide bound) at the Victoria Street approach – the well-known 90 degree left hand bend in the Western Highway.</p>
<p>Kiata South Rd sight distance improvements</p>	<p>Council engaged contractors have completed vegetation treatment on a number of bends on Kiata South Road where the vegetation was blocking sight distances around corners. These works hope to improve safety for motorists.</p>
<p>Bridge & Structures Audit</p>	<p>Council has engaged consultants to analyse Bridge & major structures across the shire. This includes many light towers & major culverts, a grandstand, retaining wall and several other miscellaneous assets. These are currently being inspected with a condition report to be followed. This will aid in understanding the detailed condition and any works required on these assets.</p>
<p>Sealing program</p>	<p>Council has completed re-sealing 112,000m2 of its road network. Re-sealing is important to ensure water is prevented from reaching the underlying road, similar to paint on a house.</p>
<p>Street Lights</p>	<p>18 new street lights have been installed around the Nhill Township to improve the safety of residents who walk to recreation areas during the night hours.</p>
<p>Commercial Carpark</p>	<p>Upgrades to the Commercial carpark are almost complete with only cleaning up tasks to complete. The upgrades are designed to improve the look of the CBD entrance whilst providing shade for parked cars.</p> 