



## Media Release

### 2017 Community Conversations

Following the first series of six highly successful Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Conversations, the final two meetings will be held in Dimboola and Nhill next week. The 2017 Community Conversations have provided updates on outcomes from previous farmer consultations, presented an early draft of the 2017/2018 Annual Budget and discussed Council's expression of interest for a rates cap variation.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Debra Nelson said, "We have been very happy with the numbers of residents who have attended the Community Conversations to date and shared a broad range of issues and topics important to them."

Cr Nelson added, "The discussion has been quite varied but very informative and will provide Council with some direction on where we should be aiming in relation to Capital Works, rates cap variation, the 2017/2018 Annual Budget, the 2017/2021 Council Plan along with a range of other issues."

The final two Community Conversations will be held as per the following dates and locations;

- **Dimboola Health & Fitness Centre – Tuesday 4 April, 7.00pm – 9.00pm**
- **Hindmarsh Shire Council Chambers, Nhill – Wednesday 5 April, 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

Cr Nelson added "The Community Conversations held to date have been well received and we would like to encourage all community members to attend the final two meetings and provide feedback on previous works, our budget and proposed works program, and Council's potential rate cap variation. Two way communication is what we are looking for."

For further information regarding the upcoming Community Conversations please contact Anne Champness, Director Corporate and Community Services on 5391 4444 or via email to [achampness@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:achampness@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au).