



## Media Release

### Hindmarsh Australia Day Award Winners 2017

Australia Day started early in Hindmarsh Shire, with a breakfast BBQ commencing at 7.30am in Rainbow, before ceremonies were conducted in Rainbow, Jeparit, Dimboola, and finally Nhill at 1pm.

The traditional Aussie BBQ was enjoyed by the many that gathered to acknowledge their chapter of the great Australian Story that we celebrate each Australia Day.

Hindmarsh's Woolworths Ambassador, Aris Imbardelli, provided a warm and interactive address to the crowd, and was welcomed as she mingled with the locals gathered at each event.

The highlight of each ceremony was the presentation of Australia Day awards. The Rainbow Lions Club awarded a local citizenship award, Nhill Lions Club awarded a local young citizenship award and the Dimboola Town Committee awarded an award to a successful community event.

Mayor Debra Nelson awarded the Shire-wide Australia Day Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year. These awards arose from a strong field of nominations from the community, with award winners decided at the December 2016 Council meeting.

Mayor Debra Nelson announced the awards as follows:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – JOHN MILLINGTON, RAINBOW

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – CHARLOTTE KUBE, NHILL

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – DIMBOOLA FOOD FESTIVAL