



Media Release

Karen New Year this Saturday!

Only days remain until the Karen New Year celebrations take over the Nhill Memorial Community Centre. This Saturday, 7 January 2017, the Karen community of Nhill will host the wider community, friends and family in a colourful, traditional and inspiring display of culture.

Kicking off at 10:30am, the program will include traditional dances, presentations and delicious food. From 4:30pm there will be soccer and cane ball tournaments at Davis Park to conclude the Karen New Year Celebrations. In its third year, the soccer and cane ball are exhibition matches with players from Nhill, Bendigo, Werribee and Geelong taking part in the tournaments.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor Cr Debra Nelson said, 'The Karen New Year is a beautiful celebration of the Karen's history and culture. An inclusive event, the New Year educates and entertains the community on Karen traditions'.

Karen communities around the world celebrate their culture and history on a special day in Karen life known as the Waxing Moon Day (also referred to as Full Moon Day) which falls in January 2017. The Karen New Year celebration is supported by the Victorian Government and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

'This event is open to the public and I encourage everyone to attend. The Karen community have had such a positive impact on Nhill and the region and this is a great opportunity to show your support for them', Cr Nelson said.

The Karen New Year celebrations are held on Saturday 7 January 2017 from 10:30am – 2pm in the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, followed at 4:30pm by soccer and cane ball tournaments at Davis Park.