



Media Release

Youth Council Launches into the Community!

Hindmarsh Shire Council announced their 2017 Youth Council with a celebration launch on Wednesday 5 April 2017, at the Memorial Community Centre in Nhill.

Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO Mr Greg Wood welcomed all in attendance before the Shire Mayor, Cr. Debra Nelson, congratulated the successful applicants on their civic appointments. Mr Wood then announced each new Councillor with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Cr Ron Lowe, presenting commemorative certificates recognising their new roles.

The Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council for 2017 is Caroline Lee, Ku Say, Elena James and Nan Da San Bleh Dah from the West Ward, (Nhill College), Georgia Gelligen, Bridie O'Halloran, Aiden Gelligen and Jordan Leach from the North Ward, (Rainbow College) and Kynan Clarke, Venetia Kardogeros, Brittany Brooking and Danni Haebich from the East Ward, (Dimboola Memorial Secondary College). Elena James was absent on the evening of the event.

Following a light supper, the evening's special guest speakers captivated those in attendance with their unique perspectives on growing up in the Wimmera region. Ben Holmes, Rewilding Program Manager, for Conservation Volunteers Australia, spoke about his journey and choosing the career path that he did and why he has chosen to live in the Wimmera. The second guest speaker for the evening was Sam Robinson. Born and bred in Rainbow, Sam explained how he knew from an early age that he wanted to be a dentist and how he was lucky to secure a bursary with West Wimmera Health Service to return upon completion of his dentistry studies. He has recently returned to the Wimmera, purchasing a house in Horsham.

Cr Nelson enthused, "We can't wait to see the outcomes of the initiatives that the 2017 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council comes up with" adding, "it was lovely to spend an evening with our new Youth Councillors and their families, celebrating their opportunity to develop as leaders in our community."

“On behalf of Hindmarsh Shire Council I congratulate all newly elected Youth Councillors, It is an honour to work with such passionate young people” concluded Cr Nelson

The next engagement for Hindmarsh Shire’s Youth Councillors will be at the Little Desert Nature Lodge for the annual Youth Council Retreat which will be held over the weekend of May 12, 13 and 14.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Greg Wood said, “Council is extremely proud of these young people and is eagerly anticipating the initiatives and directions they take as youth leaders within the Shire.”

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