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Edenhope Mechanics Hall

The West Wimmera Shire Council is excited to announce three public events to celebrate the Edenhope Mechanics Hall before construction starts on a new Community Centre.

After many years of planning, consultation and securing funding by West Wimmera Shire Council, demolition of the Edenhope Mechanics Hall will soon be underway to make room for the new Community Centre.

Funding of \$1.3m thanks to the Australian Government and Victorian Government has been secured for the new facility, with the demolition tender currently open and the construction tender being released in the coming weeks. Once tenders are received Council will decide if the building will be built in one or two stages depending on the funds available.

The new centre will be a neutral space for the whole community and include a library, general activity space, meeting rooms and function space.

The Mechanics Institute was first officially recognised in Edenhope in 1889. The Edenhope Mechanic Hall has been the home of hundreds of local community events, so in celebration three final events will be held to say one last goodbye.

A Halloween themed FReeZa event will be held on October 31st. Children aged 18 and under will be able to enjoy music, food and refreshments at the Edenhope FReeZa - Night of Horrors. Buses available from Kaniva and Goroke.

On November 8th and 9th there will be two open days from 2pm till 5pm for anyone who wants to have a last walk through of the Hall. There will also be memorabilia on display and an afternoon tea will be supplied on Friday 9th at 3 pm with everyone welcome to attend.

Finally, 'The Last Curtain Call Cabaret' will be held on Saturday 10th November and will be the final event held in the Edenhope Mechanics Hall before it's demolished.

If anyone in the community has photos, videos or accounts of the Hall that they would be happy to share, please let us know as we would like to showcase the many wonderful memories that we all have of the Edenhope Mechanics Hall. All memorabilia will be taken with great care and returned after the cabaret.

We are also putting the call out for community members who would like to perform one last song at the hall during the cabaret evening.

For further details on this project, please contact

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