



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

02 AUGUST 2024

HAVE YOUR SAY **YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS**

Hindmarsh Shire Council regularly seeks community feedback on policies, community projects, plans and other Council related matters through community consultations and surveys. See below the items for which Council is currently seeking feedback.

ONSITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024-2029

Submissions close 5pm Thursday 15 August 2024

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY, RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, AND RISK APPETITE AND TOLERANCE STATEMENT

Submissions close 5pm Thursday 15 August 2024

COUNCILLOR COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

Submissions close 5pm Thursday 15 August 2024

FAIR ACCESS POLICY ACTION PLAN

Submissions close 5pm Thursday 15 August 2024

CLIMATE ADAPTION STRATEGY

Submissions close 5pm Thursday 15 August 2024

PROPOSED NAMING OF UNNAMED ROAD TO 'RAILWAY DAM ROAD', DIAPUR

Submissions close 5pm Friday 23 August 2024

HINDMARSH PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - HERITAGE STUDY C21HIND

Submissions close 5pm Monday 19 August 2024.

For more information, or to have your say, visit haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or scan the QR Code.



Acknowledgement of Country

Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledges the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

HINDMARSH WELCOMES NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS



On Wednesday 31 July 2024, Hindmarsh Shire Council's Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland, officially welcomed six new Australian Citizens!

Congratulations to Gilbert, Nga, Eh Chrit Htoo, Thin Thin, Hei Nay Taw and Ker Lee Hae on becoming Australian Citizens. 🌞

It was an honour to be part of your special day!

700 ATTENDEES AT HINDMARSH SHIRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Hindmarsh Shire Council's July 2024 School Holiday program will be remembered as one of the most successful since the program was first implemented. Packed with a variety of free and diverse activities to keep young people busy during the school holiday period, there were around 700 attendees across the two weeks.

To view photos and read more about what the program involved, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news



COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE



The 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey for Hindmarsh Shire Council saw residents participate in quarterly surveying between June 2023 and March 2024.

Results from the survey shows the three areas where Council's performance is higher than, or on par with, other small Victorian rural councils are: appearance of public areas, waste management and recreational activities.

The three lowest performing areas, which are on par with other small Victorian rural councils are: unsealed roads, planning and building permits, and slashing and weed control.

Comments from CEO, Monica Revell:

"The results from the 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey provides Council with valuable information on areas of importance to our community and areas for improvement.

Although the results show improvements from 2023, we understand from the feedback that our community would like us to provide more activities for seniors and younger people, give more support and encouragement to businesses, increase communication and consultation with the community (including talking to people more), deal with planning permits more quickly, and have younger Councillors.

We have commenced improving our communication and consultation with the community (including talking to people more) through the introduction of monthly CEO Drop-in sessions in each town, farmer consultation sessions, sporting club BBQs, and drop-in sessions for specific topics. Informing the community through the preparation of fortnightly e-newsletters, monthly hard copy newsletters available at our Customer Service Centres and Libraries, and the new quarterly hard copy newsletter which is delivered to mailboxes across the Shire by Australia Post and local catalogue distributors has also been a focus."

To read more, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news

To view Community Satisfaction Survey results, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/CSS

The 2024 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council has been very productive and continues to busily plan upcoming projects for the remainder of the year. The Youth Council meets monthly at the Jeparit Hall with a different Youth Councillor taking on the role as the Chairperson each meeting. One of the Youth Council's major achievements in the first half of 2024 is their Mental Health Podcast.



Mental Health Podcast:

The Youth Council podcast series will cover various topics relating to young people's mental health. Youth Councillors have recently successfully recorded another two episodes of podcast, "How to cope with Bullying" and "What to do when your friend is not okay" with Alisha from Headspace Horsham as the guest speaker.

Youth Councillors are aiming to finish their Mental Health Podcast series by the end of 2024 when all 12 episodes are completed. Following the recording of episode six, they will go live on platforms such as Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

Follow our Youth Council Facebook Page for more updates.

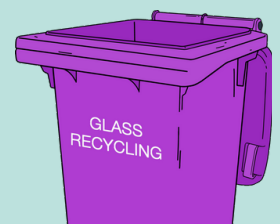
NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 27 September 2024**.

Please remember to put your bins out the night before and place them on the kerb facing the road.

Future glass bin collection days are as follows:

- Friday 22 November 2024
- Friday 17 January 2025
- Friday 14 March 2025
- Friday 9 May 2025
- Friday 4 July 2025



For more information about purple glass bins, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/glass-bins

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST



CEO Drop-In Sessions

Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO, Monica Revell, will be at local Libraries for drop-in sessions.

Whether you are thinking of running for Council, or have ideas, concerns or questions about a Council service or what is happening in the Shire, we invite you to pop in and chat with Monica.

Jeparit Library

Monday 5 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Rainbow Library

Monday 12 August 2024 | 1pm - 3pm

Nhill Library

Thursday 22 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Dimboola Library

Friday 23 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm



Farmer Consultation Sessions

Join us to discuss the issues identified from the June Farmer Consultations and the 2024/25 proposed maintenance grading schedule and maintenance works.

Yanac Hall

Tuesday 6 August 2024 | 9:30am - 11:30am

Rainbow MECCA Supper Room

Monday 12 August 2024 | 9:30am - 11:30am

Jeparit Library & Customer Service Centre

Thursday 15 August 2024 | 9am - 11am

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Thursday 22 August 2024 | 9am - 11am

Dimboola Customer Service Centre & Library

Friday 23 August 2024 | 9am - 11am



Climate Adaption Strategy Community Drop-In Sessions

Council welcomes members of the community to join us at one our drop-in sessions to discuss and ask questions about the Draft Climate Adaption Strategy.

Nhill Customer Service Centre

Wednesday 31 July 2024 | 12noon - 2pm

Jeparit Library & Customer Service Centre

Wednesday 7 August 2024 | 10am - 12noon

Rainbow Library & Customer Service Centre

Wednesday 7 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Dimboola Library & Customer Service Centre

Thursday 8 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm



Southern Mallee Thunder BBQ & Chat

Council extends an invitation to Southern Mallee Thunder Football Netball Club players and members to attend a sponsored BBQ tea and chat with Councillors and Council Staff.

Thursday 8 August 2024

From 6:00pm

Rainbow Recreation Reserve



MAV Stand for Council Candidate Information Session

The MAV is delivering an information session for the community and prospective candidates for the 2024 Local Council Election.

Wednesday 14 August 2024

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

You can register by visiting:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/MAV-Stand-for-Council

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Writing Hour at the Nhill Library

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Thursday of every month for Writing Hour.

Thursday 15 August 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Get Creative at Nhill Library

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Friday of every month for a Get Creative session.

Bring your own project that you are working on, chat and enjoy the company of others; or maybe get inspiration to begin your next project.

Friday 16 August 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Book Chat at Dimboola Library

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat! Book chatters bring along a current book that they have been reading and share reviews with each other over a cuppa and biscuits.

Friday 16 August 2024

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

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Let It Glow Disco

Join us in Rainbow for a Glow in the Dark themed Disco! There will be music by Vornheim Audio Visual, as well as free food available. Please inform us in your registration of any dietary requirements.

Friday 16 August 2024

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Rainbow Recreation Reserve

Free buses will be available from Dimboola, Jeparit and Nhill. Please RSVP by 14 August 2024 to secure your spot!

REGISTER on our website or visit:

<https://form.jotform.com/242028106008848>

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While You Were Sleeping

Nhill Cinema Classic Movie

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Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Morning tea at 10am | Movie at 10:30am

Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Gold coin donation | Rated PG

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Rainbow Civic Centre Community Asset Committee Annual General Meeting

The Rainbow Civic Centre Community Asset Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 20 August 2024** at The MECCA Meeting Room, Federal St Rainbow, commencing at **7:30pm**.

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Nhill Kids Craft Club

Join us at the Nhill Library every third Wednesday of the month for Kids Craft Club FREE of charge!

Wednesday 21 August 2024

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Hindmarsh Business Networking Session

You are invited to an evening of networking and updates from local projects and organisations, featuring the following guest speakers:

Paul Atherton, Donald Mineral Sands

Ian Gumela, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism

Mark Fletcher, Economic Development & Tourism

Wednesday 21 August 2024

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Dimboola Rowing Club

Please RSVP by 16 August 2024 by emailing business@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

ONGOING



Cuppa Connections

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for a free morning or afternoon tea and chat. It's a comfortable, safe place to meet new people.

Dimboola Library

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Nhill Library

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

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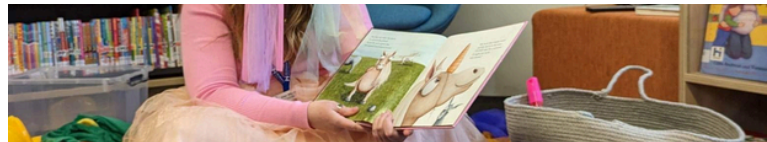
Nhill & District Sporting Club BBQ & Chat

Council extends an invitation to Nhill & District Sporting Club players and members to attend a sponsored BBQ tea and chat with Councillors and Council Staff.

Thursday 22 August 2024

From 6:00pm

Davis Park, Nhill



Nhill Rhyme Time

Join Council's Supported Playgroup Officer for Rhyme Time at the Nhill Library.

Held every Monday (excluding school holidays)

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Nhill Library

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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

When: Wednesday 28 August 2024

Time: From 3:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

SEPTEMBER

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie

Little Miss Sunshine

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

Tuesday 17 September 2024

Morning tea at 10am | Movie at 10:30am

Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Gold coin donation | Rated M

Supported Playgroup

Parents with pre-school-aged children are welcome to attend our Supported Playgroup sessions.

Benefits include fun activities for you and your kids, information about local services and supports, tips on child development, self-care strategies and a chance to meet other local families.

Held weekly excluding school holidays.

Nhill Library

Mondays 10am - 12noon

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/hindmarshshiresupportedplaygroups

PROJECT UPDATES



NHILL AND DIMBOOLA 4YO KINDER



Preparation of the new Kinders at Dimboola and Nhill continues at pace, with contractors now onsite to complete landscaping. In the meantime, various trades are busy working within each centre delivering the fitout of various internal elements including electrical, plumbing and floor coverings. Estimated completion date for both Kinders is early to mid-September 2024. Once construction is finalised, furnishing for each building will commence with 4YO Kinder sessions programmed for Term 1, 2025.

RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE



Works are underway at the Rainbow Rises Events Centre to construct a new Amenities Building, which will support the staging of off-road racing and other events at the site. The new building includes 12 toilet cubicles, 4 shower cubicles, an accessible bathroom and store area.

Adjacent to this facility, contractors have just completed installation of a new septic system to treat the black and grey water from the Amenities Building.

DIMBOOLA SOUNDSHELL



Works on the Dimboola Soundshell are progressing well. The concrete footpath has been poured, which will provide all-abilities access to enter the soundshell. It is expected that this should be completed in two months.

TENDER OPPORTUNITIES

Hindmarsh Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced persons/organisations to respond to its Tenders for:

PROVISION OF TOWN PLANNING AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES
(Contract No. 2024-2025-01)

SWIMMING POOL UPGRADES
(Contract No, 2024-2025-02)

Closing time for the above tenders is **2:00pm on Thursday 8 August 2024.**

All enquiries should be directed to Laura Sonnberger, Contracts & Procurement Officer, via email to lsonnberger@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 5391 4444.

Visit the Tender Portal at:
<https://app.eprocure.com.au/hindmarsh/home/public>



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If you haven't checked out your nearest library yet- why not pop in and meet the library team!

meet the team



meet Hannah
LIBRARY COORDINATOR



meet Jo
DIMBOOLA LIBRARY



meet Danelle
NHILL LIBRARY



meet Sharon
JEPARIT & RAINBOW LIBRARY

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TAKING CARE OF YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM



Did you know that the humble septic system in your backyard that looks after your worst without complaining, occasionally needs a bit of care themselves?

Taking care of and providing good maintenance to your septic system can ensure that it continues working well for many years to come.

Tips for caring for your septic system can include:

- Using cleaners that are acceptable for septic systems and minimalizing harmful chemicals that can upset the bacterial balance
- Never flushing solid items such as tampons or sanitary items down the toilet system
- Avoiding excess water by repairing leaks or using low-flow fixtures
- Being observant of excessively wet realm drains
- Monitoring for excessive or unusual odours- mild odours may be evident sometimes but septics generally should not smell bad when working effectively
- Scheduling maintenance by a septic service professional every 3 years

Additionally, when planning to decommission a septic system, Council requests that you notify them by completing an **'Application to Install or Alter a Septic Tank'**.

You can find this application form on Council's website at:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/septic-tanks

MAYORAL MATTERS



To read the latest news from Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, **Cr Brett Ireland**, visit:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.



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ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT



If you have an event coming up in Hindmarsh Shire, we would love to help you promote it!

If you complete the **'Advertising an Event'** form on our website, we will promote your event under the Upcoming Events page of Council's website, share it on Facebook and include it in Council's fortnightly e-newsletter and monthly newsletter.

Visit Council's website:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event

All event advertising requests are subject to final approval by Council staff.

JOIN OUR TEAM



To view all current vacant positions, position descriptions and application forms, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council

SCAN



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Team Leader Outdoor Pools

Seasonal, Ongoing

Applications close **12pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024**

Manager Planning and Environment

Permanent Full Time

Applications close **12pm on Wednesday 21 August 2024**

CONTACT A COUNCILLOR



If you would like to raise a matter with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and/or a Councillor, or if you would like to invite them to an event, you may contact them directly. You can find your Councillor's contact details on Council's website at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor

Alternatively, you can contact them via email at info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au and put the Councillor name(s) in the subject line.



Cr Brett Ireland
Mayor



Cr Wendy Bywaters
Deputy Mayor



Cr Debra Nelson
Councillor



Cr Rob Gersch OAM
Councillor



Cr Melanie Albrecht
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor

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