

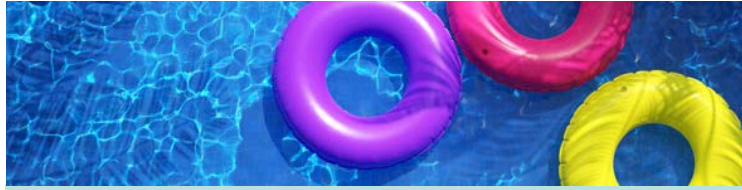
HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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SWIMMING POOLS OPEN 16 NOVEMBER 2024



Outdoor pools in Dimboola, Jeparit, Rainbow, and Nhill are set to open on Saturday 16 November 2024 for the 2024/2025 season.

Hindmarsh Shire Council has taken on management of all public outdoor pools across the Shire. Council has committed to access being **free of charge** for members of our community and visitors for the 2024/2025 season during normal operating hours.

Hindmarsh outdoor pools will be staffed by local qualified lifeguards. Canteens will not be operating but staff will have icy-poles available for a small donation. Community members and visitors are encouraged to support local businesses and BYO refreshments (no glass) to the pool.

See the opening hours below:

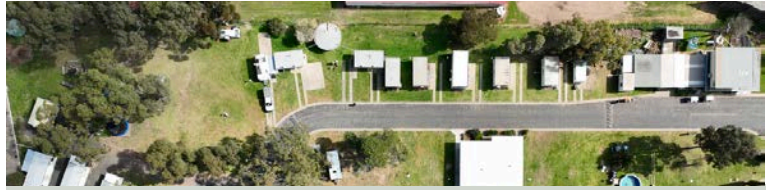
	DIMBOOLA, NHILL & RAINBOW	JEPARIT
Monday to Friday	3:30pm - 6:30pm	4:00pm - 7:00pm
Weekends and School Holidays	2:00pm - 7:00pm	2:00pm - 7:00pm

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.

NEW MANAGEMENT OF NHILL HOLIDAY PARK



Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to announce that the Nhill Holiday Park (formerly Nhill Caravan Park) is now directly managed by Council as of 23 September 2024.

The move reflects Council's commitment to boosting tourism in our region and the need to provide high quality accommodation for travellers. Tourism not only provides employment opportunities, but also has a positive flow-on impact to businesses and attractions, with visitors encouraged to experience our stunning natural landscapes and rich heritage.

Bookings can be made via Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/nhill-holiday-park.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding community service to the Hindmarsh Shire community during the current year and/or over a number of years.

Nominations are now being called for:

- 2025 Hindmarsh Shire Citizen of the Year
- 2025 Hindmarsh Shire Young Citizen of the Year
- 2025 Hindmarsh Shire Community Event of the Year
- 2025 Hindmarsh Shire Lifetime Achievement

Nominations close **5pm on Monday 2 December 2024**.

Scan the QR code to make a nomination or for more information.



APPLY FOR YOUTH COUNCIL 2025



Are you a young person living, working or going to school in Hindmarsh Shire? Have you always wanted to do more for the people around you? Do you want to make a difference in your community while learning leadership and teamwork skills?

If you answered yes, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to announce that nominations for the 2025 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council are now open.

Applications for the 2025 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council **close at 11:59pm on Sunday 24 November 2024.**

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website, or we can provide you a hardcopy at any of our Customer Service Centres and Libraries.

For more information, please contact our Community Development and Youth Officer by phone at (03) 5391 4444, or by email at youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

For more information or to apply for Youth Council, scan the QR code or visit Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



SUMMER TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Hindmarsh Shire Council is making changes to the operating hours of its transfer stations during the upcoming summer period.

The adjustments aim to ensure the safety of transfer station employees and the community during hotter months.

The summer operating hours commence on **Sunday 01 December 2024** and will continue through until **Friday 28 February 2025**.

During this period transfer stations in Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow will be open from **9:00am until 12:00noon** on normal operating days.

For more information, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news

SMALL BUSINESS CONTACTS

Hindmarsh Shire Council's Economic Development & Tourism team is currently updating its contact listing to keep our businesses up to date with important information as it comes to hand.

In particular, we would like to hear from Industrial, Service and Home-based businesses that work from residential, industrial or other non-traditional locations not on the main business districts of our four main towns.

Please contact us at business@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au to update your details.

COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED

Council recently awarded 10 businesses with Business Assistance Grants, 10 community organisations with Community Action Grants and three events through the Hindmarsh Regional Community Events Grants program.

For more information about these successful businesses and community groups, scan the QR codes, or visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.



Business Assistance Grants



Community Action Grants



Regional Community Events Grants

HINDMARSH WELCOMES NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS



On Wednesday 2 October 2024, Hindmarsh Shire Council's CEO, Monica Revell, officially welcomed three new Australian Citizens!

Congratulations to Phillip Guthrie, Mu Naw and Saw Thu Dee on becoming Australian Citizens!

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

MOSQUITO SEASON

As the warmer weather approaches and the days are getting longer, getting outside and enjoying the sunshine is often on everyone's mind. But keep in mind it is the start of mosquito season as well. Warmer weather and bodies of water are a perfect combination for mosquitos to breed. Whilst some mosquitos are unavoidable, a lot can be done to minimise the harm such as:

- cover up when outside - wear loose, long-sleeved, light coloured clothing and footwear.
- avoid being outside at sunrise or sunset when mosquitos are at their most active.
- use mosquito repellants to cover any exposed skin – tropical strength or repellants that contain DEET or picaridin are the most effective.
- avoid any excess pools of water lying around in your yard such as empty pots or buckets as it provides mosquitos with a place to multiply.

A reminder that there are also vaccinations available through your local immunisation provider, community pharmacies or your GP against Japanese Encephalitis virus which is carried by mosquitos.

For more information, visit

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period commenced on **Monday 28 October 2024** for Hindmarsh Shire.

Victorians can expect a hotter and drier summer, and communities should be preparing their properties and creating a Bushfire Survival Plan.

For more information about what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Period, visit the Country Fire Authority's website:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period

DRY SEASONAL CONDITIONS SUPPORT

Agriculture Victoria issues a fortnightly newsletter with the latest updates and information for producers across the Grampians and Mallee.

Subscribe to keep up to date with the latest news and seasonal conditions supports from Agricultural Victoria by visiting their website and subscribing to 'Grampians Mallee Ag News':

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/about/media-centre>

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE APPEAL 2024



Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are excited to once again be able to support a local Christmas Giving Tree Appeal in 2024.

After the success of last year's initiative, Chelsea – a member of the Dimboola Library - has once again sought the support of our Library service for the Christmas Giving Tree Appeal.

Giving Trees will be set up in all four library branches and donations can be made at any of these locations during their normal business hours from Monday 11 November 2024.

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

Council's Annual Report for 2023/2024 is now available and can be viewed on our website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/annual-reports.

Included on the last page of this newsletter is page 10 of the annual report which outlines some quick facts and figures about our services and functions. The report also includes details of the projects and works that were completed throughout the year.

NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 22 November 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 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



NOVEMBER

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Get Creative at Nhill Library

Join us at the Nhill Library for a Get Creative session every second Friday.

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 8 November 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Annual Statutory Meeting

Join us at the Annual Statutory Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council.

The purpose of the meeting is to swear in new Councillors, elect a new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appoint delegates to committees.

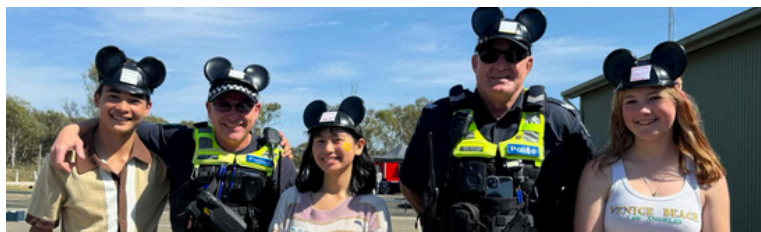
Wednesday 13 November 2024

From 6:00pm

Nhill Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street

This meeting will be open to members of the public who are encouraged to attend to see the new Hindmarsh Shire Councillors sworn in.

Light refreshments will follow the meeting with an opportunity to talk to Councillors and executive staff.



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DIMBOOLA CLASSIC MOVIE

We of the Never Never

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Dimboola!

Thursday 14 November 2024

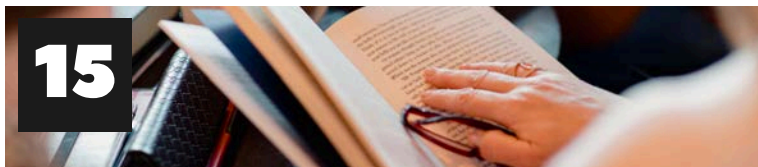
Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am

Dimboola Old Shire Hall,

101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola

Rated G

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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 15 November 2024

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

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NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE

Say Anything

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am

Nhill Cinema / Nhill Memorial Community Centre,

77-79 Nelson Street

Rated M



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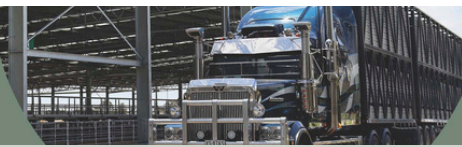
Nhill Kids Craft Club

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

Wednesday 20 November 2024

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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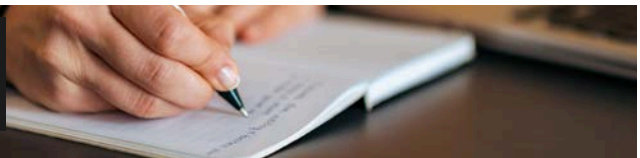
Heavy Vehicle Safety Drop-In Sessions

There will be Heavy Vehicle Safety Drop-in sessions being held in Nhill hosted by National Heavy Vehicle Regulator in conjunction with Victoria Police, VicRoads and neighbouring Councils.

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 November 2024

4:00pm - 11:00pm

Nhill Trailer Exchange

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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 21 November 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

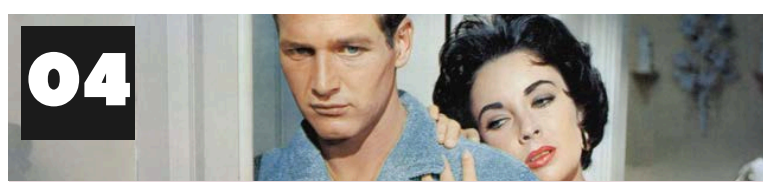
Join us at our next Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting. Council meetings are open to members of the public.

Wednesday 27 November 2024

From 3:00pm

Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

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RAINBOW CLASSIC MOVIE

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Rainbow!

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am

Rainbow MECCA Hall,

15 Federal Street

Rated PG



16 Days of Activism 'Walk the Walk' Community Walks

You are invited to join us for a community walk to bring awareness to gender-based violence. Each walk will run from **6:00pm - 7:30pm** and end with a free barbeque tea.

Nhill Walk

Monday 25 November 2024

From Nhill Memorial Community Centre to Nhill Lake

Dimboola Walk

Tuesday 26 November 2024

From Dimboola Library to Train Park

Rainbow Walk

Monday 2 December 2024

From Turbo Gallery to Rainbow Skate Park

Jeparit Walk

Tuesday 3 December 2024

From Menzies Square to Riverbank Precinct

Please wear orange and bring your banners or signs of support!

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Discomfort And Joy



NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE

The Holdovers

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am

Nhill Cinema / Nhill Memorial Community Centre,

77-79 Nelson Street

Rated M

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JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE

Two for the Road

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am

Jeparit Memorial Hall,

12 Roy Street

Rated PG



Cuppa Connections

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for a free morning or afternoon tea and chat. It's a comfortable and 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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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

Join us at our next Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting. Council meetings are open to members of the public.

Wednesday 18 December 2024

From 3:00pm

Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill



Story Time

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for Story Time!

Dimboola Library

Held weekly on Fridays from 10am

Nhill Library

Held every second Friday from 11am

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DIMBOOLA CLASSIC MOVIE

The Quiet Man

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Dimboola!

Thursday 19 December 2024

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am

Dimboola Old Shire Hall,

101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola

Rated PG



Supported Playgroup

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

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

ONGOING



Jigsaw Club

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for weekly Jigsaw Club!

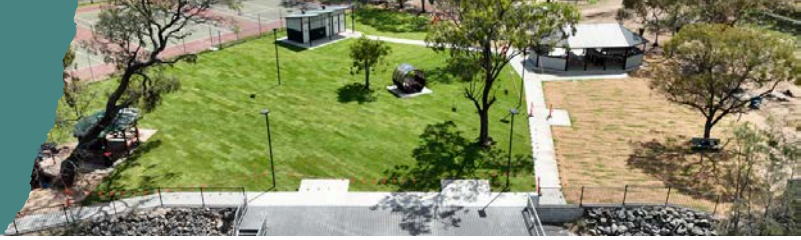
Rainbow Library

Fridays from 1:30pm

Nhill Library

Fridays from 2:00pm

OUT AND ABOUT



DIMBOOLA TOWN CLOCK



Residents and visitors to Lloyd St Dimboola won't have any excuses for being late, with a new town clock installed in front of the Dimboola Library Hall.

A new clock was ordered earlier this year to replace the original town clock that had stopped working some time ago, though it still managed to be right twice a day!

Once the new clock was received, local community volunteers completed a restoration of the post on which the original clock was mounted, ensuring a link to the past remained.

Installation of the new clock was completed last week and for those out and about at night, make sure you detour via Lloyd St to enjoy the brightness of the new backlit clock.

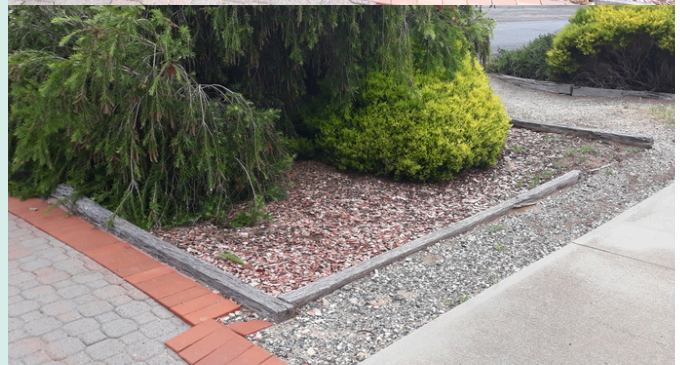
JEPARIT ROY STREET REVITALISATION

Materials to replace existing rotten and damaged timber garden beds in the footpaths of Roy Street, Jeparit between Charles Street and Scott Street / Broadway Street, are currently on order. Installation of the new garden bed edging is expected to be undertaken in late 2024 and early 2025, depending on the arrival of materials and the availability of the crew to undertake the work.

The new garden edges will be constructed from a composite material using recycled and reclaimed material that will not rot and requires minimal maintenance. Using this product will divert over 4,500kg of waste material from landfill.

Progression of this initiative follows community drop-in sessions held in Jeparit during August 2024.

Funding for this project has been made available through the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Program, Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Jeparit Township Advisory Committee.



HANDS ON LEARNING PROGRAM



Dimboola Memorial Secondary College's Hands on Learning students recently assisted Council with a project that allowed them the opportunity to again give back to the community.

Hands on Learning were approached by the CEO of the Hindmarsh Shire, Monica Revell, to assist with lacquering the pods in Dimboola. Students were given a safety talk and toolbox meeting by Mr Darren Patterson, Team Leader East. Every opportunity the DMSC Hands on Learning students are given to learn from others is very important for growth, confidence, and self-esteem.

OTHER NEWS



TENDERS INVITED

Hindmarsh Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced persons / organisations to respond to -

- **PROVISION OF STABILISATION WORKS FOR 2024/2025 PROGRAM** (CONTRACT 2024-2025-17)
- **WINIFRED STREET RAINBOW KERB AND CHANNEL INSTALLATION** (CONTRACT 2024-2025-18)
- **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AN EMULSION TANK TO JEPARIT DEPOT** (CONTRACT 2024-2025-20)

The specific requirements are detailed in the tender documents, which can be downloaded via Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/tenders.

Closing time for the above tenders is **2:00pm** on **Thursday 14 November 2024**.

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

RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

Free financial counselling with the Rural Financial Counselling Service

1300 771 741



The Rural Financial Counselling Service provides free and confidential financial counselling services to eligible farmers and related rural businesses that are experiencing, or are at risk of, financial hardship.

They can help you access available support, analyse your business situation, negotiate with lenders and develop strategies to improve your financial position.

To find out more about how Rural Financial Counselling Service can assist you, please visit: <https://wswrcs.com.au/>

love your library



Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are vibrant hubs for information, connection, creativity and fun!

[Visit our Website!](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au)

Becoming a member of Hindmarsh Shire Libraries is FREE!

Our four branches across Hindmarsh Shire not only have physical books for you to borrow, but we have free access to Wi-Fi and public computers, audiobook CDs, magazines, e-Books and e-Audiobook apps for your digital device, movie and series screening apps, electronic graphic novels and comics, e-Magazines and so much more! If you haven't checked out your nearest library yet - why not pop in and meet the library team!



meet Hannah
LIBRARY COORDINATOR



meet Jo
DIMBOOLA LIBRARY



meet Danelle
NHILL LIBRARY



meet Sharon
JEPARIT & RAINBOW LIBRARY

JOIN OUR TEAM



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

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CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Library and Customer Service Officer Dimboola
Part Time (2 days per week, Thursday-Friday)
Applications close **12pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024**

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.

Visit Council's website:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event

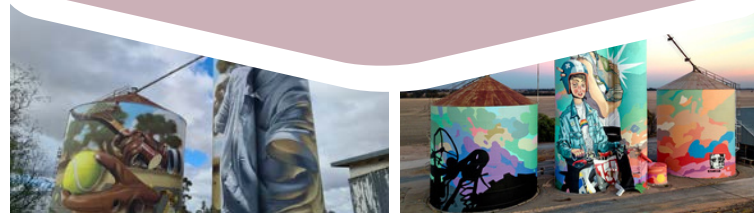
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Hindmarsh Shire Supported Playgroups
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Nhill Cinema
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Facts and figures

145 work tickets relating to footpaths actioned

923 work tickets relating to roads actioned

39 work tickets relating to drainage and culverts actioned

7,982 physical library items borrowed at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries

6,458 phone calls answered at Customer Service Centres

13,000+ visitors used library services and facilities

\$63,526 spent on community, business and events grants programs

6,312 attendees at outdoor swimming pools

33 groups assisted by annual Council grants

26 residents became Australian Citizens

33 planning permit applications received

49 trees ordered/planted

653 customer action requests actioned

2,020 tonnes of waste collected

As of 30 June 2024
1,234 cats and dogs were registered (313 cats and 921 dogs)

5,179 rateable properties consisting of the following:

