

COUNCILLORS & OFFICERS LISTENING SESSIONS



Hindmarsh Shire Council has scheduled Listening Sessions so that you can have a chat with Councillors or a member of Council staff and share feedback on what matters most to you. No need to register or book a time, just drop in. We're here to help, answer questions, hear your concerns and give you the opportunity to have input into Council's future plans.

The Listening Sessions will be held throughout February across the Shire, and are intended to be used to inform the 2025/2026 Annual Budget, 2025-2029 Council Plan, and other matters of importance.

Sessions will be held between **7:00pm – 8:30pm** at the following locations:

- Rainbow MECCA Supper Room Tuesday 11 February 2025
- Yanac Hall Wednesday 12 February 2025
- Jeparit Memorial Hall Tuesday 18 February 2025
- Nhill Council Chambers
 Wednesday 19 February 2025
- Dimboola Library Monday 24 February 2025

For further information, or if you have any questions, please contact Council on 03 5391 4444 or by email at info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

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.

THANK YOU FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY SERVICES & VOLUNTEERS

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to extend a huge thank you to the emergency services crews, front line workers, Country Fire Authority (CFA), State Emergency Service (SES), Victoria Police and all volunteers who have been working tirelessly at the bushfires in and surrounding the Little Desert National Park. It's thanks to you that so many people have been able to safely return to their homes.

MAYORAL MATTERS

Cr Ron Ismay

I need to begin this Mayoral Matters by commenting on the current fire events

happening in our region. In particular, the Little Desert National Park fire. The terrible destruction and loss of wildlife in the Little Desert National Park, and the Little Desert Nature Lodge, has been devastating. My good friend "Whimpy" Reichelt's emotion in an interview made it even worse, the Lodge was Whimpy's life work.

The wind change at the eleventh hour, along with the tenacity and dedication of the Dimboola Fire brigade volunteers, volunteers from other brigades, and paid fire fighters from across the region, from what I have been told, saved Dimboola.

We are not out of the woods yet by any means, with February and March still to come. Let's hope for the best and continue to remain informed and prepared.

Read more: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news



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SWIMMING POOL SEASON FINISHES SOON



The Hindmarsh Shire Council 2024/2025 pool season will come to an end on **Monday 10 March 2025**.

Since the pools opened from 16 November 2025, Council has seen a combined total of over **9,036 attendees** through the gates at the Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow outdoor pools.

Thank you to those who joined us this season!



SUMMER TRANSFER STATION HOURS ENDING

The Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Station summer operating hours will come to an end after **Friday 28 February 2025**.

Operating hours will return to the previous operating hours, as listed below:

	DIMBOOLA	JEPARIT	NHILL	RAINBOW
MON	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm
TUE	Closed	10:00am - 1:00pm	Closed	Closed
WED	9:30am - 12:30pm	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Closed
THUR	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed
FRI	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	2:00pm - 5:00pm
SAT	10:00am - 1:00pm	Closed	9:30am - 12:30pm	Closed
SUN	12:30pm - 3:30pm	10:30am - 1:30pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm

On days of **Total Fire Ban**, all Transfer Station operating hours will **change to 9:00am - 12:00pm**. Whenever the Country Fire Authority (CFA) declares a **Catastrophic Fire Danger** rating, Council will **close all Transfer Stations for the declared day**.

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION & SUPPORT

Council has recently updated its website to include information on family violence, how to respond to disclosures of violence, and information on local support services. You can find this page under the 'Community' tab of our website, or visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Family-Violence-Prevention-and-Support

This information is also available for collection in a hard copy brochure at any Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centre and Library.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT -PROPOSED DIMBOOLA SWIMMING POOL UPGRADES



Council is in the process of preparing a grant application seeking funds to undertake significant improvements to the Dimboola Swimming Pool.

These works include:

- Wet deck conversion
- Installation of a balance tank and in-pool hydraulics
- Filtration upgrade to meet Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requirements
- Crack and expansion joint repair
- Construction of an all-abilities access ramp

Council's grant application will be strengthened through demonstrated community support for the project. To show your support, you can complete the 'Community Support Response Form' on the Hindmarsh Have Your Say website.

Council will be holding two drop-in sessions where members of the community can attend and ask Council Officers questions relating to this grant application.

These sessions will be held on **Friday 14 February 2025** at the following locations/times:

- Dimboola Old Shire Hall from 10am to 1pm
- Dimboola Swimming Pool from 2pm to 5pm

For more information, or to complete the Community Support form, please scan the QR code or visit:

<u>www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.g</u> <u>ov.au/proposed-dimboola-</u> <u>swimming-pool-upgrades</u>



COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS



Applications for round two of the 2024/2025 Community Action Grants Program are currently open and will close at **5:00pm** on **Friday 28 February 2025**.

Application forms are available on Council's website at <u>www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants</u> and can either be downloaded or completed online.

Funding can be applied for in one of three categories:

- Community Assistance
- Event Sponsorship
- Small Equipment

Clubs and organisations are encouraged to review the grant guidelines before completing their application as changes have been made to the funding programs.

For more information, please contact our Community Wellbeing team by phone on 03 5391 4444 or via email at <u>grants@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au</u>.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY UNDERWAY

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to inform residents that from 20 January through to mid-March 2025, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

They have been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council. The survey has been designed to assess the performance of Hindmarsh Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide more effective service delivery to residents. Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian Councils.

We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Council.

If the interviewer knows your name and/or starts to ask personal questions, please hang up from the call immediately.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hindmarsh Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals to be appointed as external members to Council's Audit and Risk Committee for the 2024 to 2028 Council term.

The Audit and Risk Committee is an independent Advisory Committee established in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* to provide oversight and appropriate advice to Council on the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial and performance reporting, risk management and fraud prevention, internal controls and facilitating the organisations ethical and sustainable development.

External members are required to demonstrate experience in the fields of finance, risk, governance, audit, and public sector management.

A copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and Terms of Reference which clearly set out the Committee's roles and responsibilities is available from Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-committees.

Expressions of interest, detailing background and experience and an understanding of the Committee's duties and responsibilities as detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee Charter are to be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 250, Nhill or emailed to <u>hr@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au</u>, and be received by **12 noon** on **Thursday 27 February 2025**.

NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 14 March 2025**.

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 9 May 2025
- Friday 4 July 2025

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

GLASS RECYCLING

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2025



HINDMARSH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ALLIRA ROBERTS

This award recognises and acknowledges the dedicated and untiring volunteer work for the Rainbow community, particularly Rainbow Town the Advisory Committee and the Rainbow Archives. Allira has successfully applied for grants and permits on behalf of the Rainbow Town Advisory Committee and has also developed a new residents booklet - providing necessary information to new residents of Rainbow among several other achievements and roles within the Rainbow community.

As another example, Allira's volunteer work for the Rainbow Archives has included sorting, scanning and cataloguing historic newspaper items, letters and many other items of documentation of historical importance.

Allira strives to instil a positive attitude in everything she does and takes every opportunity to advocate for inclusivity to the benefit of the greater community.

Her advocacy includes the establishment of all-abilities parking in strategic locations in the Rainbow business district, DDA compliant amenities and facilities at public toilets in the township of Rainbow, and all-ability access to the Rainbow Swimming Pool which people will enable with accessibility requirements or elderly people who may struggle with steps, easy access to enter and exit the pool safely.



HINDMARSH YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BAILEE WHITE

Bailee has volunteered her time for several local groups Nhill community, the in including Nhill A & P Society, Nhill Basketball Association, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council, Iona Aged Care Facility and the Nhill and District Sporting Club. She has also been involved in several plays and musicals for Nhill College, and as а representative on the School Representative Council (SRC) from 2018 to 2024, Bond House Captain (2023 to 2024), and SRC President in 2024.

Bailee has received many accolades throughout her years Nhill at College, receiving awards such as the Luv-A-Duck Award in Years 9 10, Mallee Excellence & Award in Year 10, Long Tan Youth Leadership Teamwork Award in Year 10 and more. She has also been awarded Nhill Lion's Youth of the Year for 2024 and in December of 2024 she represented Nhill Lion's Club on an exchange to Canada for 6 weeks.

Bailee is an exceptional and inspirational role model for younger people in the Shire who want to make a positive impact in the community. Her willingness to volunteer her time and participate in many activities proves her dedication to the community.



HINDMARSH SHIRE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD JANET PILMORE

Janet has made a significant contribution to the Dimboola community for many decades, across numerous organisations and for various causes, whether it has been for empowering young people, supporting vital services, or fostering strong connection and care within the community. Her stewardship of the Dimboola Gateway Shop for over 35 years ensured its day-to-day operations and saw it become a cornerstone for the success of Dimboola Girl Guides.

Janet's involvement with CFA Ladies' Auxiliary has seen her prepare food for firefighters during emergencies and organising fundraising events to support the CFA. The passion she has for the community extended her membership in the to Dimboola Garden Club, where she contributed to local beautification projects until the club disbanded in 2009.

She has been heavily involved with Dimboola Girl Guides, taking on a leadership role where she empowered young girls by instilling values such as selfconfidence and providing them opportunities to learn vital life skills. She renewed her guide promise in 2014 to lead the Second Company Guides in Dimboola, where she has organised camps, mentored future leaders and ensured continued success of the program.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

FIRE PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

There are several resources that can assist you and your loved ones to prepare for an emergency:

VicEmergency - Get live emergency warnings and information

VicEmergency is the official Victorian Government source for emergency warnings and information. Use the App or Website to see a live map showing current warnings, planned burns and other incidents across Victoria.

https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/

Radio Broadcasting - Get information if you don't have a phone or the internet, or are driving

MIXX FM - 94.5 FM / 101.3 FM ABC Radio - 94.1 FM / 594 AM 3WM - 1089 AM

Wimmera72 - Looking after you and your family for the first 72 hours of an emergency

If an emergency occurs in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere.

https://wimmera72.com.au/

CFA Plan and Prepare Resources

https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

Australian Red Cross Preparing for Emergencies Guide

Follow the four-step process detailed by the Australia Red Cross: Get in the know, Get connected, Get organised, Get packing.

https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/

For people who speak a different language

Call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and request translated information from the VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226. To translate important fire safety information in other languages, go to the Other Languages (LOTE) page on the CFA website. You can also access information, including awareness brochures in English and Karen, on Hindmarsh Shire Council's website:

https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Emergency

Website links to help you plan for your pets during an emergency:

- <u>https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/emergency-animal-welfare/horses-and-livestock-in-emergencies</u>
- <u>https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/pets-and-bushfires</u>

VicTraffic - To keep up to date with current road closures

VicTraffic is Victoria's official source of information regarding roads and traffic during incidents and emergencies that may impact road users.

https://traffic.transport.vic.gov.au/

Registration during and after an emergency

Council Registration

Wimmera Emergency Management teams use a registration system to record community members who have been impacted by an emergency. This enables us to link you with services that can provide you and your family support.

Australian Red Cross Register.Find.Reunite

When an emergency commences and people are asked to evacuate, the Register.Find.Reunite service through the Australian Red Cross may be activated.

Whether you're leaving or staying where you are, Register.Find.Reunite helps people know what you're doing and that you're okay. Once the service is activated, you can access it on the Red Cross website or at evacuation and recovery centres.

https://register.redcross.org.au/

UPCOMING EVENTS





FEBRUARY



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DIMBOOLA CLASSIC MOVIE A Fish Called Wanda Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Dimboola!

Thursday 13 February 2025 Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola Rated M 13 E

NHILL CINEMA VALENTINE'S SPECAIL We Live in Time

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for a Valentine's Day movie screening of 'We Live in Time'. Bring your special someone or have a night out with your friends!

Thursday 13 February 2025 Movie at 7:00pm Nhill Cinema / Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street Rated M Tickets: Adult \$13 | Concession \$8 | Family \$32



Drop-In Sessions Dimboola Swimming Pool Upgrades

Council is in the process of preparing a grant application seeking funds to undertake significant improvements to the Dimboola Swimming Pool.

You can attend these sessions to ask Council Officers questions about this grant application and the works that Council is proposing, as well as show your support.

> Friday 14 February 2025 Dimboola Old Shire Hall 10:00am - 1:00pm

Dimboola Swimming Pool 2:00pm - 5:00pm



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

> **Dimboola Library** Held weekly on Fridays from 10:00am

Nhill Library Held every second Friday from 11:00am



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 14 February 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street Call 03 5391 4449



Sticky Fingers Art Prints Exhibition in Dimboola

Dimboola Shire Hall transforms into a vibrant hub of art, culture, and cinematic ambition by launching Julien Poulson's dazzling pop art, which blends retro aesthetics with contemporary storytelling.

The art exhibition is inspired by Cambodia's golden era of Rock and Roll in the 1960s, so guests are encouraged to dress in 1960s fashion. The aim is to create a fun atmosphere with a twist of enlightenment.

Friday 14 February 2025

7:00pm - 9:00pm Dimboola Old Shire Hall 101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola

Contact Dimboola Art Inc. on 0425 705 591



NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE How Green Was My Valley Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 18 February 2025

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am Nhill Cinema / Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street Rated PG



Cindy Bunt Author Talk in Nhill Hindmarsh Shire Libraries is thrilled to be hosting Cindy Bunt as she presents her latest publication - Fall in Love with Baking!

Thursday 20 February 2025 From 6:00pm Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street Nibbles and drinks provided

To RSVP, please call 03 5391 4444.



JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE Twins Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

Wednesday 26 February 2025 Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am Jeparit Memorial Hall, 12 Roy Street Rated PG

MARCH



Jeparit Riverbank Fiesta featuring Shannon Tatt & The Flipside

Join us at the Jeparit Riverbank Precinct to celebrate International Women's Day!

Saturday 1 March 2025

5:00pm - Twilight Market 6:30pm - International Women's Day Q&A Panel 7:00pm - Live music until late

Jeparit Riverbank Precinct (Next to Jeparit Tennis Courts & Caravan Park)

BYO chairs, blankets and refreshments. Food vans/stalls will be available during the market. To register for a stall, please contact the Jeparit Town Committee on 0417 348 881 or email jeparittc@hotmail.com.



RAINBOW CLASSIC MOVIE Walk the Line Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Rainbow!

Wednesday 5 March 2025 Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am Rainbow MECCA Hall, 15 Federal Street Rated M



Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

Join us at our next Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting. Council meetings are open to members of the public and livestreamed on Council's Facebook page.

Wednesday 5 March 2025

From 3:00pm Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill



DIMBOOLA CLASSIC MOVIE Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Dimboola!

Thursday 13 March 2025

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola Rated PG



NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE The Pink Panther

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am Nhill Cinema / Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street Rated PG

ONGOING



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 10:00am - 12noon

Nhill Library Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

Jeparit Library Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Rainbow Library Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm



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

> **Rainbow Library** Fridays from 1:30pm

> **Nhill Library** Fridays from 2:00pm

Jeparit Library Mondays from 2:00pm



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

> Nhill Library Mondays 10:00am - 12noon

Dimboola Library Tuesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

For more information, visit <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>hindmarshshiresupportedplaygroups</u>

OUT AND ABOUT



NHILL DOG PARK



Hindmarsh Shire's first Dog Park is progressing well with plenty of activity onsite over the past few weeks.

Just before Christmas, Council's Outdoor Works team completed construction of all-weather access parking and driveway, located adjacent to the Nhill Lawn Tennis Club.

Fencing contractors have recently completed the new 1,500mm high chainmesh fencing installation. The next stage will see earthworks undertaken to level out the major dips and then installation of several attractions to keep visiting canines busy.

Other works will include installation of seating and a picnic table, and the connection of a water point to refresh thirsty dogs!

DAVIS PARK GRANDSTAND & CHANGEROOMS

Contractors have made steady progress on the construction of the new Davis Park Grandstand and Changeroom, with the foundations completed just before Christmas.

Structural steel erection is almost complete with contractors moving their focus to the timber framing and the installation of the subfloor, which will be undertaken throughout February. This will be followed by installation of the roof, windows and doors from March onwards.



OLD MINYIP ROAD AND DIMBOOLA MINYIP ROAD



Works have commenced on a sealed reconstruction of an approximately 1,000m length of road on Old Minyip Road (near Pilmores Road) and Dimboola Minyip Road (between Dimboola East Road and Geodetic Road). These works will repair significant damage to pavement by installing new pavement, slag lime stabilisation and new seal. Works should be wrapped up in March, favourable subject to weather conditions.

For more news, and to view our past newsletters, go to <u>www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/newsletters</u>

REDUCE THE RISK OF CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS THIS SUMMER

The Department of Health is advising Victorians not to swim in public swimming pools for at least two weeks if they have had diarrhoea, as cases of cryptosporidiosis ('crypto') begin to increase across the state.

Five simple steps people can take to help keep the water clean:

- Do not swim for two weeks after diarrhoea stops if you have had cryptosporidiosis or diarrhoea of unknown cause.
- Shower and wash with soap, especially your bottom, before swimming.
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy.
- Change nappies in nappy change areas only.
- Avoid swallowing pool water.

Visit the Department of Health website for further information.

MINIMISE HARM DURING MOSQUITO SEASON

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 minimize the harm, such as:

- cover up when outside wear loose longsleeved, light coloured clothing and footwear
- avoid being outside at sunrise or sunset when mosquitos are most active
- use mosquito repellents to cover any exposed skin - tropical strength or repellents 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 vaccinations against Japanese Encephalitis, a virus which is carried by mosquitos, are available through your local immunization provider, community pharmacies or your GP.

Visit our Website!



creativity and fun!

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!





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You can receive all of Hindmarsh Shire Council's news directly to your inbox! To subscribe to our e-news visit **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/enews**, scan the QR code or call us on 03 5391 4444 and we can do it for you!

JOIN OUR TEAM



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



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Parks and Gardens Jeparit Permanent Full Time Applications ongoing

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

To contact a councillor, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/councillors.

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Mayor

West Ward



Cr Chan Uoy Deputy Mayor East Ward



Cr Roger Aitken Councillor North Ward



Cr Rosie Barker Councillor West Ward



Councillor

East Ward



Cr Tony Clark **Councillor** North Ward

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Nhill Cinema www.facebook.com/nhillcinema



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Counselling and mental health support services

Released: 29 January 2025

Wimmera Grampians

Trauma counselling, general counselling and mental health support services are available for anyone affected by the recent fires across in the Wimmera and Grampians areas. If you are seeking mental health support, would like someone to talk with or if you have other community concerns, please reach out to any of the services below.

LOCAL SERVICES

Grampians Area Mental Health Service, Access and Triage Team Phone: 1300 247 647 **Step Thru Care Wimmera Grampians** (delivered by Uniting VicTas) Phone: 5362 4000

Grampians Community Health Intake Phone: 5358 7400 Horsham Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub 185 Baille St Phone: 1300 375 330 Open Mon-Fri 9am-3pm.

headspace Horsham 77 Hamilton St, Horsham Phone: 5381 1543 Email: info.headspacehorsham@vt.uniting.org Open: Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-5pm

Budja Budja Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre Phone: 5356 4751 (Halls Gap) or 5352 6700 (Ararat)

Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative (Horsham) Phone: 5381 6301

STATEWIDE SERVICES

Suicide Call Back Service Phone:1300 659 467

Lifeline Phone: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue Phone: 1300 224 636 **13YARN** (First Nations Support)**Partners In Wellbeing helpline**Phone: 13 92 76Free telephone mental health

Head to Health National Phone: 1800 595 212

Rural Financial Counselling Phone: 1300 735 578 Partners In Wellbeing helpline Free telephone mental health support available to all Victorians 16 years plus Phone: 1300 375 330 Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-5pm



If you need urgent mental health support during this time, contact Grampians Health on phone: 1300 247 647