

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH - MAY 2025



## HAVE YOUR SAY – COUNCIL PLAN 2025–2029



The **Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan** is developed in conversation with our community and details the vision, goals and strategies to guide Council's service delivery, activities and decision making over a four-year period.

It is time to develop a new Council Plan, and we would like to hear from the Hindmarsh community about the services, programs and projects that matter to you the most.

Your aspirations will guide what goes into the Plan and shape how Council uses its resources over the next four years.

You can complete the survey online by scanning the QR code, or can collect a hard copy at your local Customer Service Centre and Library. The survey will be open until **Sunday 23 March 2025**.



## 2024/2025 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 2024, Council has seen a combined total of over **11,668 attendees** through the gates at the Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow outdoor pools. As part of the free entry process to the swimming pools there were **2,616** individual registrations.

Hindmarsh Shire Council endorsed the plan to self-manage and operate all of the shires swimming pools in mid-2024 which culminated in the Council employing 26 lifeguards and one additional supervisor who were all rotated across the pools throughout the season.

Thank you to those who joined us this season!



## LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK BUSHFIRE

On 27 January 2025, dry lightning started several fires in the Little Desert National Park. The fire front travelled quickly, and due to a wind change late in the evening that saw the front travel north-east, Dimboola, Wail and Pimpinio were evacuated.

Hindmarsh Shire Council and Horsham Rural City Council staff quickly established a Relief Centre in Horsham that saw over 260 people through the door. Once residents were able to safely return home, a Recovery Centre was established in Dimboola that enabled those impacted to lodge requests for assistance and access information from emergency and support services. As the fire impacted areas north of the National Park around Winiam, a Recovery Centre was also set up in Nhill on 4 February 2025.

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

## ECONOMIC IMPACT SURVEY FOR BUSINESSES

The Little Desert Bushfire - Economic Impact Survey for businesses is a crucial tool for assessing the widespread impacts of the 2025 Little Desert Bushfire. Your input is essential for shaping informed strategies for immediate recovery and building long-term resilience.

We encourage you to complete the survey online. Council officers are also available to assist you with the survey if needed.

To complete this survey, please scan the QR code, or visit Council's website at: [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/economic-impact-survey](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/economic-impact-survey)



# BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS

As the hot weather continues, it is incredibly important that you remain informed and have a plan in place during emergency situations.

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.*

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/](http://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
- 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 happens 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:**

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://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.*

[www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/](http://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:*

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Emergency](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Emergency)

## SUPPORT SERVICES DURING AND AFTER EMERGENCIES

Unfortunately, there increased risks of family violence in emergency effected communities. Whatever your situation, if you or someone you know needs help, there is a wide range of family violence support services available.

[www.vic.gov.au/family-violence-statewide-support-services/](http://www.vic.gov.au/family-violence-statewide-support-services/)

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 a support service.

Scan the QR code for contacts to support services or call us on (03) 5391 4444 for more information.



## PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be **closed** on the following public holidays:

- **Monday 10 March - Labour Day**
- **Friday 18 April - Good Friday**
- **Monday 21 April - Easter Monday**
- **Friday 25 April - Anzac Day**

**All Transfer Stations will be closed on Good Friday.** Waste collection services within Hindmarsh Shire will not be affected by these public holidays - bins will be collected as normal.

## GLASS BIN COLLECTIONS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire will be collected on **Friday 14 March and Friday 9 May 2025**. Please put your bins out the night before.



# HINDMARSH TRANSFER STATION OPERATING HOURS

This is a reminder that the summer operating hours for all Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Stations ended on **Friday 28 February 2025**.

You can view the opening hours for all Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Stations below. Scan the QR code for more information, including tip fees.



	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 Brigade (CFA) declares a **Catastrophic Fire Danger** rating, Council will **close all Transfer Stations for the day**.

## HINDMARSH BUSINESS NETWORKING SESSION

The next **Hindmarsh Business Networking Session** will be held on **Wednesday 9 April 2025** from **6:30pm** at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

### Presentations at the event will include;

- Updates from Hindmarsh Shire Council
  - Overview of the Bushfire Business Impact Survey
  - Economic Development & Tourism Activities
- Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism update
- Rural Financial Counselling – Business support
- Discussion on local Business group

A light supper and refreshments will be served during the event.

For further information, please contact Mark Fletcher, Manager Economic Development and Tourism, at [mfletcher@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:mfletcher@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 5391 4444.

# HINDMARSH AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS 2025

The 2025 Hindmarsh Australia Day Award winners were presented at the Australia Day events held throughout the Shire on Sunday 26 January 2025. See the award winners below:



### 2025 HINDMARSH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: Allira Roberts, Rainbow

The award recognises and acknowledges Allira's dedicated and untiring volunteer work for the Rainbow community, particularly the Rainbow Town Advisory Committee and the Rainbow Archives.



### 2025 HINDMARSH YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: Bailee White, Nhill

Bailee volunteers her time for several local groups in the Nhill Community, including Nhill A & P Society, Nhill Basketball Association, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council, Iona Aged Care Facility and Nhill and District Sporting Club.



### 2025 HINDMARSH SHIRE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Janet Pilmore, Dimboola

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 a strong connection and care within the community.

To read more about the recipients of these awards, please scan the QR code or visit Council's website.



## ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS 2025

Animal registration renewals should begin to reach mailboxes throughout March 2025.

Please ensure details relating to you or your animal are updated. If you have had any change to the number of animals living with you, or if a pet has passed away, please contact us to provide this information as well.

Contact our Customer Service team at (03) 5391 4444 or via email at [info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au) to update any relevant information.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, visit [hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events](http://hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events), or scan the QR code below.

## DIMBOOLA CLASSIC MOVIE

Join us at for a **FREE** Classic Movie!

### CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

**Thursday 13 March 2025**

**Time:** Morning tea at 10:00am

Movie at 10:30am

**Location:** Dimboola Old Shire Hall

101 Lloyd Street

Rated M

## NHILL CLASSIC MOVIES

Join us for a variety of **FREE** Classic Movies!

### Details for all movies:

**Time:** Morning tea at 10:00am

Movie at 10:30am

**Location:** Nhill Cinema

77-79 Nelson Street

### THE PINK PANTHER

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Rated PG

### BATMAN: THE MOVIE

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Rated PG

### FREAKY FRIDAY

Tuesday 27 May 2025

Rated PG

## NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for Nhill Kids Craft Club **FREE** of charge!

**Wednesday 19 March 2025**

**Time:** 3:30pm

**Location:** Nhill Library,  
5 Clarence Street

## NHILL WRITING HOUR

Join us at the Nhill Library for Writing Hour!

**Thursday 20 March 2025**

**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Location:** Nhill Library,  
5 Clarence Street

## DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat!

**Friday 21 March 2025**

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Location:** Dimboola Library,  
101 Lloyd Street

## JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIES

Join us for a variety of **FREE** Classic Movies!

### Details for all movies:

**Time:** Morning tea at 10:00am

Movie at 10:30am

**Location:** Jeparit Memorial Hall

12 Roy Street

### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Rated PG

### THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH

Wednesday 23 April 2025

Rated PG

### OLD YELLER

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Rated G

## COMMUNITY THANK YOU EVENT - LITTLE DESERT BUSHFIRES

Join us to celebrate and thank the wonderful firefighters, volunteers, emergency service personnel, front-line workers, and everyone else involved in helping to protect our community during the recent Little Desert bushfire.

**Saturday 29 March 2025**

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Dimboola Soundshell,  
Dimboola Recreation Reserve

## WIMMERA STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL 2025

**Saturday 12 April 2025**

**Time:** From 5:00pm

**Location:** Dimboola CBD

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/wimmerasteampunkfestival](http://www.facebook.com/wimmerasteampunkfestival)

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Hindmarsh Shire Council meetings are open to members of the public to attend or can be watched live on Council's Facebook page.

Council meetings will be held at the Nhill Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill, from 3pm on the following days:

**Wednesday 2 April 2025**

**Wednesday 7 May 2025**

**Wednesday 28 May 2025**

For more information, visit:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings)

## WHAT'S ON AT HINDMARSH SHIRE LIBRARIES

See below what is coming up at our Hindmarsh Shire Libraries! All activities are free.

### STORY TIME

**Dimboola Library**

Fridays from 10:00am

**Nhill Library**

Every second Friday from 11:00am

### CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Held weekly - all welcome

**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

### JIGSAW CLUB

**Rainbow Library**

Fridays from 1:30pm

**Nhill Library**

Fridays from 2:00pm

**Jeparit Library**

Mondays from 2:00pm

### SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

(excluding during school holidays)

**Nhill Library**

Mondays 10am - 12pm

**Dimboola Library**

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

**Jeparit Kindergarten**

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

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