

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

13 MARCH 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.

We've developed a survey that will guide you to consider and provide feedback on your priorities in the following areas:

- **Services and Service Levels**
- **Resources**
- **Advocacy**
- **Innovation**
- **Health and Wellbeing**



Scan the QR code to complete the survey online, or visit [www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](http://www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au). You can also collect a hard copy at your local Customer Service Centre and Library.

**The survey will be open until 23 March 2025.**

### 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.

## 2025 HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL



Hindmarsh Shire Council formally welcomed the 2025 Youth Councillors with a certificate presentation on Friday 28 February 2025.

The Youth Council is traditionally made up of 13 young people from across the Shire. 12 are appointed through an application process, with the 13th being an honorary position for the Youth of the Year award recipient. The Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors for 2025 are: Amelia Albrecht, Eliza Clarke, Anora Corbett, Messi Ehdohpaw, Chelsea Elliott, Stanley Foster, Lisa Klee, Georgie McKinnon, Matilda McKinnon, Savior Ner Moo, Ryan Wallace, Lilly Williams, and Bailee White.

## LITTLE DESERT FIRE THANK YOU COMMUNITY EVENT



The Dimboola Soundshell and Recreation Reserve is 'the place to be' on **Saturday 29 March 2025!** We invite you to join us to recognise and thank emergency services, volunteers and emergency response staff for their incredible efforts in controlling and eventually containing the Little Desert bushfire.

The Little Desert Bushfire Community Thank You Event will commence at **6:00pm**, with live music performances from 'Dog and Bass', followed by 'Head Rush' from 7:30pm. Please bring your own refreshments, chairs and blankets.



## MAYORAL MATTERS



Read Cr Ron Ismay's most recent Mayoral Matters.

Cr Ismay discusses -

- the Listening Sessions in Rainbow, Yanac, Jeparit, Nhill and Dimboola.
- advocacy for State and Federal Government commitment to funding rural and regional roads.
- Welcoming the 2025 Youth Council.
- The Women of the Wimmera Riverbank Fiesta in Jeparit on 1 March 2025.

Read more: [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news)

## COUNCIL MEETING WRAP UP - 5 MARCH 2025

A Council meeting was held on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at the Nhill Council Chamber. If you missed this meeting, the livestream recording can be found on Council's Facebook page.

The following items were discussed and decided on by Council at this meeting:

- Updates to the S11A Instrument of Delegation under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the S5 Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer.
- Updates to the Councillor Expense Entitlements Policy and Fee Waiver and Reduction Policy. These updated policies can be viewed on Council's website at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/policies](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/policies).
- Advocacy to the Victorian State Government to fund Phase 2 of By Five, covering program delivery from 2025-2029.
- A preliminary business impact report was presented to Council on the Little Desert Bushfires.
- Adoption of the amended Terms of Reference for the Heavy Transport and Freight Vehicle Working Group.
- Adoption of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme Review - the report from the review will now be forwarded to the Minister for Planning.

To read more about these items, you can find the Minutes and corresponding attachments from this meeting on Council's website at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings).

## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS 2025



Hindmarsh Shire Council extends an invitation to all members of the community to join in the celebrations for **Harmony Day 2025** at the **Nhill Memorial Community Centre** on **Thursday 20 March 2025** from **6:00pm**.

This celebration will feature guest speakers who will talk about their journey to Hindmarsh Shire, an array of cultures, arts, dances and music followed by light refreshments.

Harmony Day is celebrated annually in March and has an ongoing theme of "Everyone Belongs." On Harmony Day, we recognise and celebrate our diversity and the cultures that enrich our community and make it an amazing place to live. Harmony Day is also an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the value of community participation, inclusiveness, respect and belonging.

For more details, visit:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news).

## HINDMARSH CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES NOW TAKING EFTPOS FOR VICROADS



Hindmarsh Shire Council is an Agency Partner with VicRoads, allowing a number of basic transactions to be conducted at our Customer Service Centres in Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow.

We are excited to advise that we now can take EFTPOS payments, as well as cash or cheque payments. This update to our Agency Agreement means conducting your VicRoads transactions in our local townships has become quicker and easier.

Pop in to see our team for assistance with:

- Licence Renewals
- Firearms Licence photos
- Heavy Vehicle Work Diaries
- Light Trailer Registrations
- Marine Licence Renewals and photos

\*Please note that any licence renewal or update that requires a photo can only be done in Nhill with the photopoint camera.



# JEPARIT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY RIVERBANK FIESTA



Hindmarsh Shire Council, in partnership with the Jeparit Town Advisory Committee, was thrilled to host the Jeparit Riverbank Fiesta to celebrate International Women's Day 2025 on Saturday 01 March 2025.

The Riverbank Precinct at Jeparit was abuzz with activity, including market stalls and food vans creating a lively border around the lush, grassed area.

Angela Murphy of Ballarat and Grampians Community Legal Service gave a presentation about the various services available to people within the region, and then Monica Revell, Hindmarsh Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, hosted a panel discussion with incredible women working in male-dominated fields.

The panel consisted of Angela Ballinger (AFL Victoria Region Manager for Wimmera Mallee and Sunraysia), Cara Hadzig (CFA Captain of North Wimmera Fire Brigade), and Darcie Landrigan (apprentice electrician with Laser Electrical). The panellists openly shared their experiences from within their workplaces, as well as ideas for how women can pursue careers in male-dominated industries - it was an uplifting and encouraging presentation.

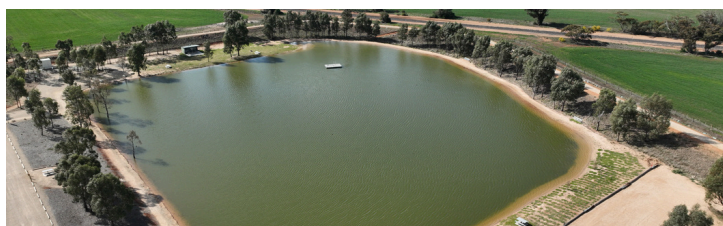
Following the panel, attendees were treated to the musical stylings of the fantastic band, 'Shannon Tatt and the Flipside', who performed a variety of songs of differing genres.

Read more: [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news).

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# QUOTATIONS INVITED - ALL ABILITIES ACCESSIBLE FISHING PONTOON OR JETTY AT RAINBOW LAKE



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

## SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF ALL ABILITIES ACCESSIBLE FISHING PONTOON OR JETTY AT RAINBOW LAKE (RFQ 2024-2025-31)

The specific requirements are detailed in the RFQ documents, which can be downloaded via Council's tender portal (link below).

Closing time for the above RFQ is **2:00pm** on **Thursday 27 March 2025**.

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

Visit <https://app.eprocure.com.au/hindmarsh/>

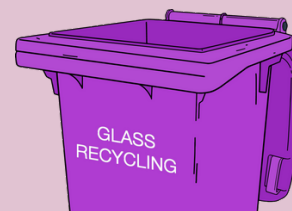
# NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

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](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/glass-bins)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## MARCH

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### 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

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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 14 and 28 March 2025**

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street  
Call 03 5391 4449

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### 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

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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 19 March 2025**

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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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 20 March 2025**

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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### Everyone Belongs ARMONY DAY

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**Thursday 20 March 2025**

From 6:00pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,  
77-79 Nelson Street

For more information, please contact Community Wellbeing Team on (03) 5391 4444 or email [community@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:community@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au).



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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 21 March 2025**

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd 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 and livestreamed on Council's Facebook page.

**Wednesday 2 April 2025**

From 3:00pm

Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

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### JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE

#### Sweet Home Alabama

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

**Wednesday 26 March 2025**

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

Jeparit Memorial Hall,

12 Roy Street

Rated PG

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### HINDMARSH BUSINESS NETWORKING

#### SESSION - SAVE THE DATE

Join us at our next Hindmarsh Business Networking Session.

**Wednesday 9 April 2025**

From 6:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,  
77-79 Nelson Street

#### 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.

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### 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**

6:00pm - 11:00pm

Dimboola Soundshell,  
Dimboola Recreation Reserve

#### This event will feature:

Live music (Dog & Bass from 6pm and Head Rush from 7:30pm)

Toby's Sky Tours (weather permitting)

Face painting, giant games and free popcorn

BBQ from the Dimboola Lions Club

Auction (all proceeds going to CFA brigades)

Food vendors

Art display by local students

+ much more

#### All are welcome to attend!

BYO refreshments, chair and picnic blankets

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### WIMMERA STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL

The Wimmera Progress Association is excited to be hosting the Wimmera Steampunk Festival again in 2025.

**Saturday 12 April 2025**

From 5:00pm

Dimboola CBD, Lloyd Street and Lochiel Street

Celebrate your uniqueness and creativity!

For more information, you can visit

[www.wimmerasteampunkfestival.com.au](http://www.wimmerasteampunkfestival.com.au)

or contact Chan at the Dimboola Progress Association on 0425 705 591 or email [chan@dimboolaimaginarium.com](mailto:chan@dimboolaimaginarium.com)



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**JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE**

**The Seven Year Itch**

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

**Wednesday 23 April 2025**

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 10:00am - 12noon

**Nhill Library**

Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

**Jeparit Library**

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

**Rainbow Library**

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm



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**NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE**

**Batman: The Movie**

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

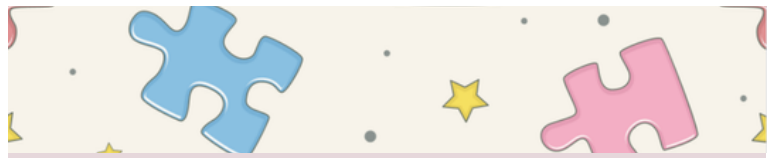
**Tuesday 29 April 2025**

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

Jeparit Memorial Hall,

12 Roy Street

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**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

**Jeparit Library**

Mondays from 2:00pm



**ONGOING**



**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



**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 [www.facebook.com/hindmarshshiresupportedplaygroups](https://www.facebook.com/hindmarshshiresupportedplaygroups)



# OUT AND ABOUT



## ROAD WORKS UPDATE

### ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS

Reconstruction works on **Old Minyip Road** and **Dimboola Minyip Road** are well underway, including a full reconstruction of approximately 1km of these two roads to repair failed sections. These projects are on track to be completed in April 2025.

Reconstruction works on **Woorak-Ni Ni-Lorquon Road** are scheduled to commence in March 2025, including reconstruction of a narrow section of the road to a wider seal, as well as repairs to failed pavement. The section being worked on will be from R Lowes Road heading north for approximately 875m (a continuation of the section upgraded roughly two years ago). Once complete, this will provide better access for farm machinery, heavy vehicles and will make the road safer for all users.

### KERB AND CHANNEL WORKS

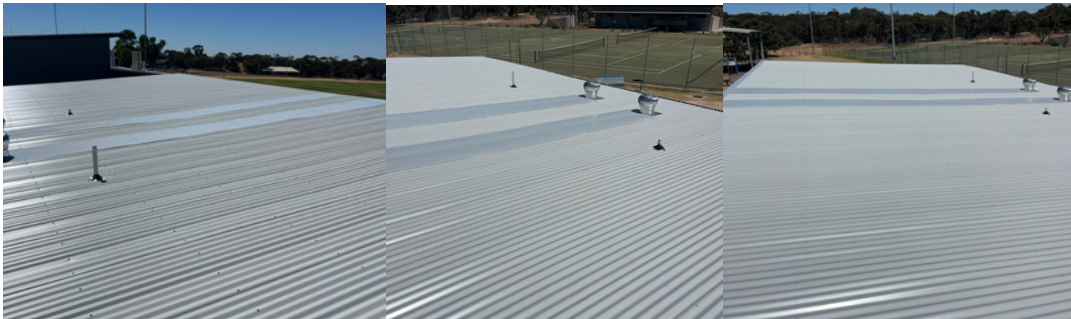
Works on **Winifred Street, Rainbow**, have commenced with Willmore Contractors being the successful tenderer. Works will include installing kerb and channel, new driveway laybacks, and sealing the road shoulders. Works are scheduled to be complete in April 2025.

## DIMBOOLA RIVERSIDE HOLIDAY PARK LAUNDRY

The Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park laundry has recently been upgraded. Works included relocating the laundry to an existing larger building on site that was previously used for storage. New flooring has been installed, along with a new air-conditioning unit, a custom folding table and a kitchen for staff. This space supports the ongoing growth of the Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park and all Hindmarsh Holiday Parks.



## RAINBOW RECREATION RESERVE FOOTBALL CHANGEROOMS ROOF REPLACEMENT



Contractors have recently completed the installation of a new roof on the football changerooms at the Rainbow Recreation Reserve. The old roof has been replaced due to a large number of ongoing leaks.



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

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## CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

At the time of preparing this newsletter, there are no position vacancies. Keep an eye on Council's website and Facebook page for any future job vacancies.

# 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 [info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au) and put the Councillor name(s) in the subject line.

To contact a councillor, visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/councillors](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/councillors).

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West Ward

**Cr Chan Uoy**  
**Deputy Mayor**  
East Ward

**Cr Roger Aitken**  
**Councillor**  
North Ward

**Cr Rosie Barker**  
**Councillor**  
West Ward

**Cr James Barry**  
**Councillor**  
East Ward

**Cr Tony Clark**  
**Councillor**  
North Ward

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