

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

6 JUNE 2024

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



From Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May 2024, Hindmarsh Shire Council hosted Volunteer Breakfasts in Dimboola, Nhill, Jeparit and Rainbow in appreciation of the tremendous contribution of volunteers across the Shire.

Despite the chilly and early starts, nearly 100 volunteers from across the Shire attended and were warmly acknowledged and thanked by Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, and Council staff.

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



HINDMARSH WELCOMES AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

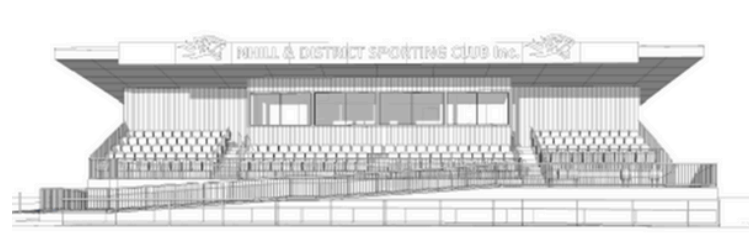


On Wednesday 22 May 2024, Hindmarsh Shire Council's Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland, officially welcomed nine new Australian Citizens!

Congratulations to Vanessa, Eh Kaw Ku, Poe Kwa Si, Rony, Dhanya, Saeler, Nyaw Nay Htoo, Tricia and Loryann on becoming Australian Citizens. 🇺🇸

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

DAVIS PARK UPGRADES



New AFL-compliant changerooms and undercover tiered spectator seating at Nhill's Davis Park are a step closer with Hindmarsh Shire Council launching the Tender for Construction of the new facility. For more information, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news



REMINDER

4th Rates Instalments are due!

A friendly reminder to all property owners in Hindmarsh Shire that your fourth rates instalments were due on Friday 31 May 2024.

| MAY 2024 | | | | | | |
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Payment options are included on your notice, but if you have any questions or are experiencing difficulty paying your rates by the due date, please contact our Rates Department on 03 5391 4444.

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.



HAVE YOUR SAY **YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS**

We want to hear from you!

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

DRAFT 2024/2025 BUDGET (INCORPORATING REVENUE & RATING PLAN AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN)

Submissions close 5pm on Friday 21 June 2024.

COUNCIL PLAN ACTIONS 2024-2024

Submissions close 5pm on Friday 21 June 2024.

DRAFT FEE WAIVER AND REDUCTION POLICY

Submissions close at 5pm on Thursday 13 June 2024.

SPORTS AND RECREATION RESERVES

ALLOCATION, USE AND FAIR ACCESS POLICY

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 14 June 2024.

PROPOSED SALE OF GERANG MEMORIAL HALL

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 10 June 2024.

NHILL CARAVAN PARK MASTERPLAN

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 7 June 2024.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 7 June 2024.

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



WARM WINTER READS

1 June — 31 August 2024



Hindmarsh Shire Libraries, in collaboration with Public Libraries Victoria, is excited to once again host the Warm Winter Read program in 2024!

The Warm Winter Read Program will run from 1 June 2024 to 31 August 2024 and aims to encourage all readers, particularly adult readers (16+), across Victoria to create healthy reading habits. This may include listening to audiobooks on your commute to work, whilst walking the dog or when completing household chores. It's easier to find time than you think- swap scrolling time for reading time or simply replace one episode of a binge-watch with a chapter or two of a great book.

Sign up for Warm Winter Reads now:

<https://vic.readbooks.com.au/>

ENROL FOR HINDMARSH SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Are you interested in attending one of our supported playgroup sessions? It's easier than ever with our new online enrolment form! This is for new attendees only.

To enrol, complete the online enrolment form at: <https://form.jotform.com/241138521420040>

MAYORAL MATTERS



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

TENDERS INVITED

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

LAUNDRY UPGRADE AT RIVERSIDE CARAVAN

PARK, DIMBOOLA (RFQ No. 2023-2024-29)

Closing 2pm on 13 June 2024.

CONSTRUCTION OF A GRANDSTAND & CHANGE ROOM FACILITY AT DAVIS PARK, NHILL

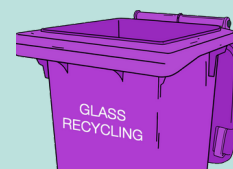
(Contract No. 2022-2023-26) Closing 2pm on 4 July 2024.

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

NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAY

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 7 June 2024**.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE

CEO Drop-In Sessions

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

If you would like to meet Monica, chat about ideas or concerns, or ask any questions about what is happening in the Shire, you are welcome to pop down!

Thursday 6 June 2024

2pm - 4pm
Nhill Library

Friday 7 June 2024

10am - 2pm
Dimboola Library

Friday 14 June 2024

2pm - 4pm
Rainbow Library

Farmer Consultation Sessions

Council will be hosting Farmer Consultation Sessions in June on the following dates:

Rainbow MECCA Supper Room

Tuesday 4 June from 9:30am until 11am

Jeparit Memorial Hall

Wednesday 5 June from 9am until 10:30am

Yanac Hall

Monday 17 June from 9:30am until 11am

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Thursday 20 June from 9am until 10:30am

Dimboola Customer Service Centre & Library

Monday 24 June from 9am until 10:30am

We will be discussing Roads, Tree Trimming, Pests & Weeds, the draft 24/25 Annual Budget and draft 24/25 Council Plan Actions, and any other items important to our farming community.

Draft Annual Budget & Council Plan Actions Drop-In Sessions

Council invites members of the community to join us to provide their feedback and ask questions about the draft 2024/25 Budget and draft 2024/25 Council Plan Actions.

Rainbow Library

Tuesday 4 June from 11:30am - 2pm

Jeparit Library

Wednesday 5 June from 11am - 1pm

Nhill Council Chambers

Thursday 20 June from 11am - 5pm

Dimboola Library

Monday 24 June from 11am - 3pm

#HindmarshGirlsCan Free Yoga Sessions

Council has created a FREE three-month program for Sunday Morning Yoga sessions in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, and Rainbow.

Join us for FREE Yoga Sessions from **9:00am - 9:45am** on the following dates:

Dimboola Football & Netball Clubrooms

5 May, 2 June & 7 July 2024

Jeparit Memorial Town Hall

12 May, 9 June & 14 July 2024

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

19 May, 16 June, 14 July 2024

Rainbow MECCA Town Hall

26 May, 23 June & 28 July 2024

To secure your place, book by scanning the QR code:



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Free Community Screening of 'Just a Farmer'

Council and West Wimmera Health Service are hosting a free screening of the highly regarded film 'Just A Farmer'.

The film is being screened during Men's Health Week - an annual event aiming to highlight the importance of men's mental and physical wellbeing and the preventable health issues among men and boys. Following the screening, there will be a light supper, guest speakers, and the opportunity to engage with mental health and social support organisations such as Headspace around any of the issues raised in the film.

Wednesday 12 June 2024

From 7:00pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street Nhill

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Book Launch of "Wire & Bone" with Author Colin King

Please join us to celebrate the recent launch of Colin King's latest novel- "Wire & Bone".

This crime novel, set amongst the wilderness of the Mallee, Big Desert and Lake Albacutya, has been inspired by Colin's time commuting through our vast region. Colin will be presenting his novel and speaking about the storyline, it's inspiration and his connection to our local area.

Friday 14 June 2024

4pm - 6pm

Rainbow Library, 49 Federal Street
RSVPs are preferred - call 03 5391 4444

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

Tuesday 18 June 2024

Morning tea at 10am | Movie at 10:30am
Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street
Gold coin donation | Rated PG

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Nhill Senior Citizens Lunch and Entertainment

Join the Nhill Senior Citizens on the third Wednesday of each month for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment (excluding the month of January). Ages 50+ welcome.

Wednesday 19 June 2024

12:00pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

\$15 - \$25 for entry

Contact Heather - 0417 911 867

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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 June 2024

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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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 June 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 21 June 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 21 June 2024

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

Call 03 5391 4452

Air2qua

May 26-June 23rd

Air2qua at Rainbow Turbo Gallery

Turbo Gallery invites you to their Air2qua exhibition!

Air2qua brings together a collection of artists working with air and water. From ancient artistic techniques of glass blowing and photograms to the more recent use of virtual realities. See these works come to life in this special exhibition involving both Australian and international artists.

From 26 May - 23 June 2024

During Gallery Business Hours

Rainbow Turbo Gallery, 58 Federal Street

Call Belinda on 0429 357 966

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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

When: Wednesday 26 June 2024

Time: From 3:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

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Nhill Senior Citizens Games Afternoon

Join the Nhill Senior Citizens on the first Wednesday of each month for games and afternoon tea (excluding the month of January). Ages 50+ welcome.

Wednesday 3 July 2024

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

\$2 entry | Contact Heather - 0417 911 867

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

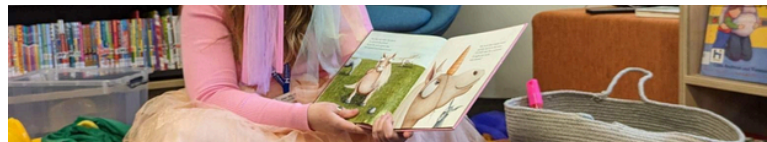
Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

We hope to see you there!



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



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.

Dimboola Library

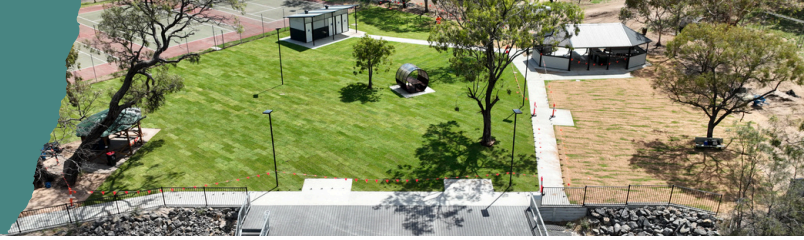
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

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

PROJECT UPDATES



NHILL LAKE WALKING TRACK WORKS



The first stage of the Nhill Streetscape Master Plan has commenced with the construction of the walking track to link Nhill Lake and Nhill's Town Centre.

The track is being constructed from the corner of Victoria and Pine Streets to Green Street and works will continue along the levee bank that runs beside Towns Lane to Clarence Street.

Solar-powered lighting and bollards will be installed along the route to improve safety for users. New interpretative and directional signage will also be installed at key locations to assist with the promotion of Nhill Lake to visitors.

Works have been made possible through funding received from the Federal Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund.

The second stage will see the construction of a pathway through Centenary Park, linking Jaypex Park and Nhill's Town Centre.

ROADS UPDATES



P Colberts Road resheet

The Maintenance and Works team have recently completed a resheet on P Colberts Road from the Mt Elgin Rd intersection heading east. This involved installing limestone and sandstone mix over the length of the road and ensuring correct drainage is in place (Pictured above).

Dimboola Rainbow Road VicRoads patching

Council staff have been busy with the VicRoads maintenance contract, undertaking two large pavement patching rehabilitations near Antwerp. This will renew the pavement and seal, eliminating the failed patches.

Albert Street Kerb & Channel

Installation of new kerb and channel on Albert Street is well underway, with kerbing having recently been poured. The shoulders are now being prepared for seal, which will finalise the project.

Tarranyurk East Road and Lorquon Woorak West Road resheet

Works have commenced for a gravel resheet on both Tarranyurk East Road and Lorquon Woorak West Road. Similarly to P Colberts Rd, these projects involve installing limestone and sandstone mix over a length of the road and ensuring correct drainage is in place. Works will be completed prior to the end of financial year.

RAINBOW SKATE PARK SEATING



As part of our program to provide improved shade conditions, Council constructed a new shade shelter at the Rainbow skate park located next to the Rainbow Oasis.

Solar lighting was also installed, and to finalise the project, Council recently installed a new picnic setting.

This project has been funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding program.

OTHER NEWS



MAV STAND FOR COUNCIL



In partnership with Hindmarsh Shire Council, 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
77-79 Nelson Street Nhill

By attending this session, participants will be provided with information about:

- Local government and the important role councils play in our local communities
- The role and responsibility of a Councillor, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO
- The election process and candidate requirements
- What newly elected councillors can expect soon after the elections
- Councillor training and development opportunities

You can register by visiting:

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

For information about the 2024 Local Government Elections, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/2024-Council-Elections

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

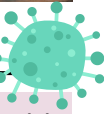


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COLD AND FLU SEASON



As the colder weather approaches so too does cold and flu season and as COVID has made us aware-good hygiene can make a big difference in the spread of germs!

A few tips to follow can include:

- Covering your mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing as the flu virus can travel up to 6 feet away from the person sneezing
- Good hand hygiene – washing or sanitizing your hands after contact with body fluids such as mucus.
- Keep sanitizer and tissues with you at all times – it may be useful for even offering to the person sitting next to you sneezing and coughing
- Keep warm and dress appropriately for the weather
- Keeping your hands down at your sides when in public to avoid touching your face
- Avoid rubbing your mouth, nose or eyes with unclean hands
- Be proactive. Get vaccinated against the seasonal influenza

For further information on hygiene and the flu season you can visit:

www.nfid.org/etiquette-tips-for-flu-season/

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

Manager People and Performance

Permanent Full Time

Applications close **12pm on Wednesday 12 June 2024**

For more information on these positions, scan the QR code, or call Council on 03 5391 4444.

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

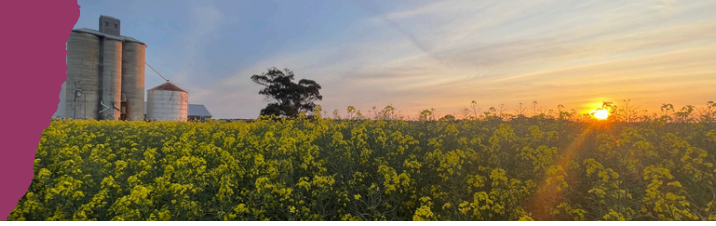


Cr Melanie Albrecht
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor

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