



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

14 MAY 2024

PROPOSED SALE OF GERANG MEMORIAL HALL



At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 May 2024, Council resolved to give public notice of **its intention to sell Gerang Memorial Hall**, Gerang-Glenlee Road, Gerang Gerung, under section 114(2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council manages several buildings across the Shire that are approaching end of life or at end of life. Issues with the Gerang Memorial Hall include:

- White ant damage - Toilet block and kitchen dining area
- Friable Asbestos - Toilet block
- Drainage issues in the dining area
- Mould in the ceiling

The hall contains some items of historical significance such as honour boards and memorabilia. Any items of historical significance to the community will be removed from the property prior to the sale of the building. Council will work with the former hall committee, families connected with the hall and any other relevant parties in deciding the future of these items.

Council invites you to complete a survey and provide your views on this decision.

Submissions will close 5pm on Monday 10 June 2024.

Council will also be holding a **community drop-in session** at the Gerang Memorial Hall from **4pm-6pm on Tuesday 21 May 2024**, where interested community members can discuss the proposed sale of the asset with Council officers.

To provide your feedback or for more information, visit: www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

PIECES OF YOU JIGSAW PROJECT LAUNCH



For those unable to attend the "Pieces of You" Jigsaw Puzzle launch on Friday 10 May, the exhibition and jigsaw puzzles will be on display at the Old Shire Hall (Dimboola Library and Customer Service Centre) during Customer Service and Library opening hours until Friday 17 May 2024.

Following the conclusion of the exhibition the jigsaw puzzles will be available in our Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow libraries.

Funding for this project was received through State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria.



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.



NHILL CARAVAN PARK DRAFT MASTERPLAN



Council is seeking feedback on its Draft Nhill Caravan Park Masterplan.

As part of its vision of being 'a connected, inclusive and prosperous community', Hindmarsh Shire Council has commissioned the development of a ten-year Masterplan for the Nhill Caravan Park.

The Masterplan will provide direction for one of Councils objectives in its 2021 – 2025 Council Plan and Community Vision 2040 of 'having a strong tourism industry with quality accommodation options for visitors to the shire'.

The following infrastructure and service items were important considerations for inclusion in the Masterplan.

- New amenities block (existing amenities block was refurbished in 2021).
- Improved powered sites, accommodation cabins and improved vehicle / caravan access.
- Facilities for park users, eg camp kitchen, BBQ's laundry, playground, etc.
- Consideration of funding opportunities as part of the ten-year implementation plan.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 7 June 2024.

Council will also be holding four community drop-in sessions at Goldsworthy Park for interest people to call in and discuss the Masterplan with Council staff. See the upcoming events section of this newsletter for the details of these sessions.

To view the draft Masterplan, provide feedback or for more information about the upcoming drop-in sessions, visit:

www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

ENROL FOR HINDMARSH SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

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>

DRAFT COMMUNITY PROJECTS CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY



Council is seeking feedback on its Draft Community Projects Contributions Policy.

This Policy provides a framework for when and how community groups may be required to contribute financially to projects managed by Council. Council is committed to planning and delivering community projects across the Shire that benefit local communities.

This includes developing and redeveloping Council assets, as well as existing community infrastructure that is owned by the Victorian Government (or one of its entities), where Council is required to be the project coordinator. When seeking funding for projects, partnering with community groups will better position Council to develop and renovate community assets. The expected contributions, depending on the scope of the project, are detailed in the Community Projects Contributions Policy.

Submissions close 5pm on Friday 7 June 2024.

To view the policy and to have your say, visit:
www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

MAYORAL MATTERS

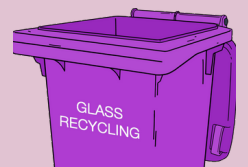


To read the latest news from Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, **Cr Brett Ireland**, visit:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.

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



MAY

Free Digital Literacy Program

Get Connected, Stay Connected!

Council and the Nhill Learning Centre will be holding Free Digital Literacy Programs in Hindmarsh Shire Libraries throughout May.

Jeparit Library

Wednesday 15 May 2024
10am - 12pm

Rainbow Library

Wednesday 15 May 2024
2pm - 4pm

Dimboola Library

Thursday 16 May 2024
10am - 12pm

Nhill Library

Thursday 16 May 2024
2pm - 4pm

Bring your own device.
Refreshments provided.

For more information, visit
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events

Bookings are required by calling 03 5391 4444.

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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!

When: Wednesday 15 May 2024

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Contact: Council - 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.

When: Thursday 16 May 2024

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444



Nhill Caravan Park Masterplan Drop-in Sessions

Council is currently seeking feedback on the Draft Nhill Caravan Park Masterplan until 5pm Friday 7 June 2024.

Join us at a drop-in session to discuss the masterplan with Council staff.

Thursday 16 May 2024

4:00pm - 5:30pm
Goldsworthy Park Nhill

Tuesday 21 May 2024

7:00am - 8:30am
Goldsworthy Park Nhill

Wednesday 5 June 2024

12:00pm - 2:00pm
Goldsworthy Park Nhill

To view the Draft Masterplan, provide feedback and for more information, visit:

www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

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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.

When: Wednesday 15 May 2024

Time: 12:00pm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

Cost: \$15 - \$25

Contact: Heather - 0417 911 867

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.

When: Friday 17 May 2024

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444



#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:



Free Volunteer BBQ Breakfasts

Volunteers help build our community and make it a better place for everyone. Council appreciates the tremendous amount of hard work that volunteers do and the significant role that they play in keeping our community connected.

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, Hindmarsh Shire Council is hosting complimentary breakfast BBQs throughout the Shire for all past, current and future volunteers!

Join us from **7:00am - 8:30am** at the following locations:

Dimboola Library Gardens

Monday 20 May 2024

Goldsworthy Park, Nhill

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Jeparit Riverbank Precinct (Swimming Hole)

Wednesday 22 May 2024

Federal Street Gardens, Rainbow

Thursday 23 May 2024

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Australian Local Government Mobile Service Centres

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre will be visiting Hindmarsh Shire Council this month on the following dates:

Dimboola (Near IGA)

Tuesday 21 May 2024 | 9am - 4pm

Nhill (Bongiorno's Car Park)

Wednesday 22 May 2024 | 9am - 4pm

Rainbow (Front of MECCA)

Thursday 23 May 2024 | 9:30am - 4pm

Jeparit (Near Supermarket)

Friday 24 May 2024 | 9am - 4pm

Visit the Australian Government Mobile Service Centre to find out about payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with a disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

For more information, visit

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobile-service-centres

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie The Good Liar

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

When: Tuesday 21 May 2024

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

Location: Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation

Rating: MA15+

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Proposed Sale of Gerang Memorial Hall Drop-in Session

Council has resolved to give public notice of its intention to sell Gerang Memorial Hall.

Join us at a community drop-in session to discuss the proposed sale of the asset with Council officers.

Tuesday 21 May 2024

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Gerang Memorial Hall

To provide your feedback and for more information, visit:

www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

When: Wednesday 29 May 2024

Time: From 3:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

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90's DISCO

Back to the 90s Youth Disco

Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors are excited to roll out the first of many fun discos for the year, with the first theme being '90s Disco'.

When: Friday 31 May 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Location: Dimboola Memorial Secondary College Hall

Return buses will be provided from Nhill, Rainbow, and Jeparit to Dimboola on the night.

Register here:

<https://form.jotform.com/241077924746868>

JUNE



Farmer Consultation Sessions

Council will be hosting Farmer Consultation Sessions during 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.

Morning tea will be provided.

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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.

When: Wednesday 5 June 2024

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

Cost: \$2

Contact: Heather - 0417 911 867

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie Gentleman Prefer Blondes

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

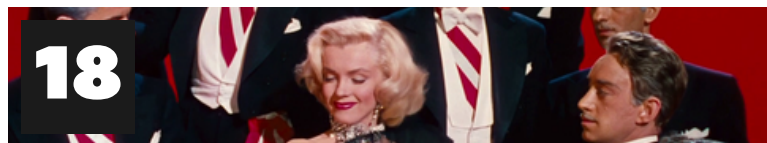
When: Tuesday 18 June 2024

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

Location: Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation

Rating: PG



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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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MAV Stand for Council Program

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 for 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



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

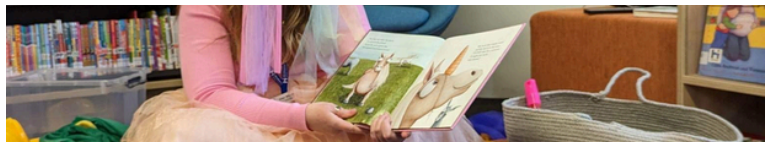
Jeparit Library

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

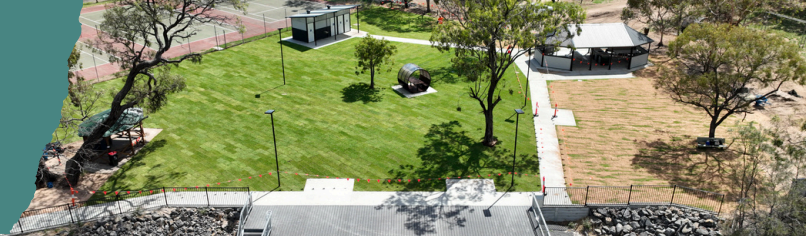
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

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

PROJECT UPDATES



DIMBOOLA TOWN CLOCK UPDATE



Local residents may notice that the Dimboola Town Clock in front of the Library Hall in Lloyd St has been removed – please be assured that the change is temporary.

Council is in the process of replacing the old clock with a newer operational timepiece. As a part of this project, the post on which the clock is mounted has also been taken down and will be refurbished before the new clock is mounted. Once works are complete the post and clock will be installed once again at their original location in Lloyd St.

ROADS UPDATES



Nhill-Yanac Road (VicRoads Road)

The Works and Operations team have recently completed works on the Nhill-Yanac Road on behalf of VicRoads. This included grading the road shoulders from Nhill to Yanac, shoulder resheets in the areas that were washed away during a recent storm, culvert replacement and repairs, and drain cleaning.

A new culvert has also been installed at Peechember Swamp Road and the intersection realigned to help with drainage in the area.

Grading Works

- **Mackenzie Road Antwerp** - This road has been upgraded with the reclaimed Limestone from the previously used Greigs Pit.
- **Gerang Glenlee Road** - Grading works including new culvert installation.
- **Glenlee Lorquon Road** - Road maintenance grading for the full length of road including installation of a new culvert.
- **Klinge Road** - Grading works.
- **Coker Dam Road** - Shoulder grading maintenance.
- **J Bones Road** - Grading works.
- **Lorquon Road** - Patching stabilisation and should grading works.



Albert Street Rainbow

Installation of new kerb and channel on Albert Street Rainbow has commenced.



Upcoming Resheets

The team are currently moving materials to prepare for 3 resheet jobs which will hopefully commence shortly. These roads include:

- P Colberts Road (1km in length)
- Tarranyurk East Road (2.5km in length)
- Lorquon Woorak West Road (1km in length)

Upcoming VicRoads Works

Council will be completing some major road works on behalf of VicRoads on the Dimboola-Rainbow Road between Antwerp and Arkona. This will include completely pulling up the road in sections and rehabilitating it where the pavement has failed due to wear and tear.

OTHER NEWS



PLEASE OBEY SPEED LIMITS AT ROADWORKS

There have been many reports of vehicles speeding through road works where reduced speed limits signage is in place.

For the safety of workers and road users, speed limits are usually reduced around roadworks. You may see temporary speed signs showing lower speed limits when approaching roadworks. If you pass a roadworks speed sign, you need to drive at or below the speed on the sign. You need to continue driving within the reduced speed limit until you pass a sign showing a different speed limit. The temporary speed limit applies even if you cannot see roadworks being undertaken.

All road users are responsible for following road rules. Drivers and riders can both be fined or receive demerit points if caught travelling over the speed limit.

SMOKING & VAPING

A reminder now that our football/netball/hockey season has commenced in the Hindmarsh Shire, smoking and or vaping is prohibited by law within 10 metres of any public sporting event during an organized under-18s event (approximately two car lengths). This is to protect the health of our children and provide them a safe environment where they can enjoy their sport.

If your sporting club would like assistance, free signage is available for display. Please contact the Hindmarsh Shire Environmental Health Team on (03) 5391 4444 or email EHO@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au and we can assist you in this matter.

For further information on smoking and sporting events guidelines, visit: www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco-reform/under-age-sporting-events-smoke-free-and-vape-free



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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



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

Landcare Facilitator (Part Time)
Applications close 12pm 15 May 2024

Karen Liaison and Customer Service Officer (Part Time)
Applications close 12pm 22 May 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 Councillors contact details on Council's website at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor

Alternatively, you can contact them via email to 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
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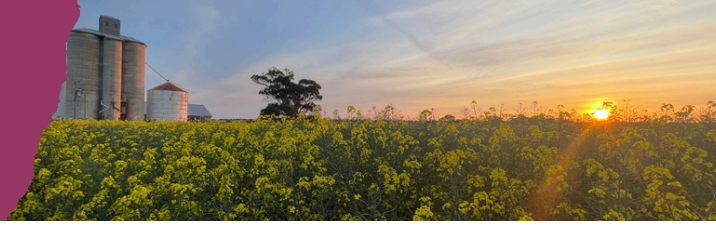


Cr Melanie Albrecht
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor

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VOLUNTEERING WITH *Hindmarsh Shire Council*

What volunteer opportunities are available with Hindmarsh Shire Council?

What volunteer opportunities are available with Hindmarsh Shire Council? Council has several amazing opportunities for people of all ages, interests and skills to volunteer within the Shire. These include:

- Community Taxi (Nhill)
- Community Asset Committees
- Town Advisory Committees
- Hindmarsh Pride Committee
- Libraries
- Nhill Visitor Information Centre
- Youth Council

Why do volunteers need to register with Council?

Making sure that volunteers go through the registration process ensures that we have their contact details and can provide all necessary information regarding safety and the scope of their volunteer work. Registered volunteer's activities are also covered by relevant Council insurances, including limited personal accident cover and public liability. Registering keeps volunteers and Council safe!

Which volunteers need a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Police Check?

All volunteers who are on Committees or working in formal public-facing locations (i.e. managing events, supervising a public asset, libraries, visitor information centre, community taxi) are required to have a Police Check and Working with Childrens Check. If you register as a volunteer to assist in activities that don't involve direct interaction with the public – you may not require a WWCC or Police Check (i.e. working bees, event set up, mowing). We'll let you know the requirements once we review your Volunteer Registration Form!

If a Council Committee is organising volunteers, they should have already spoken with Council about volunteer requirements and will be able to help you with your registration.

If you want to know more about volunteering with Council or any other community organisation, contact us on 03 5391 4444 or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.