

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2024



COUNCIL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Council currently has two grant programs open to community groups and businesses:

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Supports the growth of existing local businesses and attracted new business to the Shire.

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

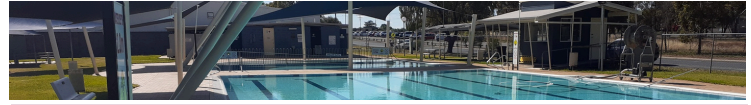
Assists community groups and non-profit organisations in hosting community events, purchasing necessary equipment, and upgrading facilities.

Applications for both of these grant programs close at **5pm** on **Friday 9 August 2024**.

For more information about these grants, or to make an application, visit our website hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/grants or scan the QR code here:



HINDMARSH POOLS UPDATE



Hindmarsh Shire will be operating FREE pools this coming summer!

Plans for this summer's pool season across our four towns are well underway, with **free admission** top of the agenda. Free access will allow everyone to enjoy our fantastic aquatic facilities throughout the hotter months without worrying about the additional expense of entry fees.

Are you interested in working at the pools this summer? Hindmarsh will be looking for employees soon, including lots of lifeguards. If you're 16 or over, consider this opportunity to show off your people skills and team-focused attitude. All training provided! Keep an eye on our website for more information on how to apply.

FARMER CONSULTATIONS

Following on from the June consultation sessions, our team will be hosting follow-up sessions in August. During the June sessions, we heard from 54 farmers on which roads were strategic and required Council action, and which roads have tree issues that are causing issues moving machinery from farm to farm.

The August sessions will provide an update on issues identified and also discuss the 2024/25 proposed maintenance grading schedule to ensure the maintenance grades are undertaken where most required.

Sessions will be held in the following locations:

- **Jeparit Memorial Hall:** Wednesday 31 July from 9:00am until 11am
- **Yanac Hall:** Tuesday 6 August from 9:30am until 11:30am
- **Rainbow MECCA Supper Room:** Monday 12 August from 9:30am until 11:30am
- **Nhill Memorial Community Centre** Thursday 22 August from 9:00am until 11:00am
- **Dimboola Library / Customer Service Centre** Friday 23 August from 9:00am until 11:00am.

MAKE A REQUEST

Do you need to report an issue? Whether it be an issue with a road, tree, footpath or drain; an animal issue, or even a parking or traffic issue, please let us know by submitting a request on Council's website at hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/make-a-request, or scan the QR code here. Alternatively, you can call our customer service centre on 03 5391 4444 or pop into Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill or Rainbow Council offices.



Once you have submitted your request, it will be directed to the appropriate business unit for action. If you opt-in to be contacted by Council, an officer will keep you updated either by phone call or email.

FREE GREEN WASTE MONTH

Hindmarsh Shire Council Transfer Stations will be accepting green waste FREE of charge from 1 - 31 October 2024. This is an opportunity for residents to tidy up and prepare their properties in the lead up to the fire season.



RAINBOW LLEW SCHILLING SILO

Progress with the soon-to-be newest destination on the Mallee Silo Art Trail continues, with the Rainbow project recently obtaining its building permit and planning permit amendment approval.

On the construction side, the Builder is currently working with the manufacturer who will be responsible for making the prefabricated steel structure, which is scheduled for delivery to the site later in the year. It is hoped the tower will be erected before Christmas, with construction to finish in early March.

RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE

The next few months will be very busy for the Rainbow Rises site, with numerous construction projects to commence shortly. Council has recently executed contracts to deliver a new Amenities Building, a new septic system and a large storage shed and shelter to support the staging of events at the site. The Rainbow Rises site regularly hosts off-road motor racing events and has recently expanded its capacity to also host tractor pull events.

DIMBOOLA SOUNDSHELL

The redevelopment of the Dimboola Soundshell is progressing well. The concrete slab for the new stage area was poured and works on the new concrete apron at the front of the stage, as well as the new all-abilities ramp, walkway and car park taking shape. Works are anticipated to be completed by early October 2024.



DAVIS PARK AFL COMPLIANT CHANGEROOMS AND UNDERCOVER SEATING

Sports participants and fans visiting Nhill will hopefully soon enjoy new facilities at the Davis Park Sports Reserve, with a new Grandstand and Change Room set to be constructed ahead of the 2025 Football/Netball season. The Tender for construction closed in early July with plans to appoint a builder to start construction shortly after the conclusion of the 2024 season. The development will incorporate a tiered seating area for approximately 140 spectators, a timekeeper box and a commentary area above new football change rooms.

ALBERT STREET RAINBOW KERB & CHANNEL

Works on the kerb and channel and shoulder sealing were completed in July. This upgrades the previously unsealed shoulder and earth drain between King St and Butter Factory Lane.

TARRANYURK EAST RD RE-SHEET

Works on Tarranyurk East Rd have continued, with another section recently re-sheeted. Further re-sheeting works on this road will be conducted with this financial year's budget over the coming months. The site will be monitored for gravel performance, aiming to find the best value solution for the site.

VICROADS CONTRACT

Two large patch sections of Dimboola Rainbow Rd, just south of Antwerp were sealed in July. This will complete the works, which repaired two failed sections in accordance with provisional works as part of the VicRoads maintenance contract.

TINY TOWNS FUNDING

Council has been successful with two funding applications through the Victorian Government's first round of Tiny Towns funding.

NHILL OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

Development of a new Off-Leash Dog Park in Nhill will commence soon. The new park, estimated to be approximately 1000m², will be located in the Nhill Lawn Tennis Club precinct on Whitehead Avenue, Nhill. It will feature a water station, dog bag dispenser, rubbish bins, and bench seating for owners and will be fully enclosed with a 1.5m high chain mesh fence and access will be via a double gated system. This will reduce the risk of dogs within the park exiting while others are entering.

This project has also been made possible with funding from Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Nhill Town Committee.

JEPARIT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

Roy Street in Jeparit is set to receive streetscape improvements. This includes replacing the existing timber garden bed surrounds with new attractive, maintenance-free composite materials along Roy Street between Charles Street and Scott Street, as well as enhancing the aesthetics of Roy Street whilst improving safety for local and visiting pedestrians using the footpaths.

This project has also been made possible with funding from Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Jeparit Town Committee.

2024 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The local council elections will be held in October 2024 via postal vote.

This is your opportunity to both have your say on Councillor representatives from each ward (North, West, and East Wards), but also to consider whether you'd like to make a difference in your community by nominating yourself to run for Council.

The election process is managed by the Victorian Electoral Commission, but Hindmarsh Shire Council has published a guide that provides you with information on running for Council and what the role of a Councillor looks like in our community.

If you are interested in nominating or are a voter who would like more information, please visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/2024-Council-Elections or contact us via phone, email or in person.

PRE-PREP 2025

Hindmarsh Shire Early Years Services are set to expand ahead of the rollout of Pre-Prep from 2025, with new modular Kinder rooms recently installed onsite in both Dimboola and Nhill.

The new buildings will support increased demand for services with 4YO Kinder transitioning next year to up to 30 hours per week. Once the buildings and landscaping are complete, Council will, in conjunction with its service provider, Emerge Early Years Services, complete the furnishing of each Kinder.

BUSINESS AND TOURISM CONTACT LISTING

Whether you are a home-based, industrial or retail business, please make sure your contact details have been recently updated with Council. This allows the Economic Development and Tourism team to communicate relevant information and opportunities to your business in a timely manner. Need to update your details? Call us on 03 5391 4444 or email business@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

RATES INSTALMENT DATES

1st Instalment - 30 September
2nd Instalment - 30 November
3rd Instalment - 28 February
4th Instalment - 31 May

HINDMARSH BUSINESS NETWORKING SESSION

The next Hindmarsh Business Networking evening will be held in August in Dimboola. The session will include information from;

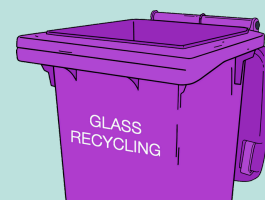
- **Donald Mineral Sands** - How can businesses in the service sector tap into opportunities from the mine operations in Minyip, proposed to commence in 2025.
- **Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism** - 'Tourism is Everyone's Business'. What does the new Visitor Economy Partnership mean to your business and how can you be part of the Visitor Economy and grow your business?
- **Hindmarsh Shire Council** - updates on current business and tourism activities.

At the conclusion of the presentations, a light supper will be provided. More information will be available closer to the event date, please visit Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or email business@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au for updates.

GLASS BIN COLLECTIONS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 2 August and 27 September 2024.**

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



2024/2025 ANNUAL BUDGET

At the Council Meeting held on 26 June 2024, Council adopted the Hindmarsh Shire Council 2024-25 Annual Budget incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan & Revenue Rating Plan. In delivering this budget, Council continues to balance challenging economic conditions with delivering projects and services that are key to the health, development and safety of our community.

You can view the Budget on Council's website at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-budget

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWS

Scan the QR code to sign up to receive fortnightly updates on Council news, updates, events, projects and other up-to-date information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, visit hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events, or scan the QR code below.

MAV STAND FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION

In partnership with Hindmarsh Shire Council, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is delivering an information session for the community and prospective candidates for the 2024 Local Council Election.

Wednesday 14 August 2024

6pm - 8:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street

REGISTER NOW

by scanning the QR code:



NHILL CINEMA CLASSIC MOVIES

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for a variety of Classic Movies!

Details for all movies:

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

Location: Nhill Cinema
77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING

Tuesday 20 August 2024
Rated PG

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

Tuesday 17 September 2024
Rated M

PARIS BLUES

Tuesday 22 October 2024
Rated M

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER

Keep an eye out on Council's Facebook Page and website for another jam-packed school holidays program for September 2024.

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 28 August 2024

Wednesday 25 September 2024

Wednesday 23 October 2024

For more information, visit:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings

CEO DROP-IN SESSIONS

Each month our CEO Monica Revell visits each of our four towns to host drop-in sessions for community members to come and speak with her on all things Council.

Jeparit Library

Monday 5 August 2024
2pm - 4pm

Rainbow Library

Monday 12 August 2024
1pm - 3pm

Nhill Library

Thursday 22 August 2024
2pm - 4pm

Dimboola Library

Friday 23 August 2024
2pm - 4pm

OCTOBER SENIORS FESTIVAL

The Seniors Festival is held each year for the duration of October and this year's theme is **Explore - Engage - Evolve.**

Council will be holding a Senior's Concert again in 2024 and have put together a calendar of events and activities for the month. When the program is finalised, it will be available on our website and in our e-news and monthly newsletters.

WHAT'S ON AT HINDMARSH SHIRE LIBRARIES

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

Kids Craft Club - Nhill Library

Held on the third Wednesday of every month from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Writing Hour - Nhill Library

Held on the third Thursday of every month from 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Get Creative at the Nhill Library

Held on the third Friday of every month from 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Ages 16+

Book Chat - Dimboola Library

Held on the third Friday of every month from 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Story Time - Dimboola Library

Held weekly on Fridays from 10:00am

Cuppa Connections

Join us weekly for a free morning/afternoon tea and chat.

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

Rhyme Time - Nhill Library

Held every Monday (excluding during school holidays) between 10:00am - 11:00am

Supported Playgroups

Held weekly (excluding during school holidays)

Nhill Library

Mondays 10am - 12pm

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

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