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New Look Library for Nhill

A welcoming space for everyone at Nhill Library is on the cards as Hindmarsh Shire Libraries will receive a State Government grant in 2021.

As part of the funding received by the Victorian Government Living Libraries grant program, Nhill Library will receive a make-over this year, making the space more inclusive and inviting for all visitors to Nhill Library. Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford says “Nhill Library is a much-loved part of our Hindmarsh community and it’s about so much more than books. Through this project, even more local people and visitors will be able to access all the great services the library provides”.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said, “It will be an exciting time for residents of Nhill to have a new look library, bringing all Hindmarsh Shire Libraries into the future by providing updated and modern spaces that complement our new services and library experiences”.

Funding of \$87,500 was received from the Victorian Government’s Living Libraries Infrastructure program, with a co-contribution by Hindmarsh Shire Council taking the overall budget for the Nhill library update to over \$100,000. It is anticipated that new look Nhill Library will be completed by the end of 2021.

As part of the Nhill Library upgrades Hindmarsh Shire would like to create a more welcoming space for all members of our multicultural community, families, young adults and visitors to the area.

Cr Ismay added “Council was excited to be part of the 2021 round of the Living Libraries program as it is the biggest in the grants history”. A record \$56.9 million was the commitment to libraries from the 2020-2021 Victorian budget this year. Hindmarsh Shire has previously received grants from the living libraries funding to build new libraries at Dimboola and Rainbow and create a new

library space in Jeparit. “I’m proud of our new buildings and the new library structure Hindmarsh Shire has established to create a new modern library service” concluded Cr Ismay.

The refurbishment of Nhill library will include internal works that will secure the heritage of the building, new shelving, furnishings, gaming consoles and break out spaces for young adult areas, junior spaces and room for activities and nursing mother’s spaces.

Cr Ismay concluded “I’m thrilled for the Nhill community and the opportunity to create a space not just for learning and literacy development but in the opportunity to create an engaged space for social inclusion and community connection”.

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