

# Hindmarsh Shire Council Monthly Newsletter

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<b>Budget</b>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire has released the draft 2020/21 budget for public submissions.</p> <p>The draft budget includes capital works of \$6.036m, with \$5.068 renewal of council assets.</p> <p>The draft budget contains the proposed four year capital works projects, with the first of the four years initiatives that are locked in and included in the 2020/21 budget. The proposed second, third and fourth year capital works listed provides a guide on proposed projects.</p> <p>Key initiatives proposed in the 2020/21 draft budget include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$100,000 towards the facilities at Davis Park, this is the second year an allocation has been made and it is proposed to be added to in future years. This also allows Council to take advantage of any funding opportunities that arise during the year as grants generally require a council contribution.</li><li>• 10,000 recurrent and \$100,000 in capital as seed funding for grant opportunities arising during the year.</li><li>• \$30,000 contribution towards the installation of a new synthetic bowling green at Dimboola Bowling Club.</li><li>• \$30,000 contribution towards new club rooms for Nhill Tennis Club.</li><li>• \$60,000 towards the grant application submitted for Female Friendly Change rooms at Rainbow Recreation Reserve.</li><li>• 16,000 towards new street furniture for Jeparit town centre.</li><li>• \$20,000 contribution for the Albacutya Silo Art project which will see silo art on the Albacutya Silo.</li><li>• \$20,000 for the Business Assistance Program which supports local businesses.</li><li>• \$30,000 for initiatives to help assist local businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.</li><li>• \$7,500 to each of the Shire's Town Committees.</li><li>• \$10,000 for Hindmarsh Youth Council</li><li>• \$20,000 for the Community Action Grants Program.</li></ul> <p>Local Road projects to be undertaken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Albacutya Road curve widening, Rainbow \$276,475;</li><li>• Lorquon East &amp; Nhill Rainbow Road intersection safety improvements \$69,911;</li><li>• Salisbury Road, Nhill safety improvements \$139,954;</li><li>• Lorquon East Road Jeparit \$245,971;</li><li>• Kiata North Road, Nhill \$212,735;</li><li>• P Warners Road, Nhill \$28,000</li><li>• Anderson Street, Dimboola disabled parking \$30,000;</li><li>• Reseal and Final seals on Horsham Road &amp; Lowan Street, Dimboola; Rainbow Nhill Road Rainbow; Livingston Street, Jeparit; Detpa Road, Jeparit; Swinbourne Avenue, Rainbow and Pigick Bus Route, Rainbow.</li></ul> <p>Footpath renewal projects to be undertaken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lake Street, Rainbow;</li><li>• Lloyd Street, Dimboola outstands;</li><li>• Pine Street Nhill;</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crossovers in Nhill.</li></ul> <p>The budget proposes a rate increase of 2% in line with the Essential Services Commission calculation method, which applies the increase to the average rates payable per assessment. This ensures Council are compliant with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System which has capped rate increases by Victorian Council's to 2.0% in 2020/21.</p> <p>Council will continue to lobby for the continuation of the Fixing Country Roads Program which has enabled work to be undertaken on key strategic routes throughout the Shire.</p> <p>The budget is available on Council's website (<a href="http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au">www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au</a>).</p> <p>Any person wishing to make a submission on the proposed draft budget has until 5pm on Friday 19 June 2020. Submissions should be made in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and posted to Hindmarsh Shire Council PO Box 250 Nhill Vic 3418, or emailed to <a href="mailto:budget@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au">budget@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>Submissions will be considered at the Council meeting to be held at 3pm on Wednesday 24 June 2020 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.</p> <p>Any person requiring further information concerning the Budget should contact Monica Revell, Director Corporate &amp; Community Services, on 03 5391 4444.</p>
<b>Rainbow Nhill Road Update</b>	<p>Rainbow-Nhill Rd has recently had close to 9km widened to an 8m seal upgrading sections with a pre-existing narrow seal. This has increased safety and accessibility to all users including farmers, tourists and commuters.</p> 

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## **Greig and McKenzie Road Resheet Works**

Greig and McKenzie Rd Resheet. We are installing A14 Bidim Geofabric to stop salt coming through the pavement in the salt flats, this will give a better trafficable road after wet weather. Previously tests were carried out using this method and were seemingly very successful, this section is biggest area of what has previously been trialed.



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	A photograph showing two white dump trucks on a dirt road. The truck on the left has its bed raised, and the truck on the right is parked. The background shows a cloudy sky and some vegetation.
<b>Commencement Charles Street Jeparit</b>	<p>Charles Street, Jeparit kerb and channel and underground drainage project has recently commenced. This will improve drainage and beautification at the entrance to town between Hindmarsh Street and Tullyvea Street.</p>
<b>Dimboola Library Extension</b>	<p>Construction work at Dimboola Library is progressing steadily. With project currently more than 70% completed, the facility is expected to be ready in July 2020.</p> A photograph of the construction site for the Dimboola Library Extension. The building has a steel frame and a brown roof. A yellow scissor lift is visible in the foreground, and a worker is standing near the entrance.

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<b>Hindmarsh Shire Libraries</b>	<p>Momentum is gathering for 1 July as we transition from the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation to Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.</p> <p>Hindmarsh Shire Libraries Facebook page went live on Wednesday 27 May 2020, and we encourage residents to like and follow the page to stay up to date with what is happening with library services in Hindmarsh Shire.</p> <p>Hindmarsh Shire are currently working on being able to provide a service that is safe, efficient and convenient to residents throughout our Shire.</p> <p>New services are planned for Rainbow and Jeparit. Further details will be released in the near future.</p> <p>Nhill Library will continue to provide Nhill and district residents with the same service they have become accustomed to.</p> <p>Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are members of Libraries Victoria (formerly the Swift Consortium) which means customers will still be able to borrow from libraries across Victoria, including from Wimmera Regional Library Corporation.</p>
<b>New Dimboola Public Amenities</b>	<p>Construction of new public amenities in Dimboola has commenced. Adjacent to the new library that is currently under construction, the new public amenities will form part of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail, Dimboola Visitor Node that will offer public and all-abilities toilets, showers as well as under-cover bicycle storage.</p>

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## Swimming Pool Registrations extended due date 1 November 2020

The Victorian Government has extended the deadline for the mandatory registration of private pools and spas due to the impacts of coronavirus. Pool and spa owners that they now must register their pools or spas with their local councils by 1 November 2020, instead of the initial deadline of 1 June 2020.

Owners of pools or spas are now required to register pools and spas with Council and to obtain and lodge a 'Certificate of Pool and Spa Barrier Compliance' for the safety of pool or spa barriers every four years.

Once the pool or spa has been registered, Council will notify owners of the due date for the first certificate of pool barrier compliance. Owners are required to arrange an inspection and lodge the certificate with Council by the due date.

More information available at [www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools)

Register your pool online at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/planning-building](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/planning-building) or download the form and submit it to Council.

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<b>Nhill Customer Service Office</b>	<p>With the gradual easing of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Office in Nhill will be reopening for restricted hours for appointments only.</p> <p>From Tuesday 2 June 2020, appointments may be made between the hours of 10am to 12noon and 2pm to 3pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Appointments can only be made for services that cannot otherwise be resolved by telephone or online.</p> <p>Appointments must be made in advance by calling 03 5391 4444. Appropriate social distancing and increased hygiene procedures will be in place, and must be strictly adhered to at all times.</p>
<b>Working for Victoria Positions and Work in Council</b>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council has received funding to provide 13 full time fixed term positions through the Working for Victoria (WFV) program. The positions are for Town Maintenance, Human Resources Officer, Cleaner and Home Delivery and Outreach Support Officer and will be located in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow. We are encouraging jobseekers who have recently lost their job or casuals who no longer have shifts from throughout the Shire to apply.</p> <p>Our positions can be found by searching the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Town Maintenance: Agricultural and Farming (WFV) and Construction (WFV)</li><li>• Human Resources: Business Support / Call Centers (WFV)</li><li>• Cleaner: Cleaning, Sanitation and Waste Services (WFV)</li><li>• Home Delivery and Outreach Support Officer: Community Services (WFV) and Hospitality/Accommodation/Food (WFV)</li><li>• If you would like to apply or find out more information, visit <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria">https://www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria</a>.</li></ul> <p><b>Work in Council</b></p> <p>An exciting opportunity has arisen for a supported playgroup facilitator to work on a part time basis providing supported playgroups to vulnerable families within the Hindmarsh Shire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supported Playgroup Facilitator, Part Time 0.6 FTE (Limited tenure to 30 June 2021)</li></ul> <p>The facilitator will develop strategic referral pathways with services such as maternal and child health services, early childhood education and care services and family support services to ensure families receive services appropriate to their needs.</p> <p>Position descriptions are available at <a href="http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council">www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council</a>. Applications close Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 12:00noon and must address the key selection criteria as contained in the position description.</p>

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<p><b>Animal Registration Renewals</b></p>	<p>Animal registration renewal notices were due on 31 May 2020.</p> <p>You will see on your notices that you now have an option to pay your Animal registration renewal with BPay.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that if you have multiple animals and wish to pay with BPay, you must enter an individual payment for each animal using the specific reference number on each notice.</p> <p>For more information or if you have any questions, please call our friendly customer service team on (03) 5391 4444.</p>
<p><b>Local Laws Focus</b></p>	<p>The follow is a summary of activities being enforced by Local Laws this month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Illegal parking of vehicles in areas such as:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Disable Parking Only areas,</li> <li>b. Footpaths, nature reserves and driveways, and</li> <li>c. School Crossing zones.</li> </ol> <p>The monitoring and enforcement of the Road Safety Road Rules 2017 has been in response to a spike in complaints from residents and the general public about having to step onto the roadway due to vehicles blocking the walkway access. This can be extremely dangerous for small children and the elderly. Council has also received numerous complaints regarding drivers parking in Disabled Zones with no permit displayed in the vehicle. This is preventing people with a genuine medical reason from parking in these areas and causing them to travel further to get to their chosen destination.</p> </li> <li>2. Illegal collection of roadside timber. Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No 2 OF 2014, Part 9 Division 9.3, Section 949 states that <i>unless with a permit a person must not collect wood on Council roadsides.</i> Permits can be obtained by contacting customer services on 03 53914444.</li> <li>3. Illegal roadside burning on Road Reserves. Council has started receiving complaints regarding the burning of roadside reserves on some of our rural roads. Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No 2 OF 2014, Part 9 Division 9.3, Section 950 states that <i>no person without a permit shall carry out any cultivation or burning work on any Council controlled road reserve.</i></li> <li>4. Local Laws Officers are currently investigating three (3) serious dog attacks within the Shire. Council would like to remind all dog owners that it is an offence to allow dogs to wander at large in public places or to wander at large without supervision.</li> </ol> <p>Animal registrations are now due and all dogs and cats over the age of three (3) months must be microchipped and registered in the Shire.</p>
<p><b>Events Cancelled</b></p>	<p>COVID-19 restrictions have had a significant impact on events in Hindmarsh and cross the region. The following list (whilst not exclusive)</p>

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gives an indication of events that have been cancelled or postponed in Hindmarsh Shire:

- The Peter Taylor Memorial Barefoot Skiing event in Dimboola. This was a significant event attracting national and international skiers with backing from Visit Victoria.
- VORRA Rainbow Desert Enduro. Third round of a National Off-Road Championship.
- Wimmera Equestrian events in Dimboola.
- Community Easter events in Dimboola and Nhill
- Nhill Lions Club Community Markets (normally every two months)
- Dimboola Human Powered Vehicle Expo
- Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Annual Rally
- Jeparit Fishing Competition

Winter is generally a quieter time in regards to events, however our Spring events calendar may see more impacts pending on easing of restrictions around mass gatherings. We must also note the social and economic impact due to seasonal organised sporting events (football, netball, hockey, golf etc.) not being held.

As we slowly come out of COVID-19 restrictions it presents a great opportunity for events to leverage off a likely focus on regional visitation, along with local communities getting out and enjoying activities again. Whilst the timing of easing of restrictions around events and mass-gatherings is still unknown, event organisers are urged to continue planning and to discuss their event ideas with Council to enable a coordinated approach for event rescheduling and re-establishing of our events calendar.