

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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COVID-19	<p>The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic situation is changing rapidly. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our community, volunteers, councillors and staff. We continue to adapt the delivery of our services to minimise the risk of infection and transmission of the virus.</p> <p>In response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic Hindmarsh Shire Council has cancelled its scheduled council meetings due to be held on 1 and 22 April 2020 and 10 June 2020. Meetings scheduled for 13 May and 24 June 2020 will be moved to the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, if they are able to go ahead. It may be necessary for these meetings to take place unless the Victorian government makes changes to council budget timelines.</p> <p>Because of the need for council staff to be relocated or redeployed in order to continue providing essential services, the telephone operating system for customer service will be closed from 12.00 noon on Thursday 9 April over the Easter break and reopen at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 April 2020. Customer service phones will be operational between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm from Monday to Friday from 15 April until further notice.</p> <p>Council's customer service centres have been closed for face to face contact since 19 March 2020, with staff continuing to be available by telephone on 03 5391 4444 on the hours above, or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.</p>
Rainbow Rises 240	<p>Round 1 of the Victorian Off Road Championship was held at Rainbow over the March long weekend with the second edition of the Rainbow Rises 240 Off Road Race.</p> <p>A small but competitive field enjoyed perfect conditions for racing with the 8.7km course presenting fantastic conditions for racing.</p> <p>Rainbow was abuzz with off road racers and supporters over the weekend with the event staged across the Saturday and Sunday. After all of the action was completed and the dust settled it was first time outright winners Joseph and Jourdain Patterson in their Class 1 Buggy who celebrated victory ahead of Tom Bower and Ben Lugg in their SXS machine.</p> <p>Competitors were unanimous in their praise for the event, suggesting it was the best weekend of racing to be held in Rainbow so far.</p> <p>The next event scheduled for Rainbow will hopefully be Victoria's only national series round, the Rainbow Desert Enduro in late August. The running of this event is contingent of course, on the improvement in the situation with the current Corona virus pandemic.</p>
Davis Park Grandstand	<p>During March 2020 the Davis Park grandstand was demolished. The site is almost fully cleaned up and finalised ready for the Wimmera</p>

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Update

Football League and Hockey season 2020, whenever it commences.



Library Update

Construction of the new Dimboola Library is continuing at a steady rate with internal and external plumbing works and windows being installed last week.

Installation of external cladding has also commenced. Council has been coordinating with designers and suppliers for the interior fit out.

Contractors are still planning on the construction being completed mid-year.



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Wimmera River Discovery Trail	<p>Although on-site works for the establishment of final plans for the Wimmera River Discovery Trail have been delayed due to COVID-19, other infrastructure works for the Dimboola Visitor Node component of the project are continuing. These works include the new public amenities that will be established behind the new Dimboola Library and a new bus shelter in Lochiel Street to replace the previous shelter that was removed from behind the library.</p>
Rainbow Radar now live	<p>The Rainbow Radar was installed in 2020 outside the town of Rainbow to provide world-class weather intelligence for the Wimmera Southern Mallee region.</p> <p>The radar assists with flood and severe weather warnings, emergency services management and general weather forecasting.</p> <p>These improved weather services will provide significant benefits to the Wimmera Southern Mallee agriculture sector along with aviation and other parts of the transport sector, emergency services, and the general public.</p> <p>The radar project is a whole of community effort, supported by the Wimmera Development Association, funded jointly by the Victorian and Federal Governments and delivered and operated by the Bureau of Meteorology.</p> <p>For more information about the radar go to: agriculture.vic.gov.au/rainbowradar or radar page on the Bureau website - bom.gov.au/australia/radar.</p>  <p>Information and pictures by Government of Victoria, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.</p>
Hindmarsh Bear Hunt	<p>In an attempt to create some positivity and fun throughout the community, Hindmarsh's Early Years Coordinator established a Facebook page inviting people from the shire to place a teddy bear or other toys in front windows, gardens and trees for families to drive or</p>

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	<p>walk around on a Bear Spotting Adventure.</p> <p>Since commencing on Wednesday 25 March 2020 nearly 250 people and business owners have participated in the Bear Hunt bringing joy to many children (and adults).</p>  
<p>Council Operation Measures in place</p>	<p>The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic situation is changing rapidly. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our community, volunteers and staff. Our services have been adapting to minimise the risk of infection and transmission of the virus. Please stay up to date with changes to Council services on our website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/covid-19-update</p>
<p>Animal Registrations</p>	<p>Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, animal registration payments have been extended to 31 May 2020.</p>
<p>Stay Safe during COVID-19</p>	<p>Please strictly follow instructions provided by the government about current restrictions in place to help stop the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). For the latest and most up to date information visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus</p> <p>If you cannot find the information you are looking for email infectious.diseases@dhhs.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Alternatively, please call the dedicated COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398</p>