

# Hindmarsh Shire Council

Monthly Newsletter

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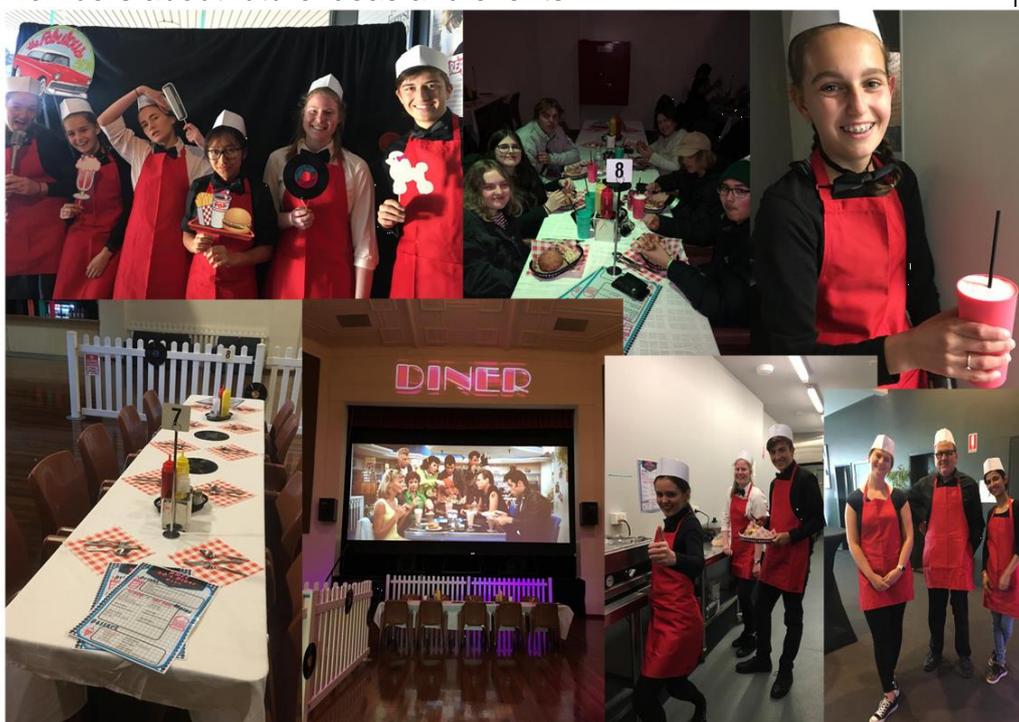


<b>Rural Councils Transformation Program</b>	<p>The \$20 million Rural Council Transformation Program (RCTP) funded in the 2018-19 State Budget aims to support large scale proposals by rural and regional councils to transform existing council functions. This will help improve the financial sustainability of councils which would not otherwise be able to invest in these large-scale transformations.</p> <p>Hindmarsh Shire has joined with 8 other councils (Yarriambiack, West Wimmera, Buloke, Pyrenees, Hepburn, Loddon and Central Goldfields Shires and Horsham Rural City to prepare an expression of interest in the program.</p> <p>The RCTP is designed to seed fund transformative projects requiring approximately \$2 million to \$5 million in funding and comprising three or more rural or regional councils.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest close on 15 November 2018.</p>
<b>Nhill Skate Park Tender Awarded</b>	<p>At its meeting on 5 September 2018, Council awarded the tender for the detailed design and construction of the new Nhill Skate Park to Queensland based company Trinity Skate Parks.</p> <p>Council was pleased with the quality and quantity of tenders for the project with Trinity Skate Parks being selected following a rigorous assessment process.</p> <p>Council has had previous experience with Trinity Skate Parks as they were awarded the tender to construct the Dimboola and Rainbow Skate Parks that were completed in early 2018.</p> <p>Detailed design will commence in October / November 2018 with construction set to begin in early 2019.</p>
<b>Walk to School – October 2018</b>	<p>Council has been successful in obtaining a grant from VicHealth to facilitate the Walk to School program again in October 2018. This will be Council's 4<sup>th</sup> year running the program in the shire. Given the success of the program the last two years, the schools are very excited to be involved again this year and to see what exciting activities will be involved for this year's program.</p>
<b>Successful Grease Event</b>	<p>On Friday 21 September 2018, the Nhill Memorial Community Centre was transformed back in time for a night of 50's fun and entertainment. For one night only, community members were able to enjoy a retro experience at the NMCC 50's Diner including the screening of 'Grease' in a Sing-Along special to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its release.</p>

Community members have commended the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council and staff for a terrific event that could not be faulted. It is crucial that the Nhill and broader community continue to support the movies at the NMCC and any of these types of events that are held in the future.

Congratulations to the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors on providing excellent service and food. It is great to see young people active in our community.

One of the really pleasing things to see was that people from Hopetoun, Rainbow, Dimboola and Horsham attended the event as well as Nhill and district residents. Following the success of the Grease retro night, Council would like to hear from community members about future ideas and events.



## Pick My Project

Like many communities across Victoria, Hindmarsh Shire residents and community organisations are eagerly awaiting the outcome of voting from the Victorian Government's Pick My Project program.

Hindmarsh had 11 projects submitted including;

- Nhill Showground – arena surface and irrigation system upgrade,
- Dimboola Recreation Reserve – Community multi-use facility,
- Davis Park, Nhill – grandstand refurbishment,
- Nhill Big Green Shed – recycling facility at the Nhill Transfer Station,
- Rainbow Oasis – outdoor camp kitchen,
- Nine Creeks Walking Track, Dimboola – creek crossing pedestrian bridge,

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- Dimboola Open Community Arts and Reflection Space on the site of the former Dimboola Hotel,
- Albacutya Silo, Rainbow – silo art trail extension,
- Jeparit, Wimmera River – Riverview tourist and community camp kitchen,
- Jaypex Park, Nhill – power and safety improvements, and
- Dream of Flight Silo Art, Nhill

Hopefully one or more of the above projects will be supported with funding.

## **Goldsworthy Park, Nhill**

A local painting contractor has now completed repainting of the band rotunda at Goldsworthy Park, Nhill. The work included the removal of the lattice and sand blasting it prior to it being re-painted. The fresh paint has restored the iconic Nhill landmark to its original colours and looks absolutely fantastic!



The BBQ shelter located in an adjacent section of Goldsworthy Park is also being refurbished. Fascia beams have been replaced and the remaining area has been cleaned with a pressure washer. The works being carried out on the BBQ shelter will make the facility more inviting for locals and travellers to use and will complement the rotunda.

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Future works in Goldsworthy Park will include the installation of a new monument dedicated to service men and women who served in Malaysia, Korea, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts. Lettering on the existing War Memorial will also be refurbished. Council is working with the Nhill RSL Sub Branch to implement these works.

## Jaypex Park, Nhill

To assist with improving natural light during the day at the public toilets located at Jaypex Park, Nhill, poly carbonate roofing has been installed.

## Katyil - Wail Road works commenced

Reconstruction of the Katyil Wail Road has recently began. Work crews will be constructing approximately 1.1km of road at the Arkona Katyil intersection.

## Wimmera League Finals – Nhill and Dimboola

Hindmarsh Shire Council together with Nhill & District Sporting Club and Dimboola Football Netball Club Inc prepared the football ovals, netball courts and Davis Park and Dimboola Recreation Reserve in readiness for the finals in 2018. Nhill hosted the Qualifying Final on 1 September 2018 while Dimboola hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Final on 8 September 2018. It was great to get two finals in the Shire and the cooperation between Council and the two clubs involved ensured the grounds, courts and facilities were looking their finest.

## Honourable Street Furniture - Bud Dart Ceremony

The family of the late E J R 'Bud' Dart have honoured his memory and service to the Australian Defence Force by donating a seat with an appropriate plaque on it.

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	<p>The seat is located at the Nhill Cenotaph and the inscriptions on the plaques celebrate the centenary of the two special bravery awards he received towards the end of WW1.</p> <p>Members of the public, representatives from the RSL and representatives from Council joined members of the Dart family at a ceremony at the Cenotaph on Saturday 22nd of September 2018 to dedicate the seat in his honour.</p> <p>Council assisted with the installation of the seat.</p>
<b>Painting swimming Pool Dimboola</b>	<p>Contractors have commenced work at the Dimboola Swimming pool, in preparation for the coming summer. The pool is being re-painted and receiving other maintenance to eliminate leaks.</p>
<b>Heavy Vehicle and Productivity Program</b>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council has been successful in its application for \$150,000 through the Federal Government's Heavy Vehicle and Productivity Program to continue the upgrade of the Antwerp-Woorak Road, which is a key east-west link in the shire. Council also received Local Roads to Market funding of \$500k earlier this year for another section of the same road.</p>