

Dimboola Safer Streets Lighting Project Completed.	Dimboola's Lloyd Street is much brighter at night, following the installation of solar powered security lighting. The eight lights and three solar panels have been installed following Hindmarsh Shire Council's successful grant application through the Victorian Government's Community Safety Fund. Funding has also been provided by Council and the Dimboola Town Committee. The solar powered lights have made a significant difference to the footpath lighting on the underside of the verandas in Lloyd Street. The lights have a sensor that when approached they become brighter and then dim again once motion is no longer detected. The installation of these lights is seen as a case study as there are plans to install something similar in other towns.

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Successful 2018 Walk to School Program.	Council has again been successful in in delivering the Walk to School Program funded through VicHealth. This year all seven Primary Schools within Hindmarsh Shire participated in the program. Each school was visited twice throughout October by Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly who engaged with students through various physical activities. The 2018 program saw an increased number of students who actively participated in the program by walking, scooting or biking to school. Congratulations to students on their efforts!
Grampians RDV Region Cycling and Trails Infrastructure Business and Master Plan.	In September the <i>GRAMPIANS RDV REGION CYCLING AND</i> <i>TRAILS INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS AND MASTER PLAN</i> was launched. The <i>Wimmera River Discovery Trail</i> has been recognised as one of the top three regional priority projects, and as such a business case was developed for it and included in the <i>Master Plan</i> document. The <i>Wimmera River Discovery Trail</i> has been a Hindmarsh Shire Council priority tourism project for a number of years following the completion of a Feasibility Study and Masterplan for the project in 2016. Being a priority project within the regional <i>Master Plan</i> throws considerable support towards the project and will present strong advocacy towards future funding opportunities being sought to implement the trail project.

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All-abilities toilet, Jeparit.	Council has been undertaking minor works to bring the all-abilities toilet adjacent to the men's shed to comply with current standards.
Wimmera Street, Dimboola, Kerb and Channel – Commenced.	Kerb and channel works in Wimmera Street, Dimboola have started. Located in the main CBD of Dimboola these works will improve the drainage functionality of the area and the quality of storm water being discharged into the Wimmera River. The works will also improve general aesthetics of the streetscape.
Rainbow Nhill Road - Commenced	Improvements to the Rainbow Nhill Road are underway. Council is currently working on the section of road near Schulze's Beach Road. Works include strengthening and widening of the pavement and sealed lanes, which will improve safety for trucks, cars and school buses.

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A Bells Road and Antwerp Katyil Road re- sheeted.	A Bells Road and Antwerp Katyil Road are currently being re-sheeted. This will improve the surface for road users and extend the effective asset life of the road for another 15-20 years. The works will also reduce the risk of the surface becoming slippery or dangerous. Below photo - Antwerp Katyil Road.
Propodollah Road guardrail	Guardrail replacement on the Propodollah Road culvert has commenced. The new guardrail will be installed to current standards and vastly improve safety conditions for road users on this section of road.
Gravel for our Roads	Residents will notice increased activity of Council trucks across the shire road network as in excess of 50,000m3 of gravel is processed and transported in preparation for roadworks around the shire this financial year.
Maintenance Action – Nhill and Jeparit Depots.	The Nhill maintenance team have recently been working on grading earthen and limestone roads along with the carting material to Ridgewell's Road for surface repairs. The team has also been refreshing line marking and undertaking a number of patch repairs around Nhill.
	The Jeparit maintenance team have also been grading earth and limestone roads. In addition they have been replacing guardrail posts on the Wimmera St, Dimboola bridge as well as undertaking machine edging (which involve patching large lengths of road edges) on sealed roads.
	Both maintenance teams enthusiastically cleaned and tidied up their town's public toilets and gardens in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit in anticipation of each of their annual local shows – what a great event the shows are for each town.

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Planning Department update.	The Planning Department has been processing permits for a Service Station in Dimboola, a two lot subdivision in Ellerman Street, Dimboola and a two lot subdivision in Hindmarsh Court, Nhill. Each of these applications were listed for consideration at Council's 24 October 2018 meeting.
Proactive road inspections.	Council's Assets Inspector has been inspecting Councils 4R Collector ('through') Road network. These roads generally link residences and property access roads to higher class roads including the VicRoads network. Roads with this classification are inspected on an annual basis for defects such as potholes and edge breaks. So if you see our Asset Inspector driving around you'll know what he's doing!
Wimmera Development Association – 2018 Wimmera Business Awards.	<ul> <li>Hindmarsh Shire was well represented at the recent WDA 2018</li> <li>Business Awards with finalists in a number of categories.</li> <li>Council extends its congratulations to the following; <ul> <li>Des Lardner Pharmacy, Dimboola – winner Best Retail Business</li> <li>Paw Po / Nhill Learning Centre, Nhill – winner Best New Business</li> <li>Lauren Kerber, Hindmarsh Shire Council – finalist Apprentice / Trainee of the Year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Keep Victoria Beautiful Awards 2018.	<ul> <li>Hindmarsh Shire Council is delighted to extend its congratulations to the broader Dimboola community on its recent success at the 2018 Keep Victoria Beautiful Awards.</li> <li>Specifically Council congratulates; <ul> <li>Dimboola – winner 2018 Victoria's Tidiest Town</li> <li>Danni Haebich – winner 2018 Young Leaders Award</li> <li>Dimboola Town Committee – winner 2018 Community Action and Leadership Award under 3,000 population category</li> </ul> </li> <li>Council acknowledges and thanks Jan Ballard for her countless hours of voluntary work in and around Dimboola, her advocacy for, and submissions to the Keep Victoria Beautiful Awards over many years.</li> </ul>