

**Hindmarsh Shire Council**  
**Monthly Newsletter**  
December 2019



<b>Swimming Pools</b>	<p>Council has recently opened the four swimming pools located in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, and Rainbow. The pools were open from Saturday 16 November 2019, with external contractors continuing to operate the pools on behalf of Council. Local residents make heavy use of the pools over the summer months as a way to beat the heat and get some physical exercise.</p>
<b>Maintenance Works Update</b>	<p>Council's maintenance crews have recently been working along roads in the Woorak, Gerang Gerung and Jeparit localities. Employees use graders to perform maintenance grading along limestone and earth roads to ensure a smooth road surface for road users and to help keep Council's roads in good condition. The crews have also been working on footpath maintenance in our towns and as well as tree trimming. Our parks and gardens teams have also been busy around our towns, as pictured below, with a new weeping rose recently planted to beautify the garden bed along the Western Highway in Nhill.</p>  A photograph showing a person wearing a high-visibility yellow-green vest and dark pants, standing in a garden bed. The garden bed is filled with green foliage and yellow flowers. A white bucket is on the grass in the foreground. In the background, there is a road, a utility pole, and a building under a cloudy sky.

### Rainbow Nhill Road Reconstruction

Council's construction crew have continued works along Rainbow Nhill Road to widen the seal width to create a safer road for drivers. The team have recently started ripping up the old seal along a 2.3km section on the south end of Rainbow Nhill Road, which will connect a 9m wide pavement to the existing widened seal near the Hindmarsh School Road intersection. There is also another 1km section near Netting Fence Road, which is hoped to be sealed prior to Christmas and is having the base prepared at current. The 1km section near Hounsell Road was recently sealed.

*1: Netting Fence Road*



*2: Southern Section of Rainbow Nhill Road*



*3: Near Hounsell Road*



### Rural Tree Trimming

Contractors are continuing tree trimming works along rural roads identified through Council's Farmer Consult program. This long term project will see tree trimming undertaken along key routes used by large machinery and trucks.

		
<p><b>Planning and Development Update</b></p>	<p>Town planning in Hindmarsh over the last two months has seen the approval of the following types of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The construction of a replacement dwelling at Kiata;</li> <li>• The use and development of land (including buildings and works) for a dwelling at Netherby;</li> <li>• A new Telstra tower at Yanac;</li> <li>• A replacement veranda in the Heritage Overlay in Dimboola (under VicSmart provisions);</li> <li>• A major promotion sign adjacent to the Western Highway in Nhill;</li> <li>• The removal of native vegetation for road safety purposes on Rainbow-Nhill Road Jeparit;</li> <li>• Telecommunications poles in association with the BOM Radar (one at Jeparit, the other on-site in Rainbow);</li> <li>• Extensions to dwellings in the Rural Living zones at Horseshoe Bend in Dimboola;</li> <li>• A liquor license for the 'Dimboola Store' Cafe, and the use and development of land in Netherby for continued mineral extraction.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2020 Great Vic Bike Ride to commence in Rainbow</b></p>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council have secured Rainbow as the start of the 2020 Great Vic Bike Ride! The 530km weeklong cycling holiday from Rainbow to Great Western is expected to attract over 3000 riders to the region. Setup crews and volunteers will arrive in Rainbow 2 days prior to the riders who will spend the night in Rainbow before heading along aspects of the Silo Art Trail on their way to the Grampians NP and Great Western. This event is expected to generate significant visitor economic impacts for Rainbow's community organisations and businesses, along with on-going destination marketing benefits for Hindmarsh Shire and the region. The marketing opportunity of this event ties in directly with the Wimmera River Discovery Trail development, and the Grampians RDV Region cycling infrastructure and branding projects.</p>	
<p><b>Funding for changes at Nhill &amp; Dimboola</b></p>	<p>Council has secured funding through the Children's Facilities Capital Program to support the introduction of subsidised 3YO Kindergarten in Hindmarsh Shire in 2020.</p>	

<p><b>Early Years Centres</b></p>	<p>In early 2020, Council will undertake works at both Nhill and Dimboola to increase the capacity for each centre, with increases in enrolments creating a need for more space. A previously sheltered external space will be enclosed to create additional indoor space at Nhill while reconfiguration of several rooms at Dimboola will help to increase the space available for kindergarten services at Dimboola.</p>
<p><b>Round 1 Community Action Grants awarded</b></p>	<p>Community and sporting groups within Hindmarsh Shire were awarded a total of \$7,679 to support their events and initiatives at Council's most recent meeting. Grants through round 1 of the Community Actions Grants Program provided helped to deliver a variety of projects, from the installation of an accessible ramp for Nhill and District Historical Society through to support for major projects such as kitchen renovations at Nhill Bowling Club and Winiam Hall. Financial assistance for events was also provided, with performing arts group Piggery Lane Players receiving funding for their 2019 production, and Dimboola Rowing Club received support for their annual regatta. A contribution was also made towards the Karen New Year celebrations in early 2020.</p> <p>The final round of Community Action Grants for this financial year will close on 13 March 2020. Council encourages all sporting and community groups to familiarise themselves with the different funding streams and to talk to the Community Development team about applying for funding to support their project or event.</p>
<p><b>International Day of People with Disability</b></p>	<p>To celebrate International Day of People with Disability this year, Council hosted a free BBQ in Jaypex Park along with a range of games and activities for attendees to participate in. There was a dance workshop on the soundshell, and attendees were given the opportunity to make Christmas stars in a special art workshop. The event was well attended by around sixty people from around the region and was a great opportunity for people to catch up with old friends and make new ones.</p>
<p><b>Walk to School Program</b></p>	<p>Council joined VicHealth in its mission to get kids walking, riding and scooting to school as part of their annual Walk to School program, which was extended through early November. In delivering the Walk to School program Hindmarsh Shire Council worked together with each primary school to have a weekly event to help motivate the kids to walk and to develop their creativity with many students creating poems, maps and drawings to describe their experiences whilst walking to school.</p> <p>To celebrate the conclusion of the Walk to School program St. Peter's Lutheran School, Dimboola had their BBQ along the river in Dimboola. Both teachers and students enjoyed the walk from the school to the river's edge where the BBQ was held.</p> <p>VicHealth and Council congratulate all of the schools involved and thank the parents, teachers, and students for their outstanding efforts during these events. The support for Walk to School 2019 has been fantastic.</p>



**16 Days of  
 Activism - 'Call  
 It Out'  
 Community  
 Awareness  
 BBQs**

Hindmarsh Shire Council is participating in Respect Victoria's Respect Women: Call it Out Campaign which coincides with the United Nations (UN) initiative 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based violence.

Happening in late November and early December Council hosted Community Awareness Breakfast BBQs to show their support for the Call It Out campaign Funded by the Victorian Government, this initiative asks us as a community to call out gender based inequality. If we see something wrong 'Call It Out!'.

The first of the free breakfasts in each of the towns kicked off on Tuesday 26 November in Rainbow from 7:30am to 8:15am and gave locals the opportunity to consider how they might 'call it out' when they see sexist or demeaning behaviour directed towards women. Support for the campaign at each of the BBQ's held in Rainbow and Jeparit was strong, with many recognising the need for changes in attitudes towards women. With the breakfasts yet to be held in Dimboola on Tuesday 3 December and Nhill Thursday 5 December.

It has been a great opportunity to catch up with members of the community and engage with them on raising awareness on this topic, whilst enjoying a free egg and bacon sandwich!

<p><b>Things will never change if we ignore sexual harassment. Call it out.</b></p>	<p>Dimboola Tuesday 3 December                  Library Forecourt Dimboola                  7.30 - 8.15AM</p>	<p><b>Community Awareness BBQ Breakfast</b></p>
<p>Supported By... </p>	<p>Nhill Thursday 5 December                  Goldsworth Park Nhill                  7.30 - 8.15AM</p>	
<p>1800RESPECT 1800 737 732                  SAFE STEPS 1800 015 188                  MENS REFERRAL SERVICE 1300 766 491</p>		
<p># callitout</p>	<p># 16daysofactivism</p>	<p>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au">www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au</a></p>