

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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Rainbow Nhill Road sealed reconstruction/widening

Council is currently undertaking works along sections of Rainbow Nhill Road, funded under the Fixing Country Roads program. Works are progressing well, with the next 3.2km section planned to be sealed and completed within the next week.



Planning and Development Update

Town Planning within Hindmarsh over the last 3 months has seen significant development activity, with the approval of 4 x subdivisions in farming zoned areas, works at Luv-a-Duck's abattoir site in Nhill, the finalisation of the outstanding permit application at Luv-a-Duck's site at Draper's Road in Nhill, the final submission of plans for a service station in Dimboola, and the approval of the following events:

- Rainbow Enduro (5 year permit);
- The Wimmera – Mallee Pioneer Museum Rally (5 year permit); and
- The Nhill Pony Express Motocross event (2019).

Also of particular note was a planning permit granted for the new Dimboola Library by Council at its meeting on 10 April 2019. Processing of other planning permit applications is being undertaken, with applications for dwellings on farming zoned land, a shed on flood prone land, and a service station in Nhill being currently active.

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Rural tree trimming update	<p>Council's two contractors are still continuing works trimming trees along rural roads. Some of the roads completed now include Purples Road, Netting Fence Road, Ampts Road and River Road. These works have greatly improved driver visibility and machinery access along the roads.</p>
Rainbow Nhill Road bridge	<p>Council has engaged contractors to replace the Rainbow-Nhill Road bridge, providing a 9 meter clear trafficable width crossing over Outlet Creek. Currently a single lane bridge, works are planned to begin next week with the demolition of the old structure.</p>
Careers in Council	<p>For the first time, in partnership with Yarriambiack, West Wimmera and Horsham Rural City Councils, Hindmarsh Shire Council had representatives present at the Wimmera Careers Expo, held at the Wimmera Events Centre on the 25 June 2019. This presence enabled jobs within rural local government organisations to be promoted as possible lifelong and rewarding career opportunities.</p>  <p><i>Pictured from left: Horsham Rural City Council representatives Mel (Local Laws) and Brodie (Information Technology), Hindmarsh Shire Council representatives Shelly (Environmental Health) and Andre (Town Planning), Horsham Rural City Council representative Jess (Business Development) and West Wimmera Shire Council representative Katrina (Aged Care).</i></p>

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Roadside Spraying	<p>Council is commencing its roadside spraying program for 2019. There are a large number of primary and secondary roads to be completed, including Lorquon Netherby Road, Winiam East Road, Yanac Netherby Road and Jeparit East Road. The aim of Council's spraying program is to ensure road user safety and visibility, along with reducing the risk of fire along our rural roads.</p>  <p>The image shows a white utility truck with a green sprayer tank mounted on the back. A sign on the ground in front of the truck reads 'ROADSIDE SPRAYING AREA'. The truck is parked on a dirt road with trees in the background.</p>
2019 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Awards	<p>Awards to some of Nhill's outstanding youth were presented by Hindmarsh Shire Council's, Cr Rob Gersch at an assembly at Nhill College on Monday 17 June 2019 and at the Nhill A&P Society meeting on Monday 1 July 2019.</p> <p>The recipients of the awards were nominated for the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Awards that were originally planned to be held earlier in the year.</p> <p>Unfortunately the Youth Awards event was not able to proceed, but Hindmarsh Shire Council still believed it was important to acknowledge the young people who were nominated across a range of different categories.</p> <p>Awards were presented to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mitchell Dahlenburg – Young Sportsperson Award• Ruby James – Young Sportsperson Award• Jenna Schneider – Young Sportsperson Award• Josh Lees – Young Sportsperson Award• Sarena Be Nyo – Young Artist Award• Zara Clark – Young Artist Award• Alister Dickinson – Young Volunteer Award• Nhill College SPARK Program – Group Youth Community Award• Jessica Pilgrim – Young Volunteer Award <p>Young Volunteer Awards will be presented to two Dimboola youth at an event later in the year.</p>



Pictured from left: Cr Rob Gersch, teacher Carmen Trener and some recipients of awards at Nhill College.

Funding for the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Awards was made available through the Victorian Government's Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victorian Youth Week and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

**Health and
Wellness Expo**

On Thursday 27 June 2019, Hindmarsh Shire Council partnered with West Wimmera Health Service and Wimmera Primary Care Partnership to run a highly successful Health and Wellness Expo. Former Hawthorn Premiership player and 1986 Brownlow Medallist Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico hosted the Health and Wellness Expo that was attended by approximately 180 people.

Attendees at the Expo heard from 15 speakers who presented a range of topics and were able to discuss various health and wellbeing related issues with representative of nearly 30 companies and organisations that had displays in stalls.



Pictured above: audience at the Health & Wellness Expo 2019



Pictured left: Dipper with West Wimmera Health Service Speech, Occupational Therapist and Dietician staff.

Pictured right: Dipper with the Hindmarsh Shire Council staff who helped coordinate the day

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Subsidised 3YO Kindergarten Capacity Surveys	<p>As one of the first six local government areas delivering the pilot program for subsidised 3YO Kindergarten in 2020, Hindmarsh Shire Council is currently working with professional services specialists Ernst & Young to ascertain readiness for the program roll out next year.</p> <p>Engaged by the Department of Education, Ernst & Young are surveying each of Hindmarsh's four Early Learning Centres to help determine their capacity to deliver up to 15 hours of subsidised 3YO Kindergarten.</p> <p>In conjunction with our service provider Horsham & District Kindergarten Association, Hindmarsh Shire Council is required to demonstrate that both the facilities and available services will meet the needs of families with 3YO children commencing their education journey.</p> <p>Further information about subsidised 3YO Kindergarten is available from Hindmarsh Shire Council or Horsham & District Kindergarten Association.</p>
School Holidays Movie Marathon	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council continues to provide local school aged children with activities during school holiday periods.</p> <p>Council will host a Movie Marathon at Nhill Memorial Community Centre on Thursday 11 July 2019 with Aladdin and Secret Life of Pets 2 screening.</p> <p>The first screening will be Aladdin at 10:30am and lunch will be available between the two screenings.</p>

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Rock Your Socks	<p>As part of a fund raising activity for Relay for Life, Hindmarsh Shire Council staff were encouraged to wear bright and funky socks to work on Wednesday 26 June 2019.</p> <p>The range of socks worn provided positive comments and helped Council's fund raising campaign for the 2020 Relay for Life.</p>  <p><i>Pictured: Hindmarsh Shire staff with their crazy socks on.</i></p>
Budget Adopted	<p>At its meeting on Wednesday 26 June 2019, Hindmarsh Shire Council adopted its 2019 / 2020 Annual Budget.</p> <p>The budget includes over \$9M of capital expenditure which is the highest amount allocated for a number of years.</p> <p>A copy of the adopted budget is available on Council's website, or at each of our Customer Service Centres in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.</p>
Hip Hop Workshops	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Freestyle Dance Ministry of OM Australia (Operation Mobilisation), a non-denominational Christian organization has recently worked in partnership to run three free hip hop workshops in Nhill, Dimboola, and Rainbow in June 2019.</p> <p>Justin Seidel, the instructor, is a qualified dance social worker who teaches hip hop routines to kids and teenagers all over Australia. The programs main target is to enable young people to establish independence, make positive lifestyle choices, and fulfil their potential to become a leader and role model in their local communities.</p>

The Freestyle workshop takes about one hour and is all about exciting, engaging, and empowering children, youth and young adults. Workshops were completely free of charge and attracted 30 kids and teenagers. Council plans to engage them again in September 2019 and will offer the workshop to the local schools to encourage more participation.



Pictured: Youth Councillor Macy, her sister, and Youth Councillor Nicholas with the instructors, Justin and Dan, after the astounding Freestyle Hip Hop workshop in Rainbow on 26 June 2019.



Pictured: Dimboola hip hop workshop.