

Nhill Air Show

On Saturday 02 November 2019, the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre ran a very successful Airshow to celebrate the 100 years of aviation since the first plane landed at Nhill. Present at the event were a number of local community groups with food stalls, along with other food vans, community market stalls, kids activities and an extensive display of historical aircraft, vintage cars and military vehicles. The event was well attended (2500–3000 est) with many tourists attending from outside the Shire area. Various aircraft were shown off in flying displays throughout the day, with an MC providing an explanation of each aircraft and its history. Council staff volunteered at an information stall to promote tourism attractions within the Shire to encourage return visitation.



Aerodrome Entrance Works

Works to upgrade the Nhill Aerodrome entranceway have recently been completed. The images below show the initial concept drawing in comparison to the completed works. These works were completed as part of the Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan, and were funded by grant money received from Victoria Remembers. The new entranceway was in use for the recent Nhill Airshow.



Rainbow Nhill Road Bridge

Approaches to the recently constructed Rainbow Nhill Road bridge have recently been sealed, and the barriers also installed. This marks the completion of construction works for the bridge, providing a crossing point over Outlet Creek. There is only line marking and some signage required to complete the project. These works were funded under the State Government's Fixing Country Road program.





**Capital Works
Footpath
Construction**

Council's construction team has also been working on upgrading the footpath along Albert Street in Rainbow. These works have also included the installation of new outstands for children to cross, to ensure the safety of students attending the nearby school. These works are almost complete, and will be finalised in the next few days.





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E-Waste Sheds	<p>Construction of E-Waste sheds located at the Nhill and Dimboola Transfer Stations is complete, with works now focussing on setting up the sheds and surrounds for use. Works to be undertaken includes installing skips and signage, and improving roadway access to the shed for the public. The construction of the E-Waste sheds was funded by a grant from Sustainability Victoria.</p>
Council LED Lighting Upgrade	<p>Council has recently obtained funding from Sustainability Victoria to commence LED lighting upgrades in Nhill's Council Office and the Nhill Memorial Community Centre. The lighting upgrades will assist with electricity costs and further sustainability of the buildings. Upgrades are scheduled to begin in the coming weeks.</p>
Maintenance Works Update	<p>Council's two maintenance teams have been recently working on maintenance grading in the Jeparit and Yanac localities, along with completing works in the town parks and gardens areas to tidy up for upcoming events, including the Dimboola Tidy Towns. The team have also completed some maintenance patching and linemarking at the Nhill Aerodrome to prepare for the Nhill Airshow in early November.</p>
Rainbow Nhill Road Reconstruction	<p>Council's construction team have been working to widen the remaining narrow seal section of Rainbow Nhill Road. Currently, there is approximately 2.5km being worked on with the total project being 9km (approx.).</p>  The image block contains three photographs documenting road reconstruction. The top-left photo shows a dirt road with a gravel shoulder. The top-right photo shows a red tractor working on a dirt road. The bottom photo shows a white concrete mixer truck on a dirt road with a large puddle in the foreground.

<p>Jeparit Recreation Reserve Lighting</p>	<p>The installation of a new lighting tower at the Jeparit Recreation Reserve is complete after the existing light pole was damaged. These works were conducted under insurance and ensure that the local football club has a well-lit area in which to train during the winter months.</p>
<p>School holidays</p>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council held several activities during the recent school holidays.</p> <p>On 30 September, there was a Drumming Circle workshop at Rainbow Neighbourhood House with 17 kids from Rainbow and Jeparit participating. The workshop was conducted by Elizabeth Huxtable, a music teacher with more than 30 years of experience. Kids were able to create their own instruments with basic materials and recycled containers which taught the value of recycling and reusing.</p> <p>On 3 October Jeparit Memorial Hall hosted a Halloween Craft making session in preparation for the upcoming FReeZA Halloween event. Recycling material was collected with the help of local schools. The attendees enjoyed of a day of games, creativity, and fun. Children from Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow participated in this fun filled event.</p>
<p>Walk to School</p>	<p>During October schools throughout Hindmarsh Shire participated in VicHealth’s Walk to School program. With the mission to get kids walking, riding and scooting to school as part of the health promotion Council worked together with the seven local primary schools, to develop fun activities involving students, their families and teachers. Some of the activities included Council staff attending weekly visits to schools delivering fresh fruit for the kids; organising healthy drinks and talks about health, the importance of a balanced diet and encouraging children to walk with their families after school. This program was funded by the VicHealth’s Walk to School program. Every October, Walk to School encourages families to get active on the trip to and from school to help kids build healthy habits for life.</p>  <p>The poster features the text 'Walk to School 2019' and 'Join hundreds of thousands of Victorian primary school kids this October!'. It shows two children walking towards school, with a calendar indicating the dates from October 7th to November 1st. Logos for 'WALK TO SCHOOL' and 'VicHealth' are at the bottom.</p>

Children’s week with Smoothies

Following the National Children’s Week theme “*Children have the right to be healthy, safe and happy*”, Hindmarsh Shire Council created an activity to encourage children to try different seasonal fruits in a smoothie. Staff from the Community Development team visited local schools in the shire during October and November and explained the benefits of eating healthy and trying new fruits.

Students were encouraged to participate in the process, by choosing a combination of fruit from the recipes provided, or by making up their own recipes. Some of the students were keen to try their skills at making smoothies with the Nutri-Bullets while others enjoyed assisting with serving the drinks to junior students.

One of the main aims of this program was to encourage healthy eating among the students. It was therefore pleasing to hear feedback from the participants indicating that a number of students who were not so keen on fruit had changed their mind after trying the smoothies. This activity was made possible by a grant from the Victorian Government.



Halloween FReeZA party

On Friday 25 October Jeparit Memorial Hall was decorated with a Halloween theme to host a Halloween FReeZA party for the youth of the Region. More than 80 kids and youth from Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, Rainbow and West Wimmera Shire (Kaniva, and Edenhope) travelled to Jeparit to enjoy of a night of music, dance and fun.

Jordan Leach, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillor described the night as an exciting and wonderful opportunity to meet new friends. “Our Halloween Party was a fun night with lots of dancing, spooky decorations, great music and new friends”.

Jordan extended his thanks on behalf of the Hindmarsh Shire Youth

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	<p>Council, to everyone who came along from different places to enjoy the party.</p> <p>The event was supported by FReeZA and Hindmarsh Shire. FReeZA events with are alcohol, drug & smoke-free and fully supervised.</p>
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