

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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Aerodrome Entrance Update	<p>Works are progressing well on the construction of a grand new entranceway into the Nhill Aerodrome. The supporting pillars have been completed with the curved wall being currently constructed. This project is progressing to timeframe with the works scheduled to be concluded over the coming weeks.</p>  The first photograph shows a worker in a green shirt and safety vest using a shovel to work on a stone wall. A wheelbarrow filled with concrete is in the foreground. The second photograph shows a wider view of the stone wall under construction, with a wooden formwork structure and a pile of stones nearby.
Nhill Airshow	<p>The first weekend in November will see the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre hosting the “100 years of Aviation Nhill Airshow”, celebrating the centenary of the first plane that landed at Nhill and highlighting the significant part the town played in early Australian aviation and the World War 2 Training Base.</p>
Rainbow Nhill Road Bridge Update	<p>The construction of the Rainbow Nhill Road bridge spanning across Outlet Creek has recently been completed, with the road being opened to local traffic on Friday 06 September 2019. Currently, Council’s capital works team have been working on site constructing the approaches on either side of the bridge to finalise the project. The Bridge was funded under the State Governments Fixing Country Roads Program.</p>
Capital Works Footpath Construction	<p>Council’s capital works team have also recently been working on the installation of new footpaths along Albert and Taverner Streets in Rainbow and Broadway Street in Jeparit. Favourable weather has permitted the works to progress well, with Broadway and Taverner Streets completed and Albert Street 60% completed. Pedestrians utilising these pathways can look forward to a more accessible access way than prior to the works.</p>

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E-Waste Sheds Update	<p>With the completion date of this project approaching, contractors are very close to placing the iron onto the roof of the two sheds. Once construction of the sheds is complete, works will begin on building the internal tracks and a pad around the sheds to ensure optimal functionality.</p>
Dimboola Rowing Pontoon	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor Cr. Ron Ismay officially opened the new Dimboola Rowing Club launch pontoon on Wednesday 2 October. The pontoon, which is the culmination of a project delivered with the collaboration of the Dimboola Rowing Club, Wimmera Catchment Management Authority and Hindmarsh Shire Council. With the announcement of the opening, Cr Ismay suggested that the completion of the project was perfectly timed, with the Club's annual regatta only weeks away. "The pontoon is sure to be popular with visiting rowers when they arrive for the annual regatta in November." Additionally, the pontoon is also likely to be popular with a myriad of other users as well, with the deck also a great spot from which to cast a line or to just dangle your feet in the water.</p> <p>The new pontoon replaced an ageing ramp design structure, the origins of which trace back several decades. It is located on the Wimmera River directly in front of the Dimboola Rowing Club within the Recreation Reserve, Dimboola.</p> 
Nhill Skate Park Officially Opened	<p>The Minister for Sport, Tourism & Major Events, the Hon Martin Pakula officially opened the new Nhill Skatepark at an event on 19 September. Funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and Hindmarsh Shire Council, the new Skatepark is located in Jaypex Park, on the Western Highway in Nhill. Already in operation for a few months, the Skatepark has proven to be very popular with local skate and scooter fans and travellers taking a break from their trip between Melbourne and Adelaide. To celebrate the opening, a Skatepark Leagues competition was also held on 26 September with opportunities for local youth to compete for prizes at the event.</p>



Maintenance Works Update

Council's maintenance team have been recently working on our limestone and earth roads, by conducting maintenance grading to ensure that these roads continue to be maintained in a good condition with any minimal damage to the road surface repaired prior to becoming a major problem.

Essential Safety Measures Audit

Council is once again conducting audits of all Council owned public buildings. These audits focus on checking the condition of the structure and identifying any maintenance required, along with ensuring that essential safety measures, such as fire extinguishers, signage, and correct paths of exit are installed and maintained to standard. These audits aim to ensure that each of Council's buildings are safe for the general public to appreciate and enjoy.

Tourism Update

Hindmarsh Shire Council has been awarded a Heritage Victoria grant to replace the damaged northern veranda at Yurunga Homestead in Rainbow. The much needed works will allow full veranda access to visitors, improve the external aesthetics, and greatly reduce the risk of structural damage to the main building through further degeneration of the existing veranda.

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Youth Council: 'Lawn Bowls' in Rainbow	<p>Hindmarsh Shire's latest FReeZA event took place on Friday 20 September at the Rainbow Bowling Club. The event was organized by the Youth Council and brought together youth from Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit, and Rainbow who all enjoyed the night of social lawn bowls and Aussie fun.</p> <p>The Youth Councillors held a raffle and raised \$128 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) 'Save the koalas' campaign. The raffle prizes were sponsored by local businesses and the event was proudly supported by State Government, FReeZA funding, Hindmarsh Shire and the Rainbow Bowling Club.</p>
Full house Hip Hop workshops in Nhill and Rainbow!	<p>Justin Seidel and his Freestyle Dance Hip Hop workshops came to Hindmarsh Shire Council in September, visiting Nhill and Rainbow. On Monday 16 September the Nhill Memorial Community was open to 55 students from Nhill College (year 7 and year 8) and the Karen Community. Everyone wanted to learn Hip Hop and Dance and were inspired and challenged by the new dance moves they were taught by choreographer Justin from Ministry of Dance.</p> <p>The following day, students (and teachers) of Rainbow P-12 College had their turn to move to the beat, Flynn, Heidi and Sally Smith, had a wonderful time and said "We had an awesome class, everybody had a lot of fun and we learnt a lot of moves" explained Heidi. Sally described the event as amazing "Justin and Dan are really good at Hip Hop; they were really bouncy" she said. We look forward to seeing more hip hop in June 2020.</p>
First Aid Training for Youth Councillors	<p>On Monday 23 September members of the Youth Council attended First Aid training in Jeparit. This training was sponsored by FReeZA and Hindmarsh Shire and covered the skills and knowledge required to provide a first aid response to a person in need.</p>
Dimboola Library	<p>The first on-ground works for the new Dimboola Library commenced on Wednesday 25 September with contractors commencing with the site layout.</p>  A photograph showing the construction site for the new Dimboola Library. The site is a large, flat, paved area with several concrete pillars and rebar structures in place, indicating the foundation for the building. In the background, there are other buildings and trees under a clear blue sky.

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Dimboola Female Facilities Officially opened	<p>Minister for Sport, Tourism & Major Events, the Hon Martin Pakula officially opened the new Dimboola Football Netball Club's female change room facility on Thursday 19 September at the Dimboola netball court. Funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria, Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Dimboola Football Netball Club the facility has already been in use and will provide players with appropriate amenities on game days and training.</p> <p>The funding also saw the installation of a watering system on the small Dimboola oval known locally as the Les Howland Oval.</p>
Hindmarsh Shire Annual Report 2018/19	<p>Council's Annual report for 2018/19 has been prepared. Pursuant to Section 134 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council will consider the Annual Report at its meeting on Wednesday 23 October 2019. Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Council Offices in Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow, and online on Council Website.</p>