

Hindmarsh Shire Council Newsletter

September 2020



COVID-19 Update

Under stage 3 restrictions currently in force in Victoria, Hindmarsh Shire Council libraries are to remain closed with the exception of providing Click & Collect services. More information on our Click & Collect services can be found further on in this Newsletter. Our telephone operating system is operational between the hours of **9:00am and 5:00pm from Monday to Friday**. The Nhill customer service centre is open for appointments only between the hours of **10am - 12noon and 2pm - 4pm Monday to Friday**. Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow customer service centres will remain closed until further notice.

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Free Green Waste Month delayed due to Stage 3 Restrictions

Due to stage 3 restrictions, the Free Green Waste Month has been delayed with a new time to be confirmed subject to changes to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We understand people will be keen to get out in their gardens, but compliance with restrictions is necessary.

Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Stations are currently open to residents who have no rubbish collection and tradespeople as per stage 3 restrictions.

Normal transfer station hours are as follows:

	DIMBOOLA	JEPARIT	NHILL	RAINBOW
M	1.30pm - 4.30pm	CLOSED	2pm - 5pm	1pm - 4pm
T	CLOSED	10am - 1pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
W	9.30am - 12.30pm	CLOSED	2pm - 5pm	CLOSED
Th	CLOSED	2pm - 5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
F	1.30pm - 4.30pm	CLOSED	2pm - 5pm	2pm - 5pm
S	10am - 1pm	CLOSED	9.30am - 12.30pm	CLOSED
Su	12.30pm - 3.30pm	10.30am - 1.30pm	1pm - 4pm	9am - 12pm

For more information, please contact Garry Salt, Coordinator Facilities and Environment on 0427 319 529 or email gsalt@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Maintenance Teams Works Update

The maintenance works staff have been undertaking their usual duties this month, with focus on a few additional jobs. In our towns Jeparit,

(continued) Rainbow and Dimboola town maintenance have been doing some more work on garden beds and tree trimming. With our graders on earth roads in the Rainbow and Katylil areas; where possible with the rain conditions. Along with some rural tree trimming in Rainbow and Pullut areas.

Our Working for Victoria Staff have settled in very well overall, a credit to them for the job they are doing our gardening / cleaning park furniture / playground equipment are all looking good.

Nhill have had trucks carting from Rainbow to Nhill preparing for works on Peakes Three Chain road. They have also been tidying up the trees and area on the railway side of Belcher Street. The line-marking machine has also been out and about, making its way around the towns on different line marking jobs.

Construction Team Works Update

Currently works are still underway on the kerb and channel project in Charles Street, Jeparit. The crew have nearly finished the south side kerb, all the concrete works will then be completed. The prep will then begin on the parking lanes for sealing. Photos of the CTL (Compact Track Loader also known as skidsteer) and new cold planer in action munching the old seal.



The other project our construction crew are working on is the Pigick Bus Route

(continued) reconstruction. It is two small sections that we are repairing and returning to a 4m wide seal. These works are near Schillings Rd intersection. Wet weather put a hold on works for a while. This project will finish next week weather permitting.

Then the intention is moving to the Albacutya Silo to construct a car park for the Albacutya Silo Art work. The project is awaiting the artist, who is based in Melbourne and is locked down by stage 4 COVID-19 restrictions.



Wimmera River Discovery Trail - Dimboola Visitor

With construction of the new Dimboola Library and Council Customer Service Centre now completed, works on the next stage of the Dimboola Community and Civic Precinct are expected to commence in the near future. The next stages of the project will incorporate the landscaping of the former car park area and the refurbishment of the existing Dimboola Library and Customer Service Centre.

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(continued) Landscaping of the former car park will form the Dimboola Visitor Node of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail and will include the establishment of lawn open space areas, construction of pathways, planting of appropriate trees, shrubs, plants and grasses, installation of seating and picnic tables and the construction of new public amenities.

Interpretive signage acknowledging Dimboola's significant indigenous history and culture, local environmental and historical assets and events will also be established.

Tenders for the landscaping works have closed and council officers are undertaking the tender assessment process. It's expected the successful contractor will be appointed in early September with works to commence as soon as possible after that.

The landscaping that will be carried out in the former car park area will provide a very user friendly and welcoming space between Lloyd Street and the creek and river environs at the rear of the new library. Now that the construction of the new Library and new public amenities are essentially completed, the landscaping work can effectively be carried out on a greenfield site.

The landscaped garden and lawn areas will fit perfectly with the rear veranda and deck of the library and will become a very versatile asset that will be able to be used for library and community events such as Australia Day.

The Dimboola Community and Civic Precinct project, the new Library, the Wimmera River Discovery Trail - Dimboola Visitor Node and the refurbishment of original Library are all very exciting for Dimboola will become a very popular facility for residents of and visitors to Dimboola in the future.



Click and Collect at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries

As of Monday 31 August 2020, all existing and new library members

(continued) will be able to opt-in to Hindmarsh Shire Libraries click & collect service. Council will be following strict COVID-19 safety protocols with collections from each library, in each town as follows:

- **Jeparit** - Mondays 2-4pm
- **Dimboola** - Tuesdays 2-4pm
- **Nhill** - Thursdays 2-4pm
- **Rainbow** - Fridays 2-4pm

Community members can order books online, or ring us on 03 5391 4444 to order books for collection.

For more information on this, visit Council's website here: <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/libraries>.

COVID-19 Impact Survey

Hindmarsh Shire COVID-19 Revitalisation Reference Group are developing a Recovery Plan for the community. The goal for recovery is to support our communities to successfully deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic whilst at the same time building community cohesion and community resilience.

We invite you to complete our survey and tell us about what affects you have seen, heard or experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and what needs to be considered for the future.

You can find a link to this survey on Councils website here: <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/community-revitalisation-reference-group>.

Thank you for assisting the Hindmarsh Shire COVID-19 Revitalisation Reference Group.

Davis Park Redevelopment

Council was disappointed to learn that its application for the redevelopment of Nhill's Davis Park, through the Victorian Government Local Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program was not successful. We are assessing and reviewing the scope of the project to enable the submission of future funding applications if, and when, other funding programs are announced.

The initial project included the

(continued) construction of new female and male change rooms and the construction of a new two level community clubrooms, community gymnasium and public amenities. A new netball court was also proposed as part of the redevelopment.

Council will continue to work with the Nhill & District Sporting Club to upgrade infrastructure through future grants.

Youth Fun

During the lockdown, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council in collaboration with Yarriambiack Youth Action is sharing competitions and events for the youth of the Wimmera Region.

We had a Backyard Camping Competition during July and August created by Youth Councillor, Tessa Leach, which encouraged young people to install their favourite camping gear in their backyard and take pictures of their camp. The winner received 3 nights free camping in any of the Shire caravan parks in Hindmarsh or Yarriambiack.

On 17 July, the communities of Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack Shire Council experienced an afternoon of fun with a virtual tour displaying the best of the Wimmera's creatures. There were two shows, one for primary School kids, 'Feathers, Fur and Scales'; and another show for High School students highlighting the 'Wildlife of Wimmera'. Both shows were very entertaining and explained animal characteristics and behaviours; they also exposed the endangered species of this region.

A free talk was held on 31 August with Ethan Butler, a young entrepreneur who shared his knowledge and encouraged youth to explore the road of business. Butler opened his first cafe at the age of 19 and now he is helping young people to identify their unique strengths. Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council is also offering Live Stream Yoga classes for all ages, every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. with Zhenya Bell free of cost.

Work in Council - Positions Vacant

- Project Officer, applications close Wednesday 2 September 2020
- Plant Operator/Labourer, applications close Wednesday 9 September 2020
- Community Care Position, applications ongoing

If you would like to join our team or find out more information, visit <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council>