

### **COVID19 UPDATE**

Due to the developing COVID19 situation, we encourage you to check our website, Facebook page or to give us a call on (03) 5391 4444 to get up-to-date information on our opening hours, services and events.

For information about COVID19 and current restrictions. visit https:// www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au 1800 675 398.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

To subscribe to our e-news visit https:// www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/enews, or call us on (03) 5391 4444 and we can do it for you! If you don't have a computer or use email, we'd love to you а hard copy-

### **COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED**

The Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2 June has been rescheduled to 1pm Wednesday 9 June 2021 due to the COVID-19 7 day lock down.

Council will continue to livestream Council meet-

### **CINEMA**



Nhill Cinema will host monthly Classic Matinees. Held on Tuesday morning from 10am, join us for morning tea and a movie. Classic Matinees will be held free of charge and have been funded by the State Government's CASI initiative. Prebookings are preferred.

### **Road to Nhill**

Tuesday 22 June 2021—10am

Tuesday 20 July 2021 — 10am

### Gallipoli

Tuesday 24 August 2021— 10am

### **EVENTS**

Please note that all events are subject to changing COVID19 restrictions. Please check our website Facebook page for updated information on upcoming events, or call our Customer Service Team on (03) 5391 4444.



## CASI

### PRE-BOOKINGS PREFERRED

Activities are booked for June under the CASI initiative (Community Activation and Social Isolation)

Get ready for some toe-tapping melodies with Sandra and Leo. This musical duo will be performing nostalgic tunes on the following dates. Pre bookings preferred- call our Customer Service Team on 03 5391 4444 or visit one of

### Tuesday 15 June 2021

Jeparit Hall— 10am-11:30am Rainbow MECCA Hall— 2pm-3:30pm

### Tuesday 29 June 2021

Nhill Community Centre— 10am-11:30am Dimboola Uniting Church Hall— 2pm-3:30pm

### **'LEVEL-UP!' GAMING EVENT**

As this event was cancelled due to the COVID19 restrictions introduced on 27 May 2021, we will be rescheduling to a later date. If you were booked in to attend this event, you will be contacted when a new date is finalised. We will also be taking new bookings when a date is announced. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page for more information - https://



### NATIONAL SORRY DAY



Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledged National Sorry Day on 26 May 2021 and flew the Aboriginal Flag throughout the Shire.

National Sorry Day is a day to remember, acknowledge and raise awareness of the history and continued effect of the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcefully removed from their families and communities.

It's a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors and to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

How can you get involved? The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address the ongoing trauma caused by actions like the forced removal of children from their families. Hear the Ngangkarri Women's Group message of strength, resilience and healing sang for Stolen Generations, families and here: healingfoundation.org.au/2020/05/25/sorry-day-2020/

### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to say a sincere thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers in our community. We recognise and appreciate all of the work that you do and want you to know that your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for making our communities stronger, especially in the midst of a global pandemic and for giving so much to our commu-







### ALBACUTYA SILO ART

Work is now complete on the Albacutya Silo. If you are visiting Rainbow be sure to head north of the township to check out the latest in the Silo Art Trail. Melbourne artist Kitt Bennett was inspired to create an artwork that tells a story of growing up in the country as a youth. "I have fond memories of exploring the bush and looking for yabbies under rocks in creeks with my parents. Reflecting on this weird and wonderful time as an adult is something that brings me a lot of happiness."

"I wanted to keep the artwork somewhat surreal and distorted from reality. Much like the nature of stories from the past. They often become exaggerated. I wanted to make this painting very bright and full of colour in an attempt to reflect the rainbow theme and to separate it from its environment. The Silo itself is old but the artwork aims to breathe a new life into the landscape."

Visitors are asked to use the designated viewing area and that access to the silo site is prohibited. This Silo Art Trail project was made possible by the Victorian State Government, Wimmera Mallee Tourism and Hindmarsh Shire Council. Thank you to Melbourne Artist, Kitt Bennett, for your brilliant work!



### **DIMBOOLA LIBRARY AND VISITOR NODE**

Landscaping and building works at the Dimboola Library and Customer Service Centre are now complete.

Have a look at the before and after photos here to see how we have transformed the space into beautiful precinct for all to enjoy.

## DIMBOOLA CARAVAN PARK NEW ALL **ABILITIES AMENITIES**

Work has commenced on the new all abilities amenities at the park located to the southern end of the camp kitchen.

Works will include a new access ramp, an all abilities bathroom and steps at the front of the current camp kitchen for easier access. Funding for this project has been made possible thanks to the State Government's Victoria's Great Outdoors Camping and Caravan Grants Program.









### MAYORAL MATTERS



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The most recent Mayoral Matters column from Cr Ron Ismay, Mayor of Hindmarsh Shire Council is available on www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/

### YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council will next meet on 7 June 2021 to plan upcoming events and to work on the Youth Strategy.

We post up-to-date information on the Youth Council Instagram @hsyouthcouncil, but will include any information on events in School Newsletters and posters around our towns.

The Youth Council is seeking creative submissions from 12-25 year olds in Hindmarsh to feature in the forthcoming Youth Strategy. Pieces can be dropped at any of our offices, or emailed to youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

### **IDAHOBIT**

On 17 May 2021, Hindmarsh Shire Council flew a rainbow flag in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

IDAHOBIT celebrates LGBTQIA+ people globally and raises awareness for the work still needed to combat discrimination.



## ANIMAL REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Animal registration renewal notices were due on 31 May 2020. Officers have commenced following up on unregistered animals, with residents encouraged to register their animals to avoid a fine. Please keep in mind that if you have multiple animals and wish to pay with BPay, you must enter an individual payment for each animal using the specific reference number on each notice.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call our friendly customer service team on (03) 5391 4444.

### SUPPORT LOCAL

Remember to support your local businesses and shop local! We have many wonderful businesses throughout Hindmarsh shire, so think local



### CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Services team are running the Slow Cooker Winter Casserole Program again this year. Introduced last year, this program encourages eligible consumers currently receiving community care services to participate.

The program gives eligible consumers an opportunity to purchase a slow cooker for a small fee of 1 hour of service if you don't already own one. Each week a community care team member will visit their home to assist with preparing a casserole of the participant's choice. The staff member will return later in the day to help with serving the cooked meal. The preparation and the serving combined will cost 1 hour of service.

This program gives consumers another option of meal choice throughout the week, plus the opportunity for participating in the task of preparing their own meal. Sounds like a great option in

To register your interest call our Customer Service Team on 03 5391 4444.

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME...FROM SPACE

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries were proud to be a part of National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) 2021 - Give Me Some Space. For the first time ever, on Wednesday 19 May, not only was the official story for NSS read by over 1 million children across Australia and New Zealand, but it was also read by astronauts from the International Space Station!



### MEALS ON WHEELS HYGIENE PACKS

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, RB and Woolworths have proven themselves to be key supporters of Meals on Wheels. The support is continuing with the donation of 50,000 Hygiene Packs to the not-for-profit organisation. Packs with include a variety of Glen 20 and Pine O Cleen products, including Glen 20 Surface Spray Disinfectant which is proven to kill the COVID-19 virus on hard surfaces. Hindmarsh Shire Council employees and community volunteers will be delivering 45 Hygiene packs to Meals on Wheels Clients in the coming weeks. We would like to extend a big thank you to Woolworths, RB and Meals on Wheels for making this possible!

We would also like to warmly thank our Meals on Wheels Volunteers. They provide an amazing service to our community and we are grateful for the time they dedicate to support this program.



### MAINTENANCE WORKS UPDATES

The team in the Nhill area, weather dependent, are continuing grading in the Woorak, Kiata North area and then heading towards Winiam where they are sealing and patching road edges. VicRoads profile patching is continuing on Nhill-Yanac and Nhill Netherby roads in addition to routine maintenance. The team have finished installing street furniture near the Bullen's carpark and opposite the Nhill BP Roadhouse



Above: Bullen's Carpark Dining Pod







Above: Street Furniture at Nhill BP Roadhouse.

Teams in Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola have finished installation of street furniture as well. They have been undertaking tree trimming around Tarranyurk and grading in the Rainbow Pullet area, moving to the Jeparit area next for more grading maintenance works.



Above: Street furniture in front of Dimboola Hotel



Above: Street furniture in front of the Dimboola Bakery

### **CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE**

### Woorak-Ni Ni- Lorquon Road

Council's construction team have begun a 3.332km long sealed road construction of Woorak - Ni Ni - Lorquon Rd heading North from the Ni Ni Well Rd. The project includes widening the pavement and seal to allow for easier transport particularly for agriculture and a safer section for all road users. This project is funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Government. The next stage of sealing is scheduled soon, weather dependent.



### Perenna Road Intersection

Council's construction team have completed an intersection renewal and upgrade at the Perenna Rd and Lorquon-Netherby Rd intersection. The project included renewing the failed pavement and widening the seal to allow for easier transport particularly for agriculture and a safer intersection for all road users. This project was funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Govern-



**Anderson Street** 

Council's concrete team have recently begun works to reconstruct the kerb and channel as well as road on Anderson St Dimboola. This project will repair the uneven drainage and road pavement south-west of Lloyd Street. The team has completed four kerb and channel concrete pours and is making good progress.

## HAVE YOUR SAY SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Council currently has documents and plans out for public submission and feedback on. Please refer to Council's have your say page www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say further information or to make a submission.

### **DRAFT 2021/22 BUDGET (INCORPORATING REVENUE & RATING PLAN)**

Council will consider submissions and adoption of the budget incorporating Revenue and Rating Plan at the Council Meeting at 3:00pm on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre. -



Any person may make a written submission on the proposed draft budget incorporating Revenue and Rating Plan. Such submissions must be received before 5pm on Friday 4 June 2021.

Any person making a submission can request to be heard in support of their submission at the Council meeting on Wednesday 23 June 2021.

### ADDING FLUORIDE TO TOWN WATER

Council is considering advocating on behalf of Hindmarsh residents for the implementation of a water fluoridation program. The program would add fluoride into the community drinking water to improve dental health, in the town supplies of Dimboola, Rainbow, Jeparit and Nhill.

Submissions are invited from the community, prior to any decision by Council, to advocate for the implementation of the program.

For more information about the proposed water fluoridation program or to make a submission, please contact 03 5391 4444 or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Submissions close at midday on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

### **CURRENT VACANCIES**

Community Care Worker - Casual Applications ongoing

Strategic Assets Coordinator - Full Time Applications close on Friday 18 June 2021

## **Business Concierge and Hospitality Support**

Officer - Full Time Fixed Term until 30 November 2021 Applications close on Friday 18 June 2021

If you would like to join our team or find out more information, please visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council.

### SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Supported Playgroups are held weekly during term times on the following days:

### **Supported Nhill Playgroup**

Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm at the Nhill Library

### Supported Jeparit Playgroup

Thursdays from 10am - 12pm at the Jeparit Kinder

There are a variety of different community run playgroups that you may be interested at looking into. Go to https://

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/youth-earlyyears#playgroup

