



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

1 MARCH 2022

## Acknowledgement of Country

Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledges the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

## Mayoral Matters



Visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news) to read the latest news from your Mayor, Cr. Melanie Albrecht!

## Accessing Council Services

In line with Victorian Government requirements, community members need to show proof of double vaccination to access Council's community facilities.

Children under 18, or those with an approved medical exemption, will still be able to access services.

Library Click and Collect services are available for all community members, along with e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines. Telephone your local Hindmarsh Shire Libraries branch for more information.

At this stage, Council's Customer Service Centre in Nhill does not require customers to be double vaccinated. Community members needing access to customer services in person can attend the Nhill Customer Service Centre at 92 Nelson Street, Nhill.

Online services are available on our website [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au) or telephone **03 5391 4444** for assistance over the telephone.



## Youth Council 2022

On Friday 11 February we officially welcomed our new cohort of Youth Councillors for 2022 with a presentation ceremony at the Dimboola Visitor Node. Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Melanie Albrecht, presented the Youth Councillors with their certificates and badges, followed by an inspiring speech by Dimboola local Will Griffiths.

We would like to offer our congratulations to **Marcel Badua, Alexis Bone, Tarah Bond, Jamie Clark, Celie Fuller, Jandamurra Lauricella, Marrie Sellens, Heidi Smith, Alissa Trenergy and Ethan Angel-Hands.**

Cr Albrecht said: "On behalf of the Hindmarsh Council I would like to congratulate the 2022 Youth Councillors on their appointment. The Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council provides an opportunity for these young people to participate in making their community a better place to live. The 2022 Youth Councillors will have a platform to discuss issues that are important to youth within Hindmarsh Shire. Youth Council is driven by young people to benefit young people. Whilst COVID-19 has impacted events in recent years, I hope the 2022 Youth Council will be able to host lots of fun events during the year that young people across our communities can enjoy."

## Hindmarsh Welcomes New Citizens

On Wednesday 2 February 2022, Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Melanie Albrecht, officially welcomed two new Australian Citizens!

**Congratulations to Armand and Ruzica on becoming Australian Citizens.** It was an honour to be a part of your special day!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/upcoming-events](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/upcoming-events) for more information!



## COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH - 3PM**

The next Council Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at **3:00pm on Wednesday 2 March 2022** at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

For more information on Council's meetings, please visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings).

This meeting will be live-streamed online via Council's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil](http://www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil)

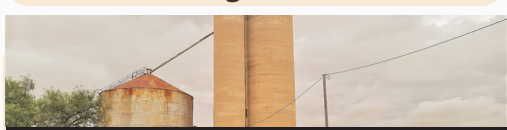


## ALL-AGES TOUR

**SATURDAY 5 MARCH - 5PM**

We are offering 20 free tickets, as well as free transport, to The PUSH All Ages Tour at the Stawell Town Hall.

For more information, visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/upcoming-events](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/upcoming-events)



## ARKONA SILO ART INFORMATION SESSION

**WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH - 4-6PM**

Dimboola Library Front Room

Council staff will be available for an 'information drop in session' to discuss the project and the Silo Art Trail, and answer any public questions.

Information and an online comments form is available at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say)



## CREEDENCE CLEARWATER SURVIVAL

**THURSDAY 10 MARCH - 11AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Bus Departure Times:  
Dimboola Library - 10:00am  
Rainbow Post Office - 9:30am  
Jeparit Post Office - 10:00am

Bookings are essential, please call **03 5391 4444**.

This event is free and will also be live-streamed on Facebook.



## THE EGG AND I

**TUESDAY 15 MARCH - 10AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Nhill. Bookings are preferred and attendees must show proof of double vaccination to attend.

Morning tea is at **10am** with the film screening commencing at **10:30am**.



## LEVEL UP GAMING NIGHT

**FRIDAY 18 MARCH - 5PM**

Jeparit Memorial Hall

Join the Level Up team at Jeparit Hall for a night of Mario-Kart comps, VR, free dinner and heaps of other games - what more could you want?

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## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming **Community Conversations** being held on the following dates:

**Jeparit Memorial Hall**  
Monday 21 March | 5 - 6:30pm

**Dimboola Library**  
Wednesday 23 March | 5 - 6:30pm

**Rainbow Mecca Supper Room**  
Monday 28 March | 5 - 6:30pm

**Nhill Memorial Community Centre**  
Wednesday 30 March | 5 - 6:30pm

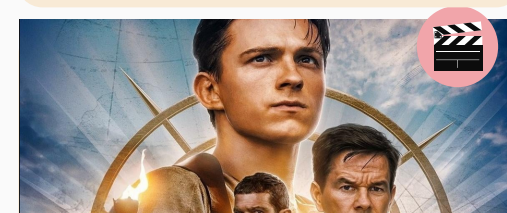


## MALLEE ELECTORATE CANDIDATES FORUM

**MONDAY 4 APRIL - 6PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Hindmarsh Shire Council is extending an invitation to all candidates standing for the forthcoming federal election in the Mallee Electorate to participate in an open forum. The forum will provide all candidates with an opportunity to individually address the audience and then participate in an open question and answer session from the floor.



## UNCHARTED

**THURSDAY 7 APRIL - 7:30PM**

Nhill Cinema

To find out more, call **03 5391 4444**.



## LIBRARY STORYTIMES

**Nhill Library**  
Thursdays from 10:00am  
**Dimboola Library**  
Fridays from 10:00am



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YOUTH EVENT

# PROJECT UPDATES



## Nhill Library Upgrades

The transformation of the Nhill Library is almost complete, with the new shelving and furniture installed giving the Library a brand new feel.

A dedicated Children's space is sure to be a hit with younger Library members, with bright colours, comfy cushions and cosy reading nooks creating a great space to escape into their favourite books. The next stage of development will see a partition wall and sliding door installed to provide staff with a secure 'back room' work area and allow easier public access to the kitchenette. Contractors are working around Library hours of operation in order to minimise disruption for patrons.



## Rainbow Library and Customer Service Centre Update

Furniture has arrived and is in the process of being installed in the new Rainbow Library and Customer Service Centre. Once this task is completed there will be minor electrical fit-out to be finalised and 'make safe' works around the concrete pathways to allow access to the Library prior to landscaping works commencing. The Request For Quotation period for the landscaping works has recently closed with the evaluation of submissions currently underway.



## Caravan Park Cabins

Council awarded the contract for the construction of six accommodation units to Federation Luxury Transportable Homes who are based in Yarrawonga/Mulwala.

Federation has a long history of constructing and installing caravan park units throughout Victoria and New South Wales.

Construction of the units began in mid-December 2021 with estimated installation dates as follows;

- Rainbow Caravan Park - Early May 2022, one x two bedroom all-abilities unit to be installed on land at 2 Railway Street, recently purchased by Council. As this land is an extension to the current caravan park boundary, additional works will be carried out at this site prior to the installation of the accommodation unit. Works will include the supply of services, water, power and sewer, construction of a new boundary fence, access improvements, site clean-up and landscaping.
- Nhill Caravan Park - Mid May 2022, one x two bedroom all abilities unit and one x two bedroom standard unit.
- Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park - End May / early June 2022, two x two bedroom standard units
- Jeparit Caravan Park - Early June 2022, one x two bedroom all-abilities unit

The installation of the six accommodation units has been made possible with funding received through the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund.

## Wimmera Mallee Silo Art Trail Llew Schilling Silo Progress

Preliminary works continue for the development of the innovative Silo Art / Viewing platform experience in Rainbow with a Surveyor engaged to complete a full site survey and laser scan in early March.

Once these tasks have been completed, Council will then advertise for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified architects for the design development of the Llew Schilling Silo in Bow St Rainbow.

Planned works (subject to budget) include installation of both an elevator and a stairway through to a viewing platform atop the 10 Storey high structure. The development will also include external and internal art activations.

Once appointed the Architect will begin the development of a concept design which will be presented for public comment as we progress towards a final design.



## Wimmera River Discovery Trail

Behind the scenes works for various stages of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail are progressing well which will enable significant on-grounds works to continue within the next few months.

The development of Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMP) for the entire length of the 63km trail were significantly delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the CHMP's are now in the final stages of approval and once endorsed by Barengi Gadjin Land Council, works will be able to begin on the following aspects of the trail;

- Construction of pedestrian bridges to enable the safe crossing of creeks at Dimboola.
- Installation of trail markers/bollards.
- Installation of wayfinding and interpretative signage.
- Installation of traffic management and control devices.
- Improvements to the surface of the trail at various sections.
- Construction of the Jeparit Visitor Node at the Jeparit swimming hole precinct.

Planning to determine the river crossing at Jeparit is continuing and a separate CHMP is being prepared for this section of the river environment.

Council is anticipating that the Wimmera River Discovery Trail will be completed in early 2023.

The construction of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail is funded via grants from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund, the Victorian Government and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

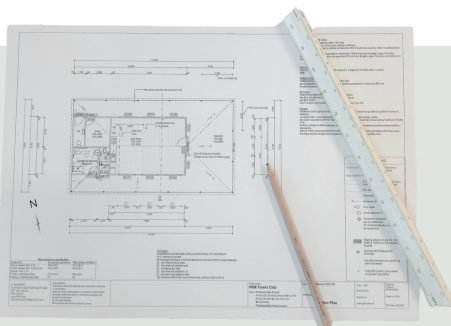
## Albacutya Bridge Update



The construction of the new Albacutya Bridge is nearing completion with concrete deck installation being completed recently and works on the road approaches are due to begin soon.

Once this is finished, it will eliminate the need for users to travel through the gravel bypass and through the creek bed.

## Nhill Tennis Clubroom



With the impending arrival of the building permit, Council has moved forward with advertising the Tender for the Construction of the Nhill Tennis Club Room. Subject to the appointment of a builder to complete construction, Council is hopeful that the new Club Room will be ready for use ahead of the 2022-23 Tennis Season.

The Tender period is open until 17 March, allowing potential contractors sufficient time to prepare their submissions.

# OUT AND ABOUT



## Hindmarsh Street, Dimboola

Works are nearing completion on the footpath between Lochiel Street and Normanby Street in Dimboola. Previously, pedestrians would walk along the road or dirt, with the new concrete now increasing safety and access, particularly to the nearby school.

## Kiata North Road

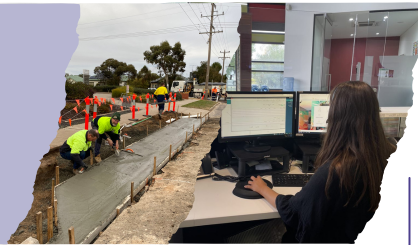
This road construction is scheduled to be sealed soon, with all pavement having been installed and final preparations now underway. This replaces and upgrades an old failed narrow seal, allowing easier and safer access for road users.

## Stasinowsky Road

Trials are underway on this gravel road, with the installation of a Polycom stabiliser for a 2km section. This aims to reduce dust and increase pavement performance.



# WORK WITH US



## Join our Team

To view all current vacant positions, position descriptions and application forms, visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council)



## Tenders and Requests for Quotation

Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified and experienced persons/organisations for:

### Construction of Nhill Tennis Club Room - Contract no. 2021-2022-13

Closing time for the above tender is **2pm on Thursday 17 March 2022.**

The specific requirements are detailed in the tender and request for quotation documents, which can be downloaded via Council's tender portal. You can access this via Council's website at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/search-tenders](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/search-tenders)

Hindmarsh Shire is a vibrant and progressive rural council, rich in history, natural wonders and a strong community spirit, offering a rewarding career, with excellent working conditions and a positive team-focused culture.

We're a dedicated workforce, proud to deliver a huge array of services to our local community and striving to make a difference.

We are widely recognised as an Employer of Choice: we are committed to providing professional development opportunities, family-friendly policies, and a safe workplace environment for our motivated and enthusiastic employees. We offer excellent working conditions in a range of non-skilled, trade, professional and managerial roles.

At Hindmarsh Shire Council, we are aware of and comply with the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* (Vic) and other relevant employment laws.

Take the opportunity to join our team at Hindmarsh Shire.



## Starling Control Program: Goldsworthy Park

Council officers will re-commence a control program aimed at preventing the large number of starlings from roosting within the Goldsworthy Park area. The program aims to protect assets such as the BBQ and seating areas, as well as the children's playground from excessive bird excrement.

From **Monday 7 March 2022**, business owners, residents and householders of Nhill may experience 3-4 loud bursts of fire from gas guns strategically placed around the Goldsworthy Park Reserve and surrounding areas. These shots fired from the gas guns will usually occur in the morning between the hours of **7:00am - 8:00am** and at night between **6:00pm - 9:00pm**.

It is recommended that if residents/householders have any animals that may be affected by the noise level of these gas guns, that they be securely confined to the property during these periods of time.

This activity is an integral part of Council's program to remove starlings from this area, and Council apologises for any inconvenience it may cause in the short term.

# OTHER NEWS



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## Youth Council Leadership and Teambuilding Retreat

Hosted by Youth Academy Australia, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors undertook a weekend of Leadership and Teambuilding training in Dimboola from February 12-13. Youth Councillors learnt about different leadership styles, undertook trust and vulnerability exercises and identified what they would like to achieve personally and as a group in the coming year. We would love to thank Bonnie from Youth Academy Australia as well as the Dimboola Riverside Caravan Park for hosting us and making it such a brilliant weekend for our young leaders.

## Council Successful with FReeZA and Engage! Youth Grants

Hindmarsh Shire Council has been successful with their funding applications for both the Engage! And FReeZA Grants through the Victorian State Government for the implementation of Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council initiatives.

Continued FReeZA funding will allow Youth Council to build on the existing FReeZA program that has supported music events, skateboarding competitions, school holiday activities and training opportunities for young people over the last three years.

The new Engage! funding will support young people to participate in a wide range of activities including leading a project around an issue that they care about, learning new skills to support the transition into adult life, connecting with peers who have shared interests and showcasing their skills and talents within the local community.

You can read more about this on Council's website here [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news).



## Traffic Counters on Council Roads

Council are placing traffic counter devices at key strategic routes to monitor vehicle types and traffic volumes within the Shire. The data collected will be used for planning purposes and to support grant applications when external funding is available.

## Free Business Recovery and Resilience Mentoring for Victorian Small Businesses

Kickstart your business in 2022 with free business mentoring to help you navigate the economic challenges of the past two years. Through the Business Recovery and Resilience Mentoring program you'll get 4 two-hour sessions with an industry professional for advice on business recovery, market transformation, digital engagement and more, tailored specifically to your business. Apply now by visiting the link below.

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## COVIDSafe Plan Review

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions has taken over the COVIDSafe Plan Review service formerly offered by Ernst & Young. Following consultation with enforcement officers, they have developed the sessions to offer non-judgemental, confidential, support to businesses that do not yet have a COVIDSafe Plan, and businesses that would like assistance ensuring their COVIDSafe Plan is fit for purpose and up to date.

The program is directed at businesses however they are also able to assist community organisations. Sessions will be running every Tuesday 2pm and Thursday 10am, to register your interest please follow the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vqAuchw-EUutb5QB1oVuJPLfWuBGkzBJg-mhqChOR7BURFc4UFIRQjdBQUUpGR1AzWFFJJSUZOWENSOj4u>

### Expression of Interest.....

Please come along to an afternoon tea to discuss the future of the Dimboola Senior Citizens.

Senior Citizen Club Rooms  
41 Victoria Street, Dimboola  
Thursday 17 March 2022  
1pm – 2.30pm

Afternoon tea provided by Hindmarsh Shire Council.

Hindmarsh Shire's Community Development and Social Support Officer will be in attendance.

#### For enquiries contact:

Tracey Morphett – Hindmarsh Shire Council - 5391 4444  
Attendees must be double vaccinated.

## COVID-19 Care Packages for Young People in Hindmarsh.

For those young members of the community who are currently isolating, we've made you some care packages! They're packed with things that'll help you have fun while you stay at home. We're extremely grateful to headspace Horsham for providing us with some goodies to go in the high school bags! Please call our Customer Service team on **(03) 5391 4444** to have a pack set aside!



## Support Services

There are many ways to support other people or be supported if you are feeling anxious, uncertain or are struggling.

Below are support services available:

**Lifeline Australia** | Ph: 13 11 14 | [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

**Beyond Blue** | Ph: 1300 224 636 | [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

**Kids Helpline** | Ph: 1800 551 800 | [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

A free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25 years.

**Rural Outreach Program** | Ph: 1300 688 732

**Eheadspace** | Ph: 1800 650 893 | [www.headspace.org.au/eheadspace/](http://www.headspace.org.au/eheadspace/)  
Online and web chat support and counselling for people aged 12 – 25)

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## Have Your Say

### 2022/2023 Annual Budget

Council would like to hear from you!

Each year Council prepares an annual budget. The budget outlines the financial resources required to undertake initiatives from the Council Plan and deliver services to our community.

During 2021 we undertook consultation in the development of the Council Plan and Community Vision and this informed us what is important to you. We are now wanting to hear what service areas are important to you, and where we should prioritise funding.

Please complete the 2022/2023 Annual Budget survey to tell us which services and assets we should prioritise to deliver our plans and achieve our vision.

You can complete this survey online via our website at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say).

This survey will close on **5pm Friday 18 March 2022**.

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# CREEDENCE

## Clearwater Survival IN CONCERT

and live-streamed via Hindmarsh Shire's Facebook page

**Thursday 10 March, 2022, 11:00am**

**Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill, VIC, 3418**



### **Bus services available**

**Departing: Dimboola Library 10:00am**

**Rainbow Post Office 9:30am**

**Jeparit Post Office 10:00am**

### **Limited Seating! Bookings Essential!**

**Call 5391 4444 or visit our Customer Service Office at  
92 Nelson Street, Nhill 3418**

**Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Face masks required.**