



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

1 APRIL 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 to read the latest news from your Mayor, Cr. Melanie Albrecht!



Visitor Information Centre Volunteers

The Hindmarsh Visitor Information Centre, located at Goldsworthy Park in Nhill, offers a great service for travellers visiting or passing through the area. Ideally located in the centre of town on the Western Highway it provides an opportunity to not only provide local information, but importantly can create awareness to the many other great attractions we have in all our towns and places not on the highway, playing a pivotal role in promoting the Shire and wider region to those travelling through from the major cities.

The centre is managed by Council but run day to day by a devoted group of 25 to 30 volunteers. These passionate volunteers keep the visitor centre open 7 days a between 10:30am and 3:30pm, including most public holidays. They provide brochures and tourism information across the region and neighbouring regions, and importantly provide visitors with information on local services. They also give a 'face to the town' and give a friendly human element, something that many visitors seek as part of their attraction to rural areas.

Council values the work of volunteers like our visitor centre volunteers and all community members who volunteer across our Shire!

Accessing Council Services

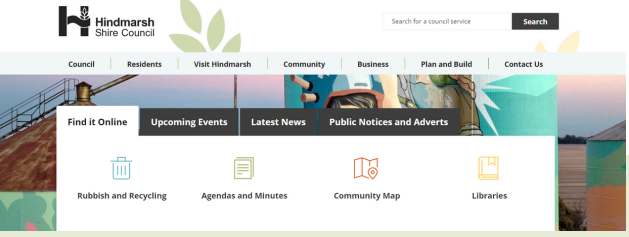
In line with Victorian Government requirements, community members need to show proof of double vaccination to access Council's community facilities.

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

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 or telephone **03 5391 4444** for assistance over the telephone.

Hindmarsh Shire Council's New Website Launches



Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to announce the launch of its all-new website which went live today, including merging the formerly separate Visit Hindmarsh page onto the same platform. The new website is still accessible by using its existing URL www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Creating the new website has allowed Council to make it more user-friendly, easier to navigate and to include features that our previous website didn't allow for. The update means that both current and prospective residents as well as tourists and visitors will easily be able to access the information and services that they need. It features a more user friendly home page, an events listing page, updated information and new content, improved search functions, a new structure and an integrated Visit Hindmarsh area.

Check it out here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events

for more information!



COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL - 3PM

The next Council Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at **3:00pm on Wednesday 6 April 2022** at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

For more information on Council's meetings, please visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

This meeting will be live-streamed online via Council's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil



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**.



YOUTH COUNCIL GAMES NIGHT

FRIDAY 8 APRIL - 5PM

Jeparit Memorial Hall

Celebrate the end of first term with Youth Council's Games Night in Jeparit! Registration is essential.

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 10AM

Jaypex Park, Nhill
\$2 donation entry per child
Hosted by Nhill Town Committee

MORE INFO/ TO REGISTER:
shorturl.at/gmnsZ

JEPARIT EASTER FISHING COMP

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 7:30AM - 3PM

Wimmera River Jeparit
Hosted by Jeparit Anglers Club
Seniors \$30 | U/16 \$20

MORE INFO/ TO REGISTER:
www.jeparitanglersclub.com



12 ANGRY MEN

TUESDAY 19 APRIL - 10AM

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

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**.

NHILL SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of every month.
Call Iris (0407 061 237) or Maree (0458 550 312)



WIMMERA STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 23 APRIL - 5PM

Come to a most peculiar night event and be illuminated. This street party, set in the 19th-century railway town of Dimboola, includes a night market with stalls and refreshments, short films, bands and lighting installations.

www.facebook.com/wimmerasteampunkfestival



LANDCARE TREE PLANTING WEEKEND

SATURDAY 2 JULY

Hindmarsh Landcare are looking for volunteers to join the team on Saturday 2nd July and plant trees across a site near Dimboola. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, followed by celebratory drinks and a delicious dinner after a hard day's work.

For more information, please contact Hindmarsh Landcare Network email at jstarks@hindmarshlandcare.org.au or call **0429 006 936**.



LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Nhill Library

Thursdays from 10:00am

Dimboola Library

Fridays from 10:00am

ADVERTISING YOUR EVENT

Do you have a community event coming up? Would you like to advertise your event on Council's website? If so, Complete our 'Advertising an Event Form' on Council's website.

<https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Advertising-an-Event>



FILM



YOUTH EVENT



APRIL

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

FRIDAY 8 APRIL

Youth Council Games Night
Jeparit Hall 5pm

MONDAY 11 APRIL

Folky Dokey Musical Puppet Show
Dimboola Library 10:30am
Nhill Library 1:30pm
Jeparit Library 4:30pm

TUESDAY 12 APRIL

Folky Dokey Musical Puppet Show
Rainbow Hall Supper Room 10am

Nature Walk, Talk & Find with Landcare
Rainbow 12pm
Jeparit 3:30pm

Cam's Experiments
Dimboola Library 10-11am
Nhill Library 2-3pm

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

bookings essential

CMY's Gariwerd (Grampians) Adventure Day Out

Meet at Nhill Shire Offices at 7:45am
A day of fun team activities and challenges

Cam's Experiments

Jeparit Library 10 - 11am
Rainbow Hall Supper Room 2 - 3 pm

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Jeparit Customer Service Centre and Library
10-11am
Rainbow Town Hall Supper Room
2-3pm

bookings essential

Jeparit Movie Night

Jeparit Hall
From 4pm
Dinner provided.

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

MONDAY 18 APRIL

EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY 19 APRIL

Nature Walk, Talk & Find with Landcare
Nhill 10am
Dimboola 3:30pm

Crafty Art with Danelle
Dimboola Library 2-3pm

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

Petting Zoo Animal Experience
Jaypex Park Nhill - 10am

Nhill Cinema Double Feature
Nhill Cinema
1pm & 4pm

THURSDAY 21 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Nhill Library 2-3pm

bookings essential

Uniting Level-Up Gaming

Rainbow MECCA Supper Room 12-3pm
Lunch provided. Transport available.

FRIDAY 22 APRIL

bookings essential

Smartphone Photography Shire Tour

Pick Up Times
Nhill Customer Service Centre 8:30am
Dimboola Library 9am
Jeparit Library 9:40am
Rainbow Library 10:10

SATURDAY 23 APRIL

STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL
DIMBOOLA

For more information on all of our activities, and to book those activities where a booking is essential, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events, call 03 5391 4444 or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

PROJECT UPDATES



Caravan Park Cabins

Sneak preview, our new caravan park cabins are well on their way!

Cabins for Dimboola, Jeparit, Rainbow and Nhill caravan parks are under construction with installation expected through May and June 2022.



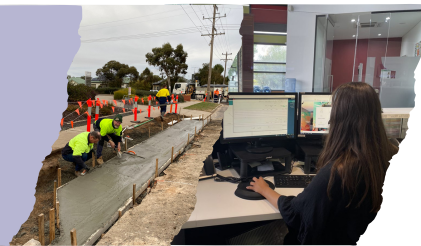
Nhill Library Works Complete

Have you been into the Nhill Library yet to check out the renovations that were recently completed? The door way between the front room and the main hall has been widened into a larger entrance to open up the space more, and all new shelving and new furniture has been installed.

Be sure to pop in and have a look. In the meantime, here are some photos of the refreshed space.



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



Tenders and Requests for Quotation

A wide range of products and services are required to support Council's diverse activities. We adhere to our *Procurement Policy* to ensure our practices promote competition and transparency, support for local business and environmental sustainability balanced with achieving value for money for our ratepayers.

For more information, visit our Tenders and Suppliers page.

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/tenders-and-suppliers

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.



OUT AND ABOUT



Albacutya Bridge Construction

The construction of the new Albacutya Bridge is nearing completion, with works on the road approaches due to begin soon. Barrier installation also needs to be completed and works are on schedule to be completed around April 2022.

Scott Street, Jeparit - Kerb and Channel Works

The construction concrete crew have commenced works renewing the old kerb and channel between Hindmarsh Street and Tullyvea Street.



Antwerp - Woorak Road Reconstruction

Works have commenced upgrading a 1.8km section of the road, extending the eastern end of the sealed section. Works are expected to take approximately 5-6 more weeks.

Netherby - Baker Road Reconstruction

Works are close to complete on a small renewal of a section of the road west of Netherby. Sealing is scheduled shortly, with final preparations currently underway



OTHER NEWS



Visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news for more Council news!

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE Lochiel Street, Dimboola

Council advises that on **Saturday 23 April 2022 from 2:00pm to 11:30pm** there will be a road closure as a result of traffic management measures for the Wimmera SteamPunk Street Festival.

Lochiel Street Dimboola (Lloyd Street to Victoria Street) will be closed to all vehicle traffic for the duration of the Traffic Management Plan.

Any queries should be directed to the Local Laws Department at Hindmarsh Shire Council on (03) 5391 4444 or via email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Community Conversations

Thank you to the members of the community for attending Councils Community Conversations that were held in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow in March. For those who were unable to attend a session in person, Nhill's session was live streamed to Council's Facebook page on Wednesday 30 March 2022.

You can watch it on Facebook here:
www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil



Jeparit Level Up Gaming Night



Hindmarsh Shire's young people turned up in numbers to Jeparit Hall on Friday night for the Level Up gaming night! There was lots of fly-swatting action on the VR machines, edge of the seat moments on the consoles and even more laughs as Yoshi & Toad raced around the Mario Kart circuits, both on and off the big screen! Massive thanks to Beau from Level-Up Gaming Events for running this amazing event. Thanks also to Larrikan's for their delicious pizzas, Wimmera Mallee Buses for providing transport as well as Craig Donahoo and Youth Councillor Marcel Badua for helping out!

Harmony Week

Over the past week, Hindmarsh Shire has been celebrating Harmony Day and assisting local schools with activities that celebrate our multicultural community. Harmony Day is celebrated each year from the 21 - 27 March. It was originally created in 1999 to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, but is now observed worldwide.

Although Harmony Week was last week, Hindmarsh Shire Council is still encouraging community members to participate by contributing drawings, paintings, poems, quotes, etc, that reflect on living in harmony in a multi-cultural society.

Responses to Harmony Week celebrations from students and residents across the shire will be displayed on Council's website, Facebook page and in local media in the coming weeks, so get creative and show your community what Harmony Day means to you!

You can submit your work to Matt Sherwell, Community Development Officer via one of our customer service centres, or email it to msherwell@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



Herstory - An Evening with Tracey Rigney

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday 25 March 2022 to hear Tracey's inspirational story celebrating Women's History month.

Tracey shared her journey from a young child growing up in Melbourne to moving to Dimboola where she met lifelong friends and what lead her to a career in storytelling, published playwright and filmmaking.

We are very fortunate to have many inspiring people in our community and look forward to hosting more sessions at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries - hearing stories from local community members including those who have had books published.



Nhill TAXI Volunteer Drivers Needed

Are you over 18 and hold a current drivers licence?

Hindmarsh Shire Council is seeking volunteers to help Nhill elderly residents get around town and to appointments. For more details, please contact Sharyn or Kelsey on 03 5391 4444.

Nhill Lake Water Supply Update

Council are pleased to advise members of the public that another positive meeting was held today with GWM Water to continue discussions with regards to a long term solution for water supply at Nhill Lake. Options have been identified with further testing to be carried out by GWM Water to determine if the solutions are suitable for long term water supply. Council will continue to provide updates as we work through a solution.

How Can You Help?

Excess rainwater is designed to discharge into the stormwater collection channels which then ends up in the lake. Council encourages residents to keep their drains and gutters clear from debris and rubbish, including their vehicle crossover pipes so the water will flow through the drainage system and into the Nhill Lake.





Animal Registrations Due in April

Animal Registrations renewals are due on 10 April each year. All dogs and cats over the age of 3 months must be micro-chipped and registered with Council. If you have an animal registered with Council and have not yet received your Registration renewal notice, please contact our Customer Service Centre to discuss.

If you have had a change of address or an updated phone number, please contact our Customer Service Centres to make any changes to the registration details. If you haven't received your renewal notice by the end of March, have any questions or for more information on how you can pay for your animal registration renewals, please call our Customer Service team on 03 5391 4444

Promote Your Business Through Visit Hindmarsh

Do you own a business in Hindmarsh? Would you like to promote your business through the Visit Hindmarsh Facebook and Instagram pages?

Council has developed guidelines to present a clear and transparent direction in how Visit Hindmarsh social media platforms can incorporate private enterprise content whilst clearly avoiding any real or perceived unfair commercial advantage. These guidelines can be viewed on Council's website at

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/promote-your-business

To submit your content to Council, you will need to complete a 'Content Submission' form available on Council's website. Click below to do this.

Before you submit your content, please make sure you have read and understand Council's Commercial Business Promotion on Social Media for Visit Hindmarsh Guidelines as mentioned above.



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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

Beyond Blue | Ph: 1300 224 636 | www.beyondblue.org.au

Kids Helpline | Ph: 1800 551 800 | 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/
Online and web chat support and counselling for people aged 12 – 25)

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NHILL CINEMA

PRESENTS

CLASSIC MOVIES

PLAYING FROM MAY UNTIL JULY AT THE
NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE
77 - 79 NELSON ST NHILL



MORNING TEA PROVIDED 10AM

Some Like It Hot
17 MAY 10.30AM

**THE FURTHER
ADVENTURES
OF MA AND PA KETTLE**
21 JUNE 10.30AM

**WHATEVER
HAPPENED
TO BABY JANE?**
19 JULY 10.30AM

GOLD COIN DONATION ATTENDEES MUST BE DOUBLE VACCINATED PRE-BOOKINGS PREFERRED
TO BOOK CALL 5391 4444 OR VISIT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE - 92 NELSON ST NHILL

