



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

6 MAY 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!

Accessing Council Services

As of 11:59pm Friday 22 April 2022, the State Government has eased COVID-19 restrictions.

Under the changes, Hindmarsh Shire Council will no longer be required to check for proof of vaccination and check in's at any of our venues, including the Nhill cinema, halls and libraries.

We ask that if you are feeling unwell, or have any cold and flu symptoms to please avoid visiting a Council office or venue until you are feeling better. You can contact Council via phone on **03 5391 4444** during office hours or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au if you are unwell and unable to visit us.

National Volunteer Week Morning and Afternoon Teas

National Volunteers Week is being celebrated across Australia from Monday 16 May until Sunday 22 May 2022 and the theme for this year is **Better Together**.

Volunteers help build our community and make it better place for everyone to be. Council recognises and appreciates the tremendous amount of hard work that our volunteers do and the significant role that they play in keeping our community connected and stronger, particularly through difficult times.



Arkona Silo Art Complete

The Arkona Silo Art is complete! It took artist Smug a little over 12 days to convert a blank silo into this stunning artwork celebrating the memory of the "unofficial Mayor of Arkona", Roley Klinge.

You can find the Arkona Silo 10km north of Dimboola on the Dimboola-Rainbow Road.

For anyone visiting the Arkona Silo Art, please be aware of other road users, avoid slowing down suddenly and pull off the road before stopping to view the artwork. Please also respect that the silo site is private property with no public access. Works are underway developing a public access track and viewing area. Whilst these works are happening please enjoy viewing the artwork in a safe and courteous manner.

The Arkona Silo artwork is part of the Victorian State Government's [Wimmera Mallee Silo Art Trail](#) funding.

To celebrate National Volunteers Week, Hindmarsh Shire Council is hosting complimentary morning and afternoon teas throughout the Shire to thank all of the hard working volunteers in our community for everything that they do.

Jeparit Library | 10am
Wednesday 18 May 2022

Rainbow Library | 2pm
Wednesday 18 May 2022

Dimboola Library | 10am
Thursday 19 May 2022

Nhill Library | 2pm
Thursday 19 May 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events
for more information!



RESIN WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

9 MAY 2022 - 2PM & 6PM

Join **Pine-apple Creations** for a resin workshop for beginners! Create a wooden serving board and mandala coaster using resin as a medium. Learn basic use of resin and how to safely apply. Step by step tutorial. No experience needed. There will be two sessions:
2:00pm - 4:30pm
6:00pm - 8:30pm

\$140 p/p. Over 18's only. Not recommended for pregnant women.



NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET

15 MAY 2022
10AM - 1:30PM

Come on down to Jaypex Park and enjoy a market and support the Nhill Lions Club to raise money to help those in need.



SOME LIKE IT HOT

17 MAY 2022 - 10:30AM

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)



NEVO ZISIN IDAHOBIT TALK

17 MAY 2022
5:30PM - 6:30PM

Dimboola Library and Online.

A virtual event with Nevo Zisin.

Safe spaces, friends, snacks and chats about self-love and how to be a good trans ally.

www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil



DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

20 MAY 2022 - 2:30-3:30PM

Join us at the Dimboola Library for book chat.

Bring along a book you have been reading and share reviews with each other over a cuppa and biscuits.

To find out more, call **03 5391 4452**.



NHILL'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

26 MAY 2022 - 10:30AM

Nhill CFA Rooms

Join the Nhill Volunteer Cancer Group as they celebrate Nhill's Biggest Morning Tea.

\$10 per person.

ADVERTISING YOUR EVENT

Do you have a community event that you would like to advertise on Council's website?

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



LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Join us at the Dimboola & Nhill Library for Storytime.

Sessions are held weekly.

Nhill Library
Thursdays from 10:00am

Dimboola Library
Fridays from 10:00am



COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE - 3PM

The next Council Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at **3:00pm on Wednesday 1 June 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



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**.

OTHER NEWS



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



WIMMERA STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL DIMBOOLA



Dimboola Town Committee hosted the first Wimmera Steampunk Festival in Dimboola on Saturday 23 April 2022.

The festival was a successful event attracting over 2,000 attendees with visitors from all over. It was a night full of music, dancing, delicious food, great company and lots of fun! Congratulations to all event organisers and volunteers involved.

It will be an annual event, to keep up to date with all future events, you can like the Wimmera Steampunk Festival's page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wimmerasteampunkfestival.

Funding was provided by the State Government and Hindmarsh Shire Council for the event.



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broad range of Aussie covers.

The crowd of around 130 enjoyed the entertainment, fantastic weather and beautiful environment with many asking if concerts will become a regular feature in the gardens.

The concert was part of Hindmarsh Shire Council's 'Reconnecting Communities through Small Events' program funded through the Victorian Government.

IDAHOBIT.

International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia

Together Together with Hindmarsh Shire Libraries, Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council are bringing Nevo Zisin (they/them), to present a virtual talk on self-love and how to be a good ally. Nevo is a queer, non-binary advocate, performer and award-winning author of Finding Nevo (2017) and the Pronoun Lowdown (2021).

The virtual talk with Nevo will take place from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Tuesday 17 May 2022. Community members will be able to come together to view the talk live from Dimboola Library, and it will also be live-streamed on Hindmarsh Shire Council's Facebook page for those unable to attend in person.

For more information, or to register to attend the in-person event, please contact wkingston@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or call us on 03 5391 4444.



SUNDAY RECHARGE EVENT DIMBOOLA

Following the outstanding success of the inaugural Steampunk Festival on Saturday night, residents and visitors to Dimboola were blessed with a perfect day on Sunday afternoon to sit back and relax while enjoying live entertainment at the Recharge Sunday concert.

The concert was held in gardens of the

Dimboola Library and attendees were treated to live performances by former Dimboola resident Aaron Moar and Wimmera artists Darryn Wardle and Jeff Woodward, with an impromptu and cameo performance by Becky Barry.

Aaron performed original songs from his Little Desert, Jungle Man album while Darryn and Jeff performed a

Story Competition

Growing Up in Hindmarsh!

Have you heard about our Growing up in Hindmarsh Competition?

Whether you are a past or present resident, we want to hear your story about your time in Hindmarsh.

You can write, paint, take a photo, or tell a good yarn - share your creative work with us for your chance to be included in the first anthology of collected works Growing up in Hindmarsh!

For more information or to enter the competition, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/growing-up-in-hindmarsh-competition

We can't wait to see what you create!

OUT AND ABOUT



Antwerp-Woorak Road

Works are underway on Antwerp-Woorak Road with a 1.8km sealed construction of a previous gravel section. Stabilisation works have been completed with base layer now being constructed. Estimated completion in mid May.

Scott Street, Jeparit - Kerb and Channel Works

This project is approximately 3/4 completed, with the majority of K&C now installed. Culverts and sealed shoulders will also be completed, with an estimated completion date in May.

Netherby-Baker Road

Works are completed on a 0.9km sealed construction of a failed section near Netherby.

Albacutya Bridge

Major structural works have been completed on the bridge. Works are now underway on the road approaches, with barriers also installed. The estimated completion is mid-May.

Tarranyurk-West Road

Works are completed on a 0.2km sealed construction of a failed section near the bridge.



PROJECT UPDATES



All New Rainbow Library

The all new Rainbow Library and Customer Service Centre doors have opened to members of the public as of Friday 1 April 2022.

When you are next in Rainbow, pop into the new Rainbow Library, now located at 49 Federal Street. Opening hours and more information on Hindmarsh Shire's Libraries can be found on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/libraries.



New Caravan Park Cabins

Construction and delivery of the new accommodation units for the shires caravan park are progressing well.

The standard two bedroom and all-ability two bedroom units for the Nhill Caravan Park are scheduled to be delivered on Thursday 5 May with installation taking place on Friday.

The two x two bedroom standard units for Dimboola's Riverside Holiday Park are scheduled to arrive on 12 May and the two bedroom all-abilities unit for the Jeparit Caravan Park on 19 May.

Following installation, connections of services and fit out with furniture etc will be undertaken with anticipated occupancy by the end of June or early July, subject to availability of furniture.



Dimboola Mural

Before leaving town, Arkona Silo Art painter Smug depicted a beautiful Wimmera Mallee panorama.

The 20 metre long mural, along the laneway from Lochiel Street to the toilets at the rear of the library, virtually appeared overnight as Smug worked through Wednesday and completed it around mid-day on Thursday! Another showcase of his incredible talent alongside the awesome Arkona Silo Art.





School Holidays

Hindmarsh Shire Council held a variety of free events and activities over the school holiday period. We hope that those who attended had a blast!

The school holiday activities kicked off with the Youth Council Games Night in Jeparit. This night, hosted by the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillors, involved no screens or controllers and instead consisted of scrabble, monopoly, snakes and ladders, card games and a variety of other fun games organised by the Youth Councillors.

Musical Puppet Shows, Crafty Art Classes with Danelle and Cam's Eggsperiments were held in Jeparit, Dimboola, Rainbow and Nhill. Cam had a fantastic range of egg related science activities. Children who attended learned everything from Density Testing to Air Pressure testing, how to test the centre of gravity and more. The children had yolks of fun. Kids in all four towns had a tail of a time creating edible Easter craft during Danelle's Crafty Art Classes. From bunny bottoms to decorated eggs, everyone was able to get their craft on. During the Musical Puppet Shows, kids were entertained with an incredible puppeteer and ventriloquist. There was singing, dancing, jokes and even some pirate style antics.

A petting zoo was set up in Jaypex Park in Nhill where families could pop down to pat a variety of cute animals. This event was highly successful with over 100 participants. From miniature horses to ferrets, bunnies and friendly goats, there was something for everyone. There was also free face painting available and our creative face painter surprised us with balloon animals.

Hindmarsh Landcare Facilitator, Jonathan Starks, held nature walks around various local locations in the townships of Rainbow, Jeparit, Nhill and Dimboola. Younger nature enthusiasts had lots of fun doing the planned scavenger hunts in search of specific native flora, fauna and wildlife.

A double feature movie night was held in Jeparit and The Fantastic Mr Fox movie was screened at the Nhill Cinema. Uniting Wimmera hosted a Level-Up Gaming event at the MECCA hall in Rainbow which involved a variety of fun video games.

We wrapped up the school holiday's with a Smartphone Photography Tour. A handful of local Hindmarsh youths set out to snap some of the shires familiar and unfamiliar sites in Rainbow, Jeparit, Arkona, Albacutya and Dimboola. Tour highlights included the Yurunga Homestead, Dimboola's Pink Lake and getting to watch artist "Smug" paint the new Arkona Silo Art.



Councillor Column

Visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news to read the latest news from East Ward Councillor, Cr Bywaters.

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

All events advertised on Council's website will be listed under the Upcoming Events page and also on the Events Calendar. www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event

Advertise Events on Council's Website

Hindmarsh Landcare Tree Planting Weekend

Hindmarsh Landcare Network invites you to their annual planting weekend, Project Hindmarsh! Each year, Project Hindmarsh brings over one hundred volunteers together from city and country, plants over 10,000 trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses, and supports businesses and community groups from across the shire and beyond. Project Hindmarsh 2022 will be held in Dimboola over the 1/2/3 July weekend. Hindmarsh Landcare are always looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to come along, get your hands dirty, have a great time and help make a difference, they would love to hear from you. For more information, visit the Hindmarsh Landcare Network website at www.hindmarshlandcare.org.au, or contact Jonathan Starks, Hindmarsh Landcare Facilitator on jstarks@hindmarshlandcare.org.au.

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



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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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

Have Your Say

Council invites written submissions for its **Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032**.

More information or submissions can be made on Council's website at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say

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

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PRE-BOOKINGS PREFERRED

