



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2 AUGUST 2022

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Community

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.



WIMMERA MALLEE TOURISM 2022-2027 STRATEGY LAUNCH

Wimmera Mallee Tourism launched their 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, along with a Marketing Strategy, at Dimboola on Tuesday 20 July 2022.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism is the peak tourism body representing tourism attractions and industry stakeholders across the shires of Buloke, Hindmarsh, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism work closely with neighbouring Regional Tourism Boards; the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions; Visit Victoria and Limestone Coast (South Australia) to provide marketing and tourism industry support for our region.

Wimmera Mallee Tourism also co-ordinate the Silo Art Trail development and marketing.

You can download the strategy at:

www.visitwimmeramallee.com.au/industry-resources



RAINBOW LIBRARY GARDEN COMPLETE

Garden and landscaping works at the rear of the new Rainbow Library are now complete. This garden features luscious green lawn, native plants and trees, six bench seats, two all-abilities picnic table settings and a paved walkway that connects Federal Street through to Dawson Lane and eventually to The Oasis.

Minor works will be completed allowing all abilities access to the rear verandah.

This project has been funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit

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



HYPNOTIST NIGHT

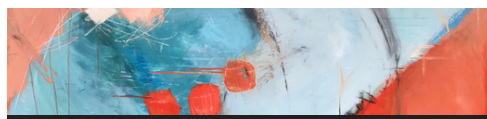
6 AUGUST 2022 AT 7:30PM

Join the Nhill & District Sporting Club for a Hypnotist Night ft. Andy Vening!

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

\$50 per ticket | All welcome | BYO nibbles | Drinks at bar prices

www.facebook.com/nhilltigers



TURBO GALLERY EXHIBITION ROMANCING PROPERTIES

3 - 22 AUGUST 2022

Turbo Gallery
58 Federal Street Rainbow

Sarah Wallace-Smith is an abstract artist and uses the sensory interpretation of Australian landscapes as her references.



CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library each week for **Cuppa Connection!**

Free morning/afternoon tea provided.

Dimboola Thursday 10am - 12pm
Nhill Thursday 10am - 12pm
Jeparit Wednesday 10am - 12pm
Rainbow Wednesday 2pm - 4pm



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



WE OF THE NEVER NEVER CLASSIC MOVIE

**TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2022
10:30AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Bookings are required for catering purposes, please call 03 5391 4444.

Movie at **10:30am** followed by a light luncheon served after the movie.

Gold coin donation at the door.



YANAC HALL AND RECREATION RESERVE COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2022
7:30PM**

Yanac Hall
Francis Street, Yanac

This meeting is open to the public and all community members are welcome to attend.



DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

**FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 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**.

ADVERTISING YOUR EVENT

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

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Advertising-an-Event



NHILL CINEMA THE DROVER'S WIFE

**FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2022
7:00PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Adult: \$12
Concession: \$7
Family: \$30
VIP Adult: \$25
VIP Concession: \$20

Rated MA15+



KEITH POTGER CONCERT

**TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2022
FROM 11AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Entry cost: \$5

Buses Departing:

Dimboola Library 10:00am
Rainbow Post Office 9:30am
Jeparit Post Office 10:00am

Get your tickets now!

Available at any Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centre or call 03 5391 4444.

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST - 3PM

The next Council Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at **3:00pm on Wednesday 31 August 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

OUT AND ABOUT



CONSTRUCTION TEAM WORKS UPDATE

The Construction team are currently working on a gravel re-sheet on **Dahlenburg Rd Kiata**, underground drainage in **Park St Nhill**, and a sealed road construction on **Albacutya Rd**.



PROJECT UPDATES



NHILL TENNIS CLUB ROOMS

Following the recent construction of the concrete slab, the construction of the framework for the new Nhill Tennis Club Rooms has started to go up.

Once complete, these club rooms will feature toilets, all-abilities bathroom, store room, club room and under cover areas.

This project has been funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



NEW CARAVAN PARK CABINS UPDATE

The six brand new Caravan Park cabins that have been installed at the Dimboola, Nhill, Jeparit and Rainbow Caravan Parks are looking great!

DIMBOOLA

The electrical and plumbing works are almost complete on the two Dimboola cabins. There are a few minor finishing touches to be completed.

JEPARIT

Power and plumbing connection works are underway for the Jeparit cabin.

RAINBOW & NHILL

Power, sewer and plumbing works are still to be undertaken on the Rainbow and Nhill cabins.

These cabins have been funded through the Victorian Governments Regional Infrastructure Fund.

NHILL



JEPARIT



RAINBOW



DIMBOOLA



RAINBOW FEMALE FRIENDLY CHANGE ROOMS

The framework on the all-new Rainbow Female Friendly Change Rooms is nearing completion. Installation of services, external and internal cladding and fit out will occur over the next few months. Once complete, these change rooms will feature two separate change rooms and amenities, all-abilities bathroom, umpires change rooms, first aid room, storage facilities and undercover areas.

When not in use for sporting events at the Recreation Reserve, the facilities will also be available for use by patrons of the Rainbow Caravan Park.

This project has been funded by the Victorian Government, Federal Government, Hindmarsh Shire Council and local Rainbow Sporting Clubs.



RAINBOW LAKE DEVELOPMENT

Check out how great the new Rainbow Lake is looking! Located just a short 5 minute drive south of Rainbow on Dimboola-Rainbow road, the Rainbow Lake has been developed and constructed by the Rainbow Lake Committee and GWM Water.

The water levels have been steadily rising and it is expected to reach its maximum height soon. The slab for the new amenities block has been poured and off site construction has commenced. Installation of the amenities block on site is expected to commence soon.

The BBQ / picnic shelter is currently going through the building permit process and construction will commence as soon as the permit is issued. Picnic settings and BBQ are to be installed by the Rainbow Lake Committee.

Council has assisted with funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.



OTHER NEWS



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



PUBLIC HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS IN LIEU OF MELBOURNE CUP DAY 2022

The Hon Jaala Pulford, Minister for Small Business, has granted Hindmarsh Shire Council's request to substitute days for the 2022 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday in Nhill and Rainbow districts.

Tuesday 11 October 2022 will be a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for the localities of **Rainbow, Albacutya and Kenmare** within the shire, to coincide with the Rainbow A & P Society Show Day.

Thursday 13 October 2022 will be a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for the localities of **Broughton, Yanac, Netherby, Lorquon, Nhill, Glenlee, Kiata, Gerang Gerung and Little Desert** within the shire to coincide with the Nhill A & P Society Show Day.

Tuesday 1 November 2022 will be retained as a public holiday in the remainder of the shire.

Dimboola A & P Society Show Day will be on Saturday 15 October 2022, and the Jeparit A & P Society Show will be on the following day on Sunday 16 October 2022.

PASSENGER RAIL FROM NHILL TO MELBOURNE

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Melanie Albrecht and CEO Greg Wood, recently met with Stuart Grimley MP (Member for Western Victoria and Victorian Leader for the Derryn Hinch's Justice Party).

Discussion was held regarding the importance of a rail service from Nhill for community members needing to attend medical appointments in Ballarat or Melbourne, and the tourism benefit from a regular rail service.

Stuart is keen to hear from local organisations and businesses who would like to be part of a letter being sent to the Minister for Public Transport advocating for this service.

If you would like to be included in the letter being sent, please contact Stuart Grimley's office by telephoning 03 5218 5001 or emailing stuart.grimley@parliament.vic.gov.au.

COUNCILLOR COLUMN

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



HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE



On Monday 25 July 2022, Hindmarsh Shire's Youth Councillors were able to unite once again for another productive meeting!

Our young people representing the Youth of Hindmarsh have some incredible ideas and initiatives they're wanting to organise and host throughout the Shire. We've been a little bit quiet the past couple of months, but rest assured there is some exciting things happening behind the scenes.

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for some potential disco events, movie nights, training opportunities, and more! And if you ever have any ideas for something you want to see happen for young people in the Hindmarsh Shire, please don't hesitate to talk to one of our friendly Youth Councillors – they are always keen to hear your feedback and ideas!

See you at one of our events soon!

COMING SOON TO THE NHILL CINEMA

We have been liaising with the distribution company and plan to screen the following movies at the Nhill Cinema (if all goes to plan)

- Elvis
- Jurassic World
- Top Gun
- Downton Abbey
- Minions: The Rise of Gru

We will advertise our movie schedule through Facebook and our newsletters so keep an eye out here!

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Transfer Stations across Hindmarsh Shire will have updated fees with the change of Financial Year. New signage has been arranged and will be installed once it has arrived.

After an internal review, steps have been taken to ensure each Transfer Station is offering a more uniform service to the community. As such, you may notice some changes at your local Transfer Station, as each location is brought more into line with all other locations.

COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE



The 2021/2022 Action Plan set 59 actions covering the themes of “Our Community; Built & Natural Environment; Competitive and Innovative Economy; and Governance & Financial Sustainability.” 36 Actions were completed; 15 are ongoing in their nature; 8 were partially completed or not completed. Each Action Item and update is provided below for information.

OUR COMMUNITY

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Monthly and fortnightly e-newsletters distributed through emails and available on Council’s website	ONGOING	Newsletters will continue to be distributed on an ongoing basis. Previous editions of Council’s fortnightly e-newsletters and monthly newsletters are available on Council’s website. To view previous newsletters please visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/newsletters
Redevelopment of Council’s website making it easier for our community to navigate	COMPLETED	The new Hindmarsh Shire Council Website has been implemented and will continue to be monitored and updated to ensure easy navigation.
Councillors and Council Officers attend advisory committees including Town Committees, Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum and Yurunga Homestead meetings	COMPLETED	Officers and Councillors will continue to represent Council on Town Committees, WMPM & Yurunga.
Partner with Wimmera Pride to ensure LGBTIQ+ barriers and views are considered	ONGOING	Online workshops were conducted and attended by Staff. IDAHOBIT day celebrations conducted from Dimboola library were streamed live via Council’s Facebook page. Officers are working through the Rainbow Ready Roadmap for Local Government with the project being shared across governance, libraries and community development.
Develop the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Strategy	COMPLETED	Youth Strategy 2021-2025 adopted. The plan was translated into Karen. Implementation of the plan will be undertaken over the coming few years.
Upgrades to the Nhill Library to encourage use by our multicultural community, children and youth	COMPLETED	Upgrades have been completed with new furniture, shelving and lighting installed. The entry way from the foyer into the main hall has been widened to allow for all abilities access.
Continue to support early years services in Hindmarsh Shire	ONGOING	Council continues to provide facilities for early years services, and subsidise kindergarten in Hindmarsh Shire. Upgrades were completed at Dimboola and Nhill Early Years Centre during 2021/2022 including the installation of new safety fencing at Nhill Early Years Centre.
Partner with Nhill Learning Centre to ensure barriers and views of the Karen and other multicultural communities are considered	ONGOING	Quarterly meetings scheduled and will continue between Library, Community Development, Youth departments and Rainbow and Nhill Learning Centres on potential collaboration and training.

OUR COMMUNITY

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Ensure the Municipal Emergency Management Committee includes membership from key stakeholders	COMPLETED	The MEMC committee includes membership from external stakeholders. Meetings are held 3 times per year, along with 1 combined meeting including Hindmarsh, Horsham, Yarriambiack and West Wimmera Shire.
Support our ageing community through hosting seniors concert, social connection activities including movie matinees and morning teas, and delivery of community care services	ONGOING	Creedence Clearwater Survival played to an audience on Thursday 10 March 2022. For those unable to attend the concert was livestreamed through Council's Facebook page. Weekly cuppa connections are held in each Hindmarsh Shire library; Officers are providing social support to senior citizens to restart / reconnect and for those not yet comfortable going out social support and welfare calls are being undertaken. We continue to hold movie matinees monthly and delivered emergency food parcels to vulnerable members of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Support local community events including the Rainbow Desert Enduro, Great Victorian Bike Ride, Dimboola inaugural Steampunk Festival, Nhill Friday Fiestas in February, Peter Taylor Barefoot Tournament etc.	COMPLETED	Council supported the Wimmera Steampuk Festival and the Dimboola Ski and Boat Club BAREFOOT Skiing competition. Both were very successful events with good numbers of visitors to both events. As part of the Reconnecting Communities through Small Events program, Council also held a community concert on the Sunday following the Steampunk Festival which was also well attended. In addition The Oasis in Rainbow hosted the Big Sky Festival and the Jeparit Town Committee hosted a movie night and the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum held their annual Vintage Rally for the first time in a number of years because of COVID. Both events in Jeparit were held over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend. Funds were also utilised to support the MOPOKE Christmas function, and Nhill's Christmas Carols.
Celebrate volunteers week	COMPLETED	Volunteer morning and afternoon teas were held to celebrate Hindmarsh volunteers and thank them for their service.
Construction of Rainbow Library	COMPLETED	Rainbow Library construction was completed and officially opened in June 2022.
Provide community action grants to support Hindmarsh community groups and organisations	COMPLETED	Community Action Grants supported 28 community groups and organisations during 2021/2022 with funding totaling \$25,559.66.
Continue to support the Rural Outreach Program	ONGOING	Council continues to support and promote the Rural Outreach Program providing information to those who contact Council.
Provide school holiday activities throughout Hindmarsh	ONGOING	School holiday programs were provided during the school holidays when restrictions eased. Planning has also commenced on the September 2022 school holiday program.
Support and coordinate the volunteer taxi service in Nhill	COMPLETED	Council continues to support and coordinate the volunteer taxi service in Nhill. We encourage interested community members to volunteer to assist with this valuable service.

OUR COMMUNITY

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Establish and maintain relationships with Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) and local indigenous groups	ONGOING	Officers are working closely with BGLC on projects such as the Wimmera River Discovery Trail. We continue to support BGLC and build our relationship with BGLC when and where we can.
Provide public computers and free Wi-Fi at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries	PARTIALLY COMPLETED	Public computers are available at all Hindmarsh Shire Libraries; due to shortage of materials public Wi-Fi has been delayed at Rainbow library. Dimboola, Jeparit & Nhill libraries all have free Wi-Fi available.

BUILT & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Review and update Council's asset management plan	COMPLETED	Council's Asset Plan was adopted at the Council meeting held on 1 June 2022.
Implement recycling bins in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow main business districts	NOT COMPLETED	Budget allocation in 2022/2023 budget to roll out recycling bins in main business districts.
Review Council's road management plan	COMPLETED	Council's road management plan 2021-2023 was adopted at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 August 2021.
Construction of Albacutya Bridge and associated road works	COMPLETED	Construction of Albacutya bridge was completed in May 2022. A scope variation has been approved to extend the roadworks, utilizing the remaining funds as the bridge project was under budget, aiming to be completed in December 2022.
Hold free green waste month in September and encourage residents to tidy their properties prior to the fire season	COMPLETED	Free green waste month was held in September / October 2021.
Consider for adoption of Nhill streetscape plan	COMPLETED	Nhill Streetscape Plan was adopted in December 2021.
Installation of solar heating on Rainbow swimming pool	COMPLETED	Rainbow Swimming Pool solar heating installed.
Advocate for improved water quality in the regional lakes and rivers	COMPLETED	Council officers advocate for improved water quality at any opportunity available. Council is working with GWM Water to obtain a grant for a new bore at Nhill Lake.
Construction of new clubrooms at Nhill Tennis Club	PARTIALLY COMPLETED	Construction of Nhill Tennis Club rooms is progress after a slow start due to unsuccessful tender rounds and shortage of materials. Works are now well underway on the construction with the concrete slab poured in mid-June and the frame now erected.

BUILT & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Review and update Waste Management Strategy	NOT COMPLETED	Review will be undertaken in 2022/2023. The review was delayed due to a number of factors.
Installation of pedestrian safety fencing at Nhill Early Years Centre	COMPLETED	Pedestrian fencing installed was installed at the Nhill Early Years Centre to ensure pedestrian safety.
Installation of seating and electric barbeques at Rainbow Lake	PARTIALLY COMPLETED	Construction of Amenities building is underway, the BBQ shelter has been ordered - though with supplier lead times isn't expected to arrive until early August. Installation / concreting of park furniture and seating will be completed by the Lake Committee in coming months at working bees.
Consider opportunities and seek funding for lighting in public areas	COMPLETED	Solar lighting was installed at the Dimboola Visitor Node, in front and at the rear of Rainbow library. New lighting was also installed at WMPM to light Albacutya Homestead to improve security.
Ensure Council representation on Western Highway Action Committee, Wimmera Regional Transport Group and Grampians Central West Waste, Resource Recovery Group and Hindmarsh Landcare Network	COMPLETED	Councillors and/or Officers represent Hindmarsh and attend WHAC; WRTG; GCWWRRG; HLN meetings.
Continue to advocate for funding for Davis Park improvements	ONGOING	Council continues to advocate for funding of Davis Park and was disappointed the election commitment did not come off.

COMPETITIVE AND INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Upgrades to ensuites at Dimboola Caravan Park	COMPLETED	Upgrades completed to two ensuites.
Provide the business assistance grants program	COMPLETED	Council supported 15 businesses through the 2021/2022 business assistance grant program with funding totaling \$36,836.20.
Host business networking session to encourage Hindmarsh businesses to come together and network	ONGOING	Unfortunately due to COVID the May 2022 business networking session was cancelled. The next session will be held in September 2022.
Construction of a camp Kitchen at Jeparit riverbank precinct	PARTIALLY COMPLETED	The project was delayed waiting for landowner consent. Works have now commenced on the concrete slab. The camp kitchen structure, bbq and seating has all been purchased ready for install.
Installation of cabin accommodation (including all abilities) at caravan parks within Hindmarsh Shire (subject to funding)	COMPLETED	Six new cabins (3 all abilities; 3 standard) have been installed at Dimboola (2 standard); Nhill (1 standard, 1 all abilities); Jeparit (1 all abilities) and Rainbow (1 all abilities). Connection of services will be completed by contractors over the coming weeks and months.

COMPETITIVE AND INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Promote Hindmarsh as a tourism destination to stop, stay and play	ONGOING	<p>New and updated Visit Hindmarsh webpage was developed and is now live. Content is continually being added.</p> <p>Nhill, Jeparit & Rainbow brochures have been finalised and sent for printing.</p> <p>Arkona silo art and Dimboola mural completed with significant social media reach.</p> <p>12 more Hindmarsh sites listed on ATDW (Australian Tourism Data Warehouse). Wimmera Mallee Tourism are shortly implementing a region-wide project to work with local tourism related businesses to assist getting them listed on the ATDW, which will assist them to be picked up by overarching tourism organisations (such as Visit Victoria), travel agents and tour operators.</p> <p>Tourism business seed funding available through Tourism Business Innovation Grants, part of the Wimmera Mallee Silo Arts Trail funding. Tourism business training and mentoring available through Wimmera Mallee Silo Arts Trail funding.</p> <p>Region-wide marketing strategy completed, including a Social Media guide which will assist local organisations and groups align with regional marketing and get the best benefits from Social Media platforms.</p>
Commence review on Council's economic development strategy	NOT COMPLETED	<p>The review has been delayed due to a range of reasons including awaiting the 2021 census data to be released. The review will be undertaken in 2022 / 2023.</p>
Participate in Wimmera Development Association housing strategy meetings	COMPLETED	<p>Council officers participated in WDA housing strategy meetings.</p>
Enhance Council's Procurement Policy to support Council purchasing locally	COMPLETED	<p>Council's updated Procurement Policy was adopted on 4 August 2021 and includes local and regional weighting to support local and neighbouring council businesses.</p>
Commence Silo Art at Llew Schilling Silo in Rainbow and Arkona Silo	PARTIALLY COMPLETED	<p>Arkona Silo Art was completed in May 2022. Expression Of Interest for appointment of Project Architect process completed and shortlisted respondents invited to Tender for provision of Services. Architect appointed by 30 June 2022. Site visits will be scheduled as soon as possible after appointment for development of Concept Design.</p>
Provide a calendar of events to assist community groups and event organisers to promote their events	COMPLETED	<p>Members of the public are now able to list their events on Council's website by completing a form which is available on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event. When submitted, the event is listed on the Upcoming Events page within 3 working days. Council staff also share the event through the Hindmarsh Shire Council Facebook page and include it in the next fortnightly e-newsletter and/or monthly newsletter.</p>
Provide business concierge services to assist business understand COVID-19 restrictions	COMPLETED	<p>Council employed a full-time business concierge and hospitality support officer to assist businesses and community groups to navigate and understand the COVID-19 restrictions.</p>

GOOD GOVERNANCE & FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

ACTION ITEM	STATUS	UPDATE ON ACTION
Develop a workforce plan	COMPLETED	The workforce plan was adopted in December 2021.
Online streaming of Council meetings through Council's Facebook page	COMPLETED	Council continues to livestream Council meetings through Council's Facebook page.
Consideration for employing a trainee, or apprentice when vacancies arise throughout the year	ONGOING	Council considers employing young people when vacancies arise through traineeships and apprenticeships where possible.
Community conversation sessions held annually in our four main towns	COMPLETED	Community Conversation sessions were held in November 2021 (Jeparit Riverbank Precinct) and March 2022 (all four towns).
Drop in sessions held allowing for community input to Council on key documents or projects	ONGOING	A drop-in session was held for Arkona Silo Art project in March 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the drop-in sessions for the Council Plan were cancelled.
Develop a ten (10) year long term financial plan	COMPLETED	Council's Long Term Financial Plan was adopted in October 2021. The plan was revised as part of the 2022/2023 budget process and adopted by Council on 29 June 2022.
Quarterly finance reporting to Council	ONGOING	Finance reports have been presented to Council quarterly in July 2021; October 2021; February 2022; May 2022.
Review Council's Complaints Policy	COMPLETED	Council's Complaints Policy was updated and adopted in December 2021.
Ensure Council representation on Wimmera Development Association, Rural Council's Victoria, and Municipal Association of Victoria	COMPLETED	Council continues to have representation on WDA, RCV and MAV.
Quarterly Council Plan reporting to Council	COMPLETED	Council plan updates were reported to Council quarterly in November 2021; February 2022; and May 2022.
Develop a gender equality action plan	COMPLETED	The Gender Equality Action Plan was adopted in March 2022.
Collaborate with Horsham Rural City Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Loddon Shire Council to implement the Rural Council Transformation Project	COMPLETED	Council continues to collaborate with HRCC, LSC on the Rural Council Transformation Project with a report presented to the 29 June 2022 Council meeting endorsing the preferred tenderer.
Audit & Risk Committee meetings review and consider Council risks at each meeting	ONGOING	Risk Management is a standing item on Audit & Risk Committee meetings.

Council Plan Actions 2022/2023

The 2022/23 Council Plan Actions were adopted by Council at the meeting held 29 June 2022. If you would like to view these, they are available on Council's website at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-plan

GRANTS OBTAINED



Council also obtained a significant number of grants to undertake projects during 2021/2022. These include:

SUSTAINABILITY VICTORIA - GLASS BIN ROLL OUT

This grant provides funding for the development and printing of a communication plan and material to ensure the successful roll out of glass recycling bins from 1 January 2023. Rolling our glass recycling bins is part of the state government move towards a 4 bin system for Victorian residential households.

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SMALL EVENTS

Council received funding to run small events across the Shire to assist in reconnecting communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding has been provided to a number of events including:

- Dimboola Town Committee Christmas Carols in December 2021
- Dimboola Town Committee Steampunk Festival Sunday Recharge Concert in April 2022
- Jeparit Town Committee family movie screenings in June 2022
- Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Vintage Rally in June 2022
- Nhill Town Committee Christmas Carols
- Hindmarsh Shire's Movie Matinee screenings at NMCC with light lunch in June, July, August, September and October 2022
- Rainbow Town Committee and Rainbow Oasis Committee Big Sky Festival in March 2022.



FRRR HEYWIRE YOUTH INNOVATION

Funding was obtained for mental health podcasts delivered by Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council.

FREEZA FUNDING

This grant will allow Council to continue its FReeZA program which supports young people to get involved in their community by running drug and alcohol free events for young people.

OUTDOOR ACTIVATION FUNDING

This project installed additional seating throughout the Shire, 6 additional picnic pods, concreting under existing shade shelters, and new shade shelters.

ENGAGE FUNDING

Funding was obtained to provide young people with opportunities to mobilise around their interests and concerns. It will allow them to take an active role in building a safe, inclusive and youth-friendly environment.

TRANSFER STATION UPGRADES

This project will construct hardstands at Council's four transfer stations for dedicated glass collection.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES RAINBOW RISES

This grant will develop infrastructure at the Rainbow Rises Site to allow for construction of permanent facilities.

LIBRARY NEWS



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2022

Recognising the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children within families and communities, National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is this year celebrated by the theme 'Proud in culture, strong in spirit'.

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are continually on a path of learning and discovery. It is our mission as an organisation to ensure that First Nations stories and storytellers are an essential part of our libraries and their collections. Come in and see the incredible range of First Nations stories we have that highlight 'proud in culture, strong in spirit'.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

13 - 21 AUGUST 2022

National Science Week is an opportunity for everyone to talk science, see science and do science! Established in 1997, National Science Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to be fascinated by the world we live in.

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries will have a great range of STEM books on display in all branches; plus a range of 'try at home' science posts on our social pages; plus, get the kids to submit us a Science question and we will have our resident Scientist Cam try and answer them for you. Send us your question via your local branch, via the socials or email us at libraries@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022

Created by the United Nation in 1994 to promote and protect the rights of the Indigenous People around the world, it's also a day to appreciate the contribution and accomplishments of the Indigenous People, such as environmental protection.

In Australia, Our First Nations People inhabited our island continent at least 65,000 years ago. Passing down cultural stories and knowledge through symbols, icons, and dots, art is used to preserve their culture and educate the next generation. Again, come in and browse our collection of First Nations stories, including board books for children, young adult fiction and our collection of non-fiction titles.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

21 - 27 AUGUST 2022



Across Australia, Children's Book Week celebrates books, authors, illustrators and highlights the importance of reading. Children of all ages are welcome to come in to any of our four library branches and pick up a lucky dip! Who knows what you might find inside a book cover. We will be sharing the shortlisted books and announce the winner. Follow along with us on our socials and tell us your favourite book and why.

LIBRARIESVIC APP

Enjoy your library, anywhere, anytime on any device! Download the Libraries Victoria App to your phone or tablet.

The Libraries Victoria App provides access to public library services for many libraries in Victoria, including Hindmarsh Shire Libraries!

Key App Features:

- Use your phone as a library card – the app has your library barcode stored just swipe up where you see My Barcode at the bottom of the screen.
- Search the catalogue of your home libraries and place holds.
- Find ebooks and audiobooks from your library catalogue.
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apps.apple.com/au/app/

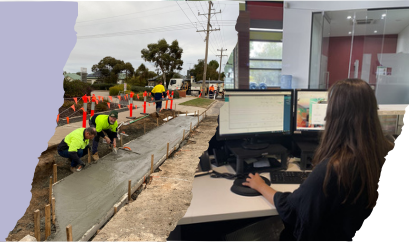
and on Google Play at:
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Browse your online library catalogue!

Did you know that you can use your Hindmarsh Shire Libraries card number and pin to place holds on books via our online library catalogue? Visit www.hmsl.libsvic.ent.sirsidynix.net.au



WORK WITH US



Skillinvest Business Administration Traineeship

Skillinvest has an opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated candidate to undertake a 12-month full time Business Administration Traineeship with Hindmarsh Shire Council.

You can find out more about this on their website at:

www.skillinvest.com.au

Join our Team

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



HAVE YOUR SAY

DRAFT GOVERNANCE RULES

Council invites written submissions from the public on the proposed **draft Governance Rules and Election Period Policy**.

Such submissions should be received before **5pm on Thursday 18 August 2022**.

For more information or to make a submission, visit Council's website at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you want to make a difference in the community? Do you like helping others?

Hindmarsh Shire Council are currently looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels on a roster system in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.

For more information, please contact Kelsey or Sharyn on 5391 4444.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWS!

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Contact a Councillor

If you would like to raise a matter with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and/or a Councillor, or if you would like to invite them to an event, you may contact them directly. You can find your Councillors contact details on Council's website at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor

Alternatively, you can contact them via email to info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au and put the Councillor name(s) in the subject line.



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