



Hindmarsh Shire Council

Nhill Township Advisory Committee Meeting

8 April 2026

To Committee Members,
“as addressed”

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of **Nhill Township Advisory Committee** of Hindmarsh Shire Council was held at the Nhill Council Chambers on Tuesday 7 April 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

In Attendance

Cr Rosie Barker – Councillor Delegate
Cr Ron Ismay – Mayor
Alison Dahlenburg – Chairperson
Julie McDonald – Committee Member
Mark Shandley - Committee Member
Petra Croot – Director Corporate and Community Services, Hindmarsh Shire Council
Vicki Sherwell – Community Member
Rhys Webb – Lowan Lodge, WWHS, Community Member
Jake Wiffen – WWHS, Rotary, Community Member

MINUTES

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge 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 and present.

2 APOLOGIES

Natalie Farmers
Lisa Olds
Monica Revell
Ram Upadhyaya

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil declared.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED

Julie/Mark

That the Minutes of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 March 2026 at the Nhill Council Chambers circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inward

Email Pauline McCracken re Truck Bay Gardens – 23/3/26

5.2 Outward

6 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

6.1 Finance Report (Income and Expenditure)

Discussion held re ways service clubs can make a profit off BBQs and another activities.

MOVED

Julie/Mark

That the Finance Report as provided with this Agenda be noted.

CARRIED

6.2 Expenditure Approval

N/A

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Community and Project Updates

- Community Pantry/Foodbank – *started and has been going well. The IGA is being utilised, a reminder to utilise these for non-perishable donations.*

- Accessible toilet upgrades at Goldsworthy Park, Jaypex Park and Nhill Historical Society – *no update*.
- Expansion of emergency services facilities and youth volunteer opportunities – *this is currently being worked on behind the scenes with Council and the CFA. For SES, St John and CFA also looking at doing trial activities as well.*
- New clubrooms and facilities at Davis Park and the Yanac Hockey Club.
- Op shop, beautification of the train station, collaborative community functions and community directory – *no update*.
- Sensory Garden next to the Patch – *no update*.
- New Residents Welcome – *no update*.
- Shelves for Jaypex Park Storeroom – *half done, Petra to follow up with Aiden.*

Easter Egg hunt went really well, 80 kids attended. One big area worked really well, all the golden eggs were found. Discussion held around whether the community could sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt.

MOVED

Alison/Mark

That the Town Committee call for sponsors for the 2027 Easter Egg Hunt via a generic letter to businesses.

CARRIED

MOVED

Mark/Julie

That the Town Committee seek quotes for two teardrop flags to be used for events.

CARRIED

7.2 General Business

Discussion held re carrying over Centenary Park to next meeting to brainstorm ideas.

Rhys Webb – keep a look out in July and November, there are scholarships for kids that are going from Nhill to secondary and tertiary education from the Freemasons Foundation.

The Freemasons Foundation can support community projects, so if the Town Committee has any projects that they are interested in doing, in partnership with the Lowan Lodge, please let Rhys know. Something like the mural may be a project for this.

Jake Wiffen from WWHS, Health Promotion. As of Monday 13/04 to 22/05, they have their Health and Wellbeing grants open. They are up to \$10,000, roughly five or six across the

catchment, but they need to align with Health Service priorities. Speak to Jake and work on the grant with him. No co-contribution required. Needs to prove that it's changed healthy behaviour in the long term. Information will be shared from Monday.

7.3 Truck Bay Gardens

As discussed.

7.4 Councillor Report

Attached.

7.5 Officer Report

Attached.

8 MEETING CLOSED

Action: Petra to follow up who is purchasing the bubble machine.

Action: Petra to ask Ram if supplies are required for Pauline or could be provided by Council.

Action: Petra to ensure meeting invites are sent out to everyone.

Action: Petra to find out if project could be extended into the new block, look at discussion around security.

Action: Petra to follow up Jaypex Park Storeroom shelves.

Action: Mark to call flag folks.

Action: Gather Round working bee Thursday.

Action: Petra to circulate Nhill Streetscape Masterplan.

Action: Vicki Sherwell's points to be followed up.

Action: Send, Snap, Solve.

Funding from Jeparit Fishing Competition for the Weir.

Numbered duck for the duck race - Luv-a-duck down the Wimmera River.

8:38pm closed.

Nhill Town Committee Financial Report 2025/2026

As at 31/03/2026

1/07/2025 Opening Balance 25/26 \$ 21,145.52

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Less Expenditure to date

20/08/2025	Contribution to Dog Park		\$ 2,500.00
28/11/2025	Kmart Horsham	Glow Sticks	\$ 10.91
26/11/2025	North West Press	Flyers for Carols	\$ 131.82
01/12/2025	Leos Club Nhill	lollie Bags	\$ 400.00
01/12/2025	Facepainting by Millie	Christmas Carols	\$ 400.00
03/12/2025	Breuers Hire	Bubble machine	\$ 78.18
04/12/2025	Home Hardware	Christmas Carols	\$ 200.00
12/12/2025	North West Press	Christmas Carols	\$ 405.45
15/12/2025	M Lieschke	Sound Equip for carols	\$ 850.00
22/12/2025	Facepainting by Millie	Christmas Carols	\$ 200.00
3/02/2026	Leos Club Nhill	BBQ	\$ 1,427.71
12/03/2026	Leos Club Nhill	Easter 2026	\$ 1,700.00

\$ 8,304.07

Amount Remaining (unspent)

\$ 12,841.45

Less Amounts committed for Expenditure (invoices not yet paid)

25-Nov	Nhill State Emergency	Cherry Picker Hire	\$ 200.00	Excl GST
			<u>\$ 200.00</u>	

Commitments to Projects

Tiny Towns - Goldsworthy Park	\$ 5,000.00	
Lowan Entry Signs	\$ 1,500.00	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>

Amount Available for use

\$ 6,141.45

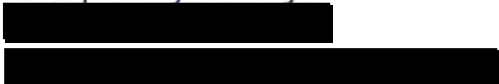
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April Councillor Report for Nhill Town Committee



Rosie Barker
Deputy Mayor





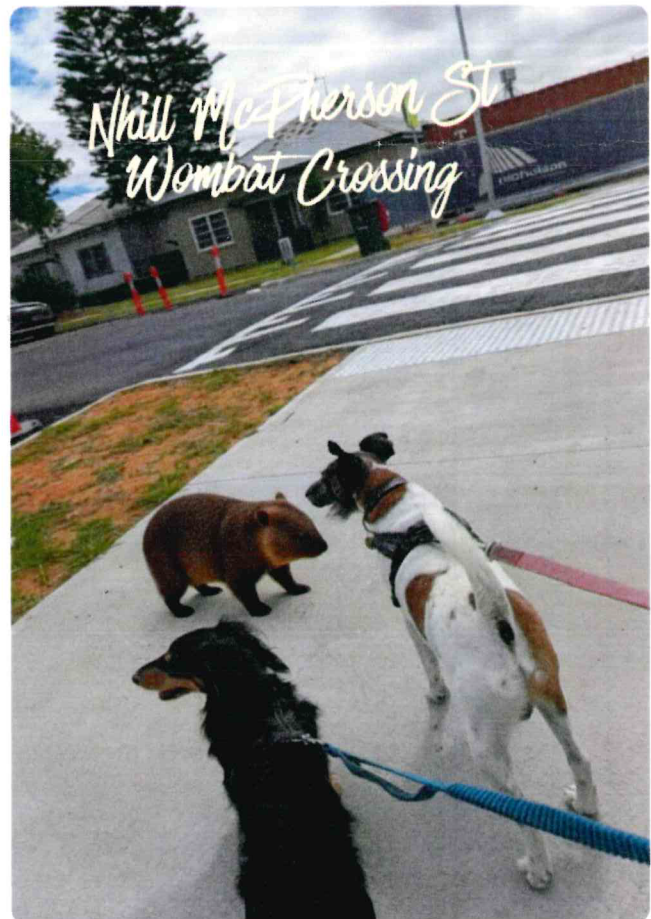
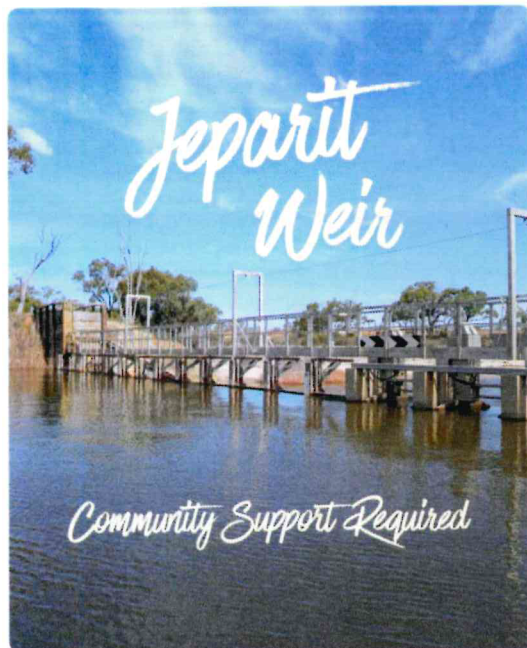
With the help of you, the Nhill Fire Brigade & Lions members, Lions have raised \$10,663.80 in the past 2 weeks, most of it on Good Friday.

Combined with our existing RCH Appeal bank balance, a total of \$17,322.48 has been raised PLUS final fundraising with the Don Costa event



Don Costa

Nhill Community Centre
THURSDAY 7th May 2026, 1PM
RCH Good Friday Appeal FUNDRAISER
Tickets \$25





Nhill Town Committee Officer's Report

April 2026

A big thank you to Alison and Mark from the Nhill Town Committee for attending the community panel session in Dimboola in late March. We're really excited for the actions that come out of this for 2026/2027.

Well done to Julie and the Leos for the Easter Egg Hunt over the weekend, as well as Lesley and the Lions for the food pantry that has been up and running for a few weeks now!

Project Updates

- The **Macpherson Street pedestrian crossing** should be completed this week
- The **Brougham Street/Victoria Street footpath crossover** has been completed
- Plannings and quotations for the works at the **Patch Multicultural Hub** are progressing, this will see a multi-purpose outdoor area where multicultural groups can gather, learn and celebrate together and includes an upgraded shade structure and paved area, low maintenance landscaping and fit-for-purpose outdoor seating and tables.
- **Nhill Holiday Park's new multi-unit cabins** are now reading for bookings! There is a small amount of landscaping to be completed. We are currently exploring the idea of a new camp kitchen at the park, subject to budget.
- The official opening of the **Davis Park project** is this weekend during the Senior's game.
- The **Caneball Court shelter** at the Tennis Club is complete, just in the process of organising the picnic table.

Events

School Holidays are well and truly underway - [School Holiday Program Hindmarsh Shire Council](#).

This weekend the **Dimboola Dash** is on at the Wimmera River Discovery Trail, with lots of different running lengths on offer.

The **Gather Round** is also on this weekend, and our EcoDev team will be encouraging businesses to stay open! Flags are in the Committee's 2026/2027 budget proposal, but we'll be looking at seeing if there are affordable items available for purchase from Horsham that can be used this year.

Other

- Budget Proposals will be discussed at Council briefing next week, the Budget will be presented at the Council meeting in early May.
- We are currently seeking feedback on the Procurement Policy, Fraud Prevention and Control Policy and Plan and Public Interest Disclosures Policy - [Have Your Say Hindmarsh](#).