



Hindmarsh Shire Council

Nhill Township Advisory Committee Meeting

7 July 2026

MINUTES of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026 from 7pm at the Nhill Council Chambers.

MINUTES

In Attendance

Alison Dahlenburg – Chairperson
Natalie Farmers – Secretary
Julie McDonald – Committee Member
Cr Ron Ismay – Mayor
Kat Colbert – Manager Community Strategy and Engagement

In Attendance – Community Representatives

Don Keam – Nhill Historical Society
Vicki Sherwell – Community Member
Peter Duperouzel – Nhill Silo Project

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

Lisa Olds
Rosie Barker
Petra Croot
Jenny Creek

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil declared.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION

That the Minutes of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2026 at the Council Chambers circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Julie McDonald

Seconded: Don Keam

CARRIED

5 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2026/2027

5.1 Chairperson Election

Nominee: Alison Dahlenburg

Nominated by: Mark Shandley

Seconded by: Julie McDonald

Alison Dahlenburg was duly elected Chairperson of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee

5.2 Secretary Election

Nominee: Natalie Farmers

Nominated by: Alison Dahlenburg

Seconded by: Julie McDonald

Natalie Farmers was duly elected Chairperson of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Inward

Email - Jake Wiffen WWHS– Email advising WWHS grant application has been shortlisted.

Email – Kat Colbert HSC – Email with volunteering resources.

Email – Wendy Bywaters – Advising Christmas decorations need to be put in the shed.

Email – ARTC acknowledgment of letter and a further response will come.

Email – ppandu – Tear Drop Flags order processed

Email – Horsham Activities Organiser – Bunnings Grant Opportunity

Email – Mark Fletcher – Event Management Bootcamp – Mark Shandley attending

Quote – 4 Site Design Group - Sensory Garden

Quote – Ferguson Perry – Sensory Garden

6.2 Outward

Email - Jake Wiffen grant queries.

Email – Wendy Bywaters – acknowledgement and thankyou reply.

MOTION

That the Committee notes the attached correspondence.

Moved: Julie McDonald

Seconded: Don Keam

CARRIED

7 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

7.1 Finance Report (Income and Expenditure)

MOTION

That the Finance Report as provided be noted.

Moved: Mark Shandley

Seconded: Julie McDonald

CARRIED

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Community and Project Updates

- Accessible toilet upgrades at Goldsworthy Park – Was unsuccessful for Tidy Towns Grant.
- Emergency Services training facilities – No update.
- Railway Station Beautification – Letter sent seeking scope for works. No reply. Natalie will chase up.
- Yanac Hockey Club – No update.
- Op Shop – Letter sent re expanded operation. No reply.
- Sensory Garden next to the Patch. – Unsuccessful for WWHS grant. Will apply for Bunnings Grant.
- New Residents Welcome – See Officers report
- Shelves for Jaypex Park Storeroom – Some work done. Alison will have a look.
- Poles in Main Street – Des Smith has been researching poles that will fold down to enable easy installation of Christmas decorations and community events marketing.
- Nhill Silo Project – Peter Duperouzel gave up update. Have done extensive works, predominantly on the inside. Will install a split rail fence along the outside front yard. The community will be able to donate towards a section of fence and have their name burnt into it. Aherns have donated land that has a shed and the flour mill on it to the Nhill Silo Project. The legal work for this is still in process. Will have an open day 10th

October for Seymour Railway Tour. Will have an influx of people to the town on this day. Anyone arriving by train that has not booked in for activities will be looking for something to do or see.

8.2 Items listed in 2026/2027 Budget

• Fridge for Lions Food Pantry	\$2,000.00
• Trees for the township	\$5,000.00
• Mural for Community Centre outside west wall	\$30,000.00
• Flags for poles each end of town for publicity/tourism	\$1,400.00
• Frames for photo opportunities around town	\$1,000.00
• Christmas decorations/equipment repair	\$3,000.00
• Easter event	\$1,750.00
• Carols in the Park event	\$5,500.00

Will know actual allocation for 2026/2027 next meeting.

8.3 Christmas Decorations / Santa Hut

- Members to keep brainstorming decoration ideas for stage and Santa hut.
- Need new fairy lights for rotunda. Will seek donations from the community.

8.4 Nhill Streetscape Project: Jaypex Park Power Upgrade & Nhill Centenary Park

- Members enquired about progress on power upgrade? – Kat will find out.
- \$20,000 has been allocated to the power upgrade to 3-phase power at the power box near sound shell to support events.
- Centenary Park People of Nhill Plaques - Working on plaques to profile prominent Nhill people at Centenary Walk. Have quotes for stainless steel and brass plaques ranging from \$350-\$500. Looking to start with 20 plaques along path at Centenary Park. It was suggested that for Centenary Walk you would choose prominent people from Nhill's first century (1879-1979). Plaques will be mounted on rocks sourced from HSC quarry. Kat to provide a package of quotes, examples and suggested people. Vicki Sherwell offered to help with historic research of people.

8.5 Fundraising

- Could have a donations tin at sausage sizzle at Carols in the Park.
- Luv A Duck can donate food and BBQ for catering at events.

8.6 Caravan Camping Industry Association – Mini Expo

- Caravan Association of Australia has asked Hindmarsh Shire Council if Nhill would host a regional mini caravan/camping/boating expo. This would be a closed, ticketed event that would need to be held at the show grounds. Besides displays, this would include things like cooking demonstrations and towing courses, food stalls and kids/music entertainment. Date to be decided but looking at early November. An opportunity for community groups to fundraise. Some volunteers will be required. Council looking for in principle support from Nhill Town Committee.

MOTION

That the Committee support in principle the request of the Caravan Camping Industry Association for Nhill to host a mini caravan, camping expo.

Moved: Mark Shandley

Seconded: Julie McDonald

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8.7 Council Report

- Mayor Ron Ismay attended the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra last week. He met the Governor General and Mohamed Semra, Australia's first mayor of sub-Saharan decent. He invited both to visit Hindmarsh Shire Council. Both were receptive to the idea.

8.7 Officer Report

- Online Community and Business Directories will go live on HSC website soon, where groups can update their own information and residents can access local information.
- HSC is currently advertising a position for a Team Leader Pools and Recreational Facilities. This person will manage the pools and maintenance of sports and recreational facilities.
- Putting together new resident welcome packs.
- Working on Free From Violence workshops to be run in community groups. Will start with sporting groups initially.
- Council has adopted its Council Plans Actions 2026/2027.
- Senior's Concert coming up on Thursday 8 October at Nhill Memorial Community Centre.
- Historically there have been welcome to Nhill functions for new residents. Representatives from community groups were invited.

MOTION

That the Committee host a welcome to Nhill event for residents who have arrived in the last twelve months. Will apply for HSC Community Event Grant to fund it.

Moved: Mark Shandley

Seconded: Alison Dahlenburg

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9 MEETING CLOSED

8.20pm