



Monday 24th August 2026

To Committee Members,

NOTICE is hereby given that a Rainbow Advisory Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council was held at **RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE** on **Monday 17th August 2026 at 7:30pm**

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

2. Apologies

3. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda

4. Confirmation of Minutes

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Correspondence (forwarded to members)

- Kat Colbert
- Kat Colbert

Letter of support request
RTAC update

5th August
3rd August

7. Events

8. General business as notified to the Chair

1. Cyclecart Club presentation
2. Llew's Silo maintenance
3. Street closure permits...why such an issue
4. RTAC funds allocation

9. Councillor Report

10. Officer Report

11. Urgent business

12. Finance report

13. Decisions to be made

14. Meeting Closed

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations and we acknowledge them 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. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Roger Aitkins Allira Roberts, Graham Nuske, Colleen Petschel, Belinda Eckermann, Norelle Eckermann, Kat Colbert

APOLOGIES

Greg Roberts, Belinda Eckermann, Rob Koning, Ron Ismay,

Apologies be moved and accepted Norelle/Allira AiF C

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

Norelle Eckermann – A& P Society fund-raising letter

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the RTAC Committee Meeting held on **20th July 2026** at the Rainbow P-12 College, circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved and accepted Roger/Allira AiF C

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Rainbow Bin Skins progress was discussed
- Confirmation of ineligibility for the connected community grants
- Update on Llew's Silo
- All finance allocation questions answered
- clarity over the budget allocation provided
- the GWMT advertisement issue was discussed and hopefully will be resolved soon
- Kat has made contact with Bernard from Landcare over the transfer of funds
- the signs for the main street toilets have been installed

6. CORRESPONDENCE - INWARDS

- Kat Colbert Letter of support request 5th August
The RTAC agreed to support the Shire in their application for Rainbow Pedestrian Crossing Ramps Upgrade Project

- Kat Colbert RTAC update 3rd August
Went through the progress report in business arising

Late Correspondence
-Tammy Bigham A&P show request 17th August
Discussed in general business

All Correspondence be received Norelle/Allira AiF C

7. EVENTS

- Enduro starts on the 28th August
- The Tractor Pull (first weekend in October)
- The Scouts are providing tea for the caravan group coming on the 18th & 19th October

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

1. Cyclecart Club presentation

- Peter Read from Cycle-carting gave a brief rundown of their origins, objectives and plans for the future
- They started in 2018 and became an incorporated body last year
- At the moment they have 44 members
- Their main focus is on community involvement and wellbeing (just for the fun of it)
- They are keen to come up for the Tractor Pull and provide a display and demonstration
- Peter said it was unique that a community group had reached out to invite them to an event
- This relationship sounds very promising with potential growth (races, VM projects etc)

2. Lew's Silo maintenance

- Lew's silo lift has a year of free lift maintenance from the date of construction.
- This will be coming to an end
- It was discussed that the RTAC provide financial support towards the ongoing costs involved in lift maintenance
- Kat will come back to the RTAC with some specific details regarding costs involved in the lift maintenance.

3. Street closure permits...why such an issue?

- This seems to be a constant issue that the RTAC has to deal with
- It appears that there is a lack of communication or feedback
- Kat said that the Shire is working hard to streamline the processes involved
- It was agreed that we need better communication from the Shire
- Roger said that the process should really be shelf-ready
- Kat said the Shire is working on closing the communication loop with the community more effectively.

4. RTAC funds allocation

- Colleen will provide all members with a table so that we can allocate RTAC funds and link them to projects, events or areas of growth/development
- This will be the focus of our next meeting

5. A&P Show request

- Colleen read out Tammy's letter requesting financial support for the 2026 Rainbow Show.
- It was discussed that the cost of running the show was so high which made it difficult to attract activities and stall holders.
- The RTAC agreed that the objectives of the show to hold a community event and look after the wellbeing of the community fell under the RTAC's umbrella.
- **MOTION : It was moved to provide the A&P Society \$5000 to financially support the 2026 rainbow Show in whatever way they saw fit.**
Moved Allira/Colleen AiF C (Norelle abstained as a conflict of interest)*

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT

- The Telstra Connectivity report was discussed as it is becoming a genuine concern that there is limited service (particularly in items of emergency)

Roger will follow this up.

10. OFFICER REPORT

Finance Report

\$2,000 payment to The Oasis was to come out of the Rainbow Traders Amount, not general funds.

- This will be rectified when 26/27 manual journaling is open

The \$2,000 expense 'Rainbow Lighting Project' was mislabelled on entry – it has been confirmed that this is for the Rainbow 2050 Strategic Planning Project (RTAC's contribution)

- I have requested that this be rectified for historical purposes

Federal Street & King Street Intersection update

This has not been identified in any strategic document or plan, and to date has not been considered internally for progression.

Telstra – Blackspots Report

No record at Council of report being received. Cr Aitken completed research on the night to determine dates and contact details for Kat to follow up.

Walking tracks

Current staff couldn't recall this project as a heritage-based track, but thought it potentially could have formed research for the Wimmera River Discovery Trail expansions when that was initially researched – If this is a project that the RTAC would like scoped, happy to start the process.

Online Directories now live

- [Community Directory Hindmarsh Shire Council](#)
- Easy to use and update
- Includes links through to social media, websites for easy promotion

Community and Business Grants

- Closing 31 August
- [Apply for Grants Hindmarsh Shire Council](#)

Seniors Festival October

- Calendar will be made available by the end of the month
 - 2 classic movies (Red Dog and Yesterday)
 - Seniors Concert
 - Historic Society Open Days
 - Mens Bus Tour – Natimuk and Murtoa

Youth Programs

- Youth Yap @ Rainbow Library was tonight *New program
- First Aid & CPR Session 23 September
- Open Mic Night 29 September

Early Years Updates

- Storytime 9:15am every Friday in the Library – great turnout for the first two sessions
- Should have Supported Playgroup Facilitator on board soon to re-offer Rainbow playgroup in Term4

Rainbow Show Public Holiday

- Approved for Tuesday 13 October 2026

Community Engagement Van

- Drop-in session at Rainbow Mens Shed Thursday 3 September
- Drop and chat about any council issues, events, project ideas and grant support

All reports moved and accepted Norelle/Allira AiF C

11. URGENT BUSINESS

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 Summary of Balances in Finance Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Report (sent out with agenda) be accepted [for August & July \(after adjustments explained\)](#)

Moved and seconded Colleen/Norelle AiF C

12.2 Purchase Orders to be raised - \$2,000 or less

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Officer raise the following Purchase Orders, being a value of \$2,000 or

Creditor	Value \$	Description of Goods or Services

12.3 Purchase Orders to be raised – Greater than \$2,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders greater than \$2,000.

Moved Allira

Seconded Colleen

CARRIED

Creditor	Value \$ (> \$2,000)	Description of Goods or Services
A&P Society - Rainbow Show	\$5000	To providing financial support to pay for activities for the 2026 Rainbow Show.

13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

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4	Minutes	Confirmation of the Minutes
5	Business Arising from Minutes	
6	Correspondence	

7	Events	
8	General Business as Notified to the Chair	
9	Councillor's Report	NA
10	Officer's Report	
11	Urgent Business	
12.1	Finance Report	Confirmation of financial report
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	\$5000 Rainbow A&P Society for providing financial support to pay for activities for the 2026 Rainbow Show.

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 21:13pm.

NEXT MEETING : Monday 21st September via Teams

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

I, Katherine Colbert accept the following recommendations made by the Rainbow Town Advisory Committee at this meeting held on 17th August 2026:

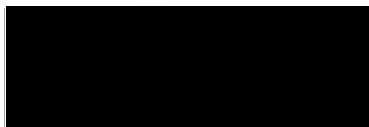
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12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report as provided with the Agenda be approved.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed.

I, Katherine Colbert advise that the following items:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders listed which are greater than \$2,000. \$5000 Rainbow A&P Society for providing financial support to pay for activities for the 2026 Rainbow Show.

- Need to be referred to a Council Meeting / CEO for a decision
- Require more Information
- Do No align with the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan

SIGNED:



Council Officer: Katherine Colbert
Dated: 24/08/2026