



01 June 2026

To Committee Members,

NOTICE is hereby given that a Rainbow Township Advisory Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at Rainbow P-12 College on Monday 18th May 2026 commencing 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

Mark Fletcher
Katherine Colbert

Bootcamp Events session
National Volunteer Week

Mon 4th May
Fri 8th May

7. Events

8. General business as notified to the Chair

- 1. Lights at Llew's silo
- 2. Early years community meeting
- 3. Draft Budget 2026/27
- 4. Dates for upcoming meetings

9. Councillor Report

10. Officer Report

11. Urgent business

12. Finance report

13. Decisions to be made

14. Meeting Closed

15. Council Officer Authorisation

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

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

Greg Roberts, Rob Koning, Roger Aitken, Allira Roberts, Graham Nuske, Norelle Eckermann*, Belinda Eckermann, Colleen Petschel, Ram Upadhyaya, Monica Revell & Petra Croot

*online

APOLOGIES

Ron Ismay

Apologies be moved and accepted Graham/Allira AiF C

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

N/A

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Moved and accepted Graham/Allira AiF C

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- The witches' hat is still in the main street
- The Shire is waiting for quotes from Wimmera Mallee Waste in regards to the Ewaste skips
- Bin wraps – the RTAC and Shire both prefer photos of tourist attractions on the bins to promote the area
- Allira completed her mobility scooter tour of Rainbow streets and sent her findings in to the Shire
- Discussion on the lights at Llew's silo. Roger gave an update of the lighting situation. See general business for more details

6. CORRESPONDENCE- IN

Mark Fletcher

Katherine Colbert

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All Correspondence be received Allira/Belinda AiF C

7. EVENTS

N/A

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

1. Lights at Llew's silo

- Local residents have complained about the lights shining into their houses
- It was agreed to turn the lights off an hour after closing
- Winter – 8pm and Summer – 10pm
- There was also a discussion on whether they can be dulled down

2. Early years community meeting

- Colleen just highlighted the Early Years Community Meeting on Thursday 21st May at the College
- Monica outlined the grant application that Emerge is submitting to see if we can get a kinder/childcare facility on site at the College.

3. Draft Budget 2026/27

- Monica, Ram & Petra went through a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget for 2026/27
- A budget review handout was also presented on the night

4. Dates for upcoming meetings

- There was a request from the Shire to provide upcoming dates of RTAC meetings
- Here are the dates for the next 4 meetings:
 - Monday 15th June
 - Monday 20th July
 - Monday 17th August
 - Monday 21st September

5. Silo update & questions

- The binoculars have been installed
- Questions about whether seating at the base of the silo can be provided
- Asked if there was a provision for water for the dogs
- The gate issues were discussed
- Hoping to get some grants to get projections of historical videos on farming life etc in the second silo.

6. Other business

- Greg mentioned the possibility of a Heritage Week in rainbow May next year. In its very early planning stages at this point. Watch this space!!!
- Discussion on the need for some Dry Weather Roads Only signs out Pella way, particularly the Pella-Pigick Rd and Schillings Rd. Ram asked if Norelle can provide a list of roads to the Shire.

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT

Roger talked about the lighting projects that he has co-ordinated around town. He will endeavour to add the Archives and Yurunga to the list.

10. OFFICER REPORT

Action Items from April Meeting:

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>HSC Response</u>
Skip Bins for E-Waste Collection at Rainbow Transfer Station.	Waiting for contractor to provide the quote for skip bins with lid for Jeparit and Rainbow Transfer

	Station.
Bin Wrap in Rainbow Bins – Jeparit bins have bin wraps. When will this be installed for Rainbow. Who will pick the picture to go in the bin wrap.	Officers awaiting confirmation on used of photo or artwork for bin wraps. Discussion at the May 2026 meeting confirmed the RTAC is happy to use tourism photos. HSC to follow up with installation of bin wraps.
Silo Lighting – We should consider turning lights off 1 hour after the closing time to save some power. Perhaps 9PM in winter and 10PM in summer.	Cr Aitkin confirmed that lights can be programmed to switch off 1 hour after the closing time.
Footpath defect – on the west side of Hospital (Swinbourne Avenue) has been marked for over 12 months and has not been rectified. Dangerous Trip Hazard.	Initial make safe repair has been completed. Full repair works to be programmed.
Aggressive dog at the front yard of 16 Grey Street. It is intimidating residents and pedestrians on footpath. Can LLO have a discussion with the owner of dog.	Local Laws Officer has discussed this with the property owner.
Can council create a FB and newsletter post to remind dog owners to have their dog on lead in public place	FB post on responsible pet ownership was published in April. This is to continue on an ongoing basis.
Additional signage for Silo to display opening hours. To be placed on the road reserve facing traffic. Additional caravan parking signage on the road reserve preferably blue sign and larger.	Parking Sign to be installed in the street opposite to the gate. Waiting on sign delivery. Another signage with project detail and opening hours is also on order.
Consider adding additional seating and shelter at the Silo ground to enable camper to eat their food while enjoying the view.	No additional funding for this. RTAC to discuss it with Mark and Simon on this project.
Car park at the hospital, school and doctors' surgery to be painted while doing the line marking in the main street.	This line marking will be installed as a part of Federal Street line marking.
EV Charger – Tesla users were having issue with EV charger. It was disconnecting itself within a few minutes.	Facilities team will organise the inspection and relevant repair.
<p><u>General Update:</u></p> <p><u>Budget:</u> Draft 2026/2027 Annual Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan has been put out for public consultation for the period 7 May 2026 to 7 June 2026.</p> <p><u>Have Your Say:</u> <i>Domestic Animal Desexing Policy:</i></p>	

The Hindmarsh Domestic Animal De-sexing Policy provides the operational framework for delivering the cat-desexing action identified in the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2026–2029, supporting Council's obligations under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce animal nuisance. Please provide your feedback by 11:59pm on Thursday 28 May 2026.

Sale of Tarranyurk Quarry Land:

Council has advertised its intention to dispose of the surplus land currently known as Tarranyurk Quarry, located at 289 Greig Road, Antwerp, Lot 1 TP218879. The property is 192.59 ha comprising of approximately 92 ha of farmland and approximately 100 ha of salt flats. Community feedback on the proposal will be sought via Council's Have Your Say page for the period of four (4) weeks from Thursday 7 May 2026 to Thursday 4 June 2026.

Native Vegetation on Rateable Land Policy:

which outlines the rebates available to properties with existing arrangements with Council through Landcare Management Agreements or Conversation Covenants. Please provide your feedback by 11:59pm on Thursday 28 May 2026.

Hardship and Financial Hardship Policy:

which now addresses both financial hardship and hardship arising from other personal circumstances. It provides a framework for managing payments, ensures options offered are proportionate, consistent and clearly communicated. Please provide your feedback by 11:59pm on Thursday 28 May 2026.

Council Grant Administration Policy:

A new policy that outlines how Council grants will be administered in terms of oversight, transparency, and community benefit. Please provide your feedback by 11:59pm on Thursday 28 May 2026.

Caravan Park Entrance: Tender is closed and awaiting to be evaluated.

Community Action Grant: Grants was awarded to 7 applicants at the May council meeting and are listed as below:

Community Assistance

1. A grant of \$1,000.00 – Dimboola Arts Inc.
2. A grant of \$743.43 – Menzies Symposium
3. A grant of \$872.73 – Rainbow Archive and Historical Society.

Small Equipment

1. A grant of \$1,000.00 – Kenmare Community and Historical Committee
2. A grant of \$943.20 – Dimboola Golf Club Event

Sponsorship

1. A grant of \$350.00 – Netherby Community Inc.
2. A grant of \$500.00 – Nhill A&P Society Inc.

Also, as discussed at the meeting, below is the information about Supported Playgroup Program.

An initiative of the Victorian Government delivered by local Councils, the Supported Playgroup program seeks to engage families with children from birth through to school

age. The Supported Playgroups include time for play, parent / child interaction, music, and morning tea – all in a fun, informal environment! Attendees will also learn about the Smalltalk program, which aims to increase parent’s confidence to do the things that have an impact on their child’s learning. Smalltalk is about using everyday opportunities and activities that parents already do in the home to engage and enhance their child’s learning and development.

There is no cost for eligible families to participate in the Supported Playgroup program. Eligible families include those with a health care card; who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander; care for children in out of home care; and those referred by Child FIRST or Maternal Child Health Services. Each session is managed by the Group Facilitator, leaving parents and children to simply participate and enjoy the experience.

All reports moved and accepted Allira/Belinda 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

Moved and seconded Rob/Roger 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 less

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
Seconded

Creditor	Value \$ (> \$2,000)	Description of Goods or Services

13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

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12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 20:56

NEXT MEETING : Monday 15th June via Teams

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

*to be completed by the Council Officer

I, Ram Upadhyaya, accept the following recommendations made by the Rainbow Town Advisory Committee at this meeting held on : 18 May 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 Ram Upadhyaya, 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.

- 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: Ram Upadhyaya

Dated: 01/06/2026