

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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Dimboola Sports Stadium Roof Replacement

Behold the new roof on Dimboola Sports Stadium in the Dimboola Recreation Reserve.

New features include installation of insulation blanket complete with safety mesh and introduction of six industrial grade ventilators to improve ventilation in the stadium in hot days

The work was completed ahead of schedule Friday 04 April 2019 by Horsham based Wades Gas and Paint.







Static Water Supply Point Upgrade – Rainbow Nhill Road

Works funded under the Fire Access Road Subsidy Scheme have begun, with the hardstand base prepared and three 22,500L water tanks delivered. The new bore pump is scheduled to be installed soon to upgrade the water pumping facilities in the area to better cope with emergency situations.

Kerb and Channel works – Horsham Road Dimboola

Works to install kerb and channelling along Horsham Road are progressing well. Works on High Street are almost complete, with shoulder sealing to be completed soon. The Horsham Road section will be installed next, from the roundabout heading towards the Ellerman Street intersection.

	
<p>Sealed Reconstruction – Antwerp Woorak Road</p>	<p>Works are continuing for the sealed reconstruction works along this road, with the next 1.5km section from the Gerang-Glenlee Road intersection having now been sealed. Works will now continue on to a 1km section building from the recently sealed west end.</p>
<p>Planning and Development Update</p>	<p>In the period from 01 July 2018 to 20 March 2019, Council has approved 19 applications, including a permit for the new Bureau of Meteorology weather radar to be located at Rainbow. Currently, Council has 13 active applications, including applications for a Service Station and Convenience Store at Nhill, several subdivisions, general buildings and works, and the ‘Rainbow Enduro’ off road racing event to be held in August.</p>
<p>Rural Tree Trimming</p>	<p>Council has recently engaged the services of contractors to trim overhanging branches along rural roads. These works have already started, with one contractor working on Brentwood Church Road using specialised equipment to make the roadway more open for large machinery and safer for normal traffic. The second contractor is due to begin works in the Netherby area after Easter.</p> 

<p>Plant Replacement Program</p>	<p>Council has recently purchased a new CAT 12m grader for its capital works team. The grader is fully equipped with the latest GPS technology, meaning that works will become more accurate and efficient. The grader was funded under Council's 2018/2019 Plant Replacement Program. Under this program, Council has also purchased a new Toro lawnmower for our Nhill Parks and Gardens staff.</p>  
<p>Flood Recovery Works Update</p>	<p>Final inspections are about to commence for the completion of Package 1, with works for Packages 2 and 3 now commencing along H Binns Road, B Binns Road and Angle Road.</p>
<p>Dimboola Library</p>	<p>The tender for the construction of the Dimboola Library extension was awarded at Council's 10 April Council meeting. Council is currently preparing the contractual agreement and it is anticipated that works will commence in early June 2019. Construction is expected to take 6 – 8 months. Victorian Government's Minister for Local Government, the Hon Adem Somyurek will be in Dimboola on Thursday 16 May to perform a sod turning ceremony for the new building.</p> <p>Below – an artist's impression of the new Library.</p>



Nhill Skate Park

Construction of the new Nhill Skate Park is complete following additional landscaping that was carried out after the Easter break. The skate park is located at the popular Jaypex Park and will provide Nhill residents and travellers on the Western Highway with a fantastic recreational facility.

Although the landscaping surrounding the skate park was not completely finished over the Easter period it was available for use and proved to be very popular with a lot of travellers stopping and using it and other facilities at Jaypex Park.

Council is planning an official opening and is waiting on details of potential dates.



	
<p>Dimboola Netball Change Rooms</p>	<p>Works on the construction of the new Dimboola Football Netball Club's netball change rooms is progressing well. The main change rooms is a modular building that was constructed in Ballarat and local contractors and volunteers are currently constructing the veranda, deck and all-abilities access ramp and connecting services. It was hoped that the change rooms would be completed and operational for the second round of the Wimmera Football and Netball season but as works are still be carried out it should be available for round 5 on 25 May 2019. Funding for the change rooms has been made available through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Country Football Netball Program, Female Friendly Facilities Fund, Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Dimboola Football Netball Club.</p> 
<p>Rainbow & Jeparit Kindergarten upgrades</p>	<p>Upgrades to the bathrooms at both Rainbow and Jeparit Kindergartens have recently been completed with thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Children's Facilities Capital Program and Hindmarsh Shire Council. New storage cupboards and shelving has also been included in the upgrade which will make it easier and safer for kindergarten staff and children to store early learning equipment away after use.</p>
<p>Hindmarsh first in line for funded 3YO Kindergarten</p>	<p>Hindmarsh Shire Council is one of six local government areas set to benefit from the Victorian Government's introduction of funded 3YO kindergarten. Aiming to deliver up to 15 hours per week for 3 year olds, this will provide children in Hindmarsh with an extra year of play based learning which will ensure our children are provided with the</p>

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	<p>best start to their education possible. To ensure all kindergartens in the Shire are ready, capacity assessments for each site will soon commence. Hindmarsh Shire Council will work with Horsham & District Kindergarten Association to deliver any necessary changes in readiness for the program's introduction in 2019.</p>
Mallee Electorate Candidates Forum	<p>On Monday 15 April 2019, Hindmarsh Shire Council hosted a forum for Mallee electorate candidates in the forthcoming Federal Government election. Eight candidates attended the forum with each providing an overview of their campaign before an informative question and answer session from the floor. Approximately 80 people from the public attended the forum which was facilitated by Wimmera Mail Times Editor Jessica Grumble.</p>