

## COVID-19 Update

Following the further easing of restrictions changes have been made to Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries. Our Nhill Customer Service centre is now open to members of the public from Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm. Our Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow Libraries and Customer Service centres have also opened, you can find out the opening hours later in this newsletter or by visiting our Libraries page on Council's website [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/libraries).

Council are currently finalising building works to establish the Jeparit library branch and awaiting an energy rating for Rainbow library so the building permit can be applied for. Mini libraries will operate from Council's Jeparit and Rainbow Customer Service Centres until the building works are completed. The Nhill Cinema will re-open in the new year.

## News

### Swimming Pools Open

With the weather starting to warm up, it's time to start heading to your local swimming pool. Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola swimming pools are ready and will be open from 2:00pm Saturday 21 November 2020.

Unfortunately the Nhill pool opening was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances but it opened on Saturday 28 November, 2020.

We look forward to enjoying this swimming season and thank our contractors for running the pools!

You can contact your local pool as follows:

Dimboola swimming pool (Lloyd St)  
Michael & Lisa Polycarpou  
Ph: 0434 557 919

Rainbow swimming pool (Park St)  
Kathryn Klemm Ph: 0427 340 156

Jeparit swimming pool (Sands Ave)  
Kerry Coyne Ph: 0400 301 219

Nhill swimming pool (Whitehead Ave)  
Garry Salt Ph: 03 53914444

Pools will be generally open Monday-Friday from 3:30pm – 6:30pm, and Saturday, Sunday and school holidays 2:00pm – 7:00pm. Contact your local pool operators for variations to opening times, special events and season tickets.

At each of our pools, the facilities are outdoors. Nhill swimming pool, has a solar heated 25m x 12.5m six lane pool, a learners/hydro pool and a beach entry play pool.

(cont) Dimboola has a solar heated 50m x 13m size lane pool, a toddlers pool. Rainbow has a solar heated 25m T shaped six lane pool, toddlers pool. Jeparit has a solar heated 20m x 9m pool, a toddlers pool. All facilities have plenty of seating and shaded picnic areas along with toilet/shower amenities.

### Nhill Swimming Pool



### Dimboola Swimming Pool



### Rainbow Swimming Pool



### Jeparit Swimming Pool

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For further information please phone Garry Salt, Coordinator Facilities Environment, at the Nhill office on 03 5391 4444.

### Annual Statutory Meeting

At Hindmarsh Shire Council's Annual Statutory Meeting on Wednesday 18 November 2020 we welcomed our new Councillors for 2020-2024 and elected our next Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the next 12 months.

We welcome back past Councillors, Cr Debra Nelson, Cr Rob Gersch and Cr Ron Ismay, and welcome new Councillors, Cr Brett Ireland and Cr Melanie Albrecht.

Cr Ismay has been elected Mayor for the next 12 months and Cr Albrecht has been elected Deputy Mayor.



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## News (continued)

(cont) Each year the Municipal Association of Victoria present service awards to Councillors. Hindmarsh Shire Councillors, Cr Robert Gersch received an award for 35 Years as a councillor and Cr Ron Ismay received an award for 15 years. Past Councillor, David Colbert also received an award for 20 years.



### New Rainbow Library Update

A new library service for Rainbow is one step closer, with design of the new Rainbow Library now complete. The plans will shortly be submitted as a part of the building permit application process which is expected to be finalised before the end of this year.



You can read more about this on our website [here](https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news) <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news>.

### Meals On Wheels Volunteers Needed

Do you want to make a difference in the community? Do you like helping others?

Hindmarsh Shire Council are currently looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels on a roster system in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.

For more information, please contact Kelsey or Sharyn on 5391 4444.

### Support Local Businesses

With Christmas just around the corner and restrictions easing now is the time to support your local businesses and shop local! We have many wonderful businesses throughout Hindmarsh shire, so think local first.

### Cinema Opening in 2021

Plans are in progress to reopen the Nhill Cinema in the late half of January 2021.

The cinema will celebrate its reopening with a school holiday double feature, and hopes to have regular screenings from then on.

We are currently in contact with our distributors to secure films for the event, and hope to obtain previously unreleased titles. With the worldwide postponement of film production this year, new films that have not been already released via streaming services are hard to come by, but we are looking into suitable options.

These plans are, of course, dependent on COVID-19 restrictions as we move into the New Year, but we hope by late January that restrictions will ease sufficiently enough for us to allow larger audiences into the cinema. See you at the movies next year!



For more info contact Matt Sherwell, Community Development Officer, on 5391 4444.

### Libraries Open

The State Government allowed regional libraries to open again in October and since then, we have received many existing and new members to Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

Nhill Library has seen 214 people through the door by the end of November and Dimboola Library and Customer Service Centre has seen 207 people through the new building.

You can visit any of our library branches, contact us via phone, or email [libraries@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraries@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au).

### Rainbow Micro Library & Customer Service Centre

Federal Street, Rainbow 3424  
5391 4451  
Wednesday 2pm - 5pm  
Friday 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

### Jeparit Micro Library & Customer Service Centre

10 Roy Street, Jeparit 3423  
5391 4450  
Monday 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Wednesday 9am - 12pm

### Dimboola Library & Customer Service Centre

101 Lloyd St, Dimboola 3414  
5391 4452  
Wi-Fi available  
Tuesday 2pm - 5pm  
Wednesday 2pm - 5pm  
Thursday 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Friday 2pm - 5pm

### Nhill Library Hours

5 Clarence Street, Nhill 3418  
5391 4449  
Wi-Fi available  
Tuesday 2pm - 5pm  
Wednesday 2pm - 5pm  
Thursday 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Friday 2pm - 5pm

While micro libraries are operating in Jeparit and Rainbow until Council finalise building works, borrowers can still access items from any of the Hindmarsh Shire Libraries and from other libraries across the State of Victoria, via the Libraries Victoria consortia (formerly SWIFT).

Should you require any assistance to place holds on items from another library service, please do not hesitate to contact any of your Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

### Dimboola Library / Dimboola Community Civic Hub and Dimboola Visitor Node

With the construction of the new Dimboola Library now completed, other works are in progress as part of the redevelopment of the precinct.

Removal of asphalt from the former car park has begun in preparation for the commencement of the landscaping of the Dimboola Visitor Node as part of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail.



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The public amenities block that was located between the old and the new Libraries has been demolished to make way for the establishment of a multi-use courtyard that will be utilised by library patrons, people using the redeveloped old library that will become the Dimboola Community Civic Hub and the public.



Above – location of new courtyard.

Refurbishment of the former library and customer service centre, (also referred to as the Old Shire Hall) is progressing well with works expected to be completed by the end of December 2020 or early January 2021.

The refurbished building will become the Dimboola Community and Civic Hub and will be utilised for meetings, exhibitions and displays, small functions, business training etc.



### Jeparit Library

The redevelopment of the Jeparit Memorial Hall has commenced which will see the refurbishment of the Council Customer Service Centre and the Senior Citizens room into the Jeparit Library.

### Rainbow Female Change Rooms

A contract has been awarded for detailed designs of the new female change rooms at the Rainbow Recreation Reserve to be developed. It is expected that tenders for the construction will be called in February / March 2021.

### Maintenance Works Update

The Nhill team have been working on a footpath maintenance, gravel road grading in the Yanac area, profiling and patching GWM main breaks around town and edge repairs for VicRoads.



Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola teams have one grader busy in the Antwerp area and then moving onto VicRoads work on the Nhill-Netherby Road. With plans to be moving to Rainbow prior to Christmas and start working on the school bus route roads before school goes back next year.

Parks and gardens staff are busy watering trees, tidying garden beds and keeping up with all the mowing following the recent rains!

### Llew Schillings Silo Project in Rainbow

The Victorian Government has announced an investment to upgrade the Mallee Silo Art Trail which will include major works at Llew Schillings Silo in Rainbow.

Hindmarsh Shire Council have been working closely with Llew Schilling and Visit Victoria over the past two years to develop plans to create a silo art experience unlike anything seen before. The flat front wall, unique to this silo, will be utilized for projections and there are further plans for accessing the inside of the silo for an internal mural. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the inside of a silo plus access to the planned viewing platform at the top giving commanding views over Rainbow and the Mallee landscape.

### Construction Works Update

The construction team have been

(cont) undertaking a sealed road reconstruction on Block 40 Rd Broughton. The project aims to increase safety at a bend that is currently in poor condition.

The team have also been undertaking a sealed road reconstruction project on Lorquon Rd Jeparit which aims to increase safety at a bend as well as upgrading narrow seal near the Nhill-Jeparit Rd intersection.

Charles St Jeparit is almost finalised, which replaced old Kerb and Channel and improved the beautification of the street this included sealing of the shoulders recently undertaken.

### Welfare Checks

Council staff have continued undertaking welfare checks on residents in the community who have been identified by Council, Community members or family members as vulnerable during the COVID -19 pandemic.

Calls have been well received with residents enjoying the opportunity to talk to someone during business hours, which can be the loneliest part of the day for many. The checks also allow Council to identify residents who require a little extra assistance at the moment and connect those residents with support.

### Private Works

Would you like your rural driveway graded or improved? Council can also supply limestone or sandstone for any works around the farm.

Council's Works Department is multi-skilled and can operate a variety of plant and equipment including graders, rollers, water trucks and cartage trucks. In addition, Council operates a number of sandstone quarries and two recently commissioned limestone quarries.

If you would like further information on these services, or a quotation, please contact our infrastructure administration staff on 03 5391 4444 or via [info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au).

## Work in Council - Positions Vacant

- Casual Cleaner - Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park  
Closes 16 December 2020 at 12noon.

If you would like to join our team or find out more information, visit <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council>