



Hindmarsh Shire Council | WDA Report


July 2020



Nhill Customer Service Office	<p>With the increasing cases in Victoria of coronavirus and the tightening of some COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the previously announced general opening to the public of Hindmarsh Shire customer service centres and libraries will be deferred until further notice.</p> <p>From Monday 22 June 2020, the Nhill customer service centre will remain open, for appointments only, with hours extended to 9am – 12noon and 2pm – 4pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>Our customer service telephone lines (03 5391 4444) have reopened from 9am until 5pm Monday to Friday from Wednesday 17 June 2020.</p>
Rainbow, Jeparit and Dimboola Customer Service Offices	<p>The timing of the re-opening of Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola customer services centres and the opening of the new Hindmarsh Libraries services in Nhill, Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola will be reviewed on a regular basis, with the aim of opening in mid to late July 2020.</p> <p>While the Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola Offices are closed to the public, mail can still be delivered to these locations and is collected on a regular basis and brought back to Nhill for processing.</p>
Temperature Checks	<p>In addition to a hand sanitising station, and other precautionary measures to protect the community and staff. Council will now be undertaking temperature checks using digital thermometers. Community members who have made appointments and staff coming into Council offices and libraries will have their temperature checked at the front entrance. Anyone with a high temperature will be asked a couple of questions and have their temperature checked after a few minutes. High temperature is one of the key symptoms with COVID-19.</p>  A photograph showing a man in a dark suit using a digital thermometer to check the forehead temperature of a woman wearing a high-visibility yellow vest. They are in a modern office or library setting with desks and a 'STOP' sign on a table.
Council 2020/2021 Budget adopted	<p>At the Council meeting held on 24 June 2020 Council resolved to adopt the 2020/2021 budget.</p>

	<p>Council received 5 submissions in relation to the budget.</p> <p>Changes to the draft budget following the Federal Government's announcement of Local Roads and Infrastructure funding allowed council to bring forward projects from 2021/2022.</p> <p>Council allocated the Locals Roads and Infrastructure funding towards the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perenna Road Intersection • Sailsbury Woorak Road • Kiata South Road • Woorak Ni Ni Lorquon Road • Lake Street Rainbow Footpath • Davis Park Sporting Precint. <p>Council was also able to bring forward works on Anderson Street, Dimboola from 2021/2022 to 2020/21.</p> <p>2020 is an exciting time for the Hindmarsh community as we build upon existing library services and move towards a library service that can represent and respond to the changing needs and aspirations of our community. The current mobile library services in Jeparit and Rainbow will be replaced with buildings accessible for the whole community providing an increased service level from 2 hours in Jeparit and 2½ hours in Rainbow per fortnight to 1½ days per week in each town. The Dimboola library is expect to be completed in mid July and planning will be undertaken in 2020/21 for future renovations at the Nhill Library.</p> <p>Work will continue on the Wimmera River Discovery Trail. Landscaping will be undertaken at both the Dimboola and Jeparit visitor nodes, and the swimming hole at Jeparit will have improvements to allow easier access to the river. Jeparit visitor node will also see the installation of a camp kitchen and amenities.</p> <p>Capital works of \$7.160m will be undertaken in 2020/21 including \$3.33m for Roads, \$0.195m for footpaths, \$0.053m for drainage, and \$0.655m for buildings.</p> <p>The budget balances the need to maintain existing infrastructure, particularly our extensive road network, whilst funding new projects that improve the liveability of our Shire and build a strong future.</p>
<p>Work in Council</p>	<p>Positions vacant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service/Library Officer (Casual) Applications close 8 July 2020. • Community Care Position Applications ongoing <p>If you would like to join our team or find out more information, visit https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council</p>

Kindergarten Services Provider rebranding	<p>Hindmarsh kindergarten services provider, Horsham and District Kindergarten Association (HDKA) will be changing its trading name as of 1 July 2020 and will begin to trade as Emerge Early Years Services (EEYS).</p> <p>HDKA provide services across Northern Grampians, Hindmarsh and Horsham and districts providing both kindergarten and long day care services. The new name better reflects what HDKA do and allows for potential growth and direction of the organisation.</p>
Dimboola Early Learning Centre Expansion Project	<p>Works to increase capacity at Dimboola Early Learning Centre are almost finished, with contractors expected to complete the project by the end of the School Holidays.</p> <p>Plazzer Builders Pty. Ltd. have undertaken works to transform a storeroom into a new children's bathroom and an office space in to a new Sleep Room in order to support an increased capacity for students at the centre.</p> <p>Additionally, the installation of a small kitchenette and the development of a new 'wet area' within the play space, will allow for Kindergarten and Childcare services to be offered from the updated area.</p> <p>Funded by the Victorian Government's Children's Facilities Capital Grants program and Hindmarsh Shire Council this project will help to support additional enrolments in expanded services at the centre.</p> 

	
<p>Nhill Early Years Centre Expansion Project</p>	<p>A project to expand capacity at the Nhill Early Years Centre has been awarded to Nhill builder Leyonhjelm Building Services. The work will see an existing outdoor area (under the roofline of the main building) converted to internal space, with access provided to adjacent learning spaces. This will provide greater flexibility for the delivery of services, with the opportunity to increase the internal space available for increased class sizes.</p> <p>In order to minimise service disruption, commencement of this project will be delayed until Term 3 holidays beginning in mid-September. This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government’s Children’s Facilities Capital Grants program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.</p>
<p>Dimboola Community and Civic Precinct Landscaping Plans</p>	<p>With the first stage of the new Dimboola Library, Council customer service centre and new public amenities almost being completed, plans are being finalised for the next stages to complete the Dimboola Community and Civic Precinct.</p> <p>The next stage of the project will include the landscaping of the former car park area and the refurbishment of the existing Dimboola Library Customer Service Centre.</p> <p>Landscaping of the former car park area will incorporate the establishment of lawn open space areas, construction of pathways, planting of appropriate trees, shrubs, plants and grasses, installation of seating and picnic tables.</p> <p>Funding for the Dimboola Community and Civic Precinct has been provided by the Victorian Government, Federal Government, DELWP and Hindmarsh Shire Council.</p>



Council meetings are online

Council meetings will continue to be held at Nhill Memorial Community Centre and live streamed until after the council elections due in October 2020. Until further notice, members of the public will not be able to attend in person, except where there is a statutory entitlement to make a submission to Council. In such cases (for example council budget submissions), community members will be able to attend only for the duration of their submission.

Community members wishing to ask questions at council meetings may do so, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the council meeting. Both the question and answer will be read out at the meeting. Questions may be submitted by mail, email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or delivered in person to a council customer centre but are limited to 100 words including any pre-amble. Offensive, trivial and repetitive questions or questions which have been recently answered may be excluded at the discretion of the Mayor.



24 June 2020 Council meeting in action

Maintenance Teams Works Update

Council’s maintenance crews have recently been grading along Tarranyurk East, as well as installing culverts on Glenlee Lorquon Road and Tarranyurk West Road.




The Nhill crews have been working on the VicRoads contract works, 14km resheet on shoulder along the Nhill Yanac Road and edge repairs, Nhill Propodollah fixing shoulders with material. They have also been working on footpath maintenance, in particular repairing areas where concrete has moved, and trialling the use of a new product. MG Krete is recommended as the most time and cost effective concrete repair option compared to traditional methods.

MG KRETE TRIP HAZARD REPAIR. BEFORE & AFTER.




Our parks and gardens teams have been busy around our towns, getting garden beds back into shape, and setting a record new time for getting works completed, having pruned 150 rose bushes in just one day!

	
<p>Strategic Tree Planting</p>	<p>Strategic tree plantings are just beginning with more to follow in the coming weeks. This is in line with proactive tree planting guided by Council’s 2018 Street and Reserve Tree Strategy. The strategy is intended to provide the basis for why trees are important in our towns, an assessment of the current status in 2018 of the urban tree population and ideas and opportunities for both managing these trees better and encouraging the planting of new ones. It is a longer term strategy to help focus existing operational programs and to maximise Council’s budgets with evidence based decision making.</p> <p>In addition to the proactive plantings there are reactive plantings. These are requests by our customers throughout 2019-20 to have their nature strip site assessed for the suitability of getting new nature strip trees.</p> <p>Stay tuned for an update next month and more trees in our towns!</p>
<p>Construction Works Charles Street Jeparit Update</p>	<p>The team have completed the underground drainage on the North side of Charles Street from Tullyvea to Hindmarsh Streets. They are busy now establishing storm water pipes under Charles Street to connect the North and South drainage systems together. It is estimated that 80% of the underground and storm water pits have now been completed.</p>



Kerb trenching on the North side has also begun this week ready for the new Kerb and Channel to be installed, which with any luck will start later next week (weather depending).

	 <p>As you can see from the photos the team have encountered ground water seepage in the kerb bed, so they are now busy altering plans to include agg pipe to collect and distribute the ground water into the newly constructed storm water pipes.</p> <p>The team on-site have also said that the residents have been very understanding and helpful so far during these works, with many giving positive comments that they can't wait to have a "NEW STREET".</p>
<p>Animal Registration Renewals</p>	<p>Animal registrations were due on 31 May 2020, following Council providing an extension to residents from 10 April 2020. There are still approximately 400 outstanding overdue registrations and we encourage animal owners to make payment to avoid late fees or infringements being issued for unregistered animals.</p> <p>You will see on your notices that you now have an option to pay your Animal registration renewal with BPay.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that if you have multiple animals and wish to pay with BPay, you must enter an individual payment for each animal using the specific reference number on each notice.</p> <p>If you have moved or your animal's circumstances have changed, please let us know. For more information or if you have any questions, please call our friendly customer service team on (03) 5391 4444.</p>
<p>Planning and Development Update</p>	<p>Town planning in Hindmarsh over the last six months has seen the approval of the following types of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subdivisions to realign boundaries (Tarranyurk, Kiata and Nhill) • Boundary fence in ESO Overlay in Nhill • Place of Assembly for Pop-Up Park in Dimboola • Dwelling in Farming Zone • Extension to dwelling in Dimboola

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of a native vegetation in Dimboola and Rainbow-Nhill Rd. • Extraction of Honey in Dimboola • Installation of a shade sail at the Lutheran School Nhill • Rainbow Rises 240 Off Road Racing Event <p>It is also interesting to note that over the past 5 months the Planning Department has responded to more than 100 calls requesting planning advice.</p> <p>When calling for advice it is paramount that you provide an address and as many other details of the proposal as possible.</p> <p>The advice provided will be general in nature.</p> <p>If more specific advice is required, it is best to complete a 'Request for Planning Advice' form which can be located on our website. There is a fee of \$140 associated with this form however following assessment of the information the advice will be provided in writing.</p>
<p>Local Laws Focus Continues</p>	<p>The follow is a summary of activities continuing to be enforced by Local Laws this month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Illegal parking of vehicles in areas such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disable Parking Only areas, b. Footpaths, nature reserves and driveways, and c. School Crossing zones. <p>The monitoring and enforcement of the Road Safety Road Rules 2017 has been in response to a spike in complaints from residents and the general public about having to step onto the roadway due to vehicles blocking the walkway access. This can be extremely dangerous for small children and the elderly. Council has also received numerous complaints regarding drivers parking in Disabled Zones with no permit displayed in the vehicle. This is preventing people with a genuine medical reason from parking in these areas and causing them to travel further to get to their chosen destination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Illegal collection of roadside timber. Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No 2 OF 2014, Part 9 Division 9.3, Section 949 states that <i>unless with a permit a person must not collect wood on Council roadsides.</i> Permits can be obtained by contacting customer services on 03 53914444. 3. Illegal roadside burning on Road Reserves. Council has started receiving complaints regarding the burning of roadside reserves on some of our rural roads. Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No 2 OF 2014, Part 9 Division 9.3, Section 950 states that <i>no person without a permit shall carry out any cultivation or burning work on any Council controlled road reserve.</i> 4. Local Laws Officers are currently investigating three (3) serious dog attacks within the Shire. Council would like to remind all dog

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	owners that it is an offence to allow dogs to wander at large in public places or to wander at large without supervision.
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