

# Hindmarsh Shire Council Newsletter

## November 2020



## COVID-19 Update

As of 11:59pm 18 October 2020, some restrictions eased for Regional Victoria's third step. Hindmarsh Shire Libraries and Customer Service centres have re-opened their doors to members of the public for the following hours:

### Nhill Library & Dimboola Library/Customer Service

Tuesday: 2pm - 5pm  
Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm  
Thursday: 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Friday: 2pm - 5pm

### Jeparit Library/Customer Service

Monday 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Wednesday 9am - 12pm

### Rainbow Library/Customer Service

Wednesday 2pm - 5pm  
Friday 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

### Nhill Customer Service Centre

Monday to Friday  
9am - 5pm

Halls and the Nhill cinema will remain closed as under the third step indoor venues are to be closed.

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### 2021 Australia Day Nominations Now Open

The Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding community service to the Hindmarsh Shire community during the current year and/or outstanding service to the community over a number of years. The Awards are provided by the Australia Day Committee (Victoria) and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout Australia.

Nominations for the 2021 Australia Day Awards are now open and being called for:

- 2021 Hindmarsh Shire Citizen of the Year
- 2021 Hindmarsh Shire Young Citizen of the Year
- 2021 Hindmarsh Shire Community Event of the Year

To submit your nomination online, print a nomination form or for more information, please visit Council's website here <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/australia-day-awards>.

Nominations close at 5:00pm, **Friday 27 November 2020**.

### Support Local Businesses

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

### Upcoming Public Holidays

Just in case you missed it, all towns within Hindmarsh Shire will observe the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 3 November 2020. All Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be closed on this day.

### Dimboola Community Civic Hub

Work is well underway to refurbish Dimboola's circa 1860's built Old Shire Hall that until recently housed the Dimboola Library and Council Customer Service Centre.

When refurbishment is completed, the building will transform into the Dimboola Community Civic Hub that will be linked to the new Dimboola Library / Council Customer Service Centre.

The Dimboola Community Civic Hub will become a multi-purpose facility that will be available for corporate and community meetings and training, exhibitions, trade shows, business development programs and displays, etc.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



### Jeparit Service Centre & Library Upgrade

Works have commenced on the upgrade to Council's Jeparit Customer Service Centre, located at the Jeparit Hall in

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This project will see several areas transformed with a completely new customer service area providing a significant office upgrade and a new library service to be incorporated in to the Jeparit Senior Citizens Room (as a shared space). The popular Billiard table will also be retained, with a protective cover to be installed to protect the table when operating as a Library facility.

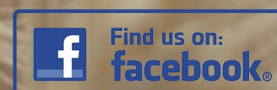
The Customer Service Centre and Library will be accessed via a new all abilities accessible ramp and deck leading to an auto door entry on the south west side of the building.

A new kitchenette, upgraded heating and cooling and extensive electrical works will also be completed as a component of the project which is being undertaken by local builder Leyonhjelm Building Services.

This project has been made possible through funding from the Victorian Government's Living Libraries program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



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### Dimboola Library Update

The new Dimboola Library has been completed and doors were opened to members of the public on Tuesday 20 October.

For those who haven't had a chance to drop in and have a look, here's a sneak peek below.

We are really looking forward to welcoming people into the new library.



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### Nhill Library Update

New carpet has been installed throughout the Nhill library during the closure, instantly increasing the overall appearance of the space. Shelving from the old Dimboola Library has been installed into the Nhill Library and furniture has been rearranged to create a larger open space for future activities.



### Albacutya Bridge

Hindmarsh Shire Council has recently received funding from the Federal Government under Round 5 of the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and Round 7 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSP).

Amongst twenty projects across the Mallee that received funding, Council has received funding of \$2 million for the upgrade of Albacutya Bridge and Albacutya Road. Funding will allow for a new dual carriage way bridge with a total project cost of \$4.15m including \$1.3m from the state government.

Council has been advocating for a number of years for the upgrade to Albacutya bridge following an engineer's report deeming the bridge unsuitable for vehicles over 15 tonnes.



### Upgrade Completed at Dimboola Early Learning Centre

Internal upgrades have been completed at Dimboola Early Learning Centre which will help to meet increased demand for early year's services as enrolments continue to grow.

A reshuffle of service locations within the centre will help meet future needs, with a previously underutilised space repurposed for childcare services. A project delivering a new kitchenette, bathroom and sleep room has been now been completed along with the relocation of the Maternal Child Health office (still within the same building).

The changes provide greater flexibility for Hindmarsh Shire's early years' service provider Emerge to deliver both 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs for Dimboola.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government's Children's Facilities Capital Program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

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### Upgrade Underway at Nhill Early Years Centre

Contractors have almost completed works at the Nhill Early Years Centre on a project that will provide greater flexibility for service provider Emerge Early Years Services.

This project encloses a little used outdoor space to provide an additional indoor area, which will support increased capacity in adjacent kindergarten and childcare rooms. It will also provide the opportunity to create a new sleep room as the need arises.



(cont) Funding for this project has been provided by the Victorian Government's Children's Facilities Capital Program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



### Wimmera River Discovery Trail and Development Update

The Wimmera River Discovery Trail has a number of aspects that all link to each other to establish the trail. Nodes will be developed at Dimboola and Jeparit, with a pedestrian bridge on the northern end of the trail near Lake Hindmarsh.

Council has established a project-working group to oversee the project while at the same time; an external project-working group consisting of key stakeholders including BGLC, Parks Vic, DELWP and WCMA was also established.

Council officers have been undertaking Cultural Heritage Management Plans with external stakeholders, and have completed on site assessments of the trail infrastructure requirements.

A budget of \$1.2M has been allocated to establish the Wimmera River Discovery Trail which will be a 63km trail along the corridor of the Wimmera River from Dimboola to Lake Hindmarsh via Jeparit. Works are expected to be completed by 31 December 2021.

Funding of \$600,000 has been received from the Federal Governments Building Better Regions Program, \$400,000 from the Victorian Government's Regional Partnerships and an allocation of \$200,000 from Council.

### Additional Tree Plantings

Tree plantings planned for years 3 and 4 as part of Council's 2018 Street and Reserve Tree Strategy, have been brought forward while additional resources, such as the working for Victoria staff are available and budget allows.

206 additional new trees have been planted across Rainbow, Jeparit, Nhill and Dimboola in recent weeks making a total of approximately 320 new trees planted this financial year.



### Construction Works Update

The construction team have completed all underground drainage and concreting works in Charles Street Jeparit and are now waiting for more favourable weather conditions so the parking lanes can be prepped and sealed.

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## Work in Council - Positions Vacant

- Contracts and Procurement Officer, closes Wednesday 18 November 2020
- Plant Operator/Labourer, closes Wednesday 18 November 2020

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



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The concrete crew have moved to Lake Street Rainbow where they are installing a new concrete footpath from Taverner St to Railway St on the North side, while also completing some sundry debtor works in Dimboola.

The new concrete footpath on Lake St Rainbow, between Railway St and Taverner Street will improve links for pedestrians removing the need for them to walk on the grass or finding an alternative route.



Grader crews have been busy completing a new road and carpark for the Albcutyta Silo art trail and also concreting some pram crossings at the intersection of McPhersons and Campbell streets Nhill.



Rohde and Croots roads have been re-sheeted along with the Diapur road shoulders on Easticks Hill, all of which received 100mm of new gravel.



Quarry raising has been going well with 20,000m<sup>3</sup> raised at the Gerang quarry while another 20,000m<sup>3</sup> is underway at Robinsons quarry near Rainbow.

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Works on Pigick Bus Route Road is finished and sealed. Two small sections were repaired returning to a 4m wide seal. These works are near Schillings Rd intersection.



Pigick Bus Route Rd (above).

### Planning and Development Update

Since July of this year the Planning Department has received the following Permit Applications:

- 6 x subdivisions
- Rainbow Library & Customer Service Centre
- Amendment to Dimboola Library Permit
- Silo Art – Albcutyta
- Construction of dwelling in the farming zone
- Multi-unit development and subdivision
- Construction of hay shed
- Change of Use – Commercial to General Residential
- GWM Water Decommissioning of Channel Structures
- Limestone Quarry
- 2 x sheds
- Swimming Pool
- Animal Husbandry – keeping of multiple dogs

For the same period the Department has issued:

- Rainbow Library & Customer Service Centre
- Silo Art - Albcutyta
- 2 x subdivisions
- 1 x hay shed

It is also interesting to note that over the past 3 months the Planning Department has responded to more than 100 calls requesting planning advice.

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When calling for advice it is paramount that you provide an address and as many other details of the proposal as possible.

The advice provided will be general in nature.

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 \$150 associated with this form however, following assessment of the information the advice will be provided in writing.

### 2021 Youth Council Nominations Now Open

Nominations for the 2021 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council are now open. Youth aged between 12 and 25 years who genuinely want to change young peoples' experiences within the community are encouraged to apply. Nominations are open from Monday 26 October 2020 and close at 5pm on Monday 16 November 2020.

Lani Elliott, West Ward Youth Councillor (2019 and 2020) said being part of the Youth Council has changed her life. "Joining Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council was one of the best decisions I've made. I truly think this is a wonderful opportunity for youth to be part of." Lani explained that the Youth Council gave her the chance to talk about what is important to her and give her the courage to face challenges and overcome obstacles with the support of good friends.

Youth Council aspirants must live, work or attend school within the Hindmarsh Shire municipality. Application forms, additional information and consent forms can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au); the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council Facebook page, or collected from current youth councillors at your local secondary schools or Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centres in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow. Candidates must complete an application and consent form, and submit an online or printed version to Hindmarsh Shire Office or Customer Service Centres before 5pm Monday 16 November 2020. For further information, please contact Gaby Castro, Community Development Officer, on 03 5391 4444 or email [gcastro@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:gcastro@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au)

