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CONGRATULATIONS LUCY

On Wednesday 28 July 2021, former Nhill resident Lucy Stephan, along with her Rowing team Rosemary Popa, Jessica Morrison and Annabelle McIntyre competed in the Tokyo Olympics resulting in taking home Gold!

Hindmarsh Shire Councillors, staff and community members congratulate Lucy Stephan and the rest of her Women's Coxless Fours team on their winning performance!

COUNCIL MEETING

A Council meeting was held on Wednesday 4 August 2021. You can watch it back on our Council Facebook page or read the minutes on Councils website here:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

The next Council meeting will be held on 8 September 2021, commencing at 3:00pm.

LEVEL-UP GAMING EVENT NHILL

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
27 August 2021 – 5-9pm

The Level-Up Gaming Event is coming to Nhill. They have an amazing variety of new and vintage consoles and games as well as virtual reality!

This event is being funded by FReeZA. FReeZA is a Victorian Government Initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, alcohol and

smoke-free events for other young people. This event is for **12-25 years only** and will be fully supervised. We'll be running a bus from Rainbow, Jeparit and Dimboola so that more people can attend the event.

Bookings are essential and can be completed online by visiting www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/up-coming-events.

If you would like more information, please call our Customer Service Team on 03 5391 4444.

**SENIORS CONCERT 2021 –
SAVE THE DATE**

The Seniors Concert is coming back again for 2021! This year's concert will be featuring Creedence Clearwater Survival.

Thursday 7 October 2021

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Time to be confirmed

Transport from Rainbow, Jeparit and Dimboola will be arranged. More details are to come.

NHILL CINEMA

Nhill Cinema is hosting monthly Classic Matinees. Held on Tuesday morning from 10am, join us for morning tea and a movie. Classic Matinees will be held free of charge and have been funded by the State Government's CASI initiative. Pre-bookings are preferred.

Gallipoli

Tuesday 24 August 2021
Morning Tea – 10am
Film Screening – 10:30am

To Kill a Mockingbird

Tuesday 21 September 2021
Morning Tea – 10am
Film Screening – 10:30am

The Philadelphia Story

Tuesday 19 October 2021
Morning Tea – 10am
Film Screening – 10:30am

On Golden Pond

Tuesday 23 November 2021
Morning Tea – 10am

Film Screening – 10:30am

Jedda (rescreening)

Tuesday 7 December 2021
Morning Tea – 10am
Film Screening – 10:30am

FREE ENTRY

Morning tea provided prior to screenings

Pre-bookings are preferred.
Please call 03 5391 4444.

**RAINBOW DESERT ENDURO
RETURNS IN 2021**

Victoria's only round of the Australian Off Road Championship returns to Rainbow in late August 2021 with the 4th running of the Rainbow Desert Enduro.

Set to take place from August 27 - 29, the event will see Australia's best off road racers complete multiple laps of the 77km course on the outskirts of Rainbow. The race pits teams against each other and the course as they race to see who will be crowned the Rainbow Desert Enduro Champion in 2021.

Drivers will experience a challenging switchback short course at Rainbow Rises Reserve before heading bush on a mix of gravel roads, muddy farmland, creeks and desert dunes. On their way back to Rainbow. Entry check and scrutineering get underway on the Friday afternoon with qualifying and racing across Saturday and Sunday.

**FREE GREEN WASTE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Hindmarsh Shire rubbish tips will allow residents to drop off green waste free of charge for the month of September 2021. The spring weather not only improves our wellbeing, but is a great

opportunity for residents to clean up their properties prior to the fire danger period commencing.

For more information on out tip opening hours, visit Council's website here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling

Please note opening times may be impacted by changing COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information, please contact Garry Salt, Coordinator Facilities and Environment on 0427 319 529 or email gsalt@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

HAVE YOUR SAY



HINDMARSH SHIRE LIBRARIES SATISFACTION SURVEY

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries would like to hear from you. This is your chance to tell us what more you would like from your local Library service. The Library survey measures satisfaction with our equipment, facilities, collections and services. Your honest feedback allows us to identify areas or services that need improvement. It's Hindmarsh Shire Council's way of building a better library service.

You can complete the survey online by visiting Council's website here www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say.

Alternatively, a copy of the survey has been attached to the back of this newsletter.

The Hindmarsh Shire Library Satisfaction Survey will close at **5:00pm on 31 August 2021**.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The 2021 Youth Council are proving themselves to be an incredible group of young leaders. On Wednesday 7 July 2021, a number of the Youth Councillors presented to Council on issues

important to young people in Hindmarsh Shire.

Alexis Bone discussed the ideas that came out of Youth Council's discussion on the Council Plan and the upcoming new Youth Strategy, noting that local entertainment and events, mental health and wellbeing, identity and body image and drug use and abuse were the four key issues that came out of the youth consultation. Youth Council will work with Council's Youth Officer to develop strategies and solutions for these issues to include in the Youth Strategy.

Natalie Jenns and Leilani Elliot discussed Youth Spaces, and how Youth Council are working with the Youth Officer and Coordinator of Library Services to create youth friendly 'hang out' spaces in our public libraries. Leilani and Natalie discussed that it is important that Council work closely with Youth to ensure these spaces reflect youth culture and interests.

Tarah Bond and Alissa Treney discussed events, sharing with Council both the events and workshops they would like to organise and participate in, but also how they are going to seek feedback from their peers around what the wants and needs of the youth community are.

Alissa Treney and Tessa Leach then talked about Youth Council's logo and marketing, discussing the importance for young people that we create a brand/image that they connect with and is reflective of their interests. Youth Council proposed that we redesign the Youth Council logo to fit in with a broader redevelopment of Youth events and social media marketing.

Youth Council will meet in early August to discuss and plan and upcoming FreeZA event in the September/October School Holidays.



ARKONA SILO TO JOIN SILO ART TRAIL

Arkona Silo, 10km north of Dimboola, will become the second Hindmarsh

Shire silo to join the Silo Art Trail. In December 2020, the State Government announced a funding package of \$4.9m to implement the first round of priority projects from the Silo art extension project – Priority investments overview report developed for Regional Development Victoria. \$120,000 of this package was allocated to Hindmarsh Shire for a new Silo Art Trail project at either Arkona or Dimboola.

Arkona will join the completed Albacutya Silo in developing a touring route linking the northern end of the Silo Art Trail in Yarriambiack through to the West Wimmera Silo Art at Kaniva and Goroke.



NHILL LIBRARY UPDATE

Planning and design has commenced for works at the Nhill Library, with a revised layout proposed set to deliver a more user friendly experience for visitors.

The existing office at the entry to the building will be repurposed as a new youth space, complete with Xbox, TV and couches to give local youth a 'hang out' space. The Library Customer Service desk will be relocated to the main Library room which will allow for greater interaction between library staff and patrons, making it easier for assistance to be provided. Access to the Library kitchenette will also be easier for all with a new partition wall to be installed to separate the behind the scenes work space from public areas of the library.

This initiative is being funded by the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



RAINBOW LIBRARY UPGRADE

Progress with the new Rainbow Library has experienced a slight delay, with the project being impacted by material shortages that are currently affecting the building industry.

The builder contracted to construct the library has been required to substitute various materials as suppliers put a hold on all new orders. This has then triggered the need for amendments to the building permit which are currently in progress. As a result it is expected the concreter will now be on site in early August to commence preparations for the pouring of the new library concrete slab.

It is still hoped this project, which has been funded by the Victorian Government's Living Libraries funding program and Hindmarsh Shire Council, will still be completed in the early stages of 2022.

JEPARIT SWIMMING HOLE UPGRADE

The current retaining wall structure at the Jeparit Swimming Hole is in poor condition as a result of many years of service with erosion, corrosion and undermining of the system being clearly evident.

The structure has served its purpose and its current condition does not meet the purpose for what it was built for and is in need of reconstruction. It is not user friendly because of the steep nature of the steps and terraces.

The Jeparit Swimming Hole area is to be redeveloped as the Jeparit Visitor Node as part of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail and the design and subsequent redevelopment of the retaining wall is taking further enhancement of the area

into consideration by making it safe, user friendly and aesthetically pleasing.

Following considerations of a number of design options, the redevelopment will incorporate the construction of new and compliant terraced retaining walls that will have a river viewing platform over the top that will be accessible from the current grassed level.

A new set of steps to the river will be constructed and eventually a floating swimming pontoon maybe installed which will be accessed via a hinged walkway that will enable it to raise and fall with the water level of the river.

Council is aiming to hold a community consultation session in the near future to display proposed plans.



RAINBOW LIBRARY PATHWAY TO THE OASIS

Council is currently in the early stages of working with Rainbow's The Oasis Committee to develop a landscaped link between the new Rainbow Library and The Oasis Community Hub. It is hoped the link will help to attract both the local community and tourists to take a short walk beyond the Library, located in Federal St through to The Oasis Community Hub.

It is proposed a greenspace will be developed at the rear of the library, from which pathways will lead to The Oasis. Whilst design is still in development, it is proposed that the majority of the landscaping will be suited to the dry Rainbow environment. The smaller greenspace will however provide some respite during the hot Mallee Summer.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

RAINBOW LAKE PLANNING PROGRESSES

With the recent transfer of site ownership to Council, the Rainbow Lake project continues to progress.

Discussion has been ongoing with VicRoads regarding site access and signage and Council is currently working through requirements in order for site development to commence. Council has secured funding through the Victorian Fisheries Authority for earthworks to create parking space and open up site access.

Funding has been provided for this project from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program to improve the amenity of the site. A BBQ area with shelter, picnic tables and park furniture set to be included in the initial stage of development.

RAINBOW FEMALE FRIENDLY CHANGE ROOMS

The design for the new female friendly change rooms at Rainbow has been submitted for building approval, which it is hoped will be finalised within the next few weeks. Once approved, the project will be advertised for tender and Council will seek to appoint a builder at the end of this period to construct the new change rooms.

Funding for this project has been provided by Sport and Recreation Victoria and Council.

RAINBOW CARAVAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Planning for the redevelopment of the Rainbow Caravan Park is progressing well with Hindmarsh Shire Council and electricity supplier Powercor currently working through the design stage of a power supply upgrade which will increase capacity at the Rainbow Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park.

The power upgrade will be the first stage of a multi-faceted project that will ultimately see the redevelopment of the Rainbow Caravan Park.

HINDMARSH CARAVAN PARK UPGRADES

Council has allocated funding to upgrade the power supply into the Rainbow Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park. The power upgrade will provide sufficient power for future developments including the new joint use change rooms that will be located within the grounds of the caravan park and used by participants utilising the adjacent netball and tennis courts.

Following the development of an initial Master Plan for the Rainbow Recreation Reserve / Caravan Park in 2018/2019, Council endorsed an approach by Wimmera Mallee Tourism in late 2020 to review and redevelopment the Master Plan.

Copies of this Master Plan are now available for viewing and are on public display at Council Customer Service Centres and in various shop front windows throughout Rainbow.

Rainbow residents have been encouraged to provide comment on the Master Plan until **Friday 20 August 2021**.



NEW TENNIS CLUB ROOM PROJECT DELAYED

Progress with development of the new Nhill Tennis rooms has been delayed slightly, with Council's first round of tenders not ending with the appointment of a suitable contractor.

Council has now broadened the scope of works which will hopefully open up opportunities for additional interest in the project. Tenders closed at the end of July, Council will now assess the submissions and determine the next step in the process.

This project has been funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Caravan Parks throughout Hindmarsh Shire will be expanded with additional on-site self-contained accommodation units thanks to funding received through the Victorian Government's, Regional Infrastructure Fund, Wimmera Southern Mallee Caravan Park Upgrades program.

Council has received funding of \$650,000 through the State Governments Regional Infrastructure Fund as part of a program to improve Caravan parks throughout the Wimmera Southern Mallee region.

The funding should enable the construction, installation and fit out of up to six two bedroom accommodation units with three being all-abilities or DDA Compliant and three standard units.

You can read more about this on Councils website [here](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news)

SECURITY ACCESS UPGRADES AT DIMBOOLA AND NHILL EARLY YEARS CENTRES

Both the Dimboola and Nhill Early Years Centres will enjoy improved security access with each centre to receive upgraded key card access to their main entries and office spaces.

The electronic entry system will allow key cards to be disarmed if lost rather than replacing key locks and keys for all staff. It will also allow for a review of when each centre is accessed.

These initiatives have been made possible with funding from the Victorian School Building Authority's Building Blocks funding stream.

KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL ENROLMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Families will enjoy a more intuitive, streamlined enrolment process when enrolling their children in Early Years services throughout Hindmarsh Shire with a joint project between Council and Emerge Early Years Services almost

complete.

Funded by the Department of Education, this project has included the introduction of a new software system and upgraded hardware at each of our Early Years Centres and Kindergartens to support an easier enrolment process.

Documentation for enrolment has also been translated in to the Karen language to support Hindmarsh Shire increasing Karen population. Both Council and Emerge Early Years Services are encouraging Hindmarsh Shire families to enrol their children early for 2022 kindergarten to ensure service planning will meet the needs of Shire families.

NEW TREES IN TOWNS

Council's town maintenance team will be out and about in the near future planting new trees. Council has a Street and Reserve Tree Strategy to inform the location of planting. We also encourage residents who are wanting trees on their nature strip and willing to water them to help them become established to contact council. Residents who have already been in contact will see new trees being planted shortly.

MAINTENANCE WORKS

Nhill grader crew have finished grading in the Winiam area, and are moving to the Propodollah area and will be then making their way out towards Yanac area. The road patching crew are finishing off VicRoads contract works on Netherby Road, and crack sealing in the Lorquon area. Tree trimming around Nhill and rural roads will also be undertaken.

The street sweeping truck has been making its way around all towns recently.

Jeparit, Dimboola and Rainbow crews have a grader currently working in the Tarranyurk area. One team has been focussing on tree trimming on rural roads ready for grading on those roads. Line marking maintenance are completed in Dimboola & Jeparit.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Line Marking

Line marking is underway across many different location including Antwerp Woorak and Kiata North roads, along with rumble strips at Kiata North.



Anderson Street, Dimboola

The new disabled car park for the Dimboola Hospital has been completed. The carpark is located close to the entrance driveway in Anderson Street and will allow for easy all abilities access to the hospital.

Works are still being completed on the Western section of Anderson Street with the team progressing well with the installation of new kerb and channel being completed on the Northern side prior to resealing the road surface.



Lloyd Street and Normanby Street, Dimboola

Lloyd Street and Normanby Street outstands have started with the new junction pit floor being laid this week. This will help improve drainage and

pedestrian crossing at this intersection.



Woorak – Ni Ni – Lorquon Road

While the rain has been wonderful for the area, it does slow down the progress on some of Council's capital works jobs. Woorak – Ni Ni – Lorquon Rd and Salisbury-Woorak Rd are currently on hold until the rainy weather has cleared up. The areas need to dry enough for works to recommence and sealing to be completed.

MAYORAL MATTERS



To read the latest from Hindmarsh Shire Council's Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, read the latest Mayoral Matters column on Council's website.

Visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news

8 DAYS FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR VICTORIAN SENIORS CARD HOLDERS

8 days of free public transport covering all metropolitan services, all V/line services and all regional town bus services will be provided to Victorian Seniors Card holders for the period **Sunday 3 October to Sunday 10 October 2021** as part of the 2021 Victorian Seniors Festival.

For more information about this, please visit Seniors Online here: www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivals/andawards.

NON-MAINS ENERGY CONCESSION FORM 2021

Concession card holders who source non-mains energy for their heating,

cooking and hot water can apply for a concession to help cover their yearly energy costs.

What does this concession apply to? Non-mains sources of energy:

- liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)
- firewood for domestic heating, cooking or hot water
- heating oil
- electricity accessed via an embedded network
- generator fuel.

Who can apply for the concession?

An account holder who holds a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card and/or Veteran's Affairs Gold Card can apply for this concession.

To apply for this concession, you must complete a Non-Mains Energy Concession 2021 form. These are available for collection at all Hindmarsh Shire Council offices or can be found online here:

services.dffh.vic.gov.au/non-mains-energy-concession

For more information, phone the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521.

A WORD FROM YOUR FRIENDLY GARBAGE MAN

"We recently had a fire in one of our Garbage Trucks in a different Shire. Thankfully the local Fire Brigade was able to put it out and our truck wasn't damaged. **I ask that you please DO NOT put hot ash or anything combustible into either bin.** Thanks for your help. The last thing we want is a fire in our truck." Wimmera Mallee Waste.

POSITIVE MOVEMENTS TO HINDMARSH SHIRE

In some positive news for Hindmarsh Shire, the recently released June 2021 Regional Movers Index has revealed that Hindmarsh has made the list of Local Government Areas across Australia where more than 100 people have relocated to.

The Regional Movers Index provides an

update of trends identified in the RAI's 2019 Big Movers report – that in recent decades more people have been moving from Australia's capital cities to regions than in the opposite direction. The Index is informed by data from relocations amongst Commonwealth Bank of Australia's 10 million customers.

According to the data Hindmarsh Shire Council had 1% of total movements across Australia with an increase of 33% movements based on Quarter by Quarter results but had a -5% Year on Year result.

Council looks forward to the upcoming census data to give a true indication of the movement and population of Hindmarsh Shire.

You can read more about this here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news.

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SMALL EVENTS IN HINDMARSH

Hindmarsh Shire residents will be able to start planning to attend events within the shire following the announcement from the Victorian Government that Hindmarsh Shire Council has received funding of \$30,000 through the Regional Recovery Fund to support future events.

This will provide residents across the shire with an opportunity to once again connect by way of social interaction through a series of small community based events in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow that will also provide socio-economic growth.

Although plans are yet to be finalised, initial thoughts for events included a series of evening concerts throughout the summer months at the rear of the Dimboola Library, events in Jeparit at Menzies Square before Christmas and at Easter, the Big Sky Festival in Rainbow and a series of events in Nhill.

Council will work with appropriate Town Committees and other appropriate community organisations to formalise plans and scheduling.

YOUTH AND EARLY YEARS

Supported Playgroup caters for children from birth to school age, creating a space where parents and children can come together every week to encourage age a positive environment to learn, explore, grow and nurture children's talents. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the playgroup sessions.

There are a variety of different community run playgroups that you may be interested at looking into. Go to www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/youth-early-years#playgroup.

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP NHILL

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP JEPARIT

Jeparit Kindergarten
Thursdays 10am - 12pm

BABY RHYME TIME

Join us at the Nhill Library for Baby Rhyme Time!
Every Monday from 10:30am

LIBRARY NEWS

JIGSAW CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for Jigsaw club!
Every Friday from 2pm

STORY TIME SESSIONS

Join us at the Dimboola and Nhill Library for Story Time!

Nhill Library
Thursdays from 10:00am

Dimboola Library
Fridays from 10:00am

BABY RHYME TIME

Join us at the Nhill Library for Baby Rhyme Time!
Every Monday from 10:00am

BOOK CHAT SESSIONS

Join us at the **Dimboola Library** for our monthly Book Chat!

If this is of any interest to you, please contact your friendly library staff on 03 5391 4452.

EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS

Can't go to the library during work hours? Need a place to study? Want somewhere to catch up with your friends?

Great news! The Nhill and Dimboola Libraries are **now open until 6:00pm on Wednesdays!**

AGED CARE EMPLOYEE DAY

Aged Care Employee Day is coming up on Saturday 7 August 2021. Hindmarsh Shire Council wishes to recognise and thank the 360,000 Aged Care employees involved in caring for our 1.3 million older Australians receiving care.

We would particularly like to recognise and thank our Community Care staff who do an amazing job, displaying care and compassion to all our clients in the community, to enable them to remain living at home safely and comfortable.



POSITIONS VACANT IN COUNCIL

Council currently has vacancies for:

Project Coordinator – Silo Art Rainbow

Fixed term until 31 December 2022
Applications close 18 August 2021

Community Care Worker - Casual Applications ongoing

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



Hindmarsh Shire Libraries Satisfaction Survey

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On a scale of 1 – 10 with 1 being **very dissatisfied** to 10 being **extremely satisfied**, please take the time to answer the statements below. **If you are unsure or do not utilise these services please leave the rating blank.**

1. Satisfaction with Hindmarsh Shire Libraries physical collection.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Satisfaction with Hindmarsh Shire Libraries digital collection.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Satisfaction with the range of services offered at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. Satisfaction with the customer service offered at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. Satisfaction with current opening hours at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. Satisfaction on Early Years programs at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries (Baby Rhyme Time, Story Time, School Holiday Activities, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

7. Satisfaction on Young Adult programs at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries (Youth spaces provided, School Holiday Activities, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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8. How often do you visit your local Hindmarsh Shire Library service? (Please circle)

Once per week / month Twice per week / month More

9. Out of these free services currently provided by Hindmarsh Shire Libraries, please circle the services you currently use.

BorrowBox Libby (formerly RBDigital) Kanopy Mango Languages
Public PC's Story Time Baby Rhyme Time Libraries Victoria app

10. Which branch of Hindmarsh Shire Libraries is your local library? (Please circle)

Dimboola branch Nhill branch Jeparit branch Rainbow branch

Finally, if you have anything you would like to add, including any additional programs or services you would like us to provide, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries would like to thank you for your time in helping us to build a better Library service.

Please return in person to your local Library or Customer Service Centre or email to

info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

or post to

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