

COUNCIL NEWS

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Council is seeking feedback on the following :
Nhill Streetscape Draft Master Plan

Draft Budget 2021-2022 (Incorporating Revenue and Rating Plan)

To have your say visit

<http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say>

CINEMA



Oscar winning film **Nomadland** is coming to the Nhill Cinema on 20 May 2021 at 7:30pm. Pre-bookings are preferred and you can reserve your tickets by calling our offices on (03) 53 914 444.



Carpe Diem—a hilarious play with a serious message. Centre Stage Scripts is bringing this acclaimed play to Nhill Memorial Community Centre on 12 May 2021 at 7:30pm. Bookings are essential, call our Customer Service Team on (03) 5391 4444 to put your name down. Payment is a gold coin donation at the door. We hope to see you there for an entertaining evening!

COUNCIL MEETING

May's Council Meeting was held on May 5 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre. To view the minutes visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings. or to watch the recording visit Council's Facebook page.

EVENTS

We have some activities booked for May and June under the CASI initiative (Community Activation and Social Isolation)

'Cyber Safety for Seniors' with Annette Creek

Wednesday 26 May 2021

Jeparit Library—
10am-11am

Rainbow Neighbourhood House—
2pm-3pm

Thursday 27 May 2021

Nhill Library— 11am-12pm
Dimboola Library —2pm-3pm

Get ready for some toe-tapping melodies with **Sandra and Leo**. This musical duo will be performing nostalgic tunes on the following dates:

Tuesday 15 June 2021

Jeparit Hall— 10am-11:30am
Rainbow MECCA Hall— 2pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 29 June 2021

Nhill Community Centre— 10am-11:30am
Dimboola Uniting Church Hall— 2pm-3:30pm

'LEVEL-UP!' GAMING EVENT

Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council, together with FReeZA, will be welcome the 'Level-Up!' Gaming Event to the Nhill Memorial Community Centre on the **28th of May from 4pm-8pm**— dinner provided. There will be Virtual Reality, Mario Kart competitions and all kinds of retro and modern consoles. This is an under-age event for 12-25 years olds, is drug, alcohol and smoking free and will be fully supervised.

Booking is essential, call our Youth Officer on (03) 53 91 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

This event is funded by FReeZA, a Victorian Government Initiative. No pass outs.

Further dates in other towns TBA.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2021

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are proud to be a part of National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) **2021 – Give Me Some Space**. For the first time ever, on Wednesday 19th May, not only will the official story for NSS be read by over 1 million children across Australia and New Zealand, but it will also be read by astronauts from the International Space Station!

If you're interested in all things space, be sure to call in to your local Hindmarsh Shire Library branch, grab your copy of our Space themed activity booklets, watch live streaming from the NASA High Definition Earth Viewing cameras on the International Space Station, or simply, grab yourself a book and give yourself some space! We will be sharing this special reading across **Facebook** and **Instagram**, as well as reading the book during our regular Storytimes: Nhill Library Thursdays from 10am and Dimboola Library Fridays from 10am. Let the friendly staff at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries help you choose your own intergalactic adventure.

Visit @hindmarshshirelibraries on Instagram and <https://www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirelibraries/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Jeparit Library Update



Refurbishment of the Jeparit Hall continues with the project to update and repurpose areas of the hall progressing. The most noticeable change externally is the relocation of the office entry to the side of the building, accessed by an All Abilities Accessible ramp and expansive new deck, under the cover of a small veranda



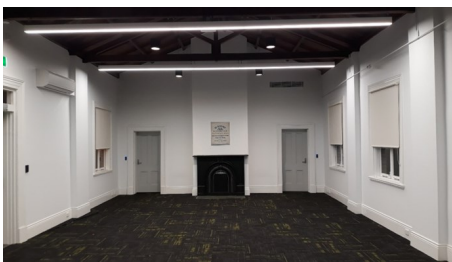
The office space has received a makeover with partitions removed to create a larger space which will also include public access computers connected to the internet for the Jeparit Community. A new, wider access way leads in to a multipurpose area which in addition to being home to an historic billiards table and a host for Senior Citizens events will now also include a library. A new kitchenette has also been installed as a part of the upgrade. An original meeting room has also been provided with better access, an internal door being created to provide a direct link back to the Library space.



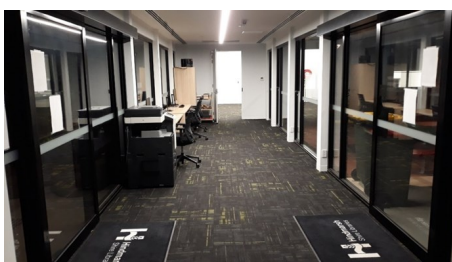
In addition to the obvious new changes, other upgrades include an extensive upgrade of electrical supply within the building and the installation of new heating and cooling. The refurbishment and repurposing is almost complete, with new furniture and painting still to be completed. This project has been made possible with Living Libraries funding from the Victorian Government.

Dimboola Old Shire Hall Update

Renovations to the Old Shire Hall in Dimboola are almost complete. Below are a few pictures of the new exciting space that is soon to become a Community Civic Hub.



A doorway has been installed to link the all new Dimboola Library to the existing Old Shire Building.



More lighting has been installed around the Old Shire Hall and new Library to improve safety.



ALBACUTYA SILO ART

Artwork has begun on the Albacutya Silo, 10km north of Rainbow, marking the first silo in Hindmarsh Shire to join the Silo Art Trail. The Silo Art Trail was originally conceived and curated by renowned street art and mural art company Juddy Roller in partnership with Yarriambiack Shire in 2016.



The Albacutya Silo site presents an important strategic position in establishing a tourism route link between the Yarriambiack silos and West Wimmera silos. It has been funded as part of the State Government's "Wimmera Southern Mallee Destination Management Plan" implementation funding leveraged through the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Partnership. Viewing site works are being funded by Hindmarsh Shire Council.

Through the establishment of artwork at Albacutya Silo, Juddy Roller have continued to uphold their original Silo Art Trail concept of developing the world's largest outdoor art gallery by utilizing the Wimmera Mallee's silos as blank canvases for leading national and international mural artists to create unique large scale artworks.

As the first silo art in Hindmarsh Shire, Managing Director of Juddy Roller, Shaun Hassock and Wimmera Mallee Tourism representatives identified an opportunity for the Albacutya Silo to celebrate the start of a new section of the trail with art work that offered a significant point of difference.

The Albacutya Silo will importantly help to create renewed interest in the existing Silo Art Trail as a curated art gallery to the many local and regional residents who have already travelled the Silo Art Trail whilst at the same time adding a long awaited missing link.

Visitors are welcome to view the artwork in development, however access to the silo site is prohibited. A viewing area has been established approximately 50 metres to the east of the silos.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Woorak – Ni Ni – Lorquon Road

Council's construction team have been working on upgrading a 3.332km long section of sealed road construction on Woorak – Ni Ni – Lorquon Rd heading North from the Ni Ni Well Rd. The project includes widening the pavement and seal to allow for easier transport particularly for agriculture and a safer section for all road users. This project is funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Government. The first 1.1km section of seal is scheduled soon.



Perenna Road Intersection

Council's construction team have been working on an intersection renewal and upgrade at the Perenna Rd and Lorquon-Netherby Rd intersection. The project includes renewing the failed pavement and widening the seal to allow for easier transport particularly for agriculture and a safer intersection for all road users. This project is funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Government.



Anderson Street

Council's concrete team are still working on reconstructing the kerb and channel as well as road on Anderson St Dimboola. This project will repair the uneven drainage and road pavement south-west of Lloyd Street.

MAYORAL MATTERS



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The most recent Mayoral Matters column from Cr Ron Ismay, Mayor of Hindmarsh Shire Council is available on www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news

YOUTH COUNCIL



The first Youth Council meeting was held on Monday 26 April 2021. The Youth Councillors brainstormed ideas for the Council Plan, elected their Chairperson (Alexis Farmers) and Minutes Secretary (Tarah Bond), and started planning events. We post up-to-date information on the Youth Council Instagram [@hsyouthcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/hsyouthcouncil), but will include any information on events in School Newsletters and posters around town.

The Youth Council is seeking creative submissions from 12-25 year olds in Hindmarsh to feature in the forthcoming Youth Strategy. Pieces can be dropped at any of our offices, or emailed to youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

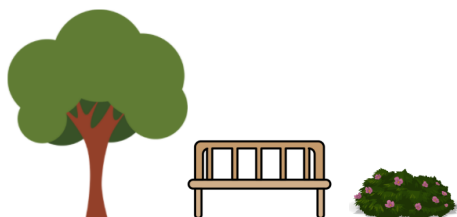
MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Nhill's maintenance team have been working on VicRoads contract works. Profile patching has been completed on sections of Nhill Jeparit Road and Nhill Yanac Road. This involves digging up a section of road, re-levelling and restoring the surface back to match in with the existing road.

Line marking work is starting up again; this will mean Council staff operating the line-marking machine will be working on any outstanding requests, and getting to all four towns to complete the works.

Maintenance grading works are in progress on Propodollah Extension Road, in the Broughton area.

Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola teams have been focusing on maintenance grading, in the Kenmare, Pullut and Jeparit areas.



OUTDOOR DINING



The first dining pod has been installed behind the new Dimboola Library. Why not borrow a book, grab a coffee, sit in a pod and enjoy the winter sun?



New seating has also been installed in Rainbow with a dining pod installed in the central garden on Federal Street!

BREASTSCREEN VAN VISIT



For information and appointments call **13 20 50**

17 - 28 May 2021
21 Victoria Street
Nhill (New Location)
Book at breastscreen.org.au
or call 13 20 50

Breast screening—finding cancer early could save your life

Over 50? Visit BreastScreen Victoria's Mobile Screening Service:

- Free
- Takes 10 minutes
- No need for doctor's referral
- With a female radiographer
- Available near you throughout Victoria

BreastScreen Victoria

The hot pink BreastScreen Victoria van is returning to Nhill from 17 May – 28 May 2021 to provide free breast screens for women over 50. A breast screen every two years is the best way to find cancer early, when treatment is most successful.

Breast screens are with a female radiographer, take 10 minutes and you don't need a GP referral or Medicare card. Don't miss out! And tell the women in your life over 50 to book too.

The van will be at a new location – 21 Victoria Street, Nhill.

Book online at <https://bookings.breastscreen.org.au/> or call 13 20 50.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EGGCITEMENT

The April school holiday program proved to be a hit across Hindmarsh Shire Libraries. Children from Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola experienced STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities covering concepts such as solutes and solvents, simple spinning egg physics, and acid base reactions. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the activities and all of the visually exciting and fizzy rainbow results. We look forward to including more STEM programming into our monthly library program across Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.



We also filled our library space with some furry, slimy and winged creatures courtesy of Wild Action. Both Nhill and Dimboola sessions filled up quickly and due to the number of registrations for the Nhill session it was relocated from the Library to the Nhill Memorial Community Centre. Attendees got to learn about some of our endangered wildlife, endemic to the Wimmera and from across the country. It was like meeting the cast of Wombat Stew with goannas, koalas, snakes and more.

Library staff shared a very special story time on Wednesday night, taking advantage of our extended library hours by getting into their comfiest pair of pyjamas for a night time story time session at the Nhill and Dimboola Library. These Pyjama Sessions saw children delighted by nursery rhymes, sleepy time books and the chance to see our libraries after dark.



Up, up and away went children at the Super Hero Day held at Nhill Memorial Community Centre. Kids learnt how to leap tall buildings in a single bound and land safely while laughing along at the antics of the presenters. It was fantastic to see such a big group of children having fun and moving their bodies.

A session at Nhill library also saw attendees complete botanical screen printing.

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries look forward to planning regular activities in our libraries including book chats, jigsaw puzzle clubs, story time, baby rhyme time and homework club to name a few.



NEW CARETAKER AT RAINBOW CARAVAN PARK

Rainbow Caravan Park welcomes a new caretaker. Michael Frazer is taking on running of the Park.

Michael moved to the Rainbow area approximately 8 years ago and has found a passion for the town. He is looking forward to welcoming visitors to the caravan park and helping them discover what the area has to offer.

The Rainbow Caravan Park is located at 2 Railway St, Rainbow to make a booking or to find out more information, please phone 0435 120 723.



REAPPOINTMENT OF CEO

At its meeting on Wednesday 5 May 2021, Hindmarsh Shire Council has decided to re-appoint Mr Greg Wood as its Chief Executive Officer for a further two year term. Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "Council has been very happy with the performance of Mr Wood as CEO and we look forward to working with Mr Wood for a further two years" said Cr Ismay. Mr Wood's extended two year tenure as CEO will commence in September 2021 and expire in October 2023. "Under Mr. Woods' leadership, Council is now in the strongest financial position since amalgamation and a strong governance position as he has implemented numerous protocols and procedures to ensure strong, transparent and accountable practices are undertaken and followed throughout all areas of Council" added Cr Ismay. In accepting the re-appointment, Mr. Wood said "I am delighted to be re-appointed to the role of CEO of Hindmarsh

Shire Council and I look forward to continuing to grow Hindmarsh as a strong small rural Council". "We have achieved some fantastic outcomes for the residents of and visitors to the shire however there is still a lot of work to be done across many sectors of the shire and with the positive strategic direction from Council I am sure that we can collectively achieve more great results" said Mr. Wood.

For the complete media release, visit [https://www/hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news)

SHOP LOCAL

SUPPORT LOCAL

Remember to support your local businesses and shop local! We have many wonderful businesses throughout Hindmarsh shire, so think local first.

WELFARE CHECKS

Council staff are still undertaking welfare checks on residents in the community identified by Council, Community members or family as vulnerable during the COVID-19 restrictions.

They have been well received with residents enjoying the opportunity to talk to someone.

The checks also allow Council to identify residents who require a little extra assistance.



CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Services team are running the Slow Cooker Winter Casserole Program again this year. Introduced last year, this program encourages eligible consumers currently receiving community care services to participate.

The program gives eligible consumers an opportunity to purchase a slow cooker for a small fee of 1 hour of service if you don't already own one. Each week a community care team member will visit their home to assist with preparing a casserole of the participant's choice. The staff member will return later in the day to help with serving the cooked meal. The preparation and the serving combined will cost 1 hour of service.

This program gives consumers another option of meal choice throughout the week, plus the opportunity for participating in the task of preparing their own meal. Sounds like a great option in winter!

ACCESSIBLE PARKING PERMIT SCHEME—MARCH 2021 PROGRAM ROLL OUT



The new Accessible Parking Permit Scheme has been rolled out across Hindmarsh Shire. This is a change made by the State Government.

The Accessible Parking Permit Scheme is an online-based and streamlined application process that is jointly processed between the applicant, General Practitioner and/or Occupational Therapists and the VicRoads Accessible Parking Permit department.

All information and resources are available online at Accessible Parking Permits (APP) website here www.accessibleparking.vic.gov.au/permits/.

If you have a family member or contact who this may affect who may not see this post, please encourage them to visit the APP website or call our office if they have any questions.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

For March and April the Planning Department has received Permit Applications relating to the following:

- 1 x Removal of CBA signage at Rainbow Bank
- 2 x Construction of machinery shed
- 1 x New class room and administration building
- 1 x Extension of red line area, patron numbers and hours of operation
- 1 x Amendment to permit to increase size of shed

For the same period the Department has determined an unprecedented number of permits:

- 3 x two lot subdivisions
- 1 x establish a quarry
- 1 x place of assembly – car racing event
- 2 x construction of shed
- 2 x removal of native vegetation to widen road
- 1 x reduction of statutory car parking requirements
- 1 x Removal of signage in Heritage Overlay
- 1 x an amendment to permit to increase size of shed
- 1 x use and development of a second dwelling in the Farming Zone

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

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.

The advice provided will be general in nature.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Council currently has vacancies for:

Community Care Worker—Casual

Applications ongoing

Cleaner/Relief Operator (Nhill)—Permanent Part Time

Applications open 12 May 2021 and close 26 May 2021.

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

WASTE AND RECYCLING

If your bin or bin lid is lost, broken or damaged you can call our Customer Service Team on (03) 5391 4444 to arrange a replacement.

For bin lid replacements:

Make note of whether it's a clip or pin attachment (see photos)

Make note of whether the bin is 120L (small) or 240L (large)

Make note of whether it's a Garbage (red) or Recycling (yellow) lid

For bin replacements:

Make note of whether the bin is Recycling or Garbage

Make note of whether the bin is 120L or 240L

For more information visit <https://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling#rubbishcollection> or to purchase a replacement bin or lid contact our Customer Service team on (03) 5391 4444.



SUPPORT SERVICES

There are many ways to support other people, or be supported if you are feeling anxious or uncertain. Below are support services available:

Lifeline Australia | Ph: 13 11 14 |
www.lifeline.org.au

A crisis support service offering short term support at any time for people who are having difficulty coping or staying safe.

Beyond Blue | Ph: 1300 224 636 |
www.beyondblue.org.au

Mental health information and support for all Victorians.

Kids Helpline | Ph: 1800 551 800 |
www.kidshelpline.com.au

A free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25 years.

Rural Outreach Program | Ph: 1300 688 732

Responds to the immediate needs of people living in the Wimmera Southern Mallee Shires, improving the wellbeing of community members struggling with tough times and to support them navigating services.

Eheadspace | Ph: 1800 650 893 |
www.headspace.org.au/eheadspace/

Online and web chat support and counselling for people aged 12 - 25 years, their family and friends.



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Supported Playgroups are held weekly during term times on the following days:

Supported Nhill Playgroup

Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Supported Jeparit Playgroup

Thursdays from 10am - 12pm at the Jeparit Kinder

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

LIBRARIES

Living Libraries Grant

A welcoming space for everyone at Nhill Library is on the cards as Hindmarsh Shire Libraries will receive a State Government grant in 2021.

As part of the funding received by the Victorian Government Living Libraries grant program, Nhill Library will receive a make-over this year, making the space more inclusive and inviting for all visitors to Nhill Library.

Funding of \$87,500 was received from the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure program, with a co-contribution by Hindmarsh Shire Council taking the overall budget for the Nhill library update to over \$100,000. It is anticipated that new look Nhill Library will be completed by the end of 2021.

As part of the Nhill Library upgrades Hindmarsh Shire would like to create a more welcoming space for all members of our multicultural community, families, young adults and visitors to the area.

The refurbishment of Nhill library will include internal works that will secure the heritage of the building, new shelving, furnishings, gaming consoles and break out spaces for young adult areas, junior spaces and room for activities and nursing mother's spaces.

EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS- NHILL & DIMBOOLA

Nhill and Dimboola libraries are continuing with their extended hours— see you there until 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings!

STORY TIME SESSIONS

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

Nhill Library | Thursdays from 10:30am
Dimboola Library | Fridays from 10:30am

BABY RHYME TIME

Join us at the Nhill Library for Baby Rhyme Time!

Every Monday from 9:30am

BOOK CHAT SESSIONS

If you're interested, please contact your friendly library staff for more information on (03) 5391 4452.

JIGSAW CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for Jigsaw club!





Rigid plastic bottles and containers
(place lids separately in the waste bin)

Steel cans, aluminium tins and foil
(clean and dry, ball up foil)

Glass bottles and jars
(ensure clean and dry, place lids separately in the recycling bin)

Cardboard
(flatten cardboard to maximise space)

Clean paper

Keep these out



NO bagged materials

**NO mixed material/
coated beverage cartons**

NO plastic toys

NO cars parts

NO e-waste

**NO metal cookware or
appliances**

**NO soft plastic or
polystyrene packaging**

**NO clothing and
footwear**