

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

For the most recent information regarding current COVID19 restrictions, please call 1800 675 398 or visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19.

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MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Following the cancellation of the 2021 Agricultural Society Shows in Hindmarsh, Council resolved on Wednesday 9 September to observe the 2021 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday throughout the Shire.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Council's next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 commencing at 3pm.

The agenda for this meeting will be published on Council's website prior to the meeting and can be found here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

The meeting will also be live-streamed on Council's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil.

FREE GREEN WASTE MONTH RESUMED

Hindmarsh Shire Council's transfer stations are now able to accept green waste from residents, free of charge, from Friday 10 September 2021 to

Sunday 10 October 2021. This is an opportunity for residents to clean up their properties prior to summer.

For further information on free green waste disposal, transfer station locations and operating hours please contact Co-Ordinator Facilities and Environment, Garry Salt on 03 5391 4444 or visit Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling

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

EVENTS POSTPONED AND CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent lockdowns the following events and activities had to be cancelled or postponed:

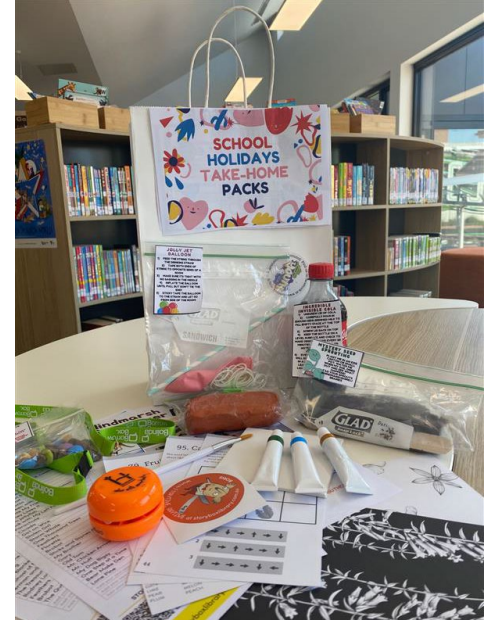
- The Jeparit Community Conversation Meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled when restrictions allow meetings to be held.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TAKE-HOME PACKS

We would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support of our take-home school holidays activities! We made around 140 packs, all of which have now been booked. We hope everyone enjoys them!

Please send us photos of your scavenger hunts, science experiments, reading adventures and creative projects, we'd love to see what you get up to.

Congratulations to all our students for getting through another term! We hope you enjoy your well-deserved break.

**HINDMARSH YOUTH FREEZA GRANTS**

Hindmarsh Shire Council is offering grants to support young people aged 12-25 in developing events, purchasing equipment and accessing resources that assist with music, performance and creativity. The total funding pool is \$10 000, with individual grants available up to the amount of \$500.

The Hindmarsh Shire Youth FreeZA Grants are funded by FReeZA, a Victorian State 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.

Application forms can be completed online or downloaded on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants.

For more information, contact Petra Croot, Youth and Community Development Officer, on 5391 4444 or via email to grants@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Applications close 5:00pm on Friday 15 October 2021.

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Round 1 applications for the 2021/2022 Community Action Grants Program is now open and **closes on Wednesday 13 October 2021.**

Application forms are available on the Hindmarsh Shire Council website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants and can be completed online or downloaded.

If your club/organisation has a project that requires financial assistance, the Community Action Grants Program may be able to assist. Clubs and organisations are encouraged to review the grant guidelines as changes have been made to the funding program.

For more information please contact Matt Sherwell, Community Development Officer, on 5391 4444 or via email to grants@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

HELP FOR HINDMARSH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Due to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Hindmarsh Shire Council is providing additional assistance to community groups and sporting clubs that utilise Council owned facilities by waiving fees and costs associated with building insurances.

DROUGHT RESILIENCE FUNDING – ROUND 2 NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the second round of the Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience Program.

The program will continue to support the community organisations, networks and

infrastructure that help people and communities prepare for drought.

For more information on the Future Drought Fund and the Networks to Build Drought Resilience program visit www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund/networks-build-drought-resilience

DIMBOOLA ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION



A new electric vehicle charging station has been installed in Dimboola at the rear of the library. The charging station adds to the stations already available in Nhill and Rainbow, with a charging station soon to be installed in Jeparit.

The charging stations are available to visitors of Hindmarsh free of charge and are placed in locations that encourage people to stop and visit our towns while their vehicle is charging.

COMMUNITIES OF RESPECT AND EQUALITY STRATEGY

Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to have committed to the second iteration of the Communities of Respect and Equality (CoRE) Strategy (2021 – 2025).

CoRE is an alliance of organisations, businesses, clubs and groups that are committed to creating safe, equal and respectful communities in the Grampians region. The foundations of the Strategy remain the same but with new initiatives, focus areas and emerging priorities that will be incorporated over the next four years.

We are excited to implement changes in the organisation and in the broader community to help reduce violence against women and children. Violence against women and children is a significant issue in our community and as a Council we have a responsibility to be doing what we can to prevent it.

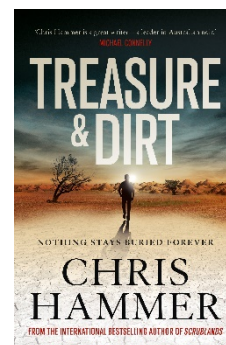
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY SPACES AND SERVICES

Hindmarsh Shire Council Libraries have resumed normal opening hours. Dimboola, Nhill and Jeparit library branches offer free Wi-Fi, public computers, access to power points, and comfortable places to sit. Perfect for those who usually work or study from home, but need a change of scenery.

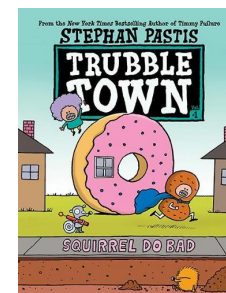
No time limits apply for library visits, but face-masks are required at all times.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARIES



Treasure and Dirt
by Chris Hammer
Thriller, Fiction, Australian Fiction

A superb standalone thriller from the acclaimed and award-winning author of the international bestsellers *Scrublands*, *Silver* and *Trust*.



Squirrel Do Bad (Trubble Town, Book 1) by Stephan Pastis
Young readers

From the creator of the New York Times best-selling *Timmy Failure* series comes a laugh-out-loud, heart-warming, full-colour graphic novel series about a quirky town and its even quirkiest residents - just right for young readers looking for longer books.

YURUNGA HOMESTEAD FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The heritage listed Yurunga Homestead has been successful in attracting \$185,000 funding through the Victorian State Government's Living Heritage Program. This funding will provide urgently needed stabilisation works to the homestead's structure. The soils of the Rainbow district are silty clay that

results in many older stone buildings in Rainbow showing various degrees of cracking in their walls. This has been exacerbated on the kitchen and laundry walls at Yurunga over the years through water drainage, making them increasingly unstable.



The popular Rainbow tourist attraction has had sections of the homestead closed from tours due to these structural concerns. The homestead was built in 1908 from local limestone and its unique construction style has required specialist restoration work to allow visitors to enjoy all of the heritage site and minimise any further damage.



HINDMARSH SHIRE NATURE STRIP POLICY

Hindmarsh Shire Council has updated its Nature Strip Policy. Nature strips are known as the land between the edge of the road and the property boundary. Council asks that residents maintain the general upkeep and presentation of their nature strips.

To read the Hindmarsh Shire Council Nature Strip Policy, you can find it on Council's website here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/infrastructure-services#NatureStripPolicy



LOCAL LAWS UPDATES

FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

Councils Municipal Fire Prevention Officers are commencing property Fire Inspections from early October. Every property in the Hindmarsh Shire will be inspected for potential fire hazards in the front and rear yards.

If a hazard is detected the owner of the property will be issued a Fire Prevention Notice which will require specific works to be undertaken in a set timeframe to eliminate the hazard.

If the resident does not comply with the Notice in the given time frame, a penalty notice to the value of \$1,867.00 may be issued. Council officers will arrange for properties failing to comply with the Notice to be cleaned up to a safe standard at the property owner's expense.

If you have concerns regarding vegetation on a particular property, you are welcome to contact Council on (03) 5391 4444 to speak to a Local Laws team member.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION CHECKS

Hindmarsh Shire Council Local Laws officers are currently undertaking door knocking to follow up on unregistered dogs and cats over the age of 3 months. They are also checking on animals that have not had last year's registration renewed.

Please contact our Customer Service Officers if you have forgotten to register your best friend.

PROJECT UPDATES

RAINBOW LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

The new Rainbow Library is starting to take shape with the concrete slab for the building being poured on Friday 27 August. There will now be a short pause in on-site activities allowing the concrete time to cure properly before the commencement of framing works.

The Library will add a fresh new look to the bottom end of Federal St and future landscaping works will also help to link the site with community hub The Oasis.

ALBACUTYA BRIDGE DELAYS

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the Albacutya Bridge construction project is on hold until restrictions are lifted for construction workers, who are now unable to travel from metropolitan areas into regional areas.



OUT AND ABOUT

MAINTENANCE WORKS UPDATES

New Street Furniture Installed in Jeparit

In conjunction with the Jeparit Town Committee, Hindmarsh Shire Council has recently installed new street furniture throughout Jeparit.

The street furniture replacement is a continuation of a program to replace outdated concrete and timber seating across the Hindmarsh Shire with the new seats constructed of powder coated steel frame and fitted with modwood (composite plastic and timber) slats.



CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Anderson Street, Dimboola

Anderson Street, Dimboola is progressing well with the final kerb and channel pour being laid, the area tidied up and finishing now happening. The grader team will move on site shortly and complete the road component of the project.



Lloyd and Normanby Street, Dimboola

This project has recently been completed, successfully tidying up the intersection at the corner of Lloyd Street and Normanby Street, Dimboola.



Wimmera Street, Dimboola

Work on the Wimmera Street Kerb and Channel project has recently commenced with kerb and channel being installed from the GWM Water shed through to the caravan park entrance. Improvements will also be made to the laneway intersection, and sealing of the road shoulder in Wimmera Street.



SUPPORT SERVICES

Are you struggling following the latest lockdown? 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
- **Beyond Blue** | Ph: 1300 224 636 | www.beyondblue.org.au
- **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
- **Eheadsace** | Ph: 1800 650 893 | www.headspace.org.au/eheadsace/
Online and web chat support and counselling for people aged 12 - 25 years, their family and friends.

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 AND COUNCIL VISION TO 2040

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 2021, Hindmarsh Shire Council adopted the Council Plan 2021-2025, incorporating Health and Wellbeing Plan, and Community Vision 2040.

A copy of the adopted Council Plan 2021-2025, incorporating Health and Wellbeing Plan, and Community Vision 2040 are available online at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-resources or at the Customer Service Centres at Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021-2025

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 2021, Hindmarsh Shire Council adopted the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025.

The overarching objectives of the Domestic Animal Management Plan are to:

1. Promote and encourage responsible pet ownership in the

2. Contribute to the health and wellbeing of pets and the people in the Hindmarsh Shire Community
3. Reduce domestic animal nuisance issues and dog attacks

You can view the Hindmarsh Domestic Animal Management Plan by visiting www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-resources.

NHILL CINEMA CLASSIC MATINEES

Nhill Cinema is hosting monthly Classic Matinees. These events will go ahead if restrictions allow larger indoor gatherings.

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.

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 essential due to restrictions on the number of patrons allowed.

Please call 03 5391 4444.

SWIMMING POOL AND SPA COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council are pleased to let residents know that Shane Ledger has been appointed as Council's Swimming Pool Compliance Officer.

To improve the safety of pools and spas,

the Victorian regulations changed on 1 December 2019. From that date, if you own a property with a pool or spa you were required to register the pool/spas with your local Council by 1 November 2020.



The first round of Pool and Spa inspections are due to be completed by November 2021.

If you have registered your pool or spa and wish to have it inspected, please contact the Swimming Pool Compliance Officer, Shane Ledgar by phone on 0419 379 564 or email building@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au to arrange an inspection time.

YOUR LIBRARY FROM HOME

The Libraries Victoria app provides a clear and easy way to manage your library account. Browse the collection, make reservations, view and renew your loans, and more.

To download this app, search **Libraries Victoria** in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Other Library Apps:

Libby



1. Download the Libby app
2. Find Hindmarsh Shire Libraries
3. Enter your library card
4. Borrow a title and start reading
5. Borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines

It's as simple as that!

BorrowBox



1. Install the BorrowBox app
2. Select Hindmarsh Shire Libraries
3. Activate with your library membership card
4. Borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks

Need a hand?

Ask one of your friendly library staff!

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Some planning permit applications require a period of advertising, particularly if the proposal is likely to affect neighbouring properties or the wider community. This gives anyone who feels that they would be adversely effected by the proposal a chance to object.

Did you know that under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Section 51), anyone can inspect an advertised planning permit application and accompanying documents free of charge? They can be accessed over the duration of their advertising period (approximately 14 days).

To view these applications, please visit the Planning Permits and Services page on Council's website here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/planning-permits-and-services. They will be displayed by their planning permit number and property address, under Planning Permit Public Notices.

Alternatively, you can make an appointment to view a hard copy of the documents by phoning the Customer Service Team on (03) 5391 4444.

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 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 in looking into. To find out more, 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

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

If you would like to know more information about COVID-19 Vaccinations, you can find the correct information on the Australian Government Department of Health website here: www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Hindmarsh Shire Council is made up of three wards; the North Ward, West Ward and East Ward.

The North Ward covers Rainbow and Jeparit, and is represented by two Councillors: **Cr Ron Ismay (Mayor)**, and **Cr Brett Ireland**.

The West Ward covers Nhill and is represented by two Councillors: **Cr Melanie Albrecht (Deputy Mayor)**, and **Cr Rob Gersch**.

The East Ward covers Dimboola and is represented by two Councillors: **Cr Debra Nelson** and **Cr Wendy Bywaters**.

All of your Councillors contact details can be found on Council's website here: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/our-councillors



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

The Hindmarsh Shire Council 2021-2021 Annual Report is now available for viewing and can be found on Council's

website. You can check it out at:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-resources

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?

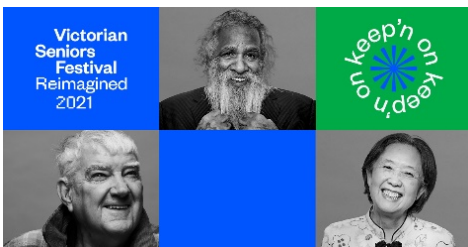
An account holder who holds a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card and/or Veteran's Affairs Gold Card can apply for this concession.

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.

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL



The Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined is back!

Enjoy monthly releases of #VicSeniorsFestival online video and radio programming featuring a

remarkable range of Victorian and Australian performers, creators, makers and thinkers. To tune in to Festival performances, visit Seniors Online

www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival

TRANSFER STATION VOUCHERS

Did you know that residents using our transfer stations can swap transfer station receipts for a free voucher?

Simply bring in four receipts in the same name to any Customer Service Centre to receive a single use voucher to the value of the average of the four receipts! For more information about Council's transfer stations, visit our website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling or give us a call on 03 5391 4444.

WORK FOR COUNCIL

Community Care Worker- Casual

This exciting role varies from client to client, with tasks ranging from personal care, meal preparation, hanging out washing, small group cooking lessons, shopping assistance and general house cleaning. The aim is for clients to remain healthy, active and independent in their homes.

If you enjoy working with people who need support, possess good time management skills and great communication skills, this may be the opportunity for you.

Previous experience in Aged Care or a Certificate in Aged Care Studies is preferred but not essential. This casual role has varying hours per fortnight and would suit people looking at working during school hours.

For further information about the role, contact Sharyn Salt, Community Care Services Coordinator on 03 5391 4444.

Applications must address the key selection criteria as contained in the position description. This can be found on Council's website here www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council.

SWIMMING POOL CONTRACTS AWARDED

At its meeting held on 8 September 2021, Council awarded the four pool contracts to the YMCA. By selecting one contractor, Council has made significant savings.

The YMCA is committed to ensure suitably qualified staff are sourced locally if possible. The pools are set to open at 2.00Pm on Saturday 20 November 2021, subject to COVID-19 health restrictions and weather permitting.

Pre-season preparations and final maintenance checks in the next couple of months will ensure the swimming season opens with a splash! Learning to swim classes will also be made available to the public.

For more information about this, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news or www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools



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