

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

14 JUNE 2022

## Acknowledgement of Country

Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledges the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

## Councillor Column

Visit

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news)  
to read the latest news from Deputy Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland!



## Tourism Business Innovation Grants NOW OPEN

The Tourism Business Innovation Grants fund aims to maximise benefits from increased tourism, through the provision of seed funding to new and innovative tourism focused business ideas in Hindmarsh Shire.



Businesses, individuals and organisations are invited to apply for funding up to \$10,000 (from a total funding pool of \$60,000) to establish their new business idea or venture within Hindmarsh Shire.

Council is seeking applications which will increase visitation to the region, add value to existing tourism products and experiences within Hindmarsh Shire, and bring new target markets to our community.

Round One is open now and closes on **Thursday 30 June 2022 at 2:00pm**. For more information or to apply, visit:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/other-grants](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/other-grants)

HAPPY  
**PRIDE!**  
MONTH



## Albacutya Bridge Open to Traffic

Hindmarsh Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer, Greg Wood, and North Ward Councillor, Cr Ron Ismay, were on site at the newly constructed Albacutya Bridge on Monday 23 May as barriers were removed opening the bridge to traffic.

The Albacutya Bridge was permanently closed in October 2021 due to deterioration and was demolished not long after to allow for the new dual lane bridge to be constructed.

This project has been made possible with funding from both the State and Federal Governments and Hindmarsh Shire Council. An official opening will be conducted with representatives of federal government, state government and Hindmarsh Shire at a future date.

## New Pod Seating Installed

Additional pod seating has been installed throughout the shire with a new seat installed at Bi-centennial community park in Dimboola and in the gardens on the west end of Federal Street, Rainbow.

Also pictured is a new seat located near the EV charging station in Nhill. Two more pod seats are to be installed at the swimming hole in Jeparit.

Funding for the Pods was received through the State Government's Outdoor Activation Grants.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events)  
for more information!



## CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library each week for **Cuppa Connection!**

Free morning/afternoon tea provided.

Come and find out what resources and activities are available at the library and meet new friends.

**Dimboola** 10am - 12pm

**Nhill** 10am - 12pm

**Jeparit** 10am - 12pm

**Rainbow** 2pm - 4pm



## LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Join us at the Dimboola & Nhill Library for Storytime.

Sessions are held weekly.

**Nhill Library**

Thursdays from 10:00am

**Dimboola Library**

Fridays from 10:00am



## DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

**17 JUNE 2022 - 2:30-3:30PM**

Join us at the Dimboola Library for book chat.

Bring along a book you have been reading and share reviews with each other over a cupppa and biscuits.

To find out more, call **03 5391 4452**.

## ADVERTISING YOUR EVENT

Do you have a community event that you would like to advertise on Council's website?

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Advertising-an-Event](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Advertising-an-Event)



## MA AND PA KETTLE

**21 JUNE 2022 - 10:30AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Bookings are preferred.

Morning tea is at **10am** with the film screening commencing at **10:30am**.



## EVOLVE ART EXHIBITION LAUNCH

**THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2022  
11:15AM - 11:45AM**

Turbo Gallery Rainbow

"Evolve" explores three artists' creative interpretations of environmental issues and how these may have an impact on evolution through co-existence.

The official opening will be held on 23 June, however the exhibition will be up from Monday 20 June through until Sunday 10 July 2022.

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/evolve](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/evolve)



## COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE - 3PM**

The next Council Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at **3:00pm on Wednesday 29 June 2022** at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

For more information on Council's meetings, please visit

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings)

This meeting will be live-streamed online via Council's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil)



## LANDCARE TREE PLANTING WEEKEND

**SATURDAY 2 JULY**

Hindmarsh Landcare are looking for volunteers to join the team on Saturday 2nd July and plant trees across a site near Dimboola. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, followed by celebratory drinks and a delicious dinner after a hard day's work.

For more information, please contact Hindmarsh Landcare Network email at [jstarks@hindmarshlandcare.org.au](mailto:jstarks@hindmarshlandcare.org.au) or call **0429 006 936**.



**NHILL cinema  
CLASSIC MOVIES  
Present**



## WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE?

**19 JULY 2022 - 10:30AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Bookings are preferred.

Morning tea is at **10am** with the film screening commencing at **10:30am**.



## KEITH POTGER CONCERT

**TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2022  
FROM 11AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Entry cost: \$5

**Buses available!**

Departing:

Dimboola Library 10:00am

Rainbow Post Office 9:30am

Jeparit Post Office 10:00am

**Get your tickets now!**

Available at any Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centre or call 03 5391 4444.



Founding member **the Seekers<sup>®</sup>**  
**KEITH POTGER<sub>AO</sub>**

**Songs that make you smile, stories that make you laugh**

**Nhill Memorial Community Centre**  
**77 - 79 Nelson St. Nhill**

**Tuesday 23rd August 2022**  
**11:00am**

**Entry cost: \$5.00**

**Buses Available**

**Departing:**

**Dimboola Library 10.00am**

**Rainbow Post Office 9.30am**

**Jeparit Post Office 10.00am**

**Tickets available at your local**  
**Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Office**  
**Phone 5391 4444 for more information**





# OTHER NEWS

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for more Council news!



## IDAHOBIT.

International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries had the pleasure of hosting a virtual event with Nevo Sizin on 17 May 2022 in celebration of International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

Nevo joined us to share their story with the community and to talk about self-love and how to be a good ally for the LGBTQIA+ community. Thank you to those who attended the event or watched it online through Hindmarsh Shire Council's Facebook page.

If you are interested in reading Nevo's published books **The Pronoun Lowdown** and **Finding Nevo**, pop into your local Hindmarsh Shire library and we can place it on hold for you.

You can watch the live-stream recording on Council's Facebook page.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS

Council hosted complimentary morning and afternoon teas to celebrate the wonderful, hardworking volunteers as part of National Volunteer Week 2022. See below some photos from these events.



## OFFICIAL LIBRARY OPENINGS

The Honourable Shaun Leane, Minister for Local Government, and representatives from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions joined Hindmarsh Shire Council on Thursday 2 June 2022 in Rainbow and Jeparit today to officially open the newly constructed Rainbow Library and improved Jeparit and Nhill Libraries.





# OUT AND ABOUT



## Antwerp-Woorak Road

Works are completed on Antwerp-Woorak Road with a 1.8km sealed construction of a previous gravel section.

## Reseal Program

Our reseal program is underway with contractor Inroads completing the work. This is estimated to be completed in June.

## Albacutya Road

Works are completed on Albacutya Road with a 1.2km sealed construction widening the narrow seal near the silo.

## Lowan Street Dimboola

Works are completed on Lowan St in Dimboola sealing a gravel road. Monitoring of the seal will take place due to the cold wet weather and a further application may be required.

## Scott Street, Jeparit - Kerb and Channel Works

The kerb and channel is installed with shoulders also sealed completing the project. Monitoring of the seal will take place due to the cold wet weather and a further application may be required.

# PROJECT UPDATES



## Nhill Caravan Park Cabins

Two new two bedroom accommodation units were delivered and installed at the Nhill Caravan Park last Thursday and Friday 5th and 6th May.

Connections of services to the two new units that include one standard accommodation unit and one fully accessible unit are expected to be available for use by the end of June.



## Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park Cabins

Two standard two-bedroom cabins have arrived at Riverside Holiday Park this week increasing the number of two bedroom cabins to seven (six standard and one all abilities). Connections of services, fit-out of furniture/appliances and hand-over is expected to occur over the next six-weeks.

These are the 4th and 5th cabins to be delivered and installed in caravan parks throughout Hindmarsh Shire as part of the Victorian Governments Regional Infrastructure Fund. One more all-abilities cabin is scheduled to be delivered to the Jeparit Caravan Park next week.





## Jeparit Caravan Park Cabin

A new all-abilities two bedroom cabin has been delivered and installed at the Jeparit Caravan Park. This is the sixth and final new cabin to have been delivered and installed at our Caravan Parks throughout Hindmarsh Shire over the last month as part of the Victorian Governments Regional Infrastructure Fund.



## Parks and Gardens

The recent cold snap and onset of wintery weather has made conditions challenging for the Parks & Gardens teams. However, the Nhill Customer Service Centre has been lucky to receive newly planted roses along the garden bed in front of the Nhill Customer Service Centre on Nelson Street. The previous roses were damaged following a truck roll-over incident that occurred in front of the building earlier this year. Hopefully the rain helps them flourish!



## Pigeon Problem

Council is currently trialing a noise-detering system at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre (NMCC) as part of finding a solution to the pigeon problem.

We are in the early stages of trialing this system and are closely monitoring how much impact it may have on deterring the pigeons away from nesting in the roof of the NMCC.

## Nhill Tennis Club Room Constructions

The new club room at the home of the Nhill Tennis Club in Turner St is beginning to take shape with preparations now complete for the pouring of the concrete slab which is set for this Thursday (subject to suitable weather).

Council was pleased to allocate some of its funding from the Federal Government's Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program as well as provide Council funds and project management to ensure Nhill Tennis Club has a club room. Council was happy take on responsibility for the land, run the tender process, award the tender to a local builder and council staff have done a great job of installing a new access road for the project.

The new Club Room will be a welcome replacement for the original building which was demolished after storm damage made it uninhabitable several years ago. Members of the Club will be able to enjoy the tennis from inside the new Club Room or outside under the Al Fresco area. Also included within the development is a kitchenette, amenities facilities, All Abilities Accessible bathroom and storage area.

## Rainbow Library Landscaping Underway

With the recently completed construction of the new Rainbow Library, landscaping works are slowly progressing with everything crossed for a completion date by end of June.

The new landscaping will provide a relaxing park like setting at the rear of the Library for visitors to relax with a good book or enjoy lunch, with park settings and picnic tables set to be included within the development.

A pathway to the Community owned The Oasis (old Primary School site) will also be developed, which provide an important link from Federal St to this area.

Development has unfortunately been a little slower than expected, with the contractor experiencing several COVID related delays with this and other projects. The landscaping design and installation has been made possible with funding from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.





## Mallee Silo Art Trail - Rainbow Silo Development

Progress continues for the development of an innovative new Tourism Asset in Rainbow with the appointment of an Architect to lead the design of the project expected within the next 2 weeks.

The development, which will see a 100 year old concrete silo in Rainbow transformed into a large scale art installation complete with a lift and stairway leading to a viewing tower at the top of the Silo is set to become the highlight of the internationally recognised Silo Art Trail.

Council has a long term lease in place for the Silo with owner and local identity Llew Schilling and has secured funding from the Victorian Government for this ambitious project which is expected to be completed in early 2024. The appointment of the Architect will signal the start of the design process – with a concept design to be developed ahead of a Community consultation in the coming months.

## Rainbow Lake Development Progressing

Development of facilities at the Rainbow Lake is progressing well with the septic system installed and the recent pouring of the concrete slab for the new toilet building. Local contractors will complete construction of the small toilet block in the coming months, along with the construction of a new BBQ shelter (and installation of a commercial grade gas BBQ). Park furniture and picnic settings have also been purchased for installation by the hardworking Rainbow Lake Committee.

These important developments, funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, are timely as water is now flowing in to the Lake on the southern outskirts of town in preparation for a big Summer of fun for locals of all ages.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority must also be acknowledged for their funding support which originally secured the water connection for the Lake and subsequent civil works providing lake reshaping and better access to the site. They will also provide additional support with the stocking of various fish species once the lake is ready.

## Rainbow Netball Changes Rooms Under Construction

New Female Friendly change room facilities at the Rainbow Recreation Reserve are progressing well with the building now at Frame stage. The new change rooms, adjacent to the netball courts will provide participants with fantastic new amenities close to the action, a major improvement over the existing, dated facility which is too small at less than half the size and located over 250m away!

This project, scheduled for completion by Spring, has been made possible with funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Female Friendly Facilities program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

## Rainbow & Jeparit Library Return Chutes

You can now return your library items to the Jeparit and Rainbow Libraries out of opening hours!

A return chute has been installed to the left of the main entrance's sliding doors in Rainbow and on the main entrance door located at the south west side of the Jeparit Library building.





## Lighting at Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum

New flood lighting illuminating the Albacutya Homestead has been installed at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum, Jeparit as part of the Brightening our Heritage project.

The installation of the Albacutya Homestead floodlighting follows the previous installation of other security lighting throughout the Museum.

Funding for the lighting at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum has been made possible through the Victorian Government's Community Safety Fund, Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee of Management.



## LIBRARY NEWS



### Books, books & more books!

When it snows with books, we make book angels...more new and fun titles arriving at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries!



## Welcome Winter hours

### DIMBOOLA LIBRARY

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays  
9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Wednesdays 2pm - 5pm

### NHILL LIBRARY

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
2pm - 5pm  
Thursdays 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

### Browse your online library catalogue!

Did you know that you can use your Hindmarsh Shire Libraries card number and pin to place holds on books via our online library catalogue? Visit [www.hmsl.libsvic.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au](http://www.hmsl.libsvic.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au)





# Story Competition

## Growing Up in Hindmarsh!

### Have you heard about our Growing up in Hindmarsh Competition?

Whether you are a past or present resident, we want to hear your story about your time in Hindmarsh.

You can write, paint, take a photo, or tell a good yarn - share your creative work with us for your chance to be included in the first anthology of collected works Growing up in Hindmarsh!

**For more information or to enter the competition, visit:**  
**[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/growing-up-in-hindmarsh-competition](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/growing-up-in-hindmarsh-competition)**

We can't wait to see what you create!

### Advertise Events on Council's Website



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Calling all early risers, morning motivators, lunchtime readers, after work relaxers, and bedtime snugglers - incorporate reading into your daily routine with the **Warm Winter Reading Challenge**. Create healthy reading habits this winter by tracking your progress online via Beanstack or by collecting a paper tracker from your local library.

Join the Challenge here: **<https://plv.beanstack.org/reader365>**

## Responsibilities as a Pet Owner

Hindmarsh Shire Council Local Laws have specific requirements relating to the ownership of animals, some of which may not have known!

### Did you know that?

- Owners of cats and/or dogs over three (3) months of age must be registered with Council. (All dogs and cats must be microchipped before they are registered).
- An owner of animals must ensure animals are kept on land that is securely fenced, or caged as necessary.
- Cats are required to adhere to a curfew; the curfew requires cats to be confined to the owner's premises between sunset and sunrise (overnight).
- Any dog or cat that is found to be roaming outside of the property boundary at any time can be considered a nuisance and 'at large' and may be caught by a resident or Authorised officer (using an approved cat cage for cats).
- An owner includes any person who has the animal in his or her care for the time being.

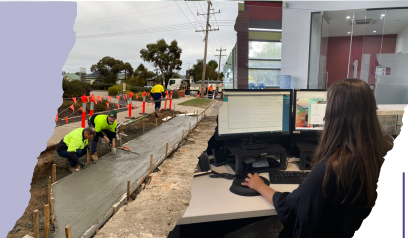
Full details relating to the Hindmarsh Shire Council Local Laws for Animal Management can be found on our website at:

**[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/register-my-animals](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/register-my-animals)**





# WORK WITH US



## Join our Team

To view all current vacant positions, position descriptions and application forms, visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council)



## Tenders and Requests for Quotation

A wide range of products and services are required to support Council's diverse activities. We adhere to our *Procurement Policy* to ensure our practices promote competition and transparency, support for local business and environmental sustainability balanced with achieving value for money for our ratepayers.

For more information, visit our Tenders and Suppliers page.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Draft Budget 2022-2023 and Draft Council Action Plan 2022/2023

Council invites written submissions for its intended **2022/2023 budget (incorporating Revenue and Rating Plan and Long Term Financial Plan)**, and the **draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (incorporating Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) Action Plan 2022/2023**.

Council will consider submissions and adoption of the 2022/2023 budget, and Council Plan 2021-2025 Action Plan 2022/2023 at the Council Meeting at 3:00pm on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

Any person may make a written submission on the proposed draft budget incorporating Revenue and Rating Plan, or draft Council Plan 2021-2025 Action Plan 2022/2023. Such submissions must be received before **5pm on Friday 24 June 2022**.

Copies of the draft 2022/2023 budget (incorporating Revenue and Rating Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan), and the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (incorporating Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) Action Plan 2022/2023 will be available for inspection at the Customer Service Centres in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit, as well as on the Council website.

For more information, or to make a submission, visit: [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/draft-budget-2022-2023](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/draft-budget-2022-2023)

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## Contact a Councillor

If you would like to raise a matter with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and/or a Councillor, or if you would like to invite them to an event, you may contact them directly. You can find your Councillors contact details on Council's website at:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor)

Alternatively, you can contact them via email to [info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au) and put the Councillor name(s) in the subject line.



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