

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MAY - JULY 2024

NEW CEO APPOINTED

Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to announce the appointment of **Monica Revell** as the new Chief Executive Officer.



Mrs Revell will be well known to the local community, having worked for Council since February 2011 in many roles, including as Council's Director Corporate and Community Services for seven years and Acting CEO for the past five and a half months.

Mrs Revell has a strong understanding of the challenges faced by rural and regional communities, having lived in Dimboola for almost 25 years and growing up in Horsham.

Mrs Revell commenced in the role on Monday 8 April 2024.

Read more: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.

FARMER CONSULTATIONS



Council will be hosting Farmer Consultation Sessions during June to discuss Roads, Tree Trimming, Pests & Weeds, the draft 24/25 Annual Budget and draft 24/25 Council Plan Actions and other items important to our farming community.

Sessions will be held in the following locations:

- **Rainbow** Tuesday 4 June at the MECCA Supper Room from 9:30am until 11am
- **Jeparit** Wednesday 5 June at the Jeparit Hall from 9am until 10:30am
- **Yanac** Monday 17 June at the Yanac Hall from 9:30am until 11am
- **Nhill** Thursday 20 June at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre from 9am until 10:30am
- **Dimboola** Monday 24 June at the Dimboola Customer Service Centre & Library from 9am until 10:30am.

Morning tea will be provided.

DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET & COUNCIL PLAN ACTIONS

Council's draft 2024/2025 Annual Budget and draft 2024/2025 Council Plan Actions will be out for public consultation from late May until mid-June.

Drop-in sessions will be held for community members to ask any questions about the draft 2024/2025 Budget and draft 2024/2025 Council Plan Actions as follows:

- **Rainbow** Tuesday 4 June at the Rainbow Customer Service Centre & Library from 11:30am until 2:00pm
- **Jeparit** Wednesday 5 June at the Jeparit Customer Service Centre & Library from 11am until 1pm
- **Nhill** Thursday 20 June at the Hindmarsh Shire Council Chambers from 11am until 5pm
- **Dimboola** Monday 24 June at the Dimboola Customer Service Centre & Library from 11am until 3pm

Community members are also encouraged to attend the Jeparit, Nhill, and Rainbow Town Committee Meetings and Dimboola Progress Association Meeting to hear about the draft 24/25 Annual Budget and draft 24/25 Council Plan Actions.

ROADS FUNDING UPDATE

Did you know that the Hindmarsh Shire Council road network is approximately **3,025km in length?** Because of this, Council heavily relies on funding opportunities to maintain and upgrade many of its roads.

Council has applied for funding for the following roads and are still awaiting the outcome:

- Dimboola Minyip Rd upgrade - \$1.052 million
- Lorquon Netherby Road - \$1.07 million
- Woorak Ni Ni Lorquon Road - \$1.559 Million

If successful, the works on these roads would commence in the next financial year following the grant agreement being fully executed.

MAV STAND FOR COUNCIL PROGRAM 2024

In partnership with Hindmarsh Shire Council, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is delivering an information session for the community and prospective candidates for the 2024 Local Council Election.

Wednesday, 14 August 2024 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill, 3418

By attending this session, participants will be provided with information about:

- Local government and the important role Councils play in our local communities
- The role and responsibility of a Councillor, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO
- The election process and candidate requirements
- What newly elected councillors can expect soon after the elections
- Councillor training and development opportunities

You can register by visiting:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/MAV-Stand-for-council

Information about the 2024 Council Elections can be found here:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/2024-Council-Elections

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN

Council held another successful Free School Holiday Program and would like to thank everyone who came along.

This program involved STEAM activities with Jo, cooking classes with Sharon - where they made hot cross buns, crafty arty sessions with Danelle where they created 3D Easter egg decorations, a Level-Up Gaming session, hilarious puppet shows and free movie screening of Kung Fu Panda 4 - which attracted 183 attendees.

We are looking forward to the next School Holidays!



ABUSE AND BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS STAFF

Our staff are here to help and will always treat you with courtesy and respect. We ask all those who are dealing with Council – whether it be in person, over the phone or in writing – to do the same.

We have recently reviewed our Complex Complainant Behaviour Policy that guides how we will manage interactions that are unreasonable or aggressive. This Policy is available on our website.

We will not tolerate abusive, threatening or aggressive behaviour towards our staff – this ensures that we maintain a safe and healthy working environment for everyone.

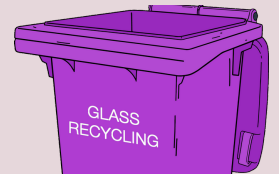
RATES INSTALMENT DATES

- 1st Instalment** - 30 September
- 2nd Instalment** - 30 November
- 3rd Instalment** - 28 February
- 4th Instalment** - 31 May

GLASS BIN COLLECTIONS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 7 June 2024**.

Please remember to put your bins out the night before and place them on the kerb facing the road.



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

	DIMBOOLA	JEPARIT	NHILL	RAINBOW
MON	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm
TUE	Closed	10:00am - 1:00pm	Closed	Closed
WED	9:30am - 12:30pm	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Closed
THUR	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed
FRI	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Closed	2:00pm - 5:00pm	2:00pm - 5:00pm
SAT	10:00am - 1:00pm	Closed	9:30am - 12:30pm	Closed
SUN	12:30pm - 3:30pm	10:30am - 1:30pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, visit hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events, or scan the QR code below.

THIS GIRL CAN FREE YOGA SESSIONS

"This Girl Can" activities inspire women to get active – however, wherever, and whenever they choose, without being judged.

Join us for **FREE** Sunday morning yoga sessions between **9am - 9:45am** with Janelle and Emma in each town over a three month period.

Dimboola Football & Netball Clubrooms
Sunday 5 May 2024
Sunday 2 June 2024
Sunday 7 July 2024

Jeparit Memorial Town Hall
Sunday 12 May 2024
Sunday 9 June 2024
Sunday 14 July 2024

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Sunday 19 May 2024
Sunday 16 June 2024
Sunday 14 July 2024

Rainbow MECCA Hall
Sunday 26 May 2024
Sunday 23 June 2024
Sunday 28 July 2024

To secure your place, **BOOK NOW** by scanning the QR code:



CLASSIC MOVIE - THE GOOD LIAR

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Time: Morning tea at 10:00am
Movie at 10:30am

Location: Nhill Cinema
77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation
Rating: MA15+

FREE VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST BBQS

Volunteers help build our community and make it a better place for everyone to be. Council appreciates the tremendous amount of hard work that volunteers do and the significant role that they play in keeping our community connected.

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, Hindmarsh Shire Council is hosting complimentary breakfast BBQ's throughout the Shire for our volunteers.

Join us from **7:00am - 8:30am** at the following locations:

Dimboola Library Gardens
Monday 20 May 2024

Goldsworthy Park Nhill
Tuesday 21 May 2024

Jeparit Riverbank Precinct (Swimming Hole)
Wednesday 22 May 2024

Federal Street Gardens Rainbow
Thursday 23 May 2024

All welcome!

CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for a free morning or afternoon tea and chat. It's a comfortable, safe place to meet new people.

Cuppa Connections are held each week:

Dimboola Library
Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Nhill Library
Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Rainbow Library
Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

FREE DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM

Get Connected, Stay Connected! Council and the Nhill Learning Centre will be holding Free Digital Literacy Programs in Hindmarsh Shire Libraries throughout May.

Jeparit Library
Wednesday 1, 8 and 15 May 2024
10am - 12pm

Rainbow Library
Wednesday 1, 8 and 15 May 2024
2pm - 4pm

Dimboola Library
Thursday 2, 9 and 16 May 2024
10am - 12pm

Nhill Library
Thursday 2, 9 and 16 May 2024
2pm - 4pm

Bring your own device.
Refreshments provided.

For more information, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events

Bookings are required by calling 03 5391 4444.

NAIDOC WEEK ART EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Hindmarsh Shire Council will again celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024 with a NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition featuring works from local Indigenous artists.

Join us for the official launch of the NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition.

Sunday 7 July 2024

Dimboola Community Civic Hub
101 Lloyd Street Dimboola
Time TBC

This exhibition will run until 14 July.

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NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for Nhill Kids Craft Club FREE of charge!

It will be held on the third Wednesday of each month during school terms.

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Wednesday 17 July 2024

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Library

5 Clarence Street

All welcome!

DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat! Bring along a current book that you have been reading and share reviews with others over a cuppa and biscuits.

Friday 17 May 2024

Friday 21 June 2024

Friday 19 July 2024

Time: From 2:30pm

Location: Dimboola Library

101 Lloyd Street

All welcome!

CLASSIC MOVIE - GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

Tuesday 18 June 2024

Time: Morning tea at 10:00am

Movie at 10:30am

Location: Nhill Cinema

77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation

Rating: PG

NHILL RHYME TIME

Join Council's Supported Playgroup Officer for Rhyme Time at the Nhill Library.

Held every Monday

(excluding school holidays)

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Nhill Library

'PIECES OF YOU' JIGSAW PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION OFFICIAL LAUNCH

Council received funding through the State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria to develop this project which involved professional photographs being taken of our towns, attractions, people and places within the shire, and to then create jigsaw puzzles from the images.

Join us for the official launch of the 'Pieces of You' Jigsaw Photograph Exhibition.

Friday 10 May 2024

Dimboola Community Civic Hub

101 Lloyd Street Dimboola

From 10am

This exhibition will run until 17 May.

Puzzles will be available at

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Hindmarsh Shire Council meetings are open to members of the public to attend or can be watched live on Council's Facebook page.

Council meetings will be held at the Nhill Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill from 3pm on the following days:

Wednesday 8 May 2024

Wednesday 29 May 2024

Wednesday 26 June 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

For more information, visit:

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



Community members enjoying their Cuppa Connections road trip around the Shire.

WRITING HOUR AT THE NHILL LIBRARY

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Thursday of every month for a writing hour.

For those who wish for a set time and place to work on their writing, talk with other writers or perhaps get another set of eyes on pieces of their work.

Thursday 16 May 2024

Thursday 20 June 2024

Thursday 18 July 2024

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Library

5 Clarence Street

All welcome!

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Parents with pre-school-aged children are welcome to attend our Supported Playgroup sessions.

Benefits include fun activities for you and your kids, information about local services and supports, tips on child development, self-care strategies and a chance to meet other local families. (excluding school holidays)

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

GET CREATIVE AT THE NHILL LIBRARY

Join us at the Nhill Library for a Get Creative session.

Bring your own project that you are working on, chat and enjoy the company of others; or maybe get inspiration to begin your next project.

Friday 17 May 2024

Friday 21 June 2024

Friday 19 July 2024

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Library

5 Clarence Street

Ages: 16+