

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

15 JULY 2024

GRANTS NOW OPEN



Council currently has three grant programs open to community groups and businesses:

REGIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS

The aim of the funding is to support the establishment and growth of community events that celebrate culture, heritage, and community wellbeing, boost our local economy, and increase visitation to Hindmarsh Shire.

Applications close **midnight** on **Wednesday 31 July 2024**.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Supports existing local businesses' growth and attracts new business to the Shire.

Applications close **5pm** on **Friday 9 August 2024**.

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Assists community groups and non-profit organisations hosting community events, purchasing necessary equipment, and upgrading facilities.

Applications close **5pm** on **Friday 9 August 2024**.

For more information about these grants, or to make an application, visit our website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/grants

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 and present.

TINY TOWNS FUNDING

Council has been successful with two funding applications through the Victorian Government's first round of Tiny Towns funding.

NHILL OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

Development of a new Off-Leash Dog Park in Nhill will commence soon. The new park, estimated to be approximately 1000m², will be located in the Nhill Lawn Tennis Club precinct on Whitehead Avenue, Nhill. It will feature a water station, dog bag dispenser, rubbish bins, and bench seating for owners and will be fully enclosed with a 1.5m high chain mesh fence and access will be via a double gated system. This will reduce the risk of dogs within the park exiting while others are entering.

This project has also been made possible with funding from Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Nhill Town Committee.

JEPARIT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

Roy Street in Jeparit is set to receive streetscape improvements. This includes replacing the existing timber garden bed surrounds with new attractive, maintenance-free composite materials along Roy Street between Charles Street and Scott Street, as well as enhancing the aesthetics of Roy Street whilst improving safety for local and visiting pedestrians using the footpaths.

This project has also been made possible with funding from Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Jeparit Town Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS LUCY!

Nhill's Lucy Stephan is officially off to another Olympic Games, with the 32-year-old selected in the Women's Rowing Eight crew to compete in Paris later this month. Lucy competed at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games where her Rowing Women's Four team won Gold. **Good luck Lucy!**



INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN STANDING FOR COUNCIL

Local Government Council elections are coming in October 2024.

Have you ever thought about standing for Council?

If you are interested or want more information about what being a Councillor entails, join us at the MAV Community and Candidate Information Session!

Wednesday 14 August 2024

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

By attending one of these sessions, participants will be provided with information about:

- Local government and the important role councils play for 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

The sessions will be held at various metropolitan and non-metropolitan locations across Victoria, with interested participants able to register to attend more than one session, including those outside of their municipality.

The details for the Stand for Council event in Hindmarsh are available on the Municipal Associations of Victoria (MAV) website by scanning the QR code here:



MAKE A REQUEST

Do you need to report an issue? Whether it be an issue with a road, tree, footpath or drain; an animal issue, or even a parking or traffic issue, please let us know by submitting a request on Council's website at hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/make-a-request, or scan the QR code here.

Alternatively, you can call our customer service centre on 03 5391 4444 or pop into Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill or Rainbow Council offices.



Once you have submitted your request, it will be directed to the appropriate business unit for action. If you opt-in to be contacted by Council, an officer will keep you updated either by phone call or email.

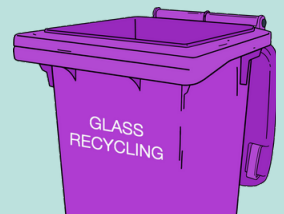
NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 2 August 2024**.

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

Future glass bin collection days are as follows:

- Friday 27 September 2024
- Friday 22 November 2024
- Friday 17 January 2025
- Friday 14 March 2025
- Friday 9 May 2025
- Friday 4 July 2025



For more information about purple glass bins, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/glass-bins

HINDMARSH BUSINESS NETWORKING SESSION

The next Hindmarsh Business Networking evening will be held on **Wednesday 21 August 2024 at 6:30pm** at the Dimboola Rowing Club. The session will include information from;

- **Donald Mineral Sands** - How can businesses in the service sector tap into opportunities from the mine operations in Minyip, proposed to commence in 2025.
- **Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism** - 'Tourism is Everyone's Business'. What does the new Visitor Economy Partnership mean to your business and how can you be part of the Visitor Economy and grow your business?
- **Hindmarsh Shire Council** - updates on current business and tourism activities.

At the conclusion of the presentations, a light supper will be provided. More information will be available closer to the event date, please visit Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or email business@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au for updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY



CEO Drop-In Sessions

Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO, Monica Revell, will be at local Libraries for drop-in sessions.

Whether you are thinking of running for Council, or have ideas, concerns or questions about a Council service or what is happening in the Shire, we invite you to pop in and chat with Monica.

Dimboola Library

Thursday 11 July 2024 | 3pm - 5pm

Friday 23 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Jeparit Library

Monday 15 July 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Monday 5 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Nhill Library

Thursday 18 July 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 22 August 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Rainbow Library

Friday 19 July 2024 | 2pm - 4pm

Monday 12 August 2024 | 1pm - 3pm

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Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee Annual General Meeting

The Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 16 July 2024** from **7:30pm** at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum, Dimboola-Rainbow Road, Jeparit.

Any person requiring more information may contact Craig Proctor, Secretary, on 0408 311 302 or by email at wmpmjeparit@gmail.com.

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Nhill Senior Citizens Lunch and Entertainment

Join the Nhill Senior Citizens on the third Wednesday of each month for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment (excluding the month of January). Ages 50+ welcome.

Wednesday 17 July 2024

12:00pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

\$15 - \$25 for entry

Contact Heather - 0417 911 867

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie *The Ghost and Mrs Muir*

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

Tuesday 16 July 2024

Morning tea at 10am | Movie at 10:30am

Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Gold coin donation | Rated G

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Nhill Kids Craft Club

Join us at the Nhill Library every third Wednesday of the month for Kids Craft Club FREE of charge!

Wednesday 17 July 2024

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Writing Hour at the Nhill Library

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Thursday of every month for Writing Hour.

Thursday 18 July 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

When: Wednesday 24 July 2024

Time: From 3:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

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Get Creative at Nhill Library

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Friday of every month 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 19 July 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee Annual General Meeting

The Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting on

Thursday 25 July 2024 at The MECCA Meeting Room, Federal St Rainbow, commencing at **7:30pm**.

RSVP and apologies to Peter Solly, Secretary on 0428 951 233 or via email yurungarainbow@gmail.com.

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Book Chat at Dimboola Library

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat! Book chatters bring along a current book that they have been reading and share reviews with each other over a cuppa and biscuits.

Friday 19 July 2024

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

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Christmas in July Dimboola

Dimboola Progress Association is celebrating Christmas in July with a twilight market and late-night shopping in the retail precinct.

Saturday 20 July 2024

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Dimboola Tower Park | FREE entry

For more information, please contact the Dimboola Progress Association on 0407 018 862.



Farmer Consultation Sessions

Join us to discuss the issues identified from the June Farmer Consultations and to also discuss the 2024/25 proposed maintenance grading schedule and maintenance works.

Jeparit Memorial Hall

Wednesday 31 July 2024 | 9am - 11am

Yanac Hall

Tuesday 6 August 2024 | 9:30am - 11:30am

Rainbow MECCA Supper Room

Monday 12 August 2024 | 9:30am - 11:30am

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Thursday 22 August 2024 | 9am - 11am

Dimboola Customer Service Centre & Library

Friday 23 August 2024 | 9am - 11am

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Nhill Senior Citizens Games Afternoon

Join the Nhill Senior Citizens on the first Wednesday of each month for games and afternoon tea (excluding the month of January). Ages 50+ welcome.

Wednesday 7 August 2024

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

\$2 entry | Contact Heather - 0417 911 867

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Southern Mallee Thunder BBQ & Chat

As part of Hindmarsh Shire Council's community engagement program, Council extends an invitation to Southern Mallee Thunder Football Netball Club players and members to attend a sponsored BBQ tea.

Councillors and Council staff will be in attendance to obtain and discuss ideas for future strategic and facility planning initiatives..

Thursday 8 August 2024

From 6:00pm

Rainbow Recreation Reserve

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MAV Stand for Council Candidate Information Session

In partnership with Hindmarsh Shire Council, the MAV is delivering an information session for the community and prospective candidates for the 2024 Local Council Election.

Wednesday 14 August 2024

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street Nhill

You can register by visiting:

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

ONGOING

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.

Dimboola Library

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Nhill Library

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

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

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.

Held weekly excluding school holidays.

Nhill Library

Mondays 10am - 12noon

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/hindmarshshiresupportedplaygroups

PROJECT UPDATES



NEW KINDEGARTENS AT DIMBOOLA AND NHILL



Construction is well and truly underway at both Nhill and Dimboola for the new 4YO Kindergarten rooms, with both buildings now assembled on their respective sites. Contractors will undertake the fitout of the buildings and once this is completed landscaping will commence.

The new infrastructure will support the transition to Pre-Prep, with Hindmarsh Shire one of the first Councils to begin the rollout of delivering up to 30 hours per week of 4YO Kindergarten.

Funding for the new Kindergartens has been provided by the Victorian Government.

RAINBOW SILO ART PROJECT



Progress with the soon-to-be newest destination on the Mallee Silo Art Trail continues, with the Rainbow project recently obtaining its building permit and planning permit amendment approval.

On the construction side, the Builder is currently working with the manufacturer who will be responsible for making the prefabricated steel structure, which is scheduled for delivery to the site later in the year. It is hoped the tower will be erected before Christmas, with construction to finish in early March.

ROADS AND WORKS UPDATE

Albert Street Rainbow Kerb & Channel

Works on the kerb and channel and shoulder sealing were completed in July. This upgrades the previously unsealed shoulder and earth drain between King St and Butter Factory Lane.

Tarranyurk East Road Re-Sheet

Works on Tarranyurk East Rd have continued, with another section recently re-sheeted. Further resheeting works on this road will be conducted with this financial year's budget over the coming months. The site will be monitored for gravel performance, aiming to find the best value solution for the site.

VicRoads Contract

Two large patch sections of Dimboola Rainbow Rd, just south of Antwerp were sealed in July. This will complete the works, which repaired two failed sections in accordance with provisional works as part of the VicRoads maintenance contract.

DIMBOOLA SOUNDSHELL REDEVELOPMENT



The redevelopment of the Dimboola Soundshell is progressing well. The concrete slab for the new stage area was poured and works on the new concrete apron at the front of the stage, as well as the new all-abilities ramp, walkway and car park taking shape.

Works are anticipated to be completed by early October 2024.

DIMBOOLA CLOCK

The refurbishment of the Clock post is progressing well and is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, technical issues with the new clock have seen it returned to the supplier for rectification before they re-deliver to the site once these issues are sorted, hopefully in the not-too-distant future.

OTHER NEWS



ACCOMMODATION FOR WORKERS



As of 15 February 2023, changes have been made to the Public Health and Wellbeing (Prescribed Accommodation) Regulations 2020. All forms of accommodation that intend to be used for the purpose of housing 4 or more labour-hire workers must be registered with their local shire, this includes:

Any house, building, structure or site (including any shared facilities on a site), whether temporary or permanent, used to provide accommodation for a worker under, or in connection with, a labour-hire arrangement with that worker. It applies to four or more workers.

This is to ensure the health and standards of accommodation for workers and the associated risks that may arise from shared use of facilities and overcrowding.

To apply to register your Accommodation for workers there is a link on the Hindmarsh Shire website:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/accommodation-premises

For further information on the changes to Prescribed Accommodation you can visit:

www.health.vic.gov.au/legislation/public-health-and-wellbeing-prescribed-accommodation-regulations-2020

Or contact the Hindmarsh Shire Council Environmental Health Team on (03) 5391 4444 or email EHO@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

MAYORAL MATTERS



To read the latest news from Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, **Cr Brett Ireland**, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.



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ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT



If you have an event coming up in Hindmarsh Shire, we would love to help you promote it!

If you complete the 'Advertising an Event' form on our website, we will promote your event under the Upcoming Events page of Council's website, share it on Facebook and include it in Council's fortnightly e-newsletter and monthly newsletter.

Visit Council's website:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event

All event advertising requests are subject to final approval by Council staff.

JOIN OUR TEAM

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

SCAN



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Assets and GIS Officer

Permanent Full Time

Applications close **12pm on Wednesday 24 July 2024**

For more information on these positions, scan the QR code, or call Council on 03 5391 4444.

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 Councillor's contact details on Council's website at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor

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



Cr Brett Ireland
Mayor



Cr Wendy Bywaters
Deputy Mayor



Cr Debra Nelson
Councillor



Cr Rob Gersch OAM
Councillor



Cr Melanie Albrecht
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor

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