

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

06 MAY 2025

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK HINDMARSH OUTDOOR POOLS



After our first season running the Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools directly, we're reviewing attendance, opening hours and staffing to help plan for the 2025/2026 season.

A big THANK YOU to our amazing seasonal staff and the community for your support this past season – we've heard loud and clear how much you value free community pools!

To keep our pools free and operating sustainably, we're proposing a few changes based on data from the 2024/2025 season. These include adjustments to opening hours, introducing a weekly closure day for each pool, and other operational updates – all while maintaining safety and water quality.

Changes include –

- Weekly closure days (Nhill – Monday, Rainbow – Tuesday, Jeparit – Wednesday, Dimboola – Thursday)
- Reducing Sunday afternoon/evening hours
- Increasing the minimum opening temperature
- Extending hours when it's over 30°C only when minimum patron numbers are met

Before anything is final, we want to hear from YOU!

Have your say by scanning the QR code or by visiting:

haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au



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.

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Breakfast will include bacon & eggs, cereals, toasts, juice, as well as tea & coffee.

Gluten free options will also be available.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2025 SENIORS CONCERTS

Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to be hosting not one, but **four Seniors Concerts in 2025!**

Thanks to funding received from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR), we will be holding Seniors concerts in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit.

We are still finalising the details of these concerts, but for now, we encourage you to save the date!

- **Nhill** - Thursday 26 June 2025 (morning concert)
- **Dimboola** - Thursday 26 June 2025 (afternoon concert)
- **Rainbow** - Friday 27 June 2025 (morning concert)
- **Jeparit** - Friday 27 June 2025 (afternoon concert)

More details are to come.



MAYORAL MATTERS

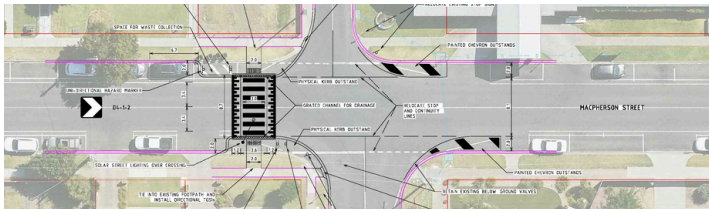


Read Cr Ron Ismay's most recent Mayoral Matters. Cr Ismay discusses -

- conducting a recent citizenship ceremony
- his attendance to various events (Whimpey Reichelt's 90th Birthday, Rainbow Town Committee new residents BBQ, ANZAC Day services in Rainbow and Nhill)
- his attendance at a regional meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Planning
- his congratulations to all involved in organising the Wimmera Steampunk Festival

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

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING COMING TO MACPHERSON STREET, NHILL



We're excited to share that Hindmarsh Shire Council has secured funding to build a raised pedestrian crossing - also known as a "Wombat Crossing" - at the intersection of Macpherson and McDonald Streets in Nhill!

Thanks to a 50:50 partnership with the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), this \$125,000 project will help make it safer and easier for residents - especially those heading to the nearby health service and aged care facility - to cross the road with confidence.

What's included?

- ✓ Raised crossing on Macpherson Street
- ✓ Kerb extensions
- ✓ Drainage and footpath upgrades
- ✓ Solar lighting above the crossing
- ✓ New line markings

Works are set to kick off in the 2025-26 financial year. Stay tuned for updates!

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OUT NOW

A Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 May 2025 at the Nhill Council Chamber commencing at 3:00pm.

This meeting is open to the public.

Please note: Due to Facebook's livestreaming changes, this meeting will now be livestreamed on Council's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@hindmarshshirecouncil.

Items listed on the agenda include:

- Council Plan quarterly update (January - March)
- Draft 2025/2026 Council Budget
- Quarterly Finance update (January - March)
- Council Town Advisory Committees Terms of Reference, Hindmarsh Pride Committee Terms of Reference and Advisory Committee Policy review
- Llew Schilling Silo promotion
- Capital Works update

You can view the agenda and corresponding attachments for this meeting on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

FREE BREAST SCREENS & WOMEN'S HEALTH CONSULTATIONS IN NHILL



The Women's Health Mobile Clinic will be in Nhill offering two different free services at Farmer Arms Hotel Car Park, 2 Victoria St.

BREAST SCREENING

(5 to 15 May 2025)

Free breast screens for women and trans and gender-diverse people aged 50-74 without symptoms. Screen every 2 years.

Book at www.breastscreen.org.au or call 13 20 50.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CONSULTATION

(5 to 16 May 2025)

Free, confidential 45-minute consultations with a nurse practitioner for adults and adolescents.

Visit www.breastscreen.org.au/community-engagement/womens-health-mobile-clinic for more info and to book call 03 9675 0050.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS AWARDED

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Empowerment. Growth. Opportunity.

Hindmarsh Shire Council has awarded seven local community organisations grant funding through round two of the 2024/2025 Community Action Grants program.

Hindmarsh Shire Council congratulates the recipients listed below and wishes them well for their upcoming projects and events!

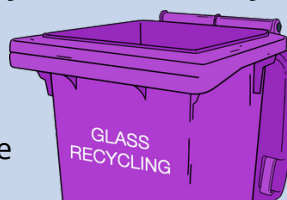
- **Nhill-Dimboola Band** will receive \$1,000.00 to assist with rental costs for band practice.
- **Nhill Basketball Association** will receive \$1000.00 to assist with subsidising uniform costs for participants.
- **Nhill South Landcare Group** will receive \$500.00 towards a Little Desert National Park Bushfire Volunteer Thank You event.
- **Winiam CFA** will receive \$500.00 towards a Little Desert National Park Bushfire Volunteer Thank You event.
- **Nhill A & P Society** will receive \$500.00 towards children's entertainment for the 139th Annual Nhill Agricultural Show 2025.
- **Rainbow Scout Group** will receive \$900.00 for the purchasing of a freezer/fridge combination for their hall.
- **Winiam Hall Incorporated** will receive \$496.00 for the purchase of a microwave oven, fire safety and medical equipment.

Keep an eye out for our next round of Community Action Grants in the future.

NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 9 May 2025** and **Friday 4 July 2025**.

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



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

TRANSFER STATION VOUCHERS PROGRAM

Did you know that residents using Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Stations can cash in transfer station receipts for a free voucher?

Once you have collected 4 receipts, present these receipts to any Customer Service Centre to receive a voucher! All receipts must be addressed to the same person.

The value of your voucher will equate to the average amount of the four receipts. Add all your vouchers together and divide by 4 to know what your voucher is worth.

COUNCIL DONATES TO BLAZE AID



At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 April, Hindmarsh Shire Council resolved to provide a \$2,500 donation to BlazeAid to assist with costs associated with the Nhill camp.

BlazeAid have been assisting Hindmarsh residents impacted by the Little Desert Bushfire with fencing removal, repairs, and replacement.

At the end of March, BlazeAid had 66 volunteers in Nhill (totalling 332 days on properties), completing 29.55km of fencing, starting 16 of 26 identified properties. They have also served 643 meals and are thankful for community support with meals supplied by Luv-a-Duck and the Karen community.

Community members impacted by the Little Desert Bushfire who have not reached out to Council are encouraged to do so, so that details can be passed onto BlazeAid.

FINAL RATES INSTALMENT DUE 31 MAY 2025

A friendly reminder to all property owners in Hindmarsh Shire Council that your fourth and final instalment of rates for the 2024/2025 financial year is **due on Saturday 31 May 2025**.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY

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JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE Old Yeller

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am
Jeparit Memorial Hall,
12 Roy Street
Rated G

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HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

Join us at our next Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting. Council meetings are open to members of the public and livestreamed on Council's Facebook page.

Wednesday 7 May 2025

From 3:00pm
Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill

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GET CREATIVE AT NHILL LIBRARY

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

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 9 May 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street
Call 03 5391 4449

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TIDE'S BOUNTY EXHIBITION

Join Turbo Gallery for the opening of "Tide's Bounty" - This exhibition explores two artists practices, which uniquely either reveal destruction or conjure narratives through the use of mediums washed up by the tides.

This exhibition can be viewed during Turbo Gallery's normal opening hours between May 09th and June 1st 2025.

Friday 9 May 2025

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Turbo Gallery, 58 Federal Street Rainbow
Contact Belinda Eckermann on 0429 357 966

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GHOSTNETS WEAVING WORKSHOP

Join Turbo Gallery for their Ghostnets Weaving Workshop.

JOJO SPOOK is a nationally recognised artist, who is versatile in her use of media, using satirical overtones of humour symbolic to her environment.

Sunday 11 May 2025

11:00am - 2:30pm
Turbo Gallery, 58 Federal Street Rainbow
Cost: \$80 per person
Contact Belinda Eckermann on 0429 357 966.

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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 15 May 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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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 16 May 2025

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street



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We hope to see you there!

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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 21 May 2025

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street



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PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Join Turbo Gallery for their Printmaking Workshop. Discover the art of carving and printing your own lino cuts and use them to craft personalised stamps and cards. During this workshop, you will discover the art of reverse printing, learn how to align your paper for multiple colours, and master the techniques of correct inking and pressure, along with detailed cutting methods.

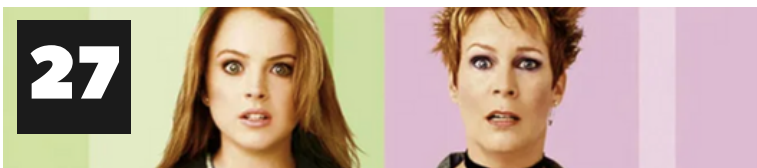
Sunday 25 May 2025

10:00am - 12:00pm

Turbo Gallery, 58 Federal Street Rainbow

Cost: \$40 per person

Contact Belinda Eckermann on 0429 357 966.



NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE Freaky Friday

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 27 May 2025

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

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,

77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Rated PG



ONGOING



Story Time

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for Story Time!

Dimboola Library

Held weekly on Fridays from 10:00am

Nhill Library

Held every second Friday from 11:00am



Supported Playgroup

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

Nhill Library

Mondays 10:00am - 12noon

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

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



Cuppa Connections

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

Dimboola Library

Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

Nhill Library

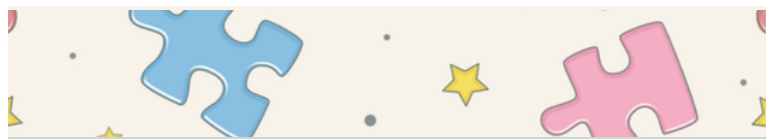
Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm



Jigsaw Club

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for weekly Jigsaw Club!

Rainbow Library

Fridays from 1:30pm

Nhill Library

Fridays from 2:00pm

Jeparit Library

Mondays from 2:00pm

OUT AND ABOUT



LLEW SCHILLING SILO TOURISM REDEVELOPMENT

With foundation works now complete, further works at the Rainbow Silo are expected to ramp up mid-May, including delivery of the Colorbond-clad elevator shaft tower. Whilst these works are underway, the builder will prepare to cut the accessways in the side of the Silo, which will connect the external stairway and elevator shaft to the internal viewing platforms.

In other exciting news - the Art Activation Tender, for both the internal and external artwork, has been awarded. The artist is expecting to visit the site again sometime in the next month. Timing for the Art Activation to commence will be subject to builder's works schedule.



DAVIS PARK GRANDSTAND & CHANGEROOM, NHILL



The development of a new grandstand & changerooms at Davis Park in Nhill continues with external cladding on three sides of the building now complete. Cladding for the front of the building will be installed once the concrete tiered seating area has been completed. Concreters are soon to arrive onsite to start assembly and installation of the formwork for pouring the new concrete tiered seating area.

With much of the internal area of the building now protected from the weather, plasterers will also be onsite in the next week to commence internal plastering.

NHILL DOG PARK



Progress continues at the Nhill Dog Park with contractors recently completing construction of the internal pathways. One area has been levelled and a watering system installed for watering of the designated lawned area – with instant turf to be laid in the next couple of weeks. Landscaping, including planting of several small trees and shrubs, and the spreading of bark chips will also be scheduled over coming weeks.

Agility obstacles, including jumping logs, a pipe tunnel and weaving poles, will be installed along the internal pathway, providing a challenge for the more curious canines. Two park-seats and a picnic table within the park will provide visitors with a place to rest between activities with their dogs. A water fountain with dog bowl will also be added once it arrives later in May.

ROAD SEALING WORKS

Council has recently finished sealed road reconstructions on Woorak-Ni Ni-Lorquon Road (roughly 1km in length) and Dimboola-Minyip Road (roughly 1km in length).



RAINBOW LAKE JETTY

Council have appointed a manufacturer to supply and install a new all-abilities accessible fishing jetty at Rainbow Lake.

Council worked in consultation with the Rainbow Lake Committee in selecting the jetty and finalising its layout, which will see a 12m x 2.85m jetty with access ramp installed at the southern end of the Lake. A preconstruction site meeting took place with the manufacturer this week, prior to fabrication of the jetty commencing.

It is expected that the jetty will be installed before the end of the financial year.

love your library



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Visit our Website!

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Our four branches across Hindmarsh Shire not only have physical books for you to borrow, but we have free access to Wi-Fi and public computers, audiobook CDs, magazines, e-Books and e-Audiobook apps for your digital device, movie and series screening apps, electronic graphic novels and comics, e-Magazines and so much more! If you haven't checked out your nearest library yet - why not pop in and meet the library team!

book review

from Sharon



"I finished the last 5 pages last night! This book is easy to read and has you thinking outside the square! I often found myself having a little chuckle at his light hearted humour along the way. I now want to read Glover's previous book 'The Land before Avocado: Journeys in a Lost Australia'."



Busy Things online learning platform

Busythings is a UK-based online learning platform, with interactive activities for kids aged 3-11 years.

Each age category has an individual activity set, with content appropriate to engage and develop learning in English, Maths, Art and Music, Exploring the World and much, much more!

You can access Busythings by scanning the QR code and using your library card number to log in.



meet the team



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Hannah
LIBRARY
COORDINATOR



meet
Jo
DIMBOOLA
LIBRARY



meet
Danelle
NHILL
LIBRARY



meet
Sharon
JEPARIT &
RAINBOW LIBRARY



meet
Adelle
DIMBOOLA
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SCAN



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Plant Operator Labourer
Full Time
Applications close **12noon**
on **Wednesday 21 May**
2025.

Mechanic
Full Time
Applications **opening soon.**
Keep an eye on our website
for more information.

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. Alternatively, you can contact them via email to info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au and put the Councillor name(s) in the subject line. To contact a councillor, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/councillors.



Cr Ron Ismay
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West Ward



Cr Chan Uoy
Deputy Mayor
East Ward



Cr Roger Aitken
Councillor
North Ward



Cr Rosie Barker
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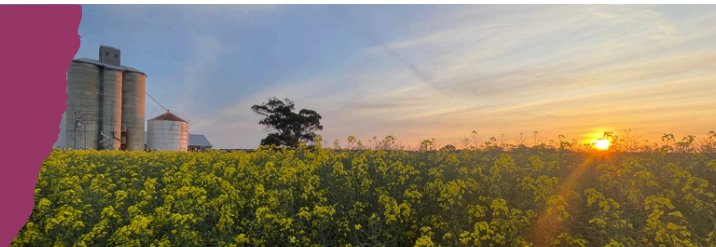


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Cr Tony Clark
Councillor
North Ward

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- Times get tough
- You need a trusted person to talk with
- You are concerned about someone
- You need someone for support & guidance
- Or you just need a friendly ear on the phone

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