

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

13 AUGUST 2025

HAVE YOUR SAY

DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029

The draft Council Plan 2025–2029 is now open for community feedback, and this is your final chance to get involved before it's adopted!

This Plan represents our shared vision for a more vibrant, inclusive and sustainable Hindmarsh. Developed with input from our Community Panel and local feedback, it sets out goals and priorities.

We've also outlined Council Plan Actions for 2025/2026, including specific projects and services we'll deliver this year - plus a roadmap for future years.

Feedback is open until **12pm on Friday 22 August 2025**.

SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY 2025-2035

Hindmarsh Shire Council is developing a Sport and Recreation Strategy for 2025 – 2035 and is seeking input from both sport and recreation stakeholders (e.g. sporting clubs, user groups, leagues) and individuals from across Hindmarsh Shire.

The 2025 – 2035 Sport and Recreation Strategy is a long-term strategic plan that will guide Council and key stakeholders in developing and managing sporting and recreational facilities, programs and services within Hindmarsh for the next ten years.

The survey closes **11:59pm on Sunday 24 August 2025**.

Have your say by scanning the QR code or by visiting
www.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.

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL GRANTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council currently has the following grants open for applications:

Community Action Grants

This grant is to assist with community development, social action and connectedness. Funding can be applied for in one of three categories:

- Community Assistance - up to \$1,000
- Event Sponsorship - up to \$500
- Small Equipment - up to \$1,000

Business Assistance Grants

This grant program aims to generate new employment opportunities, support existing business to grow and attract new business to Hindmarsh Shire.

Eligible businesses can apply for funding to support projects in one of two categories:

- Business Development - up to \$2,000 (business must match \$1:\$2 to grant)
- Streetscape Improvement - up to \$3,000 (business must match \$1:\$2 to grant)

Regional Community Events Grants

This grant program is for incorporated not-for-profit organisations to run Regional Community Events within Hindmarsh Shire across three tiers:

- Tier 1: \$2,000 for events expecting up to 500 attendees
- Tier 2: \$4,000 for events expecting up to 1500 attendees
- Tier 3: \$7,500 for events expecting over 1500 attendees

Applications for the above grants close **5:00pm on Thursday 4 September 2025**.

For more information, to view the grant guidelines or to apply, scan the QR code or visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants



MAYORAL MATTERS



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

- Mervyn Schneider's 100th Birthday celebration
- the Rotary Club of Nhill change over
- his attendance with the CEO to a Municipal Association Victoria meeting in Ararat
- the recent Western Highway Action Group meeting
- conducting an Australian Citizenship ceremony

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

Pictured L to R: Mayor Ron Ismay, Mervyn Schneider, Cr Rosie Barker and Stuart Schneider.

KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTION DATES



Glass bin collection in Hindmarsh is moving from an 8-weekly to a 12-weekly schedule following community feedback.

The change will take effect after the scheduled glass collection on 24 October 2025.

Glass bin collection dates:

- Friday 29 August 2025
- Friday 24 October 2025
- Friday 26 January 2026

Residents can drop off glass for free at any transfer station or collection point in Hindmarsh if they cannot wait for collection day, or contact our team to discuss options for a second bin.

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

FREE GREEN WASTE MONTH THIS OCTOBER



Between **1 October and 31 October 2025**, Hindmarsh Shire Council is accepting green waste disposal **FREE** of charge at all Hindmarsh Transfer Stations.

This is a great chance to tidy up your properties, enhance our towns, and keep everyone safe during the fire season!

SUMMER TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS

During the Summer months, 1 December 2025 - 28 February 2026, Council's **Transfer Station operating hours will change** to accommodate for high temperatures and to ensure the safety of staff and members of the community.

See below the summer operating hours:

	DIMBOOLA	JEPARIT	NHILL	RAINBOW
MON	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm
TUE	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed	Closed
WED	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed
THUR	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed	Closed
FRI	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm
SAT	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm	Closed
SUN	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm

These hours also apply to Total Fire Ban Days.

All Transfer Stations will close on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.

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To subscribe to Council's Fortnightly E-newsletter, scan the QR code, or visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/enews

2024/25 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM DELIVERY

Hindmarsh Shire Council has reviewed the delivery of key projects under its budgeted 2024/2025 capital works program. Over 85% of items listed in the programs were completed during the financial year.

Major projects like Davis Park Grandstand and Llew Schilling Silo are well underway but were not completed at 30 June 2025.

Extensive road upgrades and resurfacing were completed across the Shire including resurfacing over 52,500 m2 of sealed roads.

Nhill Dog Park and **Rainbow Rises Event Centre** are now open!

Over 700 customer requests and 400+ maintenance tasks were actioned by our outdoor team.

Some projects will continue into the 2025/2026 financial year due to approvals from external authorities or budget adjustments.

To read the full media release about the delivery of Council's 2025/26 Capital Works program, scan the QR code.



Rainbow Lake Jetty



Netherby-Baker Road



Nhill Dog Park



Dimboola Kinder

COUNCILLORS OUT AND ABOUT IN HINDMARSH

Hindmarsh Shire Councillors have been out and about in June and July at community events, regional advocacy sessions and live-broadcasts - to name a few!

Whether you saw Cr Ismay and Cr Barker at the Nhill Lions Changeover, Cr Uoy hosting the Senior's Concert in Nhill, Cr Aitken at a community meeting for the Neighbourhood House, Men's Shed or Landcare, Cr Barry at the Grampian's Wimmera Mallee Tourism broadcast or Cr Clark at the Rainbow Lion's Changeover - Hindmarsh Shire Councillors are out there supporting events and community groups that make Hindmarsh such a wonderful place to live and visit.

To contact a Councillor or invite them to your event, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/councillors.



Merv Schneider's 100th Birthday

WMPM AGM



Nhill Seniors Concert

Rainbow Town Committee Meeting



GWMT Campaign Launch

ALGA Conference

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



On Tuesday 29 July 2025, Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, officially welcomed two new Australian Citizens!

Congratulations to **Saw Eh Kaw Doh** and **Vikram Reddy Gaddam** on becoming Australian Citizens.

It was an honour to be part of your special day!

OUT AND ABOUT

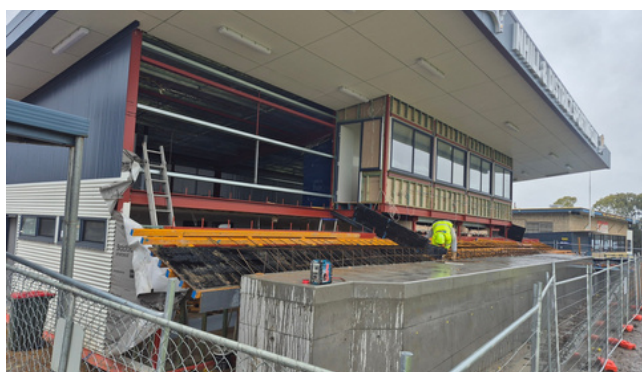
RAINBOW SILO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Contractors are continuing with the fit out of the third and final section of the silo tower onsite at the Rainbow Silo, including installation of the stairs, platforms and balustrades. The lower-level platform providing access to the west silo bin has also been installed.

This project has been funded by the Victorian Government's Tourism Infrastructure Program - Flagship Projects and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



NHILL DAVIS PARK GRANDSTAND & CHANGEROOMS



After a number of unexpected delays, specialist concreting contractors have been on site at Davis Park in Nhill, installing formwork for the new suspended concrete grandstand. Formwork is a temporary structure that shapes and supports the wet concrete until it sets and gains strength.

Once the concrete work is complete, balustrades will be installed and seating will follow. The builder will then finalise the internal fit-out, which is already nearing completion.

Delays were due to contractor availability, as this part of the project was dependent on specialised skills. Council is working to ensure that the remainder of the project progresses smoothly.

This project is proudly funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, the Victorian Government's Country Football Netball Program, Hindmarsh Shire Council, and the Nhill and District Sporting Club.

NEW SIGNS WELCOMING PEOPLE TO NHILL



Thanks to support from the Nhill Town Committee, we are thrilled to have rejuvenated the much-loved 'Welcome to Nhill in the Land of the Lowan' signs that visitors and locals see when driving into Nhill along the Western Highway.

The original signs, painted by Horsham signwriter Don Mitchell, were digitised, repaired and recoloured to give a vibrant new lease of life to the town entrances!

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST

15 + 29



GET CREATIVE AT NHILL LIBRARY

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

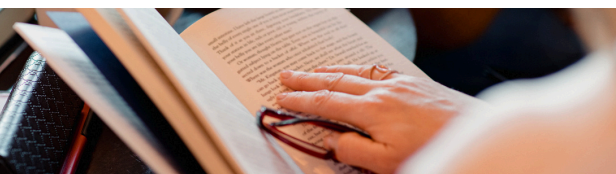
Bring your own project that you are working on & chat and enjoy the company of others.

Friday 15 and 29 August 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 15 August 2025

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dimboola Library,
101 Lloyd Street

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RAINBOW RISES PLANTING DAY

Rainbow and District Landcare Group will be holding a planting day at the Rainbow Rises site (located 2km west of Rainbow).

Saturday 16 August 2025

From 9:00am

If you would like to put your hand up to volunteer and assist with planting 2,500 plants, all are welcome to come along to help out. Please register by contacting Bernard Young, Secretary, on 0417 236 840.



Councillors and CEO Listening Sessions

Hindmarsh Shire Council's CEO and Councillors will be holding drop-in sessions throughout Hindmarsh.

The CEO will be available to chat about any operational matters and about what is happening in the Shire. The Councillors will be available to discuss the draft Council Plan for 2025-2029.

See details of these sessions below:

Jeparit Library and Customer Service Centre

Monday 18 August 2025

11:00am - 12:00pm

Rainbow Library and Customer Service Centre

Monday 18 August 2025

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Dimboola Library and Customer Service Centre

Tuesday 19 August 2025

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Nhill Library

Thursday 21 August 2025

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Anyone is welcome to pop down for a chat!





Community Drop-In Sessions for Draft Council Plan 2025-2029

The draft Council Plan represents your vision for the future of Hindmarsh Shire and sets our strategic direction over the next four years.

The Plan has been developed based on community feedback, including the input of our Community Panel. Before Council adopts the draft Council Plan, join us for a drop-in session to discuss the draft Plan.

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Don't Get Your Vicars in a Twist - A 'Piggery Lane Players' Performance

Local theatre group Piggery Lane Players are performing a hilarious British Comedy, that is not to be missed.

Details of performances:

Friday 22 August 2025

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday 23 August 2025

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Saturday 23 August 2025

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Location: Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street Nhill

Ticket Prices: Adult - \$20 | Senior/Student - \$15

Rating: Rated PG

Book here: www.trybooking.com/1429874



NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

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

Wednesday 20 August 2025

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street



NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE - Houseboat

Join us for a classic movie screening in Nhill!

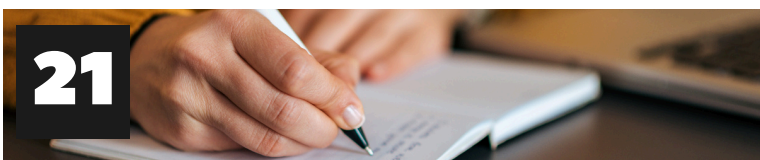
Tuesday 26 August 2025

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

Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street

Gold coin donation at door

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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 21 August 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library,

5 Clarence Street



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 YouTube channel.

Wednesday 27 August 2025

From 3:00pm

Council Chambers,

92 Nelson Street Nhill

CREATION STATION AT DIMBOOLA LIBRARY

Join us at the Dimboola Library for The Creation Station every second Wednesday.

Facilitated by our librarian Jo, these sessions will see participants using their imagination and working on projects that span the entire month.

Wednesday 27 August 2025

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Dimboola Library,
101 Lloyd Street

**Story Time**

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for Story Time, during the school term!

Dimboola Library

Held weekly on Friday from 10:00am

Nhill Library

Held every second Friday from 11:00am

The next session will be held on **Friday 15 August 2025**

ONGOING**RAINBOW CROCHET CORNER**

Grab those knitting needles or crochet hooks and pop down to the Rainbow Library for a yarn with yarners! Bring your current crochet or knitting project and work alongside like-minded crafters from 9:30am each Friday. Some tea, coffee and hot chocolate provided.

Held weekly on Fridays

9:30am - 12:00pm

Rainbow Library,
49 Federal Street

**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 for Cuppa Connections to meet new people.

Dimboola Library

Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

Nhill Library

Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

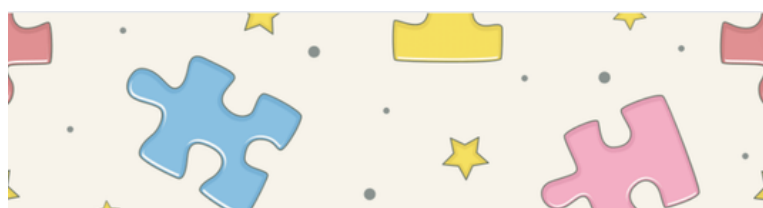
Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

If you'd like more information about these sessions, please call us on (03) 5391 4444.

**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



HINDMARSH OUTDOOR POOLS 2025/26 SEASON PLAN

Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools in Jeparit, Nhill, Rainbow and Dimboola are planning to open on **15 November 2025** for the summer season with **FREE** entry across all pools!

If you're interested in a role as a lifeguard, we are currently accepting job applications for the 2025/26 season. For more information or to apply, visit Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council. Applications close **12noon** on **Wednesday 3 September 2025**.

After seeking feedback from pool users, we've made some changes to Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools' services and policies for the upcoming season. These changes include amended opening hours, changing the way we extend hours when it's hot, improved communication and availability of information around pool opening times, and a closure day that enables planned maintenance of pool facilities.

Scan the QR code to view a complete list of planned changes for this coming season.

Thank you to everyone who had their say and helped us ensure that this service meets community expectations. We can't wait to see you at the pools in November! Follow us on our Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools Facebook page to make sure you access all updates around the upcoming season.



WHITEHEAD AVENUE SCHOOL CROSSING

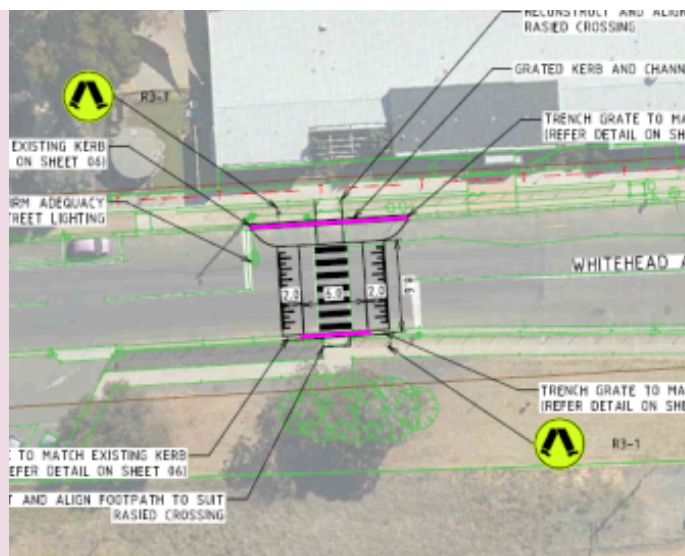
Council officers are currently working to seek approval to upgrade the school crossing in Whitehead Avenue to a raised pedestrian crossing to improve pedestrian safety.

The recent traffic survey of this intersection has raised concerns about the pedestrian safety in the school precinct with traffic counters identifying the following:

- The road on average has over 635 vehicles per day with about 20% of them being heavy vehicles. On an average day, there are more than 110 trucks travelling on this road.
- About 9% of vehicles travelling on this road were travelling at a speed higher than the posted speed limit of 40km/hr. This non-compliance reached about 20% between 7am and 9am.
- The maximum speed of over a 100km/hr was detected in this section of road during the count period.

Council is currently working with GrainCorp to find an alternative route for heavy vehicles travelling between the Belcher Street bunker and the Whitehead Avenue silos.

The speeding non-compliance is putting pedestrians, including children, at a greater risk. We urge road users to abide by the speed limits and for pedestrians to be cautious while crossing the road.



ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2029 ADOPTED

The **Road Management Plan 2025-2029** was adopted by Council at its meeting on 23 July 2025. The purpose of this Plan is to establish a management system for Council to inspect, maintain and repair its public roads based on policy and operational objectives having regard to available resources.

Scan the QR code to view this plan, or visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/RMP.



2021-2025 COUNCIL PLAN DELIVERY

Hindmarsh Shire Council is proud to mark the completion of the Council Plan 2021–2025—a plan built with our community and delivered for our community.

Over the past four years, we've focused on what matters most under key themes:

- Our Community
- Built & Natural Environment
- Economic Growth
- Good Governance

Just a few highlights from the past 4 years:

- 123 grants delivered to local groups & businesses
- 23,000+ library items loaned
- 50+ community consultations
- Hundreds of attendees at Nhill Cinema events
- Major upgrades & new projects across every corner of our Shire!

Some standout developments:

- Rainbow Library & Customer Service Centre
- Nhill Tennis Club upgrades
- Jeparit Riverside Precinct
- Nhill Dog Park
- Davis Park improvements
- Rainbow Lake
- Arkona Silo Art, Dimboola Laneway Mural, and more!
- From playgroups to youth programs and senior activities, we've supported every stage of life
- Key roads like Woorak-Ni-Ni-Lorquon Rd and Albacutya Road have been upgraded, improving safety and access across our farming community

We know not everything went perfectly - but we stayed transparent, responsive, and focused on continuous improvement.



SPRING INTO ACTION: FIRE PREVENTION STARTS NOW!

With spring just around the corner, it's the perfect time to prepare your property for the fire season. A few simple steps now can make a big difference in protecting your home and community.

Top Fire Prevention Tips

- Clean out your gutters
- Remove flammable materials from around your home
- Keep lawns and gardens trimmed
- Ensure emergency vehicles can access your property

Fire Safety Inspections Begin in September

Council will commence with fire safety property inspections across all townships in mid to late September. These are completed to ensure that residents are maintaining their properties to reduce the risk of fire hazard, to help keep everyone safe. Completing them in September will ensure that anyone who receives a notice to tidy up their properties can access the Free Green Waste initiative in October.

Free Green Waste Month in October

Take advantage of Free Green Waste Month to dispose of overgrown vegetation and garden waste. It's a great opportunity to clean up your properties.

Fire Safety on the Farm

Farmers – now's the time to plan your fire breaks around homes and paddocks. If your property borders a township, ensure fire breaks are in place to protect both your land and the community.

For more information, visit the CFA website:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

It's important that we understand the needs of our pets and play our part in keeping them safe, as well as our community, environment and wildlife.

Some examples of being a responsible pet owner include:

- Registering your cat/dog with Council
- Using a leash when walking your dog
- Picking up your pet's droppings when out and about
- Keeping your cat/dog within your property boundary with appropriate fencing
- Supervising when children are around your pet
- Spending time training your pet
- Exercising your pet and feeding them a nutritious diet

love your library



Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are vibrant hubs for information, connection, creativity and fun!

Visit our Website!

Becoming a member of Hindmarsh Shire Libraries is FREE!

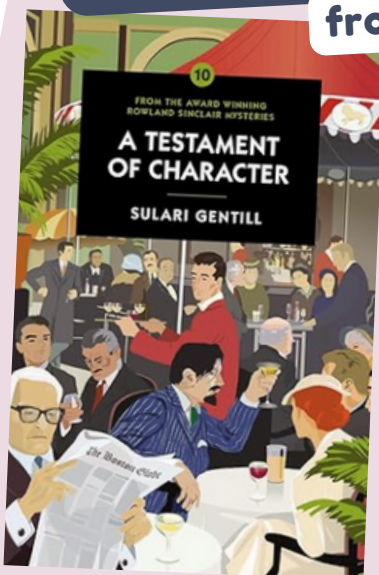
Our four branches across Hindmarsh Shire not only have physical books for you to borrow, but we have free access to Wi-Fi and public computers, audiobook CDs, magazines, e-Books and e-Audiobook apps for your digital device, movie and series screening apps, electronic graphic novels and comics, e-Magazines 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 Paul



"This mystery is great fun scattered with famous names while at the same time providing a snapshot of the volatile politics of the time. I definitely recommend this book and if you enjoy it then you should go back to the start of the series with *A Few Right Thinking Men*."



New Library Programs



The Rainbow Crochet Corner is an opportunity to meet and have a yarn with other yarners on a weekly basis. Utilising the library space, with tea, coffee and hot chocolate supplied, pop down to the Rainbow Library on Fridays from 9:30am for some dedicated craft time.

The Creation Station is our new after school program for kids aged 10+ and launched in the Dimboola Library. It's a crafty, creative program with sessions running every second Wednesday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Facilitated by our librarian Jo, these sessions will see participants using their imagination and working on projects that span the entire month.

meet the team



meet Hannah
LIBRARY
COORDINATOR



meet Jo
DIMBOOLA
LIBRARY



meet Danelle
NHILL
LIBRARY



meet Sharon
JEPARIT &
RAINBOW LIBRARY



meet Adelle
DIMBOOLA
LIBRARY

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

**Team Leader
Swimming Pools**
Full Time

Applications close **12noon** on
Monday 25 August 2025.

Lifeguards
Seasonal, Casual
Applications close **12noon**
on **Wednesday 3**
September 2025.

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
Mayor
West Ward



Cr Chan Uoy
Deputy Mayor
East Ward



Cr Roger Aitken
Councillor
North Ward



Cr Rosie Barker
Councillor
West Ward

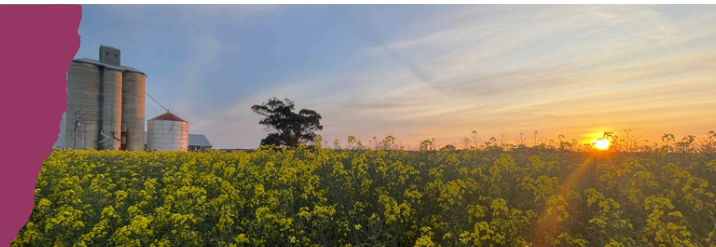


Cr James Barry
Councillor
East Ward



Cr Tony Clark
Councillor
North Ward

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It costs nothing to talk



Rural Outreach Program

How can we help?

Our team of Outreach Workers can help when:

- 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

This is a FREE service and we can come to you, whether it be at your home, on the farm or any place you feel most comfortable.

1300 OUTREACH (1300 688 732)

www.ruraloutreach.org.au – info@ruraloutreach.org.au

