

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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RAINBOW SILO ART



On Monday 22 December 2025, Council held a soft opening for locals of the newest addition to the Silo Art Trail – Rainbow Silo Art.

Many years in the making, the Silo is now open and ready for our community and visitors to see – a spectacular addition to the Silo Art Trail.

The view from the top of the platform, around 28 metres above ground level, across the Mallee landscape changes as the seasons change. The Silo incorporates external artwork, and internal artwork accessed by a lookout tower with two points to view inside the Silo. The top platform can be accessed via a staircase or a lift.

Information about the Rainbow Silo Art, including how to access the Silo, is available on the Hindmarsh Shire Council website:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/rainbow-silo-art

HINDMARSH AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026

Australia Day started early in Hindmarsh Shire on Monday 26 January 2026, commencing with a BBQ breakfast in Rainbow at 7:30am, followed by ceremonies in Jeparit, Dimboola, and Nhill.

Joined by the Deputy Mayor and Councillors, Hindmarsh Shire Council's Australia Day Awards were presented by Mayor Ron Ismay throughout the day.

See pages 7-9 for details about the successful recipients of the Hindmarsh Shire Council Australia Day Awards.

INTRODUCTION OF FOGO BINS IN HINDMARSH



At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2026, a report was presented to Council on introducing a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service for urban properties in Hindmarsh Shire. This service is mandated by the State Government and will enable semi-regular collection of food and garden waste.

As a starting point to introducing this mandatory service to residents in the Shire, Council consulted with residents via a survey on its "Have Your Say Hindmarsh" website to determine the collection frequency that the community preferred.

At the conclusion of the consultation period, the results stated the following:

- **9.7%** preferred **Option 1** (Weekly FOGO and Fortnightly General Waste Collection)
- **57.9%** preferred **Option 2** (Fortnightly FOGO and Weekly General Waste Collection)
- **14.5%** preferred **Option 3** (Fortnightly FOGO and Fortnightly General Waste Collection)
- **17.9%** preferred **Option 4** (Weekly FOGO and Weekly General Waste Collection)

Analysis of the community feedback received indicated a clear preference of Option 2 – Fortnightly FOGO and Weekly General Waste Collection, and as a result of this, Council unanimously carried a motion at its Council meeting to support this.

Council will continue to work with neighbouring Council's to establish a local processing facility for the FOGO waste to be transported to. More information about the roll out of the new service will be communicated with the community later in the year.



NHILL HOLIDAY PARK MULTI-UNIT CABIN ARRIVES



Contractors have delivered a new multi-unit cabin to the Nhill Holiday Park last week and have commenced with installation and fit out.

The new cabin, featuring 3 independent two-berth units, will provide a relaxing retreat from the road for weary travellers, contractors working in the area or those visiting Nhill to explore all that Hindmarsh Shire has to offer.

Cabin installation will take approximately 3 weeks after which the units will be furnished, ready for occupancy.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

ALL-NEW GRANDSTAND AND CHANGEROOMS AT DAVIS PARK NOW COMPLETE

The new grandstand and changerooms facility at Davis Park in Nhill is now complete in time for the 2026 football and hockey season, with the seating already being used by summer cricket spectators.

The grandstand features 147 seats, including an all-abilities accessible ramp and seating areas, a large media room overlooking the oval and a corporate room with a sink and storage. There is also an all-abilities carpark located at the rear of the building.

The changerooms feature two large changeroom areas, each with a shower room including 4 shower cubicles, 3 toilets and a trainer's room with a small sink.

The new facility also features split systems throughout, ensuring patrons are comfortable regardless of the season.

Council is currently liaising with the Nhill and District Sporting Club (NDSC) and government officials to schedule an official opening of the facility. We will promote this once a date has been locked in. Keep an eye out on Council and NDSC's Facebook pages for this.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, Hindmarsh Shire Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria's Country Football Netball program and Nhill and District Sporting Club.



FARMER CONSULTATIONS



We invite the farming community to join us to discuss the upcoming 2026/2027 budget and capital works program, road maintenance program, tree trimming, heavy vehicle access and Landcare projects.

Rainbow Mecca Supper Room

Wednesday 25 February 2026
9:30am – 11:00am

Netherby Hall

Thursday 26 February 2026
9:00am – 10:30am

Broughton Memorial Hall

Thursday 26 February 2026
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Tuesday 10 March 2026
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Dimboola Old Shire Hall

Thursday 12 March 2026
9:00am – 10:30am

Jeparit Memorial Hall

Thursday 12 March 2026
7:00pm – 8:30pm

For more information, please contact Council on (03) 5391 4444 or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

CEO AND DIRECTOR DROP-IN SESSIONS - 2026/2027 BUDGET



Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO, Monica Revell, will be holding drop-in sessions, joined by Council's Director Corporate and Community Services, Petra. They will both be available to talk about any budget related questions and to discuss the Council Plan.

If you would like to meet Monica and Petra or ask a question about what is happening in the Shire, you are welcome to pop down!

Jeparit Library

Monday 23 February 2026
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Nhill Library

Wednesday 25 February 2026
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Rainbow Library

Friday 27 February 2026
10:00am – 11:00am

Dimboola Library

Friday 27 February 2026
2:00pm – 3:00pm

For more information, please contact Council on (03) 5391 4444.

MAYORAL MATTERS WITH CR RON ISMAY



Read the latest from Cr Ron Ismay in his most recent Mayoral Matters. In this edition he discusses –

- the Little Desert Bushfire anniversary
- attending the Australia Day events in Hindmarsh
- presentations from IBAC and Wayne Street
- the Council meeting on 4 February 2026
- the upcoming Youth Councillor's introduction and retreat
- the upcoming Farmer Consultations

Mayoral Matters columns can be found on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.

COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY VIDEO



A Council meeting summary video has been published on Council's Facebook page where you can hear from Deputy Mayor, Cr Rosie Barker and Councillor Chan Uoy as they provide an update on what was discussed during the Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

At this meeting, Council:

- noted the Quarterly Council Plan update for quarter two
- adopted the Annual Report for 2024/2025
- noted the summary of Planning Permits approved under delegation
- adopted the collection frequency of FOGO bins within Hindmarsh Shire
- noted the Economic Development Strategy progress report
- established a delegated committee to decide on the interstate travel request (due to a conflict of interest resulting in no quorum)
- noted the Capital Works progress update

You can find this video on the Hindmarsh Shire Council Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hindmarshshirecouncil.

HINDMARSH SHIRE CAT DESEXING CLINICS

Hindmarsh Shire Council has partnered with The Vet Project to hold two affordable cat desexing clinics in Rainbow and Nhill.

The Vet Project is a mobile, low cost veterinary service supporting regional Victoria by providing affordable desexing, microchipping, vaccinations, and parasite treatments to communities with limited access to traditional vet clinics.

\$99 per cat

(includes desexing and free microchip implantation)

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED as there are limited spots available. Offer available for Hindmarsh Shire residents only.

RAINBOW CLINIC

Tuesday 10 March 2026
Rainbow Recreation Reserve

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK:



NHILL CLINIC

Wednesday 11 March 2026
Nhill Community Centre Rear Carpark

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK:



For more information, please contact the Local Laws team on (03) 5391 4444 or email locallaws@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

BOOSTING BUSINESS, GROWING TOURISM



Our Economic Development and Tourism team has been busy over the past 18 months - conducting 400+ business visits, supporting new ventures, delivering grants, and helping bring exciting new attractions to life across the Shire.

From the Rainbow Silo opening to upgrades at the Nhill Caravan Park and the launch of the Wimmera River Discovery experience, there's plenty happening!

We're committed to backing local businesses, strengthening our economy and welcoming more visitors to explore Hindmarsh.

To read more about what the Economic Development and Tourism team have been up to, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025



Each year, Council prepares an Annual Report which provides a summary of what we have achieved, how we've followed through on the Council Plan and how we performed over the past 12 months.

The Annual Report was originally presented to Council in October 2025, however due to changes required by the Victorian Auditor General's Office to the Annual Financial and Performance Statement, the Annual report was amended and re-presented to Council on Wednesday 04 February 2026.

Some key achievements from 2024/2025 include:

- Improvements in community satisfaction across the areas of community consultation, advocacy, making community decisions, customer service and overall performance and direction.
- The completion of 713 Customer Action Requests, including work tickets relating to roads, footpaths, drains, and other infrastructure.
- 7,754 physical items borrowed from Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.
- 11,668 attendees at Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools.
- Completion and near completion of key community infrastructure projects like Davis Park, the Rainbow Silo Development Project, Rainbow Rises Events Centre, and the Nhill and Dimboola Kindergartens on school sites.
- Notable increases in visitation to Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow Holiday Parks (no data from Nhill in 2023/2024 as Council did not directly operate), increasing Council's revenue and financial sustainability.

The Annual Report for 2024/2025 is now available and can be found on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/annual-reports

SUMMER TRANSFER STATION HOURS ENDING SOON

From Sunday 1 March 2026, the Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit, and Rainbow Transfer Stations will return to their regular operating hours.

See the regular Transfer Station operating hours below:

	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

Transfer Stations operate from 9am - 12pm on Total Fire Ban Days.

All Transfer Stations will close on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.

SWIMMING POOL SEASON ENDING SOON



With the end of the 2025/2026 summer season approaching, public swimming pools across Hindmarsh Shire are **scheduled to close on Monday 9 March 2026**. This date may be extended depending on weather and staff availability.

This season has seen over 3,320 adults and 5,054 children visiting our pools so far.

We want to thank the community for their support and for using these facilities.

After the pool season has wrapped up, upgrades to the Dimboola Swimming Pool will commence. Keep an eye out on Council's Facebook pages and newsletters for updates on this project.



At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2026, an update was provided on the progress of action items contained in the Council Plan Actions for 2025/2026. The Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan 2025-2029 is a four-year document that guides Council's operations and makes sure projects and services that matter most to the community are prioritised.

Some key achievements for October – December 2025 include:

- Completion of new grandstand and changerooms facility at Davis Park, Nhill
- Adoption of the Asset Management Plan
- 17 new suppliers added to Council's existing panel of preferred suppliers
- Council approval given to Rainbow Trailblazers to establish a bike track
- Adoption of Youth Strategy 2025-2029 and Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-2035
- A Heavy Transport and Freight Working Group meeting was held in October
- Commencement of footpath upgrades on Whitehead Avenue (Nhill), Lloyd Street (Dimboola) and Park Street (Nhill)
- Capital Works program on track for near completion by the end of this financial year

You can read the full detailed update in the Council Meeting agenda for 4 February 2026 (see item 10.2, page 29-48). This is available on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be **closed** on the following public holidays:

- **Monday 9 March 2026** - Labour Day
- **Friday 3 April 2026** - Good Friday
- **Monday 6 April 2026** - Easter Monday
- **Monday 8 June 2026** - King's Birthday

All Transfer Stations will be **closed** on Good Friday. Waste collection services within Hindmarsh Shire will not be affected by these public holidays - bins will be collected as normal.

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to inform residents that from Monday 2 February through to Sunday 15 March 2026, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

National Field Services have been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council. Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils. The survey has been designed to assess the performance of Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Council.

When Council's annual Community Satisfaction Survey is underway, please remember that the interviewer:

- will never ask for people by name (they don't have names),
- will always identify as National Field Services and introduce themselves by name, (e.g. Mark from National Field Services)
- will always say how long they expect the survey to take,
- calls will come from a number with the prefixes: (03) 5202, (03) 5141, (03) 4217 and (03) 9977. This may change over time, but they will not call from a mobile number.

If the interviewer knows your name and/or starts to ask personal questions, please hang up from the call immediately.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Hindmarsh Shire Council's Customer Service Team on 03 5391 4444 or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026



**HINDMARSH CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR
ROBERT BLACKWOOD**

Robert Blackwood, known to many as 'Bob', was born and raised in Nhill. Bob is known for his love and commitment to the Nhill community, striving to make Nhill a better place for all. Bob has contributed to the Nhill community through many different avenues, the largest and most recognisable is with the Nhill Lions Club where he has earned himself the nickname 'BBQ Bob', as he spends more time than anyone else behind the BBQ.

On top of organising and cooking the BBQ for the Nhill Lions Club, Bob has also spent countless hours volunteering to assist with maintaining the Lions Rose Garden in Nhill with other volunteers and assisting with the set up for the Nhill Lions Club Markets. He also assists other organisations and groups around town by working the gate at Davis Park Nhill, assisting the CFA on Good Friday when they are collecting donations for the Good Friday Appeal and setting flags up at the Nhill cemetery for ANZAC and Remembrance Day.

Bob has a passion for music and loves to bring joy to other people when playing music with the Nhill and Dimboola Brass Band. He joined the band when he was 12 years old and has been awarded a life membership. Bob has played at numerous ANZAC services, local shows within Hindmarsh Shire, Christmas Carols events, and served many terms as the president.

Bob is a wonderful role model for the Hindmarsh community and his passion for volunteering is inspiring to many. Bob is friendly and welcoming to everyone, is always willing to have a chat and to give up his time to help others. Even though Bob has worked hard throughout his entire life, he still chooses to spend as much of his time helping others through his many volunteering roles.



**HINDMARSH YOUNG
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
JAKE SMITH**

Jake Smith was born in Nhill and lives in Jeparit. He attended the Jeparit Primary School and Dimboola Memorial Secondary College, before commencing work at Ahrens in Tarranyurk. Jake spends a lot of his time playing various sports such as golf, bowls, tennis and football for Jeparit, as well as volunteering at various community events such as the Jeparit Show, Jeparit Angling Club Fishing Competitions, Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Rally, Jeparit RSL ANZAC Day service and Australia Day events. Jake jumps into action and gets things done without being asked and always does it all with a smile on his face.

Jake has been president for the Mopoke Club for the past two years. Mopoke Club is a group in Jeparit that was founded 75 years ago by local business owners who decided that no child should be without a gift on Christmas. Since joining, he has helped deliver a highly successful annual Santa visit – an event that brings joy to local families by providing every child from infancy to age 12 with a free gift, icy pole, bag of lollies and a drink. Jake has assisted locals with putting up Christmas decorations throughout Jeparit and has contributed to multiple fundraising activities throughout the year, demonstrating his remarkable commitment to Jeparit and surrounding communities.

On top of all that has been mentioned, Jake also volunteers for many community groups and clubs in Jeparit, ranging from volunteering at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum where he has assisted with setting up, cooking food, and packing up at their Rally events, to volunteering for the Jeparit A&P Society, Jeparit RSL, Jeparit CFA, Jeparit Angling Club, Southern Mallee Thunder Football Netball Club, Jeparit Golf Club and Jeparit Tennis Club.

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**HINDMARSH YOUNG
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
DAH LAY HTOO SHWE**

Dah Lay Htoo Shwe, also known as 'Star', has had an extremely vital and positive impact on the Karen youth at Nhill College and the greater community. Star works as an Education Support Officer at Nhill College, where she supports and assists Karen students within the classroom. Her impact extends beyond this, as she also assists new families with enrolment, uniforms, accessing online platforms, ordering booklists and all communications with Nhill College as students settle in. Star also provides out of hours support to both students and their families and assists them with any queries they may have. Star's caring and approachable nature draws students and parents to seek her support, which she willingly provides.

Star also supports students at the weekly homework club after school every Tuesday where she encourages students to complete all tasks and review their schoolwork. This is something that Star offers outside of her role at the Nhill College. She also takes the time to assist the Karen community with translating information to help them better understand how to sign up with the Nhill and District Sporting Club and more recently, the new Social Media laws that have been introduced for young people. Star is always enthusiastic and engaging and only wants the best for the youth that she works with.

On top of all the tremendous support she provides the community, Star also volunteers with her church and runs the youth group. This involves organising activities for the Karen youth to participate in, often organising meaningful day trips so that the youth can continue to learn and thrive under her guidance. Star also drives and picks up the Karen youth from their homes to take them to church and youth group. Her compassion for supporting the Karen youth is admirable and inspiring.



**HINDMARSH COMMUNITY
EVENT OF THE YEAR
THANK DUCK IT'S FRIDAY**

Luv-a-Duck's event 'Thank Duck It's Friday' was a free event organised for the community on Friday 21 March 2025. It involved live music, family fun, free giveaways and face painting for kids at Jaypex Park, Nhill. This free community event organised by Mark Shandley saw over 200 locals attend where they enjoyed a night of music in a relaxed environment. Additionally, all proceeds and money raised were donated to the Nhill and District Sporting Club.

'Thank Duck It's Friday' had favourable economic benefits with many people travelling to Nhill for the free event from nearby towns, the Nhill District Sporting Club who received a substantial donation, and the ingredients and supplies required for the event were purchased locally at various shops in Nhill.

Council sincerely thanks everyone who took the time to submit nominations for the 2026 Hindmarsh Shire Australia Day Awards.

There are many wonderful members in the community who contribute to making Hindmarsh Shire a great place to live, work and visit. Whether it be through countless hours of volunteer work, holding and organising community events that contributes to tourism and economic growth, or farming and running a business to provide services and goods to keep our towns running, Hindmarsh Shire thrives because of these great people and all that they do. It's important to acknowledge and thank them.

A big thank you to the volunteers who run the Australia Day events each year – Lions Club of Rainbow, Jeparit Town Committee, Dimboola CWA and Lions Club of Nhill.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026



HINDMARSH SHIRE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BEVERLY RETHUS

Beverly Rethus, also known to many as 'Bev', has made an exceptional and long-lasting positive impact on the Nhill and the wider Hindmarsh community through her exceptional leadership, commitment and generosity across multiple organisations. Bev founded Nhill Parkrun in 2015, with the first event launching in February 2018. Since then, Bev has been the driving force behind its continued success and consistent attendance rate. Having volunteered 271 times across the 335 events that have been held, she has served as Event Director, Run Director, and assisted in other volunteer roles as required. Bev also completed 95 events herself. Bev is widely known and respected across the Australian Parkrun Network and is one of the oldest to establish a parkrun in Australia.

Bev has an exceptional community service record, with her contributions being across many social, cultural, sporting, and educational avenues, all incorporating a lifetime of her dedication to many groups and organisations. Some of Bev's significant contributions include church and community service, establishing a 500-card competition to raise funds, volunteering extensively for the church kitchen and being a core member of the catering committee. Bev and her husband, Ray, also organised 'Old Time Dances' where funds were raised for the church hall, an event that they both actively participated in.

Bev has also served multiple terms on the Nhill Lutheran School Council and served as Chairperson as well. Bev has played a major role in fundraising for the Nhill Lutheran School, notably for the 'November Feast' held annually on the first Friday of November. She also assists with covering books at the school library, which supports literacy and resources for students.

Bev is renowned for her beautiful roses, many of which have been awarded prizes at the Nhill Show. She's a long-term committee member and steward for the Nhill Ladies A & P Society, an active participant in local sports, a member of the Nhill Lutheran Tennis Club and as a badminton player, and she supports the Nhill Senior Citizens with catering and dishwashing.

All of these wonderful contributions span decades. Bev's volunteering is characterised by reliability, humility, kindness and an unwavering willingness to help wherever needed. She tries to lead by example, with a quiet, consistence and generosity that inspires others. Bev's positive impact on the Hindmarsh community is profound, long-lasting and felt across generations, and her lifelong service has made Hindmarsh a stronger, kinder and more connected community.



NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL

If you are considering removing native vegetation from your property, we encourage you to have a chat with Council's Planning Department before doing so. In Victoria, a permit is usually required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation unless an exemption applies. This legislation is set by the State Government and applies across all Councils, it is also outlined in the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

What is native vegetation?

It includes all plants indigenous to Victoria, including trees, shrubs, grasses, and herbs.

Why this is important

Native vegetation provides habitat for plants and animals and delivers a range of ecosystem benefits that make land more productive and contribute to human well-being. This is regulated to ensure that there is no net loss to biodiversity as a result of the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation. We recognise that these requirements can sometimes feel challenging for farmers needing to manage productive land or for landowners wanting to build or improve residential properties where established trees are present, and Council aims to work collaboratively to find practical solutions wherever possible.

Need help?

If you need assistance lodging a planning permit application or would like to speak to someone about vegetation removal, please contact the Planning Department on (03) 5391 4444 or email development@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS INVITED



Hindmarsh Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced persons / organisations to respond to its Request for Quotations / Tenders for:

CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERTS AS PART OF HINDMARSH 2025/2026 CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (RFQ 2025-2026-26)

Closing time for this quotation is **2:00pm** on
Thursday 26 February 2026.

PROVISION OF RESOURCES TO EXTRACT QUARRY MATERIALS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES AT COUNCIL QUARRIES (CONTRACT 2025-2026-25)

Closing time for this tender is **2:00pm** on
Thursday 5 March 2026.

The specific requirements are detailed in the documentation which can be downloaded via Council's Tender Portal at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/tenders.

All enquiries should be directed to Laura Sonnberger, Contracts & Procurement Officer, via email to info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 5391 4444.

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Do you want to keep up-to-date with the latest news from Hindmarsh Shire Council?

Subscribe to Council's emailing list to receive fortnightly e-newsletters with the latest news, project updates, consultation opportunities, job vacancies and upcoming events in Hindmarsh Shire.

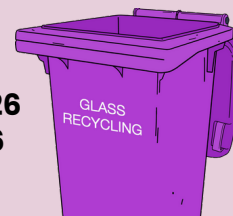
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PURPLE GLASS BIN COLLECTIONS

All purple glass bins in Hindmarsh will be collected on the following Fridays:

- **10 April 2026**
- **3 July 2026**
- **25 September 2026**
- **18 December 2026**
- **12 March 2027**



UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY

17 **batteries not included**

A Matthew Robbins Film

NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE – Batteries Not Included

Join us for a classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 17 February 2026

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

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,

77-79 Nelson Street

Gold coin donation at the door

Rated PG

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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 18 February 2026

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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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 19 February 2026

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Nhill Library,

5 Clarence Street

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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 25 February 2026

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

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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.

Friday 27 February 2026

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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NHILL TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Join the Nhill Town Committee at its next general meeting! The purpose of this meeting is to discuss community projects, Nhill Centenary Park and setting the Town Committee Budget.

Tuesday 3 March 2026

From 7:00pm

Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street, Nhill

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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 YouTube channel.

Wednesday 4 March 2026

From 3:00pm

Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street, Nhill

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JEPARIT RIVERBANK FIESTA CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Join us at our Jeparit Riverbank Fiesta to Celebrate International Women's Day!

Saturday 7 March 2025

Jeparit Riverbank Precinct

5:00pm – 10:30pm

The Jeparit Riverbank Fiesta will feature market stalls and food vans from 5:00pm, an International Women's Day Guest Speaker at 6:30pm, and a live music concert from 7:00pm. Shannon and the Flipside will be returning to the stage following a stellar performance at last year's event.

People interested in holding a market stall are asked to contact the Jeparit Town Advisory Committee by email at jeparittc@hotmail.com or by phone at 0417 348 881.

The concert is free of charge and people are asked to bring their own chairs, blankets and refreshments.

This event is being brought to you by Hindmarsh Shire Council, the Jeparit Town Advisory Committee and VicHealth.



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OASIS RAINBOW BIG SKY FESTIVAL

The fourth Big Sky Festival will take place at the Oasis Rainbow on **Saturday 14 March 2026**.

Market stalls from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Live music from 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Free Entry | Onsite Catering | BYO seats and alcohol

All ages welcome

For more information, please contact Ben Gosling, Oasis Rainbow on 0428 127 700, or email oasis-rainbow@hotmail.com.

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NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE – Laughter in Paradise

Join us for a classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 17 March 2026

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

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,

77-79 Nelson Street

Gold coin donation at the door | Rated G

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FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING OF 'SHARED TABLE: REGIONAL HEROES'

Hindmarsh Shire Council will be hosting a free community screening of the documentary by the CALD Community Voices – **Shared Table: Regional Heroes**.

Friday 20 March 2026

Doors open at 6:15pm | Evening commences at

6:30pm | Guest speaker from 7:00pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street

The film explores the lives of Karen (Myanmar), Hazara (Afghanistan), and Nepalese migrants who have made their homes in regional Victoria.

Bookings are not required.

If you have any queries, please contact our Community Wellbeing Team on (03) 5391 4444 or by email at community@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

HARMONY DAY 2026

Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Hindmarsh Pride Committee are excited to announce the upcoming Harmony Day – Market and Performances.

You're invited to participate in this event to celebrate and recognise our diversity.

Saturday 28 March 2026

10:00am – 1:00pm

Jaypex Park, Nhill

For more information, contact the Community Wellbeing team on (03) 5391 4444.

ONGOING

RAINBOW CROCHET CORNER

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Grab those knitting needles or crochet hooks and pop down for a yarn with yarners! Bring your current crochet or knitting project and work alongside like-minded crafters.

Held weekly on Fridays

9:30am – 12:00pm

Rainbow Library, 49 Federal Street

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Supported Playgroup

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

Held weekly excluding school holidays.

Nhill Library

Mondays 10:00am – 11:00am

Rainbow Library

Mondays 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10:00am – 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10:00am – 12noon

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



Story Time

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for Story Time! Held 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 on **Friday 27 February 2026**



CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for weekly Cuppa Connections. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with friends.

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

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!

Cover to Cover Grant Success for Dimboola Library

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries was successful with its funding application through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program, with the funding recipients announced in November 2025.

The Living Libraries Infrastructure Program (LLIP) is a Victorian Government initiative providing grants for upgrading public library facilities and supports diverse projects, from minor refurbishments to major builds.

In this recent round of funding, Hindmarsh Shire Libraries applied for funding to install two large shade sails in the Dimboola Library courtyard (the open space between the Old Shire Hall that fronts Lloyd Street and the Library hub building), as well as some internal blinds on the east-facing windows of the library which have already been installed.

We are excited to create a more useable, sun-safe outdoor space at our Dimboola Library allowing activities to take place safely outdoors and increasing public usage opportunities outside of the library operating hours.

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



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CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

At the time of preparing this newsletter, there are no position vacancies. Keep an eye on Council's website and Facebook page for any future job vacancies.

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.



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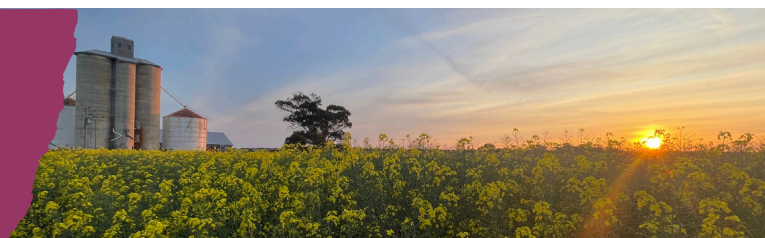


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FARMER CONSULTATION SESSIONS 2026

We invite the farming community to join us to discuss the upcoming 2026/2027 budget and capital works program, road maintenance program, tree trimming, heavy vehicle access and Landcare projects.

RAINBOW SESSION

Wednesday 25 February 2026 9:30am – 11:00am

Rainbow MECCA Supper Room – 15 Federal Street, Rainbow

NETHERBY SESSION

Thursday 26 February 2026 9:00am – 10:30am

Netherby Hall – 7 William Street, Netherby

BROUGHTON SESSION

Thursday 26 February 2026 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Broughton Memorial Hall – Broughton Road, Broughton

NHILL SESSION

Tuesday 10 March 2026 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre – 77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

DIMBOOLA SESSION

Thursday 12 March 2026 9:00am – 10:30am

Dimboola Old Shire Hall – 101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola

JEPARIT SESSION

Thursday 12 March 2026 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Jeparit Memorial Hall – 10 Roy Street, Jeparit