

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH - MAY 2026



RAINBOW SILO ART IS OPEN!



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

After many years in the making, the Silo is now open and ready for community and visitors to see this 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

NHILL DAVIS PARK UPGRADES



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, and a large media room. There is also an all-abilities carpark located at the rear of the building.

The changeroom features two large changeroom areas, each with a shower room including four shower cubicles, three toilets and a trainer's room with a small sink.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Federal and State Government, Hindmarsh Shire Council, and the 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 info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

SWIMMING POOL SEASON



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.



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

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.

For more information about Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Stations, including operating hours and tip fees, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Transfer-Stations

GLASS BIN COLLECTIONS & DROP-OFF POINTS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire will be collected on:

- **Friday 10 April 2026**
- **Friday 3 July 2026**

Please put your bins out the night before to ensure collection.

Glass can also be dropped off for FREE at any Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Station or at the following drop-off locations:

- **Antwerp:** Dimboola-Warracknabeal Road, across the road from the CFA shed
- **Kiata:** Off Reserve Road (Bush Track)
- **Netherby:** Corner of School Street and Netherby-Baker Road
- **Yanac:** On Maude Street, near the payphone



HINDMARSH AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 AWARD WINNERS

The 2026 Hindmarsh Australia Day Award winners were presented at the Australia Day events held throughout the Shire on Monday 26 January 2026. See the award winners below:



Hindmarsh Citizen of the Year
Robert Blackwood, Nhill



Hindmarsh Young Citizen of the Year
Jake Smith, Jeparit



Hindmarsh Young Citizen of the Year
Dah Lay Htoo Shwe, Nhill



Hindmarsh Community Event of the Year
Thank Duck It's Friday, Nhill



Hindmarsh Shire Lifetime Achievement Award
Beverley Rethus, Nhill

For more information about these recipients, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/australia-day.

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 for 2024/2025 is now available and can be found on Council's website. Scan the QR code to view it.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 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.

INTRODUCTION OF FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS 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 required 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 undertook a public consultation 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.

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



Nhill Clinic

Wednesday 11 March 2026
Nhill Memorial Community Centre Rear Carpark



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

VISIT THE WIMMERA RIVER DISCOVERY TRAIL

The Wimmera River Discovery Trail is a 56km trail that follows the Wimmera River between Dimboola and Jeparit.

There trail has various access points, and it is broken down into **6 sections**:

- Dimboola to Lochiel
- Lochiel to Wundersitz Crossing
- Wundersitz Crossing to Ebenezer Mission Rd
- Ebenezer Mission Rd to Antwerp
- Antwerp to Tarranyurk
- Tarranyurk to Jeparit

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

JEPARIT RIVERBANK FIESTA

We will be celebrating International Women's Day with another 'Jeparit Riverbank Fiesta'.

Saturday 7 March 2026

From 5:00pm
Jeparit Riverbank Precinct
Market & Live Music

Stay tuned for more information!

HARMONY DAY 2026

We are excited to be celebrating Harmony Day this year with a market and live performances.

Saturday 28 March 2026

10:00am - 1:00pm
Jaypex Park, Nhill

For more information, contact
(03) 5391 4444.

CEO DROP-IN SESSIONS

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.

SHARED TABLE - REGIONAL HEROES DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

In a world marked by division, "Shared Table - Regional Heroes" brings people together through food, conversation, and listening, centring voices from the Nhill Karen community, Dimboola, Shepparton, and Gippsland.

Join us for a free screening of this 60-minute documentary.

Friday 20 March 2026

6:15pm - Doors open
6:30pm - Movie screening
Nhill Memorial Community Centre

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

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Hindmarsh Shire Council will be hosting a School Holiday Program during the April 2026 School Holidays.

The program is currently being worked on and will be live a few weeks before the start of the April School Holidays.

Please keep an eye out for the program on Council's website and socials so you don't miss out. Our team is excited to deliver these programs to you and we thank you for your support.

OASIS RAINBOW BIG SKY FESTIVAL

Oasis Rainbow is holding their fourth Big Sky Festival.

This free event features something for everyone, with live music, children's entertainment, workshops, market stalls and more.

Saturday 14 March 2026

Market stalls: 10am-2pm
Live music: 2-9pm
Free Entry
BYO seats and alcohol
All ages welcome

NHILL CLASSIC MOVIES

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for a classic movie!

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

Location: Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Cost: Gold coin donation

LAUGHTER IN PARADISE

Tuesday 17 March 2026

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THE OUT OF TOWNERS

Tuesday 21 April 2026

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries hold a variety of ongoing free activities in their library spaces in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit.

Some of these include:

- Nhill Kids Craft Club
- Nhill Writing Hour
- Weekly Cuppa Connections
- Rainbow Crochet Corner
- Story Time in Dimboola & Nhill
- Dimboola Creation Station
- Nhill Get Creative

For more information about these activities, scan the QR code below, or visit your local library.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Hindmarsh Shire Council Meetings are open for members of the public to attend or to be watched live on Council's YouTube channel.

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

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Wednesday 6 May 2026

Wednesday 3 June 2026

For more information, visit:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings

For more details, scan the QR code:

