

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

9 APRIL 2024

NEW CEO APPOINTED

Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to announce the appointment of **Monica Revell** as the new Chief Executive Officer.



Mrs Revell will be well known to the local community, having worked for Council since February 2011 in many roles, including as Council's Director Corporate and Community Services for seven years and Acting CEO for the past five and a half months.

Mrs Revell has a strong understanding of the challenges faced by rural and regional communities, having lived in Dimboola for almost 25 years and growing up in Horsham.

Mrs Revell commenced in the role on Monday 8 April 2024.

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

HINDMARSH WELCOMES THREE NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS!



On Wednesday 13 March, Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland, officially welcomed three new Australian Citizens!

Congratulations to Ah Si and Mu K'ner PA KOO on becoming Australian Citizens.

The third recipient wished to not have their name published or photo taken.

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

HARMONY DAY 2024



Approximately 100 people of various cultural backgrounds attended the 2024 Harmony Day celebrations held at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre on Thursday 21 March 2024, marking it as one of the largest Harmony Day celebrations in Hindmarsh to date.

Read more on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news.

NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAY

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be collected on **Friday 12 April 2024**.

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



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.



BUILDING WORKS ON NHILL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING



The Nhill & District Historical Society building located at 104-106 MacPherson Street Nhill will be closed from the second week of May to allow contractors to undertake repair works on the building. The issues to be rectified include the replacement of the roof, guttering and downpipes as well as some repair works on the veranda and paint works.

Council has engaged a qualified plumber and builder to complete this project. Works are expected to be completed by the end of June, subject to weather conditions.

There will be no access to the building for staff, volunteers and members of the public from mid-May to the end of June. This will ensure that the site safety is appropriately maintained during construction. The exact dates will be communicated to residents via a post on Hindmarsh Shire Council's Facebook page when we get closer to the commencement date.

STARLING PROBLEM AT GOLDSWORTHY PARK

Council officers will re-commence a control program aimed at preventing a large number of starlings from roosting within the Goldsworthy Park area. The program aims to protect assets such as the BBQ and seating areas, as well as the children's playground from excessive bird excrement.

From Monday 8 April 2024, business owners, residents, and householders may experience the sound of 3-4 loud bursts of fire from gas guns strategically placed around the Goldsworthy Park Reserve and surrounding areas. **The shots fired from the gas guns will usually occur in the morning between the hours of 7:00 - 8:00am and in the evening between 7:00 - 8:00pm.**

It is recommended that if residents/householders have any animals that may be affected by the noise level of these gas guns, that they be securely confined to the property during these periods.

MAYORAL MATTERS



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

HAVE YOUR SAY - DRAFT PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Council is seeking community feedback on its **Draft Privacy and Data Protection Policy**.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to support Hindmarsh Shire Council in meeting its obligations under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* in the collection, management, and disclosure of personal information, and to ensure that the Information Privacy Principles are embedded in our operational environment.

Submissions close **5pm on Thursday 18 April 2024**. To view the policy and to have your say, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say.

CALLING FOR MEMBERS - COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for membership to the Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee and the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee.

Submissions will be considered at the Council meeting on 8 May 2024.

All Expressions of Interest must be received before **5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024**.

To learn more about the Yurunga Homestead and Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum and to submit and Expression of Interest, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-committees.

A NEW ERA IN REGIONAL TOURISM

After over a decade of working separately, Grampians Tourism and Wimmera Mallee Tourism have joined forces to form one of Victoria's first Visitor Economic Partnerships.

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism encompasses Hindmarsh Shire along with Yarriambiack, West Wimmera, Buloke, Horsham RCC, Ararat RCC, Northern Grampians and Southern Grampians. It is an overarching peak tourism body that will oversee the two brands of Visit Grampians and Visit Wimmera Mallee, facilitating cooperative marketing and industry support through committed funding from the Victorian State Government.

This is a significant and exciting development for tourism in Hindmarsh Shire and the Wimmera Mallee region and is the result of long term leveraging from the Wimmera Mallee Councils and staff over the last five years, working closely with the Regional Tourism Review team and Grampians Tourism. More details will be provided and announcements will be made over the coming months.

OFFICIAL OPENINGS

Thank you to those who joined Council and Dr Anne Webster MP at the official openings of the Nhill Cane Ball Court and Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Redevelopment on Saturday 16 March 2024.

Those who attended the Cane Ball Court opening enjoyed a complimentary BBQ lunch cooked by the Nhill Tennis Club and traditional food from the Karen community, followed by an impressive game of Cane Ball.

The Jeparit Riverbank Precinct redevelopment attendees enjoyed a complimentary BBQ cooked by the Jeparit Town Committee, followed by live music from the band 'No Plans' who played late into the night. By the end of the evening, locals had joined with the band to sing their version of The Choirboys 'Run to Jeparadise'.

Both events were well attended and we look forward to seeing members of the community making use of these two new beautiful facilities.



COUNCIL STAFF WEAR IT LOUD AND PROUD FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL



On Tuesday 26 March 2024, Hindmarsh Shire Council staff dressed in their loudest clothes to support the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Funds raised from the Wear It Loud & Proud fundraising initiative will be donated directly to the Good Friday Appeal.

Thank you to the staff and residents who contributed to help raise funds for this very worthwhile appeal.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Dimboola Library 10am-11am



Cooking with Sharon
Dimboola Library 2pm-3.30pm



WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Jeparit Library 10am-11am



STEAM with Jo
Nhill Library 10am-11am



THURSDAY 11 APRIL

Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4
Nhill Cinema 1pm - 3pm
Free Popcorn and Water provided



FRIDAY 12 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Rainbow Library 10am - 11am



STEAM with Jo
Dimboola Library 2pm-3pm



REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

Children under 11 years of age are required to have parent/guardian supervision.

For more information visit
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays
call 03 5391 4444
or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



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Nhill Cinema Kung Fu Panda 4

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for a FREE movie screening as part of our April School Holiday Program.

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Rating: PG

FREE popcorn and water provided

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444

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Nhill Air Show

The Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre invites you to the Nhill Airshow 2024!

Breathtaking aerobatic displays, vintage aircraft and warbird manoeuvres featuring National Aerobatic Champion Paul Bennet and his spectacular Sky Aces are just some of the exciting events planned for the day

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Location: Nhill Aerodrome

Contact: Jenny Creek - 0417 014 278

For more information, visit:

www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au/nhill-airshow

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Nhill Senior Citizens Lunch and Entertainment

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

Time: 12:00pm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

Cost: \$15 - \$25

Contact: Heather - 0417 911 867

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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!

Time: 3:30ppm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4449

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Writing Hour at the Nhill Library

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

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444

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Get Creative at Nhill Library

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Friday of every month for a Get Creative session.

Bring your own project that you are working on, chat and enjoy the company of others; or maybe get inspiration to begin your next project.

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444

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Dimboola Book Chat

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat! Bring along a current book that you have been reading and share reviews with others over a cuppa and biscuits.

Time: From 2:30pm

Location: Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie

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Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

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

Location: Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation

Rating: G

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444



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Nhill Senior Citizens Games Afternoon

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

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Location: Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

Cost: \$2

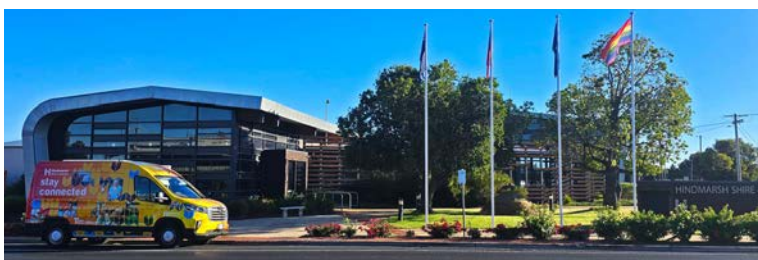
Contact: Heather - 0417 911 867

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Hindmarsh Shire Council Meeting

Time: From 3:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill





Free Digital Literacy Program

Get Connected, Stay Connected!

Council and the Nhill Learning Centre will be holding Free Digital Literacy Programs in Hindmarsh Shire Libraries throughout May.

Jeparit Library

Wednesday 1, 8 and 15 May 2024
10am - 12pm

Rainbow Library

Wednesday 1, 8 and 15 May 2024
2pm - 4pm

Dimboola Library

Thursday 2, 9 and 16 May 2024
10am - 12pm

Nhill Library

Thursday 2, 9 and 16 May 2024
2pm - 4pm

Bring your own device.
Refreshments provided.

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

Bookings are required by calling 03 5391 4444.



Cuppa Connections

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

Dimboola Library

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Nhill Library

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

We hope to see you there!



Nhill Rhyme Time

Join Council's Supported Playgroup Officer for Rhyme Time at the Nhill Library.

Held every Monday (excluding school holidays)

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Nhill Library

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie The Good Liar

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for another Classic Movie!

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

Location: Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Cost: Gold coin donation

Rating: G

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444



Supported Playgroup

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

Benefits include fun activities for you and your kids, information about local services and supports, tips on child development, self-care strategies and a chance to meet other local families.

Held weekly excluding school holidays.

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

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



PROJECT UPDATES



NHILL POOL SOLAR UPGRADE



After 3 years of not having solar heating, the Nhill pool had new solar heating installed during the last week of February. A new pump is yet to be delivered and once this arrives it will be fully operational.

Council have worked closely with Nhill College to make sure this project is completed and can now ensure that the Nhill community has a heated swimming pool.

NEW CARAVAN PARK ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

You can now book your stay at any Hindmarsh Holiday Park online!

If you are wanting to book accommodation at the Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park, Jeparit Riverview Holiday Park and the Rainbow Holiday Park, you can now do this through an online booking system.

For more information about each of Hindmarsh's Holiday Parks or to make a booking, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/caravan-parks.



OUTDOOR WORKS TEAM UPDATE

The outdoor works team have been busy undertaking several projects. Here is a brief overview of some of the works recently undertaken.

Rural Roads Victoria Works

As part of our VicRoads maintenance contract, Council are undertaking shoulder resheet, grading, silt removal, edge break repair and culvert works on the Nhill-Yanac Road to repair recent damage from a storm event. Completing these additional works will mean timely delivery of road maintenance on VicRoads owned roads within Hindmarsh.

Nhill-Dipur Road Culverts

Two new sets of box culverts have been installed on the Nhill-Dipur Road through the swamp section. This involved replacing old culverts that were misaligned and sunken, leaving bumps in the road.



Starick Road Resheet

This project included installing geofabric underlay, then sheeting over the top using gravel. This method has proven to be successful in other salt flat areas, including Greig Road.



Patterson Road Culvert

A new culvert has been installed at the Patterson Road and Village Settlement School Road intersection. This involved replacing an old sunken, misaligned and blocked culvert.



Other Works

As part of our routine works, Council has been conducting town maintenance and gardening, restoring an old quarry track at Tarranyurk, pothole patching, working on the Netherby-Yanac Rd culvert replacement, earth road grading and much more.



CONGRATULATIONS BAILEE!



On Friday 15 March, Bailee (a Hindmarsh Shire Youth Councillor) attended the Wimmera Agricultural Societies Association Junior Show Ambassador Awards.

Congratulations Bailee on being announced as runner-up!

TENDERS INVITED

Hindmarsh Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced contractors to respond to its Requests for Quotations for -

RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE AMENITIES BUILDING

(CONTRACT NO. 2023-2024-16)

Closes **2:00pm** on **Wednesday 24 April 2024**.

The specific requirements are detailed in the tender documents, which can be downloaded via Council's website at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/tenders.

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

FIRE DANGER PERIOD AMENDMENT



The Fire Danger Period has been amended for Hindmarsh Shire and will now be lifted as of **1:00am on Monday 15 April 2024**.

For more information, visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod.

STUBBLE BURNING



Hindmarsh Shire is an integral part of Victoria's grain-growing industry. An essential part of this industry is stubble management.

Farming practices have led to many changes over the past 20 years and direct drill tillage has become more common. However, there are still times when the burning of stubble is the most effective way to control unwanted growth in paddocks used for cropping. However, regular burning throughout the season can lead to discomfort and exacerbate medical issues such as chronic asthma.

Some tips for a smoky day can include:

- Stay indoors where able, keep doors and windows closed;
- Recirculate air from air conditioners rather than drawing it from outside;
- Be aware of young and vulnerable people – seek medical assistance when required;
- Avoid vigorous outdoor exercise whilst smoke present.

For more information on what to do in a smoky environment, you can visit the EPA website below:

www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/air-pollution

For more information on stubble burning and the protection of native trees, visit the DEECA or Agriculture Victoria websites below:

www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/farming-and-native-vegetation

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/crops-and-horticulture/grains-pulses-and-cereals/crop-production/general-agronomy/stubble-burning>

ADOPTED POLICIES

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 March, Council adopted three policies.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The Community Engagement Policy outlines Council's commitment and approach to community engagement practice and gives effect to the Community Engagement Principles provided for in the Local Government Act 2020. It details the principles that guide our work towards delivering sustainable outcomes for our communities: through shared problem-solving, open dialogue and meaningful participation.

GENDER EQUALITY POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Gender Equality Policy (the Policy) is to demonstrate Hindmarsh Shire Council's commitment to promoting and encouraging gender equity and to addressing any gender imbalances that may exist within the Council workplace and the wider community.

LIVE STREAMING AND PUBLISHING RECORDINGS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

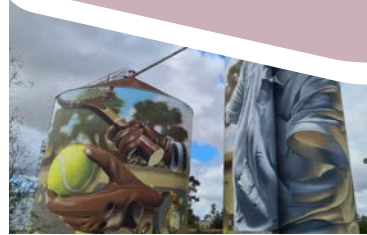
This Policy outlines the requirements associated with the live streaming and publishing recordings of Ordinary and Special Council Meetings via Council's website and/or social media pages. This policy will inform members of the public and Councillors on Council's processes, the potential benefits and any mitigation action to manage potential risks.

You can view these policies at:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/policies



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ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT



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

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

Visit Council's website:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event

VOTE NOW - LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL AWARDS

Hindmarsh Shire Council has entered the Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Redevelopment in this year's National Awards, and we need YOUR vote to win. The project is in the Cohesive Communities category.

The National Awards highlight initiatives implemented by local governments that are innovative, make a difference to their local communities, display excellence, and have outcomes that are replicable across the country.

To vote, visit:
<https://nalg.awardsplatform.com/entry/vote/IRKxAkav/qbGLYAx>



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

Director Corporate and Community Services (Full Time)
Applications close 12pm 24 April 2024

Free from Violence Project Officer
(Full Time) Applications close 12pm 24 April 2024

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

CONTACT A COUNCILLOR



If you would like to raise a matter with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and/or a Councillor, or if you would like to invite them to an event, you may contact them directly. You can find your Councillors contact details on Council's website at:

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

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



Cr Brett Ireland
Mayor



Cr Wendy Bywaters
Deputy Mayor



Cr Debra Nelson
Councillor



Cr Rob Gersch OAM
Councillor



Cr Melanie Albrecht
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor

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