

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

03 APRIL 2025

JOIN A COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Are you a community minded person with great ideas for improving Hindmarsh Shire? We are seeking expressions of interest from the community to join the following Advisory Committees for a 2-year term from July 2025 – June 2027:

- **Nhill Township Advisory Committee**
- **Jeparit Township Advisory Committee**
- **Rainbow Township Advisory Committee**
- **Hindmarsh Pride Advisory Committee**

The purpose and selection criteria for these Committees can be found on Council's website.

If this is something you are interested in, please scan the QR code or visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-committees to complete an application form. If you would like a hard copy of the application form, these can be collected at any customer service centre in either of our towns.

Applications are due to Council by **11:59pm on Friday 11 April 2025**. Council will make the final appointments to these Committees at its meeting on Wednesday 7 May 2025.



FREE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School holiday activities are back in Hindmarsh Shire during the April break with two exciting weeks of fun and **FREE** activities planned across Nhill, Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola! More on page 2.

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.

JOIN THE HINDMARSH COMMUNITY PANEL



Hindmarsh Shire Council is calling for community members to apply for the Council Plan 2025-2029 Community Panel.

The Community Panel is deliberative, meaning that you'll learn about things that matter to you, ask questions of staff and Councillors and debate opportunities for the Council Plan. You'll need to work together to share ideas and make recommendations to Council on what should be included in the Council Plan.

For more information, or to complete an expression of interest form, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au



Expressions of Interests **close 15 April 2025**.

HINDMARSH WELCOMES NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS



On Tuesday 1 April 2025, Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, officially welcomed two new Australian Citizens.

Congratulations to Lah Shwe and Wiremu Larkins on becoming Australian Citizens!





WEEK 1

APRIL 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 2



MONDAY 7 APRIL

Craft with Ellen - Nhill

Nhill Library

11am - 12pm



TUESDAY 8 APRIL

Craft with Jess - Jeparit

Jeparit Library

11am - 12pm



WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL

Arts and Craft with Turbo Gallery

Turbo Gallery, Rainbow

11am-12pm



THURSDAY 10 APRIL

Soccer Clinic (ages 6-9)

Dimboola Recreation Reserve

10am - 11am

Soccer Clinic (ages 10+)

Dimboola Recreation Reserve

11:30am - 12:30pm



FRIDAY 11 APRIL

Dimboola Skate Lesson

Dimboola Skate Park

10am-11am

Jeparit Skate Lesson

Jeparit Skate Park

1pm - 2pm

Rainbow Skate Lesson

Rainbow Skate Park

4pm - 5pm



SATURDAY 12 APRIL

Skate Competition

Nhill Skate Park

11am - 2:30pm



scan to register



REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

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



Please note: These activities have limited bookings available. Should they be oversubscribed, preference will be given to residents of Hindmarsh Shire.

MONDAY 14 APRIL

Level Up Gaming

Mecca Supper Room, Rainbow

12pm-4pm



TUESDAY 15 APRIL

Games Day

Jeparit Oval

11am - 12:30pm

Fruit provided



Make your own Kokedama

Jeparit Library

2pm - 4pm

Please note registrations close Wednesday 9 April at 9am for this session.



WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

Make your own Kokedama

Dimboola Library

11am - 1pm

Please note registrations close Wednesday 9 April at 9am for this session.



Physics with Bruce

Dimboola Vintage

Session one: 2:00pm

Session two: 2:45pm

Session three: 3:45pm

Session four: 4:45pm



THURSDAY 17 APRIL

Movie: Paddington in Peru

Nhill Cinema

1pm - 3pm

Free Popcorn and Water provided



FRIDAY 18 APRIL

**Good Friday
Public Holiday**



For more information visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events,

call 03 5391 4444

or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



Hindmarsh Shire Council
Hindmarsh Shire Libraries
Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council



@hsyouthcouncil
@hindmarshshirelibraries



MAYORAL MATTERS



Read Cr Ron Ismay's most recent Mayoral Matters.

Cr Ismay discusses -

- his condolences to the family and friends of Bill and Margaret Bound
- his attendance at a renewable energy information session in Warracknabeal
- Dr Anne Webster MP's visit to Hindmarsh Shire
- his attendance at the Winiam community meeting

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND

In December 2024, the Victorian Government announced that the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) would be replaced by the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF), effective from 1 July 2025.

Indicative figures on the variable rate suggest that the levy may be more than double the FSPL for some ratepayers. For farming properties in Hindmarsh, based on information provided, the average increase will be approximately 164%. The average increase will be 35% for commercial properties and 16% for residential properties.

The fees are set by the State Government, collected by Councils, and paid back to the State Government including any interest accumulated.

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

ANIMAL REGISTRATION RENEWALS ARE DUE THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025

Animal Registration renewals have been dispatched.

There has been a printing error with the due date for payment. It states 10 April 2024 but should read 10 April 2025. We apologise for this mistake and any confusion this may cause.

HELP SHAPE THE 2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET

Each year Hindmarsh Shire Council develops an annual budget, and we want to hear from our community on what the priorities for our 2025/2026 Annual Budget should be.

Council money comes in from rates, fees and charges, and state and federal government grants. The money is spent on providing services, maintaining our assets, and where grants are available, upgrading or building new facilities for our community.

Like all Victorian Councils, Hindmarsh Shire Council is facing unavoidable rising costs across many areas from construction materials to fuel to waste management to insurance.

By taking part in this activity, you're helping us understand which services matter most to you and your community for delivery in the 2025/2026 financial year.



Scan the QR code to complete this survey online, or by visiting: www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

The survey will be open until **5pm on 11 April 2025**. Council will further consult on our draft budget in May/June 2025.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES - 2025 WIMMERA STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL DIMBOOLA

Council advises that there will be a road closure as a result of traffic management measures for the **2025 Wimmera Steampunk Festival** in Dimboola on Saturday 12 April 2025.

On **Saturday 12 April 2025**, Lloyd Street (from Wimmera Street to Lochiel Street) and Lochiel Street (from Chapel Street to Victoria Street) will be closed to all vehicle traffic from **12:00 midday to 11:59pm** for the duration of the traffic management plan.

Any queries should be directed to the Local Laws Department on (03) 5391 4444.



CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS



In recognition of Cultural Diversity Week, Council shared videos of Hindmarsh Shire residents talking about their life and journey in our community.

Scan the QR codes below to view their interviews:

Thang Le
Mr Le's Cafe
Nhill



Cr Chan Uoy
Dimboola
Imaginarium



Alice Maw Roe
Nhill



Miraben & Sanjay
Rainbow IGA



Bruce Donnelly
Dimboola Vintage



Rekha & Ram
Jeparit
Supermarket



Robert A. Lewis
Jeparit



Santosh Reddy Aleti
Nhill Dine Inn



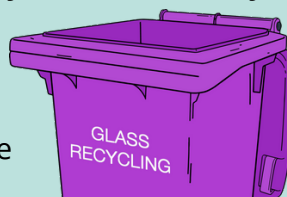
Tracey Rigney
Pink Lake
Creative



NEXT SHIRE WIDE GLASS BIN COLLECTION DAYS

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

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



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

WOMEN'S HEALTH MOBILE CLINIC IN NHILL



In rural and regional Victoria, accessing essential sexual and reproductive healthcare close to home can be challenging. That's why BreastScreen Victoria has partnered with the Victorian Department of Health to bring essential healthcare services right to your doorstep through our new Women's Health Mobile Clinic.

The Mobile Clinic will be coming to Nhill from 5 May until 15 May 2025, located in the carpark across from the Farmers Arms Hotel.

You can book a free 45-minute appointment with a nurse to talk about your sexual and reproductive health, general wellbeing, and get important health checks like cervical and bowel screening. This service is available to both adults and adolescents, providing care close to home.

<https://www.breastscreen.org.au/community-engagement/womens-health-mobile-clinic>

QUOTATIONS AND TENDERS INVITED



Hindmarsh Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced persons / organisations to respond to its Tender/Rfq for -

PROVISION OF ICT SERVICES

(RFQ 2024-2025-32)

Closing **2:00pm** on **Thursday 10 April 2025**

HINDMARSH SHIRE INDUSTRIAL LAND SCOPING AND IMPLEMENTATION

(RFQ 2024-2025-34)

Closing **2:00pm** on **Thursday 17 April 2025**

The specific requirements are detailed in the RFQ documents, which can be downloaded via Council's tender portal.

Enquiries should be directed to the Contracts & Procurement Officer via email to info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or call (03) 5391 4444.

Visit <https://app.eprocure.com.au/hindmarsh/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL



CEO Drop-In Sessions

Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO, Monica Revell, will be at local Libraries for drop-in sessions. If you would like to meet Monica, chat about any operational matters, or ask a question about what is happening in the Shire, you are welcome to pop down!

Jeparit Library

Monday 7 April 2025 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Rainbow Library

Monday 7 April 2025 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Nhill Library

Wednesday 9 April 2025 | 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Dimboola Library

Thursday 10 April 2025 | 10:00am - 11:00am

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HINDMARSH BUSINESS NETWORKING SESSION

Join us at our next Hindmarsh Business Networking Session.

Wednesday 9 April 2025

From 6:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street

Presentations at the event will include;

- Updates from Hindmarsh Shire Council
 - Overview of the Bushfire Business Impact Survey.
 - Economic Development & Tourism Activities
- Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism update.
- Rural Financial Counselling – Business support.
- Discussion on development of local Business group

A light supper and refreshments will be served during the event.

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GET CREATIVE AT NHILL LIBRARY

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

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

Friday 11 April 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

Call 03 5391 4449

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WIMMERA STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL

The Wimmera Progress Association is excited to be hosting the Wimmera Steampunk Festival again in 2025.

Saturday 12 April 2025

From 5:00pm

Dimboola CBD, Lloyd Street and Lochiel Street

Celebrate your uniqueness and creativity!

For more information, you can visit

www.wimmerasteampunkfestival.com.au

or contact Chan at the Dimboola Progress Association on 0425 705 591 or email chan@dimboolaimaginarium.com

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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 17 April 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street



AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL NHILL CEMETERY WALK

Nhill and District Historical Society (NDHS) invite you to join Yvonne Gladdis for a stroll through the Nhill Cemetery and let her introduce you to some of her favourite permanent residents.

Sunday 20 April and 4 May 2025

Meet at Nhill Cemetery main gates at 1:30pm
2:00pm start

Contact the NDHS on 0490 432 265 for more information.



JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE The Seven Year Itch

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

Wednesday 23 April 2025

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



NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE Batman: The Movie

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 29 April 2025

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



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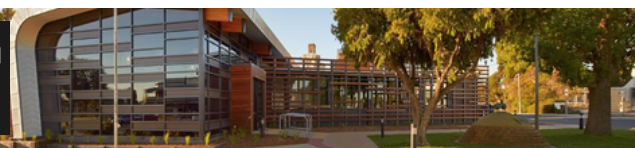
JEPARIT CLASSIC MOVIE Old Yeller

Join us for a FREE classic movie screening in Jeparit!

Wednesday 7 May 2025

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

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HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

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

Wednesday 7 May 2025

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

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BOOK CHAT AT DIMBOOLA LIBRARY

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat! Book chatters bring along a current book that they have been reading and share reviews with each other over a cuppa and biscuits.

Friday 16 May 2025

2:30pm - 3:30pm
Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

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NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

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

Wednesday 21 May 2025

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

ONGOING



Story Time

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

Dimboola Library

Held weekly on Fridays from 10:00am

Nhill Library

Held every second Friday from 11:00am



Supported Playgroup

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

Nhill Library

Mondays 10:00am - 12noon

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

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



Cuppa Connections

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

Dimboola Library

Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

Nhill Library

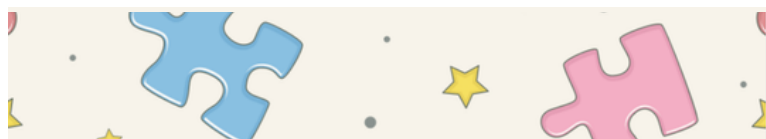
Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon

Rainbow Library

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm



Jigsaw Club

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

Rainbow Library

Fridays from 1:30pm

Nhill Library

Fridays from 2:00pm

Jeparit Library

Mondays from 2:00pm

OUT AND ABOUT

LORQUON NETHERBY ROAD

Reconstruction works on the Lorquon Netherby Road have recently been completed. This project included fixing three sections of the road (totalling 1km in length) that had significant pavement failure. The new sections of this road have had a seal width increase from 4m to 6.2m which will improve access for heavy farming vehicles.



DAVIS PARK GRANDSTAND AND CHANGEROOMS



Work continues to progress on the new grandstand and changeroom facility at Davis Park in Nhill.

Contractors are now installing flashings, windows and sisalation prior to Colorbond cladding installation commencing on the ground level next week. Concreters have also been booked to be onsite after Easter for pouring of the tiered seating section at the front of the building.

This project has been made possible by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Victorian Government's Country Football Netball Program, Nhill & District Sporting Club and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE NEW FACILITIES



The new amenities block and shed at the Rainbow Rises Events Centre have been well received by competitors, crews, and spectators at the first round of the Australian Off Road Racing Championship held in late March.

The new amenities building includes a large bank of toilets, shower rooms and an all-abilities bathroom/changeroom, and replaces portable facilities that have previously been brought in for events. The new shed will allow event organisers to store all of their equipment onsite ready for future events rather than having to move everything offsite for storage.

The new facilities, along with the development of an access road and large pit/hardstand area, were all made possible with funding and support from the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund, the Federal Government's Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

LLEW SCHILLING SILO DEVELOPMENT, RAINBOW



Contractors have completed foundation works at the Rainbow Llew Schilling Silo site ready for the next stage of construction that will see a prefabricated tower erected next to the silo. The tower, approximately 25m tall, will be home to the elevator and staircase that visitors will use to reach the viewing platform. From this platform, visitors will have a view of the art activation within the Silo, as well as a view of the expansive Wimmera Mallee plains.

Although the new tower will have a small footprint, it will be well anchored! As a part of the foundation works, contractors were required to install prefabricated pile/reinforcement cages in 13m deep pier holes prior to the concrete being poured. Installation of one of the cages is shown here, along with the completed foundations/elevator pit. Off site fabrication of the tower is progressing prior to its delivery to the Llew Schilling Silo site for erection. Electrical upgrades to power the elevator are also currently underway onsite.

This project has been made possible by the Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Flagship Projects and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

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 Adelle



"I borrowed this book on Tuesday and had it finished by Wednesday!!! It was easy to read, it made me laugh, it made me cry - I loved it! This book will be available at Nhill Library, but can go to any Shire library when I return it!!"



BorrowBox digital app



Have you downloaded BorrowBox to your digital device?

The **BorrowBox app** allows free access to hundreds of items in the Hindmarsh Shire Libraries digital collection. This means you can read your favourite e-Book from anywhere or listen to an e-Audiobook whilst on the go!

Our library team are always available to help you download and set up digital apps for any of our library platforms. Pop into your local branch and get started on your e-resource journey!

meet the team



meet
Hannah
LIBRARY
COORDINATOR



meet
Jo
DIMBOOLA
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Danelle
NHILL
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Sharon
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To view all current vacant positions, position descriptions and application forms, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council

SCAN



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Cleaner - Nhill Amenities
Permanent Part Time
Applications close **12noon**
on **Wednesday 9 April**
2025.

Rates and Finance Officer
Full Time
Applications **open 9 April** and
close **12noon** on **Wednesday**
23 April 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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