

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

1 AUGUST 2023

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.

MAYORAL MATTERS

Visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news

to read the latest Mayoral Matters Column from **Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland!**



REGIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT

Hindmarsh Shire Council has allocated \$30,000 in the 2023/2024 budget to provide funding for large Regional Community Events within Hindmarsh Shire.

The aim of this funding is to support large community events which celebrate culture, heritage and community wellbeing, boost the economy and increase visitation to Hindmarsh Shire.

Grant recipients will be able to apply for funding of up to \$7,500 (made up of cash and in-kind determined by Council) for their event if they meet the eligibility and selection criteria.

Before applying, you must read the grant guidelines which can be found on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/regional-community-events-grant.

Event sponsorship for small community events is also available through our Community Action Grants program.

GLASS BIN COLLECTION DATES

- Friday 4 August 2023
- Friday 1 September 2023
- Friday 27 October 2023



COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Round One applications for the 2023/24 Community Action Grants Program is now open and closes **5:00pm on Friday 29 September 2023.**

Application forms can be completed and printed online on the Hindmarsh Shire Council website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants.

If your club or organisation has a project that requires financial assistance, the Community Action Grants Program may be able to assist. Organisations are encouraged to review the grant guidelines as changes have been made to the funding program.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Round One applications for the 2023/24 Business Assistance Grants Program is now open and closes 5:00pm on Friday 29 September 2023.

Application forms can be completed and printed online on the Hindmarsh Shire Council website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants.

If your business has a project that requires financial assistance, the Business Assistance Grants Program may be able to assist. Businesses are encouraged to review the grant guidelines before completing their application as changes have been made to the funding program.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS IN LIEU OF MELBOURNE CUP DAY 2023

The Hon. Natalie Suleyman MP, Minister for Small Business has granted Hindmarsh Shire Council's request to substitute days for the 2023 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday in Nhill and Rainbow.

A full day Public Holiday has been declared in lieu of Melbourne Cup:

- In the township of Rainbow, and the localities of Kenmare and Albacutya for the Rainbow Show on **Tuesday 17 October 2023**.
- In the township of Nhill and the localities of Little Desert, Gerang Gerung, Kiata, Glenlee, Netherby, Lorquon, Yanac, Broughton on **Thursday 19 October 2023**.

The remaining areas within the Shire will observe a full day public holiday on Melbourne Cup Day **Tuesday 7 November 2023**.

This is a great opportunity for Hindmarsh residents to fully enjoy the experience of their local show and appreciate the planning and preparation of the respective A & P Societies in each town.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news to read the latest Councillor Column from **Deputy Mayor, Cr Melanie Albrecht!**

HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE



Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council have been busy over the past couple of months planning and hosting a number of events for their fellow young people to enjoy.

Youth Councillors ran a very successful Youth Games Night at Dimboola Memorial Secondary College, with over 75 people in attendance, and an 80s themed disco in Jeparit with 85 young people coming to enjoy the music, food and entertainment.

And now after all of that, our Youth Councillors have successfully recorded their first two episodes of their Youth Mental Health Podcast – an initiative made possible by the FRR ABC Heywire Grant.

Our Youth Councillors wish to say a big thankyou to our first special guest Trina Gloury from Headspace who made our Youth Councillors feel so comfortable and confident enough to have the important discussion around youth mental health, and mental health as a whole. Youth Councillors are excited to continue recording their podcast episodes and can't wait to get them live for everyone to listen to.

Keep up to date on our website and social media to see what our Youth Councillors get up to and when podcast episodes will be live.

HINDMARSH GIRLS CAN SURVEY



Recently Hindmarsh Shire Council received funding through their VicHealth Local Government Partnership with a portion of this funding being allocated to increase our capacity to support a program through This Girl Can – Victoria, which we are calling Hindmarsh Girls Can.

We are reaching out to all of our identifying women and girls to please complete this survey and let us know what activity you would like to see come to life. The idea of this activity would be to include women and girls of all demographics and to provide a space where they can feel safe to enjoy a non-competitive, judgement free sport or activity whilst also socialising with friends or meeting new people.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or this initiative please contact Georgia Gelligen, Community Development and Youth Officer, by email to ggelligen@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au, or by calling 03 5391 4444.

Visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events
for more information!



NHILL CINEMA - OPPENHEIMER

**MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2023
7:00PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

The story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.

Tickets can be purchased at door.
Rated MA15+



NHILL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

**TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023
7:30PM**

Old Lowan Shire Hall
104-106 Macpherson Street, Nhill

The Nhill & District Historical Society Inc. are holding their Annual General Meeting.

For further information, please contact Ross Barker, Secretary, on 0417 879 071.



YANAC HALL & RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE AGM

**TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023
7:30PM**

Yanac Hall
Francis Street, Yanac

The Yanac Hall and Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting.

Any person requiring more information may contact Jenny Smith, on 0429 920 251.



NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

**WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2023
FROM 3:30PM**

Nhill Library

Join us for Nhill Kids Craft Club FREE of charge! Held on every third Wednesday of each month during school terms.



DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

**FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2023
2:30PM - 3:30PM**

Dimboola Library

Bring along a current book that you are reading & share reviews.



NHILL CINEMA - SUMMER HOLIDAY

**TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2023
10:00AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Morning tea at 10:00am
Movie at 10:30am
Gold coin donation at door.
Rated G.



NHILL BABY RHYME TIME

**EVERY TUESDAY
2PM - 3PM**

Nhill Library

Join Ellen Wheaton, Hindmarsh Supported Playgroup Officer, at the Nhill Library weekly for Nhill Baby Rhyme Time!



COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2023
FROM 3PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street

For more information on Council's meetings, please visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings

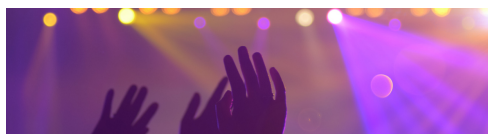


NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET

**SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023
9AM - 1:30PM**

Jaypex Park Nhill

Come and enjoy the hospitality and support the Lions Club of Nhill to raise money to help those in need.



SAVE THE DATE - SENIORS CONCERT 2023

**WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER
2023
11AM - 12PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Council will be hosting another Seniors Concert this year! We are still finalising the details but have the date so that you can mark it in your calendars!

More details are to come!





WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM COMMITTEE AGM

**TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023
7:30PM**

Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum
Dimboola-Rainbow Road, Jeparit

The Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting.

Any person requiring more information may contact Craige Proctor, Secretary, on 0408 311 302 or by email at wmpmjeparit@gmail.com.



NHILL A&P SOCIETY INC. 137TH ANNUAL SHOW

**THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023
FROM 8:30AM**

Nhill Showgrounds

The **Nhill A&P Society Inc.** invites you to its 137th Annual Show!

Enjoy a shearing competition, horse competition, sideshow alley, animal nursery, Home Industries Pavilions, outside exhibitors and food.

For more information, please contact Julie Woolcock on 0448 732 609 or email nhillap.secretary@gmail.com.



VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL

The Victorian Seniors Festival returns this October with a range of live, local and online events - giving more seniors more opportunities to get involved.

Enjoy a range of great live and local events in your community or further afield.

Make the most of free travel to visit Melbourne, attend events, or catch up with family and friends.

To check out what's on, visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival



SAVE THE DATE - NHILL AIRSHOW 2024

**SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2024
FROM 9AM**

Nhill Aerodrome

The **Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre** invites you to save the date for the Nhill Airshow 2024!

For more information, contact Jenny Creek, Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre, on 0417 014 278 or visit their website: <https://www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au/nhill-airshow>



NHILL JIGSAW CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for weekly Jigsaw Club.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2PM

Nhill Library
5 Clarence Street



LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Join us at the Dimboola & Nhill Library for weekly Storytime sessions.

Nhill Library
Thursdays from 10:00am

Dimboola Library
Fridays from 10:00am

PROMOTE YOUR EVENT ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE!



If you complete the 'Advertising an Event' form on our website, Council will list your event on their website as well as include it in their monthly newsletter and fortnightly e-newsletters.

Visit:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advertising-an-event



CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library each week for **Cuppa Connection!**

Free morning/afternoon tea provided.

Dimboola Library
Thursday 10am - 12pm

Nhill Library
Thursday 10am - 12pm

Jeparit Library
Wednesday 10am - 12pm

Rainbow Library
Wednesday 2pm - 4pm



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

Hindmarsh Supported Playgroup sessions are back!

Parents with pre-school aged children are welcome to come along.

JEPARIT LIBRARY
MONDAYS 10AM-12PM

DIMBOOLA LIBRARY
WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

If you have any questions, contact Ellen Wheaton, Hindmarsh Supported Playgroup Officer, on 03 5391 4444.



WORKS & OPERATIONS



ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

ROADS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Council staff have been busy undertaking work tickets on our road network throughout the Shire and now that the weather has improved these works include tree trimming, road grading and edge break repairs. Roads that are currently being worked on include Tarranyurk West Road (re-sheet), Millers Road (grading), Keams Road (grading) and Preston Road (grading).

FOOTPATH - BOW STREET, RAINBOW

Construction of a new footpath between King Street and Railway Street has commenced, good progress has been made by the concrete team and the work is on track to finish in August.



FOOTPATHS - HIGH STREET AND ELLERMAN STREET, DIMBOOLA

Contractors have begun the footpath works and the concrete has been poured on the High St section, with only the Ellerman St section remaining. Once all footpath has been constructed, Council staff will move on site to conduct the drainage works.



OTHER UPDATES

JEPARIT SWIMMING HOLE

The fabricated steel components for the deck have arrived and contractors are currently on site building the new deck.

PARKS AND GARDENS

Across the Shire, the outdoor crew for parks and gardens maintenance have been undertaking the routine works within our townships, continuing to keep our public spaces looking well cared for and maintained to an excellent standard.



HINDMARSH SHIRE COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY COMMENCING 17 AUGUST 2023

Hindmarsh Shire's quarterly Community Satisfaction Survey will commence on **Thursday 17 August 2023** and will finish on **Sunday 17 September 2023**.

Council is aware of scam callers pretending to act on behalf of Hindmarsh Shire Council to gather personal information. Please be advised that any calls you receive outside of the period stated above that mention they are doing a survey on behalf of Hindmarsh Shire Council are scam callers.

When Council's quarterly 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,
- will call from a number with the prefix: (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.

Please spread the word with your family and friends.

You can report scams to:

www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam

PLANNING INFORMATION MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

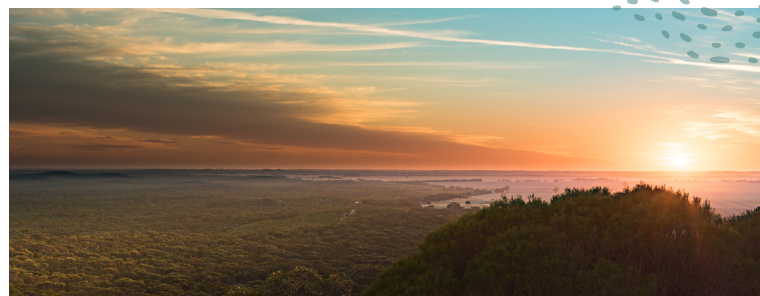
Hindmarsh Shire Council's Planning Services section of the website has had a face-lift, following participation in the Better Planning Approvals project that was facilitated by the (then) Department of Environment Land Water and Planning.

The Better Planning Approvals project identified a lack of accessible, introductory information for anyone who is trying to determine whether they require, or are wishing to submit, a planning application. The project worked on creating website content that would allow easy access by the community to user-friendly and informative resources. The focus of this resource is to provide a platform for education about planning and its purpose and function and to give an overview of what to expect throughout the planning application process.

We are excited to have this new tool available to our community members.

Visit

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/planning-services



SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Simple signs your septic system is shot and what to do about it.

Signs of problems can be:

- bad smells
- wet areas around the system
- slow drainage

If you suspect something report it to your council immediately. For more information, visit the EPA website at www.epa.vic.gov.au

JOIN OUR TEAM

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

Current vacant positions:

- **2 x Plant Operator Labourer (Full Time)**

Applications close 11 August 2023

For more information on these positions, contact Keith Rowe on 03 5391 4444.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWS!

You can receive all of Hindmarsh Shire Council's news directly to your inbox! To subscribe to our e-news visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/enews or call us on 03 5391 4444 and we can do it for you! If you don't have a computer or use email, we'd love to get you a hard copy – just ask!



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Hindmarsh Shire Libraries

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Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council

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Hindmarsh Shire Supported Playgroups

www.facebook.com/hindmarshshiresupportedplaygroups

Nhill Cinema

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@hsyouthcouncil

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 Melanie Albrecht
Deputy Mayor



Cr Debra Nelson
Councillor



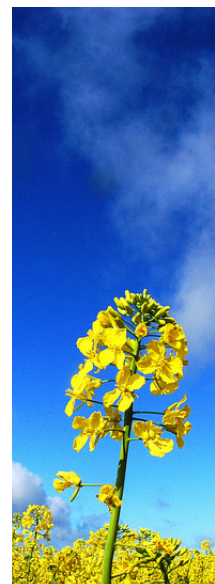
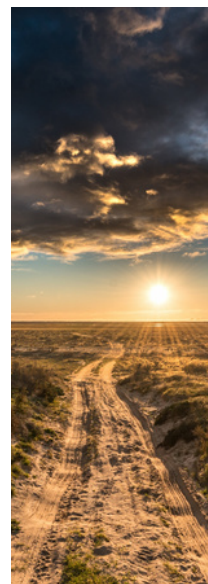
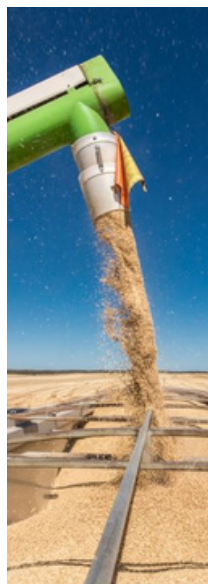
Cr Rob Gersch
Councillor



Cr Wendy Bywaters
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor



What goes in each bin

Not in any bin: Electronic waste or power cords, batteries of any kind, chemicals or hazardous waste, building waste, soil or rubble. These items can be taken to the transfer station but not in commercial quantities.

Glass recycling

Put lightly rinsed, empty glass bottles and jars into the bin loose, not in bags. Lids and bottle caps must be removed and placed in the yellow bin. Labels do not need to be removed.

Yes

- Glass bottles and jars for medicine or toiletries
- Glass jars including pasta sauce and condiment jars
- Glass bottles including beer, wine and olive oil bottles



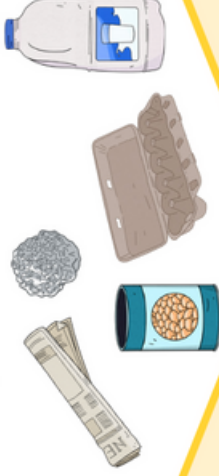
No Plastic bags or packaging, loose lids and caps from bottles or jars, corks, pumps, sprays, droppers, cardboard, crockery, such as plates, dishes or mugs, drinking glasses, glass cookware, vases, light bulbs.

Mixed recycling

Put your recycling in the bin loose, not in bags. Flatten boxes to save space. Glass no longer goes in this bin.

Yes

- Accepted plastic bottles and containers
- Paper, newspapers, magazines, paper envelopes
- Cardboard, cereal boxes, egg cartons
- Aluminium and steel tins, cans, foil
- Lids from your glass bottles/jars



No Plastic bags, other soft plastics, clothing, shoes, textiles, coated or waxed cardboard, electronic waste and batteries, glass, crockery, polystyrene (styrofoam).

General rubbish

Use this bin only for items that can't be reused or recycled.

Yes

- Broken glassware, crockery and mirrors
- Nappies, wet wipes, kitty litter, animal droppings
- Old clothing, shoes or textiles that can't be repaired or donated
- Food and organic waste



No Electronic waste and batteries, garden waste, household chemicals, recyclable items, soil, building materials.