

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

4 MARCH 2024

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – MONICA REVELL



Since the announcement of Jessie Holme's departure as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Hindmarsh Shire Council, Council has appointed Monica Revell as Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Monica has been the Director Corporate and Community Services at Hindmarsh Shire Council for 6 years and has worked at Council for 13 years. Monica will act in the role for the duration of the recruitment process for a new CEO.

FUNDING FOR DAVIS PARK

Hindmarsh Shire Council and the Nhill & District Sporting Club have received notification that an application for funding to assist with the construction of AFL-compliant changerooms and under-covered tiered spectator seating has been successful.

Council will receive funding of \$250,000 through the Victorian Government's 2023–2024 Country Football Netball Program.

The new changerooms will be constructed in the area where the former grandstand was previously located, this will assist in keeping disruptions to a minimum.

In addition to the funding announced by the Victorian Government, Council has also allocated funding of \$760,000 through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program phase 4. Council will contribute an additional \$440,000 and the Nhill and District Sporting Club another \$50,000 for the \$1.5M project.

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.

OFFICIAL OPENINGS OF NHILL CANE BALL COURT AND JEPARIT RIVERBANK PRECINCT

Hindmarsh Shire Council extends an invitation to all community members to attend the official openings of two important community projects in Jeparit and Nhill on **Saturday 16 March 2024**.

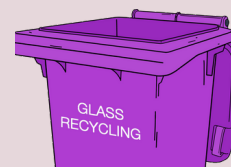
Dr Anne Webster, Federal Member for Mallee, will officially open the redeveloped **Jeparit Riverbank Precinct and the Nhill Cane Ball Court**, both having been made possible with funds received through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) funding program.

See pages 2-3 for more details on these official openings.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH

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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.

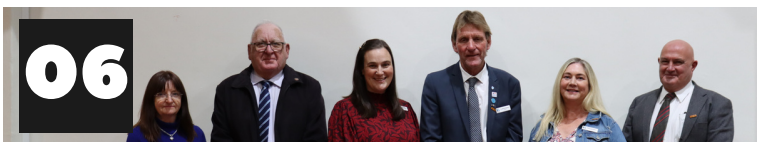
Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

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

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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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Official Opening Nhill Cane Ball Court

Join us and Dr Anne Webster, Member for Mallee, for the official opening of the Nhill Cane Ball Court.

This will include lunch and cane ball demonstrations.

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Location: Nhill Tennis Clubrooms

For more info, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news

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Official Opening & Concert Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Redevelopment

Join us and Dr Anne Webster, Member for Mallee, for the official opening of the Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Redevelopment (Swimming Hole).

This will a free BBQ dinner and live music concert featuring 'No Plans' from 6:00pm on the riverbank deck.

Time: 4:30pm until late

Location: Jeparit Swimming Hole (next to Tennis Courts)

For more info, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news

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Nhill Cinema Classic Movie Calamity Jane

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 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: 3:30pm - 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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Harmony Day 2024

Hindmarsh Shire Council, West Wimmera Health Service and the Victorian State Government extend an invitation to all members of the community to join us in celebration of Harmony Day!

We encourage you all to dress up and come and celebrate the evening with us and enjoy performances and food from our diverse community.

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street Nhill

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444

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

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Rainbow ARB Big Desert 480 Off Road Racing Championship

The Rainbow Rises Events Association Inc. and VORRA invite you to join the for the ARB Big Desert 480!

Location: Rainbow Rises Road, Rainbow

For more information, visit

www.vorra.org.au/arb-big-desert-480.html

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Nhill Cinema Imaginary

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for our another movie screening.

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Nhill Cinema, 77-79 Nelson Street

Tickets: Adult \$12 | Concession \$7 | Family \$30

VIP Tickets: Adult \$25 | Concession \$20

Rating: M

Contact: Council - 03 5391 4444

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Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal BBQ

Lions Club of Nhill will be holding a BBQ as part of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Join them to support this amazing cause.

Time: 10:00am

Location: Goldsworthy Park, Nhill

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: Phyllis Pye - 03 5391 1989



APRIL



The Oasis Rainbow Big Sky Festival

The Oasis Rainbow invites you to their Big Sky Festival!

Time: Market from 2pm | Music from 2:30pm

Location: The Oasis Rainbow,
Corner King and Bow Street

Cost: FREE

BYO: Drinks and chairs

Contact: oasis-rainbow@hotmail.com

For more info, visit www.facebook.com/TheOasisRainbow

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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



ONGOING



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

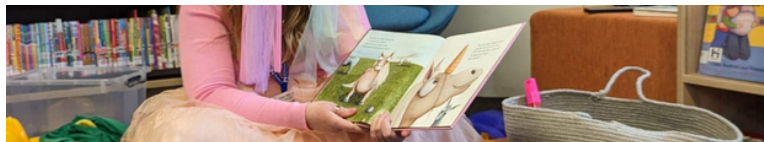
Jeparit Library

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



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

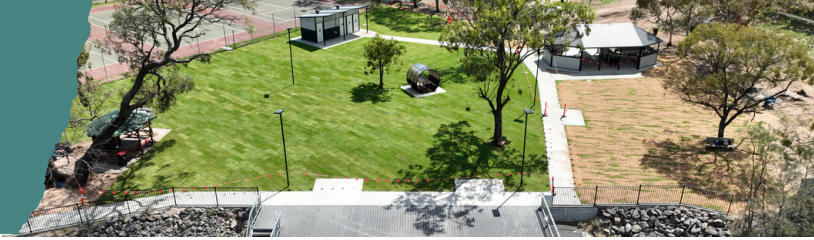
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Jeparit Library

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

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

PROJECT UPDATES



RAINBOW SKATE PARK SHADE SHELTER



As part of its program to provide improved shade conditions, Council has commissioned the construction of a new shade shelter at the Rainbow skate park located next to the Rainbow Oasis which has now been completed.

A picnic setting is still to be installed along with solar lighting.

Construction of the new Rainbow skate park shelter has been made possible through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding program.

NHILL POOL SOLAR HEATING

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 now can ensure the Nhill community has a heated swimming pool.

Unfortunately, we are at the end of the pool season, but the community can look forward to enjoying a heated pool next summer.



OTHER NEWS



DIMBOOLA SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING

On Tuesday 20 February Council held a meeting with interested community members to discuss the current state of the Dimboola Senior Citizens and why it is proposed to sell the property. During the meeting, community members were informed on the significant works required to the building to make it safe for community use, requirements that will be triggered for DDA compliance, and other buildings available for use by the community.

We thank the community members who attended and engaged in discussion with Council representatives including Mayor Cr Brett Ireland, Cr Deb Nelson, Acting CEO Monica Revell, Director Infrastructure Services Ram Upadhyaya and Manager Assets and Facilities Mick Henderson.



MEET YOUR 2024 HINDMARSH YOUTH COUNCILLORS



The 2024 Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council is made up of six returning members and seven new members.

- Alissa Trenery
- Bailee White
- Chelsea Elliot
- Cooper Stasinowsky
- Eh Ku Taw
- Eli Badua
- Eliza Clarke
- Liam Campbell
- Lilly Williams
- Messi Ehdohpaw
- Mia O'dwyer
- Taylor Hauselberger
- Plot Nyo

Congratulations to all!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2024-2028

The Hindmarsh Shire Council Economic Development Strategy 2024-2028 builds on current economic contexts within the Hindmarsh Shire to identify strategies and targets to support our people, employment and socio-economic wellbeing, housing and economic output.

This thorough document that considers current estimates and then sets targets to guide our community and organisation through emerging economic development opportunities. It also is informed by and designed to complement existing wider regional objectives as well as Council's existing plans and strategies.

View the Economic Development Strategy:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/EDS

TENDERS INVITED

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

RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE STORAGE SHED & SHELTER

(CONTRACT NO. 2023-2024-19)

Closes **2:00pm** on **Thursday 21 March 2024**.

NHILL AERODROME TAXIWAY UPGRADE AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

(CONTRACT NO. 2023-2024-11)

Closes **2:00pm** on **Wednesday 27 March 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.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2024-2028

The **Hindmarsh Shire 2024 - 2028 Community Action Plan** has been developed through a consultation process between Hindmarsh Shire Council and the communities of Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, Rainbow and surrounds, during March and April 2023. Initiatives in the Action Plan range from major capital works projects to advocacy projects to business development initiatives. They are responsive to the identified cultures, concerns, histories, needs and aspirations of our diverse communities.

This document now becomes a reference document for Council and staff and can provide direction to Council for inclusion in Council Plans, Annual Budgets, long-term Financial Plans and external grant and funding opportunities.

New ideas and initiatives are always welcome as Council continues to Plan with our community for an enjoyable, healthy and sustainable future for all people living in and visiting Hindmarsh Shire.

View the Community Action Plan:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/CAP

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

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE RURAL TRAINING STREAM INFORMATION SESSIONS - DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in studying medicine without leaving your local community?

Deakin University are holding information sessions across south-west Victoria to learn more about our Rural Training Stream and what it's like to study a Doctor of Medicine at Deakin.

There will be a session held in Horsham on Tuesday 19 March 2024 from 6pm - 7pm at the Wimmera Business Centre.

To register, or for more information, visit:

www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/doctor-of-medicine-rural-training-stream-information-sessions



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DIMBOOLA PETER TAYLOR MEMORIAL BAREFOOT WATERSKI TOURNAMENT

Council would like to congratulate the Dimboola Boat and Water Ski Club and all the organisers/volunteers who assisted with hosting the Peter Taylor Memorial Barefoot Waterski Tournament and Night Jump event held in Dimboola on the last weekend in February. It's great to see another successful event being held within the Shire bringing the community together, amongst many travellers from outside the region.

For those who missed out on attending the event, see below some photos taken over the weekend:



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

School Crossing Supervisor (Part Time)
Applications close 12pm 13 March 2024

Manager Development and Healthy Environments
(Full Time) Applications close 12pm 20 March 2024

Customer Service and Councillor Support Officer
(Full Time) Applications close 12pm 20 March 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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