

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

Hindmarsh
Shire CouncilMONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

18 MAY 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!**

**HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL CEO TO LEAVE IN OCTOBER 2023**

Hindmarsh Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Mr Greg Wood, has written to Council to notify of his intention not to seek a further extension to his Chief Executive Officer contract which expires on 15 October 2023.

Read more at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news
MEAL VOUCHER PROGRAM ENDING MAY 2023

As Council transitions out of providing services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), there will be changes to Council's Meal Voucher Program. Council wishes to remind consumers and businesses that meal vouchers will cease being handed out after 31 May 2023, with final invoices, including redeemed vouchers, needing to be handed in to Council prior to 15 June 2023.

Thank you to all the local businesses who participated in this program.

HAVE YOUR SAY - DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN ACTIONS 2023/2024

Council has developed the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 Action Plan 2023/2024 based on the feedback received through community consultations held during March and October in 2022.

Submissions are invited from members of the community to provide feedback on the Draft Action Plans for 2023/2024.

To make a submission, visit:

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

Submissions close 5pm on Friday 2 June 2023.

**HINDMARSH CAT DESEXING PROGRAM**

The Hindmarsh Cat Desexing Program is still open for applications.

This program allows eligible concession card holders to access partially subsidised cat desexing procedures at local vet clinics and free microchipping (with desexing).

To be eligible for the program you must be a resident of Hindmarsh Shire and have a current concession card from the following list:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card
- Low income Health Care Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card

Additionally, you will need to be able to provide the veterinary clinic with a source number if your cat was born after 1 July 2020.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/cat-desexing.

The Hindmarsh Cat Desexing Program has been funded by the Victorian Government's Animal Welfare Grants Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit

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



DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
2:30PM - 3:30PM

Dimboola Library

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



GLOW PAINT 'N' SIP

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
7PM - 10PM

Turbo Gallery
58 Federal Street, Rainbow

Pour a glass of wine, pick up a paint brush and get your neon on in this fun painting class with a difference!

Cost: \$60 per person
Pre bookings essential
Call 0429 357 966



NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET

SUNDAY 21 MAY 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.



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

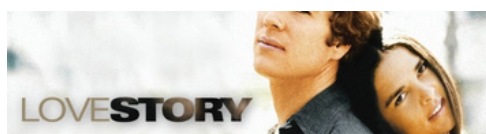
Hindmarsh Supported Playgroup sessions are back!

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.



NHILL CINEMA CLASSIC MOVIE - LOVE STORY

TUESDAY 23 MAY 2023
10:00AM

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Gold coin donation at door.
Rated PG.



NHILL BABY RHYME TIME

EVERY TUESDAY
10AM - 11AM

Nhill Library

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



RESIDUE OF FIRE EXHIBITION

OFFICIAL OPENING EVENT
FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023
4:30PM - 7:30PM

Turbo Gallery
58 Federal Street, Rainbow

This exhibition explores the work of four artists using fire or fire related objects to create art.

The exhibition will run from 24 May until 30 June 2023.



DIMBOOLA GAMES NIGHT

FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023
6PM - 8PM

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College Hall

Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council are hosting a youth games night featuring board games, card games, life size games and more.

There will be prizes to be won with food/refreshments provided.

Ages 12+

Free buses available from Nhill, Jeparit & Rainbow.

To register, visit Council's website.



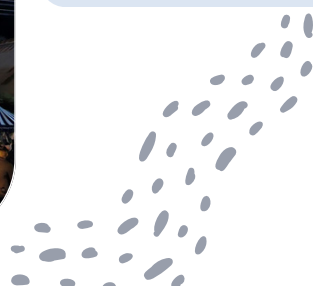
COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 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



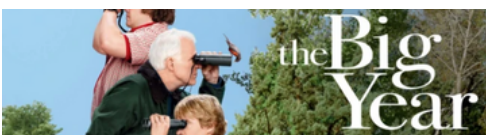


NHILL CINEMA - 80 FOR BRADY

**THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2023
7:00PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Tickets can be purchased at door,
Rated M.



NHILL CINEMA - THE BIG YEAR

**TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023
10:00AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Gold coin donation at door.
Rated PG.



NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

**WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 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.

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



SAVE THE DATE: DRAG BINGO

**FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023
7PM - 10PM**

Drag Bingo is part of Hindmarsh
Shire Council celebrations for Pride
Month!

With the intent of bringing something
new, exciting and inclusive of our
LGBTIQ+ allies to Hindmarsh we
believe Drag Bingo is going to hit the
mark. We encourage our community
to come together for a night of
singing, laughing, entertainment and
BINGO!

18+ event

Cost: \$15 per person

To purchase a ticket, visit
www.trybooking.com/CIAMB



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



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



PROJECT UPDATES



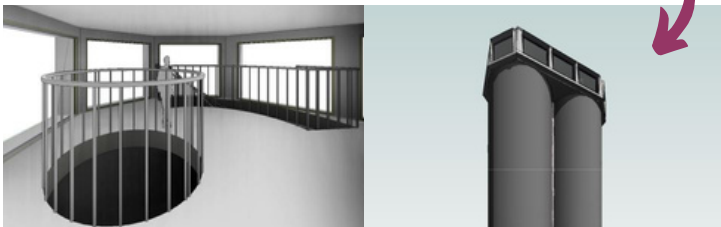
RAINBOW SILO UPDATE

An exciting project that will make Rainbow a destination on the Mallee Silo Art Trail has reached an important milestone, with design of the proposed development now complete and the tender for construction now open to receive submissions.

The project will see a 100-year-old concrete Silo transformed into a tourism destination, which will feature large scale art activations familiar to visitors to the Silo Art Trail.

An exciting expansion of this concept will see the Silo feature a viewing platform at the top of the Silo which will provide expansive, 360-degree views of the Mallee landscape. The viewing platform will be accessed by an internal staircase and elevator, which provides a unique opportunity for the art to be featured on the inside of the Silo rather than the traditional external activation.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government.



RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE

The next stage of development for the Rainbow Rises Events Centre has commenced, with a tender now open for the construction of a canteen facility and toilet block.

Council are seeking submissions for modular build facilities which will be installed onsite adjacent to the newly developed pit / hardstand area. The canteen facility will support catering opportunities at existing off road racing events and also future events that will be hosted at the site. Permanent Toilet facilities will also reduce the number of hire units needing to be hired in for the various events hosted at the site.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

SOLAR LIGHTING BOLLARDS

Solar light bollards have been installed along the footpath on Lochiel Street from Lloyd Street to improve the safety for pedestrians accessing the public toilets at the rear of the Dimboola Library during night-time.

Solar lighting has also been installed along the laneway at the side of the SES building between Lochiel Street and the public toilets.



HINDMARSH SHIRE LIBRARIES VAN

An exciting addition to Hindmarsh Shire Library Services is closer to fruition, with graphic design for the new Library Van finalised ahead of its installation by signwriters in May.

Currently, the van is being fitted out with shelving, lighting, internet capability and a standalone power supply which will allow the van to operate 'out in the field' at events or activities across the Shire.

The new Library Van will help to promote Library services and demonstrate that Libraries today offer lots of services in addition to books. It is expected that the Van will be operational from early June.

This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government.



OTHER NEWS



Visit
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news
for more Council news!



LIBRARIES ACTIVITIES SURVEY

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries want to hear from you!

We would appreciate it if you could kindly take a moment to answer this short survey about future classes & activities you would like to see at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries.

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



TENDERS INVITED

Tenders are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons/organisations for:

Construction of Silo Tourism Development Rainbow

(Contract No. 2022-2023-15)

Supply & Installation of Catering Facility & Ablutions Building at Rainbow Rises Events Centre

(Contract No. 2022-2023-17)

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 via Simon Landrigan, Project Coordinator on telephone (03) 5391 4444.

ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING

Council has dealt with two incidents of illegal waste dumping within Hindmarsh over the past two weeks.

Not only is this bad for the environment and can be a hazard to road users, it is a waste of ratepayers money and council staff/plant time used to clean it up.

In Victoria, it is **illegal** to dump or bury any kind of waste at a location that isn't licensed to accept it. This includes private land, and especially on road reserves.

If you have seen what you suspect is illegally dumped waste, report it online at <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/illegal-waste-dumping> or by calling [1300 372 842](tel:1300372842).



HINDMARSH SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

If you would like to keep up to date with when Council will be holding free Supported Playgroup sessions, head over and like our new Hindmarsh Shire Supported Playgroups Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/hindmarshsupportedplaygroups

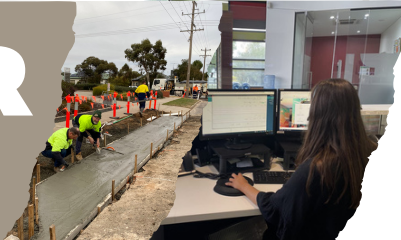
LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Little Desert National Park including the Desert Discovery Walk will be closed for aerial shooting operations from 8am Monday 22 May to 3pm Thursday 25 May 2023.

All parts of the Little Desert National Park will remain closed throughout the program with the exception of 3 campgrounds - Horseshoe Bend and Ackle Bend Camping areas near the Wimmera River, and Kiata campground south of Nhill.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 19 63 or email info@parks.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:

- **Team Leader East (Full Time)**
Applications close 24 May 2023
- **Planning Officer - Study Supported Position (Part Time/Full Time)**
Applications close 24 May 2023



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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

THANK YOU

TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY