



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

21 NOVEMBER 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.



MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTED FOR 2023/2024



Hindmarsh Shire Council held their Annual Statutory Meeting on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

At this meeting, **Cr Brett Ireland** was re-elected mayor of Hindmarsh Shire Council for the next twelve months and **Cr Wendy Bywaters** was elected deputy mayor of Hindmarsh Shire Council for the next twelve months.

Congratulations Cr Ireland and Cr Bywaters!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICES



OFFICE / LIBRARY HOURS

Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be **closed** over the Christmas and New Year period **from 12:00pm Thursday 21 November 2023 and will reopen from Tuesday 2 January 2024.**

TRANSFER STATION CHANGES

All Hindmarsh Shire Council Transfer Stations will be **closed on Monday 25 December and Tuesday 26 December 2023.**

WASTE/RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES

If your bins are scheduled for collection on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December 2023, your bins will now be collected ONE DAY LATER.

- Monday will be collected on Tuesday 26 December 2023.
- Tuesday will be collected on Wednesday 27 December 2023.

There will be no changes to those that have their bins emptied on a Wednesday or Thursday.

All collections over New Year will return to normal. For collection enquiries, please call Wimmera Mallee Waste on 03 5395 1377.

CONGRATULATIONS CR DEBRA NELSON



At the MAV Annual Gala Dinner held on Thursday 12 October, Cr Nelson received a Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Councillor Service Award for 10 years' service as a Councillor for

Congratulations Cr Nelson on this prestigious award, and for your 10 years' service with Hindmarsh Shire Council.



Summer Transfer Station Operating Hours



Hindmarsh Shire Council advises that operating hours for the four Transfer Stations will be changed over Summer, to ensure the safety of staff and residents. **Each Transfer Station will operate between 9:00am - 12:00noon from Friday 1 December 2023 to Thursday 29 February 2024** inclusive on the normal opening days. These alterations will also apply to Total Fire Ban Days.

Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools Opening Details



YMCA and Council staff have been working hard to get the pools ready and open for summer! The Dimboola, Jeparit, and Rainbow swimming pools opened on Saturday 18 November!

Unfortunately, due to delays in transitioning Nhill Pool to automatic chemical dosing and a new filtration system, the opening has been pushed back and is now expected to open on Saturday 25 November. This new system will provide better and cleaner water.

YMCA look forward to seeing everyone back in these amazing community pools this summer!

Council Continues to Lobby for Roads Funding

Officers are always on the lookout for grant opportunities regarding roads, with funding challenging to obtain at present, however not through lack of trying.

Council officers have recently submitted a grant application for a proactive project through the Blackspot Program. A proactive project is able to be applied for which addresses sites with identified safety issues through a road safety audit. This was the Woorak-Ni Ni-Lorquon Rd where the seal narrows back to single lane, near the Glenlee-Lorquon Rd intersection. This road is the equal highest category local road within the shire, and is heavily used by locals including large heavy vehicles. The application includes reconstructing and widening the seal, updating signage, improving intersections and addressing vegetation issues, at a total estimated cost of \$1.559m.

Council now awaits to hear the outcome of the grant application.

We Want to Hear from YOU

Council is currently seeking feedback from the community on the:

- **Draft Economic Development Strategy 2024-2028**
- **Jeparit Swimming Hole Development Next Stages**

The **Draft Economic Development Strategy 2024-2028** has been prepared with the feedback received from the community from the Community Consultation sessions held in late March/early April 2023.

The Strategy will be presented at the Council meeting on 13 December 2023. If you would like to provide feedback on this 4-year strategy, you still have time.

Submissions close 5pm on Thursday 23 November 2023, with the option of speaking to your submission at the Council meeting on 13 December 2023 before Council makes a decision.

Stage 1 of the **Jeparit Swimming Hole Redevelopment** project is nearing completion. As part of the next stages of this redevelopment, Council invites feedback from the community on the next stages. This includes:

- Closure of George Street, Jeparit
- Playground / Fitness Stations
- Landscaping
- Swimming Pontoon (subject to funding)

As part of the consultation, Council is holding a drop-in session for members of the community to meet with Council officers to discuss the next stages of this project.

Join us on **Monday 27 November 2023** at the **Jeparit Tennis Clubrooms** any time between **4:00pm - 6:00pm**.

Submissions close 5pm on Thursday 30 November 2023.

To have your say, please visit Council's website: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say

Glass Bin Collection Days

- **Friday 22 December 2023**
- **Friday 16 February 2024**
- **Friday 12 April 2024**
- **Friday 7 June 2024**



2024 Youth Council Applications



Are you someone who wants to positively contribute to your community? To make a difference, or want to do more for the people around you? Are you passionate about creating events that YOU and your community wants? If so, we want YOU!

The Youth Council are the change-makers for young people in our Shire, and it's important we continue to find wonderful young people to use their voices and help create change.

Anyone aged between 12-25 who lives, works or attends school within Hindmarsh Shire is interested must complete an application and submit an online version, or printed version which can be handed to any Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centres before **5pm on Friday 19 January 2024.**

Applications are available on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-youth-council

For more information contact Youth Officer Nan Da San Bleh Dah on 03 5391 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Increase in Heavy Vehicles on Roads during Harvest

Now that harvest has started, we are asking road users to consider that they may need to give heavy farm vehicles and grain trucks some extra room on roads this harvest by:

- **avoiding areas around grain sites**
- **moving completely off the road at a stop to allow agricultural traffic to keep moving**
- **staying off earth roads unless absolutely necessary**
- **being aware of farmers loading and unloading on the roads**
- **remaining patient when oversized vehicles are moving between locations and waiting for a safe moment before overtaking.**

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to thank the farming community for all that they do and wish you all a safe and successful harvest!



2024 Hindmarsh Australia Day Awards Nominations

The Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding community service to the Hindmarsh Shire community during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the community over a number of years.

Nominations are now being called for:

- 2024 Hindmarsh Shire Citizen of the Year
- 2024 Hindmarsh Shire Young Citizen of the Year
- 2024 Hindmarsh Shire Community Event of the Year



To make a nomination, you can complete an online nomination form on Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/australia-day.

You can also print hard copies of the form from our website and/or collect copies of these forms from any Hindmarsh Customer Service Centre and Library.

Nominations open on Monday 9 October 2023 and close at **5:00pm on Monday 27 November 2023.**

Big Summer Read at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are once again encouraging our community to take part in the BIG Summer Read.

The BIG Summer Read is a Victorian state-wide summer reading campaign for children and young people. It is a collaborative Public Libraries Victoria (PLV) initiative, developed to raise awareness and ensure ALL Victorian children have access to the resources they need to maintain literacy skills over the summer school holidays.

The BIG Summer Read is open to anyone ages 0-18 years. It aims to encourage children to read for pleasure and addresses the issue of the 'summer slide'. This refers to the loss of literacy experienced over the long summer break if children are not exposed to books or reading. Children must be over the age of 13 to register for an individual account. Parents can register their children and manage participating family members within their account.

Download the PLV Beanstack Tracker App today, or visit any Hindmarsh Shire Library to collect a physical reading log.

Visit: <https://plv.beanstack.org/reader365>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit

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



COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 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



BRING ON SUMMER CONCERT

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023 | 12PM - 4PM

Jaypex Park Nhill

Hindmarsh Shire Council and West Wimmera Shire Council are partnering to hold a FREE concert!

We encourage everyone to come along and enjoy some live music featuring bands:

**Ivy Black
Senocide**

Jack Doolan and the Scrubs

followed by a performance by the **Karen Doh Dance Group.**

Catering and drinks will be available free of charge with Maggi's Pizza, a Lions Club BBQ and icy slushies.

Free buses are being provided from Rainbow, Jeparit, Dimboola, Edenhope, Goroke and Kaniva.

Please ensure you register for the bus at least 4 days prior to the event date.

This event is for all ages and is a drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free event.



JEPARIT SWIMMING HOLE DROP-INS SESSION

**MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2023
4PM - 6PM**

Jeparit Tennis Clubrooms

Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the Jeparit Swimming Hole / Caravan Park precinct is nearing completion. As part of the final stages of the redevelopment, Council invites responses from the community regarding the following items:

**Closure of George Street, Jeparit
Playground / fitness stations
Landscaping
Swimming Pontoon**

Join us to meet with Council officers to discuss the next stages of this project.



NHILL STREET PARTY AND LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

**FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023
4PM - 8PM**

Goldsworthy Park Nhill

The Nhill Town Committee would like to invite you to join them for a street party and late night shopping!

There will be late night traders, Rotary BBQ in the park, Santa's Photo Booth, Street stalls and displays throughout the park, Musicians, Children's art workshops, Popcorn and Face Painting and much more!

For more information, please contact Pauline McCracken on 0488 911 634.



DIMBOOLA CHRISTMAS

**FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023
5PM - 9PM**

Dimboola Township & Dimboola Library Veranda

The Dimboola Progress Association Inc. invites you to Christmas in Dimboola with late night shopping and a Christmas Concert!

There will be a BBQ, a concert at the Dimboola Library veranda from 6:30pm, Santa arrives at 7pm and 'Probably Guilty' will be playing after Santa.

For more information, please contact Chan Uoy on 0425 705 591.



NHILL SENIOR CITIZENS GAMES AFTERNOON

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023 | 2PM - 4:30PM

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

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



DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023
2:30PM - 3:30PM**

Dimboola Library

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries holds Book Chat every third Friday of the month at the Dimboola Library.

Bring along a current book that you are reading & share reviews over a cuppa and some biscuits.

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



HINDMARSH YOUTH FORMAL

**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023
6PM - 10PM**

Rainbow Recreation Reserve

The Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council are excited to be hosting another Youth Formal!

Get ready to dress-up and have a good time! There will be a red carpet, sit-down dinner and the night will end with a DJ!

Cost: \$5

Ages: 12+

Bookings are essential!

There will be free buses available from Nhill, Jeparit and Dimboola. Please let us know when you are booking in whether you need a bus or not.

**Registrations close by 5pm on
Monday 4 December 2023.**

Register at:

**[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/
hindmarsh-youth-formal](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/hindmarsh-youth-formal)**



NHILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023
6:30PM - 10PM**

Jaypex Park Nhill

The Nhill Town Committee would like to invite you to join them for a night of family-friendly Christmas Carols!

Join them for a festive evening filled with singing of Christmas favourites. The Nhill Lions Club will be there cooking up a storm on the BBQ.

For more information, please contact Pauline McCracken on 0488 911 634.



NHILL JIGSAW CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for weekly Jigsaw Club.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2PM

Nhill Library
5 Clarence Street



NHILL SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT

**WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER
2023 | 12PM - 4:30PM**

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms

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

Cost: \$15 - \$25



SAVE THE DATE - NHILL AIRSHOW 2024

SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2024 | 9AM

Nhill Aerodrome

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

For more information, visit:
[www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.
au/nhill-airshow](http://www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au/nhill-airshow)



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



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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 Hindmarsh Supported Playgroup Officer on 03 5391 4444.



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!



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



PROJECT UPDATES



New Caravan Park Cabins Delivered

Six new caravan parks cabins were delivered to the Hindmarsh Caravan Parks throughout late October. Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park received a 2-bedroom cabin, a 3-bedroom cabin and a cabin with two single studios.

Rainbow Caravan Park received 2 x 2-bedroom cabins and Jeparit Caravan Park received a 2-bedroom cabin.

These cabins have been funded through the Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund. Once connection services to the cabins are finished, Council will commence with fitting out the cabins.



Pedestrian Bridge at Jaypex Park

Contractors have completed construction of a pathway from the new pedestrian bridge which links Jaypex Park with the Nhill Caravan Park and Showgrounds.

The new pathway and pedestrian bridge provide a safer option for patrons at the Nhill Caravan Park wishing to visit the neighbouring park and beyond, eliminating the need to walk along the edge of the busy Western Highway.



Dimboola Bus Shelter Weather Screen



Works to construct a glass weather screen to the front of the bus shelter in Lochiel Street, Dimboola are finished.

This also included the removal of the kerb cross over adjacent to the bus shelter and reinstatement of paving and kerb to footpath level.

This will provide much needed weather protection for residents waiting for the bus.

New Carpet Installed at Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Contractors have recently completed installation of new carpet in the upstairs balcony area of the Nhill Memorial Community Centre. The installation of new seating will commence once the new seats arrive. The new seating will also include cup holders!



Jeparit Swimming Hole Update

Works have been progressing well on the Jeparit Swimming Hole since the retaining wall and deck has been constructed. Concrete footpaths have been poured connecting the new all-abilities facilities, BBQ area and the retaining deck to each other.

Safety fencing has been installed along the top of the steep riverbank providing a safer area for families to relax and enjoy. The remaining area has been levelled in preparation for the next stage for landscaping and installation of grass.

If you would like to know more about the next stages of this project, join us at our drop-in session at the Jeparit Tennis Clubrooms on Monday 27 November 2023 anytime between 4pm - 6pm.



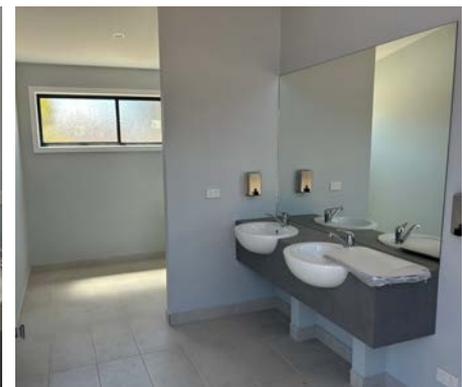
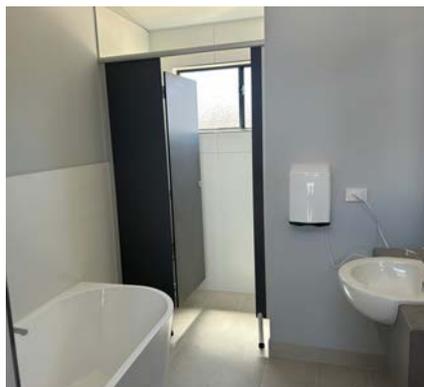
Rainbow Caravan Park All-abilities Amenities Block

The new all-abilities amenities block at the Rainbow Caravan Park is nearing completion.

These amenities will include:

- A ramp access
- Family room with bath, separate shower, toilet and change table
- All-abilities unit with toilet and shower
- x4 Female toilets & showers
- x4 Male toilets & showers
- Laundry and linen storage

The Rainbow Caravan Park Amenities building is being constructed through funding received from the Federal Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding program.





Annual Report 2022/2023

Hindmarsh Shire Council's Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2023 has been prepared.

The Annual Report outlines Council's performance, achievements, and challenges in the 2022/2023 financial year. You can view the Annual Report online at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/annual-reports

Fire Danger Period Declared for Hindmarsh



The Country Fire Authority (CFA) declared that the fire danger period for Hindmarsh Shire Council commenced on 1am Monday 6 November 2023.

Make sure you know what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period by visiting the CFA website <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/can-i-or-cant-i>

Free N95 Masks & Rapid Antigen Tests Available

Council has FREE N95 disposable masks and COVID rapid antigen tests available for collection.

These can be collected at any Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centre and Library.

If you have any questions about this, please call us on 03 5391 4444.

Hindmarsh Community Satisfaction Survey

Hindmarsh Shire's quarterly Community Satisfaction Survey commenced on Wednesday 1 November 2023 and will finish on Sunday 3 December 2023.

Please be aware of scam callers during this period. The interviewer will call from a number starting with (03) 9977

Illegal Asbestos Dumping

Council is extremely disappointed with the Asbestos dumping that has occurred in the community over the past few weeks. Asbestos is a dangerous substance and needs to be cleaned up by qualified contractors. The significant costs to clean up the dumping will unfortunately be on ratepayers, diverting much needed money from other services and projects.

Council has had success in the past tracking down those responsible for illegal dumping, so if you see anything suspicious please report this to Council so we can investigate.

For more information on asbestos visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Asbestos-and-Chemicals

Tenders Invited

Hindmarsh Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced persons / organisations to respond to its Tenders for:

PROVISION OF AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Contract No, 2023-2024-15)

Closes **2:00pm** on **Wednesday 22 November 2023**.

CONSTRUCTION OF SILO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN RAINBOW, VICTORIA

(Contract No. 2023-2024-14)

Closes **2:00pm** on **Wednesday 13 December 2023**.

The specific requirements are detailed in the tender documents, which can be downloaded via Council's Tender Portal by visiting:

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

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 position/s:

- **Manager Development and Healthy Environments** (Permanent Full Time)
Applications close 29 November 2023
- **Cleaner Rainbow Caravan Park** (Casual)
Applications close 1 December 2023

For more information on these positions, call 03 5391 4444.



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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 Wendy Bywaters
Deputy Mayor



Cr Debra Nelson
Councillor



Cr Rob Gersch OAM
Councillor



Cr Melanie Albrecht
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor



It costs nothing to talk



Rural Outreach Program

How can we help?

Our team of Outreach Workers can help when:

- Times get tough
- You need a trusted person to talk with
- You are concerned about someone
- You need someone for support & guidance
- Or you just need a friendly ear on the phone

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