

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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SWIMMING POOL 2026/2027 SEASON PLAN



With the warmer weather not too far away, **Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools are scheduled to open on Saturday 21 November 2026** for the summer season!

Council will continue to post daily information around each Pools opening hours, provide phone numbers for each pool that can be contacted during opening hours, and extended hours will continue to apply where possible when the temperature is over 30 degrees at the usual time of closing.

We'll be opening up registrations for the new season shortly - keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for this!

Follow us on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/hindmarshoutdoorpools** for updates and important information leading up to the season.

MAKE A NOMINATION - AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

We're calling for nominations for the **2027 Hindmarsh Australia Day Awards!** 🎉

The Hindmarsh 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 several years.

Nominations are now being called for:

- **2027 Hindmarsh Shire Citizen of the Year**
- **2027 Hindmarsh Shire Young Citizen of the Year**
- **2027 Hindmarsh Shire Community Event of the Year**
- **2027 Lifetime Achievement Award**

Nomination forms and guidelines for the Australia Day Awards are available on Council's website. You can also collect hard copies of nomination forms from any Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centre and Library.

Nominations close **11:59pm** on **Sunday 6 December 2026**.

Scan the QR code to make a nomination!

FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL IN OCTOBER

Hindmarsh Shire Council is pleased to offer **free green waste disposal** at all Council transfer stations **from 1 to 31 October 2026**. This service is available to Hindmarsh Shire residents and Hindmarsh-based businesses providing services to residents.

With the fire season just around the corner, now is the ideal time to clear your yard and prepare your property by bringing your garden clippings, leaves, pruning's, and tree branches into your local transfer station. Let's work together to protect our community and keep Hindmarsh Shire bushfire-safe! 🏡✨

For more information about Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Stations, please visit Council's website: **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/transfer-station-hours-and-fees**.

TRANSFER STATION SUMMER OPENING HOURS

During the Summer months, 1 December 2026 - 28 February 2027, Council's **Transfer Station operating hours will change** to accommodate for high temperatures and to ensure the safety of staff and members of the community.

See below the summer operating hours:

	DIMBOOLA	JEPARIT	NHILL	RAINBOW
MON	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	**9:00am - 12:00pm**
TUE	Closed	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed	Closed
WED	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed
THUR	Closed	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed	Closed
FRI	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	**9:00am - 12:00pm**
SAT	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	Closed
SUN	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	**9:00am - 12:00pm**	**9:00am - 12:00pm**

These hours also apply to Total Fire Ban Days.
All Transfer Stations will close on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026 | CONNECT CREATE CELEBRATE | VICTORIA State Government

Join us this Victorian Seniors Festival as we Connect, Create and Celebrate with a great range of free events and activities across Hindmarsh Shire.

What is happening in Hindmarsh?

- Men's Day Tour exploring the Little Desert, Natimuk and Murtoa
- Planning Ahead Sessions with Seniors Rights Victoria
- Nhill Cinema Classic Movie screenings
- Relax, Relate and Create sessions
- Historical Society Open Days
- Ongoing library activities

See the last page of this newsletter for more details!

All activities are free entry as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival 2026 under the theme 'Connect, Create, Celebrate'.

HAVE YOUR SAY



Council is currently seeking feedback on the following plans and policies:

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026-2036

The Long Term Financial Plan projects Council's expected income, costs and asset needs over the next ten years, and helps Council plan how it can continue to deliver services, maintain community assets, and make responsible financial decisions into the future.

LIVE STREAMING AND PUBLISHING RECORDINGS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

This Policy guides how Council will endeavour to make Council meetings accessible online.

HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

This Policy ensures that Council is enacting the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 which requires Council to consider and protect human rights when making decisions, developing policies and delivering services.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

This Policy establishes Council's commitment to fostering a welcoming, equitable and inclusive organisation and community.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Before Council adopts the Financial Plan and these policies, we want to hear from you!

To view the draft plan and policies and to provide your feedback, visit the Have Your Say Hindmarsh website at **www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au**

Submissions close **11:59 pm** on **Friday 30 October 2026**.

Scan the QR code for more information!

HELP SHAPE BUSINESS SUPPORT IN HINDMARSH

Hindmarsh Shire Council is inviting local business owners and operators to participate in the **2026 Hindmarsh Business Insights Survey**.

The survey forms part of a broader program of business engagement that includes business visits, one-on-one meetings and ongoing consultation with local businesses.

Council invests in a range of initiatives to support business growth, and your feedback will help determine future priorities for training, networking opportunities, mentoring, business services and advocacy.

We know local business owners are busy, so there is also the option to book a business visit or meeting with Council staff to discuss your needs and complete the survey together.

By sharing your experiences and ideas, you'll help create a clearer picture of the opportunities and challenges facing businesses across Hindmarsh Shire and ensure future support programs are targeted where they are needed most.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey.

SMALL BUSINESS SESSIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council is partnering with the Rural Financial Counselling Service and Finwell to deliver free one-on-one financial mentoring sessions across the municipality.

These confidential, 45-minute mentoring sessions are designed to help individuals, families, farmers, and small business operators build financial confidence, better understand their financial situation, and connect with available support services.

Sessions will be available at the following locations:

- **Dimboola** – Old Shire Hall, **Wednesday 28 October 2026**
- **Nhill** – Hindmarsh Customer Service Centre, **Friday 30 October 2026**

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Business operators are encouraged to secure their preferred session early. For booking details or further information, please contact Hindmarsh Shire Council.

HINDMARSH BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORIES

Hindmarsh Shire Council has launched a new Community and Business Directory on its website, powered by MyCity.

MyCity can be used by organisations and groups wishing to promote their business, community group/organisation and events.

SCAN HERE TO ACCESS MYCITY PORTAL

Business Directory

The Business Directory is your guide for discovering and connecting with local businesses and services.

Whether you're a business looking for local suppliers, a resident searching for trusted local services, or a visitor exploring what is available locally, the Hindmarsh Shire Business Directory will make it easier to support and find businesses close to home.

Visit **hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/business-directory**

Community Directory

The Community Directory is your guide for discovering and connecting with local clubs, organisations and community services.

Whether you're new to the area, a resident searching for local group contact numbers, or a visitor exploring what is available locally, the Hindmarsh Shire Community Directory will make it easier to find what you are looking for.

Visit **hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/community-directory**

How to make a listing

If you have a business that operates in Hindmarsh Shire or services the region, or if you have a club, organisation, or community service based in Hindmarsh Shire, you are encouraged to list your business and/or community group on these directories.

You can do this by visiting **hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/MyCity**, creating an account & submitting a Community or Business listing.

Your listing will appear on Council's website once it has been approved by a Council officer.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT FUNDING

Council has endorsed applications to the Australian Government's Active Transport Funding Program to improve pedestrian connection paths in Dimboola and Nhill.

The proposed projects include:

- **Wimmera Street Footpath Connection** - to construct a 450m long concrete footpath connection on Wimmera Street and Upper Regions Street, Dimboola. The intention is to provide all abilities connection between the overpass and School Street.
- **Townsend Street Footpath Connection** - to construct a 1050m long concrete footpath connection on Townsend Street, Nairn Street and Glenferness Street, Nhill. The intention is to connect pedestrians along Glenferness and Townsend Street to the school crossing, hospital and shopping precinct.

If successful, the projects will help fill gaps in the existing footpath network, improve accessibility and provide safer walking routes for residents, including people using mobility aids, families with prams, older residents and school children.

Council will now finalise and submit the funding applications. Further community consultation will be undertaken if funding is secured.

COUNCIL ADVOCACY





Hindmarsh Shire Councillors and CEO have recently met with Members of Parliament and neighbouring Councils to advocate for our regional priorities.

Emergency Management

On Wednesday 30 September 2026, Mayor Ron Ismay and CEO Monica Revell joined the Wimmera Emergency Management Resource Sharing Partnership to meet with The Hon. David Littleproud MP, Shadow Minister for Emergency Management and Tourism, and discuss the opportunities and challenges facing our region.

From disaster recovery funding reform and regional tourism to major events and future growth, Council highlighted the areas where continued support and investment will make the greatest impact.

Regional Priorities

On Friday 2 October 2026, Mayor Ron Ismay, Deputy Mayor Rosie Barker and CEO Monica Revell met with Bev McArthur MP, David Davis MP and neighbouring councils to discuss key regional priorities.

Topics included **funding for regional projects** through important grant programs; **rural roads and bridges**, including regional priorities and investment needs; **mental health services**, with a focus on delivering care closer to home; **disaster recovery funding changes**, seeking assurance that councils won't be left out of pocket; **sustainable local councils**, including bringing decision-makers from the city to regional communities, recognising that rural councils have different needs and resources, reducing cost-shifting from the State to councils, and providing adequate funding for fire prevention

Strong partnerships and a united regional voice are key to achieving lasting outcomes. Together with neighbouring councils, government and industry, Council will continue advocating for the investment, resources and recognition our communities deserve.

BUSINESS BOOST GRANTS AWARDED

Hindmarsh Shire Council has awarded nine grants through the first round of the 2026/2027 Business Boost grants program.

Congratulations to:
✅ **Eleven & Us, Dimboola** will receive $1,250.91 for business shopfront promotional signage
✅ **Nhill Silo Heritage Project** will receive up to $3,000 for a new Nhill sign on the Noske Silo
✅ **Zero Inn Motel, Nhill** will receive $3,000 for business promotional signage
✅ **Dimboola Store, Dimboola** will receive $3,000 to revitalise the retail facade
✅ **Find Your Body Flow, Dimboola** will receive $215.15 to install window decals
✅ **Lots Of Laughter Coffee and Food Van, Nhill** will receive $1,754.18 to purchase outdoor furniture
✅ **The Curious Gallery, Jeparit** will receive $764.40 to paint a mural promoting the gallery space
✅ **Jacko's Deli, Dimboola** will receive $1,820.42 to purchase commercial food equipment
✅ **Country Catering Co, Jeparit** will receive $1,933.33 to purchase commercial food equipment

For more information about the Business Boost grants visit **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/grants**.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES GRANTS AWARDED

Hindmarsh Shire Council has awarded eight grants through the first round of the 2026/2027 Connected Communities grants program.

Congratulations to:
✅ **Nhill Motorsports Club** will receive up to $2,000 to host a Ride Day event
✅ **Nhill Park Run** will receive $480 for the purchase and installation of signage
✅ **Rainbow & District Badminton Club** will receive $1,326.55 to purchase new badminton racquets
✅ **Jeparit Agricultural and Pastoral Society** will receive $2,000 to host the Tiny Goats and Co and Fair Dinkum Fauna at the 2026 Jeparit Show
✅ **CWA of Victoria Nhill Twilight Branch** will receive up to $917.10 to upgrade the lighting and blinds in the CWA Branch building
✅ **Nhill College Kindergarten (Emerge)** will receive $1,500 to create signage using children's artwork for installation in a community space
✅ **Dimboola Bowling Club** will receive $500 to upgrade their hand dryer in the clubrooms
✅ **Jeparit Tennis Club** will receive up to $500 to purchase a new tennis net and balls for the upcoming tennis season

For more information about the Business Boost grants visit **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/grants**.

REGIONAL EVENTS SPONSORSHIP AWARDED

Hindmarsh Shire Council has awarded three grants through the 2026/2027 Regional Events Sponsorship program.

Congratulations to:
✅ **Wimmera Steampunk Festival Inc** - $7,500 towards the 2027 Wimmera Steampunk Festival
✅ **Marathon Adventures** - $5,000 towards the 2027 Dimboola Dash Running Festival
✅ **Dimboola Bowls Club** - $1,000 towards the 2027 Dimboola Bowls Club Annual Tournament

The Regional Events Sponsorship Program will continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis for the remainder of the 2026/27 financial year, or until all available funding has been allocated.

For more information about the Business Boost grants visit **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/grants**.

50 YEARS OF LOWANA



A large crowd came together recently to celebrate Lowana's 50th birthday.

Over the years, millions of dollars worth of sales have walked out the doors with handmade crafts, baked goods and plants going to new homes across Australia and the world.

Hindmarsh Shire Council extends congratulations to current and past Committee members and suppliers of Lowana who have worked tirelessly to provide such a wonderful business to our community.

FINALS FEVER IN HINDMARSH



Hindmarsh Shire Council congratulates all local sporting teams who won grand finals recently:

- **Yanac Open and Women's hockey teams** 🏑
- **Nhill Under 14s and Nhill Seniors footballers** 🏉

We also congratulate local sporting teams who made it to their grand finals:

- **Dimboola A-Grade netballers** 🏐
- **Nhill Leopards Juniors hockey team** 🏑

This congratulations extends to the amazing number of people behind the scenes who make community sport happen - umpiring, coaching, training, first aid support, canteen and bar staff, grounds maintenance, game day support, Thursday night dinners, parents and carers who drive their kids to the early games - your incredible efforts do not go unnoticed.

PARK STREET FOOTPATH WORKS IN NHILL

We're making Park Street in Nhill safer through funding from the Victorian Government via the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program, which is providing $214 million to make local roads safer across Victoria.

Works are now underway on a new pathway between Breda Street and Queen Street, improving connections to Nhill Lutheran School and surrounding community destinations. The project is being delivered by Hindmarsh Shire Council through the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.

These improvements will make it safer and easier to travel around the community by supporting safer access for pedestrians and cyclists along this route.

WESTERN VICTORIAN COUNCILS ADVOCATE FOR A SAFER, STRONGER WESTERN HIGHWAY

The Western Highway Action Committee (WHAC), representing 10 municipalities across western Victoria, including Hindmarsh Shire Council, has released a new advocacy prospectus outlining priority investments needed along the Western Highway from Melton to the South Australian border.

The prospectus calls for a long-term vision of a fully duplicated, freeway-standard highway while focusing on immediate projects to improve safety, freight efficiency, connectivity and network resilience.

Key priorities include:

- Duplication of the highway between Buangor and Ararat
- Construction of the Beaufort Bypass
- Upgrades between Melton and the M80
- Bacchus Marsh Eastern Link Road connections
- Duplication between Ararat and Stawell
- Improved highway maintenance programs

The prospectus demonstrates the united commitment of western Victorian councils to improving one of the state's most significant transport corridors.
Read more at **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/advocacy**

NHILL JAYPEX PARK SLIDE TEMPORARILY CLOSED



Even local icons need some rest and recoupment, and the Jaypex Park Slide is no exception. We know this slide is important to the community, but with great height comes great responsibility, and works are required on the mound and surrounding infrastructure that require it to be closed for use.

Once Council has more information, we will provide updates via our Facebook page. In the meantime, we encourage you to give the other wonderful playgrounds across Nhill some love!

PUT YOUR BINS OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE COLLECTION

We'd like to remind Hindmarsh Shire residents to please put their bins out the night before their scheduled collection day.

Wimmera Mallee Waste collection times can change and they may empty your bins earlier in the morning than you're expecting. To make sure they don't get missed - pop them out the night before.

When putting your bins out:
✅ Place your bins on the kerb close to the road (or on the road shoulder for rural collection)
✅ Make sure it faces towards the road (the handle should face your home)
✅ Make sure that the bin lid is closed (do not overfill your bin)

TENDERS INVITED

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

- **EOI 2026-2027-14: ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY AT DIMBOOLA TRANSFER STATION**
  Closing 2:00 pm on Thursday 12 November 2026
- **2024-2025-42: SUPPLY AND/OR CARTAGE OF GRAVEL AND CRUSHED ROCK MATERIALS**
  Closing 2:00 pm on Thursday 22 October 2026

The specific requirements are detailed in their related documents, which can be downloaded via Council's eProcure portal at **https://app.eprocure.com.au/hindmarsh/home/public**.

All enquiries should be directed to Simon Landrigan, Manager Project Management Office, via email to **info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au** or telephone (03) 5391 4444.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Our recent School Holiday Program has come to an end, with approximately 430 young people from across the Shire and surrounding communities enjoying fun-filled activities over the two weeks.

With craft activities, cooking, sport and recreation sessions and two movie screenings, there was plenty of action and fun for all ages.

To read more or view full photo gallery, scan the QR code or visit our website at **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news**.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - EXTERNAL MEMBER - AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Hindmarsh Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from a suitably qualified individual to be appointed as an **external member to Council's Audit and Risk Committee** for the remainder of the 2024 to 2028 Council term.

About You

We are seeking applicants with strong business acumen, understanding of Hindmarsh Shire Council's rural context, demonstrated professionalism, substantial experience in private sector business management, and a practical, stakeholder-focused lens. External members are required to demonstrate experience in the fields of finance, risk, governance, audit, and/or public sector management.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter and Terms of Reference, which clearly set out the Committee's roles and responsibilities, are available from Council's website **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-committees**.

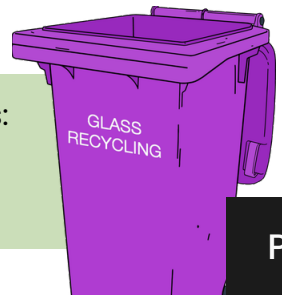
Expressions of interest, detailing your background, experience and an understanding of the Committee's duties and responsibilities as detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee Charter are to be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 250, Nhill or emailed to hr@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au, and be received by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 October 2026.

Questions regarding the position are to be directed to Janelle Reichelt, Manager People and Performance, at jreichelt@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or by phone at 03 5391 4444.

PURPLE GLASS BINS COLLECTIONS

All purple glass bins in Hindmarsh will be collected on the following Fridays:

- **18 December 2026**
- **12 March 2027**



COUNCILLOR UPDATES



CR ROSIE BARKER'S ATTENDANCE AT ALGWA CONFERENCE



Cr Rosie Barker attended the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) 75th Anniversary National Conference in Manly, Sydney. This milestone event brought together elected representatives, sector leaders, academics, policy reports, and community advocates from across Australia.

Cr Barker spent 3 days from Thursday 20 August 2026 to Saturday 22 August 2026 engaging with keynote speakers, panel discussions, case studies and workshops that explored leadership, gender equity, innovation, advocacy, resilience, and the evolving role of local government.

You can read the full report as detailed in the Agenda for the 30 September 2026 on Council's website at **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings**.

WATCH RECORDINGS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you missed a Council meeting, you can watch the recordings of past Hindmarsh Shire Council meetings on Council's YouTube channel.

To watch past Council meeting recordings, scan the QR code, or head over to Council's YouTube Channel.

MAYORAL MATTERS



Read the latest from Hindmarsh Shire Council's Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, in his latest Mayoral Matters.

In this edition he discusses:

- Rural Councils Victoria Forum in Swan Hill
- Wimmera Southern Mallee Council Alliance
- Mental Health Services Advocacy
- Annual MAV Oration with Patricia Karvelas
- Q&A Event with Youth Councillors
- Youth Council's Open Mic Night
- Cr Tony Clark's Victoria Police Award Presentation in Horsham
- An update on Western Highway Action Committee
- Seniors Festival Month

Read Mayoral Matters here:
hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news

Pictured: Pictured L to R: CEO Monica Revell, Deputy Cr Mayor Rosie Barker, Cr Tony Clark, Mayor Cr Ron Ismay and Cr Roger Aitken at Victoria Police Awards Presentation

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**, or scan the QR code:



Cr Ron Ismay
Mayor
West Ward



Cr Rosie Barker
Deputy Mayor
West Ward



Cr Roger Aitken
Councillor
North Ward



Cr James Barry
Councillor
East Ward



Cr Tony Clark
Councillor
North Ward



Cr Chan Uoy
Councillor
East Ward

UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER

RAINBOW SHOW DAY

The Rainbow A & P Society invites you to its Annual Rainbow Show Day.

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026
Rainbow Recreation Reserve



NHILL CINEMA CLASSIC MOVIE - RED DOG

Join us for a classic movie screening of **Red Dog**.

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026
Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am
Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street
FREE EVENT | Rated PG



FARMER CONSULTATIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council invites local farmers and landholders to attend our upcoming Farmer Consultation Sessions in October 2026.

The sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss current programs, share local knowledge, and help shape future priorities across the municipality.

Rainbow MECCA
Wednesday 14 October 2026 – 5pm to 6:30pm

Jeparit Library
Tuesday 20 October 2026 – 5pm to 6:30pm

Sessions were held in Winiam, Netherby and Dimboola prior to this newsletter being published.



CEO AND DIRECTOR DROP-IN SESSIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO, Monica Revell, will be holding drop-in sessions joined by Council's Director Infrastructure Services, Ram Upadhyaya.

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2026
Jeparit Library, 9:00am - 10:00am
Rainbow Library, 11:00am - 12:00noon

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026
Nhill Library, 11:00am - 12:00noon
Dimboola Library, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

NHILL SHOW DAY

The Nhill A & P Society invites you to its Annual Nhill Show Day.

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026
Nhill Showgrounds



WRITING HOUR AT THE NHILL LIBRARY

Join us at the Nhill Library on the third Thursday of every month for Writing Hour.

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

DIMBOOLA SHOW DAY

The Dimboola A & P Society invites you to its Annual Dimboola Show Day.

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026
Dimboola Recreation Reserve

JEPARIT SHOW DAY

The Jeparit A & P Society invites you to its Annual Jeparit Show Day.

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026
Jeparit Recreation Reserve



PLANNING AHEAD SESSIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council has partnered with Seniors Rights Victoria to deliver 'Planning Ahead' sessions covering enduring powers of attorney, medical treatment decision-making and advance care planning.

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2026
Nhill Council Chambers, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026
Jeparit Memorial Hall, 10:00am - 11:00am
Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Light refreshments will be provided. This is a free event, but bookings are essential.

To book, contact Council on 03 5391 4444.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN DAYS

Historical societies across Hindmarsh Shire will open their doors during the Victorian Seniors Festival, with free entry and light refreshments provided.

Rainbow Archive & Historical Society & Museum
31 King Street, Rainbow
Tuesday 20 October, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Jeparit & District Historical Society
Former Municipal Offices, 10 Roy Street, Jeparit
Thursday 22 October, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Dimboola & District Historical Society
67 Lloyd Street, Dimboola
Friday 23 October, 10:00am – 2:00pm



MEN'S DAY TOUR - VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL

Veterans, retirees, Men's Shed members and people from multi-faith communities or diverse cultural backgrounds are invited to join a free guided tour of Little Desert, Natimuk, Horsham and Murtoa.

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026

See the bus departure and return times below:
Rainbow Library:
Departing at 7:30am, returning at 5:30pm
Jeparit Library:
Departing at 8:00am, returning at 5:00pm
Dimboola Old Shire Hall:
Departing at 8:30am, returning at 4:00pm

TOUR STARTING POINT LOCATION & TIME:

Nhill Visitor Information Centre:
Departing 9:00am, returning at 4:30pm

Lunch is provided.
Bookings are required. To secure your place, contact Council on 03 5391 4444 or visit any of our Customer Service Centres and Libraries. This event is targeted at those aged 60+.



CREATION STATION AT DIMBOOLA LIBRARY

Join us at the Dimboola Library for The Creation Station every second Wednesday. These facilitated sessions will see participants working on projects that span the entire month.

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street





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.

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street



NHILL CINEMA CLASSIC MOVIE - YESTERDAY

Join us for a classic movie screening of **Yesterday**.

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2026
Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am
Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street
FREE EVENT | Rated M



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 YouTube channel.

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026
From 3:00pm
Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street, Nhill





NHILL KIDS SPOOKY CRAFT CLUB

Come and create some fun, free, spooky craft, just in time for Halloween!

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

We can't wait to see you there! After this special event, Kid's Craft Club will return to normal dates.



STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING PROGRAM

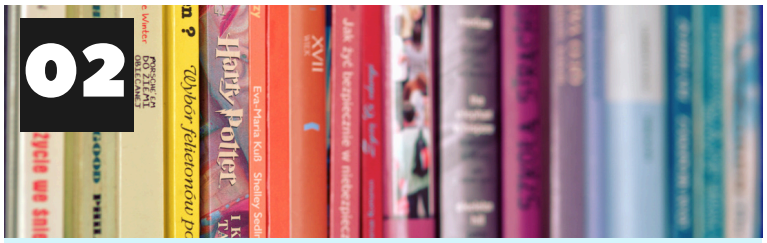
Come learn how to Stand Up Paddleboard and learn important water safety at the Nhill Lake.

Held from **4:00pm - 6:00pm** on the following dates:
Wednesday 28 October 2026
Wednesday 11 November 2026
Wednesday 25 November 2026

This program is being held by Surfing Victoria.
All equipment and life jackets supplied.

Register here: **www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nhill26**

NOVEMBER



JEPARIT BOOK CLUB

Come along to the Jeparit Book Club to connect with fellow booklovers, share your interpretations, and discuss the shared story.

All are welcome to this friendly get together, held on the first Monday of each month at the Jeparit Library.

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026
3:30pm - 4:30pm



RELAX, CREATE & RELATE SESSIONS

Relax, Create, and Relate is a new positive ageing program that brings craft, creativity, and social connection together over a cuppa with friends facilitated by our Social Support Officer.

Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms
Tuesday 10 November 2026
10:30am - 12:00pm | 6 Campbell Street, Nhill

Jeparit Library
Wednesday 11 November 2026
10:00am - 11:30am | 10 Roy Street, Jeparit

Rainbow Library
Wednesday 14 October 2026
2:00pm - 3:30pm | 49 Federal Street, Rainbow

Dimboola Community Civic Hub (Old Shire Hall)
Thursday 12 November 2026
10:00am - 11:30am | 101 Lloyd Street, Dimboola

FREE SESSIONS | Ages 60+
Light refreshments and craft supplies provided.
This Positive Ageing program is funded by the Victorian Government.

For more information, contact our Community Development and Support Officer on (03) 5391 4444 or email community@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



JADE HURLEY & RODNEY VINCENT LIVE IN CONCERT

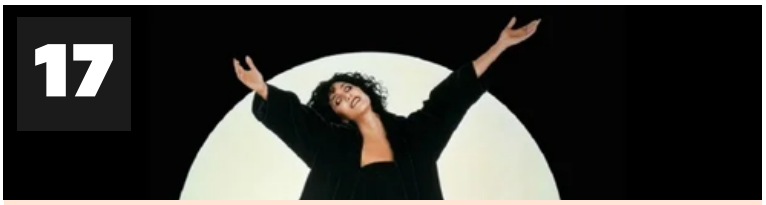
One of Australia's Country Rock Legends Jade Hurley, along with special guest Rodney Vincent, are coming to Nhill for an afternoon of Rock n Roll and Country classics for the community to enjoy.

These two incredible performers will be sure to get you singing along and tapping those feet.

One show only, book now and don't miss out.

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026
1:00pm - 3:30pm
Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Tickets are available online via
www.trybooking.com/DMVFZ



NHILL CINEMA CLASSIC MOVIE - MOONSTRUCK

Join us for a classic movie screening of **Moonstruck**.

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026
Morning tea at 10:00am | Movie at 10:30am
Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street
Gold coin donation | Rated PG



HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING

You're invited to the Annual Statutory Meeting of Hindmarsh Shire Council.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appoint delegates to committees for 2027.

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026
From 6:00pm
Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street, Nhill

This meeting will be open to members of the public who are encouraged to attend.

Light refreshments will follow the meeting with an opportunity to talk to councillors and executive staff.



A G&S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Presented by Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Victoria (GSOV), A G&S Christmas Carol is the Australian premiere of a playful adaptation of Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* using favourite music from the Gilbert & Sullivan operas, and clever new lyrics from Gayden Wren..

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2026
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Nhill Memorial Community Centre

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit
www.trybooking.com/DMXRA

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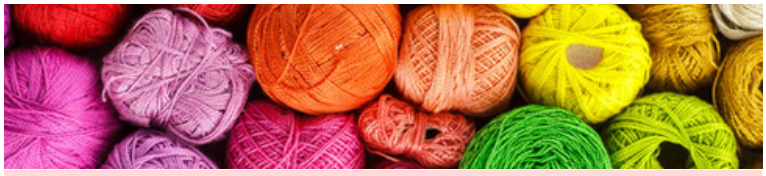
HINDMARSH SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

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

Rainbow Library
Tuesdays 10:00am - 12noon
Jeparit Kindergarten
Wednesdays 10:00am - 12noon
Dimboola Library
Thursdays 10:00am - 12noon
(Starting 22 October 2026)

Please note that the Nhill Supported Playgroup sessions have been postponed until further notice due to staff availability.

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



JEPARIT KNITTING CIRCLE

Long-time crafters, inexperienced newbies and those seeking craft advice and inspiration are invited to come to the Jeparit Library and enjoy the company of like-minded individuals.

Jeparit Library
Held weekly on Mondays
1:30pm to 3:00pm

Grab a cuppa, grab a chair and get cozy as you continue your latest creation, or start something new!



RAINBOW CROCHET CORNER

Grab those knitting needles or crochet hooks and pop down for a yarn with yarners! Bring your current crochet or knitting project and work alongside like-minded crafters.

Held weekly on Fridays
9:30am - 12:00pm
Rainbow Library, 49 Federal Street



STORY TIME

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for Story Time! Held during the school term.

Dimboola Library
Held weekly on Friday from 10:00am

Nhill Library
Held every second Friday from 11:00am

Rainbow Library
Held weekly on Friday from 9:30am



CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for weekly Cuppa Connections. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with friends.

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

If you'd like more information about these sessions, please call us on (03) 5391 4444.

JOIN OUR TEAM



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS AT COUNCIL

Join the Hindmarsh team and contribute to our beautiful Shire.

There were no vacant positions available at the time of preparing this newsletter. Keep an eye on our website for new position openings in the future.

To view all current vacant positions, position descriptions and application forms, visit **www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/jobs** or scan the QR code >

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Hindmarsh Shire Council

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026

October 2026

Victorian Seniors Festival
WHAT'S ON IN HINDMARSH SHIRE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 **Jeparit Knitting Circle** Jeparit Library, 1:30pm-3:00pm	29 	30 **Cuppa Connections** Jeparit Library, 10:00am-12:00noon Rainbow Library, 2:00pm-4:00pm	1 **Seniors - Relax, Create & Relate** Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 10:00am-11:30am	2 **Rainbow Crochet Corner** Rainbow Library, 9:30am
5 **Jeparit Knitting Circle** Jeparit Library, 1:30pm-3:00pm	6 **Seniors - Relax, Create & Relate** Nhill Senior Citizens Club Room, 10:30am-12:00noon	7 **Historical Society Open Day** Nhill & District Historical Society, 10:00am-1:00pm **Cuppa Connections** Jeparit Library, 10:00am-12:00noon Rainbow Library, 2:00pm-4:00pm	8 **Seniors Concert in Nhill** * Nhill Memorial Community Centre Doors open 10:30am Concert 11:00am-12:00noon	9 **Rainbow Crochet Corner** Rainbow Library, from 9:30am **Get Creative** Nhill Library, 1:00pm-2:00pm
12 **Jeparit Knitting Circle** Jeparit Library, 1:30pm-3:00pm	13 **Classic Movie: 'RED DOG'** Nhill Cinema, Morning tea at 10:00am Movie at 10:30am **Rainbow Show Day**	14 **CEO Drop-In Session** Jeparit Library, 9:00am-10:00am Rainbow Library, 11:00am-12:00noon **Seniors - Relax, Create & Relate** Jeparit Library, 10:00am-11:30am Rainbow Library, 2:00pm-3:30pm	15 **CEO Drop-In Session** Nhill Library, 11:00am-12:00noon Dimboola Library, 2:00pm-3:00pm **Writing Hour** Nhill Library, 1:00pm-2:00pm **Nhill Show Day**	16 **Rainbow Crochet Corner** Rainbow Library, from 9:30am
19 **Seniors Rights Planning Ahead Sessions** * Nhill Council Chambers, 2:00pm **Jeparit Knitting Circle** Jeparit Library, 1:30pm-3:00pm	20 **Seniors Rights Planning Ahead Sessions** * Jeparit Memorial Hall, 10:00am Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 2:00pm **Historical Society Open Day** Rainbow Archive & Historical Society & Museum, 10:00am-1:00pm	21 **Men's Day Tour** * **Departure times:** Rainbow Library, 7:30am Jeparit Library, 8:00am Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 8:30am **Tour Starting Point:** Nhill Information Centre, 9:00am	22 **Historical Society Open Day** Jeparit & District Historical Society, 10:00am-1:00pm **Cuppa Connections** Nhill Library, 10:00am-12:00noon Dimboola Old Shire Hall, 10:00am-12:00noon	23 **Historical Society Open Day** Dimboola & District Historical Society, 10:00am-2:00pm **Get Creative** Nhill Library, 1:00pm-2:00pm
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scan me for more information!

For more information about these events or Seniors Festival Victoria, please contact the Community Team on (03) 5391 4444 or email community@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

* BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Dimboola Show Day Saturday 17 October 2026

Jeparit Show Day Sunday 18 October 2026