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Trailblazers is a recently formed community group, after public consultation led to the need of safe, bike and walking tracks for a diverse group of users in the Rainbow area. These tracks are not only for fitness, but social interaction and awareness, to be used by all ages and social group. The Trailblazer's have flagged a number of opportunity's which would fit with the up coming, Shires Council Plan and Health & Well being Plan: Active Living - promote walking & cycling tracks, Built & Natural Environment- BMX tracks, and Active Living.

Through consultation, the youth strongly supported bike tracks, to be proposed at the Rainbow Rec Ground. The first one following natural clearing, through the bush to create an earth constructed pump/bike track.

The second one, is to create a recreational walk/bike track suitable for all ability's, to go from Rainbow to the newly formed Rainbow Lake, with safety being a top priority of users. Consultation has started with the committees, raising ideas which need further consultation with a variety of people and land owners.

The third is a BMX/mountain bike track at the Enduro track. The Trailblazers Committee look forward to working with the Shire to create more Bike/walking tracks in our area, for locals and tourist to be able to use.

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The 2022/2023 draft budget should have started with an analysis and review of the actual spending and budget variances in the previous year's budget.

The above review would show that there was disproportionate and unbalanced spending across the Hindmarsh Shire wards and towns. The probable reasons for this are significant but possibly unanticipated Government stimulus grant funding which has been primarily allocated to North ward and East ward projects, and on the other hand a failure to secure key grant funding for Nhill projects.

Given the above It would be reasonable to assume that this budget would redress the previous imbalance, but this is not the case.

Nhill and West ward have been the biggest losers in actual spending and in the draft budget both on an outright basis but even more so on a per capita basis. Seed funding for the Davis Park development was on more than one occasion reallocated to projects in the other wards/towns and this exacerbated the imbalance by directing additional funds away from Nhill and leaving the town with very little funding, few projects, and developments This was in stark contrast to what was occurring in the other wards/towns.

In the current draft budget, the key initiatives, and priorities, have Nhill well down the list. Nhill will not directly benefit from spending on the Silo Art trail. The runway and drainage work at the Nhill airfield is subject to obtaining grant funding.

The \$100,000 allocation for Davis Park will be insufficient if the last revision of the plan was to become reality and Government grant funding is secured. This appears to signal that Hindmarsh Shire Council have lost confidence in this process.

A more realistic, less discriminatory, and fairer budget would include the estimated and significant total amount of seed funding required achieve the Davis Park development as planned. There would also be a provision to reallocate the Davis Park seed funding primarily to alternative West ward projects if appropriate grant funding opportunities are not available or, applications are unsuccessful within the budget period.

In Nhill today most of the shops and businesses are either empty or for sale. This is a vote of no confidence in Nhill and effectively Hindmarsh Shire Council

(HSC). Given the current external economic drivers this situation is likely to reach a crisis point very soon, for which HSC will be at least partially responsible.

Funding initiatives for the Nhill Caravan Park have been discriminatory because it is not directly managed by HSC and this strategy could be considered short-term thinking and dubious logic.

Nhill does not have Silo art and this another divisive funding issue.

In simple terms Nhill has been 'duded' in actual spending and by the draft budget.

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