

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

13 FEBRUARY 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, present and emerging.

### 2023 HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCILLORS



On Friday 10 February 2023, Hindmarsh Shire Council welcomed their 2023 Youth Councillors!

**Congratulations** to Amelie Fuller, Bailee White, Breanna Francis, Cooper Stasinowsky, Eliza Clarke, Hanna Cannell, Liam Campbell, Marcel Badua, Messi Ehdohpaw, Sally Smith and Tarah Bond!

We also introduced a new Youth Mentor program where two Youth Councillors will aid Youth Council in achieving everything that the year has in store for them.

**Congratulations** to Alexis Bone and Alissa Trenergy!

We cannot wait to see what you all achieve together this year.

### FREE COVID RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS AVAILABLE

Council has FREE N95 disposable masks and COVID rapid antigen tests available for collection for all community members within Hindmarsh. These can be collected at any Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centre and Library.

### MAYORAL MATTERS

Visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news) to read the latest Mayoral Matters Column from Mayor, **Cr Brett Ireland!**



### 2023 HINDMARSH AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

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.

Congratulations to the successful recipients of the 2023 Hindmarsh Shire Australia Day Awards:

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**  
**Christine Dufty, Nhill**

**YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**  
**Ayla Roberts, Rainbow**

**COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR**  
**Peter Taylor Memorial Barefoot Tournament and Night Jump**



### HINDMARSH WELCOMES FIVE NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

On Tuesday 24 January 2023, Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland, officially welcomed five new Australian Citizens!

**Congratulations to HARAGO, Yudhveer, Diana, Jocelyn and RAYLOE on becoming Australian Citizens.**

It was an honour to be part of your special day!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events)  
for more information!



## NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

**WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 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.



## NHILL CINEMA - MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS

**THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023 | 7:00PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Tickets can be purchased at door.  
Rated PG.



## JEPARIT POOL PARTY

**FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2023 6PM - 9PM**

Jeparit Swimming Pool  
19 Sands Avenue

Join us the YMCA for a FREE pool party with a FREE BBQ and live tunes from a local DJ.



## DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

**FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2023 2:30PM - 3:30PM**

Dimboola Library

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



## HAPPY SNAP: ཇུ་ཕེ' EXHIBITION LAUNCH

**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2023 11:30AM - 2PM**

Nhill Gallery Central  
18 Victoria Street, Nhill

Everyone is invited to the launch of the new FREE interactive exhibition, exploring wellbeing and happiness in Nhill.

More info can be found on our website.



## RAINBOW POOL PARTY

**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2023 | 6PM - 9PM**

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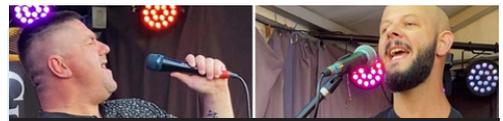
## THE QUIET MAN CLASSIC MOVIE

**TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023 10:00AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Morning tea at **10:00am**  
Movie at **10:30am**

Gold coin donation at the door.



## LIVE MUSIC IN DIMBOOLA

**FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023 6PM - 9PM**

Dimboola Library Gardens  
101 Lloyd Street

Join us for some FREE live music featuring **Acoustic Box Duo**.

BYO chairs, food, picnic rugs, etc



## COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2023 FROM 3PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

For more information on Council's meetings, please visit:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings)



## GRAND OPENING OF DIMBOOLA'S TOWER PARK

**SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023 4PM - 10PM**

Dimboola Tower Park  
Cnr Lloyd Street & Lochiel Street

Nearly 20 years after the hotel fire in 2003, the former Dimboola Hotel site has a new beginning.

The grand opening will incorporate a street party that will have a twilight market with food and drinks, entertainment and the screening of the Dimboola movie on an inflatable screen.

A smoking ceremony will take place before the official opening at 5pm.

Hosted by Dimboola Art Inc and Dimboola Town Committee.





## NHILL CINEMA BULLET TRAIN

**FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023  
7:00PM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Tickets can be purchased at door.  
Rated MA15+.



## LIVE MUSIC IN NHILL

**SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023  
6PM - 9PM**

Jaypex Park Nhill Soundshell  
Victoria Street

Join us for some FREE live music  
featuring **Darryn Wardle and Jeff  
Woodward.**

BYO chairs, food, picnic rugs, etc



## NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023  
9AM - 1:30PM**

Jaypex Park Nhill

Each market has a wide variety of  
stalls catering to the many and varied  
desires of the community, along with  
various crafts, plants, there is always  
plenty to eat and drink.

Come and enjoy the hospitality and  
support the Lions Club of Nhill to  
raise money to help those in need.



## LIVE MUSIC IN RAINBOW

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023  
3PM - 6PM**

The Oasis Rainbow  
Cnr King Street and Bow Street

Join us for some FREE live music  
featuring **Darryn Wardle and Jeff  
Woodward.**

BYO chairs, food, picnic rugs, etc



## A FISH CALLED WANDA CLASSIC MOVIE

**TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023  
10:00AM**

Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

Morning tea at **10:00am**  
Movie at **10:30am**

Gold coin donation at the door.



## LIVE MUSIC IN JEPARIT

**FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023  
6PM - 9PM**

Menzies Square Jeparit  
30 Lower Roy Street

Join us for some FREE live music  
featuring **Andrew Murray Music.**

BYO chairs, food, picnic rugs, etc



## RAINBOW TWILIGHT MARKET

**SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2023  
3PM - 7PM**

The Oasis Rainbow  
Cnr King Street and Bow Street

Join Oasis Rainbow for the Rainbow  
Twilight Market! There will be over  
thirty stalls selling a wide variety of  
goods, children's activities, food and  
drink available.



## 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

## WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR EVENT ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE?

Do you have a community event  
coming up that you would like to  
advertise on Council's website?

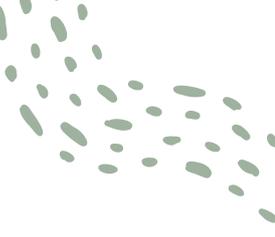
If you complete the 'Advertising an  
Event' form on our website,  
Council will list your event on their  
website as well as include it in  
their monthly newsletter and  
fortnightly e-newsletters.

Visit:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Advertising-an-Event](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Advertising-an-Event)



# PROJECT UPDATES



## NHILL TENNIS CLUB ROOM OFFICIAL OPENING

Dr Anne Webster, Member for Mallee, Council and the Nhill Lawn Tennis Club Inc. officially opened the new Nhill Lawn Tennis Club Rooms on Friday 10 February 2023.

The new club rooms features a fully equipped kitchen, all-abilities toilet and shower, storage room and large wrap around veranda where the community will be able to enjoy watching the tennis from with shelter during the warmer months.



## SKATE PARK SHELTERS & TABLE SETTINGS IN DIMBOOLA & NHILL

As part of its program to provide improved shade conditions, Council has commissioned the construction of new shade shelters at both the Dimboola Skate Park in the Dimboola Recreation Reserve (adjacent to the Riverside Holiday Park) and at the Nhill Skate Park in Jaypex Park, which are now completed.

Both of these shelters include a direct concrete path between the skate parks and the shelters and have been fitted with solar powered lights and picnic settings.

Construction of the new skate park shelters have been made possible through the Federal Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding program.



## NEW PICNIC SETTINGS IN JEPARIT

New picnic settings have been installed at the Jeparit Memorial Hall for use by patrons accessing the range of services provided on the site.

Council were planning to install a shelter over one of the settings but due to heritage constraints for the Jeparit Memorial Hall precinct, this was unable to be carried out.

The settings have been funded by the Victorian Governments COVID Safe Outdoor Activation Fund.



## RAINBOW RISES EVENTS CENTRE

Development of the new Rainbow Rises Events Centre is set to commence in February, with civil works contractors commencing construction of the new access road and pit area at the site.

A new 200m x 100m limestone base pit area will be created at the rear of the existing GrainCorp bunker on Rainbow Rises Road and will initially serve as a pit area for the staging of off-road racing events such as the ARB Big Desert 480 and the Rainbow Rises 240. This will provide event organisers with greater certainty for event delivery, with the GrainCorp site that is currently used only available on an ad hoc basis. The pit area will be accessed by a new limestone road with access just east of the GrainCorp Bunker on Rainbow Rises Road.

Additional development to be delivered as a part of this project includes various infrastructure for the staging of events including a small administrative building, kitchen / canteen, toilets and showers. Water supply will be connected, and a generator will be installed onsite to power the facility.

It is expected that the Rainbow Rises Events Centre will become an invaluable community asset, capable of staging all manner of large-scale events in addition to the existing motorsport activities.

The development of the Rainbow Rises Events Centre has been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund, Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### UPDATE ON INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries, Yarriambiack Libraries and Buloke Libraries are pleased to announce the introduction of a temporary North West Network library loan system that will be available to our patrons effective immediately. Thanks to the generosity and compassion shown by neighbouring rural library services (Mildura, Swan Hill and Gannawarra), patrons within our library service will now have access to more resources across this newly established Network.

Following what has been a significantly difficult period for our remote rural communities, we acknowledge the support and assistance from Public Libraries Victoria staff to enable this temporary relief for our vulnerable patrons.

Public Libraries Victoria remain focused on the review process, working with consultants and the State Government to resolve the financial impact of the Inter Library Loan system for a reinstatement of the permanent system in the very near future.

Please do not hesitate to speak with your library staff regarding the temporary service changes. Let us help you stay connected.



### Browse your online library catalogue!

Did you know that you can use your Hindmarsh Shire Libraries card number and pin to place holds on books via our online library catalogue? Visit [www.hmsl.libsvic.ent.sirsidynix.net.au](http://www.hmsl.libsvic.ent.sirsidynix.net.au)



# OTHER NEWS



Visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news) for more Council news!



## CAT DESEXING PROGRAM

Hindmarsh Shire Council has received funding to facilitate a subsidised cat desexing program through the Victorian State Government's Animal Welfare Grants Program (Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions).



The program will enable eligible residents of Hindmarsh to access cat desexing procedures for \$50, and free microchipping, at participating local clinics.

By increasing the number of desexed cats across the Shire, Council hopes to further protect native species from feral cats, reduce roaming and decrease the numbers of unwanted animals surrendered to Council and local rescue groups.

**Applications for the program will open on 17 February 2023 at 9:00am.** Please note that funding is strictly limited, and submitting an application does not guarantee access to the program. Applications will be assessed as they are received.

For more information and to access application forms in the open period, please visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/cat-desexing](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/cat-desexing).

## JEPARIT WEIR UPDATE

Council staff have added new boards to the Jeparit Weir, and the mechanical gate was fixed by engineers on Monday 13 February 2023.

Additional flows are being released down the Wimmera River between now and Easter.

Works on the Jeparit Swimming Hole continue to progress.

## PURPLE GLASS RECYCLING BINS ROLL-OUT

Council will be rolling out the new Glass recycling bins over the coming months!

To keep you informed, we will be arranging letter drops and advertisements in local newspapers throughout the process with lots of information on future collection dates and around what you can and cannot put in your new purple bins. More information is to come!



## NEW RECYCLING CALENDAR

If you haven't received the latest Hindmarsh Recycling Collection Schedule calendar, these can be collected from any Hindmarsh Shire Library and Customer Service Centre.

You can also view this calendar on Council's website at:

[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/rubbish-collection](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/rubbish-collection).

## ROAD CLOSURE - GEORGE STREET JEPARIT

Council advises that George Street, Jeparit will be closed to all traffic (vehicle, bicycles and pedestrians) from the eastern boundary of the Jeparit Caravan Park to the western boundary of the Jeparit Tennis Courts effective Monday 27 February 2023 until further notice.

This notice is given as a result of traffic management measures during the construction and redevelopment phase of the Jeparit Swimming Hole precinct.

## JOIN OUR LGBTIQ+ REFERENCE GROUP

Hindmarsh Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from members of the community to join the Hindmarsh LGBTIQ+ Reference Group.

The LGBTIQ+ Reference Group will provide advice to ensure Council's broader policy issues and Council Plan and programs reflect the interests of the LGBTIQ+ community.

Council is seeking expressions of interest for volunteer committee members representing the LGBTIQ+ community to meet four times per year.

Interested community members should complete the Expression of Interest Form available on Council's website at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/lgbtiq](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/lgbtiq).



# WORK WITH US



## Join our Team

To view all current vacant positions, position descriptions and application forms, visit [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council)

- Current vacant positions:**
- **Manager Assets and Facilities (FT)**  
Applications close 15 February 2023
  - **Project Engineer (FT)**  
Applications close 15 February 2023
  - **Coordinator Planning Services (FT)**  
Applications close 15 February 2023

## SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAN IN VICTORIA



As of Wednesday 1 February 2023, single-use plastic straws, cutlery, plates, drink-stirrers, cotton bud sticks and expanded polystyrene food and drink containers are banned in Victoria.

Victoria's single-use plastics ban is a crucial step to protect Victoria's rivers, waterways and oceans from plastic pollution.

More information, support and resources are available on the Victorian Government website at <https://www.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics>.

## 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](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/contact-a-councillor)

Alternatively, you can contact them via email to [info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto: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**

## CONGRATULATIONS CR NELSON!



Councillor Debra Nelson and Jeffrey Donnellan were married on a vintage tram in Ballarat on Wednesday 28 December 2022.

Congratulations to Debra and Jeffrey! We wish you both all the happiness!

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWS!

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# 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

**This is a FREE service and we can come to you, whether it be at your home, on the farm or any place you feel most comfortable.**

**1300 OUTREACH (1300 688 732)**

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