

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

6 SEPTEMBER 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.



Australian Citizenships



On Wednesday 16 August, Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland, officially welcomed six new Australian Citizens!

Congratulations to Reinhard, Alma, Sreejith, Kay Ra Htoo, Eh Ku Gay and Kyaw Pwa Htoo on becoming Australian Citizens.

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

FREE Green Waste Period

To beautify townships and minimise fire risk, Council encourages residents to clean up properties and help those who need assistance to dispose of their green waste.

Green waste can be deposited free of charge at any Hindmarsh Shire transfer station during normal operating hours **between Saturday 16 September and Sunday 15 October 2023** inclusive.

For Transfer Station operating hours, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations.

New CEO Appointed

Hindmarsh Shire Council is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jessie Holmes** as its new Chief Executive Officer after a competitive recruitment process.



Ms Holmes will be well known to the local community, completing her schooling at Dimboola Memorial Secondary College, and having spent the past twelve months as the Director Infrastructure Services with Hindmarsh Shire Council. Prior to this, Ms Holmes was the Regional Manager with the Victorian Skills Authority for the Wimmera Southern Mallee and has also previously held local government positions as the CEO at Yarriambiack Shire Council and a Director at Buloke Shire Council.

Ms Holmes will commence in the role on Monday 16 October 2023.

MAYORAL MATTERS

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



FREE Hindmarsh School Holiday Program

Hindmarsh Shire Council's September 2023 School Holiday Program is here and busier than ever!

You will certainly find something to do these School Holidays whether it be seeing a movie, learning to fish, doing some art, or something else!

Check out our program on **page 4** and make sure to register so you are accounted for.

For more information and to register, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/school-holiday-program



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit

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



DIMBOOLA TOWER PARK MARKET - DJ DYLAN DE JONG

**SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023
10AM - 1:00PM**

Dimboola Tower Park

DJ Dylan De Jong will play chillout house music. Catch up with some friends and have a dance or meet new people.



DIMBOOLA BOOK CHAT

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

Dimboola Library

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



FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

**FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023
5PM - 6PM**

Little Guys Pizza and Cafe
40 Commercial Street, Kaniva

Your chance to enjoy a casual conversation with Dr Niki Vincent, Louise Hobbs and Cr Wendy Bywaters.

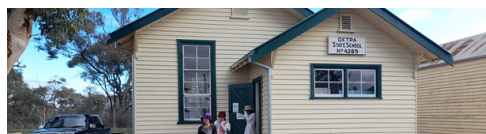


NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET

**SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023
9AM - 1:30PM**

Jaypex Park Nhll

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



WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM COMMITTEE AGM

**TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023
7:30PM**

Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum

Any person requiring more information may contact Craige Proctor, Secretary, on 0408 311 302.



RAINBOW TOWNSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGM

**MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2023
7:30PM**

Rainbow MECCA Supper Room

The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Chairperson and Secretary. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Colleen Petschel on 0428 951 198.



NHILL SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 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).

This session will be featuring live musical entertainment from **Tony & Cynthia Lawrence.**

All ages are welcome to attend. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Heather - 0417 911 867 or Maree - 0458 550 312



COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 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 SENIOR CITIZENS GAMES AFTERNOON

**WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 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.



SENIORS CONCERT - JOHNNY CASH & JUNE CARTER SHOW

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023 | 11:00AM

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Doors open at 10:30am

This year's concert will feature **The Johnny Cash & June Carter Tribute Show!**

Tickets are available at any Customer Service Centre, or call 03 5391 4444.

FREE buses will run from Rainbow, Jeparit and Dimboola.

Pre-bookings are essential!



NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 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 A&P SOCIETY INC. 137TH ANNUAL SHOW

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023 FROM 8:30AM

Nhill Showgrounds

The **Nhill A&P Society Inc.** invites you to its 137th Annual Show!

For more information, please contact Julie Woolcock on 0448 732 609.



RAINBOW TWILIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023 3PM - 7PM

The Rainbow Oasis

Over thirty stalls have already booked in for the market, selling a wide variety of goods. Food and drinks will be available.



ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023 | FROM 6PM

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
77-79 Nelson Street

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IVY BLACK CONCERT

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023 | 12PM - 4PM

Jaypex Park Nhill

Hindmarsh Shire Council and West Wimmera Shire Council Youth Teams are working together to bring about a fantastic Live Music Concert for people of all ages!

IVY BLACK have been confirmed to headline this event. More information at:
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events



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!



NHILL JIGSAW CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library for weekly Jigsaw Club.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2PM

Nhill Library
5 Clarence Street



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



SAVE THE DATE - NHILL AIRSHOW 2024

SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2024 FROM 9AM

Nhill Aerodrome

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

For more information, contact Jenny Creek, Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre, on 0417 014 278 or visit their website:
<https://www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au/nhill-airshow>



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



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.



WEEK 1

SEPTEMBER 2023 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 2



MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Latin Zumba

Jeparit Hall
10am - 11am

Latin Zumba

Rainbow Mecca Supper Rooms
2pm - 3pm

The Big Trip 2: Special Delivery - Outdoor Cinema

Rainbow Oasis
7pm - 9pm

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Science with Jo

Dimboola Library
10am - 11am

Science with Jo

Nhill Library
2pm - 3pm

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Crafty Art with Danelle

Dimboola Library
10am - 11am

Science with Jo

Jeparit Library
10am - 11am

Science with Jo

Rainbow Library
2pm - 3pm

Fishing Workshop

Dimboola
(Rowing Club)
1pm - 3pm

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Crafty Art with Danelle

Nhill Library
2pm - 3pm

Argonuts - Outdoor Cinema

Jeparit Oval
7pm - 9pm

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Fishing Workshop

Jeparit
Fishing Pontoon (Peterson Ave)
9:30am - 11:30am

Crafty Art with Danelle

Rainbow Library
10am - 11am

Fishing Workshop

Rainbow Lake
1pm - 3pm

**FREE BUS
FROM NHILL
REGISTRATIONS
ESSENTIAL**

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Crafty Art with Danelle

Jeparit Hall
10am - 11am

Latin Zumba

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
10am - 11am

Latin Zumba

Dimboola Library
2pm - 3pm

Mummies - Outdoor Cinema

Dimboola Recreation Reserve
7pm - 9pm

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Level Up! Gaming

Rainbow Neighbourhood House
12pm - 4pm

Cooking with Sharon

Dimboola Library
10am - 11:30am

Cooking with Sharon

Nhill Library
2pm - 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Cooking with Sharon

Jeparit Library
10am - 11:30am

Cooking with Sharon

Rainbow Library
2pm - 3:30pm

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles:

Mutant Mayhem

Nhill Cinema
1pm - 3pm

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Public Holiday

scan to register



REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

Children under 11 years of age are required to have parent/guardian supervision.

For more information visit
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events,
call 03 5391 4444
or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



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PROJECT UPDATES



Jeparit Swimming Hole Deck



Construction of the new Jeparit swimming hole retaining deck is well underway with the retaining wall, erosion protection, decking and staircase all nearing completion.

Landscaping works will be completed following the completion of the retaining deck.

The redevelopment of the Jeparit Swimming Hole has been made possible with funding from the Federal Government and Hindmarsh Shire Council.



Wimmera River Discovery Trail Update

Contractors are progressing with works to install a new pedestrian bridge and two board walks at Dimboola as a part of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail. One of the boardwalks will be located at the rear of the Dimboola Library while the other is located downstream of the weir before the river reaches the Western Highway. The bridge will be installed in the Dimboola Common. The new installations will provide greater access to the trail, crossing areas that become inundated when wet weather arrives.



Rainbow Silo Art

Council are currently working with their Project Architect on design revisions for the Rainbow Silo development. An initial tender was unsuccessful, with responses received not within the available budget. Although outside of the original project scope, changes to the design will see the development still inclusive of art activations and a viewing platform which will be reached via an elevator or staircase. Whilst disappointed with the initial response to, and outcome of the first tender, Council is pleased that the design change still allows for delivery of all of the project key objectives.

Design will be finalised over the next few weeks and presented for Community feedback before the project is advertised for tender once again.

Nhill Cane Ball Court

Cane Ball players will soon have a dedicated court for competition in Nhill, with Council set to develop a new Cane ball Court alongside existing facilities at Nhill Lawn Tennis Club. With support from the Federal Government's Local Roads & Community infrastructure program, Council will construct a concrete court with artificial grass which will provide local players with a permanent, low maintenance facility.

Council is currently seeking quotations for the services of an appropriately qualified and experienced sports field / landscaping contractor to undertake these works. For more information, Visit Council's website:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/2023-2024-05

Rainbow Caravan Park Amenities

Construction for the new amenities building for the Rainbow Caravan Park is underway. The building is a transportable unit that is being constructed off-site under contract in Bendigo.

It will include female and male amenities, a unisex all-abilities bathroom, a family change room and a laundry all accessible from a deck fitted with an all-abilities ramp and steps. Estimated delivery and on-site installation is mid-November 2023.

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



OTHER NEWS



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



Have Your Say

Council is seeking community feedback on the following Council policies:

- **Draft Public Transparency Policy (updated)**
- **Draft Councillor Interaction with Developers Policy (new policy)**

Members of the community can view these policies and make a submission via Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/have-your-say.

Such submissions must be received before **5pm on Friday 15 September 2023**.

Council will consider submissions and adoption of these policies at the Council Meeting on Wednesday 27 September 2023.

Children's Book Week

Council staff got into the spirit of Book Week by dressing up as their favourite book characters!

We had Elmer the Elephant in Jeparit, Harry Potter and Thelma the Unicorn in Nhill, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar in Dimboola.



Safe Local Roads and Streets Program Reference Group

Hindmarsh Shire Council's Manager Works and Operations (Daniel Griffiths) has been selected to the State Government's Safe Local Roads & Streets Program Reference Group.

The reference group has been established to support the development of the planning framework, investment guidelines, tools and resources that will support local governments to plan, fund and deliver road safety improvements through the Safe Local Roads and Streets funding program.

We are excited that Hindmarsh will represent small rural Council's with large road networks.

Business Assistance Grants

Round One applications for the 2023/24 Business Assistance Grants Program is currently open and closes **5:00pm on Friday 29 September 2023**.

Application forms can be completed and printed online on the Hindmarsh Shire Council website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants.

If your business has a project that requires financial assistance, the Business Assistance Grants Program may be able to assist. Businesses are encouraged to review the grant guidelines before completing their application as changes have been made to the funding program.

Community Action Grants

Round One applications for the 2023/24 Community Action Grants Program is currently open and closes **5:00pm on Friday 29 September 2023**.

Application forms can be completed and printed online on the Hindmarsh Shire Council website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants.

If your club or organisation has a project that requires financial assistance, the Community Action Grants Program may be able to assist. Organisations are encouraged to review the grant guidelines as changes have been made to the funding program.

Animal Ownership

Due to a recent spike in the number of dogs wandering at large in public places, Council's Local Laws department would like to remind residents and visitors that it is an offence under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* and Hindmarsh Shire Council Municipal Local Law 2021 to allow dogs to roam freely in public places at any time during the day or night.

Legally, you are required to securely confine your dog to the property. This means your yard must have a closed gate, and an escape proof fence that your dog cannot jump, get under or through. If your dog could get through your gates or fencing you can be fined, even if the animal doesn't leave your property.

If securely confined, your dog will be safe from traffic injuries or fights with other dogs; they will also be prevented from wandering and becoming lost or becoming a nuisance to the community.

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

A full day Public Holiday has been declared in lieu of Melbourne Cup:

- In the township of **Rainbow**, and the localities of **Kenmare** and **Albacutya** for the Rainbow Show on **Tuesday 17 October 2023**.
- In the township of **Nhill** and the localities of **Little Desert**, **Gerang Gerung**, **Kiata**, **Glenlee**, **Netherby**, **Lorquon**, **Yanac**, **Broughton** on **Thursday 19 October 2023**.

The **remaining areas within the Shire** will observe a full day public holiday on Melbourne Cup Day **Tuesday 7 November 2023**.

Quarterly Community Satisfaction Survey

Hindmarsh Shire's quarterly Community Satisfaction Survey has started and finishes on **Sunday 17 September 2023**.

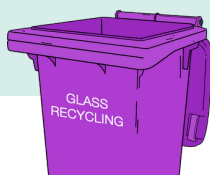
To avoid scam callers, please remember that the interviewer:

- will never ask for people by name (they don't have names),
- will always identify as National Field Services and introduce themselves by name, (e.g. Mark from National Field Services)
- will always say how long they expect the survey to take,
- will call from a number with the prefix: (03) 9977 This may change over time but they will not call from a mobile number.

If the interviewer knows your name and/or starts to ask personal questions, please hang up from the call immediately.

NEXT GLASS BIN COLLECTION DATE:

- Friday 27 October 2023



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:

- **Community Development and Youth Officer (Full Time or Part Time)**
Applications close 15 September 2023
- **Karen Liaison/Customer Service Officer (Casual)**
Applications close 15 September 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 Melanie Albrecht
Deputy Mayor



Cr Debra Nelson
Councillor



Cr Rob Gersch OAM
Councillor



Cr Wendy Bywaters
Councillor



Cr Ron Ismay
Councillor

