

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Council is currently seeking feedback on the following:

YOUTH STRATEGY 2025-2029

Closes 11:59pm on Sunday 14 September 2025.

ASSET PLAN 2025-2035

Closes 11:59pm on Thursday 25 September 2025.

FEE WAIVER AND REDUCTION POLICY

Closes 11:59pm on Thursday 11 September 2025.

CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS POLICY

Closes 11:59pm on Thursday 11 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATURE AT STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS POLICY

Closes 11:59pm on Thursday 11 September 2025.

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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.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WIMMERA RIVER DISCOVERY TRAIL



Hindmarsh Shire Council is excited to be hosting the highly anticipated official opening of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail.

When: Sunday 14 September 2025

Where: Antwerp Hall

Time: 2:30pm

What is the Wimmera River Discovery Trail?

The Wimmera River Discovery Trail is a 56km long walking and cycling trail linking Dimboola and Jeparit that showcases the Wimmera River and stunning nature between these two towns.

This project has been funded by the Federal Government, State Government and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

A map of the trail is included on the last page of this newsletter.

REPORT AN ISSUE

Do you need to report an issue? Whether it be an issue with a road, tree, footpath or drain; an animal issue, or even a parking or traffic issue, please let us know by submitting a request on Council's website at hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/make-a-request, or scan the QR code.



Once you have submitted your request, it will be directed to the appropriate business unit for action. If you opt-in to be contacted by Council, an officer will keep you updated either by phone call or email.



VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2025

What's on in Hindmarsh Shire

this October for Victorian Seniors Festival 2025



Hindmarsh Shire Council is holding a variety of events and activities throughout October in celebration of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

The Victorian Seniors Festival is a major state-wide festival for and involving seniors, inviting older Victorians to come together, discover new interests, and celebrate. This year's theme is "Connect, Create, Celebrate".

What is happening in Hindmarsh?

- Seniors Concert with Melissa Langton
- Men's Day Tour exploring the north of Hindmarsh Shire
- Fire Readiness Information Sessions with CFA
- Planning Ahead Sessions with Seniors Rights Victoria
- Nhill Cinema Classic Movie Screening of 'Crackerjack'
- Environmental Health Information Sessions

We have prepared a booklet containing the details of all Seniors Festival events. These will be available for collection from all of our Libraries and Customer Service Centres. Please spread the word with friends and family.

For more information about these events, **see the third last page** of this newsletter.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



School holiday activities are back in Hindmarsh Shire during the September/October break with two exciting weeks of diverse, fun and FREE activities planned across Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit!

What's on this School Holidays?

- Crafty Arts with Ellen
- Cooking with Sharon
- Roller Disco
- Fishing Workshops
- Dimboola Pottery Workshops
- Movie screening of 'The Bad Guys 2'
- Board Games and Puzzles

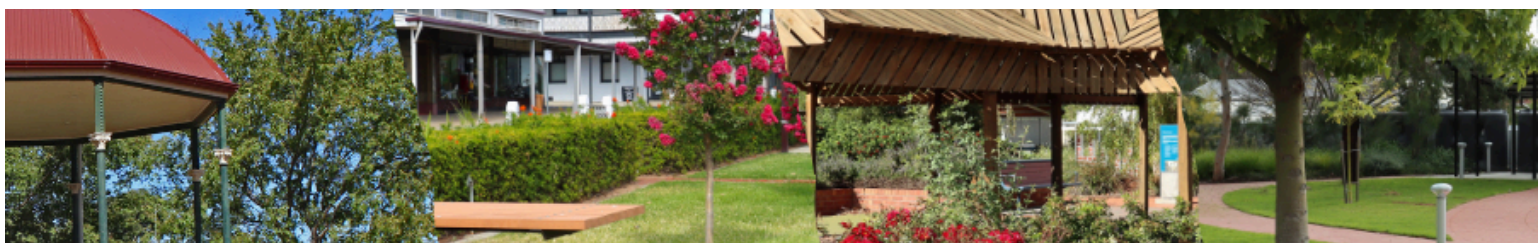
Check out our program and make sure to register so you don't miss out! **See page 13** of this newsletter.

To register for any of these events please visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays.

Please note: Dimboola Pottery, Roller Disco and Nhill Fishing Workshop activities have limited bookings available. Should they be oversubscribed, preference will be given to residents of Hindmarsh Shire.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact our Community Wellbeing and Youth Officer on (03) 5391 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

HINDMARSH TOURISM & BUSINESS FORUM



Council invites you to its next Tourism and Business Forum.

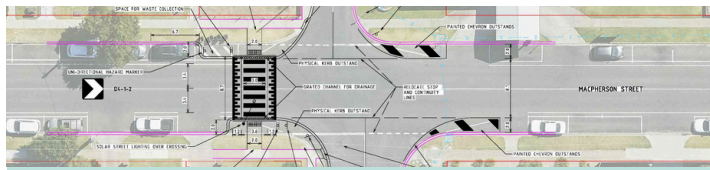
When: Sunday 14 September 2025

Where: Antwerp Hall

Times: 12:00pm: Arrive for forum – light lunch provided
12:30pm: Forum presentations commence – guest speakers

The Tourism and Business Forum will include presentations from Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism and the Economic Development & Tourism team. Topics include marketing activities, business support options, and the importance of community collaboration.

RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN MACPHERSON STREET



Council will be commencing work on the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing (wombat crossing) on Macpherson Street in Nhill from the week commencing 8 September 2025.

This crossing will be similar in design and style to the raised pedestrian crossing near Centrelink in Horsham.

Due to the works on this crossing and the works currently being completed at Avonlea and the Hospital, we encourage residents to avoid the area if possible. There will be limited on-street parking available, and a speed limit reduction to 40km/h will be in place for the duration of this project.

This pedestrian crossing will help make it safer and easier for residents to cross the road with confidence, especially those heading to the nearby health service and aged care facility.

50% of this project has been funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and 50% by Hindmarsh Shire Council.

MAYORAL MATTERS



Read Cr Ron Ismay's most recent Mayoral Matters. Cr Ismay discusses -

- his condolences to the two Police officers who lost their lives in a recent tragic incident
- his meeting with the CEO of Port Fairy Folk Festival
- meeting with neighbouring shire Mayors to discuss current matters
- his attendance at the Herald Sun Bush Summit
- his attendance at the Rainbow Rises Off Road Race
- Council's successful funding applications

Read more: hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/news

Pictured: Mayor Cr Ron Ismay with Emma Kealy, Member for Lowan.

PROJECTS TO BE DELIVERED UNDER SAFE LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS PROGRAM



The Transport Accident Commission (TAC), in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), have developed the Safe Local Roads and Streets program for Councils across Victoria. This Victorian Government initiative has allocated Hindmarsh Shire Council \$2m for the development and delivery of road safety improvement projects on local roads with a safe system approach. The program is focussed on creating a safer environment for road users, including pedestrians, and hence is prioritising improving rural intersections, speed reductions, pedestrian crossings and footpaths.

In response to the opportunity, Hindmarsh Shire has worked closely with the TAC and DTP to develop safety improvement projects, taking into considering past community requests and notable safety issues within the municipality. Council officers prepared a list of projects which was scrutinised by TAC and DTP against the project guidelines.

Four projects have now progressed to the final stage of the application process and are listed below:

- Improvements of Nhill-Rainbow Road and Kruger Road intersection
- Improvements of Nhill-Rainbow Road and Solly Road intersection
- Raised pedestrian crossings to be installed in Nhill on Whitehead Avenue, Station Street and Davis Avenue
- Footpath construction on Park Street between Ramsay Street and Queen Street, including pedestrian crossings on Ramsay Street, Breda Street and Queen Street.

To read more about these projects, scan the QR code or visit Council's website at:

hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news



NHILL TOWN COMMITTEE WELCOMES COMMUNITY GROUPS



On Tuesday 2 September 2025, Nhill Town Committee warmly welcomed representatives from Nhill and District Sporting Club, Yanac Hockey Club, Nhill Lions and Leos, SES, CFA, Nhill Historical Society, Nhill Visitor Information Centre, WSAA and Rotary – to name a few – to talk about the future of Nhill.

Facilitated by Cr Rosie Barker and chaired by Alison Dahlenburg, the group brainstormed projects and events that they are passionate about. **Some of the ideas included:**

- New clubrooms and facilities at Davis Park and the Yanac Hockey club
- Community Pantry
- Collaborative community functions
- Nhill Railway Station beautification
- Accessible toilet upgrades at Goldsworthy Park, Jaypex Park and the Nhill Historical Society
- Expansion of emergency services facilities and youth volunteer opportunities
- Community directory

The Nhill Town Committee will be meeting again on **Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 7pm** at the **Nhill Council Chambers (92 Nelson Street)**, and delegates from local community groups, schools, churches and trades are encouraged to attend. The meeting will consider the projects listed above as well as the 2025 Nhill Christmas Carols.

SUMMER TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS

During the Summer months, 1 December 2025 – 28 February 2026, 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.**

COUNCIL RATES NOTICES & COLLECTION OF ESVF LEVY

Residents in Hindmarsh Shire should have started to receive their annual rates notices for 2025/2026.

This year, we have included a brochure with your rates notice that provides more information on valuations and how to object to them, the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) and rebate options available for ratepayers. The brochure is available online here.

Why is Council collecting the ESVF levy through their rates?

Although Hindmarsh has been strongly lobbying against the ESVF and having to collect this levy on behalf of the State Government, the legislation that passed in Parliament is written in a way that it is illegal for councils not to collect the levy.

What happens if I don’t pay the ESVF levy?

If ratepayers don’t pay the ESVF portion of their rates, the State Government still receive their money as every dollar paid to Council by the ratepayer will have a % remitted to the State. This means that Council rates will be considered outstanding, and it will be local services and works that miss out.

For **queries regarding the ESVF**, please call the Victorian Department of Government Services support line at **1300 819 033**.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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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 12 September 2025

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Nhill Library,
5 Clarence Street

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NHILL KIDS CRAFT CLUB

Join us at the Nhill Library every third Wednesday of the month for Kids Craft Club FREE of charge!

Wednesday 17 September 2025

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Nhill Library, 5 Clarence Street

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HINDMARSH TOURISM AND BUSINESS FORUM

Join us for a Tourism and Business Forum and hear from **Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism** and Hindmarsh Shire Council's **Economic Development and Tourism team**.

Sunday 14 September 2025

12:00pm – 2:30pm

Antwerp Hall

Light refreshments available.

The official opening of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail will follow the Forum from 2:30pm.

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WRITING HOUR AT THE NHILL LIBRARY

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

Thursday 18 September 2025

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Nhill Library,
5 Clarence Street

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF WIMMERA RIVER DISCOVERY TRAIL

Join us for the official opening of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail. The trail consists of a 56km long track between Jeparit and Dimboola.

Sunday 14 September 2025

From 2:30pm

Antwerp Hall

Light refreshments available.

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BOOK CHAT AT DIMBOOLA LIBRARY

Join us at the Dimboola Library for Book Chat! Book chatters bring along a current book that they have been reading and share reviews with each other over a cuppa and biscuits.

Friday 19 September 2025

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Dimboola Library,
101 Lloyd Street

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NHILL CLASSIC MOVIE – Lassie Come Home

Join us for a classic movie screening in Nhill!

Tuesday 23 September 2025

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

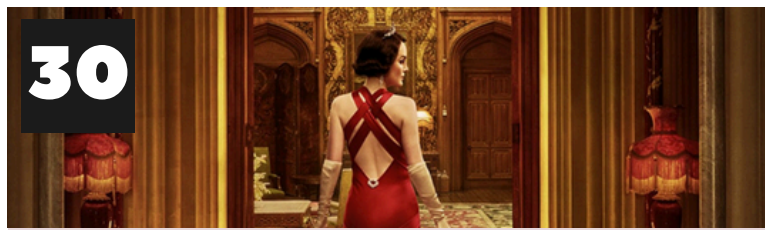
Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson

Street

Gold coin donation at door

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NHILL CINEMA

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale

Join us for a movie screening at the Nhill Cinema!

Tuesday 30 September 2025

From 7:00pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street

Tickets: Adult \$15 | Concession \$10 | Family \$35

Rated PG

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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 24 September 2025

From 3:00pm

Council Chambers,

92 Nelson Street Nhill



CEO DROP-INS SESSIONS

Hindmarsh Shire Council's CEO will be holding drop-in sessions throughout Hindmarsh. The CEO will be available to chat about any operational matters and about what is happening in the Shire.

Jeparit Library and Customer Service Centre

Monday 29 September 2025

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Nhill Library

Wednesday 1 October 2025

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Rainbow Library and Customer Service Centre

Friday 3 October 2025

10:00am – 11:00am

Dimboola Library and Customer Service Centre

Friday 3 October 2025

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Anyone is welcome to pop down for a chat!

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CREATION STATION AT DIMBOOLA LIBRARY

Join us at the Dimboola Library for The Creation Station every second Wednesday.

Facilitated by our librarian Jo, these sessions will see participants using their imagination and working on projects that span the entire month.

Wednesday 08 October 2025

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Dimboola Library,

101 Lloyd Street

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MELISSA
LANGTON



SENIORS CONCERT

FEATURING MELISSA LANGTON

Hindmarsh Shire Council are hosting Melissa Langton: Colour my World – The songs of Petula Clark, in Nhill for the 2025 Seniors Festival!

Thursday 9 October 2025

From 1:00pm (doors open at 12:30pm)
Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Call us on 03 5391 4444

ONGOING



RAINBOW CROCHET CORNER

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



CUPPA CONNECTIONS

Join us for Cuppa Connections to meet new people.

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.



Storytime

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for Storytime, during the school term!

Dimboola Library

Held weekly on Friday from 10:00am

Nhill Library

Held every second Friday from 11:00am

The next session will be on **Friday 12 September 2025**



Supported Playgroup

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

Nhill Library

Mondays 10:00am – 12noon

Dimboola Library

Tuesdays 10:00am – 12noon

Jeparit Kindergarten

Wednesdays 10:00am – 12noon

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



Jigsaw Club

Join us at your local Hindmarsh Shire Library for weekly Jigsaw Club!

Rainbow Library

Fridays from 1:30pm

Nhill Library

Fridays from 2:00pm

Jeparit Library

Mondays from 2:00pm

OTHER NEWS



HINDMARSH THANKS BLAZE Aid VOLUNTEERS



On behalf of the whole Hindmarsh community, particularly those around Nhill and Dimboola who were directly impacted, Hindmarsh Shire Council extends a sincere thank you to BlazeAid for their support, dedication and investment in the wake of the Little Desert bushfire.

BlazeAid set up a camp at the Nhill A & P Society grounds where they then spent the next six months assisting 40 properties that were impacted by the bushfires.

This consisted of over 228 volunteers working a total of 3,366 days where they cleared 68km of fencing and constructed 94km of new fencing.

Hindmarsh Shire Council also extends thanks to the Nhill A & P Society and all community groups and individuals who donated food and time to support BlazeAid over the past six months.

DONATIONS TO EBENEZER & LOWAN CFA GROUPS



At the Hindmarsh Shire Council Briefing on Wednesday 13 August 2025, Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, had the pleasure of presenting Russell Hunter of the Ebenezer CFA Group and Peter Duperouzel of the Lowan CFA Group with cheques of \$900 each. These proceeds were raised from the auction and BBQ at the Community Thank You Concert held in Dimboola earlier this year.

Following the January 2025 Little Desert National Park bushfire, a community concert and auction were held in March at the Dimboola Recreation Reserve, as a way for the community to acknowledge and thank the hundreds of CFA volunteers and emergency services personnel.

The CFA's District 17 has more than 80 brigades, with the Ebenezer Group consisting of Dimboola, Antwerp, Tarranyurk, Detpa, Gerang Gerung and Jeparit brigades, and the Lowan Group consisting of Nhill, Winiam, Diapur, Broughton, Propodollah, Yanac, Netherby, Lorquon and Woorak.

MEET LUNA - HELP US FIND HER FOREVER HOME

Meet LUNA, a beautiful and sweet feline who is currently looking for her forever home.

Luna is a beautiful, cheery, desexed, short-haired female adult cat, who loves lots of pats and cuddles. Luna is a very loving cat, who would love nothing more than to cuddle up on your lap and watch the day go by.

She is microchipped and uses her kitty litter tray.

She is looking for a loving home with family members who can dote over her.

If you're looking for a companion and can provide a secure home for her, please contact our Local Laws department on (03) 5391 4444 or email locallaws@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au. We're available to chat weekdays between 9:00am-4:00pm.

Don't miss the chance to give this sweet girl a loving forever home! Registration Fee of \$41.00 is payable on adoption.

Source number: BR101132

Microchip number: 985141007733362



COUNCILLORS VISIT PYRENEES COUNCIL



On Wednesday 3 September 2025, Hindmarsh Shire Councillors visited Beaufort to meet with Pyrenees Shire representatives to discuss the housing development project undertaken over a 10-year period. The development involved multiple stages resulting in approximately 95 houses being built in Beaufort.

We know housing is an issue in our Shire, and Councillors came away with a lot to discuss on the potential for housing development in Hindmarsh.

CHEMICALS AND SPRAY DRIFT ON FARMS



With agriculture being a large and valuable sector of Hindmarsh's working industry, farming land can often back onto residential areas. 'Spray drift' is the airborne movement of agricultural chemicals as droplets, particles or vapour. A combination of factors can contribute to spray drift, including the volatility of the chemical, weather conditions, equipment and droplet size.

Farmers should be aware of these conditions and work to ensure that care is taken to prevent spray drift to non target areas that might damage neighbouring crops and native flora and fauna, and may pose a risk to people's health and safety.

Tips for farmers are available online on the Agriculture Victoria website, as well as information around what to do if spray drift occurs and other legal obligations.

When to report Spraying Issues:

- **Damage to Crops, Land or Livestock**
Report to Agriculture Victoria on 1300 502 656
- **Pollution of Land, Air or Water**
Contact the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on 1300 372 842
- **Health Concerns**
Contact the Environmental Health Team at Hindmarsh Council on 5391 4444

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029 & ACTIONS 2025/2026

At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 August 2025, Council adopted its Council Plan for the next four years. This Plan also includes our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and our updated Vision, Values and Mission.

Council also adopted its 2025/2026 Council Plan Actions.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL PLAN

The Plan is structured around four (4) key themes:

- Our Community
- Built and Natural Environment
- Competitive and Innovative Economy, and
- Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

Each theme includes three (3) goals, supported by three (3) to four (4) priorities that outline the broad action areas we will prioritise to achieve each goal. These goals and priorities will guide Council's work over the next four years and will be reported on annually.

The Plan also includes Council's advocacy priorities for the next four years.

ABOUT THE ACTIONS FOR 2025/2026

The 2025/2026 Council Plan Actions outline proposed actions for the year and a roadmap for future years. While indicative actions are mapped out beyond 2025/2026, Council will consult annually to refine them and report quarterly on the progress of these Actions.

The Council Plan and 2025/2026 Actions are published on Council's website. Scan the QR code or visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-plan



FREE GREEN WASTE MONTH IN OCTOBER

Between **1 October and 31 October 2025**, Hindmarsh Shire Council is accepting green waste disposal **FREE** of charge at all Hindmarsh Transfer Stations.

This is a great chance to tidy up your properties, enhance our towns, and keep everyone safe during the fire season!

KNOW YOUR COUNCIL DATA EXPLAINED

Each year Council provides audited information for the Know Your Council website on a range of measures including Aquatic Facilities, Animal Management, Food Safety, Governance, Libraries, Roads, Statutory Planning, Waste Management, Financial Performance and Sustainability. Four years of data is provided for communities to compare Council against Council.

Hindmarsh Shire is aware of information circulating that does not provide the full picture, including costs of service delivery, outcomes of VCAT decisions, and staff turnover for all 79 Victorian Councils.

Kerbside Waste Collection Costs

- In 2023/2024, kerbside garbage collection in Hindmarsh Shire cost just over \$270 per bin, excluding recycling.
- Council collects 2,827 bins weekly across 7,500 sq/km via a local contractor in all four towns.
- Costs cover transport to Doon landfills, gate fees, State Government landfill levy, and contractor operations – Council does not profit from waste services.
- Many larger councils have moved to fortnightly collection to reduce costs, but Hindmarsh's smaller scale limits cost-sharing opportunities.

Statutory Planning

- In 2023/2024, if you broke down Statutory Planning into cost per application this would be on average just over \$8,700 per planning permit.
- Statutory Planning Costs cover more than applications – these include community enquiries, heritage overlay reviews, and planning scheme updates.
- Council received 32 planning applications in 2023/2024, mostly assessed by contractors.
- A new real-time permit tracking system and a newly graduated planning cadet will help reduce reliance on contractors.

VCAT Planning Decisions

- In 2023/2024, two Hindmarsh planning decisions were taken to VCAT.
- One decision was upheld, with VCAT agreeing to Council's permit and conditions.
- In the second case, VCAT directed Council to issue the permit after conditions were agreed by all parties.

Library Services

- In 2023/2024, library services cost just over \$62 per resident in Hindmarsh Shire.
- Council operates four libraries, three of which also serve as Customer Service Centres.
- Hindmarsh Libraries act as community hubs, offering social activities, internet access, and safe spaces for all.
- Investing in libraries supports the health and wellbeing of the community.

Staff Turnover

- In 2023/2024, staff turnover was just over 26% (24 staff), driven by retirements, career changes, and part-time staff graduating into full-time roles.
- The year saw the departure of the previous CEO and two interim Acting Infrastructure Directors.
- Ongoing retirements are expected each year due to the age profile of the workforce.

KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTION DATES



Purple glass bins in Hindmarsh will be collected on the following days:

- **Friday 24 October 2025**
- **Friday 9 January 2026**
- **Friday 10 April 2026**

Residents can drop off glass for free at any transfer station or collection point in Hindmarsh if they cannot wait for collection day, or contact our team to discuss options for a second bin.

For more information about purple glass bins, visit
www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/glass-bins

love your library



Hindmarsh Shire Libraries are vibrant hubs for information, connection, creativity and fun!

Visit our Website!

Becoming a member of Hindmarsh Shire Libraries is FREE!

Our four branches across Hindmarsh Shire not only have physical books for you to borrow, but we have free access to Wi-Fi and public computers, audiobook CDs, magazines, e-Books and e-Audiobook apps for your digital device, movie and series screening apps, electronic graphic novels and comics, e-Magazines and so much more! If you haven't checked out your nearest library yet - why not pop in and meet the library team!

book review

from Jess



"Clap When You Land is a dual narrative Young Adult novel in verse about two sisters, Yahaira and Camino, who discover each other through the death of their father. Camino and Yahaira are well-developed, interesting characters and the ensemble characters are intriguing as well. I listened to most of this on audio which I'd highly recommend as it really allows the poetic prose to shine, but the physical book is just as good!"



book review

from Jo



"Sunrise on the Reaping is the latest instalment in The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins. It is the second prequel that looks at an earlier Hunger Games when Haymitch Abernathy, who we met in the first book as District 12's mentor, was the Tribute from 12."

"As with Star Wars and other similar series/movies I'm always willing on the resistance and I really love this series of books."



meet the team



meet Hannah
LIBRARY
COORDINATOR



meet Jo
DIMBOOLA
LIBRARY



meet Danelle
NHILL
LIBRARY



meet Sharon
JEPARIT &
RAINBOW LIBRARY



meet Adelle
DIMBOOLA
LIBRARY

JOIN OUR TEAM



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

SCAN



CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Team Leader Swimming Pools

Seasonal, Ongoing

Salary commencing at \$39.06 per hour
(plus superannuation)

Applications close **12noon** on **Wednesday 10 September 2025**.

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.



Cr Ron Ismay
Mayor
West Ward



Cr Chan Uoy
Deputy Mayor
East Ward



Cr Roger Aitken
Councillor
North Ward



Cr Rosie Barker
Councillor
West Ward

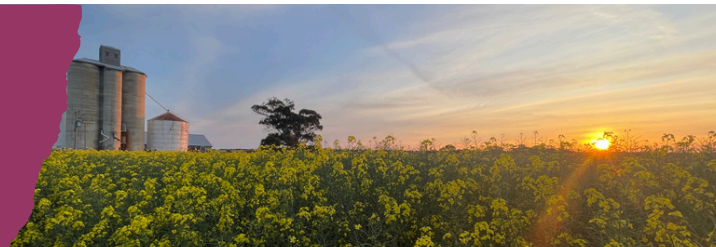


Cr James Barry
Councillor
East Ward



Cr Tony Clark
Councillor
North Ward

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Nhill Cinema

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Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools

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For more news, and to view our past newsletters, go to www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/newsletters



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



WEEK 1

WEEK 2

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Crafty Arts with Ellen

Nhill Library
10am - 11am



TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Cooking with Sharon

Dimboola Library
10am - 11:30am

Cooking with Sharon

Jeparit Library
2:30pm - 4pm



WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER



Roller Disco

Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
10am - 12pm



*(Please note registrations close on
Monday 22 September at 5pm for
Roller Disco)*



Fishing Workshop & BBQ

Jeparit Fishing Pontoon
2pm - 4pm

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER



Fishing Workshop & BBQ Lunch

Nhill Lake
10am - 12pm



FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

AFL GRAND FINAL
(public holiday)



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REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

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



Please note: These activities have limited bookings available. Should they be oversubscribed, preference will be given to residents of Hindmarsh Shire.

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Fishing Workshop & BBQ Lunch

Rainbow Lake
10am - 12pm



Crafty Arts with Ellen

Jeparit Library
2:30pm - 3:30pm



TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Cooking with Sharon

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
10am - 11:30am

Cooking with Sharon

Rainbow Library
2:30pm - 4pm



WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER

Crafty Arts with Jess

Rainbow Neighbourhood House
10am - 11am

Board Games and puzzles

Rainbow Neighbourhood House
2pm - 3pm



THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

Movie: The Bad Guys 2

Nhill Cinema
1pm - 3pm



FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER



Dimboola Pottery hand-building workshop

103 Lloyd Street Dimboola
11am - 11:45am



Dimboola Pottery hand-building workshop

103 Lloyd Street Dimboola
12:30pm - 1:15pm



Dimboola Pottery hand-building workshop

103 Lloyd Street Dimboola
2pm - 2:45pm



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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October 2025

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WHAT'S ON IN HINDMARSH SHIRE

MONDAY

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Jigsaw Club

Jeparit Library, 2pm

CEO Drop-In Session

Jeparit Library, 3pm

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Jigsaw Club

Jeparit Library, 2pm

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Jigsaw Club

Jeparit Library, 2pm

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Seniors Rights

Planning Ahead Sessions

Nhill Council Chambers, 10am
Jeparit Town Hall, 12:30pm
Dimboola Library, 3pm

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Jigsaw Club

Jeparit Library, 2pm

TUESDAY

30

Nhill Cinema Movie -

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale
Nhill Cinema, 7pm

Tickets: Adult \$15 | Concession \$10

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Fire Readiness Evening Session

Nhill Memorial Community Centre,
6:30pm

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Classic Movie: 'Cracker Jack'

Nhill Cinema, 10am

Fire Readiness Evening Session

Jeparit Town Hall, 6:30pm

Rainbow Show Day

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Join us for
**Seniors
Month!**



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Men's Day Tour

Departure times:

Nhill Info Centre, 8:30am
Dimboola Library, 9am
Rainbow Library, 9am

Tour Starting Point:

Jeparit Library, 9:30am

WEDNESDAY

1

Fire Readiness at Cuppa Connections

Jeparit Library, 10am
Rainbow Library, 2pm

CEO Drop-In Session

Nhill Library, 3pm

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Environmental Health

Information Session
Jeparit Library, 10am
Rainbow Library, 2pm

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Environmental Health

Information Session
Nhill Library, 10am
Dimboola Civic Hub, 2pm

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Cuppa Connections

Jeparit Library, 10am
Rainbow Library, 2pm

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Cuppa Connections

Jeparit Library, 10am
Rainbow Library, 2pm

THURSDAY

2

Fire Readiness at Cuppa Connections

Nhill Library, 10am

Cuppa Connections

Dimboola Library, 10am

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Seniors Concert in Nhill

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Doors open 12:30pm | Starts at 1pm

Fire Readiness Evening Session

Dimboola Library, 6:30pm

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Writing Hour Nhill Library, 1pm-2pm

Fire Readiness Evening Session

Rainbow MECCA, 6:30pm

Nhill Show Day

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Fire Readiness at Cuppa Connections

Dimboola Civic Hub, 10am

Cuppa Connections

Nhill Library, 10am

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Cuppa Connections

Nhill Library, 10am
Dimboola Library, 10am

Karen Fire Readiness Evening Session

Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 5pm

FRIDAY

3

Rainbow Crochet Corner

Rainbow Library, 9:30am

CEO Drop-In Session

Rainbow Library, 10am
Dimboola Library, 3pm

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Rainbow Crochet Corner

Rainbow Library, 9:30am

Get Creative

Nhill Library, 1pm-2pm

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Rainbow Crochet Corner

Rainbow Library, 9:30am

Jigsaw Club

Rainbow Library, 1:30pm
Jeparit Library, 2pm

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Rainbow Crochet Corner

Rainbow Library, 9:30am

Get Creative

Nhill Library, 1pm-2pm

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Rainbow Crochet Corner

Rainbow Library, 9:30am

Jigsaw Club

Rainbow Library, 1:30pm
Jeparit Library, 2pm

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

 **BOOKINGS
REQUIRED**

Dimboola Show Day Saturday 18 October 2025

Jeparit Show Day Sunday 19 October 2025



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information!

Council Plan on a Page

Our Mission

Our mission is to be leaders in creating:

- positive change
- a safe environment where everyone feels heard and appreciated
- inclusive consultation

Our Values

We value:

- Engaging, listening and meeting people where they are at
- Doing the best we can with the people and funding that we have
- Showing respect and embracing diversity
- Pride in our community and achievements
- Being bold, creative and ambitious

Our Vision

Working together to welcome new possibilities and create vibrant towns, connected communities and opportunities for all.

Our 2025–2029 goals and priorities:

Our Community

Our community is active, healthy and connected.

- Create and maintain shared spaces
- Provide accessible programs for all ages and abilities
- Support local events that bring people together

Our towns are inclusive, welcoming and growing

- Attract new residents and encourage multicultural inclusion
- Invest in liveability and town planning
- Strengthen ties between towns through events and shared goals
- Showcase new lifestyle and development possibilities

Our community can access services when and where they need them

- Collaborate with regional partners and networks to achieve greater impact through collective effort
- Explore flexible and innovative services
- Ensure community needs shape future service planning

Built and Natural Environment

We care for and connect with our natural environment

- Complete and promote walking and cycling trail networks
- Maintain and enhance recreational spaces
- Support environmental tourism and stewardship
- Manage wild animals and invasive weeds on Council owned and managed land to maintain ecological balance and protect local biodiversity

Our infrastructure supports liveability and resilience

- Focus on maintenance that prioritises accessibility and function for our farming network
- Invest in essential infrastructure that supports our townships and agricultural industries
- Plan for climate resilience and risk mitigation

We support development that enhances needs-based growth

- Engage with developers, community stakeholders, and Traditional Owners to ensure inclusive, well-planned growth
- Enable housing that is more flexible, sustainable, and affordable
- Invest in essential infrastructure upgrades to support new housing developments and population growth

Competitive and Innovative Economy

Our local businesses are supported to grow

- Reduce red tape and simplify planning and business approval processes through engagement with current and future applicants
- Support local procurement and small business networks
- Encourage entrepreneurship and innovation

We attract investment that aligns with community values

- Promote regional strengths and investment readiness
- Explore joint ventures and development incentives
- Support development that reflects local character

We advocate for and support diverse and innovative industries

- Be leaders in positive change that creates investment in the direction of our community
- Explore community social enterprise opportunities and philanthropy
- Foster industry collaboration and innovation
- Showcase our history to create rich visitor experiences

Good Governance & Financial Sustainability

We are a transparent and responsive organisation

- Provide regular updates on Council decisions and actions
- Improve follow-up systems and response times
- Share decision-making processes in plain language

We engage our community with respect and openness

- Build capacity in staff and Councillors for engagement
- Be present at community events and spaces
- Use varied channels to reach diverse groups

We manage our resources responsibly and strategically

- Explore revenue streams beyond rates
- Prioritise spending aligned with community goals
- Report clearly on how money is spent and what value it delivers



The Wimmera River Discovery Trail is close to fifty-six kilometres in length and connects Dimboola to Jeparit along the Wimmera River. It can be completed in sections.

The trail varies from well formed gravel tracks to loose sandy sections with a few challenging dips that may require dismounting and walking through.

Following significant rain events the trail may become muddy and impassable. It is also important not to attempt the trail on high fire danger days. Please check local weather conditions before setting out.

The trail is on Wotjobaluk Country. Some sections also cross private property. Please be respectful of all land you are crossing, stay on the trail and minimise any impact to the environment. Please ensure you bring all your rubbish home with you and leave the trail litter-free for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about the Wimmera River Discovery Trail, scan the QR code or visit Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/WRDT

