

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025 – FEBRUARY 2026

MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTED FOR 2025/2026



At the Hindmarsh Shire Council Annual Statutory Meeting held on Wednesday 12 November 2025, **Cr Ron Ismay** was **re-elected as Mayor** for the next 12-months, and **Cr Rosie Barker** was **elected as Deputy Mayor** for the next 12-months.

Congratulations Cr Ismay and Cr Barker!

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council regularly seeks community feedback on policies, community projects, plans and other Council related matters through community consultations and surveys.

We are currently seeking feedback on:

Kerbside Collection of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Options

For more information about this, or to provide your feedback, visit our Have Your Say Hindmarsh website at:

www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS



Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centres, Libraries and Transfer Stations will be subject to closures over the Christmas and New Year period 2025/2026.

Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period from **3pm** on **Wednesday 24 December 2025** and will re-open from **Friday 2 January 2026**.

Transfer Stations will be closed on Thursday 25 December, Friday 26 December 2025 and on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.

There will be **no changes** to kerbside waste collection services during this period.

2025/2026 HINDMARSH SWIMMING POOL SEASON



Hindmarsh Outdoor Pools are now open for the 2025/26 summer season!

Council owns and manages four pools within Hindmarsh Shire. These are located in:

- **Nhill** – Whitehead Avenue
- **Dimboola** – 55 Lloyd Street
- **Jeparit** – 19 Sands Avenue
- **Rainbow** – 7 Park Street

Entry to all pools is **FREE** for this summer season. You can find more information about Hindmarsh Pools, visit Council's website at:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools

Although entry is free, **registrations are required** if you wish to visit any of these pools. To register, scan the QR code, or contact Council on (03) 5391 4444.

We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/hindmarshoutdoorpools

to keep updated on changes to pool operating hours!



See the pool opening hours below:

	Dimboola	Jeparit	Nhill	Rainbow
Monday to Friday	3:30pm–6:30pm *Closed Thursday	4:00pm–6:30pm *Closed Wednesday	3:30pm–6:30pm *Closed Monday	3:30pm–6:30pm *Closed Tuesday
Saturdays and School Holidays	2:00pm – 7:00pm *No closure day during school holidays			
Sundays	2:00pm – 6:00pm			

TRANSFER STATION 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.**

GLASS BIN COLLECTIONS & DROP-OFF POINTS

All purple glass bins within Hindmarsh Shire will be collected on:

- **Friday 9 January 2026**
- **Friday 10 April 2026**

Please put your bins out the night before to ensure collection.

Glass can also be dropped off for FREE at any Hindmarsh Shire Transfer Station or at the following drop-off locations:

- **Antwerp:** Dimboola-Rainbow Road, by the mailboxes opposite the shop
- **Kiata:** Off Reserve Road (Bush Track)
- **Netherby:** Corner of School Street and Netherby-Baker Road
- **Yanac:** On Maude Street, near the payphone



2025/2026 RATES DUE DATES

- 1st Instalment** – 30 September 2025
- 2nd Instalment** – 30 November 2025
- 3rd Instalment** – 28 February 2026
- 4th Instalment** – 31 May 2026

BUDGET PREPARATIONS AND FARMER CONSULTATIONS

Council is working on its Annual Budget for 2026/2027. Part of the budget preparations includes consultation with the community.

We will be holding Farmer and Community Consultation drop-in sessions in late February/early March. These will be held on the following dates (times are still to be determined):

- **Rainbow** – 25 February 2026
- **Yanac** – 26 February 2026
- **Nhill** – 3 March 2026
- **Dimboola** – 4 March 2026
- **Jeparit** – 5 March 2026

We encourage residents to mark these dates in their calendars!

What is the purpose of these drop-in sessions?

The drop-in sessions will provide farmers and residents with the opportunity to chat to Councillors and Council Staff in-person, to discuss their concerns and to provide input towards Council's budget.

We will provide more details about this in the new year!

COUNCIL'S LATEST NEWS

Council regularly publishes updates, news articles and media release on its website. These can be found under the 'Latest News' section of the home page on Council's website.

Some of the recent updates include:

- Annual Statutory Meeting 2025
- Swimming Pool Season Updates
- Victorian Seniors Festival Activities in Hindmarsh
- Updates on Have Your Say consultations
- Council Plan Quarterly Update
- Council Grants Awarded
- Wimmera River Discovery Trail Opening
- Fire Prevention Information

To read Council's latest news, visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news

MAYORAL MATTERS



To hear the latest from Hindmarsh Shire Council's Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, visit Council's website:

hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/latest-news and search by category 'Mayoral Columns'.

CR ROSIE BARKER NOMINATED FOR VGLA EMERGING WOMAN LEADER AWARD 2025



Councillor Rosie Barker has been nominated for a Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Mary Rogers Award in the Emerging Woman Leader Award category for 2025. This award recognises a first term female Councillor

who is demonstrating outstanding leadership.

Cr Barker has been invited to the awards ceremony on Thursday 27 November 2025 at Parliament House in Melbourne.

Congratulations Cr Barker on this wonderful achievement!

ADOPTED PLANS & STRATEGIES

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029

This Plan represents our community's vision for the future of Hindmarsh Shire and sets our strategic direction over the next four years.

hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-plan

COUNCIL PLAN 2025/2026 ACTIONS

The Council Plan Actions are specific projects and services that we'll deliver this financial year. It includes a roadmap of Actions for future years and is consulted on annually with the community to refine them.

hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-plan

ASSET PLAN 2025-2035

The purpose of this Plan is to inform Hindmarsh Shire Council's commitment to best practice asset management and provide principles for sound asset investment decision making.

hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/asset-plan

ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2029

The purpose of this Plan is to establish a management system for Council to inspect, maintain and repair its public roads based on policy and operational objectives having regard to available resources.

hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/road-management-plan

To view all of Council's current plans and strategies, scan the QR code or visit:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/plans-and-strategies



CAPITAL WORKS & MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION - LLOYD STREET

Involves construction of footpath on the western side of Lloyd Street linking Lochiel Street to Anderson Street.

ROAD RE-SHEET - YANAC SOUTH ROAD

Includes installing limestone for approximately 2km near the Werner Road intersection where the old gravel was in poor condition.

ROAD RE-SHEET - KATYIL WAIL ROAD

Includes installing gravel for approximately 1.7km heading north from the Dimboola Minyip Road intersection to renew the limestone gravel that was in bad condition.

Other projects scheduled include Tarranyurk East Road, Five Chain Road, Tarranyurk West Road, Rainbow Nhill Road, Peakes Three Chain Road, Propodollah Netherby Road, Whitehead Avenue and Lorquon Road, pending good working weather and minimal delays.

ROAD RESEAL PROGRAM

The \$420,000 budgeted reseal program is due to commence soon to address ageing seals. These works protect the integrity of the pavement, increasing the lifespan of the road, and are essential renewal works.

ROAD GRADING WORKS

There is a significant amount of grading works planned over the coming months. Some of the roads being graded include Werners Road, Clark Street, Marshalls Road, Hounsell Road, Nottles Road, Solly Road, Heinrich Road, Drendel Road, Albrecht Road, Z2 Road, Katyil Wail Road and many more.

PATCHING WORKS

The patching trucks have been out and about working on edge break repairs, pothole repairs and crack sealing. Some of the roads to be completed are Gerang Glenlee Road, Coker Dam Road, as well as VicRoads roads within the maintenance contract approved by VicRoads.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period for Hindmarsh Shire Council began on Monday 3 November 2025.

Make sure you know what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period. Visit the CFA website for more information.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-bans-ratings-and-restrictions/can-i-or-cant-i

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FORTNIGHTLY
E-NEWSLETTERS

Do you want to keep up-to-date with the latest news from Hindmarsh Shire Council?

Did you know that you can subscribe to Council's emailing list to receive fortnightly e-newsletters with the latest news, project updates, consultation opportunities, job vacancies and upcoming events in Hindmarsh Shire.

You can subscribe by visiting Council's website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/e-news or by scanning the QR code:



To view all previous Council newsletters, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/newsletters

MAKE A REQUEST /
REPORT AN ISSUE

Do you need to report an issue to Council?

Whether it be an issue with a Council managed road, tree, footpath or drain; an animal issue, or a parking / traffic issue, etc - please let us know by submitting a request on Council's website.

Once you have submitted your request, it will be directed to the appropriate department for action.



Scan the QR code or visit our website at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/make-a-request

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLDEN HOUR FORMAL

Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council are excited to host their end of year youth formal, 'Golden Hour Formal'

Friday 12 December 2025

From 6:30pm

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Ages 12-18

Buses available to and from Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola. Registrations are required, scan the QR below to register!



For more information, please contact the Community Wellbeing and Youth Officer on (03) 5391 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

NHILL CLASSIC MOVIES

Join us at the Nhill Cinema for a classic movie!

A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS

When: Tuesday 9 December 2025

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

Location: Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Cost: Gold coin donation

Rating: PG

SAVE THE DATE
NHILL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Nhill Town Committee will be hosting its annual Nhill Christmas Carols evening again this year.

This festive family-friendly event will be held on **Saturday 13 December 2025** at **Jaypex Park** in Nhill. More details are to come!

If you are interested in performing in the Nhill Christmas Carols, or if you would like to know more about how you can be involved, please contact the Nhill Town Committee via email to nhilltowncommittee@yahoo.com.au.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Hindmarsh Shire Council Meetings are open for members of the public to attend or to be watched live on Council's YouTube channel.

Council meetings will be held at the Nhill Council Chambers, 92 Nelson Street Nhill, from 3pm on the following days:

Wednesday 17 December 2025
Wednesday 4 February 2026
Wednesday 4 March 2026
Wednesday 1 April 2026

For more information, visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings

RUN FOR RESPECT
COLOUR RUNS

Join us for a colour run and BBQ in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit in early December 2025.

Funded by the 16 Days of Activism grassroots initiative, these free events aim to bring awareness to gender-based violence and promote a safer community for all.

These will be held from **6pm to 8pm** at the following locations:

Jeparit Riverbank Precinct
Monday 1 December 2025

Rainbow Recreation Reserve
Tuesday 2 December 2025

Dimboola Soundshell
Monday 8 December 2025

Nhill Jaypex Park
Tuesday 9 December 2025

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Pool Parties in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit
More details to come!

For more details, scan the QR code:

