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FIRE DANGER INFORMATION

Fire restrictions can be applied across Victoria by CFA, when fire danger is high.

Typically this is over the period of November through to April. Nhill and Hindmarsh Shire Council falls within the "Wimmera" Fire Ban District. Please note at the end of the fire seasons, usually April, a number of farmers will burn off stubble and smoke may be evident in the area.

A Total Fire Ban is declared for the district by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and could be difficult to control. A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fire can be lit for the declared district for that day.

For more information on Fire Danger and Total Fire Bans: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

PARKS VICTORIA 131 963

If you are travelling and enjoying the many water spots around Hindmarsh Shire Council, make sure you are safe and have all relevant boat and fishing licences.

Please be aware there may be minimal or no mobile phone range in some areas.

For more useful information: www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
www.bom.gov.au



HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

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Activities

Be amazed and captivated by what Nhill has to offer. There is something for everyone year round.

Bird Watching

Nhill Lake offers bird watchers and water enthusiasts a sanctuary right in the heart of town. Some other favourite bird watching places nearby are the Glenlee Reserve, Little Desert, and Big Desert National Parks. A local bird list and contacts are available at the Hindmarsh Visitor Information Centre or visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Visit-Hindmarsh/Explore-our-Great-Outdoors/Birdwatching.

Bushwalking

From thirty minute to three day treks, there is a walking track to suit everyone. Witness first-hand the abundant bird and plant life Hindmarsh has to offer.

Nhill Lake Walk

A 380m boardwalk constructed in the late 1980s and refurbished in 2016 offers an easy walk from Jaypex Park to Nhill Lake. The boardwalk crosses the Nhill Swamp which becomes a wetland and refuge for birdlife in wet years. Our well formed and maintained walking track continues around the lake for approximately 1km, passing by the foreshore picnic area at the northern end of the lake.



Four Wheel Driving

If you are into the thrill of four wheel driving there are tracks to inspire and entertain you. Plan your trip safely. Visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au for up to date information. Please note that all vehicle and motorbikes must stay on designated tracks and have appropriate registrations and licences. Please visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Visit-Hindmarsh/Explore-our-Great-Outdoors/4-Wheel-Drive-and-Motorbikes

Golf

The Nhill Golf Club has become known as the Wimmera's best kept secret. Open all year round, the large manicured greens compliment the flat-to-slightly-undulating tree lined fairways, with beautifully shaped and positioned bunkers. The course is watered all year, keeping it in excellent condition.

Three major tournaments are held throughout the year, open to all levels of golfers: www.nhillgolfclub.com.au

Bowls

Nhill Bowling Club offers two synthetic greens with competition every Saturday commencing at 1pm. The club is located central to the town with entry off Davis Avenue. The main tournament is hosted over the Labour Day Weekend in March. All visitors are welcome anytime.

Photography and Painting

The local scenery lends itself to wonderful photographic opportunities. The local camera club members explore the area extensively and produce magnificent photos. Local artists also depict the area's beautiful landscapes, flora and fauna.



Tennis

Nhill has excellent all-year-round synthetic grass courts central to town, located on Station Street, off Whitehead Avenue. There is easy parking and seats for viewing. A summer competition is run every year with matches held on Saturdays. The courts are free for the public to use at their will, with no booking required.

Swimming Pool

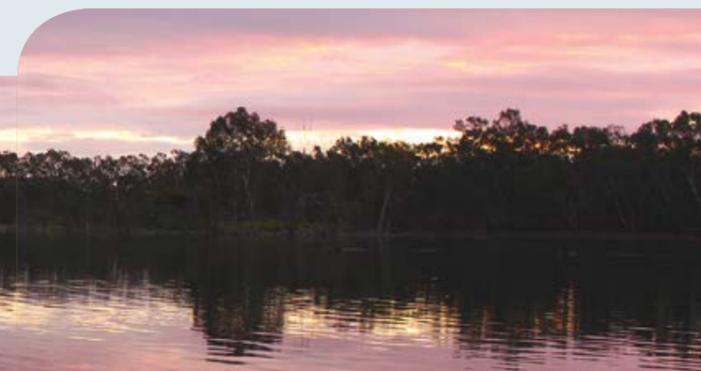
Nhill swimming pool is located in Whitehead Avenue. There is a six-lane, solar heated 25 metre pool, along with a learner's/hydro pool, beach entry play pool, and shaded picnic areas.

The pool is open seasonally. Please check opening times with Council by phoning 5391 4444.

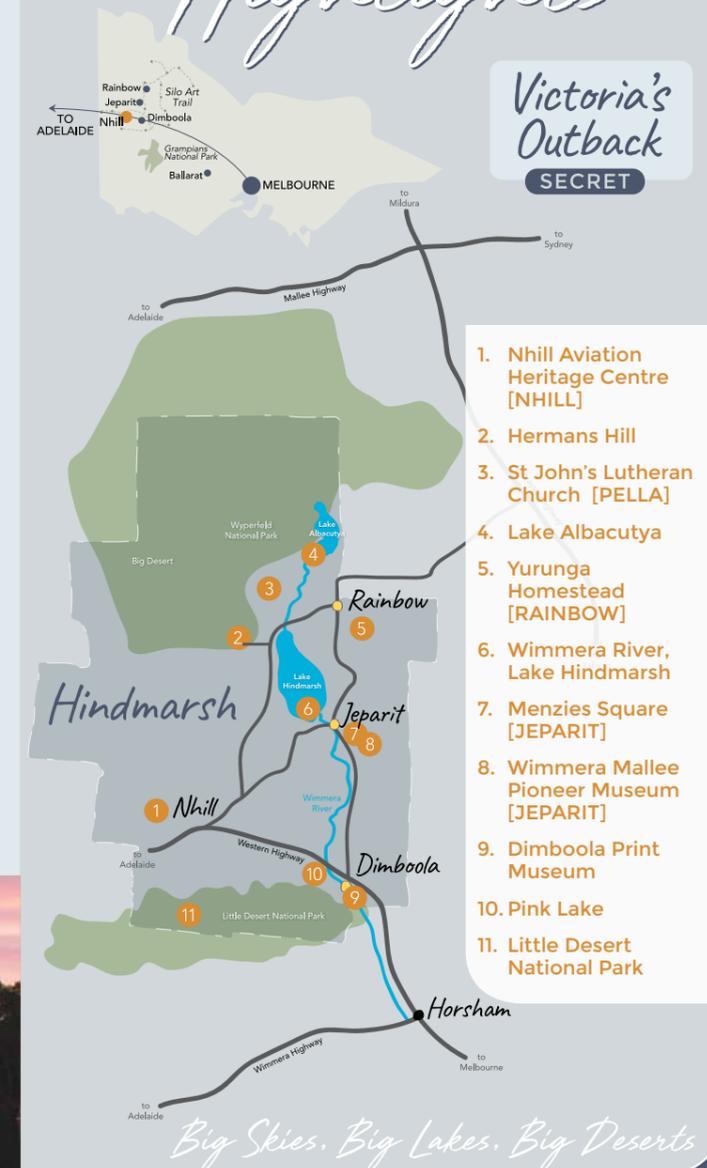
Nhill Lake

Nhill Lake, a small lake on the edge of Nhill offers the opportunity for boat and water lovers to enjoy the water activities, including water skiing.

The Nhill Lake Committee invites everyone to use the facilities at the lake and also to adhere to local boating rules. A swimming area is marked by red buoys and is prohibited to all vessels. Boat users are requested to refer to the information board at the boat ramp for local rules. Please visit: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Visit-Hindmarsh/Explore-our-Great-Outdoors/Lakes-and-Rivers



Hindmarsh Highlights



1. Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre [NHILL]
2. Hermans Hill
3. St John's Lutheran Church [PELLA]
4. Lake Albcutya
5. Yurunga Homestead [RAINBOW]
6. Wimmera River, Lake Hindmarsh
7. Menzies Square [JEPARIT]
8. Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum [JEPARIT]
9. Dimboola Print Museum
10. Pink Lake
11. Little Desert National Park

Big Skies. Big Lakes. Big Deserts.

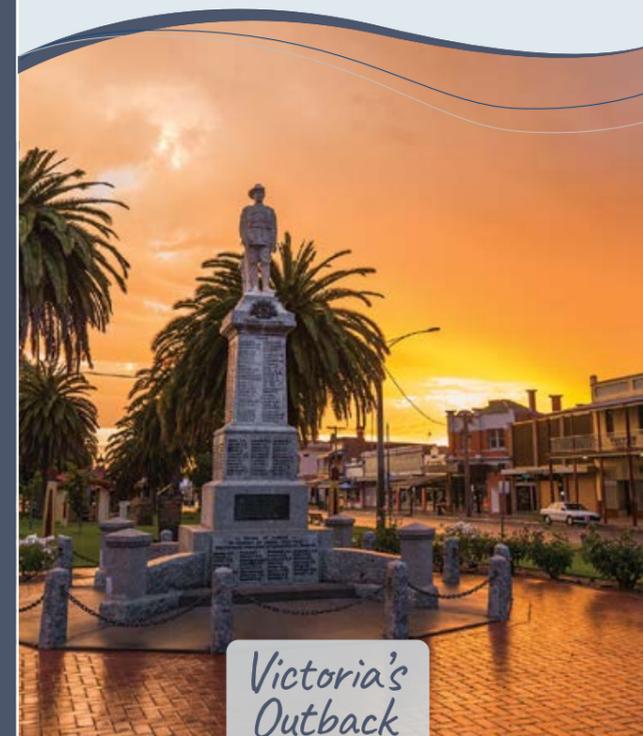
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Welcome TO NHILL

Midway between Melbourne and Adelaide, Nhill is a thriving country town offering a picturesque place to stop, explore, and recharge.



If history is more your thing, Nhill prolific Historical Society is jam-packed with information, exhibits, and stories of yesteryear. The historic town walk highlights many architectural wonders.

Our wide open spaces provide the perfect spot for photographers and painters alike, with endless sunsets and scenic views of wildflowers, flora, and fauna.

Whether you're visiting for an afternoon, a weekend or longer, there are many places of interest and things to do in Nhill. Stop, relax, and enjoy our big skies, big lakes and big deserts.

On the edge of the Little Desert National Park, the commercial centre of Nhill has attractive parks and gardens within the median strip.

The town was first surveyed in 1879, when Noske's Flour Mill was built and by 1880 a general store, drapery, and hotel were built.

In 1897 a major tornado destroyed most of Nhill but the historic Post Office, built in 1887, survived and still features in the town.

Nhill is part of the Hindmarsh Shire, which covers an area of 7,500 square kilometres. The population of Nhill at the 2016 census, was 2184.

Agriculture is the major industry, not only of Nhill, but of the whole Hindmarsh region. 62% of all business enterprises are in this sector, based largely on grain and sheep production.

Nature enthusiasts can go four wheel driving then camp under our big sky with countless stars to watch over you. Water lovers can enjoy water-skiing, rowing or kayaking at Nhill Lake.

Don't forget to pack your golf clubs and enjoy a relaxing, peaceful hit of golf. Perhaps a game of lawn bowls would be a pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



Attractions to Explore

FLORA & FAUNA

Nature, outdoors, and wide open spaces are our flagship attractions.

Take some time out to stop and enjoy nature at whatever pace you fancy; walking, cycling, four wheel driving or just resting in one of the many parks and nature areas. The region boasts many natural swamps and dams, and is home to many species of birds and wild life.

GLENLEE NATURE RESERVE

Home for many indigenous plants and varieties of birds, the Glenlee Nature Reserve boasts a wonderful display of spring flowers.

HERMAN'S HILL NATURE WALK

Herman's Hill Nature walk is located to the north-east of Nhill (take the Nhill-Rainbow Road) on the edge of Wyperfield National Park, between Jeparit and Rainbow. Here you can take a walk through the Mallee scrub to a hill overlooking the surrounding district. You will find a bird hide and an information bay.

The track is sandy through paperbarks. Information on plants, birds and other living things is provided in notices under well-designed lift-up aluminium covers.

The track rises a total of 25 metres, but there are a few ups and downs along the way. At the top there is a low timber platform permitting visitors to see over most of the surrounding vegetation.



BROKEN BUCKET, BIG DESERT

Despite the name, bore water is available at Broken Bucket, and there are toilets here as well. It is signposted approximately 53km north of Nhill.

Please check the road conditions before commencing travel. Some access is restricted to dry weather due to the sandy track.

MURRAYVILLE TRACK

This track is in the Big Desert National Park and conditions vary considerably depending on the weather. From Nhill, travel towards Yanac and then follow the signs to Broken Bucket. Please check local conditions before using the track.

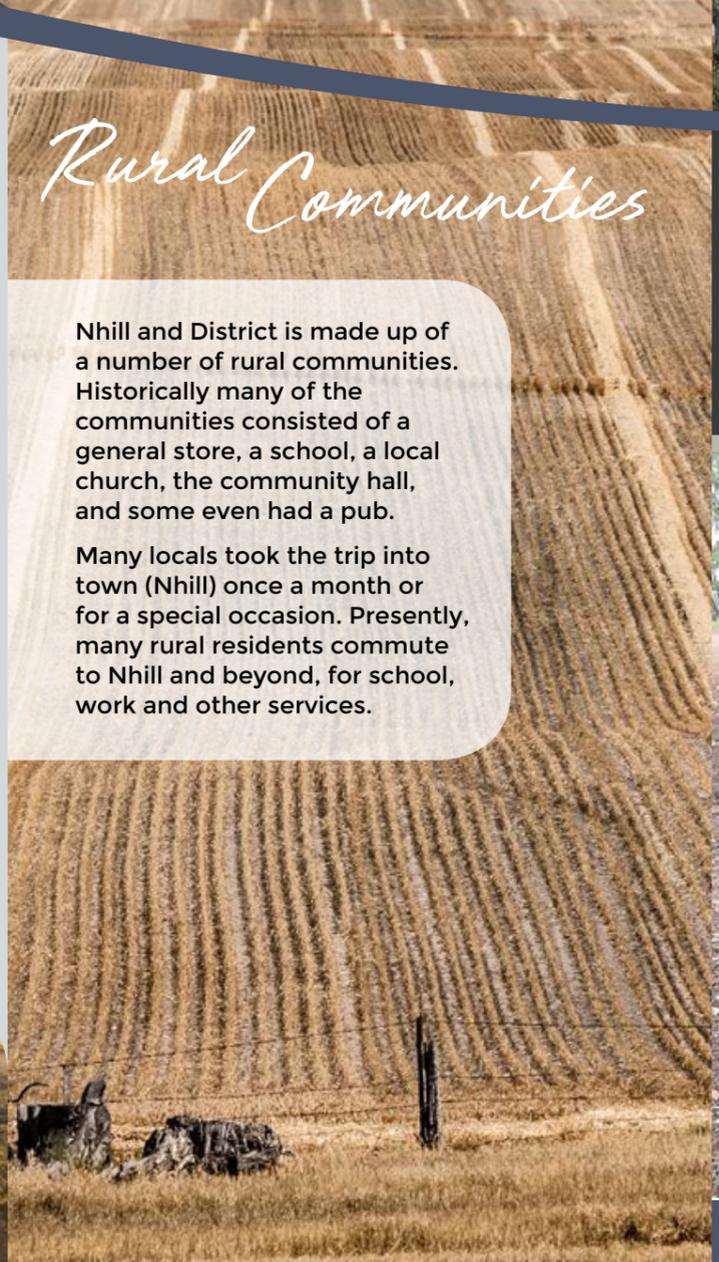
PARKS & GARDENS

Goldsworthy Park in the median strip of the Nhill's main street and Jaypex Park on the western end of town provide shady areas to rest and recharge in the lovely surrounds.

Each of the parks has free barbeque facilities, playgrounds, seating, and reputable toilet facilities. The parks are immaculately maintained and have green grass all year round.

Goldsworthy Park features a fully fenced playground area, providing a safe environment for children and families to play and rest. The Hindmarsh Visitor Information Centre, located next to the playground, provides a range of local, regional, and state information to assist you with your visit and with future travels.

Jaypex Park gives access to a boardwalk, which connects the park to Nhill Lake via the Nhill Swamp Wildlife Reserve.



Rural Communities

Nhill and District is made up of a number of rural communities. Historically many of the communities consisted of a general store, a school, a local church, the community hall, and some even had a pub. Many locals took the trip into town (Nhill) once a month or for a special occasion. Presently, many rural residents commute to Nhill and beyond, for school, work and other services.



Indigenous Heritage

A canoe tree is located at Jaypex Park. The Corroboree Ground situated around the Nhill Lake and Nature Reserve area is a traditional location where groups would meet and perform ceremonies, consisting of traditional songs, dances, weddings, trading and celebrations.



Nhill

Things to do and see

- Nhill Aerodrome / Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre
Historic RAAF Base
- Nhill Golf Club
- Noske Flour Mills
- Nhill Railway Station
- Nhill Post Office
- Nhill Memorial Community Centre
- Nhill Historical Society
- War Memorial / Goldsworthy Park
- Talking Draught Horse
- Band Rotunda
- John Shaw Neilson Cottage / Jaypex Park
- Vintage Machinery Club
- Nhill Swamp Walk



Explore Heritage

Many of the historic buildings along Nelson and Victoria Streets (Western Highway) have plaques recording building dates and past uses. Further information regarding the buildings can be obtained at the Visitor Information Centre or from the Nhill Historical Society. A self-guided tour is available from the Visitor Centre, or download from website: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Visit-Hindmarsh/Brochures-and-Maps

Band Rotunda
Funded jointly by Council and the community, the rotunda was erected in 1909. It was extensively refurbished in 2000.

Local Cemeteries
Our local cemeteries contain history from the region and individuals. Anyone interested in contacting the cemetery trusts can call Hindmarsh Shire on 5391 4444 for the local contact. The local cemeteries include Bleak House, Dahwadare, Kiata, Lorquon, Netherby, Nhill, Winiam and Woorak.

Historical Society
The Nhill Historical Society located at 104 -106 MacPherson Street is open 2 - 5pm Tuesday to Thursday and the research officer is available on site from 10am - 12pm on Fridays. Contact and requests for information can also be made via email: nhillhistorical@gmail.com

The society is proud of its collection of local family history, cemetery records for the Nhill and surrounding district, photographic collection, rate books, and museum displays. Copies of the local newspaper, "The Nhill Free Press - Kaniva Times" from 1882 until the present day are also available.

The museum display includes an extensive collection of John Shaw Neilson memorabilia, crockery, glassware, kitchenware, and household items, wedding dresses dating from 1860 to 1980, embroidery, Lowan Shire honour boards, and photographs.

John Shaw Neilson Cottage
Members of the Nhill & District Historical Society reconstructed the two original rooms of the home in which Nhill's resident poet John Shaw Neilson was born. The cottage is located on a site adjoining Jaypex Park. Neilson was one of Australia's great lyric poets. He wrote about his life in and around Nhill.

Malleefowl Memorial
Located at the front of the council offices in Nhill. The Malleefowl is a unique flightless bird, which builds large earth mounds to incubate its eggs.

Nhill Aviation Centre
Famous Aviators who landed at Nhill include Bert Hinkler, Charles Butler, Horrie Miller, Charles Kingsford-Smith, Amy Johnson, Jimmy Mollison, and Nancy Bird. Nhill hosted the first East-West Air Race from Sydney to Perth in 1929 as well as the Brisbane - Adelaide Centenary Race in 1936.

Nhill's aerodrome attained national significance during the Second World War as the site of a Royal Australia Air Force Base. Between 1941 and 1946, approximately 10,000 Air Force personnel trained at Nhill. Aspects of training required a bombing range, which was set up in the Little Desert south of the township. Avro Ansons were the main aircraft used in training, with up to 35 Ansons on the base on any given day.

The centre now displays the three types of training aircraft used at the base: an Avro Anson, a Wirraway and a Tiger Moth. Plus there is a fantastic display of other memorabilia highlighting the hey-day of the base.



Nhill Railway Station
The section of railway line from Dimboola to Nhill, and then onto the South Australian border was opened on 19 January 1887 at a cost of £514.12. Nhill Railway Station and platform buildings were completed two years later at a cost of £3,783.

Post Office
Nhill Post Office foundation stone was consecrated on 28 October 1887 using corn as plenty, wine as joy, and oil as gladness. The first post office operating in Nhill commenced on 1 September 1861, remaining open until 10 April 1867 when a post office was opened at nearby Lawloit. There were a number of changes to the mail route serving Nhill over the years.

Talking Draught Horse
This monument in Goldsworthy Park is a reminder of the major part the draught horse played in the development of Australia and this region. The memorial, erected in April 1966 was modelled on a Clydesdale and modified to look like the original draught horse. The first two horses arrived in Nhill in 1844. A team of horses hauled Nhill's first harvest 160km to the nearest rail head at Stawell for delivery to Melbourne.

War Memorials
The World War I memorial was erected in 1920 in memory of the people who lost their lives during this war. This was part of a nationwide project.

All local people who served during World War II are named on an honour board on display in the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

More recently, in 2011, a Royal Australian Air Force memorial was erected to honour those who served.

Explore Arts & Culture

Nhill is the perfect destination for all artists. Whatever your interest, or mode of expression, there is plenty of inspiration in the surrounding areas, and a vibrant community of artists at work.

Gallery Central
Feeling creative or want to view other local creations? Pop into Gallery Central in Victoria Street. Open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm, the gallery displays work in a wide variety of media all created by local artists. Displays are updated regularly including past exhibitions of Nhill College VCE Arts students, and solo exhibitions by local talent.

Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Built in 1927, the centre was originally a private enterprise. It was then purchased by local government and refurbished in 1987 and 2009. The centre provides a magnificent venue for community events, debutante balls, live performances, and regular movie screenings. Please check the display boards at the front and side of the centre for upcoming events and movies.

Karen and Paw Po
The Karen people are an ethnic group from Burma who have faced continued persecution in their home country since 1962. Currently around 140,000 Karen live in refugee camps on the Thai/Burma border. Karen refugees began resettling in Australia in the 1990s with the first Karen arriving in Nhill in 2010 supported by the local community and businesses.

Since then the Karen community has become part of Nhill's unique character. A great instruction to Karen culture, art and craft is by visiting Paw Po in the main shopping precinct.



Accommodation



Nhill Caravan Park
03 5391 1683
93 Victoria Street, Nhill (on the Western Highway)
nhillcaravanpark.com
nhillcaravanpk@gmail.com

Comfort Zero Inn Motel
03 5391 1622
31 Nelson Street, Nhill
zeroinnnhill.com.au
zeroinn@live.com

Nhill Oasis Motel
03 5391 1666
21 Dimboola Rd, Nhill
oasismotel.com.au
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Wimmera Motel
03 5391 1444
1 Fritch Ct, Nhill
wimmeramotel@bigpond.com
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Wendy's Retreat Nhill - Airbnb
0427 911 570
30 Madden Street, Nhill (Booking only)
abnb.me/EVmg/pQTKdhmPuF
wendy4hindmarsh@gmail.com
[@wendysretreatnhill](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/1111111)

Union Hotel
03 5391 1722
41 Victoria Street, Nhill
theunion.com.au

Hindmarsh Happenings

GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
LABOUR DAY WKD, MARCH
03 5391 1730

A&P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW
SECOND THURSDAY IN OCTOBER
Held at the Showgrounds, the annual show brings the community together with a grand parade, displays, exhibits, competitions, side-shows and other activities for all ages. Not to be missed.

HORSE RACING
BOXING DAY
The annual Boxing Day Cup is not to be missed. Whether you're there for the fashions on the field or the fillies on the track, the Nhill Racecourse is off and racing each Boxing Day.

NHILL MARKET
QUARTERLY 9am - 1.30pm
Held at the Jaypex Park, featuring a range of stalls, food and coffee, and live music. [facebook.com/NhillLionsCommunityMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NhillLionsCommunityMarket)

MOTORCYCLE CLUB ENDURO
JULY
The annual Pony Express Motorcycle Enduro is held annually in July. Located on the Nhill-Jeparit Road, the site hosts over 100 competitors and spectators from around Victoria at the annual event not to be missed.

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For further information, visit: www.visithindmarsh.com.au

