

Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2020

Now is the opportunity to have your say on a new four year Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAM Plan). The DAM Plan will be on public display until Tuesday 13 September 2016 with hard copies available at Council's Customer Service Centre's or visit our website. Information sessions will be held at the following locations. Wednesday 31 August, 12.00pm-2.30pm at Kerang Library Meeting Room and Thursday 1 September, 12.00pm-2.30pm at Gateway to Gannawarra Centre in Cohuna. Council encourages the community to get involved and have your say.

Mystic Melodies

Funded by the Regional Arts Fund, Mystic Melodies will bring music and inspiration to the Lakes community. Participation in the Mystic Melodies activities is open to all. The opening event is at the Mystic Park Hotel, Friday 19 August from 5.30-7.00pm for a meet and greet jam session.

2016/2017 Country Football Netball Program

Gannawarra Shire Council is encouraging any clubs who are interested in applying for this funding to submit an Expression of Interest to Council by Tuesday 20 September. Expression of Interest forms and the program guidelines are available on Council's website at www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au

NDIS Information Session

Are you caring for a child, family member or friend who may qualify for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)? Come along to the information session to find out more. Wednesday 31 August, 2016 at 6.00pm to 9.00pm at Northern District Community Service, 24 Fitzroy Street, Kerang, Vic

RSVP: Lisa Leach – NDCHS
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Immunisations

Kerang – 17 August, Gannawarra Children's Centre, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Cohuna – 17 August, Maternal & Child Health Centre, 10.30am – 12.00pm

Koroop Public Hall

A meeting will be held at the Koroop Hall on Monday 29 August 2016 at 7.30pm to elect a Special Committee under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the Koroop Public Hall. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Mayors Message

Well it's a busy time of the year for the local sporting clubs with Football and Netball finals around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all football and netball teams the best of luck with the upcoming finals.

There are plenty of ways to get involved in the community through volunteering. Gannawarra Shire Council offer many opportunities for people to volunteer such as Meals on Wheels, Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre, L2P Learner Driver Program and at the Libraries. Volunteering can help you connect with your community and is great for your mental health. Get in touch with Council if you wish to join the 55% of our community who already volunteer.

Have you visited our local libraries recently? Council offers a range of different services through our libraries – it's much more than books! I encourage people to go to your local Library and check out the range of different services they have to offer, the services range from Books for Babies, Books on Wheels, Genealogy, Library Link to Internet Access and also Photocopying and Printing. For more information on the services the libraries provide check out Council's website.

Lorraine Learmonth
Mayor



Youth Council Mayors Message

We had a Youth Council meeting on 21 July in Cohuna. This meeting was a great success and we made progress on the projects Youth Council is currently working on. Narelle O'Donoghue, Kelsey Corrie & Mandy Hutchinson attended the meeting to discuss the five 'mega-trends' that will impact the wellbeing of young people over the next 20 years. We discussed VicHealth's new grant rounds and decided that Youth Council should partner with Council to put in a grant application. We also discussed the Children & Youth Strategy and gave some feedback on this. We then split into smaller working groups where we worked on a variety of projects and events that Youth Council is going to deliver in the latter half of this year. We are planning the Gannawarra Youth Arts Festival, the YMCA Skate Comp and screening a movie at the Kerang Pool in November. Be sure to keep a look out for what is to come. 'Like' the Gannawarra Youth Council Facebook page for updates on progress of our events as I assure you that Youth Council is quite the team at the moment!

Mikayla Penrose
Mayor
Gannawarra Youth
Council



Be Heard this October: Council Election

The Gannawarra Shire Council elections will be held this October. General elections are held every four years and local councillors make decisions on a range of issues, including local roads and footpaths, parks and recreation facilities, planning and building regulations, and libraries and community centres. Gannawarra Shire Council strongly encourages all eligible voters to have their say at the 2016 Council elections - in fact, compulsory voting provisions apply and you may be fined if you don't vote. To find out more and check your enrolment, visit vec.vic.gov.au.

Youth Council Profile

Emily Rigg

Year 9, Cohuna Secondary College



Why did you join Youth Council?
I joined Youth Council to get more involved with my community, to speak for the Youth in the Gannawarra Shire and to also build a strong Partnership with Youth Council and the Cohuna and District Leo lions.
Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?
I see myself completing VCE and attending Federation University in Ballarat to study musical theatre and other performing arts.
Interests or something interesting about yourself
My interests are the Performing arts, sewing with my nan, composing music and helping out where ever I can in the community.
What is one thing you would like to see happen or change in Gannawarra to make it a better place for young people?
I would love to try and get more activities and more job opportunities for the youth.

WHAT'S ON

-  **17 August** – Ordinary Council Meeting at Koondrook
-  **17 August** – Immunisation Sessions Kerang & Cohuna
-  **21 August** – Koondrook Barham Famers Market
-  **25 August** – Whistle blower Play at Cohuna Memorial Hall
-  **27 August** – Kerang Community Market
-  **31 August** – Small Business Workshop 'Your Business in a Digital World'
-  **31 August** – NDIS Information Session