

# GANNAWARRA News

## Job Vacancies

### Revenue Coordinator

Permanent Full Time  
Prior experience in local government or other rating authority experience required. For further information please refer to our website [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au).

## Ordinary Council Meeting

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 December at Council Chambers in Kerang at 7pm.

## Christmas Kerbside Bin Collection

Please note there will be no change to the Kerbside bin collection over Christmas and New Year. Christmas and New Year are both on a weekend therefore there will be no bin collection on these days.

## Close of Office over Holiday period

Gannawarra Shire Councillors and staff wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season. Please note the following operating hours for Council Service Centres throughout the holidays:

### Council Offices

The Kerang Customer Service Centre will close at 5pm on Friday 23 December 2016 and re-open at 8.30am Tuesday 3 January 2017. The Cohuna Customer Service Centre will close at 4pm Friday 23 December 2016 and reopen 10am Tuesday 3 January 2017.

**For Council emergencies only please call 0409 022 920.**

For information on all other Council services and facilities please visit our website [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au)

## Immunisation

**Kerang** - December 20 at Gannawarra Children's Centre - 4pm- 5.30.

January 4 at Gannawarra Children's Centre - 10.30am 12pm.

**Cohuna** - December 20 at Maternal and Child Health Centre - 10.30am- 12pm.

## MAYORS MESSAGE

The last few weeks have been as busy as I can remember for the Gannawarra Shire, there has been so many celebrations and graduations around the shire and I wish all of the graduating students the best in their future endeavours. This year seems to have flown past without even stopping to say hi, however, it has been a year in which we have seen the completion of the Koondrook Wharf, commencement of the construction of a new bridge at Benjeroop, the success of the Big Cohuna Festival and the election of a new Council for the next four years. As a new Council we have the privilege of working with the community to develop a four year Council Plan which will give us and our staff direction over that period. I ask all of the Gannawarra Shire community to have their say and if you haven't already please go to our website and complete the survey and give us your ideas. Thank you to all of our community that takes the time to volunteer and help out across the shire and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone across the shire a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe over the holiday period and if travelling please drive safe and as my mother always says, watch the other driver. **Mayor Cr Brian Gibson**



## Summer Reading Program

The Gannawarra Library Service is running a summer reading program from December 1 through to January 31.

The program encourages primary-aged children to read over the summer – building on existing reading skills and developing a love of reading. The program is incentive based with the more books being read; the more chances a child has to win one of the gift vouchers available from Kerang Sports and Toys. This year we are offering more great prizes thanks to Rotary Club sponsorship. Contact any of the branches for further details.



## Youth Council Profile

**James Lang**

Barham High School

Year 9



### Why did you join Youth Council?

I joined Youth Council so I could make a positive change for my school and my community.

### Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?

I don't know where I will be in 5 years' time but I know I will be happy.

### Interests or something interesting about yourself

I like skateboarding, football and making things with my hands.

### 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 like to see Barham get a new Skate Park, which young people in other towns will also be able to use. I would also like all young people to feel safe and be happy.

## Council Plan Consultation

What do you like MOST about living in Gannawarra Shire? What do you dislike or find CHALLENGING?

We want to hear what YOU think!

Community input is vital in the preparation of the Council Plan 2017-2021 therefore Council have developed a short survey to gather the thoughts and feedback from the community.

To complete the survey please go to our website [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au), alternatively hard copies are available from our customer service centres.

Make sure you Have Your Say!

**WE WANT TO DO THIS with you**

## WHAT'S ON?

**25 December** – Christmas Lunch in Kerang

**31 December** – Kerang New Year's Eve in the Park

**31 December** – The Big Cohuna New Year's Eve Party

**21 January** - Lake Charm Ski Races

**26 January** – Australia Day celebrations

**28 January** - Cohuna Town Garage Sale

*All event details are on Councils website*