



PUBLIC NOTICE

DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Gannawarra Shire Council, as the declared waterway manager for the waters of Gunbower Creek under the *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Act)*, makes the following declaration under Section 203(3) of the Act. For the purposes of the boating activity by Cohuna Lions Club on the waters of Gunbower Creek, vessels and persons participating in the Cohuna Bridge to Bridge Challenge are exempt from:

1. The requirements of clause 73.9(a) of Schedule 73 in relation to the area prohibited to vessels (provided all vessels maintain a speed that minimises wash when in this area);
2. The requirements of clause 73.10 of Schedule 73 in relation to the area prohibited to vessels with engines (provided all vessels maintain a speed that minimises wash when in this area).

The exemptions apply for the Cohuna Bridge to Bridge from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Saturday 4 March 2017 and 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Sunday 5 March 2017, provided that the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the Event Application and associated documentation are adhered to.

BY ORDER OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL

TEMPORARY WATERWAY CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the waters of the Gunbower Creek between the Cohuna Town Bridge and the Goulburn-Murray Water weir within the township of Cohuna will be closed to the public from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Saturday 4 March 2017**.

Notice is hereby given that the waters of the Gunbower Creek between Daltons Bridge and the Cohuna Town Bridge will be closed to the public from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday 5 March 2017**.

The purpose of this waterway closure is for the Cohuna Bridge to Bridge event.

Any enquiries may be directed to the Kerang Office on telephone 5450 9333.

Eric Braslis

Chief Executive Officer

IMMUNISATION SESSION

Kerang – Wednesday 1 March,
10.30am – 12.00pm at
Gannawarra Children's Centre

POOL SURVEY FEEDBACK

Gannawarra Shire Council is calling on the community to provide feedback on the 2016/2017 Pool season. The pool surveys can be found at Kerang Swimming Pool, Cohuna Swimming Pool and the Warm Water Exercise Pool in Kerang. Alternatively, you can complete the survey online via Councils website www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au

MAYORS MESSAGE

Together with my fellow Councillors we have commenced the process of developing a new Council Plan which will serve as a road map to focus Council's activities over the next four years. It's an exciting time, and we are committed to developing this Plan with the community to create a positive future together. We believe that by working together we can build a sense of hope and confidence within Gannawarra, and do great things over the next four years!

It will be hard work, we acknowledge this, however with a renewed sense of passion and a genuine goal to make Gannawarra the best it can be, we believe we can develop a Plan that reflects the desire to build on our strengths and grow with our community.

Over the next few weeks, my fellow Councillors and Council staff will be coming back to the community to check-in with you about how the Council Plan is tracking along, combined with a review of each Community Plan which we have been working with to update over the past few months.

I will also be starting something new by making myself available to the community to come along and ask the Mayor a few questions or to just have a general chat. Please watch out on Facebook for the dates, times and locations of where I will be and come in and say 'Hi'.

I look forward to reporting back to you all over the coming weeks and months about our progress and bringing you along on the journey with us!



Brian Gibson, MAYOR

THIRD RATES INSTALMENT DUE TODAY!

A friendly reminder to residents that are paying in quarterly instalments. The third rates instalments are due today, Tuesday 28 February. Payment can be made in person at the Kerang or Cohuna offices or Australia Post, via cheque, direct debit or Bpay. Residents can register with BPAY View to have future rates notices sent straight to the online portal of their chosen financial institution. For further information please contact Gannawarra Shire Council Service Centre on 5450 9333.

COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Grants Program is now open with applications being sought for the program from community groups and organisations for amounts up to \$7,500. Application forms and information brochure are available on Council's website www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au or from Council's Customer Service Centres in Kerang and Cohuna. Applicants are encouraged to speak to Council officers prior to submitting their application. Applications will be accepted until 5.00pm Tuesday 14 March 2017.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM SUCCESS!

Gannawarra Shire children have read 1,727 books as part of the Summer Reading Program run by Gannawarra Library Service. More than 100 primary age students from across the region joined the program which was designed to encourage children to read during the summer holidays. Congratulations Sarosh and Sharon Sajeew who received the Kerang Rotary Club prize for the boy and girl who read the most books. The prizes for the person who read the most books at each branch were awarded to Shona Hore (Cohuna), Ethan Billman (Leitchville), Hannah Gardiner (Kerang) and Braeden Entwistle (Quambatook). Congratulations!



WELLS BRIDGE UPDATE

Works are continuing on Wells Bridge and are on schedule to be completed by the end of March.



COBDEN STREET WORKS

Works at Cobden Street in Quambatook have commenced. The first stage of the extended stormwater network is now complete.



WHAT'S ON?!

February 28 – Clean up the Creek: Gunbower Creek (Clean Up Australia Day)

March 1 – Rhyme Time, Kerang Library

March 2 – Story Time, Kerang library

March 3 – An Evening of Classical Music, Cohuna

March 3-4 – Cohuna Bridge to Bridge

March 4 – River Daze, Koondrook

March 4 – Murrabit Market

March 5 – Made Local Market, Cohuna

March 5 – Australia Will Be There exhibition: Afternoon Tea session

March 17 – Murrabit Cod Challenge

March 22 – Pop Up Playgroup, Koondrook

March 22 – Stolen Generation plaque unveiling, Kerang

All event details are in the events calendar on Councils website www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au