



IMMUNISATION

Cohuna – 15 March, 10.30am – 12.00pm at Maternal and Child Health Centre

Kerang – 15 March, 4.00pm – 5.30pm at Gannawarra Children's Centre

COMMUNITY GRANTS CLOSE TODAY!

Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Grants close today 5pm. For more information please visit Council's website www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au

RESEALING CONTRACT

Councils 2016/17 resealing contract has commenced. There will be approximately 36 kilometres of roads resealed in Koondrook, Cohuna and Kerang as well as a number of rural roads across the Shire. Please note some delays will be expected during the resealing.

PET REGISTRATIONS NOW DUE!

Pet owners will begin to receive their animal registration notices in the mail this week and are reminded to ensure their animal's registration payment is made by 10 April 2017.

Animal registration is required under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* and all dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered with Council and microchipped.

WELLS BRIDGE UPDATE

Works are progressing on the Wells Bridge development with the concrete deck now laid and the approaches to the new bridge commenced.

The bridge is expected to be open to traffic in the coming weeks.

An official opening will be held on Monday 24 April at 2.00pm, with the community welcome to attend.



MAYORS MESSAGE

Over the last few weeks we have had some exciting news for the Gannawarra Shire with the announcement that the Queen's Baton Relay will travel through Murrabit and Kerang in February 2018, on route to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. This will require substantial planning and I hope that all of the community will get on board and help out in some way to make this a significant event for the Shire as being under both National and International attention.

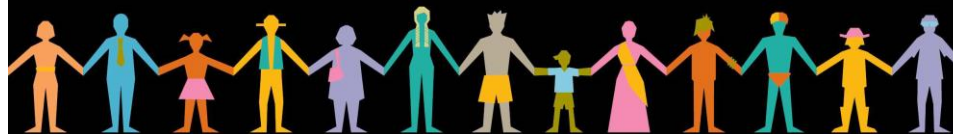
Staff and Councillors have started speaking with key community groups putting the final touches to Community Profiles and starting to get the final draft of the Council Plan in order so that we can take it out to all of the community for feedback on what we hope to achieve over the next four years. There is a lot of work that goes into this so hopefully we will get some positive feedback on our plan.

A recent decision by the State Government to double the first home buyers grant in regional areas is a great chance for new home buyers to get an extra start. I hope that some of our residents take the opportunity to enter the home owner market and purchase their first home with this assistance.

Brian Gibson, MAYOR



21 MARCH HARMONY DAY



EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS!

Gannawarra Shire Council's Maternal and Child Health team invites you and your family to celebrate cultural diversity this Harmony Day with lunch and a get together.

Atkinson Park, Kerang: 20 March 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Garden Park, Cohuna: 24 March 11.30am – 12.30pm

Everyone is welcome and national dress is encouraged. Wet weather arrangements are in place, please visit www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au for more information.

Stolen Generation Plaque Unveiling



'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'

Council invites the community to join us for a special ceremony to unveil a plaque in remembrance of the Stolen Generation.

The ceremony will be held on Wednesday 22 March, 4.00pm outside Gannawarra Children's Centre in Kerang.

Please note the presentation will proceed regardless of weather. Please be mindful that the ceremony will involve smoke.

NOMINATE A LOCAL LEGEND!



Local legends are being called on to carry the Queen's Baton in Kerang and Murrabit as it prepares to host the Queen's Baton Relay.

The eyes of the Commonwealth will be on Gannawarra Shire on 16 February as the Baton journeys towards its final destination, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

Nominations for batonbearers are now open, anyone can nominate a person who inspires them to be great. Nominees can reside anywhere across the Shire. Nominations can be made at gc2018.com/qbr and close 15 May 2017.

WHAT'S ON?!

March 17 – Murrabit Cod Challenge

March 20 – Harmony Day - Kerang

March 21 – Your Business in a Digital World – Business Victoria Workshop, Cohuna

March 22 – Pop Up Playgroup, Koondrook

March 22 – Stolen Generation plaque unveiling, Kerang

March 24 – Harmony Day – Cohuna

March 25 – Kerang Community Market

March 26 – Lake Charm Hall 125 year reunion

March 28 - Develop your Online Strategy - Business Victoria workshop, Kerang

April 1 – Murrabit Market

April 14 - Rotary Club of Kerang Annual Easter Art Show, Kerang

April 15 – Kerang Quilters Quilt Show

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