

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT OMBUDSMAN

The Public Transport Ombudsman looks at complaints about public transport in Victoria and works with consumers and public transport operators to achieve fair and effective outcomes. If you have any concerns relating to transport services please contact the Public Transport Ombudsman [www.ptovic.com.au](http://www.ptovic.com.au).

## DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Gannawarra Shire Council, as the declared waterway manager for the waters of Lake Charm 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 Ski Racing Victoria at Lake Charm vessels and persons participating in the Ski Racing Victoria 2017/2018 series of events detailed in **Table 1** are exempt from:

1. The requirements to operate a vessel at a speed not exceeding 5 knots within 50 metres of a person in the water, as detailed in Clause 2(a) of the Notice under Section 15(2) of the Marine Act 1988 (Vic);
2. The requirements to operate a vessel at a speed not exceeding 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel, as detailed in Clause 2(c) of the Notice under Section 15(2) of the Marine Act 1988 (Vic);
3. The requirements of Clause 139.9(a)(b) of Schedule 139 (Lake Charm) in relation to the area prohibited to vessels (provided all vessels maintain a speed that minimizes wash when in this area).
4. The requirements of Regulations 96(6), 100(3), 101(3), 103, 104(1) and 104(2) of the Marine Safety Regulations 2012, in respect to the requirement to carry and wear a PFD for persons on board a vessel, requirement for persons being towed to wear a PFD, and requirement for master to ensure PFDs are worn. This exemption only applies to competing vessel occupants wearing a Lifeline Comp Vest PN170, and water-skiers wearing a Ski Racing Australia approved buoyant wetsuit.
5. The requirements of Regulation 96 (5) of the Marine Safety Regulations 2012, in respect to the requirement to carry a bucket with lanyard and waterproof buoyant torch. This applies to competing vessels only.

The exemptions apply for the times and dates listed in Table 1, 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

Table 1

Event	Dates	Times
Point score 1	16 & 17 September 2017	6.00am -6.00pm each day
Point score 3	2 & 3 December 2017	6.00am -6.00pm each day
Point score 4	20 & 21 January 2018	6.00am -6.00pm each day
Point score 5	24 & 25 February 2018	6.00am -6.00pm each day

## TEMPORARY LAKE CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that **Lake Charm** will be closed to the public between the hours of 6.00 am to 6.00 pm **Saturday 16 September 2017** and 6.00 am to 6.00 pm **Sunday 17 September 2017**. The purpose of this lake closure is for the Ski Racing Victoria Point Score Race 1 event. Any enquiries to the Kerang Office on telephone 5450 9333.

## QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

The Queen's Baton Relay is currently in Wales. Next stop for the Baton is Guernsey. It will arrive in Gannawarra in less than 6 months - February 2018!



## IMMUNISATION SESSION

**KERANG** Gannawarra Children's Centre  
Wednesday 6 September  
10.30am – 12pm

Please arrive at least 15mins prior to session closing time

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

At our last Council meeting a planning permit was granted for another solar installation in the Gannawarra Shire. This is the fifth such application to be approved. Council is excited by the interest shown in our shire by solar investors. Last Wednesday we hosted a forum bringing together all the key stakeholders.

I was extremely pleased with the response. To have the key policy makers in the room was a huge step forward towards achieving our goal of becoming the renewable energy capital of North West Victoria.

I had the pleasure of attending Kerang South Primary School for the launch of the children's stories guided by Uncle Ron Murray and Aunty Esther Kirby, who have been working with the school over the past three months. Great effort by the school and all who supported this indigenous arts project.

What an exciting Book Parade we had at Kerang to mark the 40th anniversary. The children did an amazing job dressing up and I would particularly like to thank and congratulate all of the event organisers, both current and past.

To finish off I would like to mention the works in the Kerang CBD, things have started to really progress now and we should see through traffic again very soon.



**BRIAN  
GIBSON  
MAYOR**

## KERANG CBD WORKS UPDATE

Work is progressing on Victoria Street, albeit not as quickly as initially anticipated due to the level of attention required to lay the small carriageway pavers and difficulty in securing contractors. Council's priority is to have traffic flowing again as soon as possible (one way traffic initially), with the target date being this Monday 11 September. Products being used cure quickly, so once sealing and grouting of the paving is complete the road can be opened to traffic after 72 hours (as opposed to needing to cure for 21 days!). When the road reopens to traffic, large sections of the current temporary fence will be replaced with bollards and low fencing and works will begin on the western footpath section. The western footpath construction will involve the removal of all the pavers and sand along the footpath, and the concreting will be conducted in sections to maintain pedestrian access. Following removal of the pavers and sand, carpet has been laid on top of the crushed rock foundations and ramps constructed into shops. Pedestrian paths will change every few days while the concreting is taking place. It is anticipated that it may take up to 2 weeks to fully concrete all the different sections. The footpath paving will be much quicker than the roadway as they are larger and laid on a different product as they do not need to carry vehicular traffic. Works will be undertaken on weekends and outside business hours to minimise disruption as much as possible. The retaining walls are in production and will begin to be installed along the carriageway in the coming weeks. This will likely result in a full road closure over a number of Saturday afternoons to allow the segments to be lifted into position via a crane.

**A reminder that Victoria Street is open for business as per normal! Parking is still available at either end of Victoria Street.**

## GET ACTIVE IN GANNAWARRA

The warmer weather is on its way and Council is encouraging the community to *Get Active in Gannawarra - Walk your way into Wellbeing in Spring*. Walking is being encouraged as a free, low impact and enjoyable way to make regular physical activity part of your lifestyle. Walking can be done on your own, with your pet, with a friend or by joining a local walking group.

Our region is loaded with natural features, rivers, lakes, wetlands and forests that offer opportunities for active weekend adventures. Take your pick from the many beautiful local bushwalks, such as the Gunbower Creek, Murray River, one of our many lakes or at one of our local parks. To find more information about local walking tracks and trails, as well as other local active adventures, visit [www.visitkerangcohunakoondrook.com.au](http://www.visitkerangcohunakoondrook.com.au).

The *Get Active in Gannawarra* campaign coincides with the Gannawarra VicHealth Walk to School program, and provides an opportunity for community members to role model healthy active lifestyles to our children.

## LIFEGUARDS

Great job opportunities available at the Cohuna and Kerang outdoor pools this summer.

Apply now at [www.momentumone.com.au](http://www.momentumone.com.au)

**Momentum** 

## WHAT'S ON!?

- SEPTEMBER 5 Quambatook Community Social Meal
- SEPTEMBER 8 Barook Community Social Meal
- SEPTEMBER 11 Cooking Up A Storm, Lake Charm
- SEPTEMBER 12 Lake Charm/Mystic Park Community Social Meal
- SEPTEMBER 13 Murrabit Community Social Meal
- SEPTEMBER 14 Leitchville Community Social Meal
- SEPTEMBER 16 Mid Murray Orchid Club Annual Show
- SEPTEMBER 19 FREE Car Safety & Maintenance Workshop, Kerang
- SEPTEMBER 19 Quambatook Community Social Meal
- SEPTEMBER 20 Glorious!, Leitchville

ALL EVENT DETAILS ARE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

## GLORIOUS!

To acknowledge the valued contribution Volunteers make to our Shire, this year we are offering each Volunteer a complimentary ticket to attend *Glorious the musical*. This hilarious true story of Florence Foster Jenkins – the worst singer in the world, will be playing at Leitchville Memorial Hall on 20 September, 1pm and 6.30pm - [www.trybooking.com/PVGV](http://www.trybooking.com/PVGV). There will be a bus available from Kerang and Cohuna to Leitchville for the 1.00pm Matinee performance only. Please contact Council on 5450 9333 and advise upon booking if you require bus transport.



Encourage children to walk, ride or scoot to school!