

EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- Outdoor Worker (permanent full-time)

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IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

COHUNA Maternal Child & Health Centre
Wednesday, 16 October 2019
10.30am - 12noon

KERANG Gannawarra Shire Children's Centre
Wednesday, 16 October 2019
4.00pm - 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chambers, Kerang. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda will be available two days prior to the meeting at www.gsc.vic.gov.au



AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Gannawarra Shire Council Australia Day Awards, in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year (aged 15-24 years as of 26 January 2020).

Award winners will be announced on Australia Day 2020.

Nomination forms are available online at

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/Australia_Day_Awards

Nominations close on Monday, 2 December at 9am.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period for the Gannawarra Shire will come into effect at 1am on Monday, 21 October 2019.

During the Fire Danger Period, fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit.

Fire permits can be obtained by contacting the CFA District 20 headquarters on (03) 5450 9400.

In addition to the Fire Danger Period, separate Total Fire Ban declarations can be made which will mean no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day.

The Fire Danger Period will end on 1 May 2020 unless otherwise stated.

For more information, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/fires

COHUNA SKATE PARK DESIGN

Council is seeking feedback regarding the future design of the Cohuna Skate Park. Skate Park users are encouraged to complete a questionnaire to identify what features they would like incorporated into the proposed design. Residents can have their say by visiting

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/cohunaskatepark

A stall featuring draft graphics will be set up at Garden Park on the evening of Saturday, 2 November to coincide with the Cohuna Creekside Fair.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I welcomed the Federal Government's recent announcement to add Gannawarra to the Drought Communities Program Extension. This provides additional support for our residents and allows Council to apply for up to \$1 million to fund local infrastructure projects and other drought relief activities.

Council will further consider the criteria relating to projects that the \$1 million of funding can support and develop a proposal for the allocation of these funds. Meanwhile, if you were unable to attend the Independent Assessment of Social and Economic Conditions in the Murray-Darling Basin drop-in session at Cohuna earlier this month, I encourage you to visit the panel's website – www.basin-socio-economic.com.au - by Friday, 25 October and complete a Community Experience Survey.

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October is Mental Health Month. I encourage you to continue to look out for your own mental health and the mental health and wellbeing of those around you.

Thank you to communities that are hosting 5 Ways to Wellbeing Walk and Talk events throughout October and raising funds for the Gannawarra Giving Account. This all helps to support our local families who are experiencing significant challenges at present.

Kind regards,
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

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LEARMONTH



SENIORS FESTIVAL CONTINUES

Celebrations marking the Victorian Seniors Festival are underway, with a number of events still to occur between now and the end the month, including:

Wednesday, 16 October – Trip to Rex Theatre, Charlton for the screening of *Poms*

Thursday, 24 October – Grandparents Story Time session at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library

Tuesday, 29 October – Free makeup workshop at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library

Thursday, 31 October – Wetlander morning tea river cruise

Further details of all events are listed in Council's Victorian Seniors Festival Guide, which features other community events occurring throughout October including Council's popular Social Meals program.

Copies are available from Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang, Gannawarra Library Service branches and online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au



WALK, RIDE, SCOOT TO SCHOOL

October is Walk to School month. All 10 local primary schools are participating in the Gannawarra VicHealth Walk to School program with students and their families encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to school, or the school bus, as often as they can. Please slow down and look out for children on our local roads, streets and footpaths as they practice important road safety skills and are active, healthy and independent in their communities.

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative. Visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au or www.facebook.com/HealthyGannawarra

WHAT'S ON...

OCTOBER 15	Social Meal – Quambatook
OCTOBER 16	Rex Theatre bus trip
OCTOBER 16	Time for Me, Cohuna
OCTOBER 17	Tennis For All Abilities, Kerang
OCTOBER 17	Social Meal – Leitchville
OCTOBER 18	5 Ways to Wellbeing Walk, Murrabit
OCTOBER 19	Ramble Tamble – The Australian Creedence Show, Kerang
OCTOBER 23	Social Meal - Murrabit
OCTOBER 23	Time for Me, Cohuna
OCTOBER 24	Grandparents Story Time, Kerang
OCTOBER 24	Tennis For All Abilities, Kerang
OCTOBER 25-26	100 Years of Secondary Education in Kerang
OCTOBER 25	Bowling with Babies, Kerang
OCTOBER 26	Quambatook Town Garage Sale
OCTOBER 26	Quambatook Arts Show
OCTOBER 26	Kerang Community Market
OCTOBER 26	Quambatook Silo Cinema
OCTOBER 27	Cohuna Farmers & Makers Market
OCTOBER 29	Makeup workshop, Kerang

Event details can be found on Council's Website

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

Want to see your event featured here? Submit your event details to Council's website www.gsc.vic.gov.au

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

Council produces a monthly *Gannawarra Cares* newsletter to promote the services, programs and activities available to support our local farming families, small businesses and the wider community as the ongoing dry conditions continue.

A copy of the *Gannawarra Cares* newsletter, along with information on Federal and State drought assistance, is available by contacting Council on (03) 5450 9333 or online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/drought

Local farmers are also encouraged to register with Rural Aid for financial and practical support. Phone 1300 327 624 or register online at www.ruralaid.org.au. Assistance with fodder, domestic water, groceries and immediate bill payment is available for eligible farming families.



GANNA WANNA FIX IT!

Gannawarra Shire Council, the Murrabit Men's Shed and Bendigo Health have partnered to run the Ganna Wanna Fix It! program.

The program is designed for women who are in a caring role and want to know more about basic home and car maintenance. Participants will gather every second Thursday at the Murrabit Men's Shed, commencing 10 October, for a three-hour 'hands-on' session to learn basic skills, such as how to change a tyre, tap washer, re-hinge a cupboard door and replace fly wire.

Program spaces are limited, so if you would like to join, please contact Council's Community Care services on (03) 5450 9333.

