

## JOB VACANCIES

**Manager Operational Services** – Permanent full time  
**Technical Officer** – Permanent full time  
**Environmental Officer** – Permanent full time  
**Graduate Environmental Health Officer** – Contract  
 For more information visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

## COUNCIL MEETING

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 December at Council Chambers in Kerang at 6.00pm. All welcome.

## IMMUNISATION SESSION

**COHUNA** Maternal Child Health Centre  
 Wednesday 20 December  
 10.30am – Midday  
**KERANG** Gannawarra Children’s Centre  
 Wednesday 20 December  
 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15mins prior to session closing time

## OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

Season tickets are available to purchase from Customer Service centres or at the pools.

**Cohuna Swimming Pool Summer Opening Hours:**  
 December, January & February 10.00am - 8.00pm  
 (Monday - Sunday).

**Kerang Swimming Pool Summer Opening Hours:**  
 December, January & February 10.00am - 8.00pm  
 (Monday - Sunday).

**Public Holiday Hours:** 12.00pm - 7.00pm

## LEARN TO SWIM - KERANG

Learn to Swim is again being offered at Kerang Swimming Pool during January. The program will run between Tuesday 2 January - Monday 15 January 2018. To register please visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au). Registrations need to be submitted by tomorrow, Wednesday 20 December. For programs at other pools, please visit our website for details.

## EARLY MORNING SWIMMING

Cohuna Pool - Tuesday & Thursdays 6.30am - 8.30am.  
 Kerang Pool - Wednesdays 6.30am - 8.30am.  
 Come along and enjoy the great benefits of swimming!

## QUEENS BATON RELAY

The Queen’s Baton Relay is currently in New Zealand. Next stop for the Baton is Australia. It will arrive in Gannawarra in less than 2 months! Community Celebrations will be held at Murrabit Group School and Atkinson Park, Kerang on Friday 16 February 2018!



## MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Well who can believe we are nearly at the end of another year!

This year seems to have flown past without even stopping to say hi, however, it has been a year in which we have seen a number of significant achievements in Gannawarra including the completion of the \$1.6 million Wells Bridge redevelopment at Benjeroop, \$800,000 in funding announced for the Nature Based Tourism Hub in Koondrook, the commencement of the Kerang CBD redevelopment, Reconciliation Week activities held across the municipality and Triple J hosts Veronica and Lewis undertaking the ‘Keys to Cohuna’ challenge – and that’s just a snippet of what has happened in 2017!

I was thrilled to be re-elected as Mayor last month and together with my fellow Councillors we have a lot of exciting and challenging times ahead of us in the coming year. We are very close to being able to announce the appointment of a new CEO for Gannawarra Shire, with the recruitment process almost complete; an announcement prior to Christmas is anticipated. In the interim, we are working with Acting CEO Tom O’Reilly.

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.



**BRIAN GIBSON  
MAYOR**

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Gannawarra Library Service is running the popular 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 rewards gained along the way and increased chances to win great prizes.

With the support of fantastic sponsorship from the Kerang Rotary Club there are multiple vouchers from Kerang Sports and Toys to be won: 4 x \$50 vouchers for the kids that read the most books from the Cohuna, Kerang, Leitchville and Quambatook branches and 3 x \$75 vouchers drawn randomly for kids in Grades P/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6.

Join at any branch of the Gannawarra Library Service or contact 5452 1546 for further details.



## PROMOTE YOUR EVENT!

Event organisers across the Gannawarra Shire are encouraged to submit their arts, culture and tourism events to the next edition of the Gannawarra Events brochure.

The Autumn and Winter edition of the brochure is currently being compiled by Council and is due to be released in early 2018.

The brochure is distributed far and wide and not only lets residents know what fabulous events are planned but is also used to attract visitors to our region.

For consideration of inclusion into the next edition of the brochure, event organisers are required to upload event details to Council’s website by Friday 29 December, 2017.

If you want to take advantage of this free advertising opportunity, simply add your tourism, art or culture event to Council’s website.

The form is simple to complete and is then submitted to Council to add to the website and to be considered for inclusion in the next brochure.

To add your community event visit Councils website [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Events/Events-Activities/Add-your-event](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Events/Events-Activities/Add-your-event)

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It was a privilege for Council’s Community Wellbeing team to be part of delivering Christmas hampers to families across the Gannawarra Shire who have experienced a challenging year.

This is an initiative of the Gannawarra Toy Run and the Cohuna Combined Churches who have worked together to extend the hand of friendship across our communities. Last year 19 families received the hampers, this year 39 families across the shire were reached.



## Managing your waste in the Loddon Mallee Region JUST GOT EASIER

The Loddon Mallee Waste Info App has been developed to help residents make quick and simple waste and recycling decisions with the aim to reduce contamination and increase recycling levels.

Download the Loddon Mallee Waste Info App FREE from the App Store or Google Play  
 Search: Loddon Mallee



Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group



## WHAT’S ON!?

- DECEMBER 20 Ordinary Council Meeting
- DECEMBER 23 Kerang Community Market
- DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day
- DECEMBER 26 Kerang Boxing Day Races
- DECEMBER 31 New Years Eve Community Celebrations
- JANUARY 06 Murrabit Market
- JANUARY 08 Cooking Up A Storm
- JANUARY 26 Australia Day Community Celebrations
- JANUARY 26 Great Aussie Lilo Race, Koondrook
- JANUARY 27 Ski Racing Victoria - Point Score 4
- JANUARY 27 Cohuna Town Garage Sale
- JANUARY 27 Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Days

ALL EVENT DETAILS ARE ON COUNCIL’S WEBSITE

## GANNAWARRA ACE CLUB

The Gannawarra Arts, Culture and Entertainment Club will advise you of up-coming shows and events. For more info contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House Ph 5456 4666