

COUNCIL MEETING

Please note there is no Council meeting in January. The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chambers, Kerang. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda is available two days prior to the meeting at www.gsc.vic.gov.au

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

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

KERANG Gannawarra Children's Centre
Wednesday January 16, 2019
4.00pm – 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time

WATERFRONT MASTERPLANS FEEDBACK INVITED

Council is inviting community members to provide feedback on the draft Gannawarra Waterfront Masterplans developed by Urban Enterprise. The Waterfront Masterplans includes Kerang Lakes (Kangaroo Lake and Lake Charm), the Murray River Precinct at Koondrook and the Gunbower Creek Precinct in Cohuna. The draft Waterfront Masterplans have been prepared based on community consultation and feedback on the Concept Plan Discussion Paper. A final Waterfront Masterplans report will be prepared based on feedback and consultation of the draft. The concept masterplans prepared through this project will aim to identify projects that will lead to strong economic development and liveability outcomes for Gannawarra Shire. Copies of the Draft Gannawarra Waterfront Masterplans can be inspected at Cohuna and Kerang Council Offices, Sir John Gorton Library in Kerang, Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre in Cohuna or online via www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Council/Public-Notices Any person wishing to submit feedback can do so by providing their feedback in writing via email to council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au, deliver in person at Gannawarra Shire Council offices located at 47 Victoria Street, Kerang or 23-25 King Edward Street, Cohuna or by post to PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579. Submissions close at 5pm on Thursday February 28, 2019.

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY FEEDBACK INVITED

Council is inviting members of the community to provide their feedback on the draft Social Inclusion Strategy. The Social Inclusion Strategy 2019-2023 aims to achieve the goal of an inclusive community where people feel valued and part of everyday life. The Social Inclusion Strategy aims to reduce barriers for groups most at risk of being excluded from our community. As part of the development of the strategy, Council asked residents, service providers and Council staff their thoughts about being included in our community, and how inclusion in our Shire could be improved. Copies of the Social Inclusion Strategy can be inspected at Cohuna and Kerang Council Offices, or online via www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Council/Public-Notices. Feedback regarding the strategy must be submitted to Council in writing via Kerang and Cohuna Customer Service Office or by email to council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au. The strategy will be open for feedback until 5pm on Friday February 1, 2019.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we commence a new year, I hope that 2019 will see the better profitability for our farming community. It would be great to see improved commodity prices, better water security for our irrigation farmers and a good early rain event, and continuing rain, for our dry land farmers. I again encourage everyone to continue to 'shop local' and support small businesses across our Shire. It is pleasing to have so many visitors and families in our local caravan parks and camping on our rivers and lakes over the holiday period. We hope you have enjoyed your time in our Shire and we welcome your return in the future. As we experience high summer temperatures, I encourage you to drink plenty of water, plan your day and seek cool areas, such as our local

pools and libraries. Remember to check in on elderly neighbours to ensure they are comfortable. Don't forget your pets and leave some water out in your garden for wildlife. Also remember to pick up and bag fallen fruit. Leave in the sun and then bin to reduce fruit fly in our area. Council is bringing a number of exciting theatre performances to our communities during 2019. Visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au for dates and details and be sure to write these in your diary. The first performance is Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' showing at Lake Meran on January 17. See you there! I look forward to the challenges and success of 2019. Kind regards,
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

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AUSTRALIA DAY 2019
Saturday 26 January

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

- Koondrook/Barham:** Riverside Park Barham, 7.00am with guest speaker Marilyn Harper
- Kerang:** Atkinson Park, 7.30am with guest speaker Damian Brown
- Cohuna:** Garden Park, 8.00am with guest speaker Alma Besserdin
- Murrabit:** Murrabit Market Lions Shelter, 8.00am with guest speaker Celeste Pearce
- Lalbert:** Lalbert Community Park, 8.30am with guest speaker Aris Imbardelli
- Quambatook:** Quambatook Memorial Hall, 8.30am with guest speaker Professor Bruce Bonyhady AM
- Leitchville:** Leitchville Sporting Complex, 6.30pm with guest speaker Alma Besserdin

Australia Day

CALICIVIRUS RELEASE

Council will be conducting a release of the Calicivirus (RHDV K5) shire-wide commencing mid to late January 2019 dependent on suitable weather conditions. The wild rabbit eradication program is supported by the Victorian Government's Roadside Weeds and Pests Program 2017-2019. This is the same strain of Calicivirus that was released early in 2017 as part of a nation-wide effort to control wild rabbit populations. While the virus is already in the area, residents with pet rabbits are reminded to check that their pet rabbit has been vaccinated prior to the release. Even if your pet rabbit has been vaccinated in the past effectiveness wanes over time and the release of RHDV1 K5 will result in a higher concentration of Calicivirus in the area. Please contact your local vet for more information on vaccinating your pet rabbit.

WHAT'S ON...

- JAN 08 Quambatook Social Meal
- JAN 17 A Midsummer Night's Dream
- JAN 18 Cohuna Social Meal
- JAN 18 iPad for Seniors, Quambatook
- JAN 18 iPhone Photography, Quambatook
- JAN 19 Kerang Community Market
- JAN 21 Disability and Carers Expo
- JAN 22 & 23 Live Light Painting Workshops
- JAN 22, 23 & 24 Key's to Success - 3 Day Disability Program
- JAN 23 Live Light Painting Performance
- JAN 26 Australia Day Celebrations – Shire wide
- JAN 27 Cohuna Farmers and Makers Markets

Event details can be found on Council's Website
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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SHOWING AT LAKE MERAN

Lake Meran is the perfect venue for A Midsummer Night's Dream showing January 17. Loved by so many as a place of happy childhood memories, the fantasy and playfulness of the show will be cradled by the mystical gum trees and beauty of the lake. Tickets available now via www.trybooking.com/YHKH or at Council Offices.

LIVE LIGHT PAINTING COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

Live Light Painting is a new and exciting form of visual storytelling seen at events such as White Night Festival and Vivid Sydney. Over two days community members who have signed up to the workshops will learn how to create interactive animated paintings on an iPad and bring their artwork to life using sound and music. Following the workshops, all community members are invited to view the works created by participants and workshop leaders. The performance will be held between 5pm and 6pm on Wednesday January 23, 2019 at the Kerang Memorial Hall. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend. For more information visit www.trybooking.com/YHKV



DISABILITY AND CARER'S EXPO

Looking for disability or carer support and services that are available in our local area? Come along & meet a wide range of providers who can help you access physiotherapy, dentistry, speech therapy, psychologists, daily life skills, community access, respite support and lots more... NDIS Participants and families looking for plan assistance and support are encouraged to attend! The Expo is on Monday 21 January 2019 at the Kerang Memorial Hall and is open between 2.00pm - 3.30pm and 4.30pm - 6.30pm.

