



GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

DECEMBER 2019



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Shire Council

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Recent hot conditions and bushfires are timely reminders that we need to be vigilant when it comes to heat and fire preparedness. It is important to think through what you would do in an emergency situation and have a plan in place for you and your family. Although it has been a difficult year for our communities, I encourage you to support our local businesses this Christmas and to take time to connect with your neighbours and the wider community.

Kind regards,
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GRANTS

The Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee is calling for applications of up to \$5,000 from not-for-profit community groups to support community-led activities, events and projects across Gannawarra in the first half of 2020.

Examples include:

- *Community celebrations such as Christmas, New Year, Neighbour Day and Easter events, or other events that bring people together
- *Minor equipment purchases
- *Workshops that build community capacity
- *Community bus trips that will boost the local economy

Applications close on Friday, 13 December 2019. For details and to apply, visit www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/grants. Hard copy forms are also available from Council's Kerang and Cohuna offices.

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

For services and financial support available for individuals, farm families and businesses affected by dry seasonal conditions, visit:

www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/drought/dry-seasons-support

For financial assistance available to eligible farming families through the Federal Government, visit:

www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought



LOCAL EVENTS

For a list of community events planned for Gannawarra communities across the upcoming Christmas and New Year period, visit: www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/events



The Tactics for Tough Times Program delivers 30 minute sessions to support people in our rural communities to 'look out for each other'. Contact Paul Lacy at Northern District Community Health Ph. 5451 0200 or E: paul.lacy@ndch.org.au www.ndch.org.au/t4tt

HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Country Women's Association (CWA) has funding of up to \$3,000 available to eligible Gannawarra farming families, farm workers and contractors operating in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID) that are drought-affected and reliant on farming as their primary source of income. Eligible expenses include groceries, school expenses, electricity, rates, telephone and emergency dental and medical bills.

Further details available from: www.cwaofvic.org.au/about/drought-relief/

HOW TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Making a plan helps you make better decisions when an emergency occurs. For more information on how to prepare, visit: www.ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready



Emergency Relief Pantry
Cohuna Neighbourhood House
OPEN Mondays 10-12 for Self Service. Parcels available other days. Please make contact if you need assistance
Call 5456 4666
29 Market Street Cohuna



Rural Aid provides financial and practical support to farmers.

Register with Rural Aid by phoning 1300 327 624, contacting local Rural Aid representative, Suzie Jacobs on 0476 719 874 or at www.ruralaid.org.au

Register so that it's known what type of support is needed: fodder, drinking water, groceries, counselling, workers. Once registered, you are able to apply for \$1,500 immediate bill assistance.



For free, independent and confidential financial counselling, give us a call on 1300 769 489. We can meet with you at your farm, your business, or elsewhere.

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Gannawarra Giving Account: Tax deductible donations can be made at Northern District Community Health. Ph. 5451 0200 or www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount