

GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

February 2020



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our thoughts are with communities across Australia that have been severely impacted by bushfires throughout summer and I thank Gannawarra community members who have contributed to the relief and recovery efforts underway to support people in need of our assistance. The rollout of projects and works supported by the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme – Extension has started. These projects will benefit communities across the Gannawarra with \$2 million of projects, programs and events taking place prior to 31 December 2020.

Kind regards,
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth



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



27 January – 12 March 2020
Location: RSL Drive
(next to Kerang Memorial Hall)
PH. 13 20 50



FarmHub takes the hard work out of finding drought relief and assistance and support programs.

The website lists off assistance available through the Victorian Government, Federal Government and charitable organisations such as the Country Women's Association, Rural Aid, Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, go to www.farmhub.org.au



The *Dry Season Support Services* booklet outlines services and financial support available for individuals, farm families and businesses affected by dry seasonal conditions in Northern and North West Victoria. Download from www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/drought/dry-seasons-support

Drought Employment Program

If you are a farmer or farm worker affected by the drought, you can register for temporary work in your local area. Register at the following website: www.chandlermacleod.com/other-jobs/natural-resource-worker/2897015

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Resilience Grants Program Updates

Many wonderful community projects have been funded through the first two rounds of the Gannawarra Community Resilience Grants Program.

Lake Charm, Quambatook, Cohuna, Koondrook and Kerang communities all enjoyed time together at Christmas at New Year's Eve gatherings and street parties. The Cohuna Combined Churches have also established a bi-monthly Ladies Breakfast. The breakfast kicked off in December 2019 at The Elm Tree Nursery Cohuna where 50 ladies came together to share stories and reflect on what makes them happy!

Other projects will be profiled throughout the year as they are completed.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 and 19 February 2020, Kerang

Ag-Vic Young Farmer Bootcamp Kerang
www.kerangbootcamp.eventbrite.com.au

12 February 2020, Cohuna

Dairy Australia, *Progress with Less* - How farm businesses have been structured to cope with less water.

www.dairyaustralia.com.au/events-calendar/event?sfid=7016F000002alQfQAI

21 February 2020, Kerang

Ag-Vic Seasonal Update session Kerang.

www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/about-us/media-releases/seasonal-update-sessions-to-be-delivered

Gannawarra Giving Account

Tax deductible donations can be made at Northern District Community Health to support inclusion of children in sport, recreation and community activities. Ph. 5451 0200 or www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount



SAVE THE DATE – NEIGHBOUR DAY

SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. Whether through a cuppa, a picnic in the park, or a message of support; Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour! The theme for Neighbour Day 2020 is Social Connections. Jump online and register an event at www.neighbourday.org