

GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

MARCH 2020



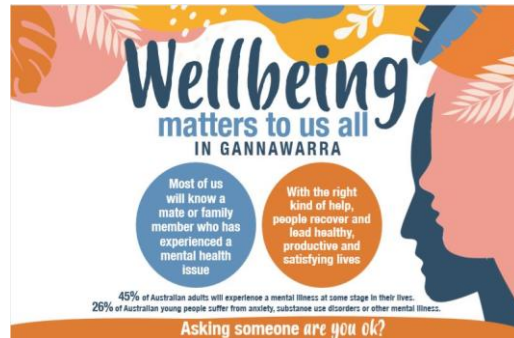
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A number of projects have started across the Gannawarra, supported by funding from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme-extension. All nine Gannawarra communities have at least one project being completed prior to the end of June. Many of these projects are being managed directly by communities to support the local economies of our small towns. There is also a range of community resilience activities starting to roll-out, including Mental Health First Aid training in Cohuna, the establishment of Agrisafe™ Clinics in Gannawarra and an Artist in Residency for young families coming up at the Sir John Gorton Library in Kerang on 1 April 2020. A Gannawarra Leadership Program is also being finalised. A reminder to continue to donate to the Gannawarra Giving Account:

www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount



Kind regards,
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth



Resilience Grants Program Update

Planning is underway at Cohuna Neighbourhood House as a dedicated team of volunteers scope out the first stage of a new **All Abilities Community Garden**. The garden will provide fresh food to the broader community, complement the existing Emergency Food Pantry and provide many social benefits as a place to meet, chat and garden. The project has been funded through the Gannawarra Community Resilience Grants Program.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Climate Change Adaptation Community Event, FREE. 13 & 14 March. 10am to 2pm, Apex Park, Reedy Lake. Enquiries to: barapalw@gmail.com

Mental Health First Aid. FREE. Two-day course, Cohuna 16 & 23 March. Ph: 5451 0200 or book at: www.ndch.org.au/events

2020 North Central Catchment Management Authority Regional Round Table. Thursday 19 March, Kerang Memorial Hall. Register at: Media and Events: www.nccma.vic.gov.au

Neighbour Day communita. FREE. 29 March. 2pm. Atkinson Park, Kerang.
'I See You Like This' Artist Residency. Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang 1 April 2020. 45-min sessions between 10am and 3pm. \$20 per family for 1 adult and 1-2 children. Book at: www.trybooking.com/BHFVL



SAVE THE DATE – NEIGHBOUR DAY
SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020
2PM ATKINSON PARK, KERANG
Connect over a cup of tea (or coffee)

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Meet your local volunteers from CFA, VICSES, Lions, plus Ambulance Vic, Northern District Community Health, Kerang District Community Centre + more.

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.



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.

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Agriculture Victoria's Dry Seasons website features information to assist farmers:

agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons

You can find out about workshops in the region, the new feeding livestock website: feedinglivestock.vic.gov.au and download copies of our free booklets which provide a comprehensive list of the Victorian and Federal Government's drought and dry seasonal conditions support initiatives.



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 Tactics for Tough Times (T4TT) Program has now delivered over 50 wellbeing and support sessions. More than 1,000 people in the community are now equipped with the skills to 'look out for each other' and are more confident in having the tough conversation. If you haven't attended a session and think these skills would benefit you, contact Paul, Ph:5451 0200 or E: paul.lacy@ndch.org.au www.ndch.org.au/t4tt