Let’s start a conversation about what we want the **FUTURE FOR GANNAWARRA SHIRE** to look like over the coming four years.
The community told us in 2010 to focus on six key strategy platforms of Gannawarra 2025. We turned this vision into the Council Plan 2013-2017 and incorporated our Health and Wellbeing Plan.

These are some of the things achieved by working together:

1. **Reverse Decline in Working Population**
   - New Gannawarra Children’s Centre in Kerang

2. **Revitalise Our Towns into Vibrant Places**
   - Attracting new agricultural businesses to Gannawarra
   - Skate parks in Kerang and Quambatook
   - Tracks and trails, park and playground upgrades
   - Koondrook Wharf completed

3. **Foster Economic Prosperity through Diversity**
   - Well’s Bridge upgrade
   - Solar projects
   - Sporting club upgrades
   - Bringing Arts to Gannawarra like Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet

4. **Embrace Environmental Sustainability**
   - Museum Victoria Bioscan of Gunbower Island and surrounds
   - Supporting our community through climate variability
   - Reconciliation and celebrating cultural diversity
   - Tourism branding

5. **Focus Education & Lifelong Learning**
   - Support for young people and Youth Council projects

6. **Facilitate Local, Regional & Global Connectivity**
NOW is an exciting time

We start to think about a new COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan serves as a ‘road map’ to focus Council’s activities over the next four years as we continue to work towards a liveable, productive and sustainable municipality where opportunities are provided for all.

Gannawarra 2025
LONG TERM COMMUNITY VISION

Council plan
(INCORPORATING THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN)
Strategic Objectives, Strategies, Indicators and Initiatives

Municipal Strategic Statement

Strategic Resource Plan
Including Long Term Financial Plan and Non-Financial Resources

Annual Budget

Council Plans and Strategies

Legislation

Stakeholder & Community Engagement

Regional and state plans
WE KNOW WE HAVE SOME CHALLENGES:
- Declining population
- Ageing population
- Low educational attainment
- Transport
- Poorer health outcomes
- Climate variability
- Ongoing rural change
- Rate Capping
- Balancing community expectations

WE NEED TO CONSIDER:
- Education
- Employment
- Tourism/Business
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure
- Health and wellbeing

WE WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU

WE NEED TO INCLUDE EVERYONE IN THE CONVERSATION
We need to link what our communities need with higher level regional and statewide objectives so that we can take advantage of funding opportunities that arise.

TOGETHER we can achieve so much

we want to do this with you

we need to consider:
- education
- employment
- tourism/business
- agriculture
- infrastructure
- health and wellbeing
LET’S HAVE a chat ABOUT:

What you like most about where you live?

What is it about where you live that you don’t like or find challenging?

What services do you most value?

In your community, what do you think Council should be focusing most on?

What other things do we need to do to be a vibrant, connected, inclusive and proud community?

BUT WE ALSO KNOW WE HAVE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES:

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• Redgum Forests
• Agriculture
• Affordable housing
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**OUR POPULATION**

10,145

By 2031 it is estimated that 39.2% of Gannawarra’s population will be aged 65 and over, compared to 24.2% for Victoria.

**SNAPSHOT OF COUNCIL**

24.3% have completed Year 12 compared to 51.7% for Victoria

3.8% unemployment rate compared to 5.4% for Victoria

12,820 hours of domestic care provided

15,510 meals on wheels delivered

3,553 social meals provided

1,222 tonnes of recyclable waste collected

970m of footpath replaced

1,250kms of roads graded

Council delivered 30 Services to the community

524 hours of L2P mentoring by volunteers

1,864 hours of transport provided

78,964 loans through library service

41,722 phone calls received

By 2031 it is estimated that 39.2% of Gannawarra’s population will be aged 65 and over, compared to 24.2% for Victoria.
1,905 hours of 4 year old kindergarten per week
2,150 hours of long day care per week

2,296 vaccinations administered
98.86% of children under 5 fully vaccinated

18.1% of children starting school experience challenges in reading and writing and with numbers, almost three times the state average of 6.3%.

12.8% of children starting school experienced challenges with communication, compared to 7.6% for Victoria.

6.6% with Type 2 Diabetes compared to 4.5% for Victoria

57.4% volunteer compared to 34.3% for Victoria

111 babies were born in 2015/16

946 tourism visitors through Kerang Library and Gateway to Gannawarra each month

438 children were seen at least once during the year by a Maternal and Child Health Nurse

Dental conditions admissions to hospital 3 times the state average for children 0-14yrs

Pre-school attendance is 93% compared to 64.9% in 2009

538 children aged 0-4 and approx. 1380 families with children call Gannawarra home
Let's continue this conversation.

Talk to others in your community.

Fill in a survey on our website, giving us feedback on what you want the **FUTURE FOR GANNAWARRA SHIRE** to look like over the coming four years.

Draft documents will be prepared early 2017 and made available for additional comment.