

# GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

JULY 2019



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the third edition of the *Gannawarra Cares* newsletter.

Developed by the Gannawarra Resilience Committee, this monthly publication promotes the services and support available as the ongoing dry conditions impact on local farming, small businesses and the wider community.

Easy access to support available to Gannawarra residents is available from the Dry Seasons Support section of Council's website – [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

Although we have started to receive much-needed rain, we still need much more to begin recovering from the prolonged period of dry weather.

Please continue to look out for others, extend the hand of friendship and ask the question "R U OK?".



Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth



Up to \$1,500 is available to support community events. Note that applications are required to be submitted at least six weeks prior to the proposed event and the grants are for events planned through to end November 2019.

To apply for funding, visit <https://lookoverthefarmgate.org.au/>

**Supporting Rural Communities & Families:**

- Fodder Assistance
- On Farm Help
- Counselling

We're here to help!  
**1300 327 624**

Don't self-assess, call our local Rural Aid contact, Suzie Jacobs on 0476 719 874.



# R U OK



## Tactics for Tough Times Program

The Tactics for Tough Times program is being implemented by Northern District Community Health and includes a program Coordinator to work with businesses, service providers and community members along with a skilled Mental Health Nurse who can sit at the kitchen table with farmers and provide counselling. To book a T4TT session or to discuss opportunities for supporting our community, call Paul Lacy on 5451 0200 or E: [paul.lacy@ndch.org.au](mailto:paul.lacy@ndch.org.au)

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## GIVE NOW to Giving Account

The Gannawarra Giving Account is accepting donations to support local farming families, particularly to help with the cost of uniform, equipment and fees for children to participate in community, sport and recreation opportunities. The goal is to raise \$5,000. All donations are tax deductible and can be made at Northern District Community Health. Phone 5451 0200 or visit [www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount](http://www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount)



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.



## Seasonal updates

Gear up for next season with expert analysis of the latest market, climate and water outlooks and what this means for dairy businesses in the Murray region. Farmers and service providers are invited to sessions during July for an update on:

- Global and national milk price settings;
- Hay and grain markets;
- Climate indicators; and
- Seasonal water determinations.

**Date:** Monday, 22 July  
**Location:** NDCH  
25 King Edward Street, Cohuna  
**Time:** 10.45am-1pm (lunch included)  
**Bookings:** 5883 5312

## AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

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](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/drought/dry-seasons-support)