

GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the second 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.

It is great that we have received some much welcomed rainfall over the past few weeks. Every little bit helps to lift community spirits. Our local farmers will be looking to the skies for more as we move into Winter and Spring.

Despite the recent rain, I encourage the wider community to continue look out for neighbours, friends and others around you. Don't be afraid to ask the question "R U OK?" and then be prepared to listen. The conversation you have may be life changing.



Kind regards,
Mayor
Lorraine Learmonth



Tactics for Tough Times Program

The T4TT program works with farmers and the wider community to support and build resilience.

The program is being implemented by Northern District Community Health across the four shires of Swan Hill, Gannawarra, Buloke and Loddon.

The Program Coordinator will work with businesses, service providers and community members.

A skilled Mental Health Nurse who can sit at the kitchen table with farmers and provide counselling is also part of the T4TT program.

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



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.



GIVE NOW to Giving Account

The Gannawarra Giving Account is now accepting donations to support local farming families. The goal is to raise \$5,000. All donations are tax deductible and can be made at Northern District Community Health. A great cause to give to as we approach the end of the financial year. Phone 5451 0200 or online at:

www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount



The *Dry Season Support Services* booklet outlines services and financial support available for individuals, farm families and businesses affected by dry seasonal conditions:

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

Irrigators can access Whole Farm Plan incentives:

<https://extensionaus.com.au/irrigatingag/incentives-whole-farm-plan-north-central/>

or contact our local project officers in Kerang, Matthew Hawken and Tim Robinson on 5452 1266.



Up to \$1,500 is available for 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 Nov 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.



Multi-agency Demonstration

VICSES, Murrabit Fire Brigade and VicPolice combined to demonstrate a road rescue as part of the Murrabit Market on 1 June. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our rural communities. We thank all emergency service volunteers who continue to help keep our communities safe.



Connecting with the Arts is great for mental health and wellbeing. Up to \$3,000 is available to support community-led art projects through the RAV Quick Response Grants. Get in touch with Regional Arts Victoria, Regional Officer Kim Bennett to discuss your idea. E: Kbennett@rav.net.au