

GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

OCTOBER 2019



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

October is Mental Health Month. As the dry conditions continue to impact our local area, it is important that we continue to support each other. Please take the time to check on your neighbours, share a cuppa and a friendly chat and ask R U OK? Developed by the Gannawarra Resilience Committee, this monthly newsletter promotes the services, programs and activities available to support our local farming families, small businesses and the wider community.



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



If you have an idea that supports mental health and wellbeing outcomes for your community, up to \$1500 of funding is available. Please note that applications are required six weeks prior to your planned event. Time is running out with events needing to be held prior to Saturday, 30 November 2019. More information: www.lookoverthefarmgate.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.



Emergency Relief Pantry
Cohuna Neighbourhood House
OPEN Mondays 10-12 for Self Service. Parcels available other days. Please make contact if you need assistance
Call 5456 4666
29 Market Street Cohuna



Get a group together, dress in bright colours and walk and talk for a good cause!

HOST A MORNING TEA AND/OR A COMMUNITY WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GANNAWARRA GIVING ACCOUNT TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

To add a Walk and Talk event, visit www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Events/Events-Activities/Add-your-event or Ph. 5450 9333.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A list of upcoming events can be found at: www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/events including:

Walk and Talk Events Dress in bright colours and bring along a donation for the Gannawarra Giving Account:

Kerang Wednesday, 9 October. Front Gate Kerang Primary School 9am for walk, followed by morning tea.

Murrabit Friday, 18 October. Lions Park 10am for walk followed by morning tea.

Cooking Up a Storm Come and Try:

Monday, 14 October 2019, Lake Charm Hall, 6pm-9pm. \$10 per person. Bookings essential by Friday, 11 October to Claire Gillen 0427 579 355.



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 ASSISTANCE EXTENSION

An extension to include Gannawarra as an area eligible for drought assistance has recently been announced by the Federal Government.

Financial assistance of up to \$3,000 to eligible farming households experiencing hardship due to drought is available. Council is also eligible to apply for up to \$1 million to complete local infrastructure and other drought-relief projects.

It was also announced that the Farm Household Allowance process is being simplified. More information:

www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought



Rural Aid provides financial and practical support to farmers. Register with Rural Aid by phoning 1300 327 624, contacting local

Rural Aid representative, Suzie Jacobs on 0476 719 874 or at www.ruralaid.org.au Register so that it's known what type of support is needed: fodder, drinking water, groceries, counselling, workers. Once registered, you are able to apply for \$1500 immediate bill assistance.



Australian Red Cross
Emergency Services

RECRUITING NOW

Support your local community as part of a diverse team. Contribute to Red Cross Emergency Services by helping before, during and after emergencies. Choose how you want to volunteer: Leadership, Incident Management or Team Member. Learn new skills and connect with like-minded people. Recruiting now in all regions across Victoria. Find out more at: www.redcross.org.au/volunteer

Gannawarra Giving Account: Tax deductible donations can be made at Northern District Community Health. Ph. 5451 0200 or www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount