

# GANNAWARRA CARES

Take time to connect with your community....

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Developed by the Gannawarra Resilience Committee, this monthly newsletter promotes the services and programs available to support our local farming families, small businesses and the wider community.

Spring is traditionally a busy time for the agriculture sector and, like all of you, I hope the improving conditions experienced during winter will continue over the coming months.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth



## Community Resilience Grants Program

This new grants program is now open for applications. Grants of up to \$1000 are available to not-for-profit community groups to support community-led activities, events and projects across Gannawarra Shire. Applications close on Friday, 4 October 2019. For details and to apply, visit [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Council/Grants-and-Funding](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Council/Grants-and-Funding)

## AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

### Irrigators Seasonal Update and Long-Term Outlook Sessions:

Murrabit - 19 September 9:30am-11:30am  
Macorna - 19 September 12:30pm-3pm  
Farmers can hear the latest on the outlook for water, rainfall, grain and fodder from experts from Jumbuck Ag, BoM, H20X and DELWP. Bookings to 5482 1922 or email [darren.carnie@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.carnie@agriculture.vic.gov.au)

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)



Rural Aid is known for the Buy a Bale campaign, Farm Rescue, Farm Army and Gift of Music programs.

Rural Aid also provides financial and practical support to farmers. Rural Aid also chooses up to 10 towns, including farms, each year for a week-long rejuvenation event. Nominations are now being called for the 2020 campaign. Farmers and communities across the Gannawarra Shire are encouraged to register with Rural Aid by phoning 1300 327 624 or contacting local Rural Aid representative, Suzie Jacobs on 0476 719 874. [www.ruralaid.org.au](http://www.ruralaid.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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Picasso and His Dog theatre production**  
Kerang Memorial Hall. Wednesday, 18 September 11.30am. Tickets \$5. Children four years and under free. Bookings to Council's Customer Service Centres in Kerang or Cohuna or visit [www.trybooking.com/YHKP](http://www.trybooking.com/YHKP)

**Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program:** Applications for the 2020 program close 30 September. Apply at: [www.leadlm.org.au](http://www.leadlm.org.au)

**135<sup>th</sup> Kerang Annual Show** Monday, 7 October, Alexandra Park, Kerang from 8.30am to 10pm. For details, visit [www.kerangshow.com](http://www.kerangshow.com)

**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 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](mailto:paul.lacy@ndch.org.au) [www.ndch.org.au/tactics-for-tough-times.html](http://www.ndch.org.au/tactics-for-tough-times.html)



A number of local events have been funded through the Look Over the Farm Gate grants program. 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](http://www.lookoverthefarmgate.org.au)

**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

**5 WAYS TO WELLBEING**  
WALK AND TALK  
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH - OCTOBER 2019

*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 an event, please visit [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Events/Events-Activities/Add-your-event](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Business-and-Events/Events-Activities/Add-your-event) or Ph. 5450 9333.

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