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## Mayors Message

Halfway through the year already! So much has been achieved and with much more in the pipeline, it's an exciting time in Gannawarra Shire.

I had the pleasure of going for a drive to Quambatook this week and must say the crops are looking good following the recent rains.

After attending various Rotary and Lions changeover dinners, I would like to congratulate the many volunteers that serve our community. Over 55% of our community volunteer their time and many of our events and programs would be lost without this support.

I would like to encourage residents who are interested in being connected to natural gas to lodge an expression of interest via the TasGas website. The extent of the rollout in each town will be driven by community demand, so speak to your neighbours and your friends to let them know.

Finally, I am looking forward to attending the local Kerang deb balls over the coming weeks. It's always a pleasure to see our young people enjoying themselves and becoming part of the community.

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth, MAYOR**

## Youth Parliament

Youth Parliament is a five day residential camp that over 120 participants take on each year, and this year Gannawarra Shire once again sponsored a team to attend. We had to create a Bill which the team takes to Parliament House to debate. There is three days of the week which you present and debate your Bills in Parliament, refute others and support the Bills brought on by your Chamber.

Many volunteers make this program possible – called the 'Taskforce'; the training portfolio concentrate on making your Bill the best it can be, and help with meetings which could be face to face or over the phone. They also help you with your public speaking skills and help to build your self-confidence. The communication portfolio is Amazing people who try to make your Bills heard by getting you as much media coverage as possible for your team

The third part of the Taskforce is the WREC portfolio. WREC stands for 'recreational' as they handle the fun side of camp. The 'w' in WREC comes from the fact that your body is normally exhausted after the activities they put you through! There are also other positions on Taskforce like Youth Governor and Program Director, as well as logistics. All these amazing people really make the experience of Youth Parliament one to remember.

While on Youth Parliament you make lifelong friends who basically are now family. The last few days of Youth Parliament are really emotional as you realise it's time to go.

We had a fantastic time and would highly recommend it to anyone!

**Hamish Laity – Team Captain**



## COMING EVENTS

### July

**July 17** – Koondrook Barham Farmers Market

**July 20** – Kerang and Cohuna Immunisation Sessions

**July 20** – Ordinary Council Meeting (Kerang Chambers)

**July 23** – Kerang Community Market

## Contract CP284 – Design and Construct Wells Bridge

Tenders are invited for the design and construction of Wells Bridge on the Loddon River in Benjeroop Victoria.

An electronic copy of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's e-tendering portal <https://www.tendersearch.com.au/gannawarra/> or by calling 03 5450 9333.

Tenders may either be lodged electronically via the e-Tendering portal or lodged in written form at the Tender Box. Written tenders must be lodged at Council's Tender Box, Patchell Plaza, 47 Victoria St, Kerang.

Tenders will not be accepted in any form after 4pm on Wednesday 27 July 2016. Tenders will not be accepted at any other office of Council.

Late tenders or tenders delivered verbally will not be accepted. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A pre tender briefing will not be held.

**Eric Braslis**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Gannawarra Shire Council

## Immunisations

**Kerang – July 20**, Gannawarra Children's Centre, 4.00pm - 5.30pm

**Cohuna – July 20**, Maternal and Child Health Centre, 10.30am – 12 midday

## Public Notice

Murrabit Hall Committee of Council AGM will be held at the Murrabit Public Hall on Monday, 25 July 2016 at 7.30 pm to elect a Special Committee under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the Murrabit Public Hall. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

## Proposal to Sell

Notice is hereby given Pursuant to Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to sell Lot PT2 LP86682 CA PT24 SEC 4 Parish of Gunbower in Keath Street, Leitchville. The property is no longer required for the purpose for which it was acquired. Council will consider submissions Pursuant to Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in relation to the sale of this property. Any person wanting to make a submission must do so within twenty-eight (28) days of publication of this notice. Submissions must be received by **Tuesday 9 August 2016**. Submissions should be addressed to – Director Corporate Services, Gannawarra Shire Council PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579

## Youth Council Profile

**Mikayla Penrose**  
Year 11, Barham High School



### Why did you join Youth Council?

I joined Youth Council because it was recommended to me as a step to further my leadership skills and had enjoyed it the previous two years so wanted to continue doing it.

### Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?

In five years I see myself in the middle of my studies at university hopefully in the area of law or science.

### Interests or something interesting about yourself

An interesting fact about me is that I am the Mayor of Youth Council.

### What is one thing you would like to see happen or change in Gannawarra to make it a better place for young people?

I would like to see activities and more social events throughout Gannawarra to conquer boredom.

## Cobden Street to be improved

Gannawarra Shire Council has been awarded \$240,900 from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme to



upgrade and improve access to the Quambatook rail loading and grain receival facility. Council has been advocating and lobbying to the Government for this improvement for many years and we are very happy with the news of this funding.

This route provides an essential heavy vehicle transport link for local growers from all over the region to the grain receival complex.

The \$492,000 project, which includes a financial contribution from Council's 2016/2017 Budget, is anticipated to commence in August 2016 and be completed by March 2017.

