

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

KERANG Wednesday, 6 May 2020  
10.30am – 12 noon

**NOTE: Bookings must be made prior to attending any of Council's immunisation sessions, which can be done by phoning (03) 5450 9333. It is encouraged that only one parent/guardian attend with the child to be vaccinated. Anyone showing any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, or those who are in isolation, should not attend.**

For more details, visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

## COUNCIL MEETING

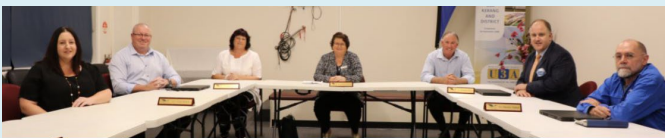
The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 20 May 2020 at 6.30pm in the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, located at 169 Boundary Street, Kerang. This meeting will be live-streamed via Council's Facebook page -

[www.facebook.com/gannawarra](http://www.facebook.com/gannawarra)

Please note that limited spaces will be available for the public in accordance with Coronavirus social distancing guidelines.

Only time-critical matters will be considered by Council, with Question Time to not occur until further notice.

The agenda will be available two days prior to the meeting at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings)



## 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Have your say at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget)



Copies of the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget are available for inspection at the offices of the Gannawarra Shire Council located at 47 Victoria Street, Kerang and 23-25 King Edward Street, Cohuna from Thursday, 23 April 2020 to 5.00pm on Monday, 25 May 2020. Copies may also be inspected on Council's website at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget)

Any person wishing to make a submission on the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget can do so by providing their submission in writing via email to [council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) or by post to PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579.

Submissions can also be made by utilising the online form at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget)

Submissions close at 5:00pm on Monday 25 May, 2020.

Any person making a submission is entitled to request in their submission that they wish to appear in person, or be represented by a person specified in their submission, at a special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at 1.00pm in the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 169 Boundary Street, Kerang, at which time submissions will be heard and considered.

Council will consider the adoption of the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget at its Ordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 commencing 6.30pm in the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 169 Boundary Street, Kerang.

**Tom O'Reilly**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Firstly, I would like to thank our communities for doing the right thing by staying home and practising social distancing. Your efforts have ensured the number of confirmed cases in the Gannawarra has remained at one for the past month.

Please keep connected with vulnerable or older persons in your community at this time. This can be as simple as offering to do shopping, phoning them for a chat, writing a note or dropping a surprise at their door.

Thank you also to the people who are still working - based either at home or on-site. Your efforts are appreciated.

Business owners are encouraged to look at what support is available at this time. Information is available at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

I also encourage you to visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget), look at Council's Proposed 2020/2021 Budget and have your say. Public comments close at 5pm on Monday, 25 May 2020.

Finally, please shop locally at this time, as well as when this pandemic is over. This is one way that will help with recovery efforts.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

MAYOR  
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## FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Council is working to support the community during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

Council will hold interest and hold off on any legal action on applicable charges for those who contact Council indicating that they are financially impacted by COVID-19. This hold date is backdated from the declaration of the State of Emergency on 16 March 2020, and will stay in place for six months.

This policy will be reviewed by 16 September 2020.

This new policy is part of a raft of support measures Council is implementing to help the community deal with and recover from this pandemic. These measures include ceasing debt collection at this time, paying creditors within seven days and increasing the weighting of local spend criteria, as outlined in Council's Procurement policy.

Residents and business owners who cannot pay any outstanding bills they have with Council at this time are encouraged to phone (03) 5450 9333 and discuss their situation with our friendly staff.

## CONTACTING COUNCIL

Although Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang are currently closed as part of efforts to stop the spread of Coronavirus, residents can still contact Council.

Residents can communicate with Council in the following ways:

- By phoning the Cohuna Customer Service Centre on (03) 5456 5222 during business hours;
- By phoning the Kerang Customer Service Centre on (03) 5450 9333 during business hours;
- By e-mailing [council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) at any time;
- By visiting [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) and chatting live with a staff member during business hours;
- By lodging a request form at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/request](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/request) at any time; and
- By writing to PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579 at any time.

Please be advised that customers may experience some delays when contacting Council at this time.



## LIBRARY PROGRAMS ONLINE

Although the Gannawarra Library Service's branches are currently closed as part of measures to stop the spread of Coronavirus, Rhyme Time and Story Time programs are continuing online.

Stay at Home Rhyme Time sessions - which include songs and rhymes to assist with the development of early language, literacy and numeracy skills - will continue on Wednesdays at 11am, with a new video uploaded weekly.

The library service's Stay at Home Story Time program - which uses stories and songs to develop a love for reading - will occur on Thursdays at 11am.

Stay at Home Rhyme Time and Stay at Home Story Time videos can be found online at

[www.facebook.com/GannawarraLibraryService/videos](http://www.facebook.com/GannawarraLibraryService/videos)

Meanwhile, library members can still access online resources, including the Beamafilm catalogue of movies and documentaries; the BorrowBox catalogue of e-books and audiobooks; and Story Box's range of clips featuring some of Australia's favourite celebrities reading various children's books.

For more information, please visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/libraries)

## CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

For up to date information regarding Coronavirus and Council's efforts, please visit

[www.gsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

Residents who are concerned regarding Coronavirus are encouraged to phone the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit [www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

## COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CONTINUING

Gannawarra Shire Council is continuing to provide its Community Care services to residents.

Residents receiving these services are asked to contact Council on (03) 5450 9333 if they are feeling unwell; if anyone in their home is feeling unwell; or if anyone in their home is recommended to self-isolate.



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