GANNAWARRANEWS



IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

COHUNA Maternal Child & Health Centre

Wednesday, 18 December 2019

10.30am - 12noon

KERANG Gannawarra Children's Centre

Wednesday, 18 December 2019

4.00pm - 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 18 December 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chambers, Kerang. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda will be available two days prior to the meeting at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings



THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKETPLACE

ATTEND SHOWCASE VICTORIA 2020

Council is sponsoring up to six community members to attend Showcase Victoria, occurring in May 2020 at Bendigo's Ulumbarra Theatre.

Australia's leading State-based performing arts marketplace, this event provides a unique platform for producers, artists and theatre-makers to make connections and showcase their work to a wide range of venue managers and programmers. Community members interested in attending need to submit their interest by emailing arts@gannawarra.vic.gov.au by 31 December 2019. Previous Showcase Victoria attendees are eligible to apply.

Applications must include an email address and phone contact number, name of nearest town, whether they have attended Showcase Victoria previously, and why they would like to attend Showcase Victoria in May 2020.



LAKE VIEW ROAD, KANGAROO LAKE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC

Kangaroo Lake users are benefiting from improvements to Lake View Road as Stage 1 of the Kangaroo Lake Foreshore Redevelopment continues.

The road, which provides vehicle access to the lake's northern boat ramp, was closed for seven weeks to enable the construction of extra vehicle, boat and trailer parking spaces.

The works also involved the upgrading of the intersection of Mystic Park and Lake View Roads, with larger vehicles and trailers now able to access the area.

Works will continue throughout the vicinity, with the installation of a new barbecue shelter and walking track bollards scheduled for completion before Christmas, with the planting of extra native trees yet to be completed.

Stage 1 of the Kangaroo Lake Foreshore Redevelopment was identified in the Waterfront Masterplan for the Kerang Lakes, which was approved by Council earlier this year.

The Kangaroo Lake Foreshore Redevelopment is supported by the Federal Government's Regional Growth Fund.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Council is looking forward to supporting numerous initiatives, activities, events and infrastructure projects that will benefit from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Programme funding.

Council is responsible for distributing \$2 million of funding from the Federal Government for all communities across the Gannawarra.

Council has worked with community groups throughout the Gannawarra to identify what projects will benefit from this support.

It is important to note that the Federal Government has stipulated that this funding cannot be used for purchasing water or to provide rates relief. With Christmas party celebrations underway, I encourage residents to enjoy the natural attributes of the Gannawarra, but please take your rubbish with you.

I also encourage dog owners to act responsibly when taking their animals out for a walk. This includes ensuring your dog is on a leash, can be controlled at all times and that droppings are collected and disposed of properly.

Finally, please continue to keep an eye out on your neighbours and support local businesses.

Kind regards, Mayor Lorraine Learmonth MAYOR LORRAINE LEARMONTH



BECOME A

THRIVE AFTER 65!

AMBASSADOR



Meet Thrive After 65! Ambassador, Maggie Brooks.

Maggie enjoys keeping active by walking most days of the week, attending water aerobics twice a week and chasing after her grandchildren.

BE A THRIVE AFTER 65! AMBASSADOR

Council is looking for residents aged 65 years and older who undertake physical activities to become ambassadors for the *Thrive After 65!* Program.

Supported by the Federal Government's Move It AUS Better Ageing Grant, the *Thrive After 65!* Program aims to help get residents throughout the Gannawarra aged 65 years and older to keep active.

Residents who volunteer to become a *Thrive After 65!*Ambassador will play a role in helping their peers achieve at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day by being a role model

People who volunteer to become a *Thrive After 65!* Ambassador will be provided with free training and support, with their story regarding what physical activities they enjoy doing, to be promoted throughout the Gannawarra.

If you would like to become a *Thrive After 65!* Ambassador, please phone Council on (03) 5450 9333 or email rachel.brooks@gannawarra.vic.gov.au

WHAT'S ON...

DECEMBER 20

DECEMBER 10 Social Meal – Lake Charm **DECEMBER 10** Social Meal – Quambatook **DECEMBER 12** Social Meal - Kerang **DECEMBER 12** Social Meal - Leitchville **DECEMBER 13** Social Meal - Koondrook **DECEMBER 14 Kerang Community Market DECEMBER 15** Field Family Farewell, Kerang **DECEMBER 18** Social Meal - Murrabit **DECEMBER 18 Australasian Bittern Information** Night, Kerang

DECEMBER 22 Cohuna Farmers & Makers Market
DECEMBER 26 Autopro Kerang Boxing Day Races

Social Meal – Cohuna

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTWant to see your event featured here? Submit your event details to Council's website www.gsc.vic.gov.au

REGISTER YOUR PRIVATE POOL

Event details can be found on Council's Website

Residents are urged to register any private pools and spas on their property by 1 June 2020 after new State Government regulations aimed to prevent drownings came into effect at the start of the month.

The new regulations require residents to register their private pool and spas with their local council. This includes all permanent pools and spas, and most relocatable pools capable of holding water to a depth greater than 30 centimetres.

The new regulations also mean residents will be required to engage a registered building surveyor or inspector to inspect and certify that their pool or spa safety barrier is compliant within a specified time period.

As per the new regulations, Council will inform owners of the date by which they must organise their first inspection and certification of their barrier which will be determined by the age of the pool or spa, with older ones to be inspected first. If the inspection finds the barrier is non-compliant, the owner of the pool or spa has up to 60 days to bring it up to code. Serious cases of non-compliance will be referred directly to council for follow up actions.

For more information on the new regulations, visit www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools or contact Council's Building Department on (03) 5450 9333.

HELPING YOU ACHIEVE YOUR NDIS GOALS!

Gannawarra Shire Council is helping people in our local community living with a disability achieve their National Disability Insurance Scheme goals!

Talk to us today about how we can help with your **Daily Living Activities**, **Capacity Building Skills** and attending **Community, Social & Recreational Activities**. For details, phone (03) 5450 9333



