

EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- Casual Swim Instructors

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IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

COHUNA	Maternal Child & Health Centre Wednesday, 15 January 2020 10.30am - 12noon
KERANG	Gannawarra Children's Centre Wednesday, 15 January 2020 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time
For more information, visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 19 February 2020 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



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.



QUAMBATOOK-BOORT ROAD BRIDGE WORKS BEGIN 20 JANUARY

Works to replace the Quambatook-Boort Road bridge with a new structure are scheduled to begin on Monday, 20 January 2020.

The bridge, which spans the Avoca River and provides a road connection between the Quambatook township and the Quambatook Recreation Reserve, will be replaced with a two-lane concrete structure that will be able to withstand higher mass limits.

It is anticipated the road will be closed for approximately eight weeks, with detours in place via Ninyeunook and Quambatook South roads.

The V/Line bus service that runs through Quambatook will also be diverted via Quambatook South Road, with the pick-up/drop-off point for the Boort District School bus to be temporarily located at the Quambatook Recreation Reserve whilst these works are occurring.

The Quambatook-Boort Road bridge works are funded by a \$423,333 contribution from Regional Roads Victoria's Fixing Country Roads program and are part of Council's \$10.877 million capital works program, outlined in the 2019/2020 budget.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Councillors and staff, I would like to wish all residents and visitors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has been challenging for many residents, but I hope 2020 brings you success and plenty of rain. For many of our young people, 2020 marks a new chapter in their lives following the recent announcement of VCE results. We wish these residents all success for their future and hope you consider returning to rural Victoria post-studies with your acquired skills. Next year will also be an exciting year as Council rolls out support for projects and events that will benefit from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Program funding.

The list of successful initiatives and activities, available online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/droughtfunding, was developed following discussions with community groups across the Gannawarra.

To all who are camping in the Gannawarra these holidays, please remember to take your rubbish home with you and be aware of Fire Restrictions during this dry period. Finally, please continue to keep connected with your communities and friends during the Christmas/New Year period.

Kind regards,
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

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LEARMONTH



SUMMER FUN AT YOUR LIBRARY

Four weeks of free active and craft-related school holiday fun will occur at library branches throughout the Gannawarra from Friday, 3 January 2020.

The Gannawarra Library Service will revisit some of its favourite craft activities during events at the Cohuna and Leitchville libraries, the Quambatook Community Resource Centre and Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library.

Craft tables featuring favourites such as Bead Critters, Koi Fish, Sand Art and Superhero Capes will be set up. Other sessions, incorporating CleverClay, Hatching Chicks and Wooden Jewellery Stands, are planned, with bookings required.

Meanwhile, children and their grandparents will be able to take part in special *Grandparents and Mini Movers!* sessions occurring at the Cohuna Community Meeting Room and the Sir John Gorton Library.

Children aged 3-12 years are encouraged to come along with their grandparents for a 30-minute, multi-generational active session.

For details on all events, visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/events

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Alternative arrangements have been put in place for a number of Gannawarra Shire Council services during the Christmas and New Year period.

More than 20 services will either implement alternative arrangements or not proceed between Monday, 23 December 2019 and Tuesday, 7 January 2020.

Key alternative arrangements that will be in place include:

- Household waste collections that would normally occur on Wednesday, 25 December 2019 and Wednesday, 1 January 2020 will take place on the Saturdays following, being Saturday, 28 December 2019 and Saturday, 4 January 2020;
- The morning immunisation session scheduled for Wednesday, 1 January 2020 at the Gannawarra Shire Children's Centre, Kerang will not occur;
- The Cohuna and Kerang swimming pools will be closed on Wednesday, 25 December 2019 and will operate during the hours of 12pm to 7pm on Thursday, 26 December 2019 and Wednesday, 1 January 2020.

A full list of service changes are available online at

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/Christmas

Up to date information, including extensions to swimming pool opening hours, heat health alerts, Total Fire Ban declarations and publication of other details, will also be available via Council's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/gannawarra

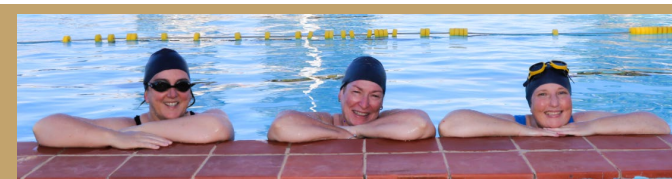
WHAT'S ON...

DECEMBER 26	Autopro Kerang Boxing Day Races
DECEMBER 31	New Year's Eve celebrations, shirewide
JANUARY 3	Summer Library Fun - Koi Fish, Kerang
JANUARY 6	Grandparents and Mini Movers, Kerang
JANUARY 7	Grandparents and Mini Movers, Cohuna
JANUARY 9	Summer Library Fun - CleverClay, Cohuna
JANUARY 9	Summer Library Fun - Peacocks, Kerang
JANUARY 10	Astro Photography: An Introduction, Lake Charm
JANUARY 13	Summer Library Fun - Koi Fish, Cohuna
JANUARY 13	Summer Library Fun - Paper Bag Animals, Quambatook
JANUARY 14	Summer Library Fun - Sand Art, Leitchville
JANUARY 15	Summer Library Fun - Wooden Jewellery Stand, Kerang
JANUARY 16	Summer Library Fun - Hatching Chicks, Cohuna

Event details can be found on Council's Website

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

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



EARLY MORNING SWIMMING TIMES

Did you know the Cohuna and Kerang outdoor swimming pools host early morning swimming sessions? Sessions are held at the Cohuna Swimming Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30am to 8.30am, and at the Kerang Swimming Pool on Wednesdays from 6.30am to 8.30am. For more information regarding Council's pools, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/pools



GANNAWARRA NON EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICE (GNETS)

Gannawarra Shire Council offers Shire residents without family and/or friends available to assist, an alternative transport service so they can attend specialist/medical appointments in towns outside our Shire eg Boort, Swan Hill, Echuca, Bendigo (excludes Melbourne).*

Our driver will pick you up from home on the day in our GNETS vehicle, drive you to the appointment and assist you inside to the reception area if required.

Clients travelling more than 100 kilometres may be eligible for a reimbursement through the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS).

If you would like to book our service, phone (03) 5450 9333.

* Fees & conditions apply