

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council services including the transfer stations will be closed Monday, January 28, 2019 for the Australia Day Public Holiday. For after-hours animal/livestock emergencies please call the Local Laws Officer on duty 0428 500 212.

## COUNCIL MEETING

Please note there is no Council meeting in January. The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chambers, Kerang. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda is available two days prior to the meeting at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

## IMMUNISATION SESSION

KERANG Gannawarra Children's Centre  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
10.30am - 12 Midday

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time

## GOVERNANCE LOCAL LAW 2018

At its Ordinary Meeting on December 19, 2018, Gannawarra Shire Council adopted its new Governance Local Law 2018. The Local Law incorporates by reference Procedure for the Election of Mayor and Meeting Procedures and commenced operation on January 4, 2019. On the commencement of this Local Law, Council's Local Law No. 7 (2011) Processes of Local Government (Meetings and Common Seal), (Further Amendment) is revoked.

The objectives of this Local Law are to:

- (a) provide a mechanism to facilitate the good government of the Council through its formal meeting procedure to ensure effective and efficient Council decisions are made in a manner which acknowledges the role of local government within the Australian system of Government;
- (b) promote and encourage community participation in the system of local government by providing mechanisms for the Council to ascertain the community's views and expectations;
- (c) regulate and control the election of Mayor, any Deputy Mayor and the chairperson of any Special Committees;
- (d) regulate and control the procedures governing the conduct of meetings including:
  - (i) the notice required for meetings
  - (ii) the keeping of minutes;
- (e) regulate and control the use of the Council's seal;
- (f) provide for the administration of the Council's powers and functions;
- (g) provide generally for the peace, order and good government of the municipal district; and
- (h) repeal any redundant local laws.

A copy of the Local Law is available on Council's website at [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au). Copies are also available at Council offices.

**Tom O'Reilly**  
Chief Executive Officer

## APEX PARK TOILETS PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of new public toilets at Apex Park, Cohuna are scheduled to begin this week.

Local builder, OT McLoughlin Constructions was awarded the contract for the new toilets, to be located adjacent to the existing toilets.

The existing toilets will remain operational throughout the construction of the new toilet block and will be removed once the new toilets are operational.

The new facility will contain design elements from the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the heat continues I would like to remind you to keep up your fluids, find a cool area such as our local libraries or pools, check on elderly family and friends and take care of your pets and wildlife.

If you choose to keep cool in any of the lakes or rivers in the area, please take care and be safe in the water.

It is very pleasing to see the start of construction works for new public toilets at Scoresby Street, Kerang.

Construction of new public toilets at Apex Park, Cohuna will begin this week and will be completed before Easter. During this period the old toilets will remain open.

Works along Punt Road, Koondrook have commenced and will be completed by the end of February. Stage 2 of this project will involve

the realignment of the intersection of Main Street and Tramway Place, in front of the old Goods Shed.

Last week Cr Charlie Gillingham and I met with intending independent candidate for Mallee, Ray Kingston. Councillors intend to meet with all candidates leading into this year's Federal election to emphasise the importance of water and its ongoing effects to our communities.

If you are looking for a good spot to fish or picnic whilst the weather is warm, head to Quambatook Weir and watch the water flow.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

MAYOR  
LORRAINE  
LEARMONTH




**AUSTRALIA DAY 2019**  
Saturday 26 January

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS**

- Koondrook/Barham:** Riverside Park Barham, 7.00am with guest speaker Marilyn Harper
- Kerang:** Atkinson Park, 7.30am with guest speaker Damian Brown
- Cohuna:** Garden Park, 8.00am with guest speaker Alma Besserdin
- Murrabit:** Murrabit Market Lions Shelter, 8.00am with guest speaker Celeste Peirce
- Lalbert:** Lalbert Community Park, 8.30am with guest speaker Aris Imbardelli
- Quambatook:** Quambatook Memorial Hall, 8.30am with guest speaker Professor Bruce Bonyhady AM
- Leitchville:** Leitchville Sporting Complex, 6.30pm with guest speaker Alma Besserdin

Australia Day



## E-WASTE

E-waste refers to unwanted and discarded electrical and electronic products – essentially anything powered by batteries or an electrical cord and plug.

E-waste items that are currently accepted at Gannawarra Shire waste facilities include TVs, phones, computers, batteries, light bulbs and their accessories.

In 2019 the types of e-waste that can be accepted into recycling centres will expand to include any electronic item that requires batteries or has a cord and plug.

E-waste contains valuable materials that can be recycled and a few hazardous materials that it's important are kept out of landfill sites.

Visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) to find out what you can recycle and your nearest recycling drop off centre.

E-waste will be banned from landfill sites from July next year.

## WHAT'S ON...

JAN 22	Carers Vic 'Caring for yourself' Info Session
JAN 22 & 23	Live Light Painting Workshops
JAN 22, 23 & 24	Key's to Success - 3 Day Disability Program
JAN 23	Live Light Painting Performance
JAN 26	Kerang Community Market
JAN 26	Australia Day Celebrations – Shire wide
JAN 27	Cohuna Farmers and Makers Markets
JAN 29	Social Meal – Lalbert
FEB 2	Murrabit Market
FEB 3	Breakfast With The Birds, Lake Murphy
FEB 4 & 5	Kerang Bowling Club Classic Triples
FEB 5	Social Meal – Quambatook
FEB 7	Social Meal – Leitchville
FEB 8	Social Meal – Koondrook
FEB 9	Quambatook Silo Cinema
FEB 12	Social Meal – Lake Charm
FEB 13	Social Meal – Murrabit
FEB 14	Social Meal – Kerang
FEB 15	Social Meal – Cohuna
FEB 23 & 24	VFBV State Urban Junior Championship, Kerang

Event details can be found on Council's Website

## SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

Want to see your event featured above? Submit your event details to Council's website [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

## LIVE LIGHT PAINTING COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

Live Light Painting is a new and exciting form of visual storytelling seen at events such as White Night Festival and Vivid Sydney. Over two days community members who have signed up to the workshops will learn how to create interactive animated paintings on an iPad and bring their artwork to life using sound and music.

Following the workshops, all community members are invited to view the works created by participants and workshop leaders. The performance will be held between 5pm and 6pm on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the Kerang Memorial Hall. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend.



## 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 100kms may be eligible for a reimbursement through the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS). If you would like to book our service, phone 5450 9333

\* Fees & conditions apply