

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

KERANG Gannawarra Children's Centre  
Wednesday, 5 February 2020  
10.30am – 12 noon

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time  
For more information, 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, 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](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings)

## HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Residents are encouraged to continue using their yellow household recycling bins for the disposal of recyclable items during the current closure of the Echuca Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

The bushfires that have impacted the east of the State have closed the Tumut Paper Mill, meaning mixed paper supply sorted at the MRF cannot be taken to this facility. Kerbside collections will continue as normal throughout the Gannawarra, however unfortunately materials collected from all yellow household recycling bins will be directed to landfill for the time being.

In the meantime, residents may drop off sorted recycling in skip bins located at the Cohuna and Kerang transfer stations. This is a free service, with these items to be taken to Melbourne for repurposing.

Council is continuing to work with Veolia, impacted Councils and the Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group to develop alternative options until the Tumut Paper Mill is able to receive mixed paper supply or when the MRF reopens.

Council thanks residents for their and patience and understanding whilst these arrangements are in place.



## SOCIAL SENIORS WORKSHOPS

Residents aged 60 years and over wanting to extend their digital skills are encouraged to take part in the free Social Seniors – Social Media and Digital Story Telling for Seniors program.

The program will be held across three two-hour sessions, with an information session to occur in the Meeting Room at the Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang on Tuesday, 11 February at 2pm.

Skills participants will learn include:

- Managing your online privacy and security;
- Finding and connecting with online groups and social opportunities in the area;
- Creating short videos and digital content related to personal interests;
- Using digital technology in your everyday life; and
- Building confidence to go online to research areas of interest, pay bills and access local services.

This is a 'bring your own device' program, meaning participants are expected to bring their own internet-enabled smartphone or tablet with video capability. For more information regarding this event, please phone the Gannawarra Library Service on (03) 5452 1546.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It has been very pleasing to see the rain in the area during the past fortnight. There's nothing like rain to brighten everyone's outlook.

Australia Day celebrations held throughout the Gannawarra were well attended. Thank you to those community groups who organised these successful events.

It was an honour to welcome 12 new Australian citizens as part of Kerang's Australia Day celebrations. The occasion will be something these new residents will never forget.

Congratulations also to Council's Australia Day Award winners – Citizen of the Year, Leo Parker and Young Citizen of the Year, Mitchell Gross.

Council is encouraging residents aged 65 years and older to get active. Statistics show that only 17 per cent of these residents meet the prescribed physical activity guidelines, and we want to improve this figure.

The Gannawarra has many organisations that can assist with your desire to be active. This includes the popular parkrun program at Cohuna and Kerang, which involves running or walking a five-kilometre course each Saturday morning.

Finally, with the 2020 school year beginning this week, I would like to encourage motorists to adhere to the speed limits around our schools.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

MAYOR  
LORRAINE  
LEARMONTH



## QUAMBATOOK DUO HONOURED

Council congratulates Quambatook residents Leo Parker and Mitchell Gross on being recognised during Gannawarra Shire Council's 2020 Australia Day Awards.

Gannawarra Shire Council's 2020 Citizen of the Year, Leo Parker has been a member of many of Quambatook's community groups and organisations since the mid-1970s, highlighted by the Quambatook Tractor Pullers Association and Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Association – organisations of which he is a founding and life member.

Leo has also held roles with the Quambatook fire brigade, Scout Group, the Co-operating Church and the Quambatook and Towaninny cemetery trusts.

Gannawarra Shire Council's 2020 Young Citizen of the Year, Mitchell Gross is well regarded in Quambatook for helping out in the community when it is needed. Whether it is with the Quambatook Fire Brigade or assisting at the town's lawn cemetery, Mitchell is a community-minded individual.

It is also commonplace for Mitchell to collect and split firewood, undertake house repairs, change car tyres and put up Christmas lights for Quambatook's elderly residents – all at no cost.

## COME AND TRY WATER AEROBICS

Are you interested in trying out water aerobics?

The Kerang Exercise Pool, located at Patchell Plaza, is hosting a FREE 30-minute session, plus a coffee and chat, on Thursday, 30 January 2020 from 10am for residents over 65.

Keeping active as you age not only helps to reduce your risk of chronic disease, it helps you make new friends and get more out of life!

To book your spot, please phone (03) 5450 9333.

This event is part of the *Gannawarra - Active at Any Age!* program, supported by the Federal Government's Move It AUS Better Ageing Grant.

## WHAT'S ON...

JANUARY 28	Social Meal – Lalbert
JANUARY 28	Summer Library Fun – Paper Plate Flowers, Leitchville
JANUARY 30	Come and Try Water Aerobics, Kerang
FEBRUARY 1	Murrabit Country Market
FEBRUARY 4	Social Meal - Quambatook
FEBRUARY 6	Social Meal – Lalbert
FEBRUARY 11 – MARCH 24	<i>Submerged: Stories of Australia's Shipwrecks</i> , Kerang
FEBRUARY 11	Social Meal – Lake Charm
FEBRUARY 11	Social Seniors information session, Kerang
FEBRUARY 12	Social Meal - Murrabit
FEBRUARY 13	Social Meal - Kerang
FEBRUARY 14	Social Meal - Koondrook

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

## COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Gannawarra Shire Council would like to inform residents that from Monday, 10 February, for a period of up to three weeks, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency called National Field Service.

National Field Service has been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council.

The survey has been designed to assess the performance of Council across a range of measures and to seek insights into ways to provide improved or more effective service delivery to residents.

Council appreciates you taking your time to assist with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Gannawarra Shire Council, which assists to identify areas of improvement as well as celebrating the areas where Council performs well above the Small Rural Shires and Statewide averages.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Council on (03) 5450 9333.



## COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES – PERSONAL CARE

As we age, daily personal care routines can sometimes become more difficult to maintain without help. Something as simple as taking a shower or bath can become a slip and fall risk as mobility issues develop. The Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) provides a suite of services to frail, older clients aged 65 years and over, designed to help you stay living in your own home. So that you can look your best every day, our team is trained to support you with tasks such as medication monitoring, meal assistance, showers and personal appearance.

For more details, contact Community Care on (03) 5450 9333.