

## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- Accounts Receivable Finance Officer – Permanent full-time
- Early Childhood Educator - Casual

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## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 26 June 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](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

COHUNA	Maternal Child & Health Centre Wednesday, 19 June 2019 10.30am - 12noon
KERANG	Gannawarra Children's Centre Wednesday, 19 June 2019 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time

## REFUGEE WEEK ART EXHIBITION

Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library is currently hosting an exhibition of pencil portraits from Sydney-based artist and former Swan Hill resident, Aamir Hussain as part of Refugee Week commemorations.

Mr Hussain fled Pakistan in 2013, eventually travelling by boat from Indonesia to Christmas Island, where he was detained for 23 days. He was then moved to the Curtin Immigration Detention Centre, located in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, where he spent the next six months.

Following his release from Curtin, Mr Hussain travelled to Swan Hill, where he found work and friends, learned English and about Australian culture.

The exhibition – organised by Council and the Gannawarra Refugee Support Group – will run to Wednesday, 17 July. Refugee Week is held nationally from 16 June to 22 June.



## THE SAPPHIRES POSTPONED

This month's performance of the stage show, *The Sapphires* has been postponed.

Performance organisers and the show's producers have been overwhelmed by the community's support for the show, however changes to the stage set-up meant the Quambatook Memorial Hall could not accommodate this month's show. Initially scheduled to be held at the Quambatook Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 19 June, the performance will now be held at a later date this year as part of *The Sapphires'* pop-up performance tour, which will take the stage show to smaller communities.

All tickets purchased will be fully refunded through their original point of sale. Online sales will be refunded through the online ticket provider, whilst people who purchased tickets over the counter need to contact their place of purchase.

Council thanks those who have already purchased tickets for their understanding in relation to the new arrangements.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is pleasing to see our countryside greening up. Hopefully we see some more rain fall throughout the coming weeks, which will help promote a successful year for our farmers.

I would like to encourage farmers and small businesses and families who need a helping hand to apply for funding from the Gannawarra Giving Account. Details regarding the account are located in this edition of *Gannawarra News*.

Thank you to those who submitted comments regarding Council's Proposed 2019/2020 Budget. It is important that your comments are heard by our Council. I believe we have produced a responsible budget that maintains current services and will support projects across our Shire.

Cr Gibson and I recently attended the unveiling of the Lions Club of Kerang's dedication wall for past Lions members. It is pleasing to see the years of service given by individuals to the numerous clubs based within the Gannawarra, and ultimately to our communities.

With many service clubs hosting changeover dinners during June and July, I would like to thank these organisations for their strong contributions to our communities and beyond.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

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## E-WASTE CHANGES COMING

Residents are reminded that as of Monday, 1 July 2019, electronic materials that no longer work or are used will be banned from being placed in kerbside rubbish bins and landfills throughout Victoria.

The State Government announced last year plans for all e-waste - which refers to any item with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted – to be collected at drop-off points throughout Victoria.

The 1 July ban was introduced in an effort to recover more of the valuable materials left inside e-waste that can be safely removed and reused. It will also help reduce the environmental damage caused by the disposal of old electronic items such as televisions, phones and laptops into landfill sites. Council has been proactive in preparing the community for the upcoming e-waste ban, with e-waste collection sheds at the Cohuna and Kerang Transfer Stations completed in February. Both Transfer Stations accept electronic items that require batteries to operate, or has a cord and plug. A \$25 charge applies for each computer monitor, laptop or television handed in as these items contain toxic chemicals – such as barium, phosphor, lead and hexavalent chromium – which require special handling.

To help further reduce landfill, a new recycling trailer is based at the Lalbert Transfer Station, with improvements made at the Quambatook Transfer Station to accommodate e-waste and recycling items.

Further details regarding Council's e-waste services are available online at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) Meanwhile, residents are encouraged to recycle unused household batteries, with drop-off points available at Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang. Batteries that can be accepted for recycling at these locations include those from mobile phones, computers, smoke alarms, toys etc.

Unfortunately car batteries cannot be accepted for recycling at Council's Customer Service Centres.

## WHAT'S ON...

JUNE 11	Gannawarra Carer Support Group Meeting
JUNE 11	Social Meal – Lake Charm
JUNE 11	Social Meal – Quambatook
JUNE 13	Social Meal – Kerang
JUNE 13	Social Meal – Leitchville
JUNE 14	Social Meal - Koondrook
JUNE 18	Social Meal – Lalbert
JUNE 21	Social Meal – Cohuna
JUNE 22	Kerang Community Market
JUNE 23	Cohuna Farmers & Makers Market
JUNE 25	Social Meal – Quambatook
JUNE 27	Social Meal – Leitchville
JULY 02	Social Meal – Macorna
JULY 03	Social Meal – Murrabit
JULY 06	Murrabit Market

Event details can be found on Council's Website

## SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

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## GANNAWARRA GIVING ACCOUNT

Residents can help support those impacted by the ongoing dry conditions by donating to the Gannawarra Giving Account.

Held by Northern District Community Health, funding decisions are made by a small confidential panel consisting of representatives from Council, NDCH and Rural Financial Counselling Services Victoria – North West.

The primary purpose of the Giving Account is to provide assistance such as funding uniform, equipment or fees to ensure inclusion into sport and recreation opportunities for children or anything else needed to meet other individual and community needs.

For more information or to make a tax deductible donation to the Gannawarra Giving Account call Northern District Community Health on (03) 5451 0200.

The Gannawarra Giving Account is an initiative of the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee – a group consisting of 21 agencies working together to ensure planned and coordinated community support across the Gannawarra Shire.

## NDIS - WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!

If you are living with a disability, you may be eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The NDIS is designed to help you achieve your goals and aspirations while increasing independence and social engagement within the community. Gannawarra Shire Council is here to help you with accessing and preparing for your NDIS meeting. We also offer a full range of services by certified staff to help you achieve your NDIS goals.

Talk to us today, we are here to help you! Call (03) 5450 9333.

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