

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

COHUNA Wednesday, 20 May 2020  
10.30am – 12 noon  
KERANG Wednesday, 20 May 2020  
4.00pm – 5.30pm

**NOTE: Bookings must be made prior to attending any of Council's immunisation sessions, which can be done by phoning (03) 5450 9333. It is encouraged that only one parent/guardian attend with the child to be vaccinated. Anyone showing any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, or those who are in isolation, should not attend.**

For more details, 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, 20 May 2020 at 6.30pm in the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, located at 169 Boundary Street, Kerang. This meeting will be live-streamed via Council's Facebook page -

[www.facebook.com/gannawarra](http://www.facebook.com/gannawarra)

Please note that limited spaces will be available for the public in accordance with Coronavirus social distancing guidelines.

As only time-critical matters will be considered by Council, Question Time will not occur until further notice.

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)



## 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Have your say at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget)

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Residents are encouraged to have their say on Council's 2020/2021 Proposed Council Budget, with submissions accepted up to 5.00pm on Monday, 25 May.

The Proposed Council Budget outlines a \$15.297 million capital works program that focuses on road and footpath rehabilitation, bridge works, parks and recreational facility improvements, flood mitigation measures and tourism initiatives.

Copies of the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget are available for inspection at the offices of the Gannawarra Shire Council located at 47 Victoria Street, Kerang and 23-25 King Edward Street, Cohuna. Copies may also be inspected on Council's website at

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

Any person wishing to make a submission on the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget can do so by providing their submission in writing via email to [council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) or by post to PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579.

Submissions can also be made by utilising the online form at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget)

For more information regarding Council's 2020/2021 Proposed Council Budget, please visit

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

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It has been pleasing to see good rainfall occur across the Gannawarra, which is providing a positive start for our agricultural sector.

Please do not forget that Council's 2020/2021 Proposed Budget is out for public comment. Submissions close at 5pm on Monday, 25 May, with further details available at

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

Our communities are successfully complying with the social distancing measures in place to stop the spread of Coronavirus. Please remember that it is just as important to support local businesses both now and when restrictions are lifted.

It is great to see many Council projects continuing at this time, including waterfront development works, road improvements and park upgrades.

As more people are out and about walking their dogs at the moment, responsible owners should keep their dog on a lead, unless in a Council-approved off-leash area, and clean up any litter left by your dog on any walks that you take. Finally, happy Mother's Day to all mums on Sunday.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

MAYOR  
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LEARMONTH



## INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM

Council's annual influenza vaccination program continues to be implemented across the Gannawarra.

Immunisation against the flu is government funded and free for:

- Children aged six months to under five years of age;
- Pregnant women;
- People aged over 65;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (6 months and over); and
- People with chronic medical conditions.

For details regarding accessing an influenza vaccine, please contact your local GP, health clinic, pharmacist or Council on (03) 5450 9333. Please note that waiting lists to access the vaccine may be in place.

## SAVING ENERGY AT HOME WEBINARS

Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance will host two webinars this month in relation to home energy efficiency:

- *Taking Back Control of Your Energy Bills*, designed for people who are experiencing financial difficulties or who are concerned about high energy bills, will occur on Wednesday, 20 May at 7.00pm; and
- *Saving Energy at Home*, which goes into more detail about what you can do around your own home to save energy, will occur on Wednesday, 27 May at 7.00pm.

For bookings, please visit [www.cvga.org.au/energy-help.html](http://www.cvga.org.au/energy-help.html)

## CONTACTING COUNCIL

Although Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang are currently closed as part of efforts to stop the spread of Coronavirus, residents can still contact Council.

Residents can communicate with Council in the following ways:

- By phoning the Cohuna Customer Service Centre on (03) 5456 5222 during business hours;
- By phoning the Kerang Customer Service Centre on (03) 5450 9333 during business hours;
- By e-mailing [council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) at any time;
- By visiting [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) and chatting live with a staff member during business hours;
- By lodging a request form at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/request](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/request) at any time; and
- By writing to PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579 at any time.

Please be advised that customers may experience some delays when contacting Council at this time.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Residents and business owners who cannot pay any outstanding bills they have with Council at this time are encouraged to phone (03) 5450 9333 and discuss their situation with our friendly staff.

Council will hold interest and hold off on any legal action on applicable charges for those who contact Council indicating that they are financially impacted by COVID-19.

This hold date is backdated from the declaration of the State of Emergency on 16 March 2020, and will stay in place for six months.

This position will be reviewed by 16 September 2020.

## CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

For up to date information regarding Coronavirus and Council's efforts, please visit

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

Residents who are concerned regarding Coronavirus are encouraged to phone the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit [www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)



## COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CONTINUING

Gannawarra Shire Council is continuing to provide its Community Care services to residents.

Residents receiving these services are asked to contact Council on (03) 5450 9333 if they are feeling unwell; if anyone in their home is feeling unwell; or if anyone in their home is recommended to self-isolate.

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