

## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

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## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

KERANG Gannawarra Shire Children's Centre  
Wednesday, 4 September 2019  
10.30am – 12 noon

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to session closing time

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 18 September 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)



## PICASSO AND HIS DOG

The 17-year friendship between renowned artist Pablo Picasso and his dog, Lump is the focus of Lemony S Puppet Theatre's production of *Picasso and His Dog*, being performed on Wednesday, 18 September from 11.30am. Using puppetry, set transformations and live-art making onstage, *Picasso and His Dog* is a unique puppet play that celebrates the bond humans and pets share. Admission to the one-hour show is \$5 for adults and children five years and over. Children four years and under are free. For tickets, please visit [www.trybooking.com/YHKP](http://www.trybooking.com/YHKP) or visit Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang. This event is supported by the Look Over the Farm Gate program.

## 2019/20 RATES NOTICES

Ratepayers have started receiving their rates notices for the 2019/20 financial year.

Ratepayers can pay their rates in full or by instalments using a number of payment options:

- Online via BPay, BPay View or Post billpay;
- Telephone and internet banking;
- In store at any Australia Post branch;
- By mail; and
- Visiting Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang.

Ratepayers may choose to pay their rates in full, with payment due by Monday, 17 February 2020. The most popular option is by instalments, with the first instalment payment due by Monday, 30 September 2019.

Ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact Council early to request a payment plan.

## HALLS COMMITTEE MEETING

An Annual Meeting will be held at the Lake Charm Public Hall, Murray Valley Highway, Lake Charm on Monday, 16 September 2019 at 7.30pm to elect a Special Committee under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Halls. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It was great to see so many people enjoying Children's Book Week parades at Cohuna and Kerang late last month. Congratulations also to all the students whose works either won or were shortlisted in the writing or illustration sections of the Gannawarra Library Service Book Week Awards.

Children's Book Week celebrations coincided with performances of *The Whale's Tale* at Cohuna and Kerang. Around 800 children attended the four shows held, which educated the audience about the impact littering has on our waterways and wildlife. Thanks to these performances, children are well informed on the ways to reduce the use of single-use plastics in our community.

Thanks must go to the Council staff who organised *The Whale's Tale* visit, as well as Coliban Water, Lower Murray Water and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal for their support.

Please do not forget that there are a number of ways to contact Council if you have any queries. This can be done by either visiting or phoning the Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang; emailing [council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) or using the "Chat with us" function on Council's website.

Kind regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

MAYOR  
LORRAINE  
LEARMONTH



## GET INTO THE SENIORS FESTIVAL

Celebrations will be held throughout October to recognise the role Victorians aged 60 years and older play in the community. Gannawarra Shire Council is supporting the 37th Victorian Seniors Festival, hosting a number of free or low-cost events for its valued citizens.

Celebrations commence on Wednesday, 9 October with a free Gannawarra Country Concert at the Kerang Memorial Hall, featuring the music of Carole King and James Taylor.

Other major events being held include a bus trip to Charlton's Rex Theatre for the screening of 2019 movie *Poms* on Wednesday, 16 October, a free makeup workshop at the Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang on Tuesday, 29 October and a Wetlander River Cruise on Thursday, 31 October.

The Gannawarra Library Service is also hosting celebrations, with Grandparents Story Time sessions planned for its Cohuna branch on Thursday, 10 October and the Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang on Thursday, 24 October.

Details on all events planned are available in the Victorian Seniors Festival Guide, available from Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang, Gannawarra Library Service branches and online at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Residents are encouraged to have their say on a document that sets out a five-year vision for the Gannawarra's economy.

The draft version of *Gannawarra Shire Council's Economic Development Strategy 2019-2024* is currently on display for public comment, with feedback accepted up to 5pm on Thursday, 3 October 2019.

The document provides an economic overview of the Gannawarra and outlines four strategic directions for the next five years:

- Facilitate the development of a diverse agricultural sector;
- Drive popular growth through business and lifestyle attraction;
- Facilitate the development of the Gannawarra as an environmental leader; and
- Develop the tourism sector through improvements in product and infrastructure.

Feedback will be accepted in writing via email to [council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au); delivered in person to either of Council's offices, located at 47 Victoria Street, Kerang or 23-25 King Edward Street, Cohuna; or by post to PO Box 287, Kerang VIC 3579.

## WHAT'S ON...

CURRENT-OCT 8	Golden Rivers Artists – Shoot the Lobster Exhibition, Kerang
SEPTEMBER 3	Social Meal – Macorna
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SEPTEMBER 4	<i>The Importance of Dads</i> , Kerang
SEPTEMBER 5	Men's cooking program, Cohuna
SEPTEMBER 5	Social Meal - Leitchville
SEPTEMBER 6	Friday Lunch, Kerang
SEPTEMBER 7	Murrabit Market
SEPTEMBER 7	<i>The Eagles Story</i> , Kerang
SEPTEMBER 8	Border Flywheelers Club Market, Barham
SEPTEMBER 10	Social Meal – Lake Charm
SEPTEMBER 10	Social Meal – Lalbert
SEPTEMBER 12	Social Meal – Kerang
SEPTEMBER 12	Men's cooking program, Cohuna
SEPTEMBER 13	Social Meal – Koondrook
SEPTEMBER 15	Community Mindfulness Event, Cohuna
SEPTEMBER 17	Social Meal – Quambatook
SEPTEMBER 18	<i>Picasso and His Dog</i> , Kerang
SEPTEMBER 19	Social Meal – Leitchville

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)

## GIVING ACCOUNT SUPPORT

Queensland-based charitable organisation, Rural Aid has added its support to the Gannawarra Giving Account. The organisation announced it is providing \$3,000 to the account, which aims 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. Funding decisions are made by a small confidential panel consisting of representatives from Council, Northern District Community Health and Rural Financial Counselling Services Victoria – North West.

For more information or to make a tax deductible donation to the Gannawarra Giving Account, call Northern District Community Health on (03) 5451 0200 or donate online at [www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount](http://www.givenow.com.au/gannawarragivingaccount)



## UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

Residents who are concerned about their memory and dementia, or who are worried that someone they know may have dementia, are encouraged to attend a free two-hour workshop on Tuesday, 17 September at Agriculture Victoria (26-28 Wellington Street, Kerang) from 10.30am. This session provides an introduction to dementia, including an overview of different types of dementia, planning ahead and how to support someone living with dementia.

For additional information or to book your spot, please phone Lisa on 1300 526 576 or visit <http://ud-kerang-sept17.eventbrite.com.au>

