

# Gannawarra Community Resilience Action Plan 2021-2023

Implementing this Gannawarra Community Resilience Action Plan is being overseen by the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee, a partnership of 28 agencies working together to support the Gannawarra community.

The partnership aims to:

Provide leadership and encourage community leadership

Support social connectedness and mental and physical health and wellbeing

Encourage a sense of belonging within and between communities

Support community-led activity and volunteering

Build community resilience to future emergencies

1.



## Support coordination of agencies, resource planning and recovery

- 1.1 Hold bi-monthly meetings of the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee
- 1.2 Review the Gannawarra Community Resilience Action Plan to ensure relevance to community need
- 1.3 Provide financial support for community-led activity via the Gannawarra Community Resilience Grants Program as funding becomes available

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## Engage communities in decision making, information sharing and communication

- 2.1 Continue the bi-monthly Gannawarra Connects newsletter
- 2.2 Strengthen the opportunity for young people to have a voice in decision making through the development of a Gannawarra Children and Youth Strategy
- 2.3 Support the review and update the Community Profiles for eight Gannawarra communities
- 2.4 Survey sport and recreation clubs and other local community based organisations to seek feedback on their needs and key issues to inform future planning

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## Maintain social links within communities and promote social inclusion and equity

- 3.1 Implement a re-CONNECT with your Gannawarra program to promote participation, inclusion and resilience in community social support programs
- 3.2 Support increased programs and place based support for neighbourhood houses, playgroups, men's sheds, senior groups, carers, people with disability and small hall committees
- 3.3 Continue to build COVID-Safe confidence within communities
- 3.4 Continue our journey towards reconciliation by working with aboriginal elders on the Gannawarra Reconciliation Action Plan
- 3.5 Implement the Creative Gannawarra program across communities
- 3.6 Reinvigorate the Gannawarra Professionals Network to support inclusion and recruitment of professionals to Gannawarra

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## Promote healthy communities and improved mental health and wellbeing

- 4.1 Implement the Tactics for Tough Times Program Stage 2
- 4.2 Use the Five Ways to Wellbeing – Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give and Wellbeing Matters to us all in Gannawarra to provide consistent promotion of health and wellbeing
- 4.3 Support the delivery of Mental Health First Aid Training
- 4.4 Continue to provide AgriSafe© Clinics for farming families

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## Improve local food systems to improve access to healthy food and reduce food insecurity

- 5.1 Implement the Gannawarra Healthy Food for All project
- 5.2 Provide financial support to Kerang and Cohuna neighbourhood houses to improve nutritional value of food relief
- 5.3 Support community-led community and school food gardens by providing funding to support mental health, social connectedness and access to free and fresh fruit and vegetables

## 6.

### Implement initiatives that better support families, children and young people



- 6.1 Implement the GROW Gannawarra project to address entrenched disadvantage across the early years (0-8 years)
- 6.2 Implement the Gannawarra Strong Youth Strong Communities project to address disadvantage across the age ranges of 9-18 years
- 6.3 Continue the Gannawarra Giving Account to support vulnerable children and their families
- 6.4 Support Youth activation events such as outdoor movie nights, skate park events and pool parties
- 6.5 Maintain the Gannawarra virtual youth space MyWarra and explore further the development of a dedicated youth space
- 6.6 Support a bi-annual You thrive Victoria Dream Seeds program for Grade 5 & 6 students to focus on aspiration, resilience and connection
- 6.7 Support Grade 6 students to attend the annual GRIP leadership conference
- 6.8 Continue to develop an annual School Transition in Gannawarra guide to support resilience of families with children to transition from pre-school to primary school and primary school to secondary education

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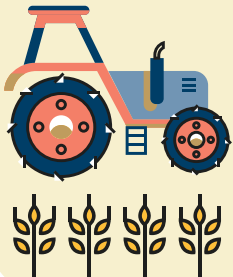
### Support safer and more resilient communities



- 7.1 Implement the Buloke Gannawarra Safer Together program to support the development of individual emergency planning for vulnerable families and children
- 7.2 Increase public access to defibrillator machines across communities
- 7.3 Implement the Ganna-Wanna-Be-Connected program to increase communication technology and knowledge and training, particularly for seniors
- 7.4 Support emergency services CFA, Ambulance Victoria, VICSES with community education and capacity building initiatives to prevent emergencies
- 7.5 Support the establishment of a Gannawarra Community Safety Committee
- 7.6 Improve road safety through education and safety-focused initiatives that reduce trauma on our local and regional roads
- 7.7 Continue the work of the Gannawarra Free from Family Violence Working Group to reduce family violence incidents across Gannawarra and raise awareness of the drivers of family violence

## 8.

### Restore and build local economies



- 8.1 Promote available financial and household assistance packages
- 8.2 Support small business recovery and attract new business and industry to Gannawarra
- 8.3 Maintain a strong marketing and promotion campaign aimed at increasing visitation and relocation
- 8.4 Provide business training and assistance
- 8.5 Advocate for funding for the projects from the Gannawarra Towards 2025 Strategic Projects document that support job creation
- 8.6 Promote events and tourism activities
- 8.7 Support the Working for Victoria program to bring key skills to Gannawarra
- 8.8 Encourage entrepreneurship and creative business development
- 8.9 Promote our Gannawarra assets – Agriculture, Lifestyle, Nature-based Tourism

## 9.



### Support the development of liveable communities

- 9.1 Work in partnership with communities to seek funds for projects that help keep towns viable and vibrant places to visit and live
- 9.2 Improve digital connectivity (phone and internet) for community and business by advocating to government for the installation of new mobile towers under the Blackspot Program
- 9.3 Explore the development of self-drive or walk tours using augmented reality so that Gannawarra stories come to life

## 10.

### Support ongoing liveability and financial viability through environmental initiatives



- 10.1 Support climate change adaptation initiatives – water/stormwater recycling, solar, rainwater tanks, urban greening and electric car charging stations
- 10.2 Promote opportunities for passive recreation within the Gannawarra by developing a Walking and Cycling Strategy with a focus on connecting townships and active recreation spaces
- 10.3 Support organised sport by promoting opportunities for sporting clubs to access funding and club development programs that encourage participation, inclusiveness, volunteering and financial viability through reduced costs