

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

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Council continues to work with local, state and commonwealth partners to support the recovery of Gannawarra communities. This newsletter outlines support events occurring for the community to enjoy and highlights some of the projects achieved.

SUPPORT CONTACTS

Mallee Family Care: 03 5032 4479

Rural Financial Counselling Service:
1300 735 578

Flood Recovery Hotline: 1800 560 760

Northern District Community

Health: 03 5451 0200

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Council: 03 5450 9333

Easter Happenings in Gannawarra

The weather is delightful and it's a great time to get out and about exploring the Gannawarra! There are some fantastic community events planned including street entertainment in Kerang and Cohuna on Thursday, markets in Murrabit and Cohuna, and Easter Tennis Tournaments in Cohuna, Kerang and Murrabit. There's also the famous Quambatook Tractor Pull. Events provide the opportunity for Gannawarra residents to connect and provide a unique point of difference to attract visitors to the Gannawarra over the Easter holiday period. All events are listed on Council's website: www.gsc.vic.gov.au/events

A number of Easter events have been supported by funding from the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) as part of the Gannawarra Community Flood Recovery Program, including:

- **Easter in the Park, Cohuna Thursday 17 April**
- **Kerang Street Party, Kerang Thursday 17 April**
- **Murrabit Easter Tennis Tournament, Friday 18 & Saturday 19 April**
- **Murrabit Country Market, Saturday 19 April**
- **Quambatook Tractor Pull, Saturday 19 April**
- **Rock Cover Band, Equalize, Kerang Lawn Tennis Club Sunday 20 April**



The poster for 'Easter in the Park' features a vibrant illustration of children playing in a park. In the background, there's a 'COFFEE MILKSHAKE' van and a barbecue with food being prepared. The scene is decorated with colorful Easter eggs and flowers. The text 'EASTER in the Park' is prominently displayed in the center. On the left, a list of activities includes Live Music, Arts & Crafts, Barbeque, Coffee and Milkshakes, Donuts, and Easter Egg Hunt. On the right, the event details are provided: Thursday 17th April, 11am-3pm, and Arts and Crafts Easter Baskets.



A Cohuna Progress Association event



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KERANG STREET PARTY

EASTER THURSDAY

FREE LIVE MUSIC • FACE PAINTING
GAMES • GIVEAWAYS & MORE

LIVE MUSIC FROM
 11AM GET YOUR GROOVE ON KIDS SHOW
 11:45 AM MADI COLVILLE WALKER 1PM REVIVE DUO
 2:15PM ELIAS LANYON
 4PM OFFICIAL CBD OPENING

VICTORIA STREET THURSDAY 17TH APRIL **11AM-4:30PM** KERANG

THIS IS A FULLY SUPERVISED ALL AGES EVENT THAT IS ALCOHOL, SMOKING, VAPE AND DRUG FREE.

Kubota AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS Quambatook TRACTOR PULL

EASTER SATURDAY April 19, 2025 **Tickets available through Ticketebo**

Full catering • Bar Facilities

VINTAGE: 1pm - 3pm MODIFIED: 3.30pm - 10pm
TRUCK & CAR DISPLAY

NO GLASS • NO PETS • NO BYO ALCOHOL • NO EFTPOS

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MURRABIT TRADING LTD

MURRABIT LAWN TENNIS CLUB

78th Annual Easter Tournament 2025

EVENTS

- Mixed - Good Friday 18 April
- Doubles- Saturday 19 April
- Each day -Sections- Men's & Ladies - A, Inter & B, Boys & Girls u16 & u13

Enter it's:

- fun
- relaxing
- competitive
- friendly

For quick and easy way to enter www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCXV9BQ

Enquiries to: Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club
 PO Box 33, Murrabit VIC 3579
 Email: murrabittawntennisclub@gmail.com
 or 0439 380 604
www.tennis.com.au/murrabit
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While in Murrabit explore the HUGE Easter Market on Saturday or experience camping, fishing or relaxing by the Murray River

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MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

EASTER SATURDAY

MURRABIT MARKET
EASTER SATURDAY
19 APRIL 2025

8:30AM-12:30PM

Featuring...

- Live music by Kim Ritchie
- Variety of market stalls
- FREE Animal Nursery and Bouncing Castle
- Plus the Easter Bunny will hop in for a visit!

Market on the Murray since '77
www.murrabit.com.au/market or Ph: 5457 2205

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BUSH TUCKER GARDEN PROJECT

The development of a new bush tucker garden space at Mallee District Aboriginal Services, Kerang is continuing with the support of Northern District Community Health and Gannawarra Shire Council. The garden is being funded by Emergency Recovery Victoria through the Gannawarra Flood Recovery Program.

The garden has been named "Tyapa Kurra Kahl" meaning "To plant on Country" in Barapa Wamba language. It will be a space for the local Aboriginal community to connect to Country and Culture.

The construction of five new raised Redgum timber garden beds have been completed during the weekly working bees. Thanks to Justin from Triple A Trees for donating his time and machinery to fill the beds with soil during a very hot working bee. The beds have been planted out with a range of bush tucker plants. The Midyam Berry plants have already provided ripe fruit ready for tasting. Other plants in this section of garden included Warrigal greens, Native Thyme, Sea Parsley, Muntries Berries and Native Oregano.



The next steps include planting native lawn, two mural paintings, ground-level garden plantings around the yarning circle area of the garden.

Working bees are continuing each Wednesday with the official opening planned during NAIDOC Week.

Enquiries on the Bush Tucker Garden project can be made to emma.holland@ndch.org.au or the progress can be followed on Facebook #BushTuckerSpaceKerang.



KERANG LAWN TENNIS CLUB

SUNDAY

Rock Cover Band

EQUALIZE

Sunday 20 April
Kerang Lawn Tennis Club,
Log Cabin
Zak 0439 648 678

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FLOOD RECOVERY FUNDED EVENTS

A range of community-led events and activities have occurred recently thanks to funding support from Emergency Recovery Victoria as part of the Gannawarra Flood Recovery Program. While bringing much needed joy to our residents and supporting social connections and mental health and wellbeing, these events also stimulate local business and tourism sector.

Quambatook Silo Cinema: The screening on the Quambatook silos of the iconic Australian movie, *The Dish*, was held on 22 February 2025. The movie is based on true events of the 1969 Moon landing and the involvement of the Parkes radio telescope. Hosted by the Quambatook Silo Cinema Committee the event was attended by several hundred community members.



Kerang Lunar Festival: After nine months of planning, cultural diversity was embraced and celebrated as hundreds of community members attended the inaugural Lunar Festival on Saturday 8 March. The event, delivered by the Kerang Progress Association, featured Vietnamese lion dancers, traditional music, Indian dancers and interactive workshops, and Asian music and dance. Local primary school students also performed.



Lake Meran Festival: An evening of musical entertainment on the picturesque shore of Lake Meran was enjoyed by hundreds of locals on Sunday 23 February. Delivered by the Lake Meran Foreshore Committee, the event featured live music, local beverages and food trucks and children's activities. A large turtle sculpture "Grumpy" was also unveiled as part of the festivities.



Kerryn Finch Art Workshop: Kerang Progress Association hosted an art workshop with local artist, Kerryn Finch. Kerryn shared her expertise on capturing native flora with a variety of painting techniques. The workshop was at capacity with participants producing some beautiful artwork.

International Women's Day: A breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day was held 7 March in Cohuna. The event celebrated the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, while also highlighting a call to action for a gender equal future. Over 60 community members heard inspiring stories from Koondrook singer/songwriter Elise Drake and Cohuna District Hospital's Director of Clinical Services, Wendy Lunghusen.



Indigenous Outreach Project (IOP) – Dance Program:



More than 1,200 students from all schools across the Gannawarra Shire participated in an indigenous dance troop and cultural activity program held between 3-6 March. IOP successfully uses dance and music to foster change and deliver healthy and positive messages around the theme 'Be Proud, No Shame, Respect'. It was great to see all school students connecting together and participating enthusiastically in this culture experience. Funding was also received from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to support this shire-wide program.

Gannawarra Sporting Club Dinner: A Sporting Club Dinner was held at the Koondrook Recreation Reserve on 25 March. The event was attended by 60 community members and included the official launch of the Gannawarra Fair Access Policy and keynote speakers The Grants Guy, Keith Whelan, and Laura Bradley from Sports Focus. MC for the evening was Brihony Dawson and catering by the Long Paddock Food Store, Koondrook.

