



MAYORS MESSAGE

On Friday 3 February I had the pleasure of attending a Theatre Restaurant night in Cohuna put on by Jason Henley to help struggling dairy farmers in the area. It was a fantastic night and included a play put on by the Boort-Buckrabanyule And Charlton Production Company centred around a small rural community in Queensland, trying to put on an event that would get world attention. It was very funny and the actors, two of whom were Buloke Shire Councillors, were excellent in their performance. Well done to Jason who put the show on as part of his Loddon Mallee Community Leadership Program. We have had some fantastic local events recently and last Friday the showing of the movie Zootopia was another example of how the community gets behind our events and a chance to enjoy the swimming pool complex. On Monday I had the pleasure of greeting six players from the Richmond Football Club to our shire as part of their tour through the region. It was great to have players of that calibre that came take the time to share their knowledge and skills with the rural communities.

Brian Gibson, MAYOR



PUBLIC NOTICE

DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Gannawarra Shire Council, as the declared waterway manager for the waters of Gunbower Creek under the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Act), makes the following declaration under Section 203(3) of the Act. For the purposes of the boating activity by Cohuna Lions Club on the waters of Gunbower Creek, vessels and persons participating in the Cohuna Bridge to Bridge Challenge are exempt from:

1. The requirements of clause 73.9(a) of Schedule 73 in relation to the area prohibited to vessels (provided all vessels maintain a speed that minimises wash when in this area);
2. The requirements of clause 73.10 of Schedule 73 in relation to the area prohibited to vessels with engines (provided all vessels maintain a speed that minimises wash when in this area).

The exemptions apply for the Cohuna Bridge to Bridge from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Saturday 4 March 2017 and 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Sunday 5 March 2017, provided that the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the Event Application and associated documentation are adhered to.

BY ORDER OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL

TEMPORARY LAKE CLOSURE – LAKE CHARM

Notice is hereby given that Lake Charm will be closed to the public between the hours of 6.00 am to 6.00 pm Saturday 25 February 2017 and 6.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday 26 February 2017. The purpose of this lake closure is for the Ski Racing Victoria Point Score Race 5 event. Any enquiries may be directed to the Kerang Office on telephone 5450 9333.
Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer

IMMUNISATION SESSION

Kerang – Wednesday 15 February, 4.00pm – 5.30pm at Gannawarra Children's Centre

Cohuna – Wednesday 15 February, 10.30am – 12 midday at Maternal and Child Health Centre



BINDII & KHAKI WEED

To support residents who are taking action to remove Caltrop (commonly known as Bindii) and Khaki weed, Council will be accepting these weeds for disposal at all of its Transfer Stations during normal operating hours, free of charge (please ensure they are separate from other green waste). While treatment with herbicide is effective at or before flowering stage, manual removal is the only option once seeds appear. Council is also active with ongoing treatment of public parks and gardens to prevent their spread.



RATES NOTICES DUE!

A friendly reminder to residents not paying their full rates by quarterly instalments, that their rates are due in full by close of business Wednesday 15 February. For those that are paying in quarterly instalments the third rates instalments are due on Tuesday 28 February. Payment can be made in person at the Kerang or Cohuna offices or Australia Post, via cheque, direct debit or Bpay. Residents can register with BPAY View to have future rates notices sent straight to the online portal of their chosen financial institution.

For further information please contact Gannawarra Shire Council Service Centre on 5450 9333.

COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Grants Program is now open with applications being sought for the program from community groups and organisations for amounts up to \$7,500. Application forms and information brochure are available on Council's website www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au or from Council's Customer Service Centres in Kerang and Cohuna. Applicants are encouraged to speak to Council officers prior to submitting their application. Applications will be accepted until 5.00pm Tuesday 14 March 2017.

AUSTRALIA WILL BE THERE

Australia Will Be There was created as a touring exhibition for the centenary of the First World War. Comprising historical photographs and personal stories, this exhibition presents the chronology of the First World War (1914-19). Through stories of hardships endured and the battles fought – from the landings at Gallipoli to combat in Palestine, Passchendaele and Fromelles – the exhibition provides insights into the experiences of Victorian men and Women in the Great War. The exhibition will remain on display in Kerang until 18 March 2017.

As part of the exhibition, families and communities are encouraged to share their stories and to contribute to our understanding of the experience of our forebears and the events that shaped our country and the world. Stories can be emailed to stories@shrine.org.au



Beyond the Battle is a 2 year project within Gannawarra Shire sponsored by the Victorian Government through the Victoria Remembers Grant Program.

It is about showing the faces and telling the stories of our World War 1 service community and broadening the reach to include those from other areas and nations who moved to the Gannawarra Shire at any time after the war. This project will sensitively explore all facets of Gannawarra's involvement in The Great War, acknowledging our indigenous servicemen and women, the understanding of how war affects everyone - from those who serve to those who keep the home fires burning, as well as how our community today is different from, and similar to, that of 1914-1918. In this way, we have stories from all over the world that reflect what was happening at the time.

The project will include contributions in the form of digital copies of images, documents and other materials provided by members of the community, relating to family members who served and will result in a documentary style film and recorded in the permanent collection accessible through the Gannawarra Library Service. The documentary film, which will incorporate some of the images and stories collected, will be screened at two community cinema events on Remembrance Day 2017 and 2018.

If you would like your family's history to be included in this project, please contact: Kristie Dean, The Beyond the Battle Project Officer
Email: kristie.dean@gannawarra.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 5450 9333

WHAT'S ON?!

February 14 – Autumn Start Up Managing Soli Success workshop

February 17 - Australia will be There exhibition opening, Kerang

February 18 – Love Me Love You March, Kerang

February 18 – Quambatook Silo Cinema – The Dressmaker

February 25 – Lake Charm Ski Races

February 28 – Clean up the Creek – Gunbower Creek

All event details are in the events calendar on Councils website www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au