

Mayors Message

Spring is finally here! With the weather recently I would like to remind residents to tidy up their premises and nature strips, as they are growing rapidly. However, it is encouraging to see new trees being planted around our communities, improving the appearances of our towns, encouraging more visitors to stop and investigate. In addition I would like to remind residents to prepare for the prevention of Fruit Flies; Fruit Fly traps are available from the hardware stores. I am pleased to say that Gannawarra Shire Council has been named a finalist in the state-wide Heart Foundation Local Government awards. Keep an eye out on Councils website and Facebook page for the results. I encourage everyone in their spare time have a look at the Koondrook Wharf and Kerang Splash Park, both these projects are progressing and are nearing the finished product very exciting times for the community. I would like to finish off by adding; last week I attended the MAV State Council where Gannawarra Shire supported the motion to extend Shire valuations from every 2 years to 4 years which would save council over 100K every 2 years.

Cr Lorraine Learmonth, MAYOR



Job Vacancies

Accounts Payable Finance Officer

Temporary full time (3 years)
The Accounts Payable Finance Officer is responsible for the timely and accurate processing of creditor and other payments. Previous experience in a similar position is essential.

Trainee Finance Assistant

Temporary full time (18 months)
Opportunity for an enthusiastic person who can demonstrate an aptitude for working with numbers. Ability and commitment to completing a Certificate III qualification is essential.

For more information please visit www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Situations-vacant

Immunisations

Kerang – 21 September, Gannawarra Children's Centre, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Cohuna – 21 September, Maternal & Child Health Centre, 10.30am – 12.00pm

Public Notice

A Public Meeting will be held in the following places to elect a Special Committee under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

- Gannawarra Hall on Tuesday September 13, 2016 at 8:00 pm for the Gannawarra Hall.
- Leitchville War Memorial Swimming Pool on Monday 26 September 2016 at 7.30 pm for the Leitchville War Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Lake Charm Hall on Wednesday 21 September, 2016 at 7:30 pm for the Lake Charm Public Hall.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Kerang Library Closure

Due to refurbishment the Sir John Gorton Library Kerang will be Closed from Monday 3 October and will reopen Monday 17 October. The Meeting Room and Genealogy areas will be unavailable from Monday 26 September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Seniors Festival

Victorian Seniors Festival Week 2016 is officially celebrated on Sunday 2 October to Sunday 9 October. However the Gannawarra Shire will host events throughout the month of October. To kick the month of James Blundell will perform in Cohuna and an afternoon tea to celebrate Cohuna's 50th Anniversary will follow in their club rooms. Gannawarra Shire Council will offer many activities that everybody can enjoy such as The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel movie screening, the Wetlander Cruise with Devonshire Tea, a visit to Border Flywheeler Museum and Cohuna Library will host a High Tea to finish off the month. In addition there are several Come and Try sessions in Croquet, Tennis and Golf also on offer. The Program of Events brochure is available at both the Kerang and Cohuna Customer Service. Details of the events happening in the municipality are in the brochure, some events require a booking/ticket. Hope to see you at the events.

CBD Upgrade – Public consultation extended

The public consultation period regarding the proposed redevelopment of Victoria Square and Victoria Street in Kerang has been extended until further notice. The public reaction to date has been amazing, and Council is keen to ensure that as many people as possible have their say on the draft concepts, which will now remain on display in Patchell Plaza throughout September.

Youth Council Profile

Anastasia Gackenheimer-Shaw

Swan Hill SuniTafe, Year 10 Community Position



Why did you join Youth Council?

I joined Youth Council so that I could help young people and the community overall. I wanted to find out what is available for young people and I also want to help combat boredom.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?

Working hard on my career and helping volunteer in numerous organizations and being a leader in my community.

Interests or something interesting about yourself

My interests are writing and photography. I love to write stories and read everything. Photography is my creative outlet and I just love to capture the moment of a beautiful memory.

What is one thing you would like to see happen or change in Gannawarra to make it a better place for young people?

I'd like to see more active youth involvement in volunteer activities and events. I would be excited if there was young people using their spare time and creativity to create a better environment in schools so fewer children feel excluded and their ideas are valued.

WHAT'S ON

-  **14 September** – Ordinary Council Meeting at Cohuna
-  **18 September** – Koondrook Barham Farmers' Market
-  **20 September** – Star Wars illustrator Workshop
-  **20 September** – Star Wars School Holiday Activities
-  **24 September** – Kerang Community Market
-  **21 October** – Mystic Melodies