

## COUNCIL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Gannawarra Shire Council Customer Service Offices will be closed from 5.00pm Friday December 21, 2018 and will reopen 8.30am Wednesday January 2, 2019. For after-hours animal/livestock emergencies please call the Local Laws Officer on duty 0428 500 212. Please see [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) for full service closures.

## HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION

All rubbish collections that would normally occur on Tuesday December 25, 2018 and Tuesday January 1, 2019 will take place on the Sunday prior, being Sunday December 23 and December 30, 2018. All other collections remain the same. Please note the Kerang Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday December 25, 2018 and Tuesday January 1, 2019.

## COUNCIL MEETING

Please note: No Council Meeting will be held in January, 2019. The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 6.30pm at Council Chambers, Kerang. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda will be available two days prior to the meeting via [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

## SURVIVE THE HEAT

Plan ahead to #SurviveTheHeat. If you have to go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you. Heat kills more people than any natural disaster. Be prepared this summer. For tips visit: [betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat)

## E-WASTE

E-waste items currently accepted at Gannawarra Shire waste facilities include TVs, phones, computers, batteries, light bulbs and their accessories. In 2019 the types of e-waste that can be accepted into recycling centres will expand to include any electronic item that requires batteries or has a cord and plug. Visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) to find out what you can recycle. E-waste will be banned from landfill sites from July 2019.

## CALICIVIRUS RELEASE

Council will be conducting a release of the Calicivirus (RHDV K5) adjacent to the Kerang Township mid to late January 2019. The wild rabbit eradication program is supported by the Victorian Government's Roadside Weeds and Pests Program 2017-2019. This is the same strain of Calicivirus that was released early in 2017 as part of a nation-wide effort to control wild rabbit populations. While the virus is already in the area, residents with pet rabbits are reminded to check that their pet rabbits are vaccinated. Contact your vet for information on vaccinating your pet rabbit.

## PROJECT UPDATE

### Koondrook Main Street to Punt Road Upgrade Works

Council recently received a 'Fixing Local Roads' grant from Regional Roads Victoria to upgrade and reconfigure kerb and channel, Apex Park, road intersections and pedestrian paths of travel to the main township area of Koondrook. These works will provide safer walking and driving access for locals and visitors. Under the grant conditions, the works must be completed by June 30, 2019.



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

If you have visitors over the holidays, I encourage you to take them for a tour of our great Shire. Check out the Gannawarra Solar Farm, the Koondrook Wharf, cotton growing north of Kerang, our many waterways and our local markets and eateries. Drop into the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre for maps and brochures.

I would like to send out a special thanks to the Gannawarra Toy Run and volunteers who have delivered approx. 300 Christmas hampers to those in need of a helping hand this year.

Christmas can be a lonely time for many in our communities so please call in on elderly neighbours or ask them for a cuppa. Council looks forward to delivering exciting projects and events in 2019, and I encourage community members to attend New Year's events across the Shire. On behalf of Councillors, executive and our staff, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Kind Regards,  
Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

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LEARMONTH

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CHRISTMAS



## LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

The Gannawarra Library Service encourages you to drop into their branches this summer to read, relax and escape the summer heat.

Our libraries have a great range of books, films, graphic novels and audio devices on offer and free Wi-Fi is available. For families, craft activities will be on offer as well as scheduled 'Maker Space' time.

Kinder and school age children can get a special Gannawarra Library Service 'Summer Time' book mark and receive a stamp from staff each time they visit and borrow books from the library over the school holidays - fun prizes will be given out along the way. For more information about school holiday activities follow Gannawarra Library Service on Facebook or call into your local library to pick up a flyer.



## A MIDSUMMERS NIGHT DREAM

Shakespeare's most beloved play on the foreshore of beautiful Lake Meran. BYO picnic, chairs, hat and sunscreen and meet your friends at the foreshore just as the sun sets!

Showing 6.30pm Thursday January 17, 2019.

Gates to open at 5.30pm - Lake Meran Foreshore.

Adults \$25, Concession \$20

Book your tickets now via [www.trybooking.com/YHKK](http://www.trybooking.com/YHKK)

## WHAT'S ON...

DEC 23	Cohuna Farmers & Makers Market
DEC 25	Cohuna Community Christmas Lunch
DEC 26	Kerang Boxing Day Races
DEC 31	Kerang News Years Eve in the Park
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JAN 01	New Years Day
JAN 05	Murrabit Country Market
JAN 08	Quambatook Social Meal
JAN 17	A Midsummer Night's Dream
JAN 18	Cohuna Social Meal
JAN 19	Kerang Community Market
JAN 21	Disability and Carers Expo
JAN 22 & 23	Live Light Painting Workshops
JAN 23	Live Light Painting Performance
JAN 26	Australia Day Celebrations - Shire wide
JAN 27	Cohuna Farmers and Makers Market

Event details can be found on Council's Website

## SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

Want to see your event featured above? Submit your event details to Council's website [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au)

### Become a Gannawarra ACE Club member



Gannawarra  
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and join in the fun and support all the amazing shows and events that we have within our region. We organise tickets and transport if needed  
JOIN TODAY \$10 per year

Phone Cohuna Neighbourhood House: 03 5456 4666

## COMMUNITY CARE HOLIDAY NOTICE

For Personal Care and Meals on Wheels alterations/emergencies/cancellations during the Council office closure period between 5.00pm Friday December 21, 2018 and 8.30am Wednesday January 2, 2019, please telephone 5450 9601. Personal Care and Meals On Wheels will continue as usual except on Christmas Day, when no services will be offered. Respite Care services will take place by prior arrangement only. For further information please see [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au). The Community Care department would like to wish clients and volunteers a Merry Christmas and happiness throughout the New Year.

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