

IMMUNISATION SESSION

KERANG Gannawarra Children's Centre
Wednesday 7 February
10.30am – 12 midday

Please arrive at least 15mins prior to session closing time

FRUIT FLY

It's not too late to protect late plantings of tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants and any remaining fruit crops from Queensland fruit fly (QFF) before they ripen. Controlling QFF in your backyard not only protects your produce, it also reduces fly numbers in our towns and supports statewide efforts to control this pest. Further information on fruit fly control, including control methods, grants and other initiatives is available from the Agriculture Victoria website, www.agriculture.vic.gov.au or by calling 136 186.

RATES INSTALLMENT DUE

A friendly reminder that if you are paying your rates in instalments, the third instalment is due 28 February 2018. Alternatively, you can pay your rates in full by 15 February 2018. For more information visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au or call us on 5450 9333.

CALICIVIRUS RELEASE SET TO OCCUR AT KERANG

Gannawarra Shire Council advises that it will be conducting a release of the Calicivirus (RHDV1 K5) adjacent to the Kerang Township from Thursday February 8, 2018. 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. Further releases are planned at several other sites throughout the shire in the coming weeks. Please contact your local vet for more information on vaccinating your pet rabbit.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Gannawarra Shire Council informs residents households may receive a call from an independent market research agency called National Field Services over the coming weeks.

The company has been appointed to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council. The survey has been designed to assess the performance of the Gannawarra Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents. More than 60 Victorian council's will be undertaking similar surveys over the coming months.

Residents will be asked to provide feedback on a range of Council service areas, such as community consultation, roads, waste, customer service, tourism and overall Council performance. If you have any questions, please contact Council on 5450 9333.

ROAD WORKS

Gannawarra Shire Council wishes to advise sealed road stabilisation works will be taking place this week in Cohuna and the following sites: Intersection Channel Street and Dunn Street, Mead Street, Semples Road and Intersection Greens and Kerang-Leitchville Road. These sites will be managed by traffic control during works period.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin this message by congratulating and thanking all the Australia Day Award nominees for their continued generosity and contribution to our local communities. Jodie Hay awarded Citizen of the Year is very proactive in promoting Cohuna for its events, businesses and tourism activity, all while working full time on her dairy farm and raising a family. Maddison Makeham, winner of the Young Citizen of the Year award, is an influential member of the FReeZA committee, coordinating youth events and other activities for young people. I can't wait to see what these two women achieve in the future.

On Wednesday morning we had the pleasure of hosting Kate and Jon (pictured) of 'The Morning Rush'. This live radio broadcast from Koondrook Wharf was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Shire as a destination and promote our tourism activities and businesses.

Queens Baton Relay's arrival to Gannawarra is coming around very quickly and I am looking forward to seeing our local community come out and support all our local baton bearers!

Brian Gibson
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ARRIVING FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY

The Queen's Baton Relay will arrive in Gannawarra Friday 16 February! Join our Community Celebrations:

10.30am - Murrabit Group School
1.30pm - Atkinson Park, Kerang

Following the celebration the Kerang Pool will be open FREE from 3.30pm with fun games presented by FReeZA. Cheer on our 55 Gannawarra Shire baton bearers including... Australian International Netballer, Julie Corletto, who grew up in Kerang, Mallee music legend and John Williamson who hails from Quambatook.

Residents are advised that a number of **road closures** in both Murrabit and Kerang will occur on Friday February 16, 2018 to allow for the Queen's Baton Relay. Residents are advised to seek alternative routes during these times or take the opportunity to line the streets and watch the baton relay. For more information on closures and relay route please visit Council's website.

CUSTOMER ACTION REQUEST SYSTEM

Council has a Customer Action Request (CAR) system which makes it easy for you to report on any issue or problem you may encounter. This could include any range of Council related matters such as reporting a damaged street sign, stray animal, road or footpath faults, issues with services, council buildings or reserves.

When you log a report it is recorded in our CAR system and assigned to the appropriate Council officer to action, and also respond back to you if requested. When logging a report it helps if you can give us as much information as you possibly can, including an exact location and detailed description, as this really helps our staff when investigating and taking action. You can easily log a report into our CAR system by:

- Calling into the Kerang or Cohuna Office during business hours or phoning 5450 9333
- Visiting our website and starting a live chat with our friendly customer service team
- Visiting our website and lodging a request, www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Contact-Us/Lodge-a-Request
- Emailing council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au.

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Grants Program is now open. Applications are being sought for the program from community groups and not-for-profit organisations for amounts up to \$5,000.

The program now provides two types of grant:

1. Community Support Grant (up to \$5,000)
2. Events Grant in the categories of
 - Community Events (up to \$500 per application)
 - Minor Events (up to 2,000 per application)
 - Major Events (up to \$5,000 per application)

Applications will be accepted until 5.00pm Tuesday 13 March 2018.

To find out more visit Gannawarra Shire Council's website www.gsc.vic.gov.au

WHAT'S ON?

FEBRUARY 10	Quambatook Silo Cinema
FEBRUARY 12	Cooking Up a Storm
FEBRUARY 16	Queen's Baton Relay, Murrabit
FEBRUARY 16	Queen's Baton Relay, Kerang
FEBRUARY 23	Koondrook Barham Fishing Competition
FEBRUARY 24	Ski Racing Victoria - Point Score 4
FEBRUARY 24	Comedian Austen Tayshus at KBar
MARCH 02	Music by the Creek, Cohuna
MARCH 03	River Daze, Barham
MARCH 03	Murrabit Market
MARCH 04	Cohuna Bridge to Bridge
MARCH 04	Made Local Market, Cohuna
MARCH 02	Music by the Creek, Cohuna
MARCH 10	HART, Kerang

ALL EVENT DETAILS ARE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

GANNAWARRA ACE CLUB

Join ACE, the new Gannawarra Arts, Culture and Entertainment Club! The Gannawarra ACE club will advise you of upcoming shows and events, organise and reserve seating on our ACE member tables, and when required organise transport. For more information contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House 03 5456 4666.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

Want to see your community event featured above? Submit your event details to www.gsc.vic.gov.au



GANNAWARRA NON EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICE (GNETS)

Gannawarra Shire Council offers shire residents without family &/or friends available to assist, an alternative transport service so they can attend specialist/medical appointments in towns outside our Shire eg Boort, Swan Hill, Echuca, Bendigo (excludes Melbourne)* Our driver will pick you up from home on the day in our GNETS vehicle, drive you to the appointment and assist you inside to the reception area if required. Clients travelling more than 100kms may be eligible for a reimbursement through the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS). Call 5450 9333 if you would like to book our service * Fees & conditions apply.