

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

COHUNA Maternal Child and Health
Wednesday 17 January
10.30am – Midday

KERANG Gannawarra Children's Centre
Wednesday 17 January
4.00pm – 5.30pm

Please arrive at least 15mins prior to session closing time

2018 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

All Meetings to be held at 6.30pm Kerang Council Chambers

January: No Meeting
February: Wednesday 21
March: Wednesday 21
April: Wednesday 18
May: Wednesday 16
June: Wednesday 27
July: Wednesday 18
August: Wednesday 15
September: Wednesday 19
October: Wednesday 17
November: Wednesday 21
December: Wednesday 19

Note: June Council Meeting is one week later due to the National General Assembly Conference.



2018 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY DATES

Tuesday 10 April, Tuesday 10 July and Tuesday 09 October.

OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

Season tickets are available to purchase from Customer Service centres or at the pools. Eftpos is now available at both pools.

Cohuna Swimming Pool Summer Opening Hours:
December, January & February 10.00am - 8.00pm
(Monday - Sunday). Early morning swimming Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30am.

Kerang Swimming Pool Summer Opening Hours:
December, January & February 10.00am - 8.00pm
(Monday - Sunday). Early morning swimming Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.30am.

Public Holiday Hours: 12.00pm – 7.00pm



TEMPORARY LAKE CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that Lake Charm will be closed to the public between the hours of 6.30 am to 6.00 pm Saturday 20 January 2018 and 6.30 am to 6.00 pm Sunday 21 January 2018. The purpose of this lake closure is for the Ski Racing Victoria Point Score Race 4 event.

Any enquiries may be directed to the Kerang Office on telephone 5450 9333.

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

The Queen's Baton Relay is currently at Magic Millions on the Gold Coast.

The Baton will arrive in Gannawarra next month! Community Celebrations will be held from 10.30am at Murrabit Group School and 1.30pm at Atkinson Park, Kerang on Friday 16 February 2018!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2018!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The break for many is an opportunity to catch up with family and close friends and spend some quality time together. It was fantastic to see so many people taking the chance to get together at the functions that were put on in Koondrook, Cohuna and Kerang, well done to all the community volunteers who work so tirelessly to put these events on for us all to enjoy, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Summer is upon us and it is wonderful to see our local facilities and waterways being utilised by locals and visitors alike. Please be safe around water, and look out for your family and friends in the heat of the summer period. Some great tips and advice can be found at betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat

The Queen's Baton Relay has landed in the country and is now very close to arriving in Gannawarra in February! We have some exciting activities to lead up to its arrival, include a colouring competition for the young kids across the Shire. If the grown-ups are looking for a little activity for the kids which will also put them in the running to win a cool prize, be sure to pick up a pack from Council's customer service or library outlets in Kerang and Cohuna and let the creative minds go! I am excited to see the entries later this month.

2018 brings with it the promise of a New Year, with many opportunities, challenges and exciting things in the pipeline for Gannawarra, and I am excited to get to work with my fellow councillors to make Gannawarra a fantastic place to live, work and play. **Brian Gibson, Mayor**

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CEO APPOINTED

Gannawarra Shire Council passed a resolution at its Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 December 2017 to appoint Mr Tom O'Reilly as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr O'Reilly has been filling in as Acting CEO at Gannawarra since previous CEO Mr Eric Braslis' resignation during December and has been Council's Director Corporate Services prior to that.

Mr O'Reilly has a professional background in both local government and private industry and has qualifications including a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) degree and is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA). Mr O'Reilly is a Fellow of CPA Australia and also a Fellow of the Goulburn Murray Community Leadership Program Inc. Congratulations Tom!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Have you ever thought about volunteering for one of the many volunteer programs the Shire offer our community? If you find you have some spare time and like the sound of any of the programs listed below call Council and one of our Volunteer Co-ordinators will discuss further how you can help make a positive difference to the lives of many within our shire. Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back and support the community we all love!

GATEWAY CENTRE

Passionate about our Shire? Volunteer in our visitor centre and promote our local attractions by sharing your knowledge of our beautiful surrounds & enjoy a chat.

BOOKS ON WHEELS

Enjoy reading and discussing books? Books on Wheels deliver books, magazines, audio books & DVD's to people who are unable to access the library themselves.

L2P

Mentor a young person by taking a drive & allowing them to practice so they can gain the necessary driving skills to become independent on our roads.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Enjoy a chat and have a spare hour once a month or even every other month? You can make a huge difference to the lives of many by delivering an essential daily meal to clients.

SOCIAL MEALS

Do you enjoy social luncheons? Assist our cooks to set up tables and distribute a two course home cooked meal to guests all the while enjoying the social interaction.

GNETS

Enjoy a drive? GNETS assists clients by driving them to their specialist/medical appointments in towns outside of our Shire.



TWELFTH NIGHT

Shakespeare and Essential Theatre are returning to Koondrook on 02 February 2018 and will this year show at Apex Park, back dropped by the beautiful Murray River and Koondrook Wharf.

Twelfth Night is an entertaining, high spirited and clever comedy. This year the event will offer a unique outdoor picnic experience and attendants are encouraged to bring their own chair, bean bag or picnic blanket.

Pre purchased dinner hampers are available from local Providers, Farm 253 or Burbury + Mathers. Simply select your hamper when you purchase your tickets and it will be ready for you on your arrival to the event.

Like last year in the case of unfortunate weather the performance will be relocated to the Barham School of Arts and notice will be given by 12noon on the day of the performance.

The 'Twelfth Night' performance will commence at 6.30pm with gates open from 5.30pm.

To view the hamper menu or to buy your tickets visit trybooking.com/STMZ

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

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

WHAT'S ON!?

JANUARY 23	Artist Talk, Sir John Gorton Library
JANUARY 26	Australia Day Community Celebrations
JANUARY 26	Great Aussie Lilo Race, Koondrook
JANUARY 27	Ski Racing Victoria - Point Score 4
JANUARY 27	Cohuna Town Garage Sale
JANUARY 27	Kerang Community Market
JANUARY 27	Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Days
FEBRUARY 01	Be Surprised Exhibition Opening
FEBRUARY 02	Twelfth Night, Koondrook
FEBRUARY 16	Queen's Baton Relay

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 up coming shows and events, organise and reserve seating on our ACE member tables, and when required organise transport. Membership is only \$10 a year! For more information contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House 03 5456 4666.