

# Gannawarra NEWS



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Community groups are encouraged to apply for support to assist local projects, programs, events and activities thanks to Council's 2024 Community Grants Program.



Applicants can apply for up to \$5,000, with successful projects needing to meet the essential criteria, align with the community vision identified in the *Growing Gannawarra – 2021-2025 Council Plan*, as outlined in the guidelines, and must be delivered by 30 June 2025.

Applications close 4pm Wednesday, 1 May. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/grants)

Kind regards,

**Mayor Ross Stanton**

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held on **Wednesday, 17 April** at the Cohuna Community Meeting Room, starting at 6pm. A recording will be available at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings) no later than 24 hours after this meeting.

Residents can submit questions to Council for consideration during Question Time by completing a form at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime) by 5pm the day before each meeting.

## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Manager People and Culture** – Permanent full-time/part-time
- **Chief Financial Officer** – Permanent full-time/part-time
- **Finance Officer** – Permanent full-time/part-time
- **Governance Officer** – Permanent full-time/part-time
- **Community Amenity Coordinator** - Permanent full-time
- **Lifeguard – Kerang Exercise Pool** – Casual
- **Kindergarten Teacher** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Casual positions available

For more information, please visit

[www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs)

## IMMUNISATION SESSION

**WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL**

COHUNA (10.30am – 12 noon)

KERANG (4pm – 5.30pm)

**NOTE:** Bookings are essential, which can be made by phoning (03) 5450 9333. For more details, please visit

[www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

## COUNCIL TO NO LONGER ISSUE BUILDING PERMITS

Council has made the difficult decision to permanently cease providing the service of issuing building permits, which are required for all major projects, including new homes, home extensions, garages and commercial projects.

This decision is not uncommon for rural municipalities, with neighbouring councils either unable to attract applicants for Municipal Building Surveyors or opting to cease issuing building permits. Building permits currently under the Council's management will proceed with minimal delays and be processed according to permit conditions.

Council's decision to withdraw from accepting building permits will not impact its statutory building functions, which includes report and consent applications, providing building information certificates, enforcing compliance with the regulations, investigating suspected non-compliance with the Building Act 1993 and utilising emergency powers to protect public safety.

Residents and project managers seeking private building surveyors for their projects are encouraged to visit [www.vba.vic.gov.au/tools/find-practitioner](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au/tools/find-practitioner) or [www.aibs.com.au](http://www.aibs.com.au)

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council's services will be closed on Thursday, 25 April 2024 for the ANZAC Day public holiday.

For after-hours emergencies, including animal/livestock matters, please call Council's on-call service on 0409 022 920.



## GANNAWARRA FLOOD REFLECTIONS EXHIBITION

Time is running out to view the *Gannawarra Flood Reflections Exhibition* at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library before it travels throughout the Gannawarra.

Featuring images and drone footage from the 2022 floods, this free exhibition is on display at the Gannawarra Library Service's Kerang branch until 5pm Wednesday, 24 April.