

# Gannawarra NEWS



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My fellow Councillors and I encourage all residents to have their say on the draft Gannawarra Shire Council 2026/27 Annual Budget. One of the key documents Council produces each year,



the proposed budget outlines how Council will provide the services you rely on and maintain the municipality's various assets. As with previous years, Council is proposing a 2.75 per cent increase in the total amount of income received via municipal rates, which is in line with the cap legislated under the Victorian State Government's Fair Go Rates system. However, like all sectors, Council is facing accelerating costs that are growing faster than the legislated cap, whilst global uncertainty will continue to place economic pressures on all areas of society.

The proposed budget also features a \$16.4 million capital works program that will improve and maintain key infrastructure, such as roads, buildings, swimming pools and urban stormwater infrastructure. As with previous years, some of these projects are reliant on grants from other levels of government.

You can view the proposed budget and have your say until 5pm Friday, 15 May 2026 either online, by phone or by email. Kind regards,

**Mayor Garner Smith**

## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Early Childhood Educator** – Part-time
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** - Casual
- **Swim Instructor** - Casual

For more information, please visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs)

## IMMUNISATION SESSION

**WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY**

KERANG (10.30am – 12 noon)

**NOTE:** Bookings are essential, which can be made by phoning (03) 5450 9333.

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held on **Wednesday, 20 May** at The Glasshouse, Kerang, starting at 6pm.

Questions can be submitted for consideration during Question Time online at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime) or from Council's Customer Service Centres by 5pm the day before each meeting.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

- **Draft Gannawarra Urban Stormwater Management Plan 2026–2036** (feedback accepted up to 5pm Thursday, 14 May).

For more information, visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay)



## ANZAC DAY ROAD CLOSURES

Motorists are advised that the following roads will be closed on Saturday, 25 April for ANZAC Day commemorations:

- **Cohuna:** Cullen, King Edward, King George and Market streets, between 5.45am-6.15am and 8.45am-10.45am for a march and service.
- **Koondrook:** Grigg Road, between the Koondrook-Barham bridge and Arbuthnot Street, and Arbuthnot Street, between Grigg Road and the Koondrook RSL Hall, from 10.45am-11.30am for a march.

## 2026/27 PROPOSED BUDGET

Residents can have their say on Council's 2026/27 Proposed Budget until 5pm Friday, 15 May in the following ways:

- Online at [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/budget)
- By visiting Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang.
- By emailing [council@gsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@gsc.vic.gov.au)
- By phoning (03) 5450 9333 during business hours.
- By writing to Gannawarra Shire Council, PO Box 287 Kerang VIC 3579.

## KERANG ROAD CLOSURES – MONDAY, 4 MAY

Residents and visitors are advised that due to a cross-country event, temporary road closures will be in place for the following Kerang streets from 9.30am-1pm Monday, 4 May:

- Scoresby Street, between the entrance to Riverside Park and the Kerang levee walking track.
- Wyndham Street, between the entrance to Riverside Park and the Kerang levee walking track.



## NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTING OPEN

The Glasshouse is in the running for three awards as part of the National Awards for Local Government.

You can cast your vote by visiting <https://nalg.awardsplatform.com/> before Monday, 4 May.