

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last week my fellow Councillors and I made the difficult decision to place the Quambatook Senior Citizens Centre on the open market for sale. This once popular building had been used by the Quambatook Senior Citizens Club and other community groups for many years to host events and celebrations; however, a recent structural condition assessment determined the building is in very poor condition. This is due to widespread severe cracking, movement, and dislodgement of masonry walls, likely due to reactive clay soils and prolonged degradation. This damage would mean returning the building to its former glory would be unjustifiable. Council will discuss the best options available with Quambatook's community groups prior to the hall's sale. Council sought feedback regarding the future of the building and two other Council-owned assets at Quambatook late last year, with a decision on the hall's future and a Council-owned block of units in Guthrie Street, Quambatook following the tragic events that occurred earlier this year.

Kind regards,
Mayor Garner Smith



EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Library Programs Officer** – Part-time
- **Outdoor Swimming Pool Lifeguard** - Casual
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Traineeship and Casual positions

For more information, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs

IMMUNISATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

KERANG (10.30am – 12 noon)

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

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held on **Wednesday, 17 September** at the Kerang Senior Citizens Centre, starting at 6pm.

Residents can submit questions to Council for consideration during Question Time at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime by 5pm the day before each meeting.

HAVE YOUR SAY

- **Road Management Plan Review**
(feedback accepted up to 5pm Thursday, 18 September).

For more information, visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY INTERVIEWS

Independent market research agency, National Field Services is currently conducting the second round of interviews for the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey. As part of this assessment of Council's performance, 100 randomly selected residents over the age of 18 will be interviewed by telephone.

If you have any questions, phone Council on (03) 5450 9333.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON DRAFT ASSET PLANS, SUB-PLANS

Council would like to hear from you regarding the *Draft Gannawarra Shire Council Asset Plan 2025-2035* and its related sub-plans for buildings, open space, stormwater and transport assets.

Copies of the five documents are available online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay and at Council's Customer Service Centres. Residents can have their say on the documents up to 5pm Thursday, 18 September by completing a Have Your Say form, available at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or from Council's Customer Service Centres.

2025/2026 RATES NOTICES

Council is in the final stages of processing municipal rates notices for 2025/2026. Your municipal rates notice includes what you are required to pay for the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) levy. Council opposes the introduction of the ESVF in its current form and will take every opportunity to continue to object this on behalf of our community.

If you choose not to pay the ESVF levy, Council is legislated to charge interest and take steps to recover any outstanding amounts. If you only pay a portion of the total amount due, some of the payment will be paid to the State Government to cover the levy.

Council is not permitted to allocate money for rates without also allocating some of the money to the ESVF levy.

If you have any queries regarding the ESVF, please phone the State Revenue Office's ESVF Support Line on 1300 819 033 or visit www.sro.vic.gov.au/esvf

BECOME AN OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL LIFEGUARD

Council is seeking applications for its Outdoor Swimming Pool Lifeguard team for the 2025/26 swimming pool season.

For more information and to apply, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs

