

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last month Council confirmed its opposition to the compulsory access to, and compulsory acquisition of private land associated with the construction of VNI West. As part of Council's position, we have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister for Climate Action, Energy and Resources to discuss our stance, as well as our communities' concerns. These include consultation with landowners, compensation to impacted residents, and the project's benefits to the Gannawarra Shire.

This project will change the Gannawarra's landscape, and it is important that Council seeks appropriate outcomes for all residents, especially those whose land will be impacted by the construction of these transmission lines.

By publicly outlining our stance, my fellow Councillors and I aim to reengage with the Minister to discuss our concerns and get the best outcomes for the Gannawarra. We look forward to providing an update regarding the outcome of these discussions.

Kind regards,
Mayor Garner Smith



EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Assets Inspector** – Full-time
- **Swim Instructor** – Casual
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Casual positions available

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

IMMUNISATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

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, 18 February** at The Glasshouse, Kerang, starting at 6pm.

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

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY IN THE GANNAWARRA

Various events will be held throughout the Gannawarra on Monday, 26 January to mark Australia Day.

For more information regarding celebrations planned, please visit
www.gsc.vic.gov.au/events



PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council's services will be closed on **Monday, 26 January** for the Australia Day public holiday. The Cohuna and Kerang swimming pools will be open from 12 noon-7pm. For after-hours emergencies, including animal/livestock matters, please call Council's on-call service on 0409 022 920. Household waste collection services will continue as scheduled.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DIRECTORY UPDATED

The latest edition of the Community Connections Directory is your resource for details about regular community programs and activities held across the Gannawarra. Available from Council's Customer Service Centres, Gannawarra Library Service branches, neighbourhood houses and online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory the directory features details regarding programs for young children, families and seniors, as well as community health services, transport options and wellbeing support options.

PRESEASON SWIMMING POOL CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

Council is partnering with the Koondrook Swimming Pool committee to coordinate the inaugural Preseason Pool Challenge, which will enable visitors to the Cohuna, Kerang, Koondrook and Leitchville swimming pools to log the number of laps swum and allocate this total to their local sporting club.

To help your local team record laps, head to either the Cohuna, Kerang, Koondrook or Leitchville swimming pools before Sunday, 1 March, record the number of laps completed on the log sheet at the kiosk at either venue and allocate your laps to your selected club. The top two lap swimmers at each venue will also be recognised with a free season pass for the 2026/27 season.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY INTERVIEWS

Independent market research agency, National Field Services will be conducting the final round of the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey interviews from Tuesday, 20 January.

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.