

# Gannawarra NEWS

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It was fantastic to see our communities come together on Monday to celebrate Australia Day.

Council was pleased to support celebrations held at Barham, Cohuna, Kerang, Lake Charm, Leitchville, Murrabit and Quambatook, with these gatherings enabling people to come together and celebrate what it means to be Australian.

These festivities are an annual highlight for our towns large and small, and would not be possible without the dedication of the many volunteers from our community groups who take the time to make these events happen.

My fellow Councillors and I also congratulate all who were recognised during community award ceremonies held as part of Australia Day celebrations. These include the 2026 Gannawarra Shire Council Citizen of the Year, Graeme Peace, the 2026 Gannawarra Shire Council Young Person of the Year, Brylee Clingan, the nominees for these prestigious awards, all who were recognised in the Australia Day Honours, and residents who received community-based accolades.

Kind regards,

**Mayor Garner Smith**



## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Supported Playgroup Facilitator** – Part Time
- **Outdoor Worker** – Full-time
- **Kindergarten Teacher** – Part Time
- **Swim Instructor** – Casual
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Casual positions available

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## 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.

## RATES PAYMENT REMINDER

Ratepayers are reminded that if you are paying your rates in full, payment is due by Sunday, 15 February.

For more information, phone (03) 5450 9333 or visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/rates](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/rates)



## STEWART STREET, COHUNA CLOSED FROM 16 FEBRUARY

As part of the Cohuna District Hospital redevelopment, Stewart Street, Cohuna will be closed between Augustine Street and the Murray Valley Highway from Monday, 16 February through to the end of July.



## CITIZEN AND YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR RECOGNISED

Council congratulates the winners of the 2026 Citizen and Young Person of the Year awards. The 2026 Gannawarra Shire Council Citizen of the Year, Graeme Peace (left, pictured with Mayor Garner Smith) was recognised for more than 30 years of volunteering in the Cohuna community.

The 2026 Gannawarra Shire Young Person of the Year, Brylee Clingan (right) was honoured for on-court and off-court work with the Kerang Football Netball Club.

## LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

The Gannawarra Library Service is hosting numerous events this February to celebrate Library Lovers' Month.

Various events will be held at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library, including Tuesday afternoon after school craft activities, a Safer Internet Day information session, speed date a book event and an Author Talk session. For more information, click on the Events and Programs heading at

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



## OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL CHANGE OF HOURS

With the 2026 school year beginning this week, the Cohuna and Kerang swimming pools will have revised opening hours from 29 January-28 February:

**Weekdays:** 3pm-7pm, with the waterslide open 4pm-6pm Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Weekends:** 11am-7pm, with the waterslide open 1pm-4pm both days.

For more information, please visit

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