

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

At our May 2025 meeting, Council voted to oppose to the State Government's Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund.

My fellow Councillors and I unanimously rejected this levy as a blatant tax grab, whose dramatic increase will impact residents, businesses and especially farmers across Gannawarra.



Council requested a report for June 2025 Council meeting regarding the levy's estimated costs to residents, Council's costs to collect the levy on behalf of the State Government, and any options Council can exercise to not collect the levy or separate it from the general rates notice.

It is highly likely this levy will damage council's financial position, already under pressure from ever increasing costs and regulatory burdens. Therefore, council will vigorously argue that the State Revenue Office should collect this unjustifiable State Government tax.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for acting swiftly and decisively on this very important matter for our community.

Kind regards,

Mayor Garner Smith

EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Senior Strategic Planning Officer** - Permanent full-time or part-time
- **Manager Financial Services** – Permanent full-time or part-time
- **Aquatics & Recreation Officer** – Permanent full time
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Casual

For more information, please visit

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs

IMMUNISATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE

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, 18 June** at the Kerang Senior Citizens Centre, starting at 6pm. A recording will be available at

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 by 5pm the day before each meeting.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY INTERVIEWS BEGIN

Independent market research agency, National Field Services is currently conducting the first 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.

HELP BUILD WELLBEING INTO DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The University of Canberra and University of Southern Queensland is using funding from the Gardiner Foundation to work with Council and other local agencies to implement the Regional Wellbeing Project, which will develop a localised wellbeing framework tailored to the Gannawarra's specific needs.

Residents can assist with the project's development by completing a five-minute survey or applying to join the free Implementing Wellbeing Leadership Program. To complete the survey or for more information about the leadership program, visit www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/building-wellbeing-into-regional-decision-making/ before Friday, 13 June.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council's services will be closed on **Monday, 9 June 2025** for the King's Birthday public holiday.

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.



HOW DO YOU ENGAGE WITH COUNCIL?

Council would like to hear from you regarding how you currently engage with Council and how you would like Council to work with you in the future.

You can assist by completing the *How can Council work with you?* survey before 5pm Sunday, 15 June. This survey is available online via the "How Can Council Work With You?" heading at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, or by collecting a copy from Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang.