

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My fellow Councillors and I adopted Council's 2026/27 Budget at the June 2026 meeting.

The 2026/27 Budget outlines the direction of council for the coming financial year and lays the foundation for Gannawarra's future. It funds the various services and programs we provide to our community, maintains our assets, keeps council debt free and maintains a strong cash position.

With the completion of major capital works and repairs resulting from the 2022 floods, Council is entering a period of business as usual, which is reflected in this budget. This period will enable us to build a foundation that future budgets are based on and prepare for transformative projects for our communities over the coming years and decades.

Rates have increased by 2.75 per cent, in line with the Victorian State Government's rate cap. However, like everyone, Council is facing accelerating costs that are the result both domestic and international challenges. Even so, council is committed to using our resources responsibly now, whilst planning and advocating for a better future for everyone in Gannawarra.

To learn more about the 2026/27 Budget, click on the Budget heading at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/documents

Kind regards,

Mayor Garner Smith



EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Outdoor Worker** – Full-time
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual

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

IMMUNISATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY

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, 15 July** 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.

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MUNICIPAL RATES HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Assistance is available for ratepayers facing challenges in paying their municipal rates. Municipal rates remain one of Council's major sources of income, with these funds supporting most Council-managed services and the maintenance of key road and other infrastructure assets across the municipality. Ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact Council's Rates Department on (03) 5450 9333 to discuss their situation.

Meanwhile, Council is currently completing the next stage of legal action to collect unpaid municipal rates for 152 properties. These properties meet the requirements under Section 181 of the *Local Government Act's* criteria of having more than three years' worth of municipal rates outstanding, with no formal payment arrangement in existence, and a Court order requiring the outstanding amount be paid. Council will now attempt to recover the debts and legal costs owed by payment in full or via proceeds of property sale.

ADD YOUR EVENT TO COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

Council's Events page promotes regular events occurring across the Gannawarra.

To add your event's details, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/events

KANGAROO LAKE ROAD BRIDGE 8-TONNE LIMIT

Motorists who use the Kangaroo Lake Road bridge are advised that an eight-tonne limit will be in place until further notice. Council has introduced the load limit following a recent structural inspection and assessment.



LIBRARY SERVICE'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE CRAFT EVENTS

The Gannawarra Library Service is hosting six free movie craft-themed events from 30 June-10 July as part of its popular school holiday program.

For bookings or for more information, visit the Events and Programs page at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/libraries or phone (03) 5452 1546.