

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last week my fellow Councillors and I adopted the *Gannawarra Shire 2025-2029 Council Plan* and *Gannawarra Community Vision 2040*.

Council conducted extensive consultation earlier this year, speaking with more than 700 residents of all ages to help with the development of these documents.

You, our residents, engaged in good faith discussions, highlighting a strong sense of community and our natural environment as some of the Gannawarra's strengths.

However, poor road conditions, rising living costs and access to healthcare and affordable housing were of great concern.

The development of these documents considered a variety of sources, not just the Gannawarra community. These include the previous Council Plan, consultants, Councillors, State and Federal Government policies and service delivery partners. A university also provided input.

The result are documents that provide a high-level outline of priorities and policy focus for Council during the next four years. I hope all those who engaged with Council can see their comments and aspirations reflected in them. I encourage all residents to monitor the implementation and interpretation of these plans.

Kind regards,

Mayor Garner Smith



EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Environmental Health Coordinator** – Full-time
- **Library Assistant** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Part-time, school-based traineeship and casual positions available
- **Outdoor Swimming Pool Lifeguard** - Casual
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual

For more information, please visit

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs

IMMUNISATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

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, 19 November** at the Kerang Senior Citizens Centre, starting at 6pm.

Questions can be submitted for consideration during Question Time online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime by 5pm the day before each meeting.



COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY INTERVIEWS

Independent market research agency, National Field Services will be conducting the third round of telephone interviews for the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey from Thursday, 30 October.

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



2026 CITIZEN, YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations for the 2026 Gannawarra Shire Council Citizen and Young Person of the Year Awards are now open.

To complete a nomination, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/Australia_Day_Awards or Council's Customer Service Centres at Cohuna and Kerang.

Nominations close 9am Monday, 24 November.

Pictured is Mayor Garner Smith with 2025 Citizen of the Year, Sandra Bennett (left) and Young Person of the Year, Rory Martin.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council's services, including transfer stations, will be closed on **Tuesday, 4 November 2025** for the Melbourne Cup Day 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.

COHUNA, KERANG ROAD CLOSURES – 1 NOVEMBER

Residents and visitors are advised that due to the Gannawarra Toy Run and events occurring as part of the Cohuna Celebrates 150 Years weekend, temporary road closures will be in place on Saturday, 1 November:

Kerang (7.30am-9.30am)

- Victoria Street, between Scoresby and Wellington streets.

Cohuna (11am-12.30pm)

- Cullen Street, between Channel and Sampson streets.
- King Edward, between Market and Sampson streets.
- Market Street, between King George (Murray Valley Highway) and King Edward streets.
- Cohuna Island Road, between King George Street (Murray Valley Highway) and Tennis Road.