



2020 ELECTION

Nominations for the 2020 Gannawarra Shire Council election close at 12 noon on Tuesday, 22 September.

Ballot packs will be sent out by mail from 6 to 8 October.

Ballot packs will contain

- A ballot paper attached to statements and photographs lodged by the candidates in your ward;
- A ballot paper envelope with a flap;
- Voting instructions; and
- A reply-paid envelope.

Ballot packs need to be posted by 6pm on Friday, 23 October.

For more information, please visit www.vec.vic.gov.au or www.gsc.vic.gov.au/election

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER

KERANG (10.30am - 12 noon)

NOTE: Bookings must be made prior to attending any of Council's immunisation sessions, which can be done by phoning (03) 5450 9333. It is encouraged that only one parent/guardian attend with the child to be vaccinated.

Anyone showing any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, or those who are in isolation, should not attend.

For more details, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 21 October 2020 at 6.30pm.

NOTE: Council is operating in accordance with the *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020*, with the following arrangements in place until 1 November 2020:

- Meetings of Council will be closed to the public; and
- Meetings of Council will be livestreamed at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/livestream

EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- Environmental Health Coordinator – Permanent full-time

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

RATES INSTALMENT REMINDER

Ratepayers are reminded that if you choose to pay your rates by instalments, the first instalment payment is due by Wednesday, 30 September 2020.

Alternatively, ratepayers may choose to pay their rates in full, with payment due by Monday, 15 February 2021.

If residents have any queries they should contact Council.

COVID-19 HARDSHIP POLICY

Council has extended the operation of its *COVID-19 Hardship Policy* until 16 March 2021.

This policy enables Council to hold interest and hold off on any legal action on outstanding applicable charges for those who contact Council indicating that they are financially impacted by COVID-19.

Residents and business owners who cannot pay any outstanding bills they have with Council at this time are encouraged to phone (03) 5450 9333 and discuss their situation with our friendly staff.



NAVIGATING COVID-19

The recently updated MyWarra website features content that can help young people and their carers maintain their wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To view this content, please visit mywarra.com

PROPERTY PREPARATION MONTH

Residents are encouraged to remove or reduce any potential fire risks on their properties now in readiness for the coming fire season.

Above-average rainfall in August has created ideal conditions for the growth of vegetation on vacant blocks. This growth has, in the past, led to a heightened fire danger risk during spring and summer, with now the ideal time to act.

To assist with efforts, the Country Fire Authority is promoting Property Preparation Month during September, with its website featuring activities Victorians can undertake now before the bushfire season.

For further information, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property

Meanwhile, in the interest of community safety, Council staff will soon commence fire hazard inspections, focusing on vacant blocks and areas that surround dwellings throughout the Gannawarra.

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Please note that this publication is certified in accordance with the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.