



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Nominations will open for the 2020 Gannawarra Shire Council election on 17 September. Information about nominating features in this edition of *Gannawarra News*. With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, please continue to look out for each other. Remember to try and keep in contact with your older neighbours and those living alone. Please continue to support local businesses at this time, where possible.

Kind regards,

Mayor Lorraine Learmonth

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

**WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER**

COHUNA (10.30am - 12 noon)

KERANG (4pm - 5.30pm)

**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](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 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 to 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](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/livestream)

## EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- Outdoor worker – permanent full-time

For more information, please visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/jobs)

## 2020/21 RATES NOTICES

Ratepayers are starting to receive their 2020/21 rates notices.

Included with your rates notice is a brochure outlining how rates are calculated and a message about how your rates contribute to the Council budget.

If you have not received your rates notice by Friday, 18 September, please contact Council on (03) 5450 9333.

Ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact Council early to request a payment plan. This includes people financially impacted by COVID-19, with Council's *COVID-19 Hardship Policy* outlining options to assist ratepayers who are experiencing temporary financial hardship at this time.



## LEAVE YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE BINS OUT OVERNIGHT

Residents are encouraged to place their kerbside bins out for collection the night before services occur.

Council has received an increasing number of calls from residents whose bins have not been emptied. This has been a result of collections occurring earlier than previously. If you have any queries, please contact Council during business hours on (03) 5450 9333.

## ARTS AND CULTURE E-NEWS

Residents wanting to keep up to date with local arts and culture news are encouraged to sign up for the *Gannawarra Arts and Culture* e-newsletter by visiting

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

Produced monthly, this e-newsletter highlights arts and culture events, funding opportunities and other topics of interest.

## STAND FOR COUNCIL

The 2020 Gannawarra Shire Council elections will be held in October.

Nominations will open on Thursday, 17 September, with Australian citizens who are at least 18 years of age on 24 October 2020 and are enrolled to vote in the Gannawarra Shire eligible to stand.

Those wishing to nominate must complete mandatory Local Government Candidate Training before they are able to nominate. This can be done online, with a link available at Council's dedicated election portal - [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/election](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/election)

## CONNECTING WITH COUNCIL

Would you like to keep up to date with the latest Council news?

If your answer is "yes", please email [media@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:media@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) to sign up to receive Council's media releases and other information delivered to your inbox.