

Gannawarra NEWS



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Cr Daniel Bolitho, Council Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Rollinson and I recently met with the Minister for Climate Action, Energy and Resources, Lily D'Ambrosio MP and VicGrid representatives to



discuss our concerns regarding the constriction of VNI West. This meeting followed on from the motion passed at the December 2025 Council Meeting to oppose compulsory access and acquisition of private land relating to the project, and to also seek greater benefits for Gannawarra from electricity developments.

During the meeting, Council recommended that if the municipality must host an expanded electricity transmission network, the Gannawarra should benefit by using the transmission and distribution network free of charge. This will provide a competitive advantage to businesses, industry and relieve cost of living pressure on residents, which will create long term community benefit that will build the social licence the government needs to achieve this project without using compulsory powers.

I appreciate the Minister's time, who listened and understood our request. While we did not reach an agreement, both Council and the Minister clearly outlined our goals.

Kind regards,

Mayor Garner Smith

EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

- **Assets Inspector** – Full-time
- **Swim Instructor** – Casual
- **Maternal & Child Health Nurse** – Casual
- **Early Childhood Educator** – Casual positions available

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

IMMUNISATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH

COHUNA (10.30am – 12 noon)

KERANG (4pm – 5.30pm)

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, 18 March** 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.

HAVE YOUR SAY

- **Draft Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2025-2035** (feedback accepted up to 5pm Thursday, 19 March).

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

ANIMAL REGISTRATION RENEWALS DUE 10 APRIL

Dog and cat owners are reminded that animal registration payments need to be made by Friday, 10 April.

Payment can be made in person at Council's Customer Service Centres, by cheque or money order mailed to Council, over the phone by phoning (03) 5450 9333 or online via BPAY.



HOW DO YOU DISPOSE OF YOUR WASTE?

To assist with planning of future waste services, residents are encouraged to complete a 5-10-minute survey and be in the running to win one of five \$50 Mastercard cash vouchers.

Surveys have been sent to all properties throughout the Gannawarra.

You can complete the survey online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or by visiting Council's Customer Service Centres or your local neighbourhood house.

KOONDROOK ROAD CLOSURES – FRIDAY, 13 MARCH

Residents and visitors are advised that due to RiverFRIdaze, temporary road closures will be in place for the following Koondrook streets from 5pm-10.30pm Friday, 13 March:

- Main Street, between the Barook Senior Citizens Centre and Thompson Street.
- Tramway Place, outside the Koondrook Goods Shed.
- Thompson Street, between Main Street and the Koondrook Fire Station.

KERANG ROAD CLOSURES – MONDAY, 24 MARCH

Residents and visitors are advised that due to a cross country event, temporary road closures will be in place for the following Kerang streets from 1pm-3.30pm Monday, 23 March:

- Burgoyne Street, between Hall Street and the Kerang Men's Shed entrance.
- Hall Street, between Burgoyne and North streets.
- North Street, between Hall Street and the Kerang levee walking track.
- Rattray Street.
- Scoresby Street, between the entrance to Riverside Park and the Kerang levee walking track.