

Warm winter read challenge

Louis Harrison

WITH the cooler months setting in, Gannawarra Library Services and public libraries across Victoria are inviting residents over the age of 16 to take part in the fourth annual Warm Winter Read.

Gannawarra Library Services is hosting a Gannawarra Library Service Members Only competition this year, with a \$100 prize voucher up for grabs.

Between 1 June and 31 August, book review forms will be handed out with every book borrowed to be returned in branch, alongside the finished book.

Each book read gives readers another entry into the prize pool, with winners being drawn in early September.

This year, seven Australian authors have joined the initiative as ambassadors to highlight their newest releases.

Kate Solly, Shaun Micallef, Keshe Chow, Melanie Seward, John Morrissey, Jaclyn Crupi and Jo Dixon all have titles spanning a wide mix of

genres, offering inspiration for readers of every taste.

The latest National Arts Participation Survey from Creative Australia found 14.4 million Australians read for pleasure in the last year, with an increase in people reading on a weekly basis.

A spokesperson from Public Libraries Victoria said the program aimed to help people find ways to make a reading habit feel achievable.

“Reading for pleasure has real benefits for how we feel,” the spokesperson said.

“It can reduce stress, help us switch off, and feel more connected.

“What we love about Warm Winter Read is that it brings people together as well. It’s a shared experience across communities, while also shining a light on everything our local libraries have to offer.”

Gannawarra Shire Council chief executive officer Geoff Rollinson said all forms of reading were eligible for entry.

“It doesn’t matter if it’s listening to an audiobook, flipping through a graphic novel, browsing a magazine or curling up with a paperback,



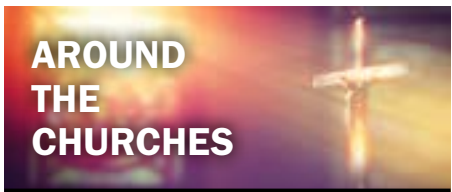
All Gannawarra Library Service members can join the reading challenge, with Quambatook readers able to participate via the branch at the Community Resource Centre. Picture: Louis Harrison.

all reading will count as part of this popular program,” he said.

“Our friendly Gannawarra Library Service staff can assist anyone wanting to enter either competition, as well as recommending your

next great read.”

This year’s edition of the Warm Winter Read coincided with the launch of local author Fleur C Boal’s first book release this month, The Psychologist’s Daughter.



Anglican

St John’s Anglican Church Kerang:
Everyone is welcome to join in worship at 10am each Sunday.
Cohuna, Pyramid Hill and Boort Anglican Cooperating Parishes
Church times for Sunday, 12 July:
Cohuna Cranmer the Martyr, 11am Holy Communion.

Combined Parish Service with Bishop Matt and Rev Sue Allen. Bring and share lunch.

Tuesday, 14 July, Loddon Place 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Sue Allen.

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life John 6:63-68.

Catholic

Weekend masses:
St Patrick’s Parish, Kerang
Every Sunday: 10.30a.m (Second Sunday of the month 9am, with morning tea.)
St Mary’s Parish, Cohuna
Every Sunday, 8.30am. (Second Sunday of the month 10.30am.)

St Patrick’s Parish, Pyramid Hill
Every Saturday, 6pm (during winter)
Weekday masses:
St Patrick’s Kerang
Friday 9.15am.
St Mary’s Cohuna
Thursday 9am.
St Patrick’s Pyramid Hill
Wednesday 6pm.

Baptist

Kerang Baptist Church holds its Sunday service at 10.30am on the corner of Fitzroy and Wyndham streets.
Senior craft group runs twice a month – on the first and third Thursday in the function room next to the church. Everyone is

welcome to attend. Bring your own craft project and catch up with everyone.
Youth/children programs are held during the school terms. Sunday School runs during the service from 11am until 12 noon for primary-aged students.
Playgroup runs every Tuesday at 10am for preschoolers in the function room.
Youth group runs every Friday night during the term for high school students. Teens meet in the Powerhouse building next to the community garden from 7.30pm.
Uniting
Kerang Uniting Church: Worship every Sunday at 10am. All welcome

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