

## NORTH-WEST VICTORIA SHIRE CHANGES 1856-1997

- 1856 Land reserved for Castle Donnington township.
- 1861 Kerang and Castle Donnington (Swan Hill) proclaimed as townships.
- 1862 First form of Government. The Swan Hill Roads District with headquarters based at Kerang established. It covered an area of 2,080,000 acres or 10,490 square miles, with a population of 470 and 83 dwellings.
- 1864 Area now covers 15,000 square miles, extending from Gunbower to Serpentine, across to the South Australian border, up this border to the Murray River, then back down the river to Gunbower. First members were Peter BEVERIDGE, Henry RAINES and Robert TAYLOR.
- 1871 Shire of Swan Hill proclaimed with headquarters still based at Kerang. Covered the same area as above. Total Rate Revenue of £375 (Pounds) was raised from 65 Ratepayers at 9d (Pence) in the Pound. First Chairman Wm WOOD.
- 1872-3 The Shire was divided into three Ridings - East Loddon, West Loddon and Lower Murray (northern area).
- 1875 Shire Councillors elected by Ratepayers – President Henry TAVERNER, Shire Secretary C E ALBRECHT.
- 1885 Gordon Shire proclaimed, severing the districts of Boort, Durham Ox, Mincha, Terrick Terrick and Pyramid Hill, formerly the southern parts of East & West Loddon Ridings of the Shire of Swan Hill.
- 1890 Mildura Shire proclaimed, severing North-west portion of the Lower Murray Riding.
- 1893 Swan Hill area, comprising balance of the Lower Murray Riding and northern parts of East Loddon Riding, seceded from the Shire of Swan Hill to become the Shire of Castle Donnington with headquarters based at Swan Hill.
- 1894 Swan Hill Shire (still based at Kerang) re-subdivided into four Ridings – North-East, South-East, North-West, & South-West.
- 1898 Shire of Swan Hill changed its name to the more logical one of Shire of Kerang.
- 1904 Shire of Castle Donnington changed its name to Shire of Swan Hill.
- 1922 Shire of Cohuna proclaimed, comprising parts of North-East & South-East Ridings of Shire of Kerang.
- 1939 Township of Swan Hill area is severed from the Shire of Swan Hill to become the Borough of Swan Hill.
- 1953 Kerang Township becomes the Kerang Shire’s Central or 5<sup>th</sup> Riding.
- 1965 Borough of Swan Hill proclaimed the City of Swan Hill.
- 1966 Central Riding of Shire of Kerang becomes the Borough of Kerang.
- 1995 Borough of Kerang, Shire of Kerang (bar Tresco-moved to Shire of Swan Hill) and the northern part of the Shire of Cohuna amalgamate to become the Shire of Gannawarra under the leadership of Commissioners. Swan Hill Shire retains its name.
- 1997 First democratically elected Councillors for the Shire of Gannawarra.

Cr Olly JANE – 1 <sup>st</sup> Mayor	Avoca Ward	(Lalbert, Quambatook, Lake Charm)
Cr Neil CROUCH	Yarran Ward	(Cohuna, Leitchville)
Cr Peter O’HALLORAN	Yarran Ward	
Cr Don HARRIS	Murray Ward	(Murrabit, Myall)
Cr Rod HIBBET	Bannagher Ward	(Macorna, Koroop)
Cr Jenny KELLY	Wandella Ward	(Kerang Township)
Cr Ian PRENDERGAST	Wandella Ward	

