

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

STRENGTHENING LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS

Council is supporting aspiring community leaders to strengthen their capacity and competency in civic participation with the return of its Community Leadership Program.

The Community Leadership Program (the Program) aims to develop emerging and aspiring leaders within the Golden Plains community, supporting participants to improve their leadership skills, build their knowledge, skills and confidence, and develop community-led initiatives and events.

The Program will be held online weekly from Tuesday 31 January until Tuesday 9 May, 2023 and will focus on improving leadership capacity and competency. Participants will gain a stronger understanding of civic participation

and government and learn how they can best progress the change they want to create in their community.

Community members who live, work, study or volunteer in Golden Plains Shire and are looking to improve their leadership skills, connect with other community leaders and gain experience working with local government are encouraged to apply for the program.

To complete the Expression of Interest, and to learn more, visit: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations.



COUNCIL COMMUNITY RAPID ANTIGEN TEST PROGRAM

Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are now available for COVID-19 priority and high-risk community members at Golden Plains Shire Customer Hubs.

Council has secured RATs from the Victorian Department of Health (the Department) for priority and high-risk community members as part of a Statewide health initiative. The Department is expanding its Community COVID-19 RATs Program with councils as a crucial part of the State's plan to ensure that Victorians stay safe.

You are eligible to collect RATs if you:

- Are 70 years or older
- A Concession Card holder

- A person with a disability, immunocompromised or their carer.

RATs are available for collection at Council's Customer Hubs located at Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street Bannockburn and The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

For more information, or if you are unable to visit one of the Customer Hubs to access free RATs, please contact Council's Customer Experience team on 5220 7111.



GIFT LOCAL THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Council is once again proud to support the local business community and encourages residents to keep their money in the Shire this festive season.

Gift Local - Golden Plains Shire is home to charming stores and markets to find the perfect Christmas gift. Visit a farmers' market to purchase locally-made presents. Looking for a gift idea? Pick up a gift card for a local business, winery or restaurant in Golden Plains.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD

There are no changes to Council's waste and recycling collection over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

As always, please remember to place your bins out the night before your collection day.

Rokewood Transfer Station

The Rokewood Resource Recovery Centre will be closed on Sunday 25 December, 2022 and Sunday 1 January, 2023.

It will re-open for normal operational hours on Sunday 7 January, 2023.