

# COUNCIL BUDGET 2023/24 ENGAGEMENT

## ONLINE COMMUNITY FORUM

Our Vision: Where people matter, communities are connected and the future is bright

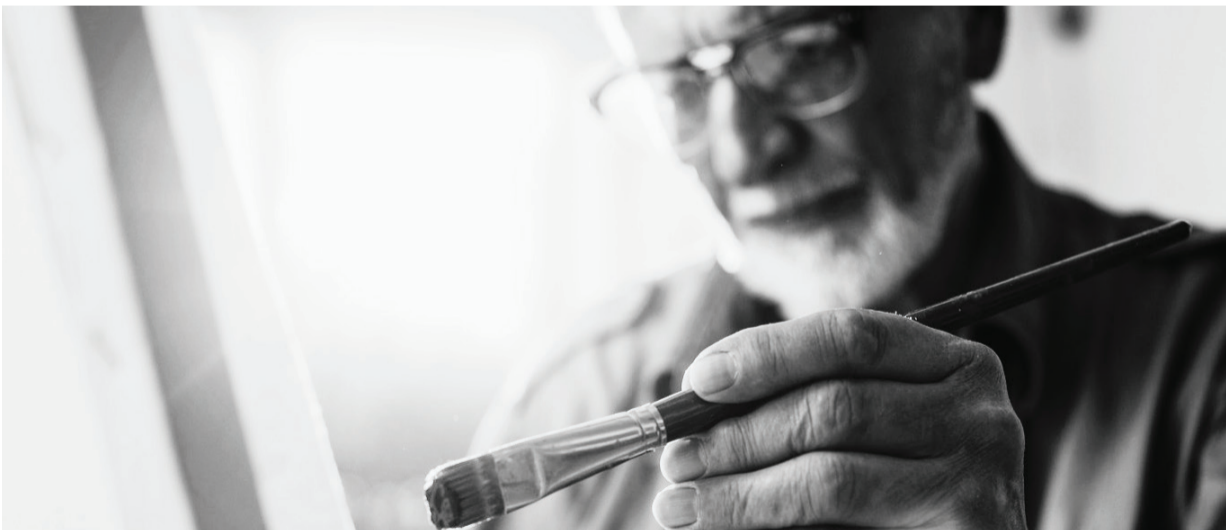
Golden Plains Shire residents will be able to share their ideas on Council's Draft Budget 2023/24 at an online community forum on Tuesday 14 February.

The forum begins Council's annual Budget Engagement Program and gives residents an opportunity to learn more about the Budget and understand financial priorities for the 2023/24 financial year.

The online forum will take place on Tuesday 14 February from 6 until 8pm, and the meeting link will be accessible to the public at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events).

Hosted by Council's Finance Team, the online forum will cover a range of topics including an overview of the Budget timeline, Budget composition, Council Services, Draft Capital Program, Council Plan 2021-2025 themes and actions and Council costs.

Residents will have an opportunity to discuss priorities with team members, and the forum will also highlight the Council Budget 2023/24 Community Survey.



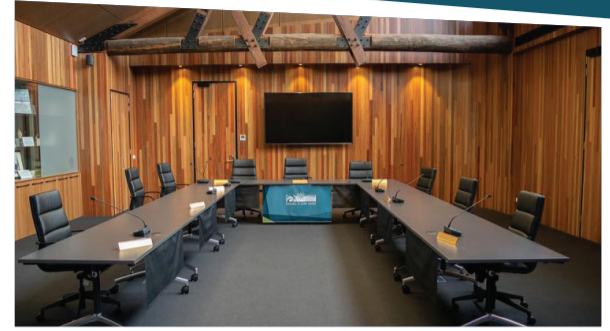
Golden Plains Shire Council has partnered with Geelong Regional Libraries to deliver the Create & Connect Program for Golden Plains community members who are living with dementia or experiencing early onset dementia and to help support their carers or companions.

Specially curated to promote brain health and social connection, the Create and Connect program features a series of Storytelling Sessions and Art Sessions.

The sessions will be held across three locations

in Golden Plains in Dereel, Meredith and Bannockburn and is running until Friday 24 March, 2023.

To learn more, and to register, visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events).



### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2023

The first Council Meeting of 2023 will be held on Tuesday 28 February from 7pm.

The meeting will be held in-person at the Golden Plains Civic Centre, and will be livestreamed on Council's website and YouTube page.

The meeting agenda will be available on Council's website on the Friday prior to the meeting.

### GOLDEN PLAINS SUMMER SESSIONS

*A live music event for young people,  
by young people, featuring young people.*

### FREEZA SUMMER SESSIONS

Young people aged 12 to 25 years are invited to attend the FReeZA Summer Sessions event which will be held at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre on Saturday 18 February, 2023 from 3 until 7pm.

Featuring special guests The Jurgens, the FReeZA Summer Sessions event is a showcase of young up and coming artists, inclusive of all genres, with bands, soloists, duo performances and digital artists.

The youth-led event is presented by the FReeZA Youth Events Crew and is designed to support emerging musicians by providing a safe and inclusive opportunity to perform in front of a live audience.

### Free Preventative Breast Cancer Screening for over 50s

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Council has again partnered with Breast Screen Victoria to help local women access preventative breast cancer screening.

The free event for local women aged between 50 and 74 will be held at the Ballarat Breast Screen Clinic on Tuesday 7 March, 2023.

Places are limited and registration is essential. Registrations close at 5pm on Tuesday 28 February. To register, visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events).