

FEBRUARY 2023



A Message from the Mayor



Welcome to 2023!

On behalf of the Councillors, we hope you enjoyed a relaxing holiday break surrounded by the joy and warmth of your loved ones, family and friends. Our Shire is a hive of activity, and it's very pleasing to see so many locals and visitors alike, out and about over the holiday period enjoying the stunning surrounds and natural beauty that our Shire offers.

Reflecting on 2022, October and November saw Victoria experience record rainfall which has put a renewed spotlight on our roadways. We all know how devastating floodwaters can be and a huge task it is to rebuild, so I just wanted to take a moment to thank Council's outdoor maintenance teams who have been working tirelessly to reinstate our roadways and other community infrastructure. Since October and November's unprecedented high rainfall, we have reinstated over 100 roadways with works continuing throughout 2023. I always appreciate and acknowledge the

great work they do and on behalf of my fellow Councillors, I would like to personally thank them as they continue to rebuild our roadways and other community infrastructure. Council is working hard to minimise disruption to road users, however a little kindness will go a long way as we navigate this busy task of rebuilding together and come out the other side with refreshed and improved roadways throughout our Shire.

The start of 2023 has brought with it plenty of new projects and initiatives across our Shire. We will continue to work with the community on the tree succession project for Inverleigh, commence consultation on the Tracks and Trails Strategy, and progress the development of concept designs for the Bannockburn Bike Park, just to mention a few.

Not everything Council does pleases everyone. If you would like to share your ideas, ask questions about our services, or speak with us about what matters to you, come along to Council listening posts, which get underway in March. Please read further details on page 3.

I'm really excited about the future of our Shire, and I hope you are too.

Cr Brett Cunningham - Mayor



COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

Residents and members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of Golden Plains Shire Council in 2023.

This year, Council Meetings will be held on the following Tuesdays, starting at 7pm: 28 February, 28 March, 18 April, 23 May, 27 June, 25 July, 22 August, 26 September, 24 October, 28 November, 19 December.

There will also be a Council Meeting (Budget Submissions) on 6 June and a Council Meeting (Mayoral Election) on 21 November.

In 2023, Council Meetings will be held at the Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn; The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale; and Linton Hall, 68 Sussex Street, Linton.

All meetings of Council are livestreamed on Council's YouTube channel. For a direct link, visit Council's website or social media on the day of the meeting, with a recording available on Council's website following the meeting.

Any person can ask a maximum of two questions of Council during a 30-minute Question Time and all questions must be lodged by 10am on the day of the meeting by email, Council's website or hand-delivered to Council's Customer Hubs. To lodge a question, visit: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/meetings

The meeting agenda is available on Council's website on the Friday prior to the meeting. For agendas and more information, visit: goldenplains.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL LISTENING POSTS 2023

2023 Council listening posts get underway!

Residents are invited to take up the opportunity to talk to their local Councillors about what matters to them and their community as Council’s first listening posts for 2023 get underway.

Council’s whole-of-council commitment to community engagement focuses on encouraging the community to understand, be understood and learn from each other through productive and inclusive exchange of views.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Cunningham said Councillors wanted the opportunity to continue their engagement with residents on local issues and get a better understanding of the things that matter in the community.

Council wants to ensure we are providing the right services and support the community needs.

“I encourage the community to drop in at the Listening Posts near them and engage with their Councillors on the issues that matter to them”.

“It’s also a great opportunity for us to update the community on Council projects, decisions and activities in the coming year”.

Throughout 2023 Council listening posts will be at the following locations:

INVERLEIGH

Date: Saturday 11 March
Where: Inverleigh Food Swap (outside Sonny Café)
Time: 9.30 – 11.00am

LINTON

Date: Saturday 1 April
Where: Food Truck and Movie Night
Time: 6.00 – 7.30pm

BANNOCKBURN

Date: Saturday 7 October
Where: Golden Plain Farmers Market
Time: 9.30 – 11.00am

SMYTHESDALE

Date: Saturday 18 November
Where: Country Market
Time: 10.00 - 11.30am

COUNCIL BUDGET 2023/24 ENGAGEMENT

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council champions an early, broad, and deliberative approach with the community in shaping its 2023/24 budget goals.

Each year, Council develops its annual budget which outlines how resources are prioritised to deliver important and relevant programs to the community. The draft budget also incorporates the major initiatives identified by the Council as priorities in the Council Plan 2021 - 2025, to be undertaken during the next financial year.

Council greatly values community feedback and insights. We are lucky to have an engaged and passionate community who have a deep well of knowledge and lived experience. This experience allows Council to have a greater understanding of diverse points of view, values, concerns and priorities. Council regards these attributes as a fundamental element of Council decision making and essential to good governance.

Council has implemented a multi-phased approach as it works on crafting its 2023/24 budget. Understanding resident priorities will help Council develop a financially responsible budget, while continuing to deliver services and projects that are most important to the community.

For further information on Council’s engagement journey, head to: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations





TRACKS AND TRAILS STRATEGY

Golden Plains Shire Council is seeking feedback from the community about the future of tracks and trails within Golden Plains to guide the development of the Golden Plains Tracks and Trails Strategy.

The Tracks and Trails Strategy (the Strategy) will provide strategic direction for future advocacy and investment in a trail network to encourage safe, active transport.

The Strategy will identify improvements to existing infrastructure and propose new tracks and trail connections in and between communities to improve the liveability and recreational opportunities within the Golden Plains Shire. Consideration will be given to other trail-based activities such as horse riding and mountain biking.

The survey is open until Sunday 26 February 2023 and can be completed online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Printed copies of the survey are available at Council's Customer Hubs, Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street Bannockburn and The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

The \$60,000 Golden Plains Shire Tracks and Trail Strategy Project was funded by \$30,000 from the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund's Planning Category and \$30,000 from Council.

COUNCIL COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TEST PROGRAM

Free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are now available for all community members to collect at the following locations:

- Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street Bannockburn.
- The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

If you have COVID-19, please do not collect RATs until you are well. If you can't get to a location, someone else can collect free RATs on your behalf.

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 by calling 5220 7111 and the team will assist you.

This program is delivered with support from the Victorian Government.



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Join the Community Engagement Register to receive Engage, Council's monthly engagement e-newsletter.



Complete the simple web form at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/community-engagement-register



Email communityengagement@gplains.vic.gov.au

Grants to Strengthen Golden Plains Communities

Seventeen Golden Plains Shire community groups were awarded Community Strengthening Grants in Round Two of Council's 2022 program.

Council awarded a combined \$66,903 to the successful groups to deliver 17 projects across 4 categories: Environment and Sustainability, Healthy Active Living, Community Safety, and Creative Community.

Round One of Community Strengthening Grants 2023 opens in March, and Round Two opens in September.



Environment and Sustainability Grants

Bruces Creek Landcare Group	New Greenhouse for Lethbridge Primary School	\$3,597
Friends of Bannockburn Bush	Indigenous tree planting program	\$2,020
Clarksdale Bird Sanctuary	Habitat Restoration	\$7,000



Healthy Active Living Grants

Dereel Community Hub	Back to School Lunch & Open Day	\$2,000
Meredith Community Centre	Seniors Day Trip to Daylesford	\$1,780
Bannockburn Inclusive	Weekly Program upgrade	\$2,200
Cape Clear, Illabrook and Rokewood Junction Community Committee	Community Event	\$2,278
Bannockburn and Lethbridge Scout and Cub Groups	Tent Replacement	\$6,684
Friends of Bannockburn Bush	Track Restoration	\$3,850
Haddon Community Learning Centre	Monthly Local Community Event	\$4,000



Community Safety Grants

Cape Clear Fire Brigade	Rural Property Address Sign Installation Trial	\$3,190
Inverleigh Mechanics Institute Reserve Committee of Management	Inverleigh Public Hall Upgrade (Heating and Cooling)	\$8,000



Creative Community Grants

Golden Plains Arts Inc	The Fiesta	\$5,280
Teesdale Mechanics Institute	New Chairs and Tables for the Teesdale Community Hall	\$898
Third Age Mosaic Class (Ballarat University)	Woody Walk Mosaic Trail	\$4,109.81
Corindhap Robotics Group	Robotics Group	\$3,629.57
Bannockburn Community Planning Group	Indigenous Artwork Arbour	\$6,387

BERRYBANK WIND FARM COMMUNITY GRANTS

The first round of Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants have been awarded to four community groups that will share in a combined \$51,513.

The funding was awarded to deliver four projects, across two categories: Economic Development and Tourism Projects and Events, and Community Projects and Events over \$10,000, with one off and recurring funding available. 2023 Grants open in June.



Economic Development and Tourism Projects and Events

Cressy and District History Group	Cressy Water Tower Mural	\$10,000
Geelong Landcare Network Inc	Public Address Speaker Box	\$1,540

Community Projects and Events

Golden Plains Arts Inc	Annual GP Arts Inc Arts Trail	\$26,772.62 to be phased with \$15,402 in year one and \$5,686 in years two and three
Teesdale Community Events Group	Annual Twilight Market and Carols	\$13,000 to be phased with \$5,500 in year on and \$3,850 in years two and three

GOLDEN PLAINS TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS STUDY



Following extensive consultation, Council adopted the Golden Plains Transport Connections Study at its meeting in November, 2022.

The Golden Plains Transport Connections Study (the Study) identifies current and future transport needs and outlines practical steps that Council and the State Government can pursue to improve this situation over time.

The Study will inform the future design of Council's community transport services to ensure that new services increase connectivity, accessibility and liveability across Golden Plains. The study also provides evidence-based data to support Council as it advocates for greater transport connections in the Shire.

The adopted Golden Plains Transport Connections Study is available on Council's website or a print copy may be requested at Council's Customer Hub's, 2 Pope Street Bannockburn and The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

NEW WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY SERVICES POLICY



At its final meeting of 2022, Council adopted its new Waste Management and Resource Recovery Services Policy.

The Waste Management and Resource Recovery Services Policy aims to improve management of the bin infrastructure during kerbside collection and enhance the customer service experience for residents applying for a new or replacement garbage and recycling bin.

From 1 February 2023, Council will provide new and replacement bins with no up-front costs to residents. All bins provided to property owners will remain the property of Council with address labels applied to all new bins.

The new Waste Management and Resources Recovery Policy is an important step to ensure a consistent process for bin collection and replacements across the Shire.

The adopted Waste and Resource Recovery Services Policy is available on Council's website or a print copy may be requested at Council's Customer Hubs, 2 Pope Street Bannockburn and 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2022

Council congratulates the outstanding winners of the Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2022.



The Golden Plains Shire Council (GPSC) Community Awards 2022 were presented on Tuesday 24 January, 2023 at the Dereel Community Hall where all award nominees were recognised and the 2022 winners were announced.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Citizen of the Year 2022 is Jaymee-Lin Ellis of Smythesdale.

Jaymee-Lin volunteers her time and expertise to assist the Woody Yaloak Historical Society and the Smythesdale Progress Association to improve the Smythesdale Country Market. Jaymee-Lin has been instrumental in the growth of the market and with Jaymee-Lin's support the event has become so popular that people travel to Smythesdale specifically for the market, stopping at the cafés and shops on the main streets, supporting local businesses. Jaymee-Lin also runs GenkiFit, a small community fitness program in Smythesdale and is also president of the Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility Committee of Management.

The GPSC Citizen of the Year 2022 other nominees were Leah Phillips of Meredith; Shona Eland of Bannockburn; Melissa Gillett of Bannockburn and Stuart Mc Callum of Bannockburn.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Senior Citizen of the Year 2022 is Dr Jill Wheeler of Linton.

Dr Wheeler works tirelessly as the Linton and District Historical Society President. Dr Wheeler is passionate about the history of Linton and has been an advocate for Linton to be a key historical precinct in the north of the Shire. Dr Wheeler was the key instigator in the commissioning of the sculpture of Dr Vera Scantlebury (WW1 Veteran surgeon) which is to be unveiled in 2023. Dr Wheeler has also been successful in securing local, state and federal government grants to restore the Linton library.

The GPSC Senior Citizen of the Year 2022 other nominee was Heather Butler of Rokewood.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Young Citizen of the Year 2022 is Jayden Sheier of Bannockburn.

Jayden is an integral and valued member of the Youth Activation Committee, FReeZA Committee and a supporter of Youth Service programs more broadly. As a young person, Jayden has demonstrated an outstanding ability and commitment to seizing opportunities to empower and engage young people and is a profound example of how valuable young people are as leaders in the community. Jayden has made a significant contribution to the Golden Plains community, specifically in supporting and advocating for young people.

The GPSC Young Citizen of the Year 2022 other nominee was Jemma Mizzi of Lethbridge.

The Golden Plains Shire Council Community Impact Award 2022 was presented to the Mannibadar Settlement Committee.

The Mannibadar Settlement Committee hosted a significant community event on March 27, 2022, to mark the 100th anniversary celebrations of the 1921 Mannibadar Solider Settlement. In the lead up to the event the Mannibadar Settlement Committee worked tirelessly to search for relatives of soldiers from across Australia, which was evident by the number of people that attended the event. There was also an extensive display of historical photos and memorabilia, and a large brass plaque embedded into a granite boulder was unveiled. Guests of the event praised the Mannibadar Settlement Committee for hosting what was a memorable event for all.

The GPSC Community Impact Award 2022 other nominees were the Bannockburn Cemetery Trust and YMCA Bannockburn.

Thank you to all the recipients, nominees, and guest speakers as well as the community members who submitted nominations.



FOOTPATH UPGRADES ACROSS GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Council has recently completed work to improve and repair footpaths at locations within Golden Plains Shire as part of Council's Footpath Renewal Program.

The works included the upgrade of a gravel footpath along Ross Creek-Haddon Road in Haddon, repairs to a footpath north of the intersection of Cambridge Street and Newman Street in Inverleigh due to flood damage, and the installation of a gravel footpath at Ferrars Road in Rokewood.

Council has also completed work to improve a number of footpaths surrounding local schools including the repair and installation of a new footpaths in front of Rokewood Primary School and Haddon Primary School.

Work to improve the Tannery Road Floodway in Scarsdale has also begun. The existing pedestrian walkway will be replaced with a levelled surface to provide safe shared access for all pedestrians.

Council regularly works to identify upgrade projects, through hazard inspections, accident statistics and feedback from the community.

Pictured Top Left: Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham at Rokewood Primary School.

Pictured Bottom Right: Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham with Federal Member for Ballarat Catherine King in Berringa.

SAFER INTERSECTIONS FOR BERRINGA AND GARIBALDI

Motorists travelling through Berringa and Garibaldi are benefitting from safer intersections following the completion of upgrade works at the intersection of Derwent Jacks Road, Snowgum Road, Staffordshire Reef Road and Crombs Road in Berringa and the Buninyong–Mt Mercer Road and Hardies Hill Road intersection in Garibaldi.

The improvement works in Berringa saw the widening and sealing of approximately 100m of Staffordshire Reef Road, Snowgum Road and 50m of Derwent Jack Road, leading from the intersection. The intersection upgrade was undertaken following community requests, with works beginning in May 2022 and completed in December 2022.

Upgrades in Garibaldi included road asphalt resurfacing and shoulder improvement works to increase safety on the busy Buninyong–Mt Mercer Road and Hardies Hill Road intersection. These works were completed in March 2022.

The \$306,900 upgrades were fully funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) fund and delivered by Council.





POST FLOOD RECOVERY IN GOLDEN PLAINS

Council's road maintenance teams have had a busy start to 2023, with road grading and road patching of flood damaged roads continuing throughout the early part of the year.

Major patching works for roads within Golden Plains Shire commenced the week of 9 January, and this year's patching works schedule is significantly larger than previous years due to the impact of unprecedented storms in October and November, 2022.

Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham commended the great work repair teams are doing to progress road works.

A range of road works have commenced at locations including Haddon, Scarsdale, Rokewood, Werneth and Inverleigh. Major patching works for roads in Smythes Creek, Barunah Park and Ross Creek are programmed to commence in February.

Council received over 900 requests for road repairs following the storms and flooding, and continues to work through the backlog of requests on a priority basis.

To report a road issue, please contact Council's Customer Experience Team on 5220 7111 or report it online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2023

As part of Council's commitment to Customer Experience, Golden Plains Shire Council is pleased to take part in the Victorian Government's annual Community Satisfaction Survey (the Survey).

Each year the Victorian Government undertakes the survey on behalf of local Councils to measure the community's perception of Council's performance over 12 months.

Residents may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services, inviting them to complete the Survey.

The Survey assesses the performance of Council across a range of measures, to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents of Golden Plains.

National Field Services representatives will be contacting 400 Golden Plains residents by phone from Monday 30 January to mid-March 2023.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential and only overall results are shared with Council.

If you have any questions regarding the Survey, please contact Council's Customer Experience Team on 5220 7111.



GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE MAKES POSITIVE IMPACT

The Great Victorian Bike Ride travelled through Golden Plains on Saturday 3 December, 2022 with more than 2,200 riders and support staff camping at the Inverleigh Recreation Reserve before travelling from Inverleigh to Buninyong for the final day of the ride.

Following a picturesque ride from Angelsea, riders arrived in Inverleigh and set up camp before enjoying a beautiful afternoon and evening in town, visiting a number of local businesses within the town including the Inverleigh Hotel.

The Inverleigh Community Market, comprising over 50 stallholders, was very popular with many riders and residents buying local produce, plus arts and crafts while enjoying live music.

Council worked closely with event organisers to bring the Ride to Golden Plains and in June 2022 awarded Bicycle Network a \$5,000 Community Strengthening Grant to support the event's overnight stay in the Shire.

The 2022 Great Vic Bike Ride (The Ride) began in Koroit on Saturday 26 November, 2022 and over 8 days made its way to Inverleigh through Timboon, Birregurra, Apollo Bay and Angelsea.



CHOOSE WATER THIS SUMMER

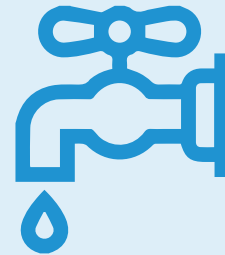
Did you know water is essential for brain function and physical performance?

Golden Plains Shire Council, as part of the G21 Geelong Regional Alliance, is encouraging residents to Choose Water This Summer.

The health campaign aims to increase water consumption across the Golden Plains, Colac Otway, Greater Geelong, Queenscliffe and Surf Coast municipalities, which has approximately 324,067 people.

In making water the drink of choice this sunny season the campaign hopes to decrease the consumption of sugary and sweetened beverages.

As well as drinking water, the G21 Health and Wellbeing Pillar wants to promote regular physical activity and healthy eating habits in South West Victoria.



Keep rubbish out of recycling!

LET'S GET IT SORTED!

Did you know the recycling bins in Golden Plains Shire contain on average 77% recyclables and **23% contaminants**? This is approximately 10% higher than the state average contamination rate of 13.3%.

Recycling is **contaminated** when the wrong items are placed in the recycling bin. It is a myth that you should put everything that could possibly, maybe, or sort of be recycled in the recycling bin 'just in case'.

Learn, know and understand what items can go into your yellow-lidded recycling bin by visiting: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident

Council's Active Ageing and Inclusion team hosted a Morning Tea on Friday 2 December, 2022, in Haddon, Meredith and Bannockburn to celebrate the International Day of Person with Disability event (IDPwD). The event was also held virtually to make it accessible to all Golden Plains residents.

As part of the event, guests heard from three guest speakers including the Central Highlands Local Area Coordinator from Latrobe Community Health Service who shared further information about the NDIS; a Disability Advocate at the Barwon Disability Resource Council (BDRC) who discussed the Advocacy services provided across the Shire for individuals with a disability, including Assert 4 All; and local Linton artist Pam Farey who shared and discussed

some of her art (you may be familiar with Pam's artwork at bus shelters in the north of the Shire).

The International Day of People with a Disability Morning tea events aimed to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability in the community.

The day also educated the community about the barriers people with disability face and how we can work together to break down misconceptions and encourage inclusive attitudes and behaviours.

Upcoming EVENTS

Wiser Driver Program - A Refresher Course for Responsible Older Drivers

Bannockburn Cultural Centre,
25-27 High Street, Bannockburn*.

Thursday 9, 16, 23 and 30 March 2023 from 10am to 12pm.

An informative, informal, and friendly refresher course, to upgrade your knowledge and build on your experience to keep you driving safely.

*Transport is available on request. Contact Council's Active Ageing and Inclusion team on 5220 7151 or email: ageingandinclusion@gplains.vic.gov.au

Create and Connect

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

The program is held across three locations in Golden Plains in Dereel, Meredith and Bannockburn and will run until Thursday 9 March, 2023.

For further information, visit Council's Events page: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events

Weekly Activities for Seniors in the Shire

Tai Chi - \$15 per class

- Meredith - Tuesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am at Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russell Street, Meredith
- Bannockburn - Tuesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am at the Bannockburn Men's Shed, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn
- Teesdale - Tuesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am at Teesdale Community Hall, 1109 Bannockburn-Shelford Road, Teesdale

Steady Feet - \$10 per class

Wednesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am at Meredith Community Centre 4 Russell Street, Meredith

Caris School of Dance

Mondays from 3.45 to 9pm and Tuesdays from 4 to 7pm at Teesdale Community Hall, 1109 Bannockburn-Shelford Road, Teesdale

Kyokushin Karate - \$10 per class

Wednesdays from 6.15pm at Teesdale Community Hall, 1109 Bannockburn-Shelford Road, Teesdale

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any suggestions for future editions or comments you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Active Ageing and Inclusion Department on the following numbers:

Golden Plains Shire Council Active Ageing and Inclusion team (during business hours): 5220 7151

Email: ageingandinclusion@gplains.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Customer Hubs

BANNOCKBURN

8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
2 Pope Street, Bannockburn
Victoria, 3331

SMYTHESDALE

8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
19 Heales Street, Smythesdale
Victoria, 3351

PHONE

P: 5220 7111
F: 5220 7100

POSTAL ADDRESS

Golden Plains Shire Council
PO Box 111, Bannockburn,
Victoria 3331

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

P: 1300 363 036
P: 5220 7111 (24 Hours)

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*COVER: Great Vic Bike Ride in
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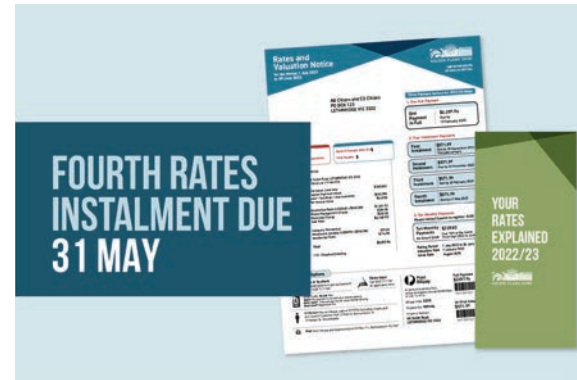
RATES PAYMENT

All Golden Plains Shire ratepayers received their 2022-23 Rates Notices in the mail in August.

Thank you to all the ratepayers who have signed up to the monthly payment programs, with those payments due on the 15th of the month through to June 2023.

For residents who signed up to pay their rates by instalments, the third instalment payment is due on 28 February 2023, and the fourth and final instalment is due on 31 May 2023.

For more information or any questions about rates, please call Council's Rates team at 5220 7111.



EASTER IN GOLDEN PLAINS

Golden Plains Shire Council will have altered hours during the Easter period.

Council's Customer Hubs and Council offices at Bannockburn and Smythesdale will close at 5pm, Thursday 6 April 2023, and will re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 11 April, 2023.

Essential services will be available in this period, in case of an emergency. If you need urgent assistance, please call 5220 7111 and follow the prompts.

For more information on holiday operations and services including Maternal and Child Health, please visit Council's website in mid-March: goldenplains.vic.gov.au

Rubbish and Recycling Collection

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

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 9 April, 2023. It will re-open for normal operational hours on Sunday 16 April, 2023.

WOMEN LEADING LOCALLY FELLOWSHIPS

The Women Leading Locally program aims to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria by supporting 125 women from 32 target municipalities through two Community Leadership and Local Governance fellowships.

The program welcomes the involvement of women from all ages and backgrounds and the key

requirement is that you have a passion for your local community.

Applications are open 6 March to 14 April 2023. To learn more, visit: communitydirectors.com.au/training/women-lead

This program is an initiative of the Victorian Government delivered by the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) in partnership with Women for Election.

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