



# BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Council is inviting businesses across the Shire to complete the Business Sustainability Survey (the Survey) to gain an understanding of their current sustainability practices.

The Survey aligns with the focus area outlined in the Climate Emergency Plan to increase business understanding of climate change and increase their capacity to reduce their emissions. Results from the Survey will provide an indication of what businesses are currently doing to reduce their emissions and adapt to climate change and where support is needed.

Additionally, the Survey aligns with three deliverables outlined in the Economic Development, Tourism and Investment Strategy, defined as follows:

- To support businesses to be more energy efficient and create local employment opportunities;
- To implement circular economy, carbon reduction and regenerative methods in production, and
- To establish an environmental scorecard for businesses to assess their performance and incentivise those that adopt sustainable practices and technologies.

Council encourages businesses to complete the Business Sustainability Survey to inform how Council can support local businesses to use resources more efficiently. To complete the survey visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations)

The Survey aims to identify how Council can support businesses to be more energy efficient and help shape a trial program Council is looking to run to support local businesses to reduce energy, water and waste.

The Survey is open from Monday 6 March until 5pm, Monday 3 April.

## COUNCIL LISTENING POSTS 2023

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

Council's 2023 Listening Posts program gets underway at Inverleigh on Saturday 11 March from 9.30 to 11am.

Throughout 2023, residents are invited to take the opportunity to talk with their local Councillors about what matters to them and their community.

Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham will be available to speak with the community at Inverleigh Food Swap (outside Sonny Cafe) tomorrow from 9.30 to 11am.

Additional Listening Posts will be held at:

- Linton Food Truck and Movie Night on Saturday 1 April from 6 to 7.30pm
- Golden Plains Farmers' Market on Saturday 7 October from 9.30 to 11am
- Smythesdale Country Market on Saturday 18 November from 10 to 11.30am

For further information, visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events)



Maude, She Oaks & Steiglitz Community Plan

Community members in Maude, She Oaks and Steiglitz are invited to attend a public meeting at the Maude Community Hall on Sunday 19 March starting at 2pm to help shape the Community Plan for the next four years.

The responses from the Community Plan Survey 2023 will be discussed at the public meeting where they will be collated with any other ideas from local residents.

For further information and to complete the Community Plan Survey please visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events)

Community Planning is a Council program that aims to build on the connection between communities and local government. It is a process where communities identify their goals for improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of their region.

## STRENGTHENING GRANTS DROP-IN SESSIONS

Council is supporting Community Strengthening Grants 2023 first round applications through drop-in sessions across the Shire.

An in-person session will be held at:

- The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale on Tuesday 21 March from 4 to 6pm

An online drop-in session will also be held via Zoom on:

- Tuesday 14 March from 4 to 6pm

To learn more or to apply for a grant visit:

[goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations)

## LABOUR DAY CLOSURES

Council's Customer Hubs and offices in Bannockburn and Smythesdale will be closed on Monday 13 March for the Labour Day public holiday.

General phone and online enquiries will be unavailable during this time. Community members seeking after-hours support can call 5220 7111.

Kerbside bin collection on Monday 13 March is not affected and will go-ahead as per the normal schedule.

Customer Hubs and offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 14 March.