

APRIL, 2023





# A Message from the Mayor

**There has been so much happening across our wonderful Shire over the last few months. I do hope that you've been able to participate in some of our fantastic events.**

In this edition of the Gazette, you can find out more about some of the great community infrastructure projects that are happening across the Shire. From the Meredith Multi Playspace project to the Rokewood Netball and Tennis Court upgrade works, Golden Plains is certainly the place to be! As we start to see the delivery of more and more of these projects, I am reminded of the great things that can be achieved when communities, Council and all levels of government work together. The delivery of these projects will make a positive difference and have a lasting impact on Golden Plains.

As 2023 continues to stretch away from us, we remain focused on our commitment to continuous engagement and strengthening partnerships with our community.

Our 2023 Councillor engagement program has commenced with Councillors meeting community members in Inverleigh in March, and Linton in early April.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, thank you to the everyone who turned up and shared their views on what's important to them in their community.

Later in the year, you'll find us at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market on Saturday 7 October, and the Smythesdale Country Market on Saturday 18 November. Pop along to have a chat with us on what's important to you and your community.

The preparation of the Draft Council Budget 2023/24 (the Draft Budget) is well underway and thank you to those residents who attended the online forum and completed the Community Survey. We received some great feedback, which has informed the development of the Draft Budget.

The Draft Budget 2023/24 will be presented to Council at its 26 April meeting and will be on public exhibition during the month of May.

There will also be further opportunity for residents to learn more about the Draft Budget at a virtual workshop in May. The workshop is a great opportunity for residents to ask questions and find out more about the Budget submission process. Further information on the workshop is available on our website.

We provide an overview of the key features of the Budget on pages 7 to 9.

**Cr Brett Cunningham**  
**Mayor**

## ROAD WORKS AND REPAIRS CONTINUE ACROSS GOLDEN PLAINS

**The recent run of good weather has enabled Council to continue its restoration efforts of our roads. Council's Drainage and Town Maintenance Teams continue to follow a clear set of steps in their efforts to perform more permanent repairs and Council thanks them for all their efforts to deliver road works across the Shire.**

Requests for road repairs are still significantly higher than usual due to road damage from the unprecedented severe storms in late 2022 and ongoing wet weather. To assist with these works which span across the Shire's 1700km road network, Council has engaged a number of contractors.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham said Council teams were working hard to deliver

road repairs as quickly as possible.

"We understand there's a level of community frustration and concern with road repairs, but we do ask for residents to be patient as the teams work through new and existing road repairs.

"We are responding to all requests for road works, however roads will continue to be repaired on a priority basis based on traffic volume and road usage.

"Council values and appreciates residents' feedback on our road networks, and we appreciate your support as the team completes works."

Council has applied for State Government funding to support road works and has recently completed works in Haddon, Rokewood, Scarsdale, Dereel, Ross Creek, Teesdale, Napoleons, Corindhap and Mount Mercer.





## ROKEWOOD NETBALL AND TENNIS COURT UPGRADE

**The Rokewood Recreation Reserve Netball and Tennis Court Upgrade is well underway and is set to be completed by early-May 2023.**

The Rokewood Recreation Reserve Netball and Tennis Court Upgrade project includes the reconstruction of two new courts that will provide line markings for both netball and tennis, along with the introduction of sports lighting for competition use.

The upgrade will also see the installation of new fencing, undercover benches for players, coaches, timekeepers, and spectators. An additional storage structure will also be introduced to increase storage of sporting equipment by user groups.

The works commenced in late January and are on track to be completed and open to the public in May.

## BANNOCKBURN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PRIMED FOR GROWTH

**In more good news, the completed construction of an innovative stormwater basin, pump station and a new table drain at the Bannockburn Industrial Estate is set to support local business expansion, leading to increased employment in the local region.**

The new stormwater basin features floating wetlands, a pump station and a new table drain alongside the precinct to help with water runoff. The completion of this critical drainage infrastructure at the site will encourage private sector investment within the 268.5 hectares of undeveloped land.

The Bannockburn Industrial Estate is home to many local Golden Plains businesses and the expansion is expected to attract more businesses into the precinct, creating an estimated 525 jobs once complete.

Rezoning of the industrial precinct is now underway with design and construction to begin later this year.

This project was funded by a \$2 million State Government grant from the Regional Infrastructure Fund and a \$1.128 million investment from Josco Pty Ltd.



## CONSTRUCTION WELL UNDERWAY ON MEREDITH MULTI PLAYSACE

**Construction on the Meredith Multi Playspace project began at the Meredith Recreation Reserve in February.**

This exciting community-driven project includes an upgrade of the existing skate park, the development of a new BMX track, a new play space and installation of pathways, seating, a drinking fountain, shelter and landscaping.

With the support of Golden Plains Shire Council, local residents have driven the project with extensive advocacy to their local member and within the media, successfully obtaining State Government funding to support the works.

The Meredith Multi Playspace has been designed to be a dynamic and activated space that offers recreational and social experiences for members of Meredith and the Golden Plains Shire community.

The project is expected to be completed in early-May 2023.

The Meredith Multi Playspace is a partnership project, funded by \$420,000 from the Victorian Government and \$253,000 from Golden Plains Shire Council.

Enjoy the very best the region has to offer at

## THE GOLDEN PLAINS FARMERS' MARKET

Enjoy a morning out with family and friends at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market from 8.30am to 12.30pm at the Corner of Milton and High Streets, Bannockburn on the first Saturday of the month.

The markets bring the freshest seasonal local produce, meats, gourmet products, flowers, artisan-made food sales, unique art and bespoke gifts.

Mark your Calendar with the upcoming 2023 Market Dates: 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November and 2 December.



## CAPE CLEAR LIGHTHOUSE RECEIVES A MAKEOVER

Cape Clear Lions Park Reserve has recently received an upgrade to its facilities as part of Council's Community Planning Program.

Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction Community Coordinators identified the need for upgrades to the Cape Clear Lighthouse and toilet block at the Cape Clear Lions Park Reserve and engaged with Council to progress the upgrade project resulting in a fresh coat of paint for both facilities.

The Community Coordinators also commissioned and erected a new cast iron entrance sign, utilising seed funding from the Community Planning Program.

Community Planning is a Council program that enables local residents to create a shared vision for their local community and build on the connection between communities and local government.

## CLINIC AT THE WELL RE-OPENS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Clinic at the Well (the Clinic) in Smythesdale has been open and servicing residents in the north of the Shire since December 2022, following the fit out of the clinic rooms with specialist medical equipment and furnishing.

Following a successful opening in 2022, the Clinic is now fully operational with medical practitioners available to provide essential medical services to residents in Smythesdale and surrounding townships in the north of the Shire.

In October 2022, Council secured \$50,000 in funding from the Victorian Government's Our Regions: Living Local Regional Fund, with this funding matched by Global Power Generation Australia, who operate the Berrybank Wind Farms in Golden Plains Shire to fit out the clinic rooms in preparation for the Clinic.

With the pharmacy co-located at the facility, The Well is becoming a valuable medical hub servicing the health needs of the Golden Plains community, surrounds and visitors.

Appointments can be placed by contacting the Clinic at The Well on (03) 5342 8511.





## BANNOCKBURN BIKE PARK DESIGN PROGRESSES

Following extensive consultation with the community, Council developed a concept design of the proposed bike park at the Bannockburn Skate Park, which community members were invited to provide commentary on.

Features included in the concept design that were identified as important to users of the bike park and the broader community include separate tracks for riders with different skill levels, shaded rest areas, seating, car parking, connecting paths, a bike repair station and drinking fountain.

The concept design features three different tracks designed to challenge riders of all skills levels, including a beginners skill track, an intermediate race style asphalt pump track to cater to both bmx/mtb racers and recreational riders, and an advanced jump line featuring a wooden deck drop off start point and wallride extension.

With a community supported design, Council can begin to advocate at a State and Federal government level for funding to deliver the proposed bike park.



## COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW FLAG POLICY

An additional flag pole has been installed at Council's Customer Hubs in Bannockburn and Smythesdale to allow for the flying of Community Flags to complement the Australian National Flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag.

In 2022, Council adopted its new Flag Policy to guide the management of flags on Council owned land and at Official Civic Occasions, in accordance with the Australian National Flag protocols.

The new Flag Policy extends upon the previous Flag Policy applicable to Council's Customer Hubs in Bannockburn and Smythesdale to also include Official Civic Occasions, Council-Managed sites and Council-Owned but not Council-Managed sites.

Community Flags flown must align with Council's values and policies and promote respect for all; raise awareness; symbolise identity, pride and belonging or be a part of a locally based or nationally recognised event or commemorative day or week.

**JOIN THE  
COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT  
REGISTER**



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](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/community-engagement-register)



Email [communityengagement@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@gplains.vic.gov.au)



## G21 GEELONG REGION ALLIANCE VISITS CANBERRA

**In March, Golden Plains Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham and Golden Plains Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Eric Braslis, joined fellow G21 - Geelong Region Alliance (G21) Council Mayors and CEOs in Canberra.**

While in Canberra, members of the G21 attended meetings with Federal Government Ministers and Shadow Ministers to highlight major pressures on our region, stemming from extraordinary population growth.

During the two day visit, members of the G21 attended 18 meetings, which included meetings with Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King MP, Opposition Leader Peter Dutton and local MPs Libby Coker and Dan Tehan.

G21 is the formal alliance of government, business and community organisations working together to improve the lives of people within the Geelong region across five municipalities - Colac Otway, Golden Plains, Greater Geelong, Queenscliffe and Surf Coast.

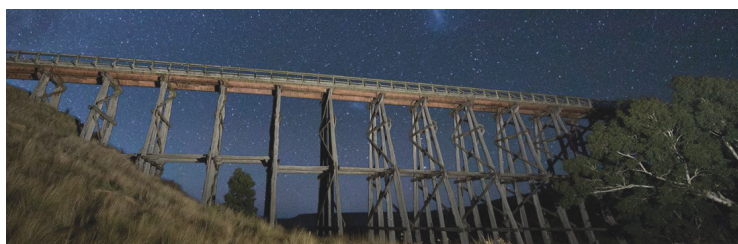


## GOVERNANCE RULES: ADOPTED

**At its March meeting, Council adopted its updated Governance Rules.**

The rules were endorsed by Council at its February meeting and placed on public exhibition for a period of three-weeks.

The proposed changes to the rules included revised wording to improve the clarity of processes around Mayoral elections and Public Question Time, and to make it easier for Councillors to attend Council meetings virtually.



## SUPPORT FOR TRACKS AND TRAILS STRATEGY

**Council recently sought community feedback about the future of tracks and trails within Golden Plains to guide the development of the Golden Plains Tracks and Trails Strategy.**

Residents were invited to have their say on existing tracks, linkages and future opportunities by completing the survey or attending one of the three workshops held in February.

With an overwhelming response from over 200 residents, community feedback will provide strategic direction for future advocacy and investment in a trail network to encourage safe, active transport.



## Kindergarten Enrolments

NOW OPEN FOR 2024

If you have a child who's turning three in 2023, now is the time to start thinking about enrolling them in a three-year-old kindergarten program in 2024. For further information on the Council-operated kindergarten services, or assistance with the enrolment process, contact Council's Child & Family Services on 5220 7230 or email: [earlyyears@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@gplains.vic.gov.au)



# GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET 2023/24

The Golden Plains Shire Council's Draft Budget 2023/24 (Draft Budget) will be considered by Council at a meeting on 26 April and will be on public exhibition for community feedback during May 2023.

The Draft Budget is a responsible financial plan, focused on delivering more than 70 services of Council to the Golden Plains Shire community. In the third year of the Council term, the Draft Budget continues to progress the 21 strategic objectives and deliver the 83 key actions of the Council Plan 2021-2025. The Draft Budget has also been developed in line with Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/22-2030/31.

Council again delivered an online workshop with its Finance team and Councillors in attendance, seeking input on community priorities for the Council Budget 2023/24. Thank you to the 17 residents who completed the community survey and spoke with Councillors at the online engagement session. This engagement feedback has been incorporated into the Draft Budget 2023/24.



## Have Your Say on the Draft Budget

### Read Council's Draft Budget 2023/24:

Following the Council meeting on 26 April, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations) or pick up a copy at Council's Customer Hubs, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn or The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

### Ask Your Budget Questions:

In May, Council's Finance Team will hold an engagement session to answer budget questions from residents that will assist with preparation of a submission to Council. The online consultation date and time will be published on Council's website, with the link to be posted the day prior to the engagement; visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au)

### Make a Budget Submission:

Written submissions may be lodged by 9am, Monday 29 May, 2023. Post a submission addressed to Director Corporate Services, Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, VIC 3331; email [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au); or visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations)

### Present a Submission to Council:

Council will hold a meeting at Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn at 6pm, Tuesday 6 June, and everyone who lodges a written submission may request to present it to Councillors. The final Budget 2023/24 will be considered for adoption by Council at its meeting in Bannockburn on Tuesday 27 June, 2023.

# Delivering Services for Golden Plains

**\$49.1  
MILLION**

**for Council's Services  
to the Golden Plains  
Community**

**\$856  
THOUSAND**

**for  
Community  
Safety**

**\$758  
THOUSAND**

**for Community  
Development**

**\$777  
THOUSAND**

**for Youth Services**

In 2023/24, Council's commitment to quality services and programs for our Shire communities continues. Council is proud to fund and deliver more than 70 valuable community services, working every day for the people of Golden Plains Shire.

## MORE THAN 70 SERVICES FOR GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

- Animal Management
- Arts and Culture
- Asset Management
- Bannockburn Cultural Centre
- Bicycle Paths
- Bridges
- Building Permits
- Building Surveyor and Services
- Business Support and Investment Attraction
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Council's Social Media
- Council's Website: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au)
- Community Engagement
- Community Events
- Community Grants
- Community Planning
- Community Centres and Facilities
- Community Safety
- Community Transport
- Customer Service
- Deaf Access
- Development Engineering
- Disability Services
- Drains, Kerb and Channel
- Early Years' Services
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Environment and Sustainability
- Environmental Health and Food Safety
- Family and Children's Services
- Facility Maintenance
- Family Day Care
- Fire Prevention and Control
- Golden Plains' *Gazette* Magazine
- Health and Wellbeing Promotion
- Immunisation
- Kindergartens
- Landfill Management
- Libraries – Bannockburn Library and Mobile Library
- Local Laws
- Local Roads Resealing and Rehabilitation
- Major Projects
- Maternal and Child Health
- Parks and Gardens
- Pet Registrations
- Planning Framework, Amendments, Approvals and Enforcement
- Playgroups
- Playgrounds
- Positive Ageing Services
- Public Toilets
- Rates and Property Valuations
- Roadside Native Vegetation Management
- School Crossings
- Senior Week Activities
- Social Support Programs
- Sport and Recreation
- Planning and Management
- Statutory Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Street Cleaning, Furniture and Lighting
- Street Trees
- The Well in Smythesdale
- Township Maintenance
- Traffic Management
- Trail and Path Maintenance
- Transfer Station
- Volunteers
- Waste and Recycling Collection
- Weed and Pest Control
- Youth Development
- Youth Training



# Key Features of Draft Budget 2023/24

## \$22.3 MILLION

### INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL WORKS

Up from \$18.8 million in 2022/23

## INVESTING IN LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES

### \$1.1 MILLION

for resealing local roads

Up from \$1 million in 2022/23

### \$900 THOUSAND

for improvements on local roads

Up from \$800,000 in 2022/23

### \$800 THOUSAND

for gravel re-sheeting of local roads

Up from \$700,000 in 2022/23

### \$400 THOUSAND

for storm water drainage improvements

### \$250 THOUSAND

for kerb and channel projects

### \$545 THOUSAND

for emergency drainage works

In the Draft Budget 2023/24, Council is delivering these important road infrastructure projects:

**Road Rehabilitation Project:** \$1.3 million from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program to rehabilitate the following roads: Kopkes Road in Haddon and Mt Mercer-Dereel Road in Dereel.

**Replacement of bridges in Rokewood and Werneth:** A \$1.3m project to replace Hendersons Road Bridge in Bamganie.

**Northern Streetscapes Project:**

A further \$650,000 to deliver the second stage of the Northern Streetscapes plan, funded by \$325,000 from Council and \$325,000 from Berrybank Windfarm, with the financial commitment made over two financial years: 2022/23 and 2023/24.

## INVESTING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In the Draft Budget 2023/24, Council will deliver upgrades to several Golden Plains Shire community and recreation facilities including:

**Bannockburn Skate Park:**

A \$805,000 project, funded by the Victorian Government.

**Haddon Kindergarten Extension:**

A \$100,000 project, funded by Council.

**Teesdale Kindergarten Extension :**

A \$100,000 project to upgrade the septic, funded by Council

**Bannockburn Victoria Park Female Friendly Changeroom Upgrade:**

A \$1.8 million project, to be funded \$1.1 million by the Victorian Government and \$690,000 from the Federal Government.

**Inverleigh Active Youth Space:**

A \$2.3 million project, to be funded \$1.5 million by the Victorian Government, \$700,000 from the Federal Government, and \$150,000 from Council.

**Environmental Initiatives:**

A \$205,000 project to deliver actions from the Climate Emergency Plan fully funded by Council.

*This information was prepared prior to the endorsement of the Draft Budget at the Council meeting on Wednesday 26 April and is subject to change following the decision of Council at that meeting. We encourage interested community members to watch the Council meeting via livestream or in person.*



## MEET JANINA SHARER: FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Meet Janina Sharer, Golden Plains Family Day Care Educator and winner of the Regional Educator of the Year Award for the Ballarat & Central Highlands region in The Family Day Care Australia, Excellence in Family Day Care Awards 2022.

Based out of her 26-acre property in Meredith, Janina has been a Family Day Care Educator for over 10 years and was blown away to receive the Family Day Care Educator of the Year award.

"It is really reassuring and exciting to know that is how the families whose children you care for, view you", commented Janina on the nomination and award.

Returning to the role of Family Day Care Educator after a management role, Janina enjoys the variety and flexibility of family day care and loves the relationships that she builds with the children and their families.

Family Day Care is an approved Early Childhood Education and Care service that focuses on the individual child's development, while providing high quality early learning opportunities in an educator's own home or an approved in-venue facility.

Golden Plains Shire Council is seeking qualified childcare educators to join the Family Day Care team in Golden Plains.

To learn more, visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/family-day-care](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/family-day-care) or contact the Bannockburn Family Services Centre on 5220 7230.

## POPULAR EDIBLE GARDENS WEBINARS RETURN



Golden Plains Shire Council's popular Edible Gardens program returned this month, with monthly webinars to follow teaching budding green thumbs how to make the most out of their gardens.

Hosted by qualified horticulturalist Craig Castree, the webinars explore how gardeners can make their garden more environmentally friendly and the impacts of soil and fertilisers on health and the environment, while also preparing gardeners to plant the perfect Golden Plains winter garden.

Craig has more than 45 years' experience in crafting his own organic foods at home, and provides practical, easy and affordable edible gardening solutions.

The Edible Gardens Online Workshops webinar series is suitable for beginners, people wanting to improve their gardening skills and gardeners who want to become more environmentally friendly. The Edible Gardens webinars will run from 7 to 8pm in 2023 on 10 May, 7 June, 5 July, 9 August, 6 September, 11 October, 8 November, 6 December and from 7 to 8pm in 2024 on 17 January, 7 February and 6 March.

For more information and to register visit:  
[goldenplains.vic.gov.au/edible-gardens](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/edible-gardens)

## Join THE GOLDEN PLAINS YOUTH ACTIVATION COMMITTEE

Young people who are emerging leaders, are community minded, advocacy focused or those that just want to make a positive difference for young people in their community are invited to apply to join the Golden Plains Youth Activation Committee. To apply, visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth-activation-committee](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth-activation-committee)







# THE PLAINS Connector

## What's Happening at Golden Plains

### Escape the Heat

The Active Ageing and Inclusion Team held two 'Escape the Heat' morning teas in January at The Well in Smythesdale and at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre.

The morning teas offered senior community members a space to come together and enjoy light refreshments out of the summer heat, while also learning about bushfire and heatwave safety awareness and preparedness, with information packs provided to all guests for further reading.

For further information on bush and grass fire safety visit: [frv.vic.gov.au/bushfire-safety](http://frv.vic.gov.au/bushfire-safety)

The Golden Plains Shire Council Assessment Service & Navigation Officer also attended to provide information on the current service navigation pathways regarding entry level My Aged Care supports.

For further information regarding My Aged Care phone 1800 200 422 or contact the Active Ageing and Inclusion Team on 03 5220 7151 for any questions relating to navigating My Aged care.



### BINS4Blokes

Council has installed disposal bins for incontinence products in 16 male toilets across Golden Plains Shire as part of the national men's health campaign, BINS4Blokes.

The Continence Foundation of

Australia established BINS4Blokes as 1.34 million boys and men across Australia experience incontinence. The campaign encourages public toilet providers including local governments,

business owners, shopping centres and sporting stadiums to install disposal bins for incontinence products in male toilets.

The bins will reduce stigma around incontinence while also improving hygienic disposal of sanitary products. Having a lack of incontinence disposal bins in male toilets has a significant impact for community and social participation, with men who experience incontinence more likely to stay home and not take part in everyday activities.

Anyone experiencing bladder and bowel problems should speak to their GP or contact the National Continence Helpline on 1800 33 00 66.

## What's Happening in the Community

President of the Bannockburn Golf Club, Dick Van Den Bosch, is pleased to advise that works to transform the sand scrapes into architecturally designed greens at the Bannockburn Golf Club are underway with the first stage due for completion in March, 2023.

Stage one, which began in August 2022, has seen earth works undertaken to redevelop the first nine holes. The second stage, which will see the redevelopment of the last nine holes, will begin in July, 2023 and is set to be completed in March, 2024.

The watering system at the Bannockburn Golf Club will also be upgraded, with the upgraded system to continue to use recycled water.

For further information, or to enquire about membership at the Bannockburn Golf Club, contact Dick Van Den Bosch via email to: [bannogolf3331@gmail.com](mailto:bannogolf3331@gmail.com) or call 0417 329 764

## 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](mailto:ageingandinclusion@gplains.vic.gov.au)

**Golden Plains Shire Customer Experience team:**  
5220 7111 (8.30)

# 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)

To receive a copy of the *Gazette*  
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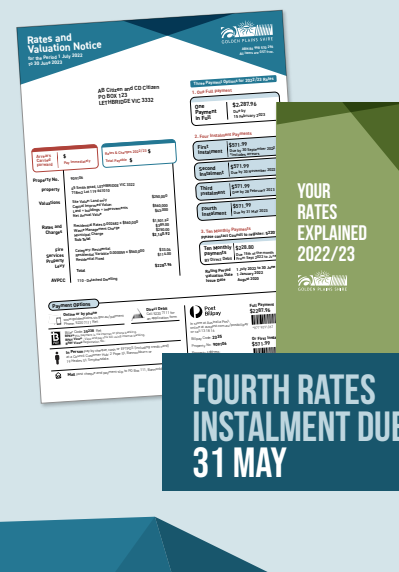
## RATES PAYMENT

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

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

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

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



## ON THE HUNT FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES?

Council has partnered with Grant Guru to make it simpler for local community  
groups, businesses and individuals to find funding opportunities.

The platform provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities  
currently available, with search and filter features that make it quick and easy for  
residents to find and apply for grants that meet their specific funding needs.

The platform can be tailored to meet the needs of community members, with  
email alerts for relevant new grants and the ability to save grants or streams to  
their favourites. It also provides users with tips to improve their grant applications  
and increase their success rate.

Community members can access Grant Guru by visiting: **goldenplains.vic.gov.  
au/grants**. For support in utilising Grant Guru, community members can contact  
Council's Community Development team at **enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au** or  
5221 7111.

## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE eGAZETTE

The eGazette is Council's email newsletter  
to community members, sharing news  
in between editions of the Gazette  
community magazine.

Sent straight to your inbox, if you haven't  
already signed-up to receive the eGazette,  
visit: **goldenplains.vic.gov.au/egazette**.

Scan to sign up now!



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