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## DRAFT BUDGET HAVE YOUR SAY UNTIL 20 MAY

Golden Plains Shire Council's Draft Budget 2024/25 (Draft Budget) was endorsed for public exhibition by Council at its meeting on 23 April. Community feedback is now invited until 9am Monday 20 May 2024.

Council is asking the community to share their views on the Draft Budget 2024/25 before the final version is presented to Council for adoption at its 25 June meeting.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham acknowledged the economic challenges and focus on financial sustainability stating that the Draft Budget reflects notable reduction in overall expenditure, with Council making the difficult but necessary decision to streamline operations and optimise resources.

To read Council's Draft Budget 2024/25 and have your say, 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.

The Draft Budget will be available online or in hard copy until 20 May before it is considered for endorsement at the Council meeting on 25 June 2024.



## DRAFT FAIR ACCESS POLICY ENDORSED

Golden Plains Shire Council has developed a draft Fair Access Policy (the Policy) which has been endorsed for public exhibition following the 23 April Council meeting.

This initiative follows the recent introduction of the Fair Access Policy Roadmap by the Victorian Government, marking an Australia-first policy designed to improve access to community sports infrastructure for women and girls.

Starting from 1 July 2024, all Victorian Councils are required to develop and adopt a Fair Access Policy to be considered eligible to receive Victorian Government and recreational infrastructure funding. This Policy aims to ensure that women and girls have equal opportunities to fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of community sports, with fair access to their local facilities.

Community members are invited to provide comment on the Draft Policy from Thursday 25 April to 9am, Thursday 23 May 2024. Learn more at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations)



## DESIGNED TO EMPOWER LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Council is hosting 'Recovery to Resilience' Community Emergency Management workshops in the coming months. These workshops aim to empower local communities with the skills and knowledge to prepare for future emergency events and establish Community Recovery Hubs in the townships of Teesdale, Inverleigh and Shelford.

Community Recovery Hubs are community-led locations for localised information sharing and support during an emergency management situation. The workshops will empower communities to implement their own learnings during future emergency events.

Council has engaged Resilient Co. to facilitate the workshops at the following locations:

- Shelford Recreation Reserve Club Rooms, Monday 20 May from 6 to 8pm.
- Inverleigh Public Hall, Monday 3 June from 6 to 8pm.
- Teesdale Community Hall, Thursday 20 June from 6 to 8pm.

For more information about the Recovery to Resilience workshops and to register, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events) or contact Council's Community Wellbeing team on 5220 7111



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