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Savour the Moorabool Valley's premium cuisine, fresh produce and cool-climate wines – right on our doorstep!

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FROM THE MAYOR

I truly believe that we live in one of the most beautiful areas of Australia and the tastes of the Moorabool Valley Taste Trail are up there with some of Australia's best, so if you are looking for something to do one weekend, why not make the most of it? Find out more on page 5.

Council has moved its Council meeting times to early evening to make it easier for members of the community to attend: they now start at 6pm instead of 4pm. Attending Council meetings is a great way for interested residents to learn about the important work of Council and I encourage everyone to come along.

I'm also delighted to share that we have started offering customer service at The Well in Smythesdale, Tuesday to Friday from 10am-2pm. It is great that we can offer residents this extra service, where they will be able to ask questions, pay rates and soon even return library books.

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor



FROM THE CEO

In this edition we have lots of important reminders and information for our residents. For example, the annual renewal date for your pet registration is 10 April; please put this date in your diary and keep your animal friends safe! Find out more on page 7.

We continue to work hard supporting our communities and residents. Some of the ways we are doing this are the Bannockburn Car Parking, Traffic Management, and Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy (see more on page 11), reviewing the Council Plan to ensure it remains relevant and useful (page 10), supporting the creation of Community Plans (page 8) and much, much more.

We also like to celebrate the achievements of our local residents; read about Kaitlyn Schurmann's achievements on page 8 and see the back page to learn about Michael Weiser's journey to becoming a baton carrier in the 2018 Queen's Baton Relay.

Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer

WHAT'S ON IN GOLDEN PLAINS?

APRIL

 <p>4TH & 13TH</p>	<p>Boredom Busters Bannockburn School Holiday Program</p> <p>Some great activities to keep the kids busy over the school holidays.</p> <p>More info: 5281 2316.</p>	 <p>7TH</p>	<p>Golden Plains Farmers' Market</p> <p>8.30am-12.30pm. Cnr High & Milton Streets, Bannockburn. Farm fresh produce, free parking, free entry and kids' activities.</p> <p>More info: goldenplainsfarmersmarket.com.au.</p>
 <p>15TH</p>	<p>Inverleigh Produce & Lifestyle Market</p> <p>10am-2pm Lawsons Park Inverleigh.</p> <p>More info: Jarrod Blackman 0408 352 662 jarrod.blackman@outlook.com.</p>	 <p>21ST</p>	<p>Smythesdale Country Market</p> <p>9am-1pm 35A Brooke St, Smythesdale. A country market located in the historic precinct of Smythesdale with a variety of goods and craft stalls available.</p> <p>More info: Woody Yaloak Historical Society, 5342 8754.</p>
 <p>21ST & 22ND</p>	<p>Big Tops & Tiny Tots Circus Show</p> <p>2pm Saturday – YMCA, 132 Milton St, Bannockburn. 2pm Sunday – The Well, 19 Heales St, Smythesdale. Come and help solve a whole host of fun physical puzzles in this smile-inducing, interactive show! Ages 3-6</p> <p>More info: Samantha, 0418 469 088.</p>	 <p>25TH</p>	<p>ANZAC Day Ceremonies</p> <p>Commences with a 6am Dawn Service in Bannockburn. Memorial services in Teesdale, Shelford, Inverleigh and Meredith will follow. A memorial service will also be held before the ANZAC day reserves football match in Bannockburn. For further information refer to story on page 9.</p>

MAY

 <p>5TH</p>	<p>Golden Plains Farmers' Market</p> <p>8.30am-12.30pm. Cnr High & Milton Streets, Bannockburn. Farm fresh produce, free parking, free entry and kids' activities.</p> <p>More info: goldenplainsfarmersmarket.com.au</p>	 <p>6TH</p>	<p>Creators and Craft Market</p> <p>10am-2pm Cnr High & Milton St, Bannockburn</p> <p>This popular market showcases the work of local craftspeople and artisans.</p> <p>More info: Noeline Trevor, 0427 923 934 ccbanno@bigpond.com.</p>
 <p>19TH</p>	<p>Smythesdale Country Market</p> <p>9am-1pm 35A Brooke St, Smythesdale. A country market located in the historic precinct of Smythesdale with a variety of goods and craft stalls available.</p> <p>More info: Woody Yaloak Historical Society, 5342 8754.</p>	 <p>28TH</p>	<p>Geelong Cross Country Club Inverleigh 8km Handicap</p> <p>8am-9.30am Lawson Reserve Inverleigh</p> <p>An 8km footrace where runners are handicapped according to their abilities.</p> <p>More info: Alan Jenkins, 0419314568</p>

JUNE

 <p>2ND</p>	<p>Golden Plains Farmers' Market</p> <p>8.30am-12.30pm. Cnr High & Milton Streets, Bannockburn. Farm fresh produce, free parking, free entry and kids' activities.</p> <p>More info: goldenplainsfarmersmarket.com.au</p>	 <p>16TH</p>	<p>Smythesdale Country Market</p> <p>9am-1pm 35A Brooke St, Smythesdale. A country market located in the historic precinct of Smythesdale with a variety of goods and craft stalls available.</p> <p>More info: Woody Yaloak Historical Society, 5342 8754.</p>
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BIG TOPS AND TINY TOTS CIRCUS SHOW

Families will love this action-packed circus adventure, aimed at children aged 3-6 years.

Golden Plains Shire Council and Regional Arts Victoria have partnered to deliver a non-stop whirlwind of plate-spinning, hula hooping and unicycling fun, with circus activities and magic tricks. Participants of Big Tops and Tiny Tots will be able to solve fun physical puzzles throughout this FREE 45-minute adventure.

The show will be held on Saturday 21 April at the YMCA Bannockburn (Bannockburn Recreation Centre) at 2pm and on Sunday 22 April at the Well, Smythesdale at 2pm.

No bookings are required. To find out more, contact the Arts and Culture team on 5220 7111.



LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

Parents and carers are the focus of Look Before You Lock, a new State Government campaign.

Raising awareness of the dangers of children being accidentally left in cars, the campaign talks about how extreme exhaustion, stress or a change in routine can bring about short-term memory loss and a condition known as fatal distraction.

Look Before You Lock encourages parents and carers to develop new habits to minimise the risk, such as leaving your handbag, phone or wallet on the backseat and creating a mental list of the things to check each time they leave the car.

To find out more, visit the Council website and search Look Before You Lock.



FARMERS' MARKET SURVEY

The Golden Plains Farmers' Market seeks community feedback to help make our award-winning Market even better.

Council supports the Market because it strengthens opportunities for local growers and makers, supports the local economy and creates a vibrant community meeting place, where there is access to fresh, local food.

Despite its intrinsic community value, we recognise the Market can still be improved upon, so we are asking local market-goers for their views and suggestions to help us shape the Market's future direction. You can find the survey by searching for 'Farmers' Market' at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultation



TREASURES OF THE MOORABOOL VALLEY TASTE TRAIL

Savour the flavours of the Moorabool Valley's premium cuisine, fresh produce and cool-climate wines at restaurants, wineries, farm gates, markets and provedores on the Moorabool Valley Taste Trail.

The Trail encompasses the rolling hills and magical valleys of Golden Plains and beyond, and includes more than 20 delicious destinations in Golden Plains Shire.

The flavours of the Moorabool Valley Taste Trail are up there with some of Australia's best, so if you are looking for something to do one weekend, why not make the most of local deliciousness?

Here are some of the Trail's hot spots and hidden treasures in Golden Plains:

Inverleigh Cellar and Kitchen, Inverleigh

Inverleigh Cellar and Kitchen, the former Gladioli restaurant, seats 50 people in a lovely restored cottage surrounded by beautiful gardens. This charming venue offers quality retail wines and beers (available for take away or to drink in) and serves rustic French-inspired cuisine. Find out more at gladiolirestaurant.com.au.

Clyde Park Vineyard & Bistro, Bannockburn

Clyde Park is a James Halliday five star winery with a cellar door and bistro; they serve Clyde Park speciality wines and lovingly cooked food. Find out more at clydepark.com.au.

Golden Plains Farmers' Market, Bannockburn

The Golden Plains Farmers' Market, held on the first Saturday of the month, brims with the very best of the region's farm-fresh produce, including fruit and veg, nuts, herbs, garlic, handmade chocolate, home-baked tarts and much more.

Dorothy's Kitchen, Meredith

Dorothy's Kitchen is a farmers' market in a restored 1870's cobblers shop, open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The property is also home to Meredith Hideaway, a self-contained cottage with a complete kitchen, open for bookings. Find out more at dorothyskitchen.com.au.

The brochure provides a complete listing of Trail venues, and can be found at Council Customer Service Centres and further information can be found at mooraboolvalleytastetrail.com.au.

Visit the Moorabool Valley Taste Trail and taste it for yourself!



COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

The upcoming Community Solar Program is a consultation and design opportunity for eligible community groups and individuals that tailors installations to ensure an optimum system for each property.

This opportunity includes a 'Give Back' incentive; Shinehub will donate a 3.5Kw system to a nominated community facility, or vulnerable person, for the first 50 participants that sign up to the program.

Multiple purchase options will be made available, including up-front, personal loan and fixed rate free access (the first of its kind in Australia). A Community Solar Program event is planned for May 2018; keep an eye on Council's website for details.

SHEEP AND FENCES

Animals are drawn to the vegetation that can be found on roadsides, particularly in late Summer when a green pick is scarce. Livestock roaming on roadsides however present a serious risk to motorists and other road users.

Livestock owners have a duty-of-care to ensure their animals are identifiable and that property fences and gateways are secure – for the safety of livestock and also, most importantly, the community. It is the responsibility of livestock owners and landowners to make sure their fencing is in good order, is regularly checked and well maintained to prevent livestock from straying off the property. If livestock are found to be responsible for a road accident or incident, their owners will most likely be held liable for damages. Straying livestock can cost lives.



PERMITS NEEDED FOR DRIVEWAYS

Sadly there have been recent accidents within our Shire when vehicles have come in contact with driveway 'crossovers'. A crossover is the section of roadway between a property boundary and the kerb or edge of bitumen or gravel road.

Maintenance and replacement or installation of crossovers are the responsibility of the property owner. All new and replacement driveway crossovers need a Works within Road Reserve Permit and Standard Drawings which need to be adhered to. These designs ensure the safest crossovers are installed. If you are planning on constructing or replacing your crossover, you can find our factsheet, permit application forms and vehicle crossover designs by searching 'Driveways' on our website.



PET REGISTRATION RENEWALS: DUE 10 APRIL

To help Council find your pet should it stray, and resolve incidents involving pets, by law, dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered with Council, and registration tags must be worn at all times.

The annual renewal date is **10 April every year** – residents are encouraged to put a reminder in their diary.

Discounts for microchipped and de-sexed dogs and cats

Registration costs do change annually, but discounts apply for microchipped and de-sexed dogs and cats; the cost of a discounted registration is \$43 (per animal), where the cost of a full registration is \$126 (per animal).

Failure to register

Failure to register or renew the registration of a dog or cat over the age of three months is an offence with a current fine of \$317 for the 2017/18 financial year.

How many is too many pets?

While it's great to have pets, too many animals can cause amenity problems in your neighbourhood.

Golden Plains Shire has a limit of two dogs and two cats per property. There are limits on other animals, such as chickens and horses (particularly in residential parts of towns); please contact Council to ensure that you don't have more animals than you are allowed.

Council's Community Protection Officers will be actively auditing properties to ensure compliance. You will need permission from Council if you wish to keep more animals than listed in Council's Local Law No. 2 General Public Amenity.

Information including a full list of discount options can be found on our website by searching 'pet registration', or you can contact Customer Service on 5220 7111 for current registration costs.



KAITLYN SCHURMANN SHINES

Council's 2018 Young Citizen of the Year never ceases to shine bright.

Further to Kaitlyn's big win at the Victorian Premier's Volunteer Awards, this talented 19-year-old from Maude has been selected to represent Australia at the Para-Cycling World Cup in Belgium this May.

Kaitlyn suffers from cerebral palsy but does not allow this to limit her in any way. She started cycling when she was 13 years old because she wanted to be competitive in a sport; her first national race was two years later.

Council will recognise Kaitlyn in April for her extraordinary achievements in paracycling and community service.



FUNDING TO MAKE YOUTH WEEK EVEN BETTER

Golden Plains Shire will celebrate Victorian Youth Week from Friday 13 to Sunday 22 April.

This year Council was successful in obtaining funding to deliver the 'Creative Celebrations' project. This will provide a platform for young people, aged 12 to 25 years, to learn new skills, connect with others and celebrate being young through artistic workshops as well as the creation of unique artworks and community art displays. The free project will be held in Meredith and facilitated by a professional artist.

For more information, please contact our Youth team on 5220 7111.



HELP DEVELOP YOUR COMMUNITY

Community Planning is a locality-based planning program that empowers communities.

It involves community members coming together to develop and implement Community Plans that improve their community.

Community Planning is open to everyone in Golden Plains Residents can volunteer to be a Community Coordinator to assist with the development and implementation of the Plan, or they may choose to simply input ideas and comments into the Plan, or help implement a specific project.

For further information, visit the Council website and search 'Community Planning'.



ANZAC DAY EVENTS IN THE SHIRE

Celebrate our service men and women, past and present, at a local service this ANZAC Day on Wednesday 25 April.

- 6am:** Dawn service at the Bannockburn monuments
- 7am:** Memorial service at the Teesdale monument
- 7.45am:** Memorial service at the Shelford monument
- 9.15am:** Assembly at front of Inverleigh RSL, march to the Inverleigh monuments for Memorial service
- 9.45am:** Parade at the front of the Meredith Hall with a 10am Service.

There will also be a memorial service before the football match at the Bannockburn Football Reserve prior to the match at 12.15pm. A pre-ANZAC Day student memorial service will be held at Bannockburn monuments on Tuesday 24 April at 2pm.

SOCCER CONTINUES TO BOOM

Golden Plains Soccer Club recently undertook a membership drive resulting in 50 new registrations for the 2018 season.

The two largest events were an information centre at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market, which included activities for the kids, and a Family Day at the Bannockburn Recreation Precinct, which attracted hundreds of people.

Council assisted the club in promoting these events. If your club or recreation group is looking to promote activities or run a community event, please contact our Recreation team on 5220 7111.



CREATE A CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Take part in this **FREE** relationship-based parenting program, presented by Centacare Ballarat and our Healthy Families program.

When: 10am-12pm every Thursday 19 April to 21 June (booking is for the 10 sessions)

Venue: Bannockburn – exact location TBC.

Circle of Security focuses on understanding your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs, supporting their ability to successfully manage emotions, enhancing the development of their self-esteem and honoring the innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure. Childcare may be provided if booked prior.

Book by 10 April; contact Lyndall on 5220 7230 or ljalbraith@gplains.vic.gov.au



COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW

Council's four year plan is almost one year old.

Council is required to review its four year Council Plan annually to consider whether the current Plan requires any changes for the remaining period.

Thank you to all the community members, Councillors, and Council staff who provided feedback via a survey in March 2018 to identify the key strengths and any major gaps in the Plan. This input has been used to inform draft changes to the Council Plan.

The community will have the opportunity to give feedback on these changes through the Section 223 submission process in April – May 2018. Please see our website to view the draft changes and find out how you can be involved: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/council-plan-annual-review.

The final updated Council Plan will be adopted by Council in June 2018.



Recently completed car park.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HEART?

The Bannockburn Heart project is well-underway and now entering the Detailed Design stage.

This \$2.6 million visionary project will provide the Shire's largest township with a vibrant outdoor community space in the heart of Bannockburn. The precinct will incorporate a water play splash pad, adventure play equipment, BBQ facilities, public toilets and much more.

Preliminary works have commenced onsite – the Bannockburn Heart car park is now complete and the Playgroup building has also been relocated (onsite) to make way for development.

The next steps will see architects working with the conceptual masterplans we developed in 2017, which incorporated community feedback gathered over the years.

Detailed designs will be completed by the end of 2018 and construction of stage one is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

More information can be found on the Council website by searching 'Bannockburn Heart'.



2018-19 COUNCIL BUDGET

Council is currently in the process of preparing the 2018-19 Draft Budget.

The annual budget is a vital tool in assisting Council to achieve its objectives and deliver the initiatives set out in the 2017-2021 Council Plan. Council is currently scheduled to make the proposed budget available for public inspection from Monday 30 April 2018.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on the Budget when it released for inspection – when it is available, you will find it in our Customer Service Centres and our website at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget.



GPCCC UPDATE

Thank you to all of the community members who provided feedback on the public spaces of the new Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre in 2017.

Community feedback has been used to inform a number of changes to the concept plan to enhance community use of the facility. Feedback will also be used to inform the detailed architectural designs which should be completed by late 2018.

For a summary of the community engagement results, please see our website at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations.



FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR TRAFFIC STRATEGY

The Victorian Planning Authority has awarded Golden Plains Shire Council \$80,000 to assist with a strategy to accommodate our fastest-growing community.

The funding will be used to develop a 20-year blueprint for traffic management in the Bannockburn township. The strategy will outline infrastructure and network upgrades to support the expected population growth in Bannockburn.

The local community will have an opportunity to have input and assist in the project development, so please make sure you keep an eye on our social media and website for more information and updates.

Alternative formats

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Gazette in large print please contact Customer Service on 5220 7111 or 1300 363 036.

The Golden Plains Gazette is published six times per year and is delivered to all households and mail collection centres and is also available on Council's website.

June deadline

Please note, the deadline for the June edition is Thursday 10 May 2018. Send your copy with "Gazette News" in the subject line to: ann.card@gplains.vic.gov.au
Fax: 5220 7100 or post PO Box 111, Bannockburn 3331.

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BANNOCKBURN URGED TO SWITCH TO NBN



Council wishes to advise residents of important information from nbn. nbn is urging homes and businesses in parts of Bannockburn to switch their landline phone and internet services over to the nbn network before the existing copper network is disconnected in May.

Those affected need to make the switch if they wish to continue using their landline phone and internet services.

Making the switch to nbn is not automatic, so those affected (including people with special medical equipment that rely on a phone line) must contact their phone or internet provider to place an order as soon as possible.

KANGATRaining



Kangatraining classes have commenced at the Cultural Centre in Bannockburn.

Kangatraining is a postnatal group exercise class designed for mums and their babies. It's a safe, whole-body workout that focuses on restrengthening the pelvic floor and abdominal muscles. Participants can have fun and a relaxed time with other local mums.

Let's Kanga! For more information or to register, please email Loz at loz.w@kangatraining.com.au or follow on Facebook facebook.com/KangaTrainingGeelong

LOCAL CARRIES THE BATON



Michael Weiser was a successful nominee for the 2018 Queen's Baton Relay held at the Geelong waterfront on 12 February this year.

Michael was nominated for his outstanding work with year nine students throughout Metro and Regional Victoria, and he also founded a youth development program 18 years ago called Camp Awakenings. Well done, Michael!

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