



From the Mayor



Great news for Golden Plains Shire Council in July, with the announcement that we were successful in securing a \$4.5 million grant from the State Government's Rural Councils Transformation Program.

The Central Highlands Councils Victoria Regional Shared Services Project will create a new shared digital platform, reducing duplication of predominantly statutory service functions across the region. In rural councils like Golden Plains Shire, we have small teams in many specialised areas including building services, environmental health, strategic land use and statutory planning. This new digital platform will reduce the time our officers spend on administration and increase the time they can dedicate to better meeting the needs and expectations of residents.

We worked hard for this grant; Golden Plains was a partner on three short-listed applications for this program and one of only four projects to be funded.

The successful grant was the result of several months of research and collaboration between Golden Plains and five regional partners: Ballarat, Ararat, Central Goldfields, Hepburn and Pyrenees Councils. We look forward to working together on this innovative five-year program.

Golden Plains Shire has been very proactive in lobbying State Government for more investment in rural and regional councils. Strategic partnerships that our Council has with Central Highland Councils Victoria, G21 and Peri-Urban Councils are critically important to success for our region and our Shire.

We have ensured that our Council has an important seat at the table and we'll keep telling the story of Golden Plains, lobbying for more investment in our communities and advocating for a better deal for our people.

Cr Owen Sharkey
Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council

Breaking Ground at Berrybank Wind Farm

It was a frosty but exciting day, when a big crowd gathered in a field in the south-west of the Shire on Friday 21 June to officially break ground on the Berrybank Wind Farm.

Council has worked closely with Global Power Generation (GPG) over many years to help drive the development of this \$525 million project. Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey joined Premier Daniel Andrews, Minister Lily D'Ambrosio and Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle MP in getting the shovels dirty breaking ground on the construction site.

The Berrybank Wind Farm will have the capacity to produce 277MW of power, with 41 of the 79 turbines to be built in Golden Plains Shire, and the remaining 38 in Corangamite Shire. Stage One of the development will deliver 43 turbines by September 2020, including 24 turbines in Golden Plains Shire. The wind farm is expected to create approximately 213 full-time jobs.

In addition to the environmental advantages of wind power, local residents will see great value from our newest neighbour, with GPG contributing significant funds for shared benefit activities in Golden Plains Shire. This funding will deliver more community grants for local organisations; an asset initiative for community projects, such as the Teesdale Turtle Bend Park upgrade and the



Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey at Berrybank Wind Farm with Premier Andrews and Minister D'Ambrosio

Three Trails Project; and a community solar program, which will see the installation of solar panels on community facilities and homes.

As a key member of the wind farm's community reference group, Council will report back on the progress of construction at Berrybank; as we also await the final sign off by the Federal Government on the Golden Plains Wind Farm in Rokewood. Renewable energy is a booming industry and Golden Plains is excited to welcome these significant projects – and the great benefits they bring to our communities.

Money for our Communities

Thirty-two local community groups and organisations from across the Shire will share in \$110,873 as part of Golden Plains Shire Council's annual Community Grants Program, delivering projects valued at more than \$267,012.

In 24 years, the Community Grants Program has supported more than 950 community projects worth \$6.8 million. These meaningful projects benefit our local townships and people, contributing to building inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected communities in Golden Plains Shire.

Congratulations to the recipients of Council's 2019 Community Grants:

- **Rokewood/Corindhap Community Planning Group** - Seating and Exercise Project
- **Leighdale Pony Club** - Cross Country Upgrade and Expansion
- **Teesdale Primary School Parent Club** - Community Grounds Improvement
- **Inverleigh Play Group** - Toy and Equipment Storage
- **Meredith Golf Club Inc.** - Revitalisation Project
- **Ross Creek Landcare Group** - Ross Creek Boardwalk Completion
- **Meredith Kindergarten Incorporated** - Program Enhancement
- **Bannockburn & District Men's Shed** - Landscaping at Men's Shed
- **Mannibadar Hall Committee of Management** - Mannibadar Hall Security
- **Smythesdale Petanque Club Inc.** - Seating at Woody Yaloak Recreation Reserve
- **Meredith Angling Club** - Disability Access Ramps
- **Shelford Primary School** - Community Playground
- **Lethbridge Public Hall** - Let There Be Doors
- **Integratedliving Australia** - Dereel Exercise Program
- **Napoleons Enfield Landcare Group** - Footbridge Reserve Restoration and Maintenance
- **Meredith & District Memorial Hall Inc.** - Facility Upgrade
- **Enfield Recreation Reserve** - Tennis Shed Floor Replacement
- **Sutherlands Creek Tennis Club** - Ceiling Replacement
- **Smythesdale Adult Riders Club Inc.** - Reverse Cycle Air Conditioning
- **Golden Plains Arts Inc.** - Golden Plains Community Arts Trail 2020
- **Ballarat Kart Club** - Under 15 Come and Try Karts
- **Inverleigh Dachshund Derby Incorporated** - Derby-Branded Marquee
- **Linton & District Bowling Club Inc.** - Have a Go At Lawn Bowls
- **Lethbridge Cricket Club** - Replace Cricket Pitch
- **Teesdale Turtle Bend Events Committee** - Live@turtlebend 2019
- **Smythesdale Progress Association** - RV Dump Point and Rubbish Management Project
- **Advance Meredith Association Inc.** - Highway Tree Guard Project Stage 7
- **Lethbridge Recreation Reserves Inc.** - Painting Change Rooms and Toilets
- **Dereel Garden Group** - Al Fresco Paving Project
- **Ross Creek-Smythes Creek Community Group** - Keeping Communities Connected
- **Inverleigh Public Hall and Mechanics Institute** - Floor Maintenance
- **Linton Primary School** - Playground Shade Sails

To find out more about the Community Grants Program and other grant opportunities, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-community/

Council Budget 2019/20

Delivering what residents all across our large Shire want, need and deserve is a balancing act – and Council has committed to an exciting list of projects in the north, south and centre of Golden Plains Shire in this year’s Budget. Following extensive community consultation, Council approved the 2019/20 Budget in June 2019.

KEY FEATURES OF BUDGET 2019/20



\$1.15 MILLION
for resealing local roads
UP FROM
\$850,000 in 2018/19

\$1.1 MILLION
for improvements on local roads
UP FROM
\$280,000 in 2018/19

\$600 THOUSAND
for gravel resheeting of local roads
UP FROM
\$300,000 in 2018/19

\$3 MILLION
investment to maintain Council’s assets

\$1.8 MILLION
for Active Ageing and Disability Services

Waste Management Charge
LOCKED IN AT 2018 CHARGE

Municipal Charge
\$300 FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN GOLDEN PLAINS

MORE THAN 60 SERVICES FOR GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Every day, Council Officers are working to deliver valuable community services for the residents of Golden Plains Shire and in the 2019/20 Budget, Council has continued its commitment to funding these essential programs.



INVESTMENT ACROSS THE SHIRE

COUNCIL IS PROUD TO DELIVER THESE VALUABLE PROJECTS ACROSS THE SHIRE:

In the North

- Widening of Linton-Mannibadar Road
- Customer Service Centre Upgrade at The Well in Smythesdale
- Linton Depot Refurbishment
- Haddon Stadium Floor Replacement
- Resealing Haddon School Road; Lloyd's Lane, Napoleons; and Old Station Road, Cape Clear
- ✓ Smythesdale Skate Park
- ✓ Linton Oval Lighting
- ✓ Linton Netball Change Rooms

In the Centre

- Widening of Maude-She Oaks Road
- Lethbridge Training Lighting Installation
- Rokewood Rec Reserve Irrigation Upgrade
- Shelford Depot Refurbishment
- Tall Tree Road works in Lethbridge
- Rokewood Oval Lighting
- Reconstruct and widen Teesdale-Lethbridge Road
- Replacement of Coopers Bridge over Meredith- Steiglitz Road
- Widening of Pitfield-Cressy Road

In the South

- Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre
- Stage One of the Bannockburn Heart
- Teesdale Turtle Bend Upgrade
- Bannockburn Bowls Upgrade
- World Game—Bannockburn Soccer Pitch
- Inverleigh Netball Courts
- Bannockburn Soccer Car Park
- Teesdale Tennis Lighting Power Upgrade
- Bannockburn Oval Lighting
- Wall Bridge in Teesdale
- ✓ Bannockburn Netball Courts

THERE'S ALSO A BUSY LIST OF BUDGET PROJECTS THAT SPAN THE SHIRE:

- Refurbishment of Local Playgrounds
- Fire Access Track within the Shire
- Hard Wicket Replacement Program at Inverleigh, Rokewood and Linton
- Resurfacing of Tennis Courts across the Shire including Meredith, Rokewood, Sutherlands Creek, Mannibadar and Teesdale



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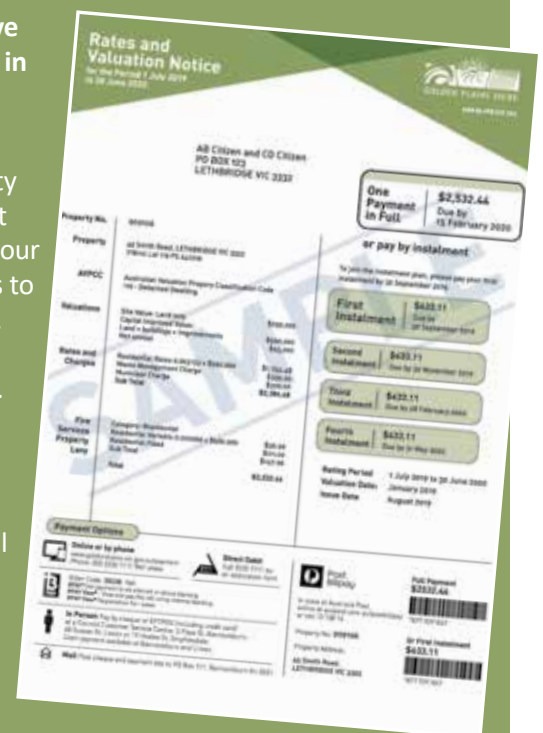
All Golden Plain Shire ratepayers will receive the 2019/20 Rates Notice for their property in the mail in August.

The new-look Rates Notice details the Valuer-General's revaluation of your property and a clear list of the rates and charges that make up your total payment. On the back of your Notice and in the Rates Brochure are answers to the most frequently-asked rates questions.

If you can't find what you're looking for, just call Council's Rates team at 5220 7111.

Want to make sure you don't miss a payment?

Follow Golden Plains Shire Council on social media and we'll remind you one month and one week prior to every rates instalment date. We'll also publish upcoming rates dates in the *Gazette*.



Inverleigh Structure Plan and the Northern Settlement Strategy (NSS)

Golden Plains Shire residents are encouraged to have their say on two important strategic plans: the Inverleigh Structure Plan and the Northern Settlement Strategy (NSS).



Following Council's adoption of both plans, formal planning scheme amendments have been prepared to the Golden Plains Planning Scheme. Amendment C87 refers to the Inverleigh Structure Plan and Amendment C85 refers to the NSS.

The vision in the Inverleigh Structure Plan 2019 sees the town continue to grow at a moderate rate, while retaining its country town, village character with connected paths for walking, cycling and horse riding as well as providing green links for biodiversity.

Inverleigh residents will be sent a Notice of Amendment C87 with submission details, open mid-August until 16 October, 2019. All submissions received will be presented to Council for consideration. Final approval of Amendment C87 is determined by the Minister for Planning.



The Northern Settlement Strategy is a high level strategic framework directing future growth for the north of the Shire. The Strategy provides a framework for accommodating an additional 2,000 people in the Shire's north, supports infill development in Smythesdale, identifies the need for a new Structure Plan for Haddon, supports the investigation of land for greenfield development close to the City of Ballarat, and provides guiding principles for how development should be considered.

Submissions to the NSS must be received by 23 September 2019 and will be considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 22 October, 2019. Final approval of Amendment C85 is determined by the Minister for Planning.

Got questions? Contact Council's Strategic Planning Department at 5220 7111.

Golden Plains: A Great Place to Do Business

Business is booming in Golden Plains, with 447 new businesses registered in the Shire in the 2018/19 financial year.

The Construction Industry represented the highest number of new businesses with 103, followed by Agriculture (42) and Administrative and Support Services (39). Most new businesses are located in Bannockburn and Teesdale, followed by Inverleigh, Lethbridge and Smythesdale.

The growth in local businesses reflects the population figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics earlier this year, showing that Golden Plains Shire is the fifth fastest growing regional LGA in Victoria.

To find out more, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news or call Council's Investment Attraction and Business Support Team at 5220 7102.

Smythesdale office space.

Are you looking for office space in Smythesdale for your business?

Council is researching the demand for office and/or co-working space in Smythesdale to help us with future planning.

Contact Council's Investment Attraction and Business Support Team at business@gplains.vic.gov.au to register your interest.

A Future Plan for Waste

With the topics of recycling and waste reduction headlining national news, Golden Plains Shire Council is moving forward with its community conversation on the future of local waste management.

The Draft Consultation Paper for the Waste Management Strategy will be available in early September which includes a summary of last year's community survey data, a future vision for waste management and service options that align to the Council Plan.

Following the release of the Draft Consultation Paper, all residents are encouraged to have their say on waste in Golden Plains.

- Pick up a copy of the Draft Consultation Paper at a Council Customer Service Centre: 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn; 68 Sussex Street, Linton; or The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

To be directly notified when the Draft Consultation Paper is available, sign up to the Community Engagement Register at Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations. Stay connected with the release of the paper and community engagement opportunities at Council's website, the Golden Plains Times, and at facebook.com/GoldenPlainsShire

- Chat with us at a Council Conversation Post:

9am to 12pm, Saturday 21 September

Meredith Corner Store, 17 Wallace Street, Meredith

8.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday 5 October

Golden Plains Farmers' Market, 22 Byron Street, Bannockburn

11am to 2pm, Sunday 13 October

Rokewood Transfer Station, 141 Meadows Road, Rokewood

9am to 1pm, Saturday 19 October

Smythesdale Country Market, Smythesdale Historic Precinct, Smythesdale

- Visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Talking Waste in Golden Plains Shire

In October 2018, Council launched its Waste Management Survey and more than 1,200 residents shared their thoughts and ideas, with the feedback supporting the development of the Draft Consultation Paper.

Here's what the Golden Plains Shire community told us:

73%

supported Council's strategic plan to reduce waste to landfill.

68%

said they have a positive level of satisfaction with Council's garbage collection service.

91%

reported a positive level of satisfaction with Council's recycling collection service.



Late last year, an audit of the contents of household garbage bins in Golden Plains Shire showed that:

- Both the urban and rural garbage bins had a similar volume of organic (food and garden) waste at 48%
- The urban garbage bins have a much higher proportion of garden waste (27.4%) than the rural bins (6.3%)
- One-fifth of material in the garbage bins was recyclable.



An audit of Golden Plains Shire recycling bins showed significant contamination of urban and rural recycling bins including garbage, garden waste, food waste, polystyrene and textiles. While audits are a snapshot in time, Council is financially penalised for this contamination.

77%

of material in the average recycling bin in Golden Plains Shire is recyclable.

23%

of material is non-recyclable including food and garden waste, nappies, textiles, e-waste and plastic bags.

In 2018/19, we collected 2,722 tonnes of recycling from Golden Plains Shire residents' weekly recycling bins. As a result of the 2015 service change to a fortnightly waste and weekly recycling collection, diversion rates increased from 23% to 40%.

A New Commitment

Golden Plains Shire Council will deliver a new scheduling system for grading unsealed roads that is better, more efficient and fairer for road users across the Shire.

With our growing population, more people than ever are travelling around the Shire and the current grading system for unsealed roads no longer works in Golden Plains. We need a new way of doing business that delivers better results for our investment in unsealed roads, and that's what we'll deliver starting in 2019/20. So, what's new?

We've built a new online grading calendar

We believe that every unsealed road in the Shire should be graded to the same standard, so we've mapped out the entire maintenance schedule from April to October. We'll start by working to grade every road of our 700km unsealed network and then we'll track the busy roads that need more attention based on intervention levels, building up a more informed system with greater investment in the future.

The new calendar program will minimise the time that our graders spend travelling to jobs and maximise the time they are out working in the prime grading weather. In the warmer months, when it's too dry for maintenance works to be cost-effective and efficient, the grading crews will keep busy with drainage, construction and sealed road shoulder works.

Want to know when your road will be graded?

Just visit the new online grading calendar on Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au; or call Customer Service at 5220 7111. If there are unforeseen circumstances that require a change to the schedule, the online calendar will be updated immediately.

We've made a new commitment that's fairer for everyone

Council has made a new commitment to maintaining every unsealed road in the Shire to a specific level and we have a new roads inspector who will be monitoring the condition of roads.

When a resident contacts Council with concerns about their road, our inspector will respond and assess the road within 5 business days.



Meeting the Grade

In May, June and early July, Council's graders completed road projects in the following townships:

- Ross Creek
- Linton
- Gheringhap
- Dereel
- Smythesdale
- Mt Mercer
- Cape Clear
- Meredith
- Sutherland's Creek
- Russell's Bridge
- Bannockburn
- Rokewood

In August and September, Council's graders will be moving across the Shire, working on roads in towns including:

- Ross Creek
- Cambrian Hill
- Happy Valley
- Piggoreet
- Scarsdale
- Staffordshire Reef
- Meredith

On the Road in 2019/20

In the 2019/20 Budget, Council increased its total investment in road improvements and maintenance with:

\$1.15 MILLION

for resealing local roads

UP FROM

\$850,000 in 2018/19

\$1.1 MILLION

for improvements on local roads

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\$280,000 in 2018/19

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\$300,000 in 2018/19

for Unsealed Roads

If upon inspection, the corrugation levels for the road are greater than 65mm in depth across 30% of 1km of the road, or if there are potholes at a depth greater than 100mm and with a diameter of greater than 400mm, your road will be put on the intervention list and our Works team will complete the repairs on your road within 30 business days.



At inspection, if the road rates better than the committed level of intervention, it keeps its place on the calendar and we'll be back out to grade the road as scheduled.

We appreciate that some of our unsealed roads carry more traffic and are, therefore, subject to more to more wear and tear than others; and they will need more attention.



We're happy to do the work when it needs to be done; to keep the roads safe and smoother for all road users, while making sure that another resident's road isn't missing out.

The new grading program is about making a commitment to residents we can keep, so it's fairer for everyone. We've done a lot of research to establish the great new program and we'll be refining it as we go to make sure it works for our residents in Golden Plains. We'll be reporting back to residents on our grading journey, so read about our roads in the *Gazette*; or follow Council on social media.

Winter Roadworks in Golden Plains

Council's resheeting program for 2019/20 is well underway with works on Meadows Road, Rokewood; Klein Road, Dereel; and Snowgum Road, Berriga.

In July, we had the jet patcher out, checking jobs off the To Do list in Cressy, Wingeel, Inverleigh, Pittong, Willowvale, Shelford, Linton, Naranghil, Steiglitz, Meredith, Garibaldi, Inverleigh and Bannockburn.

Edge breaks were repaired on Cullinan Road, Fluers Road, Tarraford Way and Dog Rocks Road in Batesford, as well as Burnside Road in Bannockburn.

Jackas Road in Rokewood was reshaped for improved drainage and shoulder works were completed on Mt Mercer-Shelford Road.



Refurbishment works were completed on public toilets in Inverleigh and Napoleons, including tiling, external and internal painting, new fixtures, fittings, doors and signage.

We're also investing in key road infrastructure across the Shire and this year, we'll be working on these road projects in Golden Plains:

- * Widening of Linton-Mannibadar Road
- * Resealing Haddon School Road; Lloyd's Lane, Napoleons; and Old Station Road, Cape Clear
- * Widening of Maude-She Oaks Road
- * Reconstruction and widening of Teesdale-Lethbridge Road
- Replacement of Coopers Bridge over Meredith- Steiglitz Road
- Widening of Pitfield-Cressy Road
- Replacement of Wall Bridge in Teesdale
- Widening and sealing of Tall Tree Road in Lethbridge



Maternal & Child Health Satisfaction Survey Results

Earlier this year Council's Maternal & Child Health team asked the community for feedback on our service. Here is a quick snapshot of some of the results:

97%

said the MCH nurses were approachable and friendly and were respectful of parents and families.

95%

find the MCH Service at Golden Plains Shire Council easy to access.

94%

said Council's MCH Service meets their expectations and nurses listened to their point of view.



You said, we did

55%

of respondents from the North of the Shire said they would use a drop-in service in Smythesdale

Council launched a new weekly MCH drop-in service at The Well in Smythesdale. Join us from 9 to 10am on Tuesdays!

Ready for Kindergarten

Registration for three- and four-year-old kindergarten programs in 2020 at Council-managed kindergartens in Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Meredith, Rokewood and Teesdale are now open.

Want more information about kindergarten? Call Council's Early Years Team on 5220 7230 or visit the Department of Education website: www.education.vic.gov.au

Register now using My Family Lounge on Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-family/young-family/kindergarten-and-care-enrolment or call the Early Years Team on 5220 7230.



Generosity from Local Families

The Haddon Playgroup and Council's New Parent Groups recently collected and donated maternity and breastfeeding pads to Eureka Mums in Ballarat, an organisation that redistributes donated and baby and maternity items to local families including those in Golden Plains Shire.

Pictured is Ali Rodwell (right), Council's MCH nurse in the north of the Shire, dropping off the collection at the Eureka Mums depot.



10 August



Teesdale Community Market

10am to 2pm. Teesdale Community Hall.
Enjoy local sellers with fresh produce, workshops, stalls and community mingling.
More info: Sophie Graham at 0416 049 532.

10 August



Ross Creek/Smythes Creek Trivia Night

7pm to 11pm. Ross Creek Community Hall.
Hosted by Trivia with a Twist, have a fun night with friends and neighbours. Funds raised benefit Parkinson's Victoria.
More info: Dianne Scobie at 0412 716 056 or sdscobie@bigpond.com

17 Aug & 21 Sept



Smythesdale Country Market

9am to 1pm. Smythesdale Historic Precinct.
A country Saturday market with a variety of goods and craft stalls.
More info: Di Moylan at 0419 394 784 or wylhs@vic.chariot.net.au

18 August



ARC Official HRCV Horse Trials

8am to 5pm. Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre.
Equestrian competition featuring dressage, show jumping and cross country. Free for spectators.
More info: Megan O'Rourke at 0400 340 185 or megevans40@hotmail.com

25 August



Creators and Craft Market

10am to 2pm. Lions Park, Bannockburn.
Showcasing the best of local craftspeople, artisans and creators from Golden Plains and beyond.
More info: Noeline Trevor at 0427 923 934 or ccbanno@bigpond.com

7 Sept



Golden Plains Farmers' Market

8.30am to 12.30pm. 22 Byron St, Bannockburn.
Farm fresh produce, free parking, free entry and kids' activities.
More info: goldenplainsfarmersmarket.com.au

9 Sept



SBMS Small Business Clinic

8.30am to 2.45pm. Dereel Community Hall.
Free one-on-one small business mentoring clinics, presented by Golden Plains Shire Council.
More info: business@gplains.vic.gov.au

21 Sept



Bannockburn Custom Car & Bike Show

10am to 4pm. Victoria Park, Bannockburn.
Presented by Southern Union Custom Car & Bike Club. \$5 car entry; gold coin donation for spectators. All proceeds to charity.
More info: Matthew Watts at 0421 228 636 or matthew_watts_1989@outlook.com

Every Month



Bannockburn & Inverleigh Food Swaps

9.30 to 10am, 2nd Saturday of the month. Sonny Café, 15a High St, Inverleigh.
9.30 to 10am, 4th Sunday of the month. Bannockburn Station Café Car Park.
No money changes hands; just a friendly swap of produce, knowledge and conversation.
More info: Bannockburn: 0425 735 581. Inverleigh: 0407 876 880.



Bing, Bang, Boom!

An explosive night of science fun

5.30 to 7.30pm, Monday 12 August.
Woody Yaloak Recreation Reserve, Smythesdale.

Victoria University's Professor Science Troupe is bringing its renowned stadium show and interactive performance to Smythesdale for this fabulous family night out. A free family event presented by Golden Plains Shire Council.

More info: Suzanne Blair at 5220 7230 or Suzanne.blair@gplains.vic.gov.au

Community Notice Board

Customer Service Centres:

Bannockburn

2 Pope Street, Bannockburn
Victoria, 3331.

Linton

68 Sussex Street, Linton
Victoria, 3360.

Smythesdale

19 Heales Street, Smythesdale
Victoria, 3351.

Phone

P: 5220 7111
F: 5220 7100

Council's Customer Service Centres will be closed on:

Friday before the AFL
Grand Final: Friday 27 September

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*
in large print, call 5220 7111.

The Golden Plains Shire Council
website has a text-to-voice
option. The audio is generated
using ReadSpeaker text-to-
speech technology and will read
the content out loud.

The deadline for the October
issue of the *Gazette* is 9am,
Thursday 5 September. Email:
news@gplains.vic.gov.au
or post to PO Box 111,
Bannockburn 3331.

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Save the Date!

**The Linton Town Wide Garage Sale returns on
Sunday 17 November from 8am to 2pm!**

With more than 30 sales across town, bargain-
hunters and treasure-seekers can pick up a free
map at the Linton Takeaway store from 8am.

Linton residents interested in hosting a sale
are encouraged to call Jenny Stuart
at 0427 447 416.



Calling All Poets and Wordsmiths

**Budding poets and spoken-word artists
of Golden Plains are invited to get
creative and compete in the Smythesdale
Community Arts and Music Fiesta on
Sunday 20 October, 2019.**

Express your interest, make your mark –
and you could be a winner! Want to know
more? Call Event Coordinator
Barry Wemyss at 0487 225 881.

At the Fiesta, listen to music on the
green, visit artist stallholders and the Smythesdale Community Market, view
an exhibition by nationally-recognised artists and cultural documentary
projections at The Well, and enjoy music and comedy at the Courthouse
Hotel. Save the date, and read more about the Fiesta in the October *Gazette*.



New Active Ageing & Inclusion Plan

**Consultations will be held in August and
September 2019 to review Council's
Access and Inclusion Plan 2016-2019 and
the Ageing Well in Golden Plains Strategy
and Action Plan 2012-2016.**

All community members are invited to
share their experiences and ideas for the
new plan, with involvement specifically
welcomed from persons with disability;
older adults; carers of a person with
disability or an older adult; or those who
provide services to people with disability
or older adults. Details will be on the Have
Your Say section of Council's website in
early August.

Want to know more? Contact Council's
Rural Access Worker at 5321 1500 or
kboyd@gplains.vic.gov.au



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