

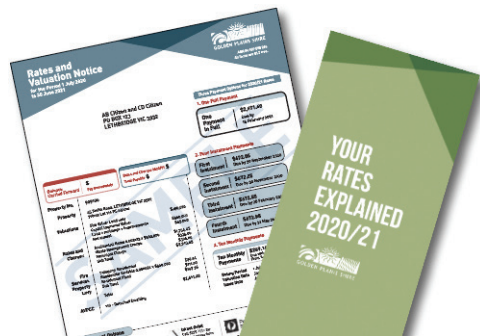
## NEW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTION

2020/21 Rates Notices are in the mail, and there is a new 10 monthly payment option available to ratepayers this year.

With the new option, there are now three ways to pay your Rates & Charges 2020/21:

1. Pay in one full payment by 15 February, 2021
2. Pay in four instalments, due at the end of September and November 2020, and February and May 2021
3. Pay in 10 monthly direct debit payments, due on the 15th of the month from September 2020 to June 2021.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please call Council's Rates team at 5220 7111 for a confidential conversation. For more information or any questions about rates, please call the Rates team or visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/rates](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/rates).



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Council has made a number of changes to its services in line with the current Stage Three COVID-19 restrictions.

Council's Bannockburn and Smythesdale Customer Service Centres are closed for face-to-face interactions until at least Sunday 13 September. Customers are still able to contact the Customer Service team by phone at 5220 7111, email at [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au), or online at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal).

If you are feeling unwell, and have the following symptoms, please get tested: fever, chills or sweats, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose and/or loss of sense of smell or taste.

For the latest health and restriction advice, as well as how to find the closest testing location, please visit [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) or call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

*This information is current as of 24 August 2020. For up-to-date information on the status of Council's services, operations and events, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus), or follow Council on social media.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### ENROLMENT DEADLINE

The deadline to update your enrolment details to be eligible to vote in October's Council election is 4pm, tomorrow 28 August, 2020. To check, update your details or to enroll for the first time, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au).

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

The VLGA is holding two free online information sessions next week for prospective council candidates:

- Tuesday 1 September: 4 to 5.30pm
- Thursday 3 September: 4 to 5.30pm

Nominations open 17 September and close 22 September, and all candidates must complete Local Government Victoria's mandatory online training before nominating. A link is available at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/elections](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/elections).

### AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

Agriculture Victoria has advised it has now completed work on depopulating the affected poultry farms with avian influenza. Golden Plains Shire poultry owners are still required by the Victorian Chief Veterinary Officer to keep their birds enclosed. Report unexplained bird deaths on 1800 675 888.