

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The Federal Election has been set for 18 May 2019, and Golden Plains Shire Council looks forward to a busy campaign in the federal electorates of Corangamite and Wannon.

Council will be enthusiastic in its lobbying to both major parties, seeking strong bi-partisan commitments to the following vital projects in Golden Plains:

- Construction of the new roundabout as part of the Bannockburn Township Entrance Safety Project
- Construction of the duplication of the Midland Highway
- A commitment towards Stage 2 of the Bannockburn Heart including the community stage and village green
- Maude Pavilion Upgrade
- Female friendly change rooms at the Inverleigh Sporting Complex, Rokewood Recreation Reserve and the Bannockburn Soccer Facility

- Installation of lighting at Lethbridge Reserve

As the major kindergarten provider in Golden Plains Shire, Council is also asking for a bi-partisan commitment to continue the Federal Government's support for 15 hours of funded kindergarten for children in the year before they start school. Golden Plains is in the enviable position of having significant voting influence in the most marginal seat in the Federal Election. We are determined to make this advantage count, not just for the people in Corangamite but for all residents of Golden Plains Shire.

Every dollar that the successful Federal Government assigns to deliver key infrastructure in Corangamite towns saves Council money, and those funds can be redirected to deliver more projects in our smaller communities and the townships in the north of the Shire. As a fast growing regional municipality in a rate-capping environment, Council is keenly aware that more government investment is necessary to deliver projects to cater to the growing population of our Shire.

The upcoming federal election is a great time for both major parties to show their commitment to the people of Golden Plains Shire.

Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council

CONSTRUCTION STARTS AT THE HEART



Works on the long-awaited Bannockburn Heart Precinct have begun, with residents excited to enjoy the new water and adventure play, active recreation equipment; and community facilities including public toilets, seating, BBQs, shade, lighting and landscaped public space this summer.

Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey and Federal Member for Corangamite Sarah Henderson MP turned the first sod to get works underway on Stage One of the Bannockburn Heart Precinct on Friday 12 April, with Frankie and Michael Jales of Bannockburn Scouts excited to visit the construction site.

Stage One of the Bannockburn Heart Precinct will create an attractive and welcoming community civic space that celebrates the region's heritage and culture through performances and events in the centre of Bannockburn. Constructed over two stages, the Precinct will transform and activate the CBD, improving liveability, retail spending, and amenity.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT COUNCIL



Waste and recycling bins normally collected on Good Friday, 19 April 2019 will be collected on Easter Saturday, 20 April 2019.

All other scheduled collection days remain unchanged during the Easter period. Rokewood Transfer Station will open from 10am to 3pm, Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019. Golden Plains Customer Service Centres at Bannockburn and Linton close Thursday 18 April 2019 at 5pm and re-open on Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 8.30am. Smythesdale's Customer Service Centre closes Thursday 18 April 2019 at 2pm and re-opens Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 10am. All centres will also close on ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April and will open as normal on Friday 26 April 2019. Please be advised general phone and online enquiries will also be unavailable during this time. For after-hours support please call 5220 7111 and listen carefully to the prompts.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON WORKS PLAN



Thanks to the Inverleigh residents who completed 77 postcards and 33 online surveys, as well as filed submissions, on options for the Inverleigh Streetscape Draft Master Plan.

On 8 April, Council published the full list of community comments on its website, along with a Community Engagement Report and a Works Plan reflecting projects the community has identified they want in the streetscape area. The next step in the engagement process is to collect community feedback and ideas for the Works Plan via an online survey on Council's website and postcards at business and community locations in Inverleigh. There is also a Councillor conversation post from 12.30pm to 4pm, Thursday 25 April at the Inverleigh Hawks football match. After the engagement closes on Friday 26 April, the Works Plan, the Community Consultation Feedback and Option 2 of the Inverleigh Streetscape Draft Masterplan will be included in a report to Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 28 May, 2019.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING



All residents are welcome to attend this month's Ordinary Meeting of Council at the Linton Customer Service Centre, 68 Sussex Street, at 6pm, Tuesday 23 April.

The following monthly meeting will be held at Bannockburn Shire Hall, 12 High Street, at 6pm, Tuesday 28 May. The agenda is available on Friday afternoon prior to the Ordinary Meeting at Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| 19 April: | Inverleigh Good Friday Family Fun Run. | 20 & 24 April: | Linton and District Men's Shed Community Meal. |
| 19 April: | Good Friday Fun at Bannockburn Presbyterian Church. | 25 April: | ANZAC Day Services in Haddon, Bannockburn, Corindhap, Rokewood, Inverleigh, Shelford, Smythesdale, Teesdale & Meredith. |
| 19 April: | Inverleigh & Districts Good Friday Appeal Family Fun Day. | 28 April: | Ross Creek – Smythes Creek Community Group Car Boot Sale. |
| 20 & 27 April: | Bannockburn Bush Parkrun. | | |
| 20 April: | Smythesdale Country Market. | | |

Visit our Events calendar at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events for more information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There are 10 planning permits currently being advertised in Golden Plains Shire; visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au and search for 'planning permits currently advertised'.

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