

COVID-19: CLOSURE OF PLAYGROUNDS AND MORE



Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, all playgrounds, skate and bike parks, campgrounds and a number of other Council locations in Golden Plains are now closed until further notice.

On Friday and over the weekend, signs were posted at 75 locations across the Shire informing residents and visitors of the temporary closure of all playgrounds, all skate parks, and all BMX and bike parks. On the recommendation of Tennis Victoria, all public tennis courts have also been temporarily closed. Campgrounds have also been temporarily closed at the directive of the Victorian Government.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



Golden Plains Shire Council has implemented a number of changes to its operations to reduce the risks to residents, staff and volunteers during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Council's Bannockburn, Linton and Smythesdale Customer Service Centres are closed for face-to-face interactions. Customers are still able to contact the Customer Service team by phone at 5220 7111, email at enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au, or online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal

Residents who use Council's sharps containers collection and drop-off service and require sharps containers, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 5220 7111 to discuss new arrangements.

The Bannockburn Family Services Centre is temporarily closed to groups and non-essential services, however Bannockburn Children's Service continues to operate long day care. Council's Maternal and Child Health services are adopting alternative modes of service delivery, including telephone and electronic consultations. Please contact your local MCH service on 5220 7230 or the 24-hour MCH Line is available on 13 22 29.

Council's Active Aged and Disability Service is continuing to provide support to the community through delivered meals, essential community transport, personal care, social calls and limited domestic assistance.

Council's Rokewood Transfer Station is now closed. Residents are requested to please hold on to any hard-waste and e-waste items until the facility re-opens. Council's kerbside waste collection services continue as usual.

In person consultation meetings for statutory planning applications will not be convened for a temporary period. Council will continue to meet its statutory obligations in assessing and making planning related decisions. For more information, call Council's Statutory Planning Team at 5220 7183.

The Bannockburn Library and Golden Plains Mobile Library run by the Geelong Regional Library Corporation are closed until at least Tuesday 14 April 2020. For more information on the library closures, visit grlc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

The Golden Plains Farmers' Market scheduled on Saturday 4 April has been cancelled.

This information is current as of 31 March 2020. For up-to-date information on the status of Council's services, operations and events, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus, or follow Council on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

NEW PAYMENT PLANS

As part of Council's support to residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, Council is offering payment plans for animal registration renewals in 2020.

The payment plan option will be available via BPAY. Residents who are unable to pay their registration by 10 April and would like to sign up for the 2020 payment plan are encouraged to call Council's Customer Service at 5220 7111.

Under the Victorian Government's Domestic Animals Act 1994, all dogs and cats over the age of three months must be registered, or have their registration renewed by Friday 10 April, 2020. Please note that this due date falls on a public holiday this year, and residents are encouraged to make arrangements to pay the renewal early.

With Council's Customer Service Centres closed for face-to-face interactions, there are a number of other ways for residents to pay their renewal notices:

- BPAY using Biller Code 35238
- Over the phone at 5220 7111
- Mail by posting cheque and payment slip to PO Box 111, Bannockburn VIC 3331
- Post Billpay
- In person at an Australia Post outlet

If you have any questions paying your animal registration renewal notice, please call Council's Customer Service team at 5220 7111.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council advises of changes to the September, October and November Council meetings due to the Council Election Period.

Change to September Ordinary Council Meeting

The September Ordinary Council meeting, has been **changed to 6pm on Monday 21 September 2020** (previously 22 September), to be held at the Linton Customer Service Centre, Council Chambers, 68 Sussex Street, Linton.

Cancellation of October Ordinary Council Meeting

The October Ordinary Council meeting, scheduled on **Tuesday 27 October 2020**, has been cancelled. There will be no Ordinary Council Meeting in October 2020.

Change to November Special Council Meeting

The November Special Council meeting (Mayor Election), has been changed to **6pm on Tuesday 10 November 2020** (previously 4 November), to be held at Bannockburn Shire Hall, Council Chambers, 12 High Street, Bannockburn

The Agendas will be made available on Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au prior to the meeting.

The public is welcome to attend the meetings.

ERIC BRASLIS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987

GOLDEN PLAINS PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C88gpla

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C88gpla to the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

The Amendment rezones 12 High Street, Bannockburn, from Public Use Zone 6 – Local Government (PUZ6) to Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) and amends Planning Scheme Map No. 29.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection and free of charge, during office hours, at the offices of the Golden Plains Shire Council, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn.

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