

## AND THE WASTE SURVEY SAYS...

**723**  
residents  
completed the  
survey.

Thank you to 723 Golden Plains residents who completed the Future Waste Services survey, as part of Council's Waste Management Strategy 2020-2030.

In addition to the online and paper survey, Council held four waste conversation posts in Meredith, Rokewood, Bannockburn and Smythesdale; and also hosted a dedicated focus group with 14 community members from across the Shire.

All the feedback and results of the survey will be presented to Council for consideration.

As two survey options applied to a service only for Bannockburn residents who live on seweraged properties, the survey asked respondents to mark if they matched this description:

- 45% of respondents were Bannockburn residents on seweraged properties

Five future waste options were presented for comment. The first option was to keep the current garbage and recycling service; the four remaining options detailed new garden and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) services, and listed information on the service, including the estimated cost to ratepayers and the potential diversion from landfill achieved with the service. Respondents were asked to mark each option with: Strongly Agree; Agree; Disagree; or Strongly Disagree. Here's what the 723 respondents told Council:

### OPTION 1

Current Waste Collection Service



**51.5%**  
Strongly Agree/  
Agree

**48.5%**  
Disagree/Strongly  
Disagree

Those who supported staying with the current service were mostly rural residents (36.4%) and those who disagreed or strongly disagreed were primarily Bannockburn residents (29.5%).

### OPTION 2

Garden Waste in Bannockburn



Note: Seweraged properties with a dwelling only

**53.1%**  
Strongly Agree/  
Agree

**46.9%**  
Disagree/Strongly  
Disagree

Those who agreed with the option were split between those who would receive the service in Bannockburn (25.7%) and the remainder of the Shire (27.4%). More residents from the remainder of the Shire disagreed (28.1%) than those from Bannockburn (18.8%).

### OPTION 3

Garden Waste in Whole of the Shire



**30.8%**  
Strongly Agree/  
Agree

**69.2%**  
Disagree/Strongly  
Disagree

Majority of the respondents who disagreed with this service were residents from the remainder of the Shire (43.7%) rather than Bannockburn (25.4%). Of the 30.8% of votes that agreed with the service, 19.1% of the votes came from Bannockburn residents, rather than the remainder of the Shire (11.8%).

### OPTION 4

FOGO Collection in Bannockburn



Note: Seweraged properties with a dwelling only

**42.7%**  
Strongly Agree/  
Agree

**57.3%**  
Disagree/Strongly  
Disagree

Of the supporting votes, 17.3% came from Bannockburn – i.e. the residents who would receive the service – and 25.4% from the remainder of the Shire. Of those that disagreed with the service option, 27.2% of votes came from Bannockburn, and 30.1% from the remainder of the Shire.

### OPTION 5

FOGO Collection in Whole of the Shire



**25.4%**  
Strongly Agree/  
Agree

**74.6%**  
Disagree/Strongly  
Disagree

The majority of those who disagreed came from the remainder of the Shire (45.9%) compared to Bannockburn residents (28.6%). While 25.4% of votes supported the implementation of the service, with 15.9% from Bannockburn and 9.5% of the votes from the remainder of the Shire.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD



The Customer Service Centres at Bannockburn, Linton and Smythesdale will close at 5pm, Tuesday 24 December 2019, and will re-open at 8.30am, Thursday 2 January, 2020. Essential services will be available in this period, in case of an emergency. Please call 5220 7111 and follow the prompts if you need urgent assistance.

The Bannockburn Family Services Centre, Maternal and Child Health Services, Bannockburn Children's Service, and Active Ageing and Disability Services will also close at 5pm, Tuesday 24 December, 2019 and re-open for normal operational hours from Thursday 2 January, 2020. A number of Community Care workers will deliver essential personal care during the holiday period, and Maternal and Child Health will also deliver essential services on designated dates.

Council's Kindergarten Services in Bannockburn, Teesdale, Rokewood, Inverleigh and Meredith will close on Friday 20 December, 2019 and re-open on Wednesday 29 January, 2020.

Council's departments and Customer Service Centres will also be closed on Monday 27 January for the Australia Day public holiday.

## COUNCIL MEETING ON 17 DECEMBER

All residents are welcome to attend the final Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2019, to be held at 6pm, Tuesday 17 December at the Linton Customer Service Centre, 68 Sussex Street.

The agenda will be available on Friday afternoon, 13 December: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au). Any person can ask a maximum of two questions of Council during a 30-minute Question Time and all questions must be lodged by 10am on the day of the meeting by email, Council's website or hand delivered to Council offices. To lodge a question, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/local-laws](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/local-laws).

## BRIDGE CLOSURE

Cooper's Bridge in Meredith will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, 16 and 17 December 2019.

The proposed detour for traffic is at Champ Street, Meredith back to the Midland Highway through to Sharps Road over the Moorabool River and along the Maude-She Oaks Road.

The closure will allow the installation of new bridge beams for the \$1.6 million bridge replacement project, which is expected to be completed mid-2020. The project is funded by Council, with a \$300,000 contribution from the State Government.

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