

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I'd like to remind you to put your votes in for the State Government's Pick My Project initiative – voting closes on 17 September. Visit [pickmyproject.vic.gov.au](http://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au) for more information.

Over the next couple of months, we have several opportunities for the community to have input into four important Council strategies:

### PLAY SPACE STRATEGY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council is developing a new Play Space Strategy (2018-2028) and we want to hear from you! Council is asking families, carers and the wider community to provide us with detailed information about how and where they play in our Shire, what we can do to encourage more families to play outdoors, and improvements that could be made to provide better play value and benefits. Please help us out by filling in our short online survey, or attending our third community workshop in Dereel on 12 November.

Visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/play-space-strategy-2018-2028-1](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/play-space-strategy-2018-2028-1) for more information.

### TELL US HOW YOU WANT TO CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

You are invited to help shape Council's new Communications and Marketing Strategy 2019-21 by attending our conversation posts, workshops and filling out a short online survey. We will be attending two great local markets (Smythesdale Country Market on Saturday 15 Sept, and Golden Plains Farmers' Market on Saturday 6 Oct) so why not combine having your say with a fun family outing? We will also be holding community workshops following these conversation posts to dig a little deeper into what we're hearing – visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/connecting-council](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/connecting-council) for more details.

### DRAFT ARTS AND CULTURE STRATEGY OPEN FOR FEEDBACK

Our draft Arts and Culture Strategy 2018-2022 will guide Council to plan events, programs and activities that support local creatives and provide opportunities for residents and visitors to engage in the local arts and cultural scene. We've used input from local artists and extensive research to get us this far, and we are now asking the community to review our Strategy and give us feedback. Don't miss this great opportunity to contribute to the development of arts and culture in Golden Plains Shire!

[goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/arts-and-culture-strategy-2018-2022](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations/arts-and-culture-strategy-2018-2022)

### UPCOMING WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Council is developing a new Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to guide Council in providing environmentally, economically and socially sustainable waste management services across the municipality in line with the Council Plan. There will be a range of ways you can provide input; the first is to help us understand how you currently manage your waste by completing our upcoming 'Waste Management' survey, which will go live online on 1 October and also be included with the October Gazette.

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor

## WALK, RIDE OR SCOOT TO SCHOOL!



Every October, VicHealth's Walk to School program encourages Victorian Primary School kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school.

The aim of the program is to encourage students and their families to consider ways they can incorporate walking, riding or scooting to school into their regular routine. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Council will work with local primary schools to deliver a range of activities to encourage more families to walk to school thanks to funding of \$10,000 from VicHealth.

Activities include competitions (20 X \$50 Rebel sport vouchers up for grabs!), spot prizes, healthy morning teas and the development of safe walking maps. Walking part way, at home or at school are all options to get involved for those who cannot walk to school.

Find out more by visiting [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-family/health-and-wellbeing#Walk](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-family/health-and-wellbeing#Walk).

## STOP KITTY LITTERING



Council will be offering residents, with the support of our wonderful local vets, a 50% discount on desexing with each new cat registration from Saturday 1 September 2018.

To be eligible for the offer, the owner must be a Golden Plains Shire resident, the cat must be currently unregistered, and the vet practices will need to process registration applications on site at their facilities.

Contact one of these two Vet clinics to organise an appointment (make sure you mention this offer). Residents in the south of the Shire should contact the Golden Plains Veterinary Practice (5281 2226, 2 Bruce Street, Bannockburn) and residents in the north of the Shire should call the Smythesdale Veterinary Practice (5318 5750, 45 Brooke Street, Smythesdale).

## IMPORTANT NOTICES



**JOBS:** • **Community Care Worker**, applications close 10 September 2018

• **Aged Care & Disability Services Coordinator**, applications close 17 September 2018.

Information regarding all vacancies, including position descriptions, can be found at [goldenplains.applynow.net.au](http://goldenplains.applynow.net.au)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

8 September: Bannockburn Bush parkrun  
Inverleigh Food Swap

16 September: Inverleigh Produce and Lifestyle market

12 September: Take the Lead (Lethbridge)

18 September: How To Turn An Idea Into A Business (Smythesdale)

15 September: Bannockburn Bush parkrun  
Smythesdale Country Market

Visit our Events calendar at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events) for more information.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** There are 14 planning permits currently being advertised in Golden Plains Shire; visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au) and search for 'planning permits currently advertised'.

**PUBLIC NOTICE ADS:** To see current Public Notices visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/public-notice](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/public-notice).