

THE GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

DRAFT BUDGET 2019/20



INVESTING IN LOCAL ROADS



The Golden Plains Shire Council Draft Budget 2019/20 is now on public exhibition and all residents and ratepayers are welcome to have their say on this year's financial plan.

It makes good financial sense to take care of infrastructure across the Shire, so this year Council is investing more than **\$3 million** into the much-needed maintenance and renewal of assets including our extensive rural roads and bridge network.

In our large rural Shire, Council maintains more than **1,744km** of local roads across Golden Plains, as well as lobbying for government investment in much-needed transport infrastructure to safely serve the needs of our residents and travellers. In this year's Draft Budget, Council has increased its commitment to improving, resealing and resheeting local roads; and new infrastructure including bridge replacements, kerb and channeling, and widening existing roads.

Road Maintenance and Infrastructure

- \$1.15 million for resealing local roads – up from \$850,000 in 2018/19
- \$1.1 million for improvements on local roads – up from \$280,000 in 2018/19
- \$600,000 for gravel resheeting of local roads – up from \$300,000 in 2018/19
- \$425,000 for kerb and channeling
- \$300,000 for footpaths and trails – up from \$150,000 in 2018/19
- \$100,000 for the Rural Road Renewal Trial
- \$60,000 for footpath maintenance
- \$8,000 for a Fire Access Track within the Shire

This investment will fund several key road projects across the Shire including the widening of **Maude She Oaks Road**.

Council has lobbied hard for grants from the State Government's Fixing Country Roads and Federal Government's Roads to Recovery programs for a total of \$2.6 million to fully fund vital widening works on **Linton-Mannibadar Road** and **Pitfield-Cressy Road**.

This year, Council will also deliver these major road projects:

- Widening, replacement and sealing of **Tall Tree Road** in Lethbridge – a \$1.4 million project funded by \$472,000 from Council and \$943,000 from State Government
- Reconstruct and widen **Teesdale-Lethbridge Road** – a \$403,000 project fully funded by State Government.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S BUDGET

Read Council's Draft Budget 2019/20: Visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget or pick up a copy at Council's Customer Service Centres: 2 Pope St, Bannockburn; 68 Sussex St, Linton; or The Well, 19 Heales St, Smythesdale.

Ask Your Budget Questions: Council will hold two Drop In Budget Sessions and all residents are welcome to stop by and have their Budget questions answered by Councillors and Council's finance team. Visit a Budget Session at The Well, 19 Heales St, Smythesdale from 5 to 7pm, Wednesday 8 May; or at the Bannockburn Shire Hall, 12 High St, Bannockburn from 5 to 7pm, Wednesday 15 May.

Make a Budget Submission: Written submissions may be lodged by 5pm, Monday 27 May. Post a submission addressed to Director Corporate Services, Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, VIC 3331; email enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au; or visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget

Present a Submission to Council: Council will hold a Special Budget Meeting at Bannockburn Shire Hall, 12 High St, at 6pm, Tuesday 11 June, and everyone who lodges a written submission is welcome to request to present it to Councillors.

The final Budget 2019/20 will be considered for adoption by Council at its Ordinary Meeting in Linton on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

Building Bridges

In its Draft Budget 2019/20, Council has allocated **\$1.1 million** for a new **Coopers Bridge on Meredith-Steiglitz Road**, with another **\$500,000** rolled over from this year's budget to fund the project.

The existing single-lane, load-limited bridge will be replaced by a new structure with two travel lanes, better alignment and gradients, and improved road safety.

At a total cost of \$1.6 million, it's an expensive project and Council attempted to source the funds from the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program but changes to the criteria made Cooper's Bridge ineligible for a grant. However, Council was recently successful in securing two matching grants under this program to replace the century-old Wall Bridge in **Teesdale** (total project cost: \$607,000) and Golden Lake Road Bridge in **Piggoreet** (total project cost: \$600,000).

In the Draft Budget 2019/20, Council has also set aside \$400,000 to widen and replace the bridge deck of Barwon Park Road in **Inverleigh**.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS...

Inverleigh Structure Plan

Council adopted the Inverleigh Structure Plan at its Ordinary Meeting on 26 March 2019.

Officers from Council's Strategic Planning team will be available to discuss the Inverleigh Structure Plan at a drop-in session at the Inverleigh Bowls Club on Wednesday 8 May from 4 to 7pm.

Can't make the session? Call 5220 7111 to speak with an officer from the Strategic Planning team.

For more information and to view a video illustrating key elements of the Structure Plan, visit: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-home/planning/strategic-planning

Winning Government Business

Learn how to best position a business to secure government tenders and contracts at this dynamic workshop, presented by Business Victoria in conjunction with Council.

In addition to the presentation, Council representatives will be available to discuss how local businesses can work with Council.

The Winning Government Business workshop is on Wednesday 15 May, 9:30am to 1pm, at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre. The cost is \$30. For more information, call 5220 7201.

To register for the workshop, visit: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events/winning-government-business-what-you-need-know