

THE GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

## DRAFT BUDGET 2019/20



### INVESTING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES



**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.**

We're building more new projects than ever in Golden Plains – and Council's success attracting government funding grants means we're able to redirect money and deliver more projects across the Shire. In 2019/20, Council will deliver projects valued at more than \$19 million including \$4.68 million in government grants and contributions.



#### Community and Recreation Projects

In the 2019/20 Draft Budget, Council has continued its commitment to building and improving local community sport and recreation facilities with funding for these projects:

- Bannockburn Oval Lighting (\$75,000 from Council; \$500,000 from Federal Government)
- Inverleigh Netball Courts (\$200,000 from Council; \$250,000 from State Government)
- Teesdale Turtle Bend Upgrade (\$222,000 from Berrybank Wind Farm; \$222,000 from Federal Government)
- Lethbridge Lighting Installation (\$100,000 project funded)
- Bannockburn Bowls Upgrade (\$614,400 including \$274,400 from Council; \$250,000 from State Government and \$90,000 from Bannockburn Bowls Club)

- Rokewood Oval Lighting (\$115,000 from Council; \$170,000 from State Government)
- Irrigation Upgrade – Rokewood Rec Reserve (\$90,000 from Council)
- Teesdale Tennis Lighting Power Upgrade (\$15,000 from Council)
- Resurfacing of Tennis Courts across the Shire (\$90,000 from Council)
- World Game – Bannockburn Soccer Pitch (\$186,000 from Council; \$250,000 from State Government)
- Hard Cricket Wicket Replacement Program (\$75,000 from Council)
- Major Recreation Facilities Renewal Program (\$72,000 from Council)
- Bannockburn Soccer Car Park (\$75,000 from Council)

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S BUDGET

**Read Council's Draft Budget 2019/20:** Visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget](http://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 a Drop In Budget Session at the Bannockburn Shire Hall, 12 High St, from 5 to 7pm, Wednesday 15 May. All residents are welcome to stop by and have their Budget questions answered by Councillors and Council's finance team.

**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](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au); or visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget](http://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.

#### Right now, we busy constructing these major projects:

- The Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre in Bannockburn (funded by Council)
- Stage One of the Bannockburn Heart (funded by Council, Federal and State Government)

#### And this year, we'll also cut the ribbon on these great community and recreation facilities:

- Smythesdale Skate Park (\$156,000 from Council; \$100,000 from State Government)
- Bannockburn Netball Courts (\$475,000 from Council; \$100,000 from State Government)
- Linton Oval Lighting (\$37,000 from Council; \$225,000 from State Government)

### COUNCIL'S NEW LOCAL LAW

**At its Ordinary Meeting on 23 April 2019, Council adopted its Local Law No. 1 – Council Meeting Procedures & Common Law; and the Council Policy 4.4 - Public Participation in Council Meetings (Question Time, Presentations & Submissions, Petitions & Joint Letters).**

Both the new law and policy will come into effect on Monday 13 May and, following the statutory notification period, will be in place for the next Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 28 May, 2019.

The key features of Local Law 1:

- **New Public Question Time:** Any person can ask Council a maximum of two questions of Council during a 30-minute Question Time at Ordinary Council Meetings. All questions must be lodged by 10am on the day of the meeting by email, Council's website or hand delivered to Council offices.
- **Change to Public Presentations and Submissions:** Any person may lodge a written submission, and may also request to speak at the relevant Ordinary Meeting of Council, in favour of or against:

- A planning matter (for example, a planning permit application) where the person has previously made an objection in accordance with The Planning and Environment Act 1987

- A matter where Council called for submissions under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (e.g. the Council Budget) and the presenter has previously made a formal submission.

Under the new policy, time will not be allocated for public presentations on any other agenda items. However, Council will now receive written submissions on those matters and those submissions will be forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting.

For more information on the new Local Law No. 1, including how to lodge a question or register to make a public presentation, visit: [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/local-laws](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/local-laws)