

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



It was lovely to attend the Linton sports lighting funding announcement. Here I am pictured with Hans Verdoorn, Sam Richardson and Michaela Settle (candidate for Buninyong).

It has been great to see State and Federal Governments investing in local sporting facilities.

I was very pleased to attend a funding announcement in Linton, with the State Government committing to an investment of \$255,000 to upgrade sports oval lighting at the Linton Recreation Reserve. This project will see the Linton oval lighting brought up to the AFL Victoria minimum guidelines for training and night matches.

I was also delighted to attend the official opening of new lighting facilities at the Inverleigh Sporting Complex with Sarah Henderson MP, Federal Member of Corangamite. Users of the Complex now have fantastic lighting for night matches and training. The \$220,000 lights were funded through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development – Community Development Grants Programme.

I would like to make a correction to information that appeared in the previous edition of Golden Plains Shire Council News (3 May). We wrote that residents' submissions to the draft 2018-19 Budget were open until 28 June, but the submissions period closes on **Monday 28 May** – I apologise for the error and any inconvenience caused.

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor

## BUDGET SUBMISSIONS CLOSING SOON



The draft 2018-19 Budget is available for inspection until Monday 28 May.

You can read the document online at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget) or in hard copy form at Council's Bannockburn, Smythesdale and Linton Customer Service Centres. Anyone may make a written submission on the draft Budget – you can also request to appear in person or be represented by another specified person to present the submission at a special meeting of Council on 12 June at the Bannockburn Shire Hall. Submissions can be made online on our Have Your Say page. Written submissions should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, 3331.

## VOLUNTEER WEEK COMING UP



National Volunteer Week (21-27 May) is the annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contributions of our nation's volunteers.

Council is delighted to celebrate local volunteers this year via two official Volunteer Week celebrations in Bannockburn and Smythesdale; Council will formally say thank you to some of Golden Plains Shire's volunteers. So many local clubs, services, events and opportunities would not exist without the invaluable and selfless contributions of Golden Plains' volunteers. Council has also been sharing profiles on some of Golden Plains' amazing volunteers who embody this year's Volunteer Week theme, 'Give a little, change a lot'. The volunteers we are profiling have given so much more than a little; the underlying message of the theme is that often small efforts (in the grand scheme of things), can yield significant positive change. Read our volunteer profiles by searching 'Star Volunteers' on the Council website. You can find out more about volunteering in Golden Plains by searching 'Volunteering' on the Council website.

## PET REGISTRATION AUDIT



Council is currently undertaking a Shire-wide Pet Registration Audit to encourage responsible pet ownership.

The Audit involves Council's Community Protection Officers visiting properties in the Shire to make sure domestic pets are registered and microchipped.

This follows an increase in local dog attacks, dogs at large and nuisance complaints in Golden Plains. Registration helps Council identify problem animals and follow up with their owners, minimising the chances of repeat issues.

Residents can find out more by searching 'Pet Registration Audits' on the Council website.

## TRAFFIC STRATEGY



The Bannockburn Transport Strategy (BTS) is a high level strategic approach to improving the traffic, pedestrian, cycling, public transport and car parking conditions within Bannockburn.

A survey has been provided to every household in Bannockburn to gain local knowledge about areas of concern and to gather suggestions on possible solutions from the community and key stakeholders. Input from this survey will be used to inform the Draft Strategy, along with a range of other information. To find out about the range of consultation opportunities relating to the development of this Strategy, please visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations) and find 'Bannockburn Traffic Strategy'.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES



- JOBS:**
- Development Engineer (applications close 21 May)
  - Deputy Works Superintendent (applications close 21 May)
  - School Crossing Supervisor, Meredith (applications close 21 May)
  - Senior Rates & Property Officer (applications close 21 May).

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| 18 May: Gourmet Food and Wine Trail | 23 May: Nature Arts Classes, Bannockburn |
| 18 May: Baby Time, Bannockburn      | 26 May: Bannockburn Food Swap            |
| 19 May: 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 12 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:** Visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/public-notice](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/public-notice).