

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I recently attended the Golden Plains Shire Disability, Access and Inclusion Network event, where disability agencies met with Council staff and the Disability-Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, of which I am Chair. I was particularly delighted to hear from Joel Green and James Paslawski, our guest speakers – Joel is a Bannockburn resident who attends the Scope program for adults and James is a Bannockburn resident and member of the Disability-Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

The 2018-19 Budget is going to Council at the April Council meeting on Tuesday 24 April in Linton. It will be available on our website from Monday 30 April, and a print version will be displayed in our Customer Service Centres (Linton, Bannockburn and Smythesdale) and at the Bannockburn Library. Community input is encouraged; submissions can be made through our Have Your Say platform or in writing to Council.

In this edition, you can find out about vacancies at the Bannockburn Children's Service. Not only is the Service delivered by experienced Early Years professionals, it is also located at the Bannockburn Family Services Centre, which has a large-scale nature play space (the children just love it!). You can also find out about our Community Grants 2018-19 Program in this edition, which is currently open. Communities from all over the Shire, small and large, have benefitted from Community Grants projects over the years.

As ANZAC Day is coming up (25 April), I encourage residents to read our April Gazette which details official services happening around the Shire.

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor

GPSC NEWS SURVEY



We want to hear from you!

We started sharing this 'Golden Plains Shire Council News' in The Miner each fortnight to better inform residents. It is often shared in community newsletters as well as social media and our website.

We want to know if these important communications are reaching and benefitting you, and better understand your preferred ways of hearing from Council, so please take our short survey (two minutes) to help us further improve our communications with you. Take our short survey today – visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations and find 'The Miner News' in our consultations list.

MARKET SURVEY REMINDER



Friendly reminder – the Golden Plains Farmers' Market seeks community feedback to help make our award-winning Market even better.

Council supports the Market because it strengthens opportunities for local growers and makers, supports the local economy and creates a vibrant community meeting place, where there is access to fresh, local food.

Despite its intrinsic community value, we recognise the Market can still be improved upon, so we are asking local market-goers for their feedback to help us shape the Market's future direction. You can find the survey by searching for 'Farmers' Market' at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultation.

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018/19 NOW OPEN



Council invites community groups to apply for up to \$5,000 in the 2018/19 Community Grants Program to support the continued improvement and development of our communities.

Grants are provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis, with community groups able to contribute cash or in-kind support to fulfil the matching requirement. Council encourages community groups to look at their local needs, such as their recreation and meeting areas, and think about creative ways to enhance their space. To be eligible, organisations must be not-for-profit or equivalent, Incorporated or managed as a Council or Crown Committee (otherwise auspice must be provided), and have no outstanding projects or evaluations from community grants pre-2017/18.

Applications must be submitted online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au (search 'Community Grants 2018') and close Monday 30 April 2018. For further information, please call 5220 7111 or email communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au.

EARLY YEARS VACANCIES



Residents who are looking for quality care for their children needn't look further than the Bannockburn Children's Service. Located at the Bannockburn Family Services Centre, a state-of-the-art Council facility, the Service offers quality early childhood education and care for children from six weeks to five years of age.

The Service includes a Victorian Government-funded four-year-old kindergarten program, delivered by experienced Early Childhood teachers and is available from 7am–6pm, Monday to Friday. Residents who would like to enquire or book are encouraged to contact the Bannockburn Children's Service on 5220 7230.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



JOBS: Rates and Property Officer, permanent full-time (applications close Monday 23 April at 9am). Records Officer, Maternity Leave (applications close Monday 23 April at 9am). Information regarding these vacancies, including position descriptions, can be found at goldenplains.applynow.net.au

UPCOMING EVENTS:

19 April: Circle of Security	21 April: Haddon Community Market
19 April: Small Business Clinic, Bannockburn	21 April: Big Tops & Tiny Tots, Bannockburn
19 April: 3D Scanning	22 April: Big Tops & Tiny Tots, Smythesdale
20 April: First Aid & CPR	25 April: Anzac Day services
21 April: Smythesdale Country Market	28 April: Bannockburn Food Swap

Visit our Events calendar at 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 and search for 'planning permits currently advertised'.

PUBLIC NOTICE ADS: To see current Public Notices visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/public-notices