

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As we say goodbye to summer it's great to still have some beautiful weather to enjoy our gorgeous Shire; I hope the recent sunshine is still around for our 10th Golden Plains Arts Trail on 17–18 March (North Trail) and 24–25 March (South Trail). You can find out more about the Trail at artstrail.com.au.

I'm also delighted to share that we have started offering customer service at The Well four days a week from 10am-2pm. It is great that we can offer residents this extra service, where they will be able to ask questions, pay rates and soon even return library books.

Speaking of connecting with the community, we will be holding a Council Conversation Post at the CFA Thank you Day in Rokewood on Sunday 18 March; why not come down, join the conversation and show your appreciation for the CFA as well? Find out more in the story below.

Lastly I'd like to encourage you to ensure you are following us on social media and regularly checking our website; we put a lot of timely information on these digital platforms and it's a great way to find out what's happening around you. Find us on Facebook (search 'Golden Plains Shire Council') Twitter (@GPSCouncilNews) or visit our website news (goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news).

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor

FUNDING FOR BANNOCKBURN TRAFFIC STRATEGY



The Victorian Planning Authority has awarded Golden Plains Shire Council \$80,000 to assist with a strategy to accommodate Golden Plains Shire's fastest-growing community.

The funding will support Council to create a Car Parking, Traffic Management, and Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy ('the Strategy') for the Bannockburn area. The Strategy will outline the required infrastructure and network upgrades to support the expected population growth in Bannockburn, which is currently 7.2% per annum (ABS 2016), over the next 15 to 20 years.

The study is being undertaken in response to a rapidly growing population and subsequent need for a coordinated transport network plan.

TENDERS

GPS-RFT1/2018:

Request for tender for the provision of architectural services – Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre

Golden Plains Shire Council invites submissions from suitably experienced organisations to provide tenders for the abovementioned works.

Tender documentation will be available on Saturday the 10 March 2018 and can be accessed by logging on to www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/tenders.

Submissions must be lodged via tender search.

Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.

Closing time: 12.00 noon, Wednesday 4 April 2018

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer



IMPORTANT NOTICES

JOBS: Children's Services Development Officer – temporary part-time, applications close 12 March 2018; Children's Services Development Officer – temporary part-time, applications close 12 March 2018; Children's Services Casual Pool – casual, applications close 19 March 2018. Information regarding these vacancies, including position descriptions, can be found at goldenplains.applynow.net.au

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10 March: Inverleigh Food Swap
- 14 March: Golden Plains Business Networking Lunch
- 17-18 March: Golden Plains Arts Trail – North Trail
- 17 March: Smythesdale Country Market
- 20 March: Bringing Up Great Kids

Visit our Events calendar at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events for more information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There are 13 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

COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICE AT THE WELL



Council started offering customer service at The Well (19 Heales Street, Smythesdale) on Tuesday 6 March.

The additional service will complement Council's existing Customer Service Centres in Bannockburn and Linton.

The hours of operation will initially be Tuesday to Friday between 10am and 2pm, with a view to expand this in the future. EFTPOS will be available from 6 March and cash payments will not be able to be accepted initially but our Linton Customer Service remains able to accept cash payments.

COUNCIL CONVERSATION POST



Join the conversation about what is happening in your community at the Council Conversation Post at the CFA Thank you Day in Rokewood on Sunday 18 March, 11am-3pm, in Rokewood Town Centre.

Come along to find out more about Council's community planning program, or just to have a chat with Councillors and senior managers about issues important to you.