

TIME TO GET FIRE READY

With summer around the corner, Golden Plains Shire Council is encouraging residents to ensure their properties are prepared for the fire season, ahead of Council's upcoming Fire Hazard Inspections Program.

Owners of land are required to keep their properties cut to a maximum height of 300 millimetres during the non-fire season and then to a maximum height of 100 millimetres during the fire danger period, or as directed under a Fire Prevention Notice.

Council will commence its annual property fire hazard inspection program on 2 November 2020. All properties deemed a fire hazard to the property owner or their neighbours will then be issued with a Fire Prevention Notice.

The Notice will specify what works are required to remove the fire hazard by Sunday 29 Nov 2020.

Council will undertake a second inspection from 30 November 2020 to determine if required works have been undertaken in accordance with the Fire Prevention Notice. If works have not been conducted, Council will issue a \$1,652 infringement and arrange a contractor to attend and slash the property. Property owners will incur a minimum fee of \$267 for this work.

In mid-October, Council began its own fire prevention works, commencing the annual roadside slashing program of all sealed roads and strategic fire breaks to reduce fuel loads. Council also conducts burning of selected reserves to remove fire hazards. This program commences in the drier south of the Shire before moving north, with the program completed by Christmas.

For more information on Fire Hazard Inspections and Notices, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/fire.

COUNCIL ELECTION



Thank you to all residents who voted in the recent Local Government election.

Counting is underway, and the Victorian Electoral Commission will declare the results by Friday 13 November, 2020, naming the Golden Plains Shire Councillors for the 2020-2024 term.

The new Council will be sworn in on Saturday 14 November, 2020 at 10am, and the meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be held on Tuesday 17 November, 2020 at 6pm.

The Oath/ Affirmation of Office ceremony and the Mayoral meeting will both will be livestreamed for public viewing. A link to the livestream will be available on the day of the meeting on Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au.

LIBRARIES REOPEN



Geelong Regional Library Corporation reopened the Bannockburn and Golden Plains Shire Mobile Libraries from Monday 26 October following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Visitor numbers will be restricted in line with Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions, with strict hygiene, face covering and social distancing rules in place.

For more information, including opening hours and library services in Golden Plains Shire, visit grlc.vic.gov.au.

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARDS 2020

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now open for the Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2020.

The GPSC Community Awards 2020 formally acknowledge extraordinary individuals and community groups who make an outstanding contribution to Golden Plains Shire.

The GPSC Community Award 2020 categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Impact Award (community event, project, group or team)

Nominations close 5pm, Monday 23 November, 2020.

Award nomination forms are available on Council's website at goldenplains.vic.gov.au or at a Council Customer Service Centre at 2 Pope St, Bannockburn or 19 Heales St, Smythesdale; open from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

To submit a nomination, send the completed nomination form by email to: events@gplains.vic.gov.au
post to: **Events & Engagement Officer, Golden Plains Shire Council, 2 Pope St, Bannockburn VIC 3331**

For more information about the GPSC Community Awards 2020, email events@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.

JOB VACANCIES

Golden Plains Shire Council is currently seeking applications for the following positions in the Active Ageing & Inclusion team:

- Senior Intake and Administration Officer
- Administration Officer (temporary, part-time)

Applications close 9am, Monday 2 November, 2020.

Information on these vacancies, including the position description, is available at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/jobs.

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