

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

Proposed Local Law No. 1 - Council Meeting Procedures & Common Seal

Notice is hereby given that the Golden Plains Shire Council, at its meeting held on 26 February 2019, resolved to commence the statutory process in accordance with sections 119 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to make a new Local Law Local Law No. 1 - Council Meeting Procedures & Common Seal.

The overall purpose and purport of the proposed Local Law as set out in the draft are to:

- facilitate good government and provide a process for good decision-making of Golden Plains Shire Council matters affecting the municipality and community;
- provide for procedures governing the conduct of Council Meetings, Special and Advisory Committee meetings;
- set the rules of behaviour for those participating in or present at Council meetings, Special and Advisory Committee meetings;
- promote and encourage community engagement in local government while at the same time ensuring that Council conducts its business in an effective and efficient manner in line with the Act;
- regulate proceedings for the election of the Mayor and Chair of various committees;
- regulate the use and control of the Common Seal; and
- revoke Local Law No. 1 of 2009 – Processes of Municipal Government and Local Law No. 1A of 2011 Processes of Municipal Government.

Written submissions about the proposed Local Law are invited from any person affected by the Local Law for consideration in accordance with section 223 of the Act.

A person may also request to be heard in support of their submission and/or to nominate a representative to present their submission. Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm, Sunday 7 April 2019, and can be provided in the following ways:

- Through Council's website at www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

- Emailed to enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au

- By mail addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, VIC 3331.

Any person making a written submission under section 223 of the Act is advised that under regulation 11 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulations 2004, the Council is required to make available for public inspection all submissions (including personal information) received in accordance with section 223 of the Act during the previous 12 months. Details of submissions may also be included within the official Council Agendas and Minutes which are public documents and which may also be available on Council's website.

A Local Laws Community Impact Statement (LLCIS) has been developed to assist the community in understanding the new Local Law and how it complies and aligns with other legislation. The draft revised Council Policy 4.4 Public Participation in Council Meetings (Question Time, Presentations & Submissions, Petitions & Joint Letters) (Policy) has been developed. In addition to being available on the website (as above), a copy of the proposed Local Law, LLCIS and Policy are available for inspection at Council's Bannockburn offices, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn, VIC, 3331.

For more information, contact Candice Holloway, Corporate Governance Coordinator on (03) 5220 7111.

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