

## DRAFT COMMUNITY VISION ONLINE



Following extensive consultation, the Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 is now available online, ahead of adoption by the next Council.

The Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 seeks to reflect the community's hopes, aspirations and priorities for the next 20 years. The draft document has been developed by the Community Vision 2040 Reference Group in partnership with Council, and has been informed by engagement with communities across Golden Plains Shire during 2020.

Thank you to the dedicated members of the Reference Group, and the 534 people who took part in the Community Vision 2040 survey earlier this year. The Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 is now available on Council's website at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/communityvision](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/communityvision).

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

On Sunday 6 September, the Victorian Government announced its roadmap to reducing COVID-19 restrictions.

The first step for regional Victoria comes into effect at 11.59pm, Sunday 13 September, and details can be found at [vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmaps](https://vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmaps). Council is working through what this first step means for its services and operations, and will provide notice of any changes on its social media channels and website, as well as in next week's *Golden Plains Times*.

Council's Bannockburn and Smythesdale Customer Service Centres will remain closed for face-to-face interactions until at least Sunday 13 September. Customers are still able to contact the Customer Service team by phone at 5220 7111, email at [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au), or online at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal).

For the latest health and restriction advice, as well as how to find the closest testing location, please visit [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) or call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

*This information is current as of 7 September 2020. For up-to-date information on the status of Council's services, operations and events, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus), or follow Council on social media.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### RATES INSTALMENT

Rates Notices can be viewed online at any time by registering at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/rates](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/rates). If you are planning on signing-up to the new 10 monthly payment option, the first instalment is due on 15 September 2020. For more information, including on Council's COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy, contact the Rates team at 5220 7111.

### NOMINATE FOR COUNCIL

In October, Golden Plains Shire residents and ratepayers will elect seven Councillors to form the next Council from 2020 to 2024. Nominations open 17 September and close 22 September, and all candidates must complete Local Government Victoria's mandatory online training before nominating. A link and other useful information for candidates and voters is available at [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/elections](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/elections).

### AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

Agriculture Victoria has advised that Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer has extended the housing order to 26 September 2020. All poultry owners within Golden Plains Shire, even those with just two or three chickens or birds, are legally required to keep their birds enclosed and separated from wild birds. For more information, including restrictions on selling or moving eggs, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/avianflu](https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/avianflu). Report unexplained bird deaths on 1800 675 888.