

LOCAL AVIAN INFLUENZA CASES

Agriculture Victoria has advised Council of H7N7 (avian influenza) cases at a number of poultry farms near Lethbridge in recent weeks.

As of 7 August, all Golden Plains poultry keepers – even those with just two or three birds – are now required to keep birds housed indoors for 30 days. There are also movement controls prohibiting the movement of birds, equipment and products within and out of, the designated restricted area, except under permit issued by Agriculture Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services confirmed the H7N7 virus is not a risk to the public as it rarely affects humans unless there is direct and close contact with sick birds. There are no food safety issues identified; properly cooked chicken meat and eggs are safe to eat.

Please monitor your birds' health. If you have sick birds or a sudden drop in egg numbers, please contact your vet immediately or report it to the



Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888. To stay up-to-date with the latest information and advice, as well as how to apply for a bird movement permit, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases/avian-influenza-bird-flu.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Council has made a number of changes to its services in line with the current Stage Three COVID-19 restrictions.

Council's Bannockburn and Smythesdale Customer Service Centres are 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, or online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal. Residents who use Council's sharps containers collection and drop-off service in Bannockburn and require sharps containers, are encouraged to contact Council's Customer Service team on 5220 7111 to discuss new arrangements.

Playgrounds, skate and bike parks, campgrounds, Bannockburn and Mobile Libraries, stadiums, community centres and change and club rooms at recreation facilities are also closed.

For the latest health and restriction advice, as well as how to find the

closest testing location, please visit dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus or call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

This information is current as of 11 August 2020. For up-to-date information on the status of Council's services, operations and events, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus, or follow Council on social media.



TENDER

GPSC-RFT-05-2020 - Reserve Road Bridge Replacement, Rokewood

Description: Submissions are requested from suitably experienced organisations for the abovementioned tender.

Obtaining Documentation: Log on to www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/tenders and register at Council's eTender portal.

Lodgement of Tenders: Submissions must be lodged via the Golden Plains Shire Council electronic eTender portal at <https://www.tendersearch.com.au/goldenplains>

Closing Time: 12.00 noon AEST, Wednesday 9 September 2020

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