

## MONEY FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Sixteen Golden Plains community groups have been awarded Community Strengthening Grants by Council, to deliver an exciting range of community projects and programs across the Shire.

In the first round of this year's revamped program, Council awarded a combined \$74,284 to the successful groups for projects across four categories: Healthy Active Living; Creative Community; Environment and Sustainability; and Community Safety.

The recipients of the first round are:



### Healthy Active Living Grants

Leisure Networks	Mini Movers project
Haddon Recreational Committee of Management	Spectator Seating
Bannockburn and District Bowls Club	Bowls for Bannockburn
Inverleigh Golf Club	Disc Golf Project
WRISC Family Violence Support	Van Go Project
Meredith Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Hall improvements
Ross Creek/Smythes Creek Community Coordinators	Community Signage



### Creative Community Grants

Rokewood/Corindhap Community Coordinators	History Boards
Northern Access TV	Chronicles X TV Episode on Golden Plains
Meredith History Interest Group	Bringing History Alive
Smythesdale Community Arts	Community Arts and Music Fiesta



### Environment and Sustainability Grants

Friends of Bannockburn Bush	Accessible Tracks
Ballarat Environment Network	Fencing in defence of biodiversity
Birdlife Australia	Water security for woodland birds and biodiversity



### Community Safety Grants

Bannockburn CFA Brigade	Portable Lighting
Bannockburn Cemetery Trust	Safety Fencing and Tree Barriers

### Apply Now: Round Two Grants

Applications for Round Two of this year's Community Strengthening Grants program are now open and must be received by Monday 21 September, 2020. Community groups seeking more information on the program are encouraged to contact Council's Community Partnerships officer on 5220 7220, email [communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au), or visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/grants](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/grants).

## VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

In April, the Victorian Parliament passed the *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* enabling 'virtual' council meetings to be held between 1 May 2020 and 2 November 2020.

Golden Plains Shire Council Meetings will be held virtually under these provisions. Residents can still watch virtual meetings through the livestream on Council's YouTube page. A recording of the livestream is made available on Council's website following the meeting.

Council will accept public questions submitted in accordance with the Local Law No. 1. Public questions will be read out by the Chief Executive Officer as proxy (where appropriate). All public presentations and submissions must be in written form and will be read out by the Mayor at the meeting. The maximum time limit of five minutes is still applicable in accordance with Local Law No. 1.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**In line with Stage Three restrictions, Council's Bannockburn and Smythesdale Customer Service Centres are now closed for face-to-face interactions.**

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](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/portal). For up-to-date information on the status of Council's other services, operations and events, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/coronavirus), or follow Council on social media.

## AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE



Due to H7N7 (avian influenza) cases at a number of poultry farms near Lethbridge, Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer issued a *Housing of Livestock clause* for 30 days from 7 August 2020, legally requiring all poultry owners in Golden Plains Shire – even those with just two or three chickens or birds – to keep their birds enclosed.

Please report any cases of unexplained bird deaths to the 24-hour hotline on 1800 675 888. To stay up-to-date on this outbreak, visit Agriculture Victoria's website: [agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases).

## ENROL FOR COUNCIL ELECTION

The October Golden Plains Shire Council election is fast approaching. If you've recently turned 18 or moved, you may need to update your enrolment details in order to vote. To check, update your details or to enrol for the first time, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) before 4pm, 28 August 2020.



### TENDER

GPSC-RFT-10-2020 -

**Meredith Shelford Rd Widening - Henderson Rd to Lower Plains Rd**

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

**Obtaining Documentation:** Log on to [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/tenders) and register at Council's eTender portal

**Lodgement of Responses:** Submissions must be lodged via the Golden Plains Shire Council electronic eTender portal at [tendersearch.com.au/goldenplains](http://tendersearch.com.au/goldenplains)

**Closing Time: 12 noon, Wednesday 16 September 2020**

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