

PLAYGROUNDS REOPENED IN GOLDEN PLAINS



In line with the Victorian Government's first step in easing restrictions in regional Victoria, outdoor playgrounds reopened for play in Golden Plains Shire on Monday 14 September.

Council is progressively removing the closure signs posted at playgrounds and outdoor exercise equipment locations, which can now also reopen. At each stop, Council officers will inspect the equipment and surrounds, log any maintenance works, clean up any rubbish at the site, and remove the closure sign.

All playground and exercise equipment users are reminded to continue practising social distancing and good hand hygiene in line with the remaining restrictions.

Please note that skate parks and bike parks are not reopening at this stage of the Victorian Government's restrictions roadmap outlined on 6 September 2020.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



Council's Bannockburn and Smythesdale Customer Service Centres remain 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, or online at 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 or call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

This information is current as of 14 September 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.

COUNCIL ELECTION PERIOD

At 12pm next Tuesday, 22 September 2020, Golden Plains Shire Council will enter the Election Period ahead of October's Council Election.

Council has an Election Period Policy in place to ensure that the ordinary business of Council can continue throughout the election period in a responsible and transparent manner that does not interfere with the fair and democratic election of the next Council.

In line with Council's recently adopted Election Period Policy, residents will notice some changes to Council's regular operations until the Election Period ends at 6pm, Saturday 24 October, 2020. Council's social media channels, including its Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram pages will see minimal updates, and the Golden Plains Mayor Facebook account will not post any material during the Election Period. There will also be changes made to Council's website to remove content that may be considered an electoral matter, if it were to be published during the Election Period.

Any communication material published by Council during this period will be certified by the CEO. To read Council's Election Period Policy, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/elections.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

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. Report unexplained bird deaths on 1800 675 888.

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 today 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.

GRANTS CLOSING SOON

Applications for Round Two of this year's Community Strengthening Grants program 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, or visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/grants.

LOCAL LAW HAVE YOUR SAY

The opportunity for residents and ratepayers to provide feedback on the Draft Local Law No. 2 ends at 11.59am, Tuesday 22 September, 2020. You can still view the draft proposal to replace the existing Local Law No. 2, and find out how you can have your say at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations. All feedback received will be considered in refining the draft document, which will be considered by Council in early 2021.

JOB VACANCIES

- Maintenance Worker Roads and Drainage – closes 16 September
- Coordinator Governance and Risk (Maternity Leave) – closes 20 September
- Coordinator Child and Family Services – closes 20 September

Information regarding all vacancies, including position descriptions, are available at goldenplains.applynow.net.au.

The following Working For Victoria jobs with Council are being advertised:

- Road Maintenance Outdoor Worker
- Two Rail Trail Outdoor Workers
- Tree Maintenance Outdoor Worker
- IT Project Manager
- Social Connection Project Worker
- ICT Support Officer
- IT Project Support Worker
- Emergency Management Officer
- Rates Financial Hardship Officer

To apply, please register at vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria.