FREE TRAINING FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Council is pleased to offer free training courses for people who volunteer in Golden Plains Shire.

Expressions of Interest are now open for two free courses to develop skills in project management and project planning. Participants must volunteer at an organisation, event or project in the Golden Plains Shire and there are online and in-person training sessions.

WORKSHOP 1: GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR GREAT IDEA/S

Online Training Course: Tuesday 29 June, 6 to 9pm

Face-to-Face Training Course at Bannockburn: Wednesday 30 June, 6 to 9pm

Have you got a great idea but are not sure where to start? This workshop will provide volunteers with the tools to effectively plan a project from the initial idea through to delivery.

WORKSHOP 2: PROJECT MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Online Training Course: Tuesday 20 July, 6 to 9pm

Face-to-Face Training Course at Bannockburn: Thursday 22 July, 6 to 9pm

This workshop will provide volunteers with the tools to effectively budget, lead and manage a project team, develop quality grant applications, and monitor and report on project results.

Expressions of Interest close at 5pm, Tuesday 22 June, and successful participants will be notified on Thursday 24 June, 2021. For more information, please call 5220 7220 or email jennie.schoof@gplains.vic.gov.au; or complete the form at **goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations**

NEW ROKEWOOD BRIDGE IMPROVES SAFETY

The crossing over the Kuruc A Ruc Creek on Geggies Road in Rokewood is now safer and smoother, thanks to the replacement of the old bridge.

Works were recently completed on replacing the old single-lane, load-limited bridge with a two-lane concrete bridge with guardrails. The new bridge is not load limited and is approximately one metre higher than the previous bridge, which allowed the original bluestone abutments to be left in place.

The new bridge has significantly improved safety over the creek for approximately 30 farming and grazing properties, allowing light and heavy vehicles full access to these important work sites. Families in the area who use the local school bus will also benefit from the bridge replacement, with the new bridge to cut out the current 10km daily detour to avoid the old structure.

The $517,800 Geggies Road Bridge Replacement Project was funded equally by Council and the Australian Government from Round 5 of its Bridges Renewal Program, with the works completed by a Golden Plains-based company.

POSTPONED: BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The 2021 Golden Plains Youth Battle of the Bands has been postponed and will now to be held at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre on Friday 17 September.

Battle of the Bands gives Golden Plains youth an important opportunity to showcase their talents in front of a large, supportive audience of their peers. Postponed due to COVID restrictions, the event will allow more people to attend and ensure that these young musicians are able to gain this valuable experience.

The event now aligns with the September school holidays, making it more accessible for Golden Plains youth and giving our young performers more time to get stage ready.

Registrations for performers will remain open, and young musicians, bands, digital artists and soloists aged 12 to 25 are encouraged to register by contacting the Golden Plain Youth Development team at youth@gplains.vic.gov.au or 5220 7111.

A youth-led event, Battle of the Bands is organised by the Golden Plains Youth Committee and funded by the Victorian Government's FReeZA program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NAPOLEONS MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Notice is given of a **public meeting** to be held at Napoleons Memorial Hall on Monday 28 June commencing at 7.30pm, subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Napoleons Memorial Hall for a term of two years. The current committee's term will expire on 19 July 2021. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact Brodie Marston on 5220 7111.

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