

OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Council is committed to engaging with residents on decisions that affect their lives, and there are several projects that are currently open for public feedback.



Council is seeking public feedback on its Draft Community Engagement Policy as part of its commitment to improve how engagement is undertaken by Council.

The Draft Policy provides a clear and succinct process that improves Council's existing practises to ensure deliberative engagement opportunities are well planned, inclusive, accessible and appropriate.

Feedback closes 11 January 2021.



Residents are invited to vote for their favourite of four potential new names for the park containing Inverleigh's newest play space at 1 East Street.

Following the rejection of the community's preferred name by the Victorian Geographic Names Registrar, voting is open on four compliant names:

- Leigh River Park;
- Inverleigh Community Park;
- Inverleigh Play Park; and
- Yerram Yaluk Bun (translation: bank of the morning river).

Voting closes at 5pm, 29 January 2021, and votes can be cast online, or by downloading a form from Council's website or requesting a hard copy at a Customer Service Centre.



The Teesdale Structure Plan and Planning Scheme Amendment C92 are on public exhibition until 25 January 2021.

The Teesdale Structure Plan is a strategic planning document that will guide the long-term growth of Teesdale into the future. Initial engagement was undertaken in late 2019, and this consultation process is part of the final process to incorporate the plan into the Planning Scheme, following Council's endorsement of the plan in April 2020.



Council's Draft Active Ageing & Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 is out for public feedback until 31 January 2021.

The Draft Plan provides the framework to address active ageing, disability access and inclusion issues across all areas of Council's operations. There are several in-person consultations this month:

- Bannockburn: 18 January, 10.30am to 12pm, Bannockburn Cultural Centre, 27 High Street
- Meredith: 18 January, 1.30 to 3pm, Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russell Street
- Dereel: 20 January, 10.30am to 12pm, Dereel Community Centre, 14 Swamp Road
- Smythesdale: 20 January, 1.30 to 3pm, The Well, 19 Heales Street

Residents will also be able to Zoom into the Bannockburn consultation from 11 to 11.40am, and the Smythesdale consultation from 2 to 2.40pm.

All the details and relevant documents for these engagements can be found at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations. Feedback can be emailed to enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au, mailed to Golden Plains Shire, PO Box 111, BANNOCKBURN VIC 3331 or hand delivered to Council's Bannockburn or Smythesdale Customer Service Centres.

To stay up-to-date with all Council's community engagement opportunities, including the Linton Shire Hall Committee of Management EOI and future of the Cambrian Hill Bore which are both also open, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations and sign-up for our Community Engagement Register.

FAREWELL TO BCS

On 24 December 2020, the doors of the Bannockburn Children's Service (BCS) at Bannockburn Family Services Centre (BFSC), closed for the final time.

This week, the new childcare provider, Kardinia Childcare Inc opened its service at the same location.

Council acknowledges all the staff of BCS for their dedicated education and care of hundreds of local children and families over the years, particularly during this challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following a significant review of the BCS long day care in 2019, Council undertook an Expression of Interest process for the lease of part of the BFSC for the purpose of providing long day care services in January 2020. At its meeting on 8 September 2020, Council resolved to lease part of the centre to Kardinia Childcare Inc.

Today, Kardinia Childcare Inc. opens its long day care service at BFSC and Council welcomes the new provider to Golden Plains. For more information including enrolment at Kardinia, visit kardiniachildcare.com, email bannockburn@kardiniael.com or call 5278 6481.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

LEASING BANNOCKBURN SHIRE HALL

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR A COMMERCIAL OR RETAIL SERVICE

Golden Plains Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from commercial or retail operators interested in leasing the Bannockburn Shire Hall.

The Shire Hall is located at 12 High Street, Bannockburn and is currently available for leasing. The site offers:

- 2 x large spaces suitable for commercial or retail use
- Kitchen and bathroom facilities
- Additional rooms for storage
- Prime High Street location in Town Centre adjacent to Bannockburn Plaza
- Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z)

Expressions of interest are due by 9am, Monday 11 January 2021.

For more information, email enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au or phone 03 5220 7111 and speak with Council's Governance Team.

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