



From the Mayor



Council is committed to community engagement and providing opportunities for residents to have their say and discuss their needs and ideas with Councillors.

This year, we launched a new engagement initiative to support the development of the Draft Budget 2022/23 (Draft Budget). This initiative provided residents with the opportunity to share their priorities for the Draft Budget in line with the Council Plan 2021-2025 themes of Community, Liveability, Sustainability, Prosperity and Leadership. We thank the community members who took part in this engagement and were pleased to have their input in the early development of the Draft Budget.

At the meeting of Council on 26 April, Councillors endorsed the Draft Budget for public exhibition and there is detailed information on the plan on pages 8 to 11. Council is now welcoming submissions on the Draft Budget from all Golden Plains community members and we encourage all residents to have their say.

This year, we've had a busy start to our Councillor engagement program. We appreciate all the locals who came to talk to us at our Coffee with the Councillor day in Ross Creek, Haddon, Cape Clear, Lethbridge, Berringa, Teesdale, Scarsdale, Meredith and Inverleigh on 19 February. We also had good conversations at the Councillor Conversation Posts in Smythesdale on 6 February and at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market on 7 May.

One of the highlights of my first year as a Councillor was participating in the Connecting Councillors and Our Communities program, which provided community groups and local organisation with the opportunity to have a Councillor attend one of their meetings. As a resolution of Council and a continuation of our commitment to community engagement, we are pleased to again offer this opportunity to community groups and local organisations. Community groups interested in having a Councillor attend a meeting are encouraged to make a request by contacting enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au or calling 5220 7113.

We look forward to attending these meetings and learning more about these groups from their members, as well as presenting online Councillor conversation forums in July and October 2022.

Cr Gavin Gamble – Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council

THE FUTURE OF AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

At its meeting on Tuesday 22 March, Council resolved to transition out of the delivery of aged and disability care, with the services to move to a dedicated sector provider.

The impacted services are home and community care services to assist older people, those recovering from acute care and people with disabilities to continue to live independently in the community, including the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) and Home and Community Care for Younger People (HACCPYP).

Service clients and their families have been directly informed of Council's decision and will be supported through the transition by Council management and the Active Ageing & Inclusion team. All clients will continue to receive the services they are currently provided without interruption, with Council's delivery to cease on 30 June 2022 and a new dedicated provider starting in-home care on 1 July 2022. Beyond the date of service transfer, Council staff will continue to be available to support clients through the transition and

will offer dedicated navigation support to existing and new clients of aged and disability services in the Shire.

Council management has been supporting affected staff during the Best Value Review process which began in November 2021 and all staff have been informed of Council's decision to transition from the current service delivery. Moving forward, affected staff will be supported individually through a range of options including redeployment opportunities, paid redundancies and advice on future career pathways in the aged and disability care sector.

The Australian Government has sole policy and funding responsibility for the delivery of aged services and has announced a new national system for the sector that will be implemented from 1 July 2023. It is a significant change and Council's Best Value Review of Aged and Disability Services determined that this new system will negatively impact Council's commitment to deliver high quality services that provide the best value to the community.

Clients and family members with questions about the changes to aged and disability services are welcome to call Council's Active Ageing & Inclusion team to have a chat on 5220 7151.

OFFICIALLY OPEN: Road and Bridge Projects in Golden Plains

Council has kicked off the year with the official openings of two important road and bridge projects in the north and south of the Shire.



KEEPING GOLDEN PLAINS CONNECTED

Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble joined Senator the Hon. Sarah Henderson and City of Ballarat Mayor Cr Daniel Moloney to officially open the new Franklin Bridge in Napoleons on 16 March.

The new \$2,850,264 concrete structure replaces the former one-lane bridge, estimated to be built in 1914, spanning the Yarwowie River between Buninyong and Napoleons. The Franklin Bridge sits on the boundary between the City of Ballarat and Golden Plains Shire and provides a significant connection between the two municipalities.

The new bridge is wider than the previous bridge – providing two lanes for traffic which improves road safety. Previously some emergency services were forced to detour around the bridge due to its limited 10-tonne load limit, which increased their response times. The new bridge caters to a 150-tonne load allowing emergency services to take a more direct route.

The Franklin Bridge replacement project is a three-way partnership between the Federal Government, the City of Ballarat, and the Golden Plains Shire. The Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure Bridge Renewal Program provided \$1,425,132 in funding, the City of Ballarat contributed \$912,490 and the Golden Plains Shire provided \$512,642.

A SAFER ENTRANCE FOR BANNOCKBURN

Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble met with Senator the Hon. Sarah Henderson in January to celebrate the completion of the Bannockburn Township Entrance Safety project.

The project delivered a major roundabout constructed to improve public safety at the entrance to the business centre of Golden Plains Shire's largest town. Council and local community groups and members had long advocated for this much-needed safety infrastructure. The \$3.2 million project was an election commitment of the 2019 Federal Election and fully funded by the Australian Government.

The new roundabout safely controls the five entry and departure roads that meet at the intersection: Clyde Road (the main entry to Bannockburn from Ballarat); Shelford-Bannockburn Road (the main entry from Geelong and Batesford); the Bannockburn railway line intersection with Kelly Road; and a private access driveway to the Bannockburn Station Café.

The project also includes concrete splitter islands at each entry to the roundabout and street lighting to VicRoads' standards.



Investing in Community Infrastructure

Council is committed to improving community infrastructure across Golden Plains Shire and it's been a busy start to the year as Council celebrated the completion of four major projects with its Victorian Government and Federal Government partners.



A NEW HUB FOR GOLDEN PLAINS YOUTH

On Tuesday 12 April, Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble was joined by Minister for Local Government the Hon. Shaun Leane MP, Senator the Hon. Sarah Henderson and Bannockburn & District Grants representative Brett Cunningham for the official opening of the Golden Plains Youth Hub in Bannockburn.

The Youth Hub project transformed a portable office building into a dedicated youth facility located opposite the Shire's only high school, Bannockburn P-12 College. The building underwent a significant exterior and interior renovation to create a purpose-built, accessible and inclusive Youth Hub.

The \$562,000 project was delivered with \$271,032 from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, \$100,000 for the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, \$100,000 from Bannockburn & District Grants, and Council's \$90,720 in-kind contribution of the portable building. In addition, a further \$77,000 from Round 3 of the Australian Government's LRCI Program was allocated to the interior fit out of the Youth Hub, including furniture and technology.



HOWZAT! NEW NETS FOR LETHBRIDGE

Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble was joined by Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle MP and Lethbridge Cricket Club Secretary Damian Haywood to officially open three new cricket nets at the Lethbridge Recreation Reserve on 18 February.

The project delivered the relocation and construction of the outdoor training net facility consisting of three synthetic bays. The new nets will allow for increased training capacity for junior, mens and womens teams at Lethbridge Cricket Club and provide non-structured training opportunities for the Lethbridge community.

The \$170,000 Lethbridge Cricket Net Upgrade was a partnership project, with \$100,000 from the Victorian Government's Community Cricket Program, \$50,000 from Golden Plains Shire Council and \$20,000 from the Lethbridge Cricket Club.

The Lethbridge Cricket Net Upgrade follows the Lethbridge Lights and Irrigation Project completed last year, which included four lighting towers and upgraded irrigation as part of a \$450,000 partnership project from Council and the Victorian and Australian governments.

In the past year, Council has installed new cricket wickets in Shelford, Ross Creek and Bannockburn, and delivered the new cricket training facilities in Lethbridge and Linton.



SKATE PARK READY FOR ACTION

Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble joined Member for Geelong Christine Couzens MP for the official opening of the Bannockburn Skate Park on Saturday 18 March. The official proceedings were part of a community celebration of the new skate park, with local young people participating in a Scoot and Skate Jam hosted by the YMCA.

The \$449,900 project was delivered to address public safety and security issues at the site and wider precinct. The upgrade featured new skate elements including quarter pipes, ramps, boxes and rails, as well as a new shade shelter, drinking fountain, bike racks, lockers, lighting, safety signage, seating and electrical works. Repairs to the existing concrete slab and landscaping works have also been completed.

The skate park upgrade was a partnership project, funded by a \$250,000 Community Safety Infrastructure grant from the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program, and \$199,900 from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



A NEW HOME FOR THE HAWKS

On Saturday 2 April, Senator the Hon. Sarah Henderson and Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble attended the first Inverleigh Hawks home game of the season to officially open the Inverleigh Club Rooms Upgrade.

The project saw the existing club rooms at the Inverleigh Sporting Complex upgraded for the Inverleigh Football Netball Club and the Inverleigh community. The \$500,000 upgrade project was fully funded by the Australian Government and delivered a new social space, upgraded kitchen and canteen, bar and amenities.

Advocating for Golden Plains

Golden Plains Shire Council has welcomed the announcement that the Federal Government Election will be held on Saturday 21 May, 2022.

In the lead up to the election, Council has been advocating for bi-partisan commitments for valuable community infrastructure and important services across the Shire. The new boundaries released in 2021 have placed the townships of Golden Plains Shire in two federal electorates: Corangamite and Ballarat.

Following an election campaign, each electorate receives funding to deliver the promises on the political party who forms government, regardless of the aligned party of the newly-elected member of parliament.

With 56 communities in Golden Plains Shire, Federal Election commitments won't reach all the corners of the municipality, but every dollar of government investment that's secured saves money in Council's budget. This allows more money to be redirected to improving roads and delivering works in smaller townships that don't get election commitments.

FEDERAL ELECTION: BALLARAT ELECTORATE



The new electorate boundaries released in 2021 have moved all the townships in Golden Plains Shire that were in Wannon to the federal electorate of Ballarat, and added several towns that were formerly in the Corangamite electorate, including Lethbridge and Teesdale.

In 2022, Council has advocated for commitments for the following priority projects in the Ballarat electorate:

Woody Yaloak Reserve Lighting Project: \$650,000 for 150 lux lighting on the oval and netball courts at the Reserve, providing provide increased opportunities for sporting and community activities, training and matches, and events.

Smythesdale Sub-Regional Play Space: \$2.2 million for a new play space featuring age-diverse play elements, street furniture, barbecues, shade structure and accessible public toilets, co-located with the Smythesdale Skate Park.

24-Hour Ambulance Station: A new 24-hour ambulance station to better serve the northern townships of Golden Plains Shire, who currently experience notably poor ambulance response times.

Northern Streetscapes Project: \$1.3 million to deliver Stage Two of the Northern Streetscapes Project to beautify the town centres of Linton, Scarsdale and Smythesdale, increasing visitation to the northern corridor of the Shire.

Linton Oval Reconstruction: A \$880,000 project to deliver a complete reconstruction of the playing field on Linton Recreation Reserve, allowing greater use year-round and future sports participation.

Public Bus Network: A commitment to extend Ballarat's public bus service to Smythes Creek, Smythesdale and Scarsdale, providing greater access to public transport in the north of Golden Plains Shire.

These priority projects complement a range of current and recent initiatives in Golden Plains townships in the Ballarat electorate including the Rokewood Community Hub, Ross Creek Active Recreation and Play, Meredith Skate and BMX/Pump Track and the Teesdale Turtle Bend Upgrade.

In the 2019 election, there were no commitments for Golden Plains Shire townships in the Wannon electorate.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

To stay up-to-date with Federal Election promises in Golden Plains, read Council News in the *Golden Plains Times* and Council's website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au
Or follow Golden Plains Shire Council on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

FEDERAL ELECTION: CORANGAMITE ELECTORATE



In 2022, the area of Golden Plains Shire included in the electorate of Corangamite has been reduced from the 2019 election and now just includes Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Murgheboluc, Gheringhap, Batesford and Russells Bridge.

In the marginal electorate of Corangamite, Council has advocated for commitments for the following priority projects:

Bannockburn Netball Pavilion: \$1.4 million to build a new netball pavilion including female friendly change rooms at Victoria Park, Bannockburn. Supporting current and future participation at the growing netball club, the proposed facility includes a social indoor space, public toilets, team and umpire change rooms, first aid and office areas.

Inverleigh Active Youth Space: \$1.4 million to deliver this community-driven project with new bike tracks, an upgraded skate park, a social basketball court and associated works including carparks, seating and landscaping.

Bannockburn Family Services Centre Expansion: \$1.1 million to expand the Bannockburn Family Children's Services Centre (BFSC) to support an additional 60 kindergarten places in the growing south of the Shire.

Bannockburn Skate and Pump Track: \$441,000 for a new skate bowl and \$525,000 for a new BMX/pump track at the skate park in Bannockburn, home to the Shire's only high school and a rapidly growing youth population.

Inverleigh Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade: \$420,000 to fund 150 lux lighting and drainage on the second oval, supporting greater participation and training at Inverleigh Recreation Reserve.

Bannockburn Recreation Precinct Upgrade: \$10.15 million to deliver a new synthetic junior sports oval for junior football (soccer), Australian Rules, Little Athletics, hockey and cricket; cricket practice facility, new pavilion and extension, car park and landscaping works.

In the previous Federal Election in 2019, the Coalition made four election commitments for the Golden Plains townships in Corangamite, which encompassed a larger area including Lethbridge: \$3.2 million for the Bannockburn Entrance Roundabout, \$832,000 for the Bannockburn Soccer Facility Change Rooms, \$500,000 for the Inverleigh Club Rooms Upgrade and \$100,000 for the Lethbridge Reserve Lighting. All these projects have been delivered for the Golden Plains community.

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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

BUDGET 2022/23



The Golden Plains Shire Council's Draft Budget 2022/23 (Draft Budget) was endorsed by Council at its meeting on 26 April and is now on public exhibition for community feedback from 29 April to 30 May, 2022.

The Draft Budget 2022/23 is a responsible financial plan, focused on delivering more than 70 services of Council to the Golden Plains Shire community. In the second year of the Council term, the Draft Budget 2022/23 continues to progress the 21 strategic objectives and deliver the 83 key actions of the Council Plan 2021-2025, which was adopted last year with extensive community consultation. The Draft Budget has also been developed in line with the Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/22-2030/31.

This year, a new engagement initiative was launched seeking input on community priorities for the Council Budget 2022/23. Thank you to the residents who completed the community survey and spoke with Councillors at the online engagement sessions. This engagement feedback has been incorporated into the Draft Budget 2022/23.

Have Your Say on the Draft Budget

Ask Your Budget Questions: In May, Council's Finance Team will hold two engagement sessions to answer budget questions from residents that will assist with preparation of a submission to Council. The online consultation is on Wednesday 18 May, 4 to 6pm, with the link to be posted on Council's website the day prior to the engagement; visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au. There is also a telephone engagement session on Wednesday 25 May, from 4 to 6pm; call in on (03) 5220 7129 or (03) 5220 7128.

Engage with Your Councillors: A Councillor Conversation Post will be held at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market in Bannockburn, corner Milton and High Streets, 8.30am to 12.30pm. Stop by to speak with your Golden Plains Shire Councillors or complete a Budget submission.

Make a Budget Submission: Written submissions may be lodged by 9am, Monday 30 May, 2022. Post a submission addressed to Director Corporate Services, Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, VIC 3331; email enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au; or visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Present a Submission to Council: Council will hold a meeting at Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn at 6pm, Tuesday 7 June, and everyone who lodges a written submission may request to present it to Councillors at this meeting. The final Budget 2022/23 will be considered for adoption by Council at its meeting at the Golden Plains Civic Centre on Tuesday 28 June, 2022.

Read Council's Draft Budget 2022/23: Visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations or pick up a copy at Council's Customer Service Centres, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn or The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

Delivering Services for Golden Plains



In 2022/23, Council's commitment to quality services and programs for our Shire communities continues. Council is proud to fund and deliver more than 70 valuable community services, working every day for the people of Golden Plains Shire.

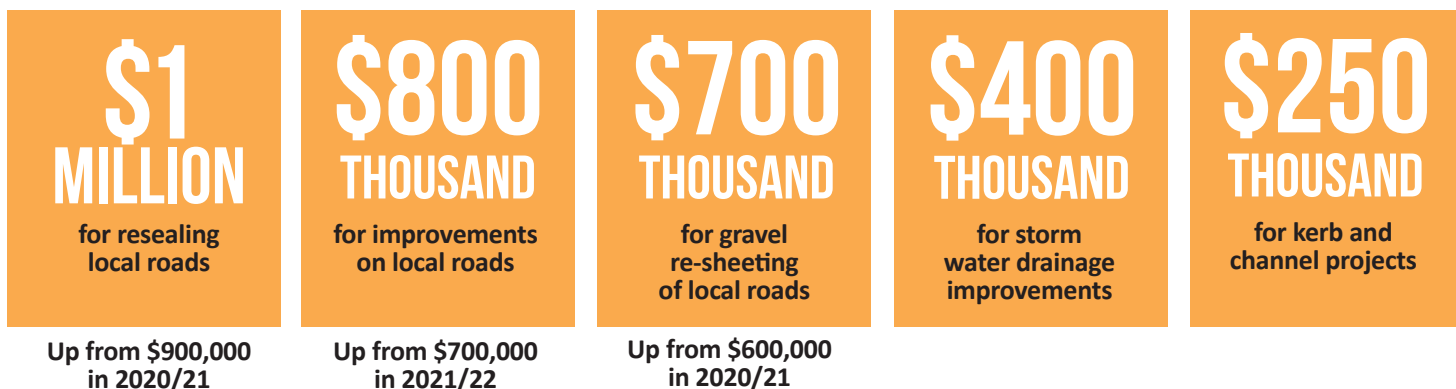
MORE THAN 70 SERVICES FOR GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

- Animal Management
- Arts and Culture
- Asset Management
- Bannockburn Cultural Centre
- Bicycle Paths
- Bridges
- Building Permits
- Building Surveyor and Services
- Business Support and Investment Attraction
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Council's Social Media
- Council's Website: goldenplains.vic.gov.au
- Community Engagement
- Community Events
- Community Grants
- Community Planning
- Community Centres and Facilities
- Community Safety
- Community Transport
- Customer Service
- Deaf Access
- Development Engineering
- Disability Services
- Drains, Kerb and Channel
- Early Years' Services
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Environment and Sustainability
- Environmental Health and Food Safety
- Family and Children's Services
- Facility Maintenance
- Family Day Care
- Fire Prevention and Control
- Golden Plains' Gazette Magazine
- Health and Wellbeing Promotion
- Immunisation
- Kindergartens
- Landfill Management
- Libraries – Bannockburn Library and Mobile Library
- Local Laws
- Local Roads Resealing and Rehabilitation
- Living at Home Assessments
- Major Projects
- Maternal and Child Health
- Meals on Wheels
- Occasional Child Care
- Parks and Gardens
- Pet Registrations
- Planning Framework, Amendments, Approvals and Enforcement
- Playgroups
- Playgrounds
- Positive Ageing Services
- Public Toilets
- Rates and Property Valuations
- Roadside Native Vegetation Management
- School Crossings
- Senior Week Activities
- Social Support Programs
- Sport and Recreation Planning and Management
- Statutory Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Street Cleaning, Furniture and Lighting
- Street Trees
- The Well in Smythesdale
- Township Maintenance
- Traffic Management
- Trail and Path Maintenance
- Transfer Station
- Volunteers
- Waste and Recycling Collection
- Weed and Pest Control
- Youth Development
- Youth Training

Key Features of Draft Budget 2022/23

\$18.8 MILLION INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL WORKS Up from \$14.6 million in 2021/22

INVESTING IN LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES



In the Draft Budget 2022/23, Council is delivering these important road infrastructure projects:

Road Rehabilitation Project:

\$1.5 million from the Australian Government’s Roads to Recovery Program to rehabilitate the following roads: Thompson Road in Maude, Slate Quarry Road in Meredith, Kopkes Road in Haddon, and Mt Mercer-Dereel Road in Dereel.

Replacement of bridges in Rokewood and Werneth:

A \$600,000 project to replace the Two Bridges Road bridge in Rokewood, the Wilgul-Werneth Road and Howells Road bridge in Werneth, and the Wurrook Road bridge in Rokewood.

Northern Streetscapes Project:

A \$1.3 million project to deliver the first stage of the Northern Streetscapes plan, funded by \$650,000 from Council and \$650,000 from Berrybank Windfarm, with the financial commitment made over two years: 2022/23 and 2023/24.

INVESTING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In the Draft Budget 2022/23, Council will deliver upgrades to several Golden Plains Shire community and recreation facilities including:

Meredith Skate/BMX/Play Project: A \$740,000 project, funded by \$320,000 from Council and \$420,000 from the Victorian Government.

Rokewood Community Hub: A \$3.96 million project, funded by \$442,000 from Council, \$18,000 from the Rokewood Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and \$3.5 million from the Victorian Government.

Linton Recreation Reserve Oval Replacement: A \$880,000 project, funded by \$680,000 from Council and \$200,000 from Victorian Government. Council is advocating for further funding investment from the Australian and Victorian Governments to deliver this project.

The following projects will be delivered by Council in 2022/23, if joint government funding is secured:

Replacement of bridge in Russells Bridge:

A \$2.1 million project to replace the bridge on Russells Bridge Road in Russells Bridge. The project is to be funded by \$315,000 from Council and \$1,785,000 from Australian Government’s Bridges Renewal Program.

Rokewood Recreation Reserve Netball/Tennis Upgrade:

A \$650,000 project, to be funded by \$216,000 from Council and \$434,000 from Victorian Government.

Golden Plains Tracks and Trails Strategy: A \$60,000 project, to be funded by \$30,000 from Council and \$30,000 from the Victorian Government.

What's New in Draft Budget 2022/23

1.75%
RATE CAP

1.5% in 2021/22
2.0% in 2020/21
2.5% in 2019/20

The **2022/23 Rate Cap** has been set by the State Government at **1.75%** and it's the law that Council's rates revenue cannot exceed this amount. The cap applies to General Rates and the Municipal Charge and it's an average increase across the Shire.

\$250
MUNICIPAL CHARGE

-\$60.60
from
2021/22

The **Municipal Charge** is a flat charge of **\$250** for every household in the Golden Plains Shire in 2022/23, decreasing by \$60.60 from 2021/22. A fixed rate charge ensures that all residents make a standard contribution and means that the rate share is equitably distributed across the Shire.

\$389
WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE

+\$10 from 2021/22

The **Waste Management Charge** is a fixed charge for every household in the Shire and funds the kerbside collection of household waste and recycling, as well as waste management. In 2022/23, the Waste Management Charge has increased by \$10, following the negotiation of a new kerbside collection contract and a \$20 per tonne increase in the Victorian Government's Landfill Levy.

NEW INITIATIVES IN DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23

\$800
THOUSAND

for landfill
rehabilitation works
in Teesdale

\$500
THOUSAND

for drainage and
car park works in
Inverleigh township

\$100
THOUSAND

for cypress tree
replacement program

\$10
THOUSAND

for outdoor areas at
local kindergartens

RATING STRATEGY 2022-2026

Following a review and community engagement in 2021, Council adopted its Rating Strategy 2022-2026 at its February 2022 meeting.

Under the new strategy, the following changes are effective from 1 July 2022:

- Increase to the vacant land differential from 200% to 205%
- Increase to the farm broadacre differential from 85% to 87.5%
- Increase to the farm intensive differential from 90% to 95%
- Increase to the Bannockburn business property differential rate from 120% to 130%
- Reduction of the Municipal Charge from \$310.60 to \$250

Following the adoption of the final Council Budget 2022/23, rate notices will be sent to all ratepayers in August. Council will continue to offer three payment options: monthly over 10 months, four instalments or one annual payment.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Customer Service

BANNOCKBURN

8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
2 Pope Street, Bannockburn
Victoria, 3331.

SMYTHESDALE

8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
19 Heales Street, Smythesdale
Victoria, 3351.

PHONE

P: 5220 7111
F: 5220 7100

POSTAL ADDRESS

Golden Plains Shire Council
PO Box 111, Bannockburn,
Victoria 3331.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

P: 1300 363 036
P: 5220 7111 (24 Hours)

To receive a copy of the *Gazette* in large print, call 5220 7111.

Council's Customer Service Centres and offices will be closed for the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 13 June, 2022.

COVER: Young Golden Plains Shire residents Harrison, Jacob and Oliver enjoy the recently completed Bannockburn Skate Park upgrade.

RATES PAYMENTS

All Golden Plains Shire ratepayers received their 2021/22 Rates Notices in the mail in August 2021.

Thank you to all the ratepayers who have signed up to the monthly payment programs, with those payments due on the 15th of the month through to June 2022. For residents who signed up to pay their rates by instalments, the fourth payment is due on 30 May 2022.

To discuss your rates payment, please call our Rates team for a confidential conversation at **5220 7111**.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 GPSC COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

Council congratulates the worthy winners of the Golden Plains Shire Council Community Awards 2021.

The Golden Plains Shire Council (GPSC) Community Awards 2021 were presented on 25 January, at an outdoor event at Teesdale Turtle Bend Reserve. Following a Citizenship Ceremony, all award nominees were recognised and this year's winners announced.

GPSC Citizen of the Year 2021: Barry Wemyss of Smythesdale.

GPSC Senior Citizen of the Year 2021: Peter Trevaskis of Inverleigh.

GPSC Young Citizen of the Year 2021: Alisha Nurnaitis of Bannockburn.

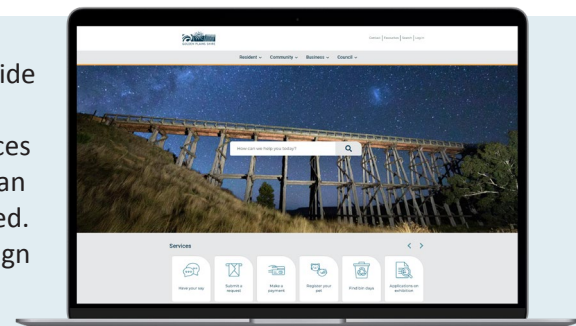
GPSC Community Impact Award 2021: Woody Yaloak Historical Society.

For more information on all GPSC Community Awards 2021 winners and nominees, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL WEBSITE IS HERE!

Council's new website has a fresh new design and significant improvements to the customer experience with better accessibility, navigation and search ability.

An enhanced search feature, alongside a simplified navigation menu and direct links to frequently used services on the home page make it easier than ever to find the information you need. While the new, simple, modern design increases accessibility to provide a better and more inclusive user experience for all users.



To check out the new website, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au

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