



GET READY TO ROCK AT BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Golden Plains Youth Battle of the Bands event will be held on Saturday 24 August from 6.30 to 9.30pm at the Inverleigh Public Hall.

Battle of the Bands is a showcase of young up and coming artists, inclusive of all genres, with bands, soloists, duo performances and digital artists all set to take centre stage.

Presented by the FReeZA Youth Events Crew, with support from Council's Youth Development Team, the competition is

designed to support emerging musicians by providing a safe and inclusive opportunity to perform in front of a live audience.

The Battle of the Bands competition is funded by FReeZA, a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, smoke, vaping and alcohol-free music and cultural events for other young people. This is an all ages, fully supervised event with strictly no pass outs.

Registrations to attend open soon via goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events.

SMART SHIRES NETWORK – INTERNET OF THINGS

Golden Plains Shire Council has worked with two neighbouring Shires to establish a Long-Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN). Residents, farmers and agricultural groups can connect to the network for free after purchasing monitoring sensors.

In 2022, Golden Plains, Moorabool and Hepburn Shire Councils received funding from the State Government's Rural Council Transformation Program Round 2 funding program. The funding helped create the LoRaWAN Internet of Things (IoT) network across the three Shires which facilitates the connection of IoT sensors.

People can purchase sensors from various vendors and connect them to the network to monitor actions including water levels, electric fences, gates, vehicle traffic and rainfall. Golden Plains has installed seven connection gateways across the Shire with the aim of providing full coverage to all areas.

To learn more and download the Smart Shires Fact Sheet, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident/smart-shires-network or contact Golden Plains Shire Council's ICT team by calling 5220 7111 or email enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au.