

DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26

ONLINE FORUM



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE



HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S GROWING PLACES STRATEGY

Today is the last opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Growing Places Strategy (GPS) - Council's blueprint for growth up to 2050 and beyond.

Council has been receiving feedback on the draft GPS since mid-2023 and this feedback, alongside further research and technical studies, has significantly influenced the plan's development.

The draft GPS with an action plan for implementation, suggested planning scheme changes, previous consultation findings and the complete background research and technical studies are available at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations.

Community members can provide feedback until 5pm, Friday 31 January.

DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26 ONLINE FORUM ENGAGES COMMUNITY

Golden Plains Shire Council is offering the chance to engage with the development of its Draft Budget 2025/26 through an online information session on Wednesday 5 February from 6 to 7pm.

The Online Forum will be an opportunity to learn more about the Draft Budget 2025/26 process, including: An outline of the Budget process, Budget timelines, feedback received through the recent Financial Plan consultation, information on how to lodge a Budget Submission, and Budget Submission timeframes which will be open until 9am, Friday 5 March 2025.

The link for the online information session is available at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events and the session will begin at 6pm on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

For more information on making a Budget Submission and presenting a submission to Council, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations.

Council will hold a meeting at the Golden Plains Civic Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn at 6pm, Tuesday 1 April 2025 and anyone who lodges a written submission may request to present it to Councillors at this meeting.



FOCUS ON HEAT AWARENESS AT ESCAPE THE HEAT SESSIONS

There are still spots available for Council's Escape the Heat morning tea sessions which begin next week.

The sessions aim to educate older residents in Golden Plains about heat awareness and fire safety.

Available sessions include:

- **Tuesday 4 February** from 10am to 12pm at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre, 27 High Street, Bannockburn.

- **Tuesday 11 February** from 10am to 12pm at The Well, 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale.

The sessions will also feature guest speakers from the CFA and a community nurse who will provide information and support on health and wellbeing.

To register for Escape the Heat, email customerhub@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111. The first 20 registrations across both sessions will receive a gift bag.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

Sign up to Council's Community Engagement Register to receive Council's monthly Engage newsletter and stay up to date with community engagement opportunities and updates.

