

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Pictured here is myself and fellow Councillors at a recent Conversation Post we held at the CFA Thank You Day in Rokewood. We held this to engage the community in the Rokewood Community Plan and be available to hear from residents with their issues, concerns and feedback. More than 80 community members gathered to support the CFA and we were able to sign up 25 people to participate in the Rokewood Community Plan.

In March, Council offered residents who currently have an unregistered cat the ability to have their cat desexed for FREE for a limited time – the offer was a huge success, with all vacancies filled less than 48 hours after the announcement.

The offer not only benefited residents financially, it also helped increase pet registrations and the number of desexed cats, which is great for the community and Council. The initiative also generated great business activity for Smythesdale Veterinary Practice and Golden Plains Veterinary Practice.

Council has received some enquiries from the community about the future of a number of trees in Inverleigh. While we appreciate the environmental and social importance of the trees in Inverleigh, there are concerns about the safety risks some trees pose on the community, so Council will soon be undertaking an independent arborist's report, which includes a review of the trees. Please visit our website and search 'Inverleigh trees' to see Council's full response to community concerns.

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL



The Premier's Active April program encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It's free, it's fun and it's part of the Victorian Government's commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Residents are encouraged to get on board and enjoy a month-long fitness commitment that's full of fun.

To help you get active in Golden Plains this April, we've put together a calendar list of local physical activity opportunities. To view this list and find out about registering, visit our website and search 'Premier's Active April'.

FARMERS' MARKET SURVEY



The Golden Plains Farmers' Market seeks community feedback to help make our award-winning Market even better.

Council supports the Market because it strengthens opportunities for local growers and makers, supports the local economy and creates a vibrant community meeting place, where there is access to fresh, local food.

Despite its intrinsic community value, we recognise the Market can still be improved upon, so we are asking local market-goers for their feedback to help us shape the Market's future direction. You can find the survey by searching for 'Farmers' Market' at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultation.

PET REGISTRATION RENEWALS: DUE 10 APRIL



To help Council find your pet should it stray, and resolve incidents involving pets, by law, dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered with Council, and registration tags must be worn at all times.

The annual renewal date is 10 April every year, which is coming up.

Registration costs do change annually, but discounts apply for microchipped and de-sexed dogs and cats; the cost of a discounted registration is \$43 (per animal), where the cost of a full registration is \$126 (per animal).

Failure to register or renew the registration of a dog or cat over the age of three months can result in a fine of \$317 for the 2017/18 financial year.

APRIL GAZETTE OUT NOW



Our April Gazette is now available, with all the latest news for residents.

You can find out about the Moorabool Valley Taste Trail (follow the treasure map to local wineries, restaurants, farmers' markets and more – enjoy deliciousness at your doorstep!). You can also get an update on the exciting Bannockburn Heart project, hear some great news about youth funding, find out about a 19-year-old Maude resident who has been selected to represent Australia at the Para-Cycling World Cup, opportunities to have your say (and much more).

Visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/publications to view the latest edition.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



JOBS: Maintenance Worker (Linton) – Permanent full-time (applications close 9 April 2018). Youth Activities Officer – Permanent part-time (applications close 9 April 2018). Information regarding these vacancies, including position descriptions, can be found at goldenplains.applynow.net.au

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| 4-13 April: Boredom Busters Bannockburn | 11 April: Family First Aid |
| 6 April: Baby Time, Tissue Paper Art | 12 April: GPS Adventures |
| 7 April: Golden Plains Farmers' Market | 14 April: Inverleigh Food Swap |
| 10 April: Reimagine Yourself | 15 April: Inverleigh Produce & Lifestyle Market |

Visit our Events calendar at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events for more information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There are 19 planning permits currently being advertised in Golden Plains Shire; visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au and search for 'planning permits currently advertised'.

PUBLIC NOTICE ADS: To see current Public Notices visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news/public-notices