

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



There are some great initiatives happening in our Shire at the moment to support local parents and children.

Below you can learn about 'Veggie-licious week' activities – over 170 children around the Shire were involved and I hope we now have lots of new veggie fans around the Shire. We are also inviting families to celebrate National Science Week with their children by attending Science Sensations with Professor Brains at the Bannockburn Library on Tuesday 14 August from 10am. Families can enjoy super science with elements of surprise experiments to enthuse and amaze all. Additionally our Healthy Families Program, in conjunction with Drummond Street Services, are facilitating a 'Parenting Children Who Worry Too Much' seminar for parents of children aged between two and 10 years of age. Check out our online events calendar at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events for more information.

We have also had some recent success with obtaining funding to support health and wellbeing in our Shire. It is so important to Council to support physical activity, increase participation rates and improve facilities for our residents. The Bannockburn netball court surfaces are not up to scratch and the community expressed concerns about the safety of the facility as well – community safety is paramount to Council. Looking at how we can help our adult residents 'Step over the Sidelines' is a great initiative – we know that inactivity is a big problem and we know being active has huge benefits to the participant, beyond just the physical.

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor

DRAFT INVEREIGH STRUCTURE PLAN UPDATE



Council would like to thank the 70 people who came to see the draft Structure Plan proposed for Inverleigh at the conversation posts in June.

We received detailed and valuable feedback, including seven written submissions. We have heard some very clear messages about Inverleigh, including that the country town/village character is cherished by the community, some conflicting views about lot sizes and proposals for rural and service industry, commercial, recreation and horse riding/bridle paths. Find out more, including the next steps, by searching for 'Draft Inverleigh Structure Plan update' on our website.

VETERANS GRANTS



The Victorian Government has opened the Veterans Capital Works Grant Program, designed to help fund capital works for facilities that support veterans, their families and the broader community.

Major Grants of up to \$200,000 and Minor Grants of up to \$50,000 are available. Eligible projects include renovations to ex-service organisation buildings and facilities that will help improve access and usability of the facility for veterans and the broader community and ensure the on-going viability of facilities either through increased usage or operating efficiencies. Applications close on Monday 27 August. Details can be found at www.dpc.vic.gov.au/veterans/veterans-grants

IMPORTANT NOTICES



- JOBS:**
- Finance Manager (applications close 20 August 2018)
 - Strategic Planner (applications close 20 August 2018)
 - Team Leader People and Safety (applications close 13 August 2018)

Information regarding all vacancies, including position descriptions, can be found at goldenplains.applynow.net.au

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11 August: Inverleigh Food Swap	14 & 21 August: Parenting Children Who Worry Too Much
11 & 18 August: Bannockburn Bush parkrun	18 August: Smythesdale Country Market
11-18 August: Science Week celebrations	18 August: Centenary rededication of Ross Creek Avenue of Honour
14 August: Tuesday Pram Walk – Bannockburn	

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There are 16 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-notice.

VEGGIE-LICIOUS WEEK



Over the last week of July, children across our Shire participated in an innovative food education initiative known as Veggie-licious Week.

Over 170 children from our child care rooms, kindergartens and Family Day Care services took part in various fun activities designed to create exposure to different vegetables and provide hands-on opportunities to increase confidence and knowledge around vegetables.

Activities during the week included cooking sessions, (making vegetable soup, slices, and mini pizzas), garden planting activities, with seedling pot plants to take home; vegetable story time, education and exposure sessions; dress-up days and vegetable themed arts and craft activities.

GRANTS SUCCESSES



Golden Plains Shire Council has secured two key grants of \$100,000 and \$10,000 to support our community's health and wellbeing efforts.

Council has secured \$100,000 from the Victorian Government's Country Football and Netball Program 2018-19 for the redevelopment of the Bannockburn Victoria Park netball courts, and a \$10,000 VicHealth Exploration grant from the Innovation Challenge grant program. Council would like to acknowledge the State Government and VicHealth for their support with these important initiatives.