ANAKIE ADVOCATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is so much to do in our region!

More details inside.

- Fresh Food Fair
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- Winchelsea RE-Loved
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- Golden Plains Twilight
 Market
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- Community Carols Picnic Sunday 14 December Bring a picnic, rug and your singing voice for a relaxed afternoon at Balliang Memorial Hall.
- Anakie Community Teas
 Ist Friday of the Month
 Come along to the Anakie
 Football & Netball Club
 from 6pm.
 Call 0408 609 050



Recorded by Cambria Parkinson

In Memory of Ray Tucker



The Anakie Community House mourns the passing of Ray Tucker—our founding Committee of Management President and a cherished current committee member. Ray led with dedication and integrity, serving as President from 1986 to 2016. His commitment to community and good governance shaped the foundation of our House and its values.

Beyond leadership, Ray gave generously of his time—tending the garden with care and serving as a devoted caretaker of the Anakie Hall. His warm presence, captivating storytelling, and unwavering kindness touched all who knew him.

Ray will be deeply missed by the Anakie community.

Rest in peace, Ray.

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November in the Garden Time to Get Growing

November is one of the best months for gardening in Anakie. The soil is warming up, the days are longer, and plants are ready to thrive. It's a great time to plant herbs like dill, chamomile, parsley, oregano, rosemary, thyme, and sage. Keep mint and lemon balm in pots, though — they'll quickly take over if planted in the ground.

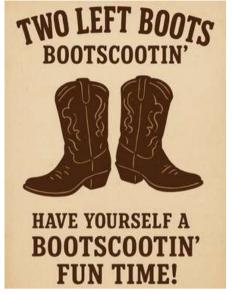
For a productive patch, sow or plant capsicum, chilli, beetroot, carrots, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce, potatoes, pumpkins, leeks, silverbeet, squash, sweet corn, and zucchini.

Add some colour to your garden with chamomile, petunias, snapdragons, or marigolds. They'll brighten your space and attract pollinators and other helpful insects.

Gardening Australia Magazine features a great interactive planner that helps you create a veggie garden planting guide, which you can print. See the link for more information: www.gardeningaustraliamag.com.au/planting-guide/#step1

Anakie Community Garden Catch up is on 6th November from 9.30am-11.40am. All welcome.

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We want to hear from you!

Anakie Community House wants you to share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences as we work together to strengthen our community. Please complete our survey by scanning the QR Code, or go to our website. You can also complete at the House during office hours.



Get involved

- Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community while meeting new people.
 There are plenty of opportunities for those interested in helping out.
- Sign up our regular newsletters. Stay in the loop and be the first to know about programs and events.
- Are you someone who is interested in running a course or activity? We would love to hear from you.

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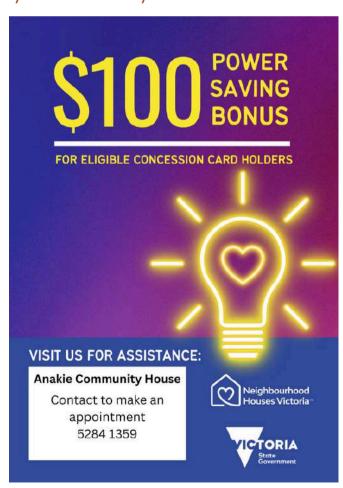
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Anakie Community House Logo

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Anakie Fire Brigade News

With the final month of spring here and temperatures soaring, the weather is certainly heating up!

First and foremost, I'd like to give a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Open Day and Fire Planning Workshop. It was great to see so many community members engaging with our brigade and taking steps to prepare for the fire season.

As the Fire Danger Period gets closer, knowing where to get reliable, timely information is critical. You must have a plan, and a critical part of that plan is knowing how to stay informed. For real-time emergency information, make sure you know how to access the official warnings and advice. Find the most up-to-date info at these sources:

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Remember, emergency situations can change quickly, and power or mobile phone towers can fail.

Stay safe, stay informed, and enjoy the start of the warm weather!

Sincerely, Edward Atkin

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Anakie CFA Roster						
Date	Tanker 1	Tanker 2	Anakie FCV	Ultra Light	Station	
2 Nov 2025	Rhiannon Hodges	Mark Haby	Kate Couch	Paul Moore	Ben Herholdt	
9 Nov 2025	Ian McDonald	Declan Herdholt	Ian MacDonald	Shane Hill	Andrea Barton	
16 Nov 2025	Kate Couch	Russell Burns	Edward Atkin	Pat Carroll	Declan Herholdt	
23 Nov 2025	Adam Jones	Neil Giacometti	Carol Brislane	Ben Herholdt	Liam Hodges	
30 Nov 2025	Gordon Hodges	Ian MacDonald	Shane Hill	David Walter	John Mangrum	

COMMUNITY CAROLS PICNIC - DECEMBER 14

Join in a new community celebration - the Community Carols Picnic at the Balliang Memorial Hall! St George's Anglican church has been part of the district since 1912, currently meeting 10am 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Along with the Harvest Festival, which had been held in the community for many years, we are creating another place to celebrate together.

The Balliang Community Carols is for all ages. Bring a picnic, rug and your singing voice for a relaxed afternoon. A free sausage sizzle will be provided and there will be craft activities for kids. Local talent will also perform. Come and hear the Christmas story, and the best present ever given.







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Anakie Primary School recently teamed up with our local Brisbane Rangers Landcare group for a fantastic tree-planting day! Our Environment Club and Year 5/6 students worked together to plant native trees and indigenous shrubs around our school. The project not only helps improve our school environment but also teaches students about sustainability and caring for our local ecosystem. A big thank you to Robert and Nina for their support and expertise!

Welcome Kate!

Welcome to the new Coordinator of the Anakie Community House, Kate Blacket.

I am confident that Kate will be an excellent support for the Anakie community, and I look forward to continuing my work with her and the Community House for the residents of Anakie.

Better Roads Blitz

The Labor Government is fixing roads across the Geelong region.

The massive Better Roads Blitz will sweep across the state, rebuilding, repairing and resurfacing roads across every corner of the state.

Backed by a record \$976 million investment, crews will be hard at work delivering hundreds of major maintenance projects on Victoria's roads – with 70 per cent of the funding dedicated to repairing regional roads.

This will include road resurfacing at Geelong-Ballan Road, Anakie; Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road, Little River; and Midland Highway, Batesford along with rehabilitation works at Princes Highway West, between Anakie Road and Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road at Corio.

These will be some of the many roads in the Geelong region undergoing works between now and mid-2026.

As always, if there is any way I or my office can be of assistance with any state government matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 52 753 898 or email ella.george@parliament.vic.gov.au

Kind regards, Ella

Ella George MP State Member for Lara



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CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

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CHRISTMAS TABLE **CENTREPIECE** WORKSHOP



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Anakie Community Information

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Office hours

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Local organisations contact details

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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



FROM THE **MAYOR'S DESK**

NOVEMBER 2025

With Summer fast approaching and the festive season nearing, it's been a busy time at Council as we reflect on the year that was and look forward to the exciting developments on the horizon.

It was great to see the Golden Plains Shire Council Annual Report 2024/25 presented to Council at the October Council meeting.

The Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of our achievements and performance in the 2024/25 financial year against the five community outcome areas as set out in the Council Plan 2021-2025 and sets the course for the future.

The Annual Report is available to view online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/ council/publications/annual-report.

Nominations for the 2026 Community Awards opened on Wednesday 1 October and are available in four categories: Community Hero of the Year, Senior Community Hero of the Year, Young Community Hero of the Year and Community Group Award. Your nominations will help us celebrate the hard work, passion, and dedication that makes our community so special. I encourage residents to nominate an individual or community group that truly make a difference in the community. Nominations can be made up until 5pm, Friday 28 November 2025 at goldenplains.vic. gov.au/consultations.

Golden Plains Shire Council has been successful in obtaining \$2 million from the Victorian Government's Safe Local Roads and Streets Program, This initiative is designed to enhance road safety on Council-managed roads, intersections and precincts.

There were six projects which successfully attracted funding, and you can read details of these projects at

goldenplains.vic.gov.au/news.

As the warmer weather approaches. it's a critical time to focus on fire safety. I encourage all residents to take some time to review your fire emergency plan and stay informed throughout the season. Your preparedness is key to keeping vourselves and our community safe.

Council will be providing fire safety information on its website and through social media over the coming months, so make sure you stay up to date.

Lastly, I'm thrilled that the Golden Plains Twilight Market is returning in 2025 for a delightful evening of festivities. I encourage the community to save the date:

Thursday 4 December from 4 to 8pm at the Bannockburn Heart.

This year's Twilight Market is the ultimate destination for all your Christmas needs and is an opportunity to relax and enjoy some wonderful food and music. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in community, Owen Sharkey Mayor



LATEST ISSUE OF THE **GAZETTE IS OUT NOW!**

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This issue is full of important news and stories from all corners of the Shire, including the revised Budget 2025/26, the Community Awards 2026, the latest road works, Active Golden Plains Sport and Rec Fest, the Council Plan 2025-2029 and much more!

To sign up for the Gazette, email enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au or scan the QR Code below.





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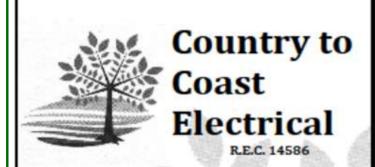
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