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Banyule
City Council

Mayor's Message

Mayor
Cr Elizabeth Nealy



As I near the end of my term as Banyule Mayor, I'd like to reflect on some of the great outcomes we have achieved as a Council.

Integrated planning

Our new integrated approach to developing Council plans and strategies increased community participation through face-to-face and online seminars, allowing residents to help shape important plans that direct our work now and into the future.

COVID-19 recovery

While the financial and health effects of the pandemic are reducing, Council is mindful that many are still experiencing hardship. We developed a Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy to guide our work in caring for those in need, while meeting our responsibilities in managing Council's budget and providing services to our community.

Backing business & local jobs

Council's Economic Development team, Banyule Business, has been a vital support for local enterprises through the pandemic and continues to back business with targeted programs for new and existing businesses. Get the story on page 6. Banyule continues to set the standard for inclusive employment and social enterprise partnerships. Our award-winning programs are providing people of all abilities with meaningful work and training and helping them build pathways into study and long-term careers.

Addressing the rising cost of waste

We have reconsidered how we manage waste, in the face of rising costs and new regulatory requirements. The successful introduction of our FOGO service was a huge achievement. We've also introduced waste rates to provide better oversight and transparency of the costs of waste management.

Building a better Banyule

Bellfield Community Hub is open and the adjacent community housing development is underway. We're nearing completion on the redevelopment of Olympic Park and a new Rosanna Library has planning approval. We've maintained a busy program of improvements to sports pavilions, sportsfield lighting, community halls, maternal and child health centres, bushland reserves and other community facilities.

Thank you


It has been an honour to be Mayor and I thank my fellow councillors for their support. Together we have had a productive year working for our community. Thanks to the staff of Banyule Council for their commitment and hard work. And thanks to the community members who get involved and keep us on track to create the Banyule you want and deserve.

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Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

 **Upcoming dates:**
7 November, 14 November

 **From 7pm**

 **For location and up-to-date COVID restrictions, please check our website.**

For agendas, minutes, public question time and request to speak forms, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. Council is committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone; principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.

Tough love turns out swimmingly for Nick

Nick Vouk has just won Life Saving Victoria's highest individual honour, the John Wishart Memorial Medal for Lifesaver of the Year, but it was not love at first sight of water.

"I used to hate swimming lessons and would do anything to get out of it," he remembered.

Now aged 22, Nick is a lifeguard and duty manager at Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre and spends most of his spare time volunteering for Surf Life Saving Victoria, where he trains lifeguards and is a state officer looking after clubs around Port Phillip.

"If it hadn't been for this one, things may have been very different for me," he said, gesturing to Liz Dance, sitting beside him.

Liz Dance is the swim teacher who put him through hell all those years ago and whose team recently taught his grandmother to swim. Liz understands the importance of learning to swim and the long-term benefits of learning to love the pool.

"The physiological and psychological health benefits of swimming are unparalleled," she said.

A former high school teacher, Liz is the Aquatic Education Coordinator at Ivanhoe Aquatic, where she leads a team of 50 people who teach swim lessons to more than 1500 people a week. She also manages a small team that trains the lifeguards and swim teachers; this team was named Training and Pool Safety Licensee of the Year at the LSV awards.

"Teaching swimming is the most meaningful teaching I've ever done," she said.

Liz's top tips for water safety: learn to swim and never take your eyes off little ones when near water.

"We are a country surrounded by water; swimming is part of our cultural identity. A competent swimmer can potentially save their own life or the life of another person."



Swim buddies: Liz Dance and Nick Vouk on the pool deck at Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre.

Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre, 170 Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe

**Open: weekdays 6am-9.15pm
weekends from 7am-7.45pm**

**Learn to swim lessons are available
for people aged 2 to adults**

Contact Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre
on 9490 7111, scan the code or go to
iafc.vic.gov.au



Olympic Leisure is opening!

Olympic Leisure Centre is reopening after repairs and renovations. Facilities include spa, sauna, 25m pool, gym, basketball and group fitness sessions. Casual entry or sign up for a membership.

Olympic Leisure Centre, Alamein Rd, Heidelberg West

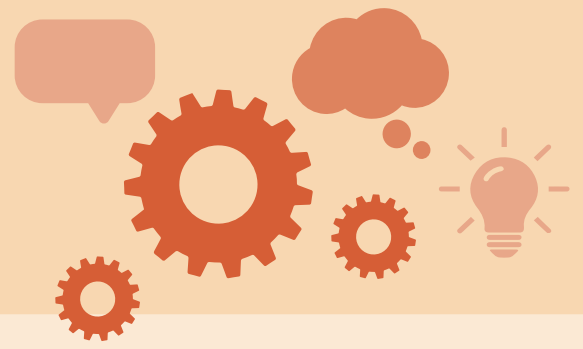
Monday-Thursday: 7am-12.30pm & 3.30pm-8.00pm; Friday: 7am-12.30pm & 3.30pm-6.00pm; Saturday: 8am-1pm; Sunday: 9am-1pm

olc.vic.gov.au



Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Urban Food Strategy

The 'food system' is everything that happens from farm to fork - the web of people, processes and interactions involved in growing, processing, distributing, selling, eating and disposing of the food we eat. It affects human and environmental health in many ways. Banyule's first Urban Food Strategy, being developed in partnership with Sustain: The Australian Food Network, will look at the food system in our community to ensure it is:

- Healthy
- Sustainable
- Equitable
- Inclusive
- Accessible

From mid-October to December we are asking for community input to help shape the Urban Food Strategy. Do you face challenges accessing healthy food? How do you think our food systems could be improved?

Your Council contact:

Danielle Clarke, Social Policy & Planner Team Leader
Ph: 9049 3381
Email: danielle.clarke@banyule.vic.gov.au

Read more and get involved at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/UrbanFood or scan the code



Pecks Dam repairs

Pecks Dam Reserve is one of a series of small reserves in Montmorency that form a habitat corridor. A mix of conservation and recreation areas, it is managed by Banyule's Bushland Management team with assistance from local volunteers. Its main attraction is the original farm dam, which is 664m² and about 8m deep when full. Over the years it has been used for swimming, fishing, yabbing and boating and as a subject for artists.

A risk assessment conducted last year found that the dam wall needed to be repaired. Restoration works will reduce peak water levels, improve drainage, control potential stormwater surges and reduce the pressure of retained water, while retaining the look and feel of the existing wall and maintaining the reserve's conservation values.

Your Council contact:

Chris Callahan, Bushland Management Coordinator
Ph: 9490 4412
Email: chris.callahan@banyule.vic.gov.au

Find out what's planned for Pecks Dam at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/PecksDam or scan the code.



Youth Summit helping shape Banyule's future

Every two years Banyule Youth Services hosts a Youth Summit in which 100 young people from high schools across Banyule come together to debate and make recommendations to Council about what they believe could improve the community, the environment and the lives of themselves and their peers.

The last Banyule Youth Summit in May 2021 yielded a range of practical and inspiring outcomes, or Summit Recommendations, which Council's Youth Services team has been working with young people to deliver.

To ensure that Banyule Youth Summit is more than a talkfest, every alternate year we report on our achievements. At the 'Banyule Youth Summit – Report Card' event, held in August, young people spoke with guests about the activity they were involved in and how it has informed and improved their lives.

Council will continue to support young people in making their world and their future a better one. We are now planning towards next year's 5th Banyule Youth Summit.



Above: Cr Alison Champion, left, and Youth Engagement Officer Maddi Cooper.
Below: Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy, left, and Report Card MC Evey Hunter.

Here are just a few of the great initiatives sparked by the 2021 Youth Summit:

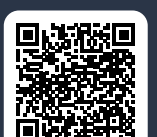
- A school jumper recycling project that has salvaged almost 200 garments that were destined for landfill.
- A series of workshops for young people, families and professionals on a wide range of topics including cultural diversity, bullying, mental health, supporting your friends and LGBTIQ+ inclusive language.
- A public art installation by a young artist to showcase all-ability talents and start conversations about mental health challenges.
- Activities to promote cultural inclusion, including a Somali-Australian young men's employment forum, women-only swim nights, and culturally accessible mental health first aid.
- A social group for young carers where they could socialise and get support from youth workers.
- 'Orange Juice', a short film raising awareness and understanding of young women living with Autism (ASD).
- 'Shout It Out', a live music festival to support and celebrate LGBTIQ+ young people.

Take a closer look at nature in the 2023 Banyule Community Calendar



Order yours now:
Phone **9490 4222**, scan the code
or order online at
banyule.vic.gov.au/Calendar

Read more about the outcomes from the 2021 Youth Summit at banyuleyouth.com/youth-summit or scan the code.



Banyule Business

Making it easier to do business in Banyule

Council's Economic Development team, Banyule Business, helps businesses establish and grow in Banyule. We are a first point of contact for local business and an important link between the business community and government bodies, educational institutions and regional organisations.

Focused on Our Thriving Economy, one of the six priority themes in the Banyule Community Vision 2041, Banyule Business can help with everything from the latest economic data to training seminars, digital support and mentoring.



Business Concierge

Small business permit assistance

If you're thinking about starting your own business or want to expand your existing business, our Business Concierge is the place to get help with permits and applications as well as general advice on running your business.

Here's what people are saying about our Business Concierge service:

- "The process was seamless; all the help provided made things extremely easy to understand and abide by."
- "As a first-time business owner this assistance was perfect in helping to get things going smoothly."
- "I found everyone very helpful."
- "It was surprisingly straightforward; the Business Concierge Officer was warm, helpful, efficient and knowledgeable."

Business grants

Small businesses make a big contribution to the local economy and add to the vibrancy and energy of our community. We support the business community through grants that provide financial assistance to help businesses start up, lead innovation, invest back into their business and create vibrant precincts.

Banyule Business has distributed seven rounds of COVID-19 business grants, helping local businesses survive and thrive through the uncertainty of lockdowns. We also helped businesses stay up to date with changing restrictions and a volatile marketplace.

COVID-19 Business grants, April 2020 – March 2022

Seven rounds of grants totalling \$960,000

256 recipients

87 start-ups ignited

**\$545,602 spent back in Banyule
and Melbourne's north**

“ The grant we received helped us build a new website, which has increased traffic to our website and brought us more quality customers. We really appreciate council's generous support in this difficult time. ”

Georgia, Bar Eight, Bundoora

“ I am so grateful for the support we received from Banyule Council to help us recover from COVID. The coaching we received enabled us to grow our business to the point where we needed to hire three administration team members. ”

Amy Ravell, The Art of Decluttering

Rediscover Local

Rediscover Local boosts the local economy by encouraging residents and businesses to shop locally for goods and services.

Supporting businesses in neighbourhood centres and industrial estates, as well as home-based enterprises, Rediscover Local helps attract new customers and encourage existing customers to shop more often.

Rediscover Local links businesses and the community through:

- Rediscover Local social media, website, Banyule Business Directory and Little Book of Banyule Offers.
- Advertising – print, digital, direct mail, bus shelters, posters, gift cards and videos.
- Displays and activities in neighbourhood areas, including attractive new murals.

- Shoppable Windows – vacant retail spaces invigorated with displays showcasing local home-based businesses.
- Rediscover Local gift cards supporting neighbourhood and industrial estates.
- Collaborations with Council's Youth Services and Arts and Culture teams.

Look out for our exciting roller door program launching soon. Businesses in Heidelberg will be reinvigorated with new artwork, improving the visual appeal of the area.

Turn to page 24 to connect with Rediscover Local.



Supporting our retail centres

Banyule Business works with traders associations to coordinate promotions and act as a catalyst for investment in activity centres. These activities are financed by a special rates and charges program and include community events, competitions, newsletters, advertising and business networking opportunities to encourage commerce, activity and employment in our retail centres. Each special rate scheme is overseen by an incorporated trader's association that appoints a part-time Centre Manager to coordinate activities and act as a contact between Council and the association.



Business events and networking opportunities

From business breakfasts to awards events, Banyule Council supports a range of networking opportunities where business owners can connect with like-minded professionals.



Making great community places

Council has received overwhelmingly positive community feedback for the parklets and pop-up parks installed as part of the Victorian Government's extended outdoor dining program to support hospitality businesses by providing safe and attractive outdoor dining areas. Banyule Business is now promoting events and activities to engage the community and ensure the longevity of the parklets as part of a wider program to create vibrant, attractive spaces that connect the community with their local shopping centres.

How can we help grow your business?

Connect with us at banyulebusiness.com.au or scan the code



Cycling in Banyule

For more information on all matters cycling, contact Council's Transport Planning team at transport@banyule.vic.gov.au



Pedals power Kelvin to 95

Kelvin Chamier's first bike was a dashing green Kingdom. When he got it home, his dad sent him back to the shop in Clifton Hill for a larger model that would last longer as he grew. After Kelvin outgrew it, the bike saw many more years service as it was passed down through his siblings.

Kelvin's been through a few bikes since then, graduating to an e-bike three years ago at the age of 92 to ease the daily commute through the hills of Eaglemont to visit his wife in a nursing home. But, when he and his daughter and son-in-law completed the Mawson Trail in South Australia in August, there was no such luxury as electricity; they completed the 900-kilometre journey on mountain bikes, camping along the trail each night.

Now elder statesman of the Banyule Bicycle User Group, Kelvin is a regular on BUG 'Latte Group' rides around Melbourne and occasional country rides. The group is planning a party for his 95th birthday in November. "I love the friendship and the exercise," said Kelvin, pictured above, at front, with other BUG members.

Contact the BUG: banyulebug.org.au

Bike skills sessions for adults

Council's bike education program for adults offers one-on-one sessions for beginner riders to build skills and confidence in a safe environment. Sessions are 45 minutes and cost \$19.50 (\$15.50 concession). BYO bike and helmet.

Bookings at trybooking.com/BZSHK



Bikes, BUGs and blenders at Eco Festival

Roll up to Eco Festival at Petrie Park by bike, e-bike or scooter on Sunday 6 November and use our FREE secure bike parking provided by the Banyule BUG. Enjoy a pedal-powered fruit smoothie from Bike N Blend and check out some e-bikes. To find the best riding route to Eco Fest, check out the Banyule TravelSmart maps on Council's website at banyule.vic.gov.au/TravelSmart



Banyule Bicycle Challenge winners

The 2022 Banyule Bicycle Challenge saw riders of all ages cover 32km in four stages along the Main Yarra and Plenty River trails. Congratulations to our prize winners: Shavaj, Tim, Lester, Salima and Simon. We received some fantastic feedback that we will incorporate into future cycling activities, including more opportunities to explore our recreational trails, improve our facilities and help beginner riders develop skills and confidence.

FOGO is a Go-Go!

It has been fantastic to see the community embrace FOGO, helping divert food and organic waste from landfill to compost. Around 92% of Banyule households are now composting through FOGO and/or home composting.

Plastic and 'compostable' bags are still the number one contaminant in FOGO bins. Plastic bags - even those labelled as biodegradable or compostable - cannot be processed at our organics facility. Instead, try a couple of sheets of newspaper or paper towel to line your kitchen caddy.



The FOGO cycle

How FOGO creates a circular economy for food waste

- 1 Food is grown on farms and sold to through markets.
- 2 Our food scraps, leftovers and spoiled food are collected in the kitchen caddy.
- 3 Garden waste and food collected in the caddy are emptied into the green FOGO bin, which is collected weekly by Council.
- 4 FOGO waste is taken to the composting facility where it undergoes a fast and controlled composting process over 7 - 10 days. Bin liners and packaging (even those labelled as compostable and biodegradable) can't break down in this time. The FOGO waste is put in a sealed vessel where air is forced in and naturally occurring microbes start the composting process. Oxygen, moisture and temperature are computer controlled to ensure a weed-free and disease-free product.
- 5 After the 7 - 10 days, the compost is screened and stored into piles outside to mature for 2 - 3 weeks before being sold as a soil conditioner.
- 6 The soil conditioner is sent to farms, gardens and parks where it is used to nourish the soil that will grow fruits, vegetables and plants, and the cycle starts again!

Get in touch

If you still have questions, call 9490 4222 or email enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au



Together, let's rethink our waste

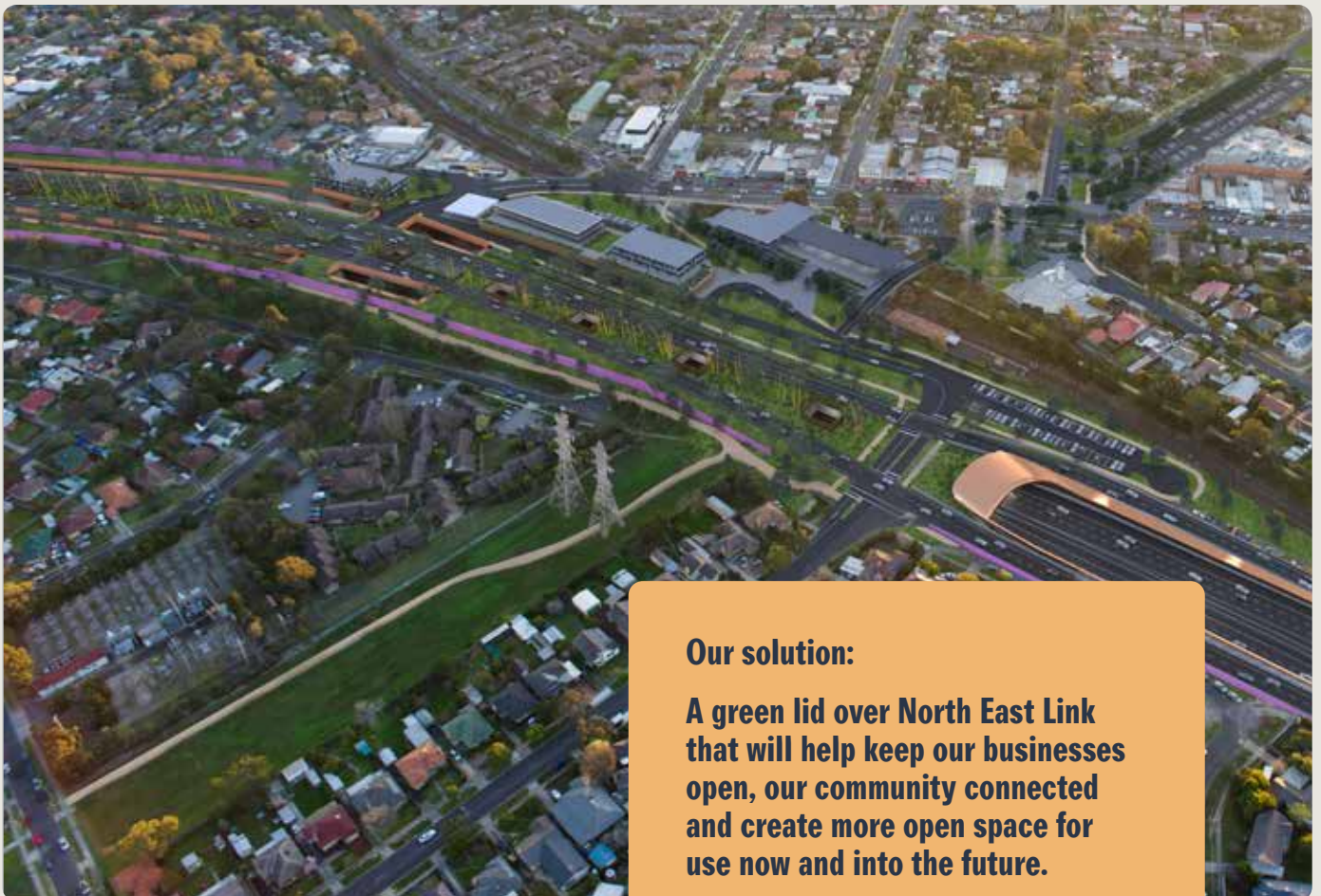
Why you want to Lid the Link

Hear from locals about why they're throwing their support behind Council's call for a green lid over North East Link. Thank you to everyone who's had their say already.

The issue:

A massive 10-lane, 65-metre wide trench cutting through the middle of Watsonia is proposed as part of the northern section of North East Link.

It will be so big it will separate people from shops, services, schools and the station. A grey concrete trench will impact our leafy green community forever.



Our solution:

A green lid over North East Link that will help keep our businesses open, our community connected and create more open space for use now and into the future.

Here's what you told us:

“ We should be finding ways to connect local communities, not divide them! ”

Rosanna

“ We need to do everything we can to look after the environment and our native animals. Plus more green spaces for people to enjoy with their families and pets! ”

Macleod

“ As a business owner in Watsonia it would be very beneficial to have a lid to create easier access to our shop for customers from surrounding suburbs. ”

Watsonia

“ City of Banyule's plan is a no-brainer. Why wouldn't we adopt that option to preserve usable space and beautify the area. ”

Ivanhoe

“ This is a crucial space to assist with the physical and mental health of the community. Seriously important! ”

Greensborough

“ The lid will keep the community connected! If not, we will have the suburb cut into half! ”

Watsonia

“ We're a green wedge area and we must try our best to keep it that way despite the massive infrastructure project. ”

Ivanhoe

“ It's sad seeing how much green has been torn down for this project! Let's put it all back! ”

Heidelberg West

“ Easier and safer for families and kids to access schools, libraries and shops. The green will also help keep our air clean, suburb sparkling and reduce noise. ”

Watsonia

“ Why can't we build roads that can become works of art rather than arks of work? ”

Watsonia North

“ Community connectedness matters. Usable green space matters. Address both issues in one action by covering the ditch. ”

Rosanna



PUT A LID ON IT

BUILD GREEN BRIDGES OVER NORTH EAST LINK
BACK BANYULE AT LIDTHELINK.COM

Find out more and tell us what
YOU think at lidthelink.com





Carols by Candlelight

Be part of Banyule's iconic festive celebration!

Carols by Candlelight 2022 returns to Greensborough War Memorial Park, where a huge crowd gathered last year to enjoy a night of community celebration for all ages.

As always, we've pulled together a dazzling line-up of entertainment for you, featuring:

- **Denis Walter** – one of Australia's most popular entertainers for over 50 years
- **Kylie Auldist** – lead singer of the ARIA-nominated band The Bamboos
- **Bobby Fox** – known for his role of Frankie Valli in Jersey Boys
- **The Australian Children's Choir**
- **The Diamond Valley Brass Band**
- **Elf, Frosty and Santa**

Bring along a chair or rug and picnic, or purchase food and drinks from the onsite food trucks. Grab your LED candle and songbook, and sing along.

 **Saturday 17 December, 5pm – 9pm**

 **Greensborough War Memorial Park
McDowell St, Greensborough**

 **Food trucks from 5pm, Carols start at 7pm**

This event is proudly supported by



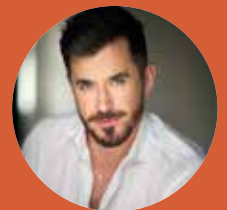
McGrath



Denis Walter



Kylie Auldist



Bobby Fox



For 22 years the Banyule community has donated gifts and money to local children and families experiencing hardship at Christmas.

During November & December we will be collecting new gifts, toys and monetary donations. Find out how to contribute at banyule.vic.gov.au/GiftAppeal

What could you do with an environment grant?

Banyule's environment grants are designed to support locals in caring for nature and leading on climate action.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for individuals and groups to deliver projects that benefit the environment and community in Banyule.

Applications for round two open in January 2023.

For past projects and how to apply, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/EnvironmentGrants



Artificial wildlife hollows project

Loss of habitat is a pressing issue. That's why we're proud to support this fantastic initiative.

Local friends groups have joined forces with Steve Griffiths from La Trobe University to help restore hollow-bearing trees in the Salt Creek Corridor at Rosanna Parklands.

Nesting boxes in the area had reached the end of their life.

They're now being replaced with ingenious carved hollows that are designed to mimic the properties of natural hollows and last for the life of the tree.

This project will support small hollow nesting birds in the area, including Pardalotes and Musk Lorikeets, as well as Sugar Gliders.

Find out more about the project at youtu.be/QnqBd6R6MnA



Significant species workshop

📅 **Wednesday 23 November**
6 - 8pm

📍 **Online**

Are you interested in learning about local significant species in Banyule? Want to know what you can do to get involved in protecting these species?

Join John Harris, Principal Zoologist from Wildlife & Ecology, for this FREE workshop on local significant species in Banyule.

John will identify the six significant fauna species and discuss what actions residents can take to improve the local environment for these animals.

Bookings via banyule.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn

Find out more about Wildlife & Ecology, at wildlifeexperiences.com.au

School teacher? Educator? We want you!

If you're an educator working in Banyule, we'd love you to join our Teachers' Environment Network.

It's a great space to collaborate with other teachers in the area and find out about local environmental and sustainability programs and opportunities for your school or early learning centre.

We usually meet twice a term and run sessions on topics that can be taken back to the classroom.

Recently, guest speakers have covered everything from textile recycling and the importance of minibeasts to wildlife rescue and climate change education.

Attending meetings can count towards professional development requirements.

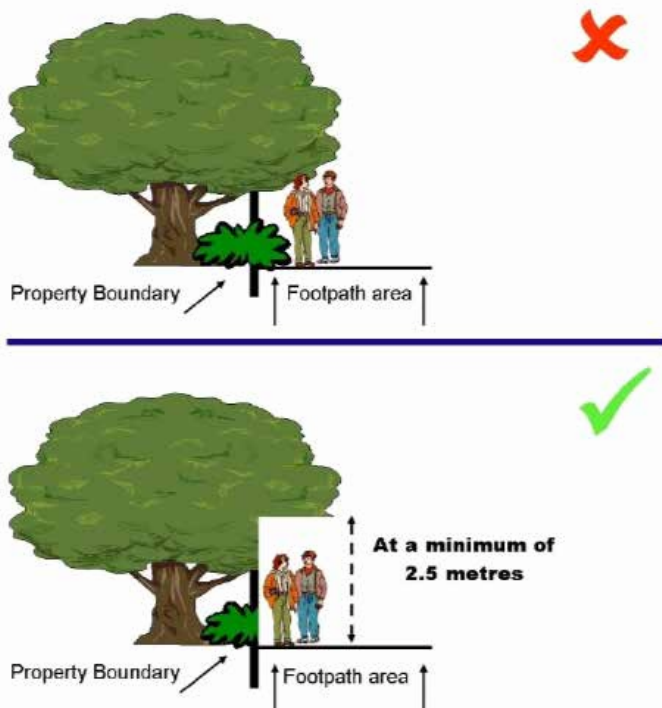
To join the TEN mailing list, email your contact details to: environment@banyule.vic.gov.au

Tyres go round for recycled roads

As part of Council's 2022/23 road resurfacing program we are trialling a recycled asphalt product mixed with crumbed rubber on two roads in Rosanna and Bellfield.

The product, Duramastic Plus, has the same strength and durability of standard asphalt products, but with increased flexibility and reduced cracking due to the addition of crumbed rubber and extra bitumen. The crumbed rubber component is made from used, non-biodegradable Australian-made tyres, reducing the tyre stockpiles that go to landfill and that are a major fire hazard, with the risk of toxic fume emissions. The crumbed rubber used in Duramastic Plus is also locally sourced, reducing transport and fuel costs and emissions.

If the new surface performs satisfactorily, Council will use Duramastic Plus more widely in the road resurfacing program. The trial is a joint project of Banyule City Council and Tyre Stewardship Australia.



Give your trees a trim and keep footpaths clear

With spring in full swing, many gardens now have plants and trees that are overtaking footpaths.

Please make sure that the area around your property is clear. All vegetation must stop at your property or provide at least 2.5 metres of height clearance.

If you've been looking for a reminder to do some gardening, this is it!

Support for Treaty talks

Banyule Councillors have signalled their support for Victoria's First Peoples' Assembly and the establishment of a Treaty Authority that will negotiate formal Treaties between Traditional Owners of Country and the Victorian Government.

A community forum at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub last month considered the role of the Treaty Authority, seeking to understand the collective hopes, needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the community as a whole.

The First Peoples' Assembly is the democratic voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria. The Treaty Authority is a legislated body that operates outside the parliament. Find out more at firstpeoplesvic.org

Below, clockwise from top left: Cr Tom Melican, Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy, Crs Peter Castaldo, Alison Champion, Mark Di Pasquale, Peter Dimarelos and Alida McKern.



Seen a lost trolley? Help get it home

If you find an abandoned trolley, take a note of its location and get in touch with the store it belongs to:

- Coles or 1st Choice Liquor trolleys: Call **1800 876 553** or lodge a form at coles.com.au/customer-care/abandoned-trolleys
- Kmart trolleys: Call **1800 876 553**
- Bunnings trolleys: Call **1300 554 777**
- Woolworths, Big W, Dan Murphy's or Ikea: trolleytracker.com.au/report-a-trolley/



Eco Festival

A new community event celebrating sustainability


Petrie Park in Montmorency will be buzzing on Sunday 6 November with a packed program of free events on the sustainability theme, including workshops, information stalls, entertainment, face painting and family craft sessions where you can make Christmas decorations or a kokedama to take home.

Green thumbs will be well catered for with stalls and workshops on gardening and home sustainability measures, while children will love the messy play and craft sessions, reptile display, and Doggy Tales book readings by librarians from Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

A highlight will be a Pet Show featuring finalists in Banyule's Best Pet Competition and there'll be a pet photo booth for free pics of you and your pet.

Food will be available from a selection of food trucks.

 **Sunday 6 November**

 **10am - 4pm**
Pet Show starts at 2pm

 **Petrie Park, Mountain View Rd, Montmorency**

 **Free event**



Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoFestival or scan the code



Guided Mystery Tour at Binnak Park

📅 Saturday 26 November at 10am, 11am, 12pm

📍 Binnak Park, Anderson Parade,
Watsonia North (meet near the playground)

👉 Free event

Enjoy a 45-minute tour through the walking tracks and wetlands of Binnak Park with Bush Detectives Belinda and Bruce.

Junior agents will discover hidden clues, examine bush evidence and take advice from the local creatures to help solve the riddle that has the sugar glider all wound up!

Suitable for the whole family, but particularly children aged 6-10.

Bookings essential from 28 October
at trybooking.com/CBLQI
or scan the code



Artist walk and workshop

with Jodi Wiley

📅 Sunday 20 November

🕒 Session 1: 10am to 11:30am
Session 2: 1:30pm to 3pm

📍 Simms Road Pavilion,
Simms Road, Montmorency

📄 Suitable for ages 8 to 12
(accompanied by an adult)

Walk with the artist, start a nature journal and create your own 'treasure map'.

Artist Jodi Wiley will take you on a short walk through the Plenty River Trail, from Yallambie to Montmorency, to inspire you and give you the creative confidence to start your own nature journal and learn how the treasure map was created.

Bookings open on 28 October
at trybooking.com/CBLMI
or scan the code



Banyule's Best Pet at Eco Festival

📅 Banyule Eco Festival is on Sunday 6 November

🕒 Pet show starts at 2pm

📍 Petrie Park, Mountain View Road, Montmorency

The time has come to find out who is Banyule's Best Pet! Come along and see the 10 finalists that locals have voted for.

From pooches, moggies, birds, stick insects and more, you may be surprised at who is crowned the winner of this inaugural award.

For all the details, head to
banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoFestival

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

📍 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub is subject to COVID-19 restrictions and proof of vaccination status. If unsure, please call or check our website for details and any updates prior to visiting.

🌐 banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

✉️ arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

☎️ 9490 4222



#artnow

📅 4 November – 4 December
Opening night: Friday 4 November, 5 - 7pm

📍 Art Gallery 275

Highlighting the creativity of our young people and celebrating our diverse communities through

different formats, including digital art, video, painting and music.

The exhibition also includes a Market Space of young creative enterprises.

More info:
banyule.vic.gov.au/#artnow

Image / Artwork by Lucy Rowe

Step into the artist's world

By Banyule Open Studio Artists

📅 26 September – 23 October

📍 Loft 275

There is a rich artistic community who live and work in Banyule, producing high-quality art, including internationally-recognised works.

This exhibition brings together work by artists from Banyule Open Studio group, including

video, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewellery, drawing, painting, printmaking, mosaics, textile and fibre art.

banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions



F.all.ing In_ Sunset

Curated by Feifei Liao

📅 28 October – 18 November
Opening night: Thursday 27 October, 6 - 8pm

📍 Loft 275

F.all.ing In_ Sunset is an immersive and participatory exhibition transporting visitors into different experiences of sunset, as told through stories from artists and the community.

The exhibition includes a short sunset dance film which reflects artist Feifei Liao's feelings of uncertainty in her settlement journey as a Chinese migrant in Melbourne.

Feifei invites the community to share special sunset moments, memories, feelings and stories through mediums such as dance, paintings, words or images.

Featured artists: Feifei Liao, Alexandra Moon, Lynne Lin, Tammy Yang, echolily

Check the website for details workshops: banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions

Image / From Feifei Liao's performance in 'Quiver' at mPavilion 2021, photo by Andrew Coulter.

Lucky ducks saved by plucky duo

Eight little ducks went out to play, over a hill and faraway in Montmorency.

Mother duck said 'quack, quack, quack, quack' but none of her eight little ducks came back...because they had fallen into a stormwater drain.

Luckily for this feathered family, Matthew Planksken, Council's trusty Health Technical Officer, just happened to drive past and saw the babies fall into the drain as mum watched from the curb.

Matthew tried to rescue the ducklings but they kept ducking (ahem) into the pipes running inside the drain. He rang Brad Jones, our quick-thinking Infrastructure Maintenance Team Leader, to lend a hand.

Together, they found a solution. As Brad blocked the two pipe entrances with shovels, Matthew scooped the ducklings out one by one, giving them back to their hysterical mother who immediately told them off for 'not staying by her side'.

What a fantastic example of teamwork and customer service, even for our feathered residents!



Give your cat the snip and protect native animals

In Banyule, it's free to de-sex your cat with our year-round service.

Simply pick up a voucher from a Council Service Centre by providing proof of Banyule residency.

Thank you for helping us to reduce the stray cat population and protect our native birds and animals.

Please note:

- The de-sexing voucher is only valid at participating vet clinics in Banyule
- You'll need to drop off and collect your pet for de-sexing
- The cat must be de-sexed within 30 days of receiving the voucher
- You will still need to pay for microchipping and animal registration (discounted rate applied after proof of de-sexing provided)
- If you have two or more cats, you'll need an Excess Animal Permit

Beat the heat!

As we head towards summer and temperatures rise, there are some simple ways you can keep energy bills down while ensuring your house is comfortable.



Tips to keep your home cool

- Keep windows, doors and curtains closed from the morning throughout the hottest part of the day, especially on the north- and west-facing sides of the house. Open these once the temperature drops in the evening to take advantage of natural breezes.
- If you're using split system air conditioning, keep doors and windows closed and set your temperature to no less than 26 degrees – energy bills increase by up to 15% for every degree lower. If you are vulnerable to heat stress, set your temperature as required to stay comfortable.
- Don't let hot air in or cool air out. Draught-proof your home by looking for gaps where there is air escaping – and seal them. The Victorian Government is offering rebates on sealing upgrades; find out more at victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au
- Use fans instead of air conditioners if you can – they use a fraction of the electricity and can keep a home sufficiently cool in some circumstances. Fans can also be used in conjunction with air conditioners to circulate cooled air.



Looking to upgrade your old split system before the heat hits?

The Victorian Government is contributing \$1000 towards split system replacement for people that have a combined income under \$90,000 or are concession card holders.

Find out more and apply at heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au

If you want help applying or have any questions, give our Community Energy Officer a call on **9242 3451** or email energy.info@banyule.vic.gov.au

Ward Rounds



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Thank you Banyule! Your support for our new FOGO service means we are on track to meet our target of reducing landfill waste by 6,000 tonnes a year. The first full month of FOGO figures show Banyule's landfill for August was 500 tonnes less than the average for August in the years 2018-2021. That's 50 fewer garbage trucks going to landfill

and 50 trucks of high-grade compost being created for Victorian farms. Also, the contamination rate is pleasingly low. With your continued support, it will only get better. Turn to pg 9 to find out what happens to your FOGO after it is collected by drivers such as Brad Baertschiger, pictured with me at the Waste Recovery Centre in Bellfield.



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The streetscape upgrade at Were St in Montmorency is on target to be completed by the end of the year. The work is being done in stages to minimise disruption to the whole street. Stage 1, from Buckingham's down to Common Cents, is largely complete, with finishing touches such as planting and street furniture to come. Stage

2 has been paved and we've started on stage 3. Significant infrastructure works at the Reserve are well underway and the new accessible toilet block and performance stage are taking shape. I want to thank everyone for their patience and for continuing to support Were St traders. I can't wait to enjoy summer in the new Were St.



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Council is finalising plans for renovated toilets and a new storage shed at Viewbank Scout Hall. We expect works to begin early next year, with completion by mid-2023. Council is pleased to support the Scouts, which helps young people aged 5 to 18 develop skills, confidence and connection through fun and challenging activities. The hall is

also used by New Varangian Guard and Viewbank Ju Jitsu Academy. Thank you to the Scout volunteers who keep the club humming, including Darren French, centre, and Glen Crawford, pictured with me. Find out what they're up to via the Viewbank Scout Group Facebook page or online at scoutsvictoria.com.au





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September is peak flowering season in St Helena Bushland Reserve and I was lucky to tour the reserve with the Friends of St Helena Bushland Reserve at the group's 30th birthday celebrations last month. Council is grateful to the Friends for fighting to save this natural treasure in the late 1980s and for helping us look after it

ever since. The remnant indigenous vegetation and diversity of flora in St Helena Bushland Reserve is of state significance and its fauna population is regionally significant. Join the Friends at a working bee from 10.30am on the fourth Sunday of every month, except December and January, or email Lawrie Rigg on lrigg@bigpond.net.au



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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Council's Lid the Link campaign. More than 1300 of you have told us why you want green bridges and habitat links instead of a huge trench dividing Watsonia community. The Victorian Government has not yet settled on a design for the northern section of the NEL and Council will continue to advocate for better

outcomes for our community and concerned residents such as Celeste, Fred and Michelle, pictured. We're also asking for more support for Watsonia traders, who will find it incredibly tough when construction starts. Turn to page 10 to hear what our community is telling us and log on to lidethelink.com to share your thoughts.



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The new lights Council installed at Chelsworth Park are now operating, enabling Old Ivanhoe Soccer Club to extend training times and increase participation. Chelsworth community ward meetings are gathering pace. Thank you to the residents who came along to our September meeting. We've acted on your suggestions to improve access

to information on Council projects. Beginning soon, Council customer service centres in Ivanhoe and Greensborough will have hard copies of documents currently out for community consultation on Shaping Banyule. And in the Banyule Banner we've now added Council Officer contact details on all Shaping Banyule projects.



Ward Rounds



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It's exciting to see Bellfield Community Hub open, with the official launch celebrated on 11 October. Jointly financed by Council and the Victorian Government, the Hub is a significant investment in the Bellfield Community. With maternal and child health suites, playgroup and kinder, meeting rooms, a community garden and support programs for older adults,

the Hub has something for everyone in our community. I hope to see you at the social enterprise café, where they're serving great coffee and food, while providing local jobs and training. With the upgraded Ford Park across the road and work continuing apace on the adjacent community housing, this corner of Bellfield is really coming to life.



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Thankfully, the financial impact of the pandemic is reducing, but there remains hardship in our community. Banyule's Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy helps Council balance our duty to care for the vulnerable in our community with managing our budget responsibly so we can provide the hundreds of services our community needs. The policy has

been expanded to include family violence in the assessment criteria and to place a greater emphasis on referral to support agencies and financial counselling. Our Hardship & Collections Officer can assist with waivers, payment plans and referrals. If you require help, contact the Revenue Services team on 9490 4222 or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesAssist



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Council is aware of the contribution volunteers make to our community. A great example of dedication and commitment are Faye and Rob Milligan, who are stepping back after decades of service as president and secretary, respectively, of the Rosanna Fire Station Community House. With the benefit of their expertise and dedication, RFSCH

is a well-resourced and well-run service provider for many vulnerable people in our community, as well as a welcoming and vibrant space for occasional childcare and a range of community activities. Thank you Faye and Rob, pictured with me outside the Community House with coordinator Jasdip Singh. Check out what's on offer at rfsch.org.au or phone 9458 1935.





Bushland diaries

Reptiles are out and about

Reptiles are an integral part of local ecosystems and with the warmer weather, you are more likely to see our scaly residents in and around Banyule's bushland reserves.

As ectotherms, a reptile's body temperature matches that of its surroundings. During the winter, they usually stay out of sight, but they may emerge on sunny days to bask in the sun. The arrival of spring sees an increase in activity from insects and other invertebrates that form the staple diet for a range of lizards, including the Eastern Blue-tongued Lizard (pictured).

Our local reptiles have excellent camouflage and blend in with their environment very effectively. This is an adaptation largely to avoid predators.

Banyule's park rangers work actively to protect and enhance the habitat value for local fauna – this includes our reptiles, which are a vital component for a healthy ecosystem as they help keep in check the populations of potential pest species, such as mice.

Reptiles are also an important food source for a range of native birds such as kookaburras, which prey on baby snakes and lizards.



Be snake aware

If you encounter a snake while out and about in Banyule's bushland reserves, stay calm and still, ensure the snake has an escape route, and appreciate them from a distance.

Help us conserve bushland reserves by joining a friends group. Find your nearest group at banyule.vic.gov.au/FriendsGroup



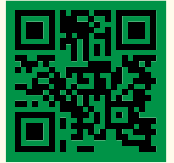
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