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August 2023



Mayor's Message

Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo



In this Banner we present a snapshot of the Budget for 2023/24.

I commend my fellow councillors and the whole organisation on all the hard work to get this Budget right.

Thanks also to the residents who took part in engagement sessions providing feedback on the draft Budget and telling us what matters to you. Council works hard to meet your needs and expectations while maintaining a sustainable financial outlook.

This is a responsible Budget that delivers important services and pays down debt in the face of rising inflation and cost pressures as we recover from the many challenges of the pandemic.

Council is very aware of cost-of-living pressures, and we've kept our rates rises to the cap of 3.5%, well below inflation.

Rates are used to maintain and improve facilities such as local roads, footpaths and trails, community halls, sporting facilities, parks and playgrounds. They enable us to deliver hundreds of community services, including libraries, kindergartens, maternal and child health centres, and programs for young people through to older adults.

The Budget, together with our Year 3, Annual Action Plan of Council Plan 2021-2025 position us well to continue deliver to these valuable services and projects.

Rates assistance

There is help available for people struggling to pay their rates. Our Hardship Assistance Policy includes rates payment arrangements, interest-free periods and partial waivers for eligible applicants.

Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesHelp or call Customer Service on **9490 4222**.

FOGO success

I'm pleased to report that the FOGO waste service introduced in July 2022 is working as planned. With around 40 truckloads of waste diverted from landfill each month we are also seeing savings in waste costs. Thank you for getting behind FOGO, the financial and environmental gains are already obvious.

Sport and recreation

Facilities and services for sport and recreation are a significant part of the Budget because they are an important part of life. Being active and connected in the community improves health and wellbeing. Turn to **page 10** to find out how to make the most of sport and recreation in Banyule.

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Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

 Upcoming dates:
7 August
28 August

 From 7pm

 Council Chambers,
Ivanhoe Library and
Cultural Hub, 275 Upper
Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

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.

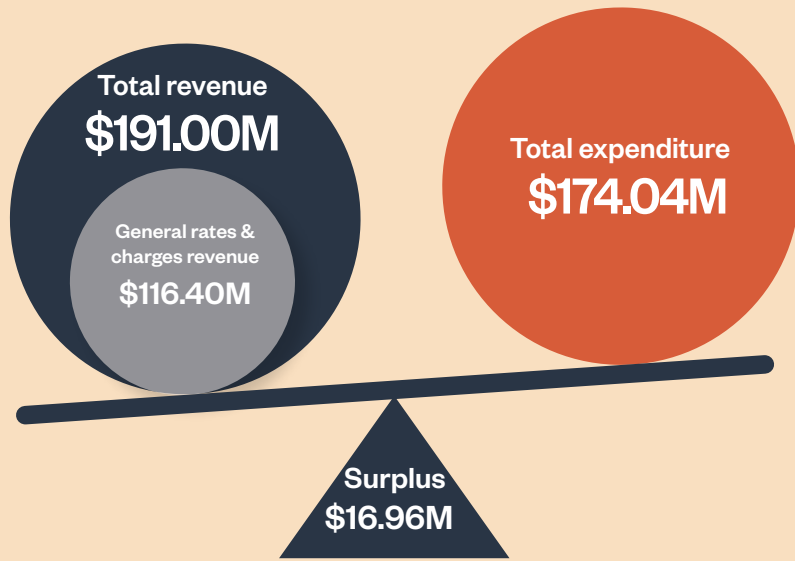
Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. Council is committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone; principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.

COVER: Detail of Nature's Bounty by Julia Greenham. Turn to page 17 for the exhibition at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.

2023/2024

Budget at a glance

Our Budget aligns with the key priorities and aspirations of our community as identified in the Banyule Community Vision 2041. It paves the way forward by building on what we have and continuing to enhance Banyule as a place to live, work, play and do business.



Council departments

Operations \$29.70M



Family & Community Services \$16.88M



Healthy & Active Communities \$15.10M



Parks & Natural Environment \$13.90M



Planning & Building Laws \$8.43M



Transport & Environment \$7.54M



Delivery & Assets \$6.70M



Resilient & Connected Communities \$4.81M



Inclusive & Creative Communities \$4.75M



City Futures \$4.56M



\$1.83 billion

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment under the care of Council



Asset renewal & upgrade

\$64.64 million = 95.06% of capital works expenditure

Capital Works Program \$68 million

Buildings
\$29.05M

Roads, footpaths and bridges
\$16.23M

Parks and gardens
\$11.12M

Motor vehicles
\$4.90M

Drainage and irrigation
\$2.62M

Plant and equipment
\$2.44M

Playgrounds
\$1.25M

Other assets
\$0.39M

TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS

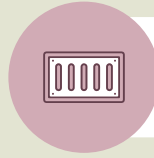
\$68 million

There are more than 200 projects and initiatives in the 2023/2024 Budget. Here are just a few of them. To find out more, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/budget or scan the QR code.



Yulong Reserve playground & paths
\$115,000

BUNDOORA



Loyola Reserve drainage
\$240,000



Watsonia Town Square
\$6.15M

WATSONIA NORTH

MACLEOD



Macleod Park change rooms improvements
\$3.85M



Olympic Park upgrades
\$1.98M

HEIDELBERG WEST

HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS



Rosanna Library fit out & precinct upgrade
\$6.54M

ROSANNA



Outhwaite Road repair
\$18,000

BELLFIELD



Warringal Park oval reconstruction
\$2.39M

HEIDELBERG



Ivanhoe Aquatic redevelopment
\$500,000

IVANHOE



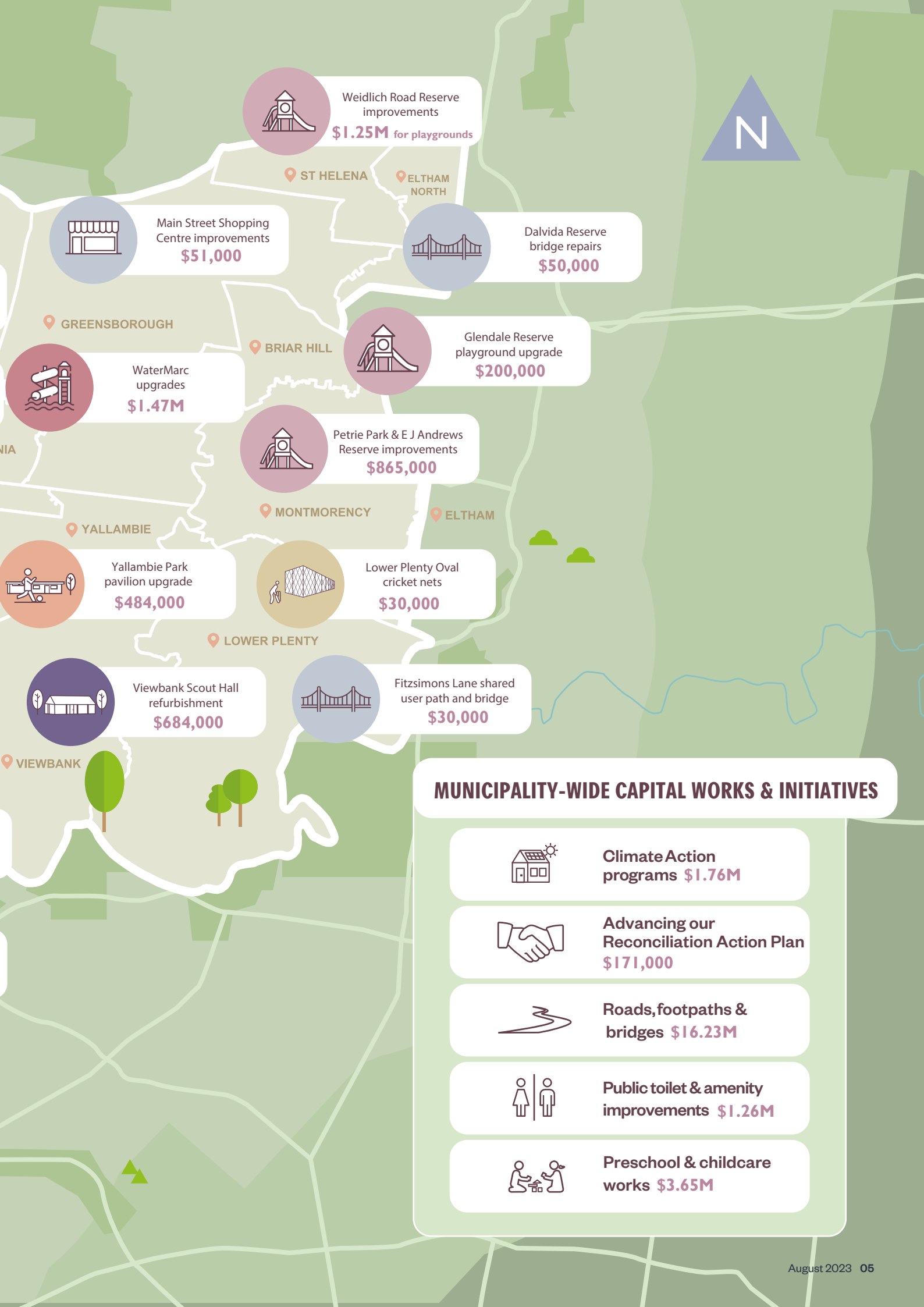
Banksia Street road upgrades
\$52,000

EAGLEMONT

IVANHOE EAST



East Ivanhoe Shopping Village improvements
\$1.29M



Weidlich Road Reserve improvements
\$1.25M for playgrounds

ST HELENA ELTHAM NORTH



Main Street Shopping Centre improvements
\$51,000



Dalvida Reserve bridge repairs
\$50,000

GREENSBOROUGH

BRIAR HILL



Glendale Reserve playground upgrade
\$200,000



WaterMarc upgrades
\$1.47M



Petrie Park & E J Andrews Reserve improvements
\$865,000

MONTMORENCY

ELTHAM



Yallambie Park pavilion upgrade
\$484,000

YALLAMBIE



Lower Plenty Oval cricket nets
\$30,000

LOWER PLENTY



Viewbank Scout Hall refurbishment
\$684,000

VIEWBANK



Fitzsimons Lane shared user path and bridge
\$30,000

MUNICIPALITY-WIDE CAPITAL WORKS & INITIATIVES



Climate Action programs **\$1.76M**



Advancing our Reconciliation Action Plan
\$171,000



Roads, footpaths & bridges **\$16.23M**



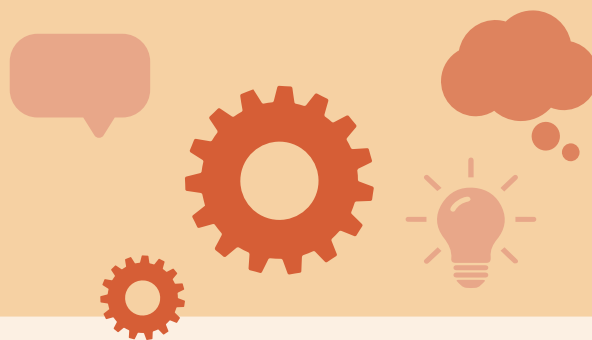
Public toilet & amenity improvements **\$1.26M**



Preschool & childcare works **\$3.65M**

Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Review of Banyule's Biodiversity Plan

Banyule's natural areas are one of the reasons people love living here.

We are fortunate to have many conservation areas, wildlife corridors and green spaces that support our local plants and animals and allow people to connect with nature.

Council is reviewing and updating its Biodiversity Plan.

We would love to hear from you about how our community can meaningfully engage with nature.

We also want to understand what you see as Council's role in managing biodiversity.

For more information, visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/biodiversity or scan the QR code below. Have your say until 13 August.

Your Council contact

Paul Davis
Biodiversity Adviser
Phone: **8673 4353**
Paul.Davis@banyule.vic.gov.au



Have your say on the Housing Discussion Paper

During community consultation last year, we asked what matters most to you about Banyule's housing and neighbourhoods.

We heard that you value existing character and vegetation, as well as access to open space, amenities and public transport. We also heard that some of you have concerns about housing affordability, choice, quality of design and over-development.

In response to your feedback, as well as analysis of housing and population trends, we have drafted a discussion paper with three core pillars:

- Driving housing for all
- Elevating good design
- Valuing preferred neighbourhood character

For more information and opportunities to participate, visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/HNC or scan the code. Have your say on the Housing Discussion Paper until 31 August.

Your Council contact

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Senior Strategic Planner
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strategic.planning@banyule.vic.gov.au



Have your say and help shape your community

We're committed to working with our community to build and strengthen relationships that inform and help make decisions.

To have your say on local projects and activities, sign up to Shaping Banyule at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au or scan the code.





Or Alida McKern gets a tour of the engine room at Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre with Nick Vouk, Operations Team Leader.

Electrification to secure the future of our aquatic centres

Banyule Council has a commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2028.

Banyule's aquatic centres are well-used and highly-valued community assets. Heating the swimming pools for year-round use means our aquatic centres produce the highest carbon emissions of all Council activities, accounting for 52 per cent of all emissions produced.

Making Banyule's aquatic centres carbon-free requires converting our gas boilers to electric heat pumps, a change that will cost many millions of dollars.

Council has been advocating to all levels of government to partner with us to fund this initiative.

Council welcomed the Prime Minister's recent announcement of the Community Energy Upgrades Fund to support energy upgrades and cost savings for community facilities including swimming pools.

The \$100 million fund will co-finance energy upgrades with local councils.

Council will continue advocating for Ivanhoe Aquatic and WaterMarc centres to receive a share of the funding.

Order your 2024 Community Calendar

Put a little bit of Banyule on your wall with our 2024 calendar.

To request a calendar, call us on **9490 4222**, scan the code or order online at banyule.vic.gov.au/calendar





Playground recycling – helping those in need

Each year Council renews several Banyule playgrounds, replacing them with a new design for the community. When the old playgrounds are removed their new life begins in a different community overseas.

Our Open Space Planning and Design team works with Banyule Rotary clubs to repurpose used play equipment in countries that don't have the opportunity to fund playgrounds themselves.

Rotary volunteers help remove the playground equipment and ship it to communities they partner with, providing play opportunities for children who need it most. Sri Lanka, Fiji and Timor-Leste are just some of the countries that receive equipment from Banyule in the Rotary Overseas Relocated Playground initiative.

Recently a swing set from Gabonia Ave playground was installed in Fiji. Equipment from Arthur Streeton Reserve is also headed to Fiji.

Council is proud to work with Rotary to help those in need, while keeping our footprint light by giving play equipment a new life elsewhere.



Banyule Citizen of the Year – nominations open 7 August

Each year, Banyule recognises outstanding contributions made to our community with the Citizen of the Year Award program.

Any work may be recognised, including service and commitment to:

- community
- environment and conservation
- education and training
- business
- law and justice
- sport
- arts, heritage and culture
- animal welfare
- education.

Do you know someone who deserves to be honoured?

All the criteria are at banyule.vic.gov.au/Citizenoftheyear

Submit your nomination via banyule.smartygrants.com.au/2023CitizenoftheYear or scan the code.

Questions?

Contact Erin Ferrier

Phone: **8673 4389**

Email: erin.ferrier@banyule.vic.gov.au



Banyule Community Bus is on the road

Do you need support getting around Banyule?

The FREE Banyule Community Bus service is officially on the road for a 12-month trial.

The bus runs a route of 29 stops around Banyule three times a day every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The stops are identified by the Banyule Community Bus sign, right.

While the service is free for all Banyule residents, it is particularly targeted towards older adults, people with disability, those with limited access to transport and people experiencing financial hardship.

Banyule Community Bus is funded by Banyule City Council and delivered by LINK Community & Transport.



Cr Rick Garotti on the Community Bus with driver Ross Montalti

Pick up a copy of the timetable and route map at Council offices, libraries, neighbourhood houses, Bellfield Hub and Shop 48 in The Mall at Heidelberg West. Alternatively, scan the code to view the map online or call customer service on **9490 4222** to have a copy mailed to you.



Support for carers

Banyule's carer support program is here for anyone who provides regular, unpaid support to a person with disability, a chronic health condition or age-related needs.

Why not join these events:

Carer communication and advocacy: communicating with professionals

📅 Thursday 17 August 10.30am

📍 Free online workshop

This session will enable you to develop skills to support your caring role. It will help you navigate complex support systems. Hosted by Banyule Carer Support Program and run by Carers Victoria.

Register by sending an email to carers@banyule.vic.gov.au



Carer support group meet-ups

Share some food, a laugh and a chat with our friendly and supportive group. The group meets at Watsonia Neighbourhood House on the first Thursday of every month from 12pm-1.30pm. Lunch, tea and coffee are provided.

For all the details on activities, information and support for carers, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/CarerSupport



Supporting Banyule

Council delivers more than 100 different community services.
We'll be introducing you to the different ways we are supporting Banyule.

Sport and recreation for a healthy community

Participation in community sport and recreation improves physical and mental health, promotes social interaction and provides economic growth through business investment, employment, events and tourism.

Council's commitment to sport and recreation includes building and maintaining community centres, leisure centres and sports grounds.

We support community clubs through grants and the use of Council-owned venues and infrastructure. Council officers work with clubs to understand their needs and build their skills to connect with and serve their communities.

Sport and recreation facilities in Banyule

There are 85 sporting clubs in Banyule and many community groups that use these facilities owned and managed by Council

45 sports grounds and 39 pavilions

13 community halls, 7 neighbourhood houses, 15 senior citizens clubs

18 tennis facilities

4 leisure centres

Athletics centre

Hockey centre

Croquet club

Council-owned golf course

153 playgrounds and play spaces

7 lawn bowls facilities

13 Scouts and 2 Girl Guides halls

Investing in community facilities

Council has invested \$32 million in 73 sporting capital works in the past four years, from new and upgraded pavilions to resurfaced ovals, sports ground lighting and parking. We're building female-friendly changerooms for players and umpires and accessibility improvements to make our sporting facilities accessible and welcoming to everyone.



Some of our recent major projects include:

- Banyule Flats pavilion - \$1.81 million
- De Winton Reserve pavilion, oval, lighting - \$2.42 million
- Loyola Reserve pavilion, nets - \$1.46 million
- Montmorency South pavilion, lighting - \$1.14 million
- Olympic Park Master Plan - \$7.10 million
- Yulong Reserve changerooms, lighting - \$1.05 million
- Greensborough War Memorial changerooms, lighting, timekeeper's box - \$1.23 million
- Warringal Park changerooms, lighting - \$821,956
- Glenside Park pavilion, lighting, batting cage - \$1.17 million
- Partingtons Flat changerooms - \$600,000
- Chelsworth Park Tennis Resurfacing and fence works - \$470,000





Sport is for everyone

Council works to provide sport and recreation activities for everyone. Our Inclusion@Sport project helps clubs develop inclusive programs that encourage participation and connection for people with disability.

Our initial programs include:

- Wheelchair tennis, Bundoora Tennis Club
- Coaches education, Diamond Valley Athletics Club
- All abilities football, Watsonia Heights Football Club, pictured above
- Tennis for autistic and neurodiverse people, Viewbank Tennis Club
- FIDA football, Lower Plenty Football Club

Learn about inclusive sport opportunities and find out how your club can get involved.

 [banyule.vic.gov.au/Peoplewithdisability](https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Peoplewithdisability)

 Ryan Batchelder; Sports, Recreation and Participation Officer
ryan.batchelder@banyule.vic.gov.au

Recreation program

Sports not your thing? Perhaps you'd rather learn to polish gemstones, go star gazing with an astronomer or join a Friends Group that looks after your local reserve?

Council has a calendar of recreation activities for all ages, abilities and interests, from Music in the Park to night-time possum prowls and knitting circles at local cafes. Our popular school holiday activities get kids exploring robotics, coding and dinosaurs. The children below are pictured at a fossils workshop with Museums Victoria.

Turn to page 17 for information on bike workshops and check out What's On at [banyule.vic.gov.au/Whatson](https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Whatson)



Council grants

Council offers a range of grants for individuals and groups to deliver projects that make Banyule a better place to live.

Applications for arts and culture, community and environment grants close on Friday 11 August. Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/grants, phone 9490 4222 or scan the code.



Read how two Banyule schools achieved great things with their Council grants.



L-R: Grade 6 pupils Riley, Lachie, Vanessa, Zoe and Bella with teacher Jesse Stephens, pictured with the mural.

Learning through art at Greensborough Primary

A Banyule arts and culture grant helped Greensborough Primary School complete the mural on its fence along Grimshaw St.

Working with Indigenous artist Coree Thorpe, pupils created the artwork Mam-badool Djerring, meaning 'let's work together', based on the story of Bunjil the eagle, the Wurundjeri creator spirit. Wurundjeri elder Lyn Thorpe taught children about indigenous flora and fauna, helping them create circular artworks representing the cyclical nature of time and history.

The project was overseen by Grade 6 teacher Jesse Stephens, who was inspired to become a teacher by his Grade 6 teacher at Greensborough Primary School.

'Together, we have achieved something extraordinary, a testament to the power of collaboration, shared cultural understanding, and unity,' Mr Stephens said.



Growing healthy habits at Viewbank Primary

A derelict tennis court at Viewbank Primary School has been transformed into a thriving community garden, urban farm and environmental education centre with help from a Banyule environment grant.

With their new composting bays, a chicken coop and water-efficient

raised beds, pupils are growing and harvesting produce while learning about sustainable practices.

The garden helps students experience and value the environment and develop skills and leadership around urban farming and climate change action. They're also learning about health and wellbeing as they prepare healthy and delicious meals from garden to plate.

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Inclusive Employment Program graduates

Banyule's fifth annual Inclusive Employment Program ended this month when 14 participants completed their six-month placement and celebrated their achievements with staff and councillors.

The program gives participants work experience and helps them gain confidence, identify goals and strengths, develop skills and take that next step in their career.

The 14 employees worked in different Council departments, delivering Council services and implementing projects and events.

Everyone defines success in their own unique way. All participants accomplished significant objectives while also building confidence to navigate the job market. Six of them will stay at Council in on-going positions and five have been appointed to Banyule's casual pool.

The Inclusive Employment Program is open to Banyule residents who face barriers to employment. Applications for the next round are open from 25 September to 8 October.

For more information scan the code, go to banyule.vic.gov.au/IEP or email: localjobs@banyule.vic.gov.au



Creating more green spaces

Together with the Victorian Government, Banyule has created a new pocket park and a shared pedestrian and vehicle zone in the heart of Ivanhoe.

The park provides a fresh, green space in this built-up area, giving shoppers and residents space for connection, socialising and relaxation.

Located just off Upper Heidelberg Rd where it is crossed by Waterdale Rd, the park has seating and offers a place to pause and rest during a visit to Ivanhoe shops.

The landscaping with mature trees will provide welcome shade during the warmer months and the traffic changes make it safer for pedestrians.



Meet your favourite businesses for 2023!

At a memorable night at the Heidelberg Golf Club, we toasted the nominees and winners of this year's BestBiz Awards.

Thank you to the 27 business finalists who came along, as well as their friends, family and other local businesses. Thanks also to host and comedian Lehmo who brought plenty of laughs to the evening.

This is the fifth year we've run the awards. It gets bigger each time and is now a significant event on the Banyule calendar.

The BestBiz Awards truly represent our community's choice and it's always fantastic to see locals get behind their favourite businesses. This year, we received a record 9588 votes for 930 local business. Thanks to all who voted and congratulations to Hugh Sheridan, who won a \$1000 Rediscover Local gift card just for voting!

The BestBiz Awards were created by Banyule Business, Council's economic development arm, to promote and recognise Banyule businesses. We wanted to shine a light on the advantages of shopping, dining and conducting business locally.

This year we introduced the Home-Based Business Award to recognise the significant contribution made by home-based and start-up businesses.

Special thanks to our sponsors:

- Designer Bums
- A Team Kitchen
- CJM accountants
- Floral Impressions
- Heidelberg Central

For more information about the awards visit banyulebusiness.com.au/BestBiz

BestBiz Awards winners

Cafes, Takeaway Food

The Alleyway

 [thealleyway.com.au](https://www.thealleyway.com.au)

Fresh Produce

Sculli Bros

 [scullibros_greensborough](https://www.scullibros_greensborough.com.au)

Professional Services

MCV Careers

 [miavacirca](https://www.miavacirca.com.au)


Restaurants, Pubs, Bars

Lucille Bistro

 [lucillebistro](https://www.lucillebistro.com.au)

The Newcomer

BFT Heidelberg

 [bft_heidelberg](https://www.bft_heidelberg.com.au)

Home-based Business

Austin Rise B&B

 [austinrisebnb](https://www.austinrisebnb.com.au)

Goods and Services

Miracle Events

 [civilocelebrantsal](https://www.civilocelebrantsal.com.au)

Health and Wellbeing

F45 Training Heidelberg

 [f45_training_heidelberg](https://www.f45_training_heidelberg.com.au)

Hair, Beauty, Fashion

Kimberley & Co. Hair Salon

 [kimberleyandcohairmacleod](https://www.kimberleyandcohairmacleod.com.au)

Mayor's Choice Awards:


Souva So Good

 [souvasogood](https://www.souvasogood.com.au)

Barr'd Wine & Tapas Bar

 [barrd_winetapas](https://www.barrd_winetapas.com.au)

Vinoshis Beverage Shop

 [vinoshisbeverageshop](https://www.vinoshisbeverageshop.com.au)



Taking a trip down Heritage Lane

Amateur historians Diana Antonello and Edmund Chiu are keeping history alive in East Ivanhoe.

When they noticed a history plaque in their neighbourhood had weathered and been removed they contacted Banyule Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo to request it be replaced.

The new plaque commemorates Heritage Lane, a rare example of a laneway that has remained in use since it was first created in 1853 to provide access to Rangeworthy, one of Banyule's original homesteads.



Environmental upskilling workshops

Are you interested in developing your skills and building the capacity of your environmental group?

Volunteer Management 101

📅 Wednesday 23 August, 6pm - 8pm

📍 Hawdon Room, Level 4, 1 Flintoff Greensborough

Join Volunteering Victoria for this free workshop on volunteer management, recruitment and retention.

Community Organising 101

📅 Wednesday 4 October 6pm-8pm,

📍 Online

Free workshop on community organising and storytelling run by Friends of the Earth.

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

📅 Wednesday 30 August, 6pm - 8pm

📍 Online

Storytelling & Effective Conversations

📅 Wednesday 18 October, 6pm-8pm

📍 Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.

For all the details and to book, scan the code or head to banyule.vic.gov.au/stewardship





Get ready to ride FREE school holiday program

Make the most of the September holidays by getting your bike sorted and learning some basic bike skills.

School holiday sessions are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

 Saturday 16 September

 Warringal Park, Beverley Rd, Heidelberg

Basic bike checks

 Session one: 9am–10.30am

 Session two: 1pm–2.30pm

Your safety is important so before any ride, you must ensure your bike is ready. Our bike maintenance crew will show you how to do 'ready to ride' bike checks and basic repairs such as punctures, checking tyre pressure, adjusting brakes and gears, checking for loose nuts and bolts and oil chain.

Basic bike skills

 Session one: 10.30am–12pm

 Session two: 2.30pm–4pm

This session will give riders opportunities to practise the basic skills required to make their ride enjoyable, fun and safe. We'll cover braking, gear changing, etiquette, group riding and riding in traffic.


Bookings open on 4 August at trybooking.com/CJFAM



Cycle skills classes kick off

Spring is a great time to get back on your bike. Our September bike skills and maintenance classes are there to help you feel ready.

Hands-on bike maintenance workshop

 Thursday 7 September

 6.15pm–8.45pm

 Bellfield Community Hub, 15 Daphne Crescent, Bellfield

An interactive, hands-on bike maintenance workshop. Includes demonstration and explanation of bicycle maintenance essentials, including changing a flat tyre, adjusting brakes and cleaning and lubing the drive-train; with opportunities for participants to practise on their own bikes.


For people aged 13+ (teenagers must be accompanied by an adult)


Cost: \$25 full, \$15.50 concession

Bookings: scan the code or go to trybooking.com/CJMTR



Adults 1:1 learn to ride

 Sunday 24 September

 Olympic Park carpark, Heidelberg West

These sessions give you the chance to build bike skills and confidence in a safe, supportive environment. Because each session is just you and the instructor, you will receive tailored advice to develop your riding skills. What would you like to improve on?

BYO Bike and helmet.

Bookings: scan the code or go to trybooking.com/CJMUB



We've had some great feedback from previous participants:

'Working with Cazz has completely transformed my bike riding. Riding to school with my child has gone from being a dream to reality.'

The Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution, Treaty, and a Makarrata Commission.



Makarrata is a Yolgnu word describing a process of conflict resolution, truth-telling and peacemaking.

The Yoorrook Justice Commission is the first formal truth-telling process into historical and ongoing injustices experienced by First Peoples in Victoria.

What will Yoorrook do?

Yoorrook will look into past and ongoing injustices experienced by Traditional Owners and First Peoples in Victoria in all areas of life since colonisation. It will:

- Establish an official record of the impact of colonisation on Traditional Owners and First Peoples.
- Develop a shared understanding among all Victorians of the impact of colonisation, as well as the diversity, strength and resilience of First Peoples' cultures.
- Make recommendations for healing, system reform and practical changes to laws, policy and education, as well as to matters to be included in future treaties.

How will Yoorrook run its inquiry?

Yoorrook will:

- Hear stories and gather information from First Peoples on their experience of injustices and how their culture and knowledge have survived.
- Support First Peoples to choose how they wish to share their experiences and to avoid experiencing further trauma.
- Closely examine information that is already available and seek new information in areas where there are gaps in knowledge.
- Seek information and data from the Victorian Government and other institutions to give evidence about current and past practices and policies.
- Make recommendations for practical changes to laws, policy and practices.

For more information head to:
yoorrookjusticecommission.org.au

Business networking night

How will AI impact your work and business?

Join us for an opportunity to expand your professional network and gain valuable insights into the impact of AI on work and business.

Our guest speaker will delve into the fascinating world of AI, sharing insights and powerful tools to enhance efficiency.

Don't miss out on this chance to connect, learn, and unlock new possibilities.

Presented by Banyule Business.

 **17 August 5.30pm -8.30pm**

 **Jaga Jaga Bar, 28 Main St, Greensborough**


Cost: \$25 (tapas included)

Bookings: Scan the code or go to
augustnetworking.eventbrite.com.au



Comedy on Burgundy

Banyule has a comedy club!

 **Red Olive, 191 Burgundy Street,
Heidelberg Victoria 3084**

Laugh Track Live Comedy presents a series of live stand-up shows in Heidelberg featuring some of Australia's top tier comedic talent. Coming up:

David Thornton, Friday 22 September
trybooking.com/CJKDB

Peter Helliard, Friday 20 October
trybooking.com/CJJFA



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities



Murray Griffin: A Life and a Journey

📅 9 August – 3 September

Opening night: Friday 18 August, 6pm–8pm

📍 Art Gallery 275

This exhibition is a showcase of art and memorabilia by renowned printmaker, painter and war artist Murray Griffin (1903-1992) who was an influential and popular member of the Melbourne art scene from the early 1920s.

Griffin worked from his home studio in Eaglemont and is best known for his innovative linocuts, many of them featuring Australian birds. He was also a talented landscape painter, portraitist and art teacher.

Griffin served as an Official War Artist in the Second World War and spent more than three years as a prisoner of war in Changi, where he recorded the suffering and stoicism of his fellow prisoners, often using improvised art materials.

On display are works generously loaned by the Griffin family, including works promised to the National Gallery of Victoria and the Shrine of Remembrance, as well as an artwork from the Banyule Art Collection.

Image Credit : Linocut self-portrait 1932, Murray Griffin



Cat-isms

📅 21 July – 13 August

📍 Loft 275

An exhibition of art inspired by our feline friends.

Featuring artists:

- Junko Azukawa
- Lara Chamas
- Lou Endicott
- Emerson Zandegu

There will also be a community wall where you can drop off paintings, drawings, photos and writings of your beloved pet – not just cats! – to be displayed in the gallery. Join us in celebrating the wonderful animals that bring so much joy to our lives.

Emerging playwrights group

📅 Tuesdays, starting 5 September
6.30pm–8.30pm

📍 Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

This local artist development program brings writers together to explore playwriting and the creative process.

Participants will explore key aspects of playwriting craft through weekly workshops while writing the first scenes of a new play.

The 10-week program is open to writers of all experience levels.

To express your interest go to: bit.ly/banyule-playwriting

📍 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

All events at Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub are free, but please check the website for updates prior to visiting or contact us if you have any questions.

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Nature's Bounty by Julia Greenham

📅 17 August – 10 September

Opening Night:
Friday 18 August
6pm–8pm

📍 Loft 275

Julia's large-scale paintings showcase the unique forms, colours and stunning beauty of our Australian flora.

Whether gazing up a giant gum tree, getting up close with some bees immersed in bush flowers or marvelling at the alien-like forms of gumnuts, Julia's art will transport you to a place of wonder and beauty.

Image Credit: Nature's Bounty by Julia Greenham



The works of Peter Murphy

Peter Murphy is a Banyule-based multidisciplinary artist and writer. He was born in 1945, the day before the bombing of Hiroshima, and began writing in the mid-1960s.

Peter works across a range of writing forms, art and photography, examining different ways of seeing the world. Banyule Arts is proud to support Peter for two presentations in August.

One actor, four plays

📅 Thursday 3 August, 6.30pm

📍 Yarra-me Djila Theatre

These four short plays explore being alone in a mysterious world.

In one, a woman wakes up in the early evening and thinks it is morning. In another, a woman sleeping in a stranger's apartment hears weeping in the air-conditioning vent.

Actor: Jo-Anne Armstrong
Writer and director: Peter Murphy
Music: Peter Graham

Image Credit: Conversation of the Artists (in La Mama Classica), 2021

Poetry workshop

📅 Saturday 19 August
1pm–2.30pm

📍 Yarra-me Djila Theatre

Join Peter Murphy and friends for an afternoon of poetry readings and a writing workshop. In addition to the kind of poetry you will be familiar with, there will be a focus on concrete and sound poetry.

Bring your own poetry to share or to work on with others.

Bookings and more information at banyule.vic.gov.au/petermurphy

Ward Rounds



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It was my great pleasure to officially open the new Beverley Road Oval. This \$1.8 million redevelopment, funded by Council, was a long time in the making. The new Santa Ana couch grass travelled nine hours overnight from South Australia to get here. It then took six days to lay 15,824 metres of turf. The upgrade means that three

big clubs in Banyule now have a high-standard competitive playing surface. They will be able to provide more opportunities for training and player development, as well as an improved playing experience. Thanks to everyone at Council, Banyule Football Club, Banyule Junior Football Club and Banyule Cricket Club for helping make this happen.



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Council is delivering some important new roads projects to improve safety in Sherbourne. We're building a crossing on Alban St in Montmorency outside Montmorency Primary School. Works around the intersection of Mayona and Mountain View roads include a speed hump, footpath works

and a raised pedestrian crossing near St Francis Xavier Primary School. We're also installing speed humps on Mountain View Rd between Sherbourne Rd and Calrossie Ave. This completes traffic calming measures on this road, complementing the speed humps installed between St Helena and Sherbourne roads in 2021/22.



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A major redevelopment of the Scout Hall at Viewbank Reserve is about to get underway, with \$684,000 allocated in the 2023/24 Budget. The hall will get a makeover, including new bathrooms and storage. We're upgrading the electrics and plumbing and installing ramps and parking to make the hall fully accessible. There will also be a new storage shed.

Viewbank Scout Group caters for children aged 5 to 17 with the full complement of Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. Children learn amazing skills and gain confidence, all while having a heap of fun. Council is delighted to support such a great community group. See what they're up to on Facebook or via the Scouts Victoria website.

Banyule is made up of nine wards. To find out which ward you belong to scan the code



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Four playgrounds in Beale will be updated and improved in 2023/24. Council's Open Space Strategy aims to enhance playgrounds and create play opportunities that respond to the character of the area, while being diverse, inclusive and challenging for users. The playgrounds to be renewed are in Larool Ave Reserve, Weidlich

Rd Reserve, Malcolm Blair Reserve and Glendale Reserve. The upgrades will provide fun and fresh play opportunities. Keep an eye out for signs at the reserves or hop online at **shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au** to view the designs and provide feedback. Construction will begin early next year.



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Your opinion matters to me. That's why I'm holding regular Bakewell ward meetings, starting this month. Come along to the Council offices in Greensborough and speak with me, your local councillor. You will be able to ask questions and have your queries heard. No bookings required, just pop in during the following times.

-  **Tuesday 1 August, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

-  **Wednesday 6 September, 1pm - 2pm**

-  **Friday 13 October, 1pm - 2pm**

-  **Hawdon Room, Level 4, 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough**



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It's exciting to see some great improvements to sporting infrastructure in Chelsworth. The redevelopment of the clubhouse and carpark at Ivanhoe Golf Course is underway. Sections of the clubhouse will be closed as works continue and Council has installed temporary changerooms for Ivanhoe golfers such as Les and Alison,

pictured with me at the club. The improvements should be complete by the end of October. Find out about the course at **ivanhoegolfcourse.com.au** or phone **9499 7001**. At Chelsworth Tennis Club, the lights have been installed and retaining walls built, but we're waiting for a break in the weather to complete the court resurfacing and fencing.



Ward Rounds



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World class athletes are coming to Olympia Ward as part of the world's largest women's sporting event.

The International Federation of Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup will be played in Australia for the first time and our very own Olympic Park in Heidelberg West will be used as a training venue for Canada and Germany

between 13 July and 9 August. During this time, the sessions will be closed to the public and there will be no public access to the main soccer pitch, the synthetic pitch or public toilets. The two other ovals and playground (north of the soccer grounds) will remain open for the community to enjoy.



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It was great to visit Bundoora Secondary College to meet with teachers and students and see their farming and agricultural initiatives.

The college secured a \$9388 environment grant from Council to continue their great work and build a native fish hatchery.

The hatchery will be used as a teaching facility for community

education and engagement and to breed the southern pygmy perch (*Nannoperca australis*), a locally threatened fish species.

Council hopes to use these fish to re-establish the species in local wetlands and waterways.

The project is on track to begin breeding fish in spring and we'll begin restocking waterways in early 2024.



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The arts are an important part of life and it's great to see community arts thriving in Ibbott.

I had a fantastic time recently dropping in to the Heidelberg Artists Society pop-up art show at Warringal Shopping Centre, pictured.

The art show is open Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm, at shop 18 (Burgundy Street

entrance). Entry is free.

Did you know Heidelberg Theatre Company has been wowing audiences for more than 75 years? Council is proud to support the group with \$859,000 for new storage at the theatre in Turnham Ave, Rosanna.

Check out the HTC website for tickets to their next play, *Cosi* by Louis Nowra, showing from September 8 to 23.

Did you know there are more than 10 different species of locally indigenous wattles found in Banyule?

Bushland diaries

Wattles spring to life

Hedge Wattle

Late winter and spring are the prime times to see the incredible diversity of our local wattles flowering throughout Banyule.

These species play a very important role in the ecology of Banyule's wildlife corridors and bushland reserves.

Several species have evolved thorns or spiky foliage, such as the Hedge Wattle, Prickly Moses and Spreading Wattle. These mid-storey shrubs provide excellent protection and nesting sites for a range of small, vulnerable woodland birds.

The sap of taller wattles, including Black Wattle and Golden Wattle, provides a crucial food source over winter for mammals like Krefft's gliders and possums.

When flowering, all of these species provide nectar for a range of insects as well as pollen which is a much-needed source of protein for wildlife.

Interestingly, wattles are classified within the pea family. While it may not be obvious from looking at the flowers, the unmistakable pea pods provide an incredible food source for a wide range of wildlife, including larger parrots such as King Parrots, lorikeets and Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoos.

How many different shades of yellow can you spot in our bushland reserves this season?

You can get involved with conserving our bushland reserves by helping out one of our local environmental friends groups. **Find one near you by scanning the QR code**



Upcoming events:

Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

📅 10am-12pm, Saturday 5 August

📍 Rattray Reserve, Montmorency

Friends of Darebin Creek

Planting a range of locally indigenous wildflowers

📅 10am-12pm, Sunday 13 August

📍 Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve, Heidelberg West

For further information, contact Senior Ranger Tom Crawshaw: tom.crawshaw@banyule.vic.gov.au



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