

Banyule Banner

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Mayor's Message

Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo



Part of the gift of being mayor is to meet so many members of the community. I am always inspired after attending a local event, whether it's a morning tea with nonagenarians or the latest Youth Summit.

It's great to have a good chat and hear about what matters to you.

It is also humbling to understand the depth and breadth of contribution that people make to enriching Banyule.

Volunteering in Banyule

Volunteers are our community's beating heart and I was thrilled to celebrate you all recently during Volunteer Week with a big, fun event at The Centre Ivanhoe.

In Banyule, we're proud volunteers. In fact, 14.4% of you reported doing some form of volunteer work in

the latest Census. Thank you for the many hours you put in.

Apply for a community grant

If your community group has a great project that needs a little help to get off the ground, take a look at our grants. The next major round of funding opens on 3 July.

From arts and culture grants to sports travel grants, we have something for almost every club and local group. We even subsidise rental of Council spaces for not-for-profits.

You'll find all the details on page 3 of this edition of the Banner.

Spotlight on our maintenance champions

In the last few editions of the Banyule Banner, we've showcased

just some of the more than 100 different community services that Council delivers.

This month I'm really pleased to see a focus on our infrastructure maintenance team.

Sometimes called out before the birds are up, or after the sun goes down, their work might often be done in the background, but it is absolutely vital to the smooth running of our City.

Read more about the work they do and how they're innovating on **page 13**.

Please stay warm this winter and I look forward to seeing you at a Council event soon.

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 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Cover image: Young people attending the of the 2023 Banyule Youth Summit

Council Meetings

 Upcoming dates:
26 June
17 July

 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.



Banyule councillors with a 2023 Banyule Community Grant recipient.

Council grants opening soon

Online information sessions

We'll take you through the guidelines, share case studies and give you tips on applying.

Arts & Culture grants

6.30pm, Wednesday 14 June

Community grants

6.30pm, Wednesday 21 June

Environment grants

6.30pm, Wednesday 28 June

Book your spot at an information session and find out about all our grants.

Check Council's website at banyule.vic.gov.au/grants

Phone 9490 4222

Or scan the code



Each year Council offers a range of grants to help local community groups, individuals and organisations deliver projects that contribute to making Banyule a better place to live.

Applications for Arts and Culture grants, Community grants and Environment grants are open Monday 3 July to Friday 11 August.

Arts and Culture grants

Up to \$10,000 for creative projects in any creative medium, including dance, performance, digital, music, visual arts and film, as well as cultural and festivals and events.

Community grants

Total grant pool of \$210,000 to support activities and services provided by not-for-profit groups.

Environment grants

Up to \$10,000 for projects that benefit the community and support Council's climate action, sustainable transport and environmental goals.

Facility Subsidy grant

Free or discounted hire of Council facilities to not-for-profit groups. Applications open from 23 June until May 2024 or until funds are exhausted.

Sports travel grants

Grants to help individuals and teams participate in sports at a local, state, national and international level.

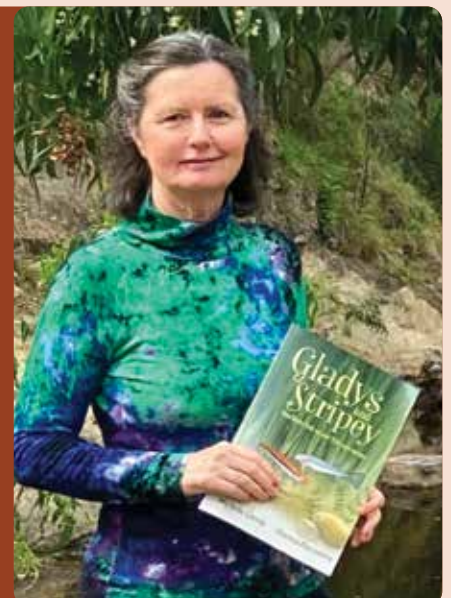
Two more application rounds this year: 1 July to 31 August and 1 October to 30 November.

Gladys and Stripey

A Banyule environment grant supported environmental educator Michele Gierck to produce a book that is helping children learn about their local environment.

Written by Michele, with support from fish and river expert Scientist John, 'Gladys and Stripey: two little fish on one BIG adventure', is based on the threatened native fish species, Galaxiella pusilla. Illustrated by artist Marina Zlatanova, it is written in rhyme, with scientific notes and activities for children.

This project addresses the key themes of sustainability, connection to local environment and taking environmental action. It promotes environmental sustainability and empowers readers to discover local waterways and learn about a native fish species. Scan the code to watch a video about the making of 'Gladys and Stripey'.



Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Public participation in Council meetings

Governance Rules tell us how decisions at Council are made, how we conduct Council meetings, and make sure Council deals with matters transparently, effectively and in alignment with good governance principles.

Last year we asked the community to provide feedback on our updated Governance Rules and Election Period Policy, which were adopted in November 2022.

Stage two of the Governance Rules Review will focus on the ways the community can participate in Council meetings. Over the coming weeks, you will have an opportunity to have your say on the proposed changes relating to public questions, requests to speak, petitions and joint letters, amongst other things.

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/GovRules and click 'follow' to stay up-to-date and receive notifications for when you can get involved.

Your Council contact:

Governance Team

Phone: 9490 4209

Email: governance@banyule.vic.gov.au

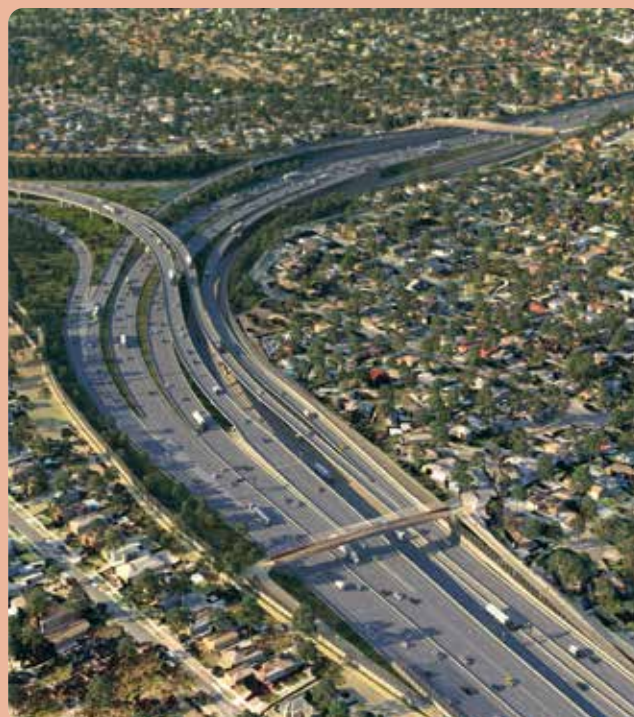


North East Link final designs on their way

Final designs for the northern section of North East Link will soon be unveiled. Council continues to advocate for a better design for the section between Watsonia Road and the M80 Ring Road.

All the latest news on North East Link, along with Council's alternative design, can be found at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/northeastlink

Once final designs are available from the Victorian Government, Council and residents will have just 21 days to provide feedback. Be sure to visit Shaping Banyule and click 'follow' so we can notify you when the public exhibition period begins.



Have your say and 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 via the code or at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au



Banyule Youth Summit

What's on the minds of young people in Banyule? Important things such as mental health, body image, gender equality and a voice for youth.

These were some of the themes discussed at the fifth biennial Banyule Youth Summit, held at Heidelberg Golf Club at the end of May.

Young people from all over Banyule gathered to discuss topics they are passionate about and to consider how to make positive change for themselves and their peers. They spoke of their desire for an inclusive community and suggested ways to make this a reality.

Victoria's Minister for Youth, Natalie Suleyman MP, encouraged everyone to keep pushing for issues that mattered to them.

The Summit concluded with a presentation of desired outcomes and suggested actions. The MPs, councillors and community agencies listened intently and have already expressed interest in partnering with Youth Services to make the recommendations a reality.

Council will now work in partnership with young people and the wider community to realise these outcomes. A report card will be presented to Council in 2024 outlining the achievements made since this year's Summit.

For more information, contact the youth team on **9457 9855** or banyuleyouth@banyule.vic.gov.au



Voice to Parliament community forum

📅 Thursday 29 June

🕒 6pm - 7.30pm

📍 Yarra-me Djila Theatrette, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe



Banyule is excited to host a second community information session following its endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart in December 2022.

Join us for a panel discussion of different perspectives on the upcoming referendum on a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

This event supports Council's commitment to information sharing about the Uluru Statement and the referendum to ensure our community is informed before voting.



Capital works across Banyule



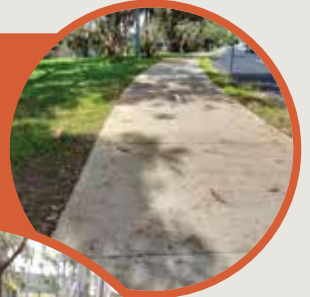
When you think of capital works you might think of big-ticket items such as Bellfield Community Hub, the multimillion-dollar service and community facility that opened in November, or the Rosanna Library redevelopment, soon to be under construction.

Our capital works program also includes improvements to existing Council assets and many smaller projects that enhance our neighbourhoods and facilities. It all adds up to a safer, healthier and more connected community.

Banyule's **\$61.55 million** capital works program for 2022/23 included more than 230 projects. Here are just a few of the smaller capital works we've completed.

New footpaths

Watsonia, Willinda Park, McNamara St, Macleod



Community hall upgrades



BBQ replacement program

Kalparrin Gardens



Lighting

Shelley Reserve oval and carpark lighting

*Soon to be completed



Cricket nets replacement program

Greensborough Park, Whatmough Park



Preschool upgrades

Olympic Village Preschool bathroom



Road resurfacing and traffic works

Oriel Rd, Grove Rd, Poplar Gr and Aberdeen Rd



Help clean up Banyule

Report dumped waste

It is illegal to dump or bury any kind of waste at a location that isn't licensed to accept it. This includes private land. Dumped waste damages our environment, is a risk to health and is expensive to manage.

Last year Council received more than 1500 reports of dumped rubbish and we're on track for double the number this year.

How to spot and report it

Look for trucks or trailers moving waste at odd hours or in places where you wouldn't expect them. You can report anonymously to Council and the EPA.

Household rubbish dumped on Council land should be reported to customer service, phone **9490 4222**, or online at banyule.vic.gov.au under the 'waste and environment' tab.

Rubbish dumped in waterways or forests should be reported to EPA Victoria online or by calling **1300 372 842**.

Where can I take waste?

Council provides two hard waste collections per year for each household. This can include:

- washing machines, dryers, ovens and microwaves
- evaporative coolers
- furniture
- hot water services
- floor coverings
- smaller items (placed in a box)

Banyule Waste Recovery Centre accepts many other materials. The centre at 307-325 Waterdale Rd, Bellfield, is open weekdays from 7.30am to 3.30pm and weekends and public holidays from 7.30am to 12pm (closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day, ANZAC Day and Good Friday). Check our website for costs or phone customer service on **9490 4222**.



Pool and spa safety barriers save lives

Make sure yours is compliant

In December 2019, new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria. If you own land in Banyule that contains a pool or spa, including portable or relocatable pools and spas, you must:

- register your pool or spa with Banyule City Council
- provide a Certificate of Pool and Spa Barrier Compliance

If your pool or spa was constructed between 1 July 1994 and 30 April 2010, your certificate of compliance was due on 1 June 2023. You must arrange an inspector to issue a certificate of compliance and you need to lodge the certificate via Council's website. Failure to comply may lead to further enforcement and penalties.

For all the details, including how to find an inspector, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/PoolFence

New pools, spas and safety barriers

Before you build a new pool, spa or permanent safety barrier, you must get a permit from a registered building surveyor. You might also need a permit to make changes to an existing safety barrier.

You must also register with Council and lodge a compliance certificate within 30 days of the completion date.

Questions? Call the Pool Register Team on **9433 7777** during business hours or email pool.register@banyule.vic.gov.au.

Improving water quality in Darebin Creek

Banyule Council has implemented an innovative way of improving the quality of stormwater entering Darebin Creek.

Six sensors have been placed in drains to monitor the quality of water. They work by detecting water or chemical pollutants at these sites.

Previously, the only way to know whether a waterway was being polluted was if there was foam across the surface of the water or if the colour of the water changed.

The new sensors alert Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) within five minutes of a spill occurring and narrow the field from where the pollution could be coming from.

Believed to be a first in Melbourne, the cost-effective project could easily be rolled out across the State.



Cleaning up our act

The best way to reduce stormwater pollution is to stop it getting into the system in the first place.

If we stop pollutants from reaching our local drains, we can improve our creeks, rivers and bays.

Tips to reduce stormwater pollution:

- Wash your car on the grass or at a car wash that recycles the water.
- Make sure your car isn't leaking any fluids.
- Compost your leaves and garden clippings to stop them going into drains.
- Always put your litter in a bin.
- Sweep the footpath and put waste into a bin rather than using a hose.
- Clean up after your animals.
- Avoid using weed-killers when it's going to rain or be windy.

Housing & Neighbourhood character review

What do you love about your neighbourhood? What would make it better?

Get involved in the discussion as we review Banyule's Housing and Neighbourhood Character strategies.

We've prepared a Housing Discussion Paper with community feedback from earlier stages of this project plus recent housing data and population trends.

From 17 July to 31 August you will be able to view the discussion paper and take part in community engagement activities including workshops and walking tours. Your feedback will help inform Council's new strategies on Housing and Neighbourhood Character.

To stay up to date with the project, view the discussion paper and book in for consultation activities at Shaping Banyule, the place to have your say on local projects and activities: shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/HNC

Banyule Community Bus

We are close to launching a FREE community bus service in partnership with Link Community & Transport social enterprise.

The bus will follow a fixed route with 29 stops at shopping centres, medical centres, community hubs, train stations, libraries and more. It will operate for a 12-month trial.

While the service will be free for all residents, it is particularly aimed at older adults, residents living with a disability, people with limited access to transport, people from diverse backgrounds and those experiencing financial difficulties.

Accessible transport is a key priority for vulnerable population groups to access services and participate in the wider community.

Contact Customer Service for more information:

Email: enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9490 4222

Community bus route

See the details of the route and more at banyule.vic.gov.au/CommunityBus





Here's to 90 and beyond!

It seems that staying curious really can help keep you young.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had a fantastic morning tea recently with 17 nonagenarians from Banyule's University of the Third Age.

The group has 24 members who are aged 90-99 years old. In fact, nonagenarians are the fastest-growing group of older adults in Australia!

While enjoying home-baked eclairs and curried egg sandwiches, the group reminisced on how much has changed since the youngest members of the group

were born in 1933, as construction started on the Golden Gate Bridge and Australian families struggled through the effects of the Great Depression.

This community of active learners traded stories and laughs. Everyone left the morning tea inspired and ready to keep learning.

For local activities and opportunities for older adults, sign up to Banyule's Age in Focus newsletter with the code or follow this link:

banyule.vic.gov.au/AgeinFocus



Helping Banyule business grow

Did you know there are more than 11,400 businesses in Banyule providing 50,000 local jobs?

Council's Economic Development team, Banyule Business, is here to help businesses innovate, adapt and grow.

Banyule Business offers free mentoring and a range of services and promotions for Banyule businesses. There are also regular networking events where you can learn from the best and meet other local business owners. Check out the full calendar of events at banyulebusiness.com.au

Business networking breakfast

Grow your business through digital marketing

Special guest – marketing specialist Clarissa Harris



 Tuesday 11 July 7am - 9am

 Mabel Jones Cafe, 67 Grimshaw St, Greensborough

Cost: \$20, all welcome. Book at banyulebusiness.com.au



Supporting Banyule

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

Maintaining our community assets

Council manages more than \$986 million worth of assets on behalf of the community.
We build, maintain and renew these assets to deliver high-quality services and activities as one of Council's core responsibilities.

Buildings

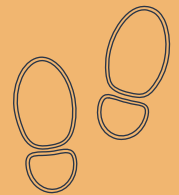


- 12** Council office buildings
- 4** health and aged services
- 153** leisure, recreation and culture assets
- 13** operations buildings
- 108** parks and gardens (depot, toilets, shelters)
- 17** commercial properties
- 63** family services buildings

2022/23 spend: **\$25.2 million**

Footpaths

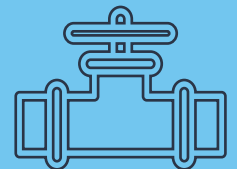
Banyule has over 1000km of footpaths and pathways that provide a network of **safe and enjoyable** walking paths to move around and enjoy different spaces in Banyule.



2022/23 spend: **\$3.92 million**

Stormwater drainage

Our drain network takes stormwater from private and public land and helps **protect the community** from flooding and improves the quality of stormwater that ends up in natural waterways.



2022/23 spend: **\$2.74 million**

Roads

We look after more than 667km of local road assets include sealed and unsealed roads, kerbs, drains, carparks and rights of way. A safe road network is vital to keep our community **connected and mobile**.



2022/23 spend: **\$4.1 million**

Parks and open space

High-quality open spaces and streetscapes.

- 146** playgrounds
- 39** BBQ areas
- 1192** items of furniture



2022/23 spend: **\$18.83 million**

Bridges

2022/23 spend: **\$400,000**





Damien White and his team are in the middle of their least favourite time of year – winter – but the payoff for working in the cold and rain remains the best part of the job – serving the community and getting positive feedback from residents they have helped.

“I like to see a finished outcome,” said Damien (pictured left), Banyule’s Team Leader of Infrastructure Maintenance, working on a footpath repair with Jordan.

An electrician by trade, Damien joined the infrastructure maintenance team eight years ago and never tires of the variety of work. While there is a busy calendar of regular maintenance work, the team also responds to emergencies, sometimes working with police and other emergency services to secure an area or manage the clean-up. At this time of year, it’s often flooding and drainage challenges.

“

When a call comes in, we’ll be out there as soon as possible to make it safe for the public.

”

The team is responsible for replacement, repair and maintenance of roads, kerbs and footpaths; stormwater and drain systems; street furniture including bins, seats, bollards, fences and bike hoops; street signs and road line marking. They’re often called in for set-up, traffic control and safety at Council events.

Safety of the community and Council workers remains the “number one priority” said Damien. “We have a great safety record and we are always putting new things in place to make it even better.”

A recent safety innovation was the purchase of a battery-powered jackhammer. Not only is the new tool lighter and easier to operate, reducing shoulder injuries, it has zero toxic emissions, requires no handling of dangerous and flammable fuels, is significantly quieter than the petrol version and is cheaper to run. A new angle grinder is quieter and does not throw off sparks, making it safer to use in the bushfire season.

The maintenance team’s diverse expertise and experience helps solve problems and create innovations. They recently designed a trailer for an excavator, making it safer to transport and unload. In March, Banyule’s Operations team won a WorkSafe Victoria Award for ‘Workplace Health and Safety Solution of the Year’ for designing a new interlock mechanism that prevents backhoe rollovers.

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Connecting with aged care services

Navigating aged care services isn't always easy. That's why our aged care team is happy to let you know about Service Connection, a free program being offered by healthAbility Eltham.

Service Connection provides short-term and long-term support for vulnerable older people and those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They can help you understand what services are available and will assist with aged care assessments and navigating the My Aged Care portal, as well as connecting you with services and community life.

Eligibility

To receive Service Connection support, a person must:

- have no carer or support person to help them (or have no carer or support person they feel comfortable with or trust to support them)
- be eligible for government-funded aged care.

In addition, they should have one or more of these reasons for needing intensive support:

- Have difficulty communicating due to language or literacy barriers
- Find it difficult to understand information or make decisions
- Be reluctant to engage with aged care or government bodies
- Be at risk if they do not receive services.

Service Connection is available to people living in the cities of Banyule, Boroondara, Nillumbik, Whitehorse and the lower areas of Murrundindi.

Find out more by calling **9430 9100** or **0414 272 411** or email service.connection@healthability.org.au

Support for carers

Banyule Carer Support Program now has a one-stop shop webpage. Find out about our activities and support at banyule.vic.gov.au/CarerSupport

Carer supports and services – online workshop

📅 Wednesday 14 June

🕒 10.30am

📍 Online workshop

Are you an unpaid carer? What support and services are out there for you?

Our one-hour online workshop will outline the services and supports available to help you care for your loved one, including financial support, help to take a break and more.

Hosted by Banyule Carer Support Program and run by Carers Victoria.

Free workshop, register at carers@banyule.vic.gov.au

Financial and material support for carers – information session

📅 Wednesday 28 June

🕒 10am - 11.30am

📍 Bellfield Community Hub, Daphne Cres Bellfield

Are you an unpaid carer struggling to make ends meet? Hear from local agencies about ways to ease that burden. The session will cover:

- how to get financial assistance for food, groceries, school uniforms and supplies
- food parcels and vouchers
- accessing concessions, grants, benefits, Centrelink payments and no-interest loans
- tax help and financial counselling.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and apply on the spot for the \$250 power saving bonus.

This forum is hosted by the Banyule Carer Support Program, with guest presenters from Services Australia and Banyule Support & Information Centre. Morning tea provided.

Free event. Registrations essential at carers@banyule.vic.gov.au



L-R: Banyule U3A members Judith Craze, Milena Maranville and Dianne Williamson, who is also a member of Banyule's Age Friendly Advisory Committee, sign the pledge with Cr Castaldo.

Tackling ageism in Banyule

Council signs EveryAGE pledge and Age Friendly Champions are back!

Banyule has renewed its commitment to tackling ageism and to ensuring people of all ages are valued, respected and acknowledged.

A day of training and workshops at Bellfield Community Hub began with Banyule Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo signing the EveryAGE Counts pledge, promising to “take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life”.

Cr Castaldo was joined by members of Banyule’s Age Friendly Advisory Committee and Community Connections Team, as well as our new Age Friendly Champions.

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, the Champions are back, with members of the community taking on the role of Age Friendly Champions and working with the Community Connections Team to develop, promote and deliver Age Friendly programs for older adults in Banyule.

The morning was an opportunity to reconnect and reflect on past achievements. We had robust and valuable conversations about ageism and positive ageing. We workshopped great ideas that will help shape Council’s age friendly services and activities in the future.

If you would like to be involved in the Age Friendly Champions program, contact:

Jenna Gandolfo, Community Connections Team Leader
 Phone: 9098 8001
 Email: jenna.gandolfo@banyule.vic.gov.au



New-look public notices

Public notices have a new format to provide more information on planning applications received by Council.

The notices have been modernised with a new look and feel, including a 3D image that will give the community an immediate sense of what is proposed on the site.

Like the example pictured, notices will include a QR code so that you can hone in to the detail of the application using your phone while at the site. We've also added a timeline to show the steps of the planning process and what to expect next.

Notices are placed on site during the public notice period and are posted to residents when they may be affected by a planning application.



More protection for Banyule's heritage

This modernist church is now protected for future generations, thanks to a new amendment to Banyule's planning scheme.

St George's Peace Memorial Church in Ivanhoe East is among 20 places added to the Heritage Overlay following approval of Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C165 by the Minister for Planning. It brings the total number of heritage places and precincts protected by the Heritage Overlay in Banyule to 210.

Amendment C165 implemented the recommendations of the Banyule Heritage Study 2020 and is an important part of Council's commitment to conserve Banyule's cultural heritage. Inclusion on the Heritage Overlay ensures that any future development proposals have regard to the heritage significance of the place.

Electrify Banyule

Like many Banyule Residents, Greta lived in a home with gas-powered heating, cooking and hot water.

When Greta and her family needed to replace their ageing appliances they choose to go all electric, knowing that electric appliances are healthier, cheaper to run and better for the environment.

“Now that we are completely off gas, we have no gas bill or service charge – the service charge used to cost us more than \$300 a year,” said Greta, pictured at home.

“We feel happier knowing that we no longer have any health risks in our home associated with using gas and the split system in the lounge room has definitely made hot days and cooler nights more comfortable.”

Technological improvements in recent years have created more efficient electrical appliances that use less power and cost less to run. It doesn't need to be done all at once. We can help you prepare so that when appliances such as hot water services need replacing, you are ready to make the switch.

To make your plan and learn about rebates and incentives visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ElectrifyBanyule



Home energy efficiency grants

We are committed to being a carbon neutral community by 2040.

If you've been thinking about upgrading your home's energy efficiency, we're here to support you!

Through the Better Score program, we provide a free audit on your home (valued at \$500) as well as a grant of up to \$1000 towards efficiency upgrades such as heat pumps, insulation and solar systems.

Applications are open from 3-9 July.

60 applicants will be accepted. If more than 60 people apply, grant recipients will be drawn from a ballot.

To find out more, contact Banyule's Community Energy Officer at energy.info@banyule.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code.



Keep up with all our environmental programs and news with Banyule's Greenwrap e-newsletter. Scan the QR code to sign up.



New public toilet

We're working on designs for a new toilet block in Macleod Village. The new amenities will be conveniently placed closer to the playground, so you will not have cross Erskine Road to get to them. Construction will commence early in 2024.



Disability Pride

July is Disability Pride Month, a time to recognise and celebrate the contributions that people with disability make to our community.

People who live with disability are diverse in culture, language, sexuality, gender identity, age, ability, socioeconomic status and life experiences.

Disability Pride challenges the stigma people with disability can experience, which can lead to discrimination and exclusion. By promoting Disability Pride Month, Council encourages people with disability in Banyule to proudly be themselves, and invites our community to advocate for greater accessibility and inclusion across our places, spaces, services and programs.

Each colour of the Disability Pride Flag represents a different type of disability: physical (red), cognitive and intellectual (yellow), invisible and undiagnosed (white), psychosocial (blue), and sensory (green). The charcoal background symbolizes mourning and rage for the victims of violence and abuse, and the coloured bands are placed diagonally to convey 'cutting across' societal barriers.

Support for disability rights can be found at the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission at humanrights.vic.gov.au

Pride Month

Pride Month is a time for members and allies to celebrate LGBTIQ+ culture, diversity and inclusion. You may see the Progress Pride flag flown outside civic buildings. It includes black and brown stripes to represent marginalised people of colour and incorporates colours of the trans and gender-diverse flag and the intersex flag, showing the importance of visibility and inclusion for our diverse LGBTIQ+ community.

Find out more at

Victorian Pride Centre: pridecentre.org.au

Minus18: minus18.org.au

LGBTIQ+ Health Australia: lgbtiqhealth.org.au



Refugee Week

Each year in June, Banyule City Council recognises Refugee Week (Sunday 18 June – Saturday 24 June 2023). Refugee Week aims to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

Find Refugee Week events at refugeeweek.org.au



Kinder is for everyone

Preschool, or kinder, is for all children aged three to five.

Council has a service to help families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds access kinder services.

Council's outreach support officer can help with:

- Kinder enrolment applications
- Successful transition from kinder to primary school
- Connecting with early childhood support services in your local area

An interpreter with LanguageLoop is available on request.

This service is supported by the Department of Education and Training.

Get in touch:

Sara Ali, Outreach support officer
Banyule Early Childhood Services

Phone: **0466 458 407**

Email: sara.ali@banyule.vic.gov.au

Pick up your dog's poo

It happens far too often. A dog owner not watching their pet or not caring about the dog's poo being left on the ground.

Our great outdoors is a shared space and leaving a pile of dog poo impacts others' enjoyment and the health of people, including council workers who cut the grass.

Our local sports clubs are left to deal with dog poo being left on the grounds, and dogs destroying the playing surface by digging holes.

Besides being unsightly and smelly, dog poo carries bacteria and parasites that can make people and other dogs sick. It can also contaminate waterways and harm the environment.

So, do the right thing. Pick up after your dog and place it in a bin.

Don't risk it! You can be fined if you don't clean up after your dog or carry a bag to clean up after your dog.



Be a part of Banyule's major events



Apply to be a food vendor, stallholder or sponsor at Banyule's upcoming festivals and events

With events kicking off from November this year, here's how you can get in on the action.

Make great food?

We're taking expressions of interest from food vendors for four events: Malahang Festival (November), Carols by Candlelight (December), Twilight Sounds (February 2024) and Eco Festival (March 2024). Each event can attract from 3000 to 6000 attendees.

We welcome applications from near and far but give preference to vendors local to Banyule. Applications close on Sunday 16 July. Apply at banyule.vic.gov.au/Stallholder-proposal

Apply to be a stallholder

If you are a community group, service provider, local organisation or have your own market stall, we have two upcoming events with stallholder opportunities.

The Malahang Festival is a family-friendly celebration of local community and cultural diversity. With a range of hands-on workshops, interactive activities and live music and entertainment, it's a great opportunity to engage with Banyule locals, share information or promote your service.

The Eco Festival is a pet and sustainability event with garden-themed workshops and activities, market stalls, roving entertainment, sustainability tips and information. We are looking for stallholders with a pet or environment focus.

Get the word out about your business

Are you a Banyule-based business looking to promote your services and engage with the local community? Banyule is seeking sponsors and partners for our 2023/24 major events and festivals.

To find out more about being a stallholder or for a copy of our sponsorship prospectus, email arts@banyule.vic.gov.au



Free school holiday activities


Yes, it's that time of year again! Start planning for the winter holidays with these events.

Please note: Bookings open on 23 June and are essential. Adults must accompany children for all of these activities.

Biodiversity in your backyard

 Tuesday 27 June

 10am, 11.30am and 1pm

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

This program will introduce and highlight the links between native animals, plants and our suburban backyards (and other suburban areas).


Children will discover the animals that call suburban Melbourne home, the plants they need, the hiding places they require and what we can do in our backyards to protect and encourage native animals.

The animals include a possum, bird, Grey Headed Flying Fox, lizard, frog, spider and snake!

Book at: www.trybooking.com/CHXOF



Robotics and coding workshop only for children aged 8+

 Tuesday 4 July

 9.30am, 11am and 1.30pm

 Watsonia Library
4/6 Ibbottson St, Watsonia

Book at www.trybooking.com/CHXPA



 Thursday 6 July

 9.30am, 11am and 1.30pm

 Bellfield Community Hub,
15 Daphne Cres, Bellfield

Book at www.trybooking.com/CHXPH



Discover the power of robots with Museums Victoria in this 75-minute workshop exploring how simple programs can control complex machines.

Using mBot robots and iPads, discover how robots move, sense and respond to their environment.

Working in pairs with a parent/carer, children will write instructions for their robot and use STEM skills to overcome a series of challenges. Can you program a self-driving car? Or a dancing party robot?

Children under eight will not be admitted, as requested by Museums Victoria.



Crocodiles, snakes and lizards

 Thursday 29 June

 10am, 11.30 and 1pm

 Banyule Council offices, Level 4,
1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough

Children will meet, get up close to and learn about all things reptile, including Blue Tongue Lizard, Shingleback, Turtle, Goanna, Freshwater crocodile, Saltwater crocodile, Python and awesome reptile skulls and skeleton!

Children will have fun discovering the diversity and uniqueness of reptiles that are found in the Australian bush.

Book at: www.trybooking.com/CHXOS




Out and about in Banyule



Comedy on Burgundy Street

 Friday 14 July

 8pm - 10pm

 Red Olive, 191 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg

Bookings at: www.trybooking.com/CHTCX

Banyule's comedy club is back in July with headliner Nazeem Hussain.

Nazeem has enjoyed success all over the world with a Netflix stand-up special, regular appearances on Bill Nye Saves The World and roles on The Weekly with Charlie Pickering (ABC) and Legally Brown (SBS) which he hosted and co-wrote.

Don't miss your chance to see one of Australia's top comedic talents right here in Banyule!



Art out and about

Banyule's Art in Public Spaces Program invigorates our communal spaces and encourages people to think about our urban environment differently.

Each year we support local artists to deliver a range of new and original, one-off, temporary site-specific art projects. Enjoy the latest project while you wait for the bus!

Up Close and Personal by Melisa Savickas

 On display from mid-June

 Greensborough Plaza Bus Stop

A series of photographs of local flora taken with a macro lens that will highlight the beauty of native plants in intimate detail.

For future projects and opportunities, go to: banyule.vic.gov.au/ArtInPublicSpaces


Photo: Melisa Savickas



Come and try croquet

 Wednesdays 5, 12 and 19 July

 2.00 - 3.30pm

 Ivanhoe Park Croquet Club,
132 Lower Heidelberg Rd, East Ivanhoe

Do you want to try a new activity in the outdoors and make new friends?

Ivanhoe Park Croquet Club is hosting FREE 'Come and Try' sessions with afternoon tea. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

To book in for one session or all three, call customer service on **9490 4222** or email: enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

📍 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.

🌐 banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

✉️ arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

☎️ 9490 4222



الداخل مفقود والخارج مولود

(Missing Once In, Reborn Once Out): by Miream Salameh. Curated by Nur Shkempi

📅 16 June - 30 July
Opening Night: Friday 23 June, 6pm-8pm

📍 Art Gallery 275

Miream Salameh is a Syrian artist whose work addresses issues of identity, displacement, conflict and memory.

Image: Missing Once In, Reborn Once Out (2021), by Miream Salameh, photographed by Aaron Christopher Rees



brain blink by Jodie OhmZutt

📅 22 June - 13 July
Opening Night: Friday 23 June, 6pm - 8pm

📍 Loft 275

Jodie will be in residence in the Mungga Artist Studios during her exhibition. Check the website for details, and pop in for a chat with the artist.

Image: Self Portrait post dissociative state (2022) by Jodie OhmZutt



2023 Banyule Award for Works on Paper – entries close 14 July

The Banyule Award for Works on Paper is awarded every two years to an outstanding contemporary work on paper.

The theme for the 2023 award is: Nhalinggu Bagung, which in the Woivurrung language means “come gather”. In December 2022, Banyule Council adopted the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full and committed to taking practical action for a better future and reconciled Australia. We have set this theme in recognition of Council’s commitment.

PRIZES:

Main Acquisitive Prize: \$10,000

Commendation Prize: \$1000

People’s Choice Award: \$1000

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entries close: 14 July

Artists notified: 4 August

Finalists’ exhibition: 15 September – 26 November

For more information visit

banyule.vic.gov.au/WorksOnPaper

or email: arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

Image: Nhalinggu Bagung logo artwork created by Jodie Brennan of Mazart Design Studio

Ward Rounds



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I've had a fantastic time recently meeting some of Banyule's older residents.

One highlight was joining the Older Adults Walk-A-Thon. What a great community day, with close to 100 people enjoying the event.

I'm proud that we've just signed the EveryAGE Counts Pledge at Banyule Council. It's part of our

wider commitment to an inclusive community where everyone belongs.

We have also appointed new Age Friendly Champions who will work with Council to develop, promote and deliver programs for older adults in Banyule.

Read more about how we're tackling ageism in Banyule on page 15.



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If you need a break while shopping in Montmorency's Were St, take a seat on the street bench. This is parked out the front of the updated reserve.

You might notice something familiar about it!

This new custom-built seat has features from Were St's old bench, including its metal armrests and plaque commemorating the Shire of Eltham.

The bench is constructed from trees that fell during storms in Banyule late last year – thanks to the Open Space Planning and Design Team's innovative timber repurposing program.

It's a lovely detail, bringing old and new together in the one spot.



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It's been great to see upgrades at Viewbank Tennis Club that will help serve the whole community.

We've started works to widen and concrete pathways for better wheelchair, walking frame and pram access. We're also putting in new, larger seats to replace the old ones, some of which were falling apart.

Works are due to be completed

by the end of June.

Recently, we installed LED lighting on the club's courts, so you can now enjoy an environment-friendly evening game.

If you've been thinking of getting back into tennis, or starting, now's a great time. Get in touch with Viewbank Tennis Club to hit the courts!



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



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Along with so many members of the community, I was devastated by the recent accident on Diamond Creek Rd in which a local teenager was seriously injured. Our hearts go out to her and her family. I want to reassure you that Council will continue to advocate for signalled pedestrian crossings on Diamond Creek Rd. We think there are safe

and convenient locations for two crossings – one at Plenty River Dve and another between Pembroke St and Avandina Cres – and we want the Victorian Government to make these crossings a top priority. We are also calling for the upgrade of the roundabout at Civic Dve, which could improve pedestrian facilities north of Greenhill Rd.



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I'm pleased to tell you construction of Watsonia town Square is set to begin in August.

Council will soon award the contract to build the first stage, which includes removing the roundabout, realigning Morwell Ave and Greenwood Dve and constructing a path for pedestrians and cyclists. We've set strict provisos on timeframes and road closures.

The town square will revitalise Watsonia, creating a community space for residents and shoppers to linger, gather and move around the town easily.

Council will work with residents and traders to minimise the inevitable disturbances of construction, providing plenty of notice on road closures and other disruptions.



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Maybe it comes with living in Green St, but the residents of this neighbourhood in Ivanhoe sure have a talent for bush regeneration. For some years now, the green thumbs of Green St have tended their backyard sections of Darebin Creek and turned it into a wildlife conservation corridor. They've spent countless hours removing weeds and litter and

restoring the creek bank with more than 10,000 indigenous plants. Council was so impressed we installed a plaque to acknowledge their work. Thank you Green St residents for doing your bit to increase biodiversity and beauty in Banyule. If you would like to be involved in planting works on the Darebin Creek, contact friendsofdarebincreek.org.au



Ward Rounds



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Thank you to everyone who takes the time to keep Olympia looking great. We can all play a part in making sure Banyule is a great place to live, work and play.

Here are a few simple ways to help:

Found dumped rubbish?

Find out what to do on page 8 of this edition of The Banner.

Spotted graffiti?

If it's in a Council-run place, such as a park or public toilet, let us know. If it's on your property, you can order a removal kit from Banyule. All the details at banyule.vic.gov.au/reportit

Spotted an abandoned trolley?

Write down its location and contact the head office of the store it belongs to.



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It was a thrill to see the Diamond Valley Gem Club in their new clubrooms at NJ Telfer Reserve in Bundoora.

The Bundoora Lapidary Centre is a purpose-built facility with specialist equipment for lapidary, the art of cutting and polishing gems and precious stones.

The club has been going for more than 50 years and its membership has enormous depth, from young

members such as Alexander, pictured with me at the club, to veterans with great knowledge and skill.

They hold field trips and social events and offer courses in lapidary and jewellery making.

It's all on the club's website at diamondvalleygemclub.com.au.



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We are so lucky to have Rosanna Parklands. Managed by Council, with the help of Friends of the Salt Creek, the parklands are a popular spot for passive recreation, as well as more active pursuits, such as running and bike riding.

Council is working to protect the park while allowing everyone to enjoy the outdoors in different ways, including people using the bike jumps area.

Unfortunately, there has been some recent damage and unacceptable behaviour from a very small number of people. This must stop.

We've now completed consultation on our Youth Spaces Plan, which considers the importance of the parklands for all people. We're considering your feedback as we produce a new Youth Spaces Plan Feasibility Study.

Bushland diaries

Banyule's orchids

Nodding greenhood orchid

It's remarkable just how many different species of orchids persist in Banyule considering the pressures of urbanisation. The array of flower structures and colours make this family of plants truly fascinating.

Banyule's various orchid species can be seen flowering at different times from autumn to spring, with some species flowering over summer!

Their presence highlights the importance of protecting our remaining patches of remnant bushland, areas where vegetation has not been substantially cleared or altered following European settlement

Due to the specific relationships many orchid species have with fungus within the soil, they are nearly impossible to replace once they are lost.

Our Park Rangers work to protect remnant bushland and orchid species by controlling weeds and conducting appropriate burning regimes. They also monitor specific populations of orchid species to detect changes in their health over time.

You can get involved with the protection of our remnant and other bushland reserves by joining one of Banyule's many environmental friends groups.

Upcoming events:

Friends of Montmorency Bushlands planting and hand weeding

📅 Saturday 1 July

📍 Belmont Reserve, Montmorency.
Enter via Belmont Cres, Montmorency.

Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve Woody Weed removal

📅 Sunday 30 July

📍 Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, Greensborough
Meet at St Helena Rd entrance to the reserve



Slender sun orchid



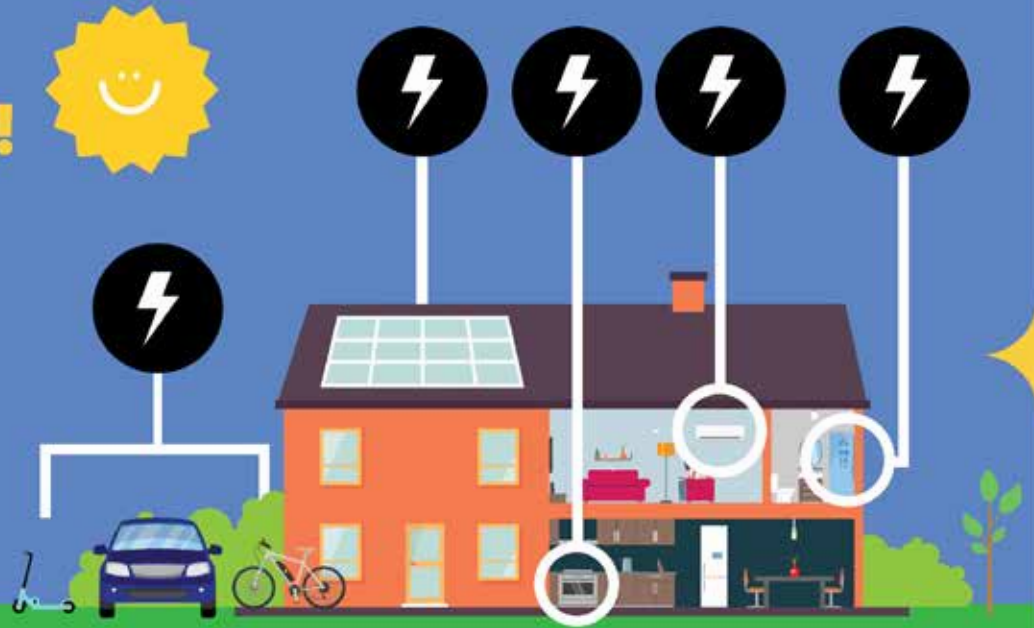
Slaty helmet orchid

Scan the code to find a Friends group
or contact Snr Ranger Tom Crawshaw:
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COVID-19 restrictions may impact operations so please check our website for up-to-date information. Our customer service staff can also assist you over the phone.

Hearing or speech impaired

Call us through the National Relay Service on 133 677 (TTY) or 1300 555 727 (ordinary handset) and contact 9490 4222.

Interpreter service

إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم يرجى الاتصال بالخط القومي للترجمة الهاتفية على الرقم 131 450 وطلب إيصالكم ببلدية بانويل على الرقم 9490 4222.

如果你需要一名翻译, 请打电话到国家电话翻译服务处 (TIS National) 131 450, 再转接到 Banyule 市政府 9490 4222

若你需要口譯員, 請致電 131 450 聯絡 TIS National, 要求他們為你致電 9490 4222 接通 Banyule 市政廳。

Ako vam je potreban tumač, molimo vas, nazovite TIS National na broj 131 450 i zatražite da vas se spoji sa Vijećim općine Banyule na broj 9490 4222.

Se hai bisogno di un interprete chiama TIS National al numero 131 450 e chiedi di essere messo in comunicazione con il Comune di Bayule al numero 9490 4222.

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Ако ви треба преведувач ве молиме јавете се на TIS NATIONAL на 131 450 и замовете да ве поврзат со Banyule Council на 9490 4222.

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Nếu cần thông dịch, xin gọi cho TIS Toàn Quốc qua số 131 450 rồi nhờ họ gọi cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố Banyule theo số 9490 4222 giúp quý vị.