

Banyule Banner

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Mayor's Message

Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo



The future of waste

Did you know we're working towards zero waste in Banyule? A big step towards zero waste was the introduction of our FOGO service in July last year. It's been great to see residents getting behind FOGO and taking significant steps to maximise recycling, minimise waste, reduce consumption and compost at home.

I invite you to have your say on the future of waste in Banyule as we update our Towards Zero Waste Management Plan.

There will be many opportunities for community participation. One of the easiest ways to get involved is our online survey. Complete the survey and go in the draw to win one of five \$50 Rediscover Local Banyule gift vouchers. Have your say at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/TZW

Banyule: a place for everyone

We are always celebrating the diversity of our community.

Council's Youth Services and Jets teams have got a fantastic all-ages event for young people. The Push All-Ages Music Tour rolls into Banyule on 27 May. Turn to **page 9** for details.

This month we also recognise IDAHOBIT Day. It was on 17 May in 1990 that the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from the Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems. IDAHOBIT Day marks a significant milestone towards LGBTIQ+ inclusion. Turn to **page 11** to find out how you can get involved.

I'm proud that we are celebrating the seasons of the Kulin calendar

in this Banner. As members of the Kulin Nation, Banyule's Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, recognise seven seasons each year. For more information turn to **page 23**.

Animal management

Animal management is an important function of Council's Municipal Laws team, but I reckon you will be surprised to hear just how many services we offer in this area. See what our expert team is up to on **pages 12 and 13**.

Thank you Mum!

I want to acknowledge all mothers this Mother's Day. My mum Linda and my partner Monique are the special mothers in my life, but I pay tribute to all the mums in Banyule when I say, "Thank you, Mum."

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@BanyuleCouncil

Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

 Upcoming dates:

8 May
29 May

 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.



L-R: LINK Managing Director Dr Danny Davis, Cr Rik Garotti, LINK Business Development Manager Maurice Thaug and bus driver Ross Montalti.

A new community bus is just around the corner

We are excited to announce a new FREE community bus service in partnership with LINK Community & Transport social enterprise.

The bus will follow a fixed route in Heidelberg West, Bellfield, Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Eaglemont, Heidelberg, Macleod and Rosanna for a 12-month trial, with the potential of becoming a permanent service.

While the bus service will be free for all Banyule residents, it is particularly targeted for the following community members: older adults, residents living with a disability, people with limited access to transport, people from diverse backgrounds and people experiencing financial difficulties.

The bus will operate a few days per week and will transport residents to shopping centres, medical centres, community centres, train stations, libraries and other places of interest.

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

The service will begin in June. For more information, head to Council's website or contact Catherine Corbett on 9242 3471.

Thanks for helping us clean up Australia!

It was great to see so many members of the community volunteer on Clean Up Australia Day. We removed more than 200kg of rubbish from our parks, waterways and reserves.

Councils join forces to blaze a trail across Melbourne's north

Banyule has teamed up with five councils to create a network of linked walking and cycling trails across Melbourne's north.

Northern Trails 2022 is a regional trails strategy that will deliver new links and improve existing trails connecting significant features in the municipalities of Banyule, Merri-bek, Darebin, Hume, Whittlesea and Nillumbik. It includes an updated blueprint and strategic framework for a recreational off-road trail network across northern metropolitan Melbourne.

The 2022 update reflects changes since the strategy was first written in 2016, including completed trail projects, revised Council priorities and altered landscapes as a result of infrastructure projects, population growth and changed urban footprint.

A collaborative project between the six councils, Northern Trails 2022 aims to ensure integrated planning and combined effort in development, management and marketing of the trails network, as well as a united front when advocating for funding and support from other levels of government.

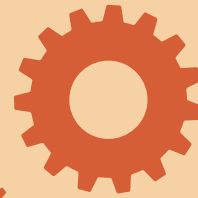
The strategy breaks down recommended trail improvements into region-wide, Council-wide and trail-specific projects. There are several projects in Banyule that will have significant social, health, environmental and economic benefits once completed.

View the strategy and maps of the trails at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/NorthernTrails



Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Review of Public Toilet Plan

Council is conducting an analysis of existing public toilets to help develop a new Public Toilet Plan.

The new plan will outline a 10-year work program, locations of proposed new public toilets and the service level the community can expect from our public toilets.

There is \$6.55 million to deliver the program and we'd love to hear your views on whether we've covered everything.

Your Council contact:

Mohammad Rashid

City Assets Coordinator

Phone: **9433 7730**

Email: assetmanagementteam@banyule.vic.gov.au

Share your thoughts at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/PublicToilets or scan the code



Youth Spaces Plan feasibility study

We've completed a study to identify the best locations for outdoor youth spaces and we'd love to know what you think.

As part of the study we have considered outdoor spaces for preteens and early teens (12 to 14 years), teens and young adults (15 to 25 years) and district spaces for all young people.

Jump onto Shaping Banyule to check out the locations we think will work and tell us if we've missed anything! We're also keen to hear what you think makes a great outdoor space for young people.

Your Council contact:

Paty Galan

Open Space Planner

Phone: **8673 4391**

Email: paty.galan@banyule.vic.gov.au

Share your thoughts at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/YouthSpaces or scan the code



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 at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au or scan the code.



Building set to begin on Rosanna Library

The Rosanna library has closed while we build a new library on the site in Turnham Ave. It will be double the size, with indoor and outdoor spaces over three storeys and will have a bigger children's area, work and study spaces, community meeting rooms, reading areas, Maternal and Child Health services and a toy library.

We've opened a pop-up library at 56 Beetham Parade, Rosanna, while construction is underway.

You'll be amazed at what we've managed to fit in the pop-up library. There is a selection of loan items on display and you can Click & Collect for items you have put on hold from the wider collection. There's free Wi-Fi, photocopying, printing and scanning facilities and computers for community use, as well as spaces for you to bring your own device or simply sit and read.

With limited space, we won't be able to run programs such as Storytime and Tech Help, however Watsonia and Ivanhoe libraries will be running an expanded range of events until the new Rosanna Library opens in 2024.



Librarian Kim with Cr Tom Melican at the pop-up library in Rosanna.

Scan the code to find out more about the new library or follow online at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/rosannalibrary



Electrify Banyule

Have your appliances seen better days? When it's time to replace them, choose electric!

Electric appliances are a win-win. They're cheaper to run and better for the environment.

There are five steps to consider when planning your transition to an all-electric home:

1. Install solar or switch to GreenPower
2. Switch to reverse-cycle air conditioning for heating
3. Replace old gas hot water with a heat pump system
4. Upgrade to induction cooking
5. Move to electric transport (bikes and cars)

It's been one year since Banyule resident, Tom, installed solar panels and a battery. Having just moved into the area, the family had set aside money for installing solar as part of the renovations they planned.

For Tom, the solar system was vital for more than reducing energy bills. He spoke about solar panels and the battery as central to the family's future. Tom and his family want to buy an electric vehicle, to contribute to the transition to renewable sources and to increase the value of the property for future sale.

To get more information on how to plan your journey to all electric, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ElectrifyBanyule



Gas and petrol home
Average running costs \$5,300 per year \$53,000 over 10 year lifetime of appliances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> █ Fossil fuel grid electricity █ Gas space heater █ Gas hot water heater █ Gas cooking █ Petrol and diesel cars
Energy emissions 9,550 kg CO₂e per year

Electrified home
Average running costs \$1,850 per year \$18,500 over 10 year lifetime of appliances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> █ Rooftop solar & clean electricity █ Heat pump (reverse cycle AC) █ Heat pump hot water █ Induction cooking █ Electric cars
Energy emissions ZERO

Tennis for everyone

Banyule's all-abilities sports program continues to be a big hit, with Viewbank and Bundoora tennis clubs opening their gates to host inclusive tennis events.

Autism come and try session for children and youth

📅 Sunday 7 May, 10am

📍 **Viewbank Tennis Club**
96 Rutherford Rd, Viewbank

Free event, equipment provided. Volunteers will be available on the day to support the event. To book please email: info@viewbanktc.com.au

Wheelchair Tennis come and try sessions

📅 Starting Sunday 21 May

📍 **Bundoora Tennis Club**
145A Greenwood Dr, Bundoora

Sessions run for five weeks. Volunteers will be on hand to help. Book at bundooratennisclub.com.au



Need help finding work?

Looking for employment, education or training?

Jobs Victoria Advocates offer:

- Education, training and employment advice
- Referrals to employment services and education providers
- Resume, cover letter and interviewing skills
- Assistance with job applications
- Connection to community groups and programs
- Searching for local volunteering opportunities
- Centrelink job services navigation
- Assistance with university and TAFE applications
- Small business preparation
- Connection to other career support services

Find out how the Jobs Victoria Advocates can help you.

Every Wednesday

- Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 10am-4pm
- Diamond Valley Community Support, Greensborough Plaza, 9am-12pm

Every Monday

- Shop 48, Bell St Mall, Heidelberg West, 9am-4pm

Scan the code or email
jva@banyule.vic.gov.au
Give us a call on 9049 3361



An important part of Council's work is negotiating with state and federal governments and departments for the infrastructure and services our community needs. Here are two of our current advocacy projects.



A safer crossing at Odenwald Rd

Council is ramping up its advocacy for safer pedestrian access across the Odenwald Rd Bridge in Eaglemont.

Council has allocated \$90,000 to trial a dedicated pedestrian path on the bridge and is in final negotiations with Metro Trains Melbourne before the trial begins.

The trial includes:

- reducing the bridge from two traffic lanes to a single lane
- linemarking and signage prompting vehicles to wait before crossing
- installation of speed reduction measures on bridge approaches
- additional footpath and kerb ramp improvements

While these measures will improve pedestrian safety in the interim, Council does not see this as a long-term solution. The bridge is too narrow to accommodate pedestrians and vehicles.

We are advocating to the Victorian Government for construction of a permanent bridge for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the railway line near Odenwald Rd.

Advocating for community work to continue

Programs supporting youth development, parenting support and increased community safety are exceeding expectations since the launch of the *Diverse Communities Project* in West Heidelberg.

The project was introduced to:

- Provide opportunities for social, recreational and leadership programs and events for young people
- Help parents learn how they can best support their families and what local services are available to help
- Support local families with their concerns around mental health and alcohol and drug issues

More than 4000 people have benefitted from the 29 programs and events hosted to date.

This includes 481 professionals from 35 local services who have undertaken cultural competency training to make the services more culturally appropriate and accessible.

Events and programs have focused on early intervention, leadership, family support, intergenerational programs, parenting support, health and wellbeing, community celebration and employment.

Funding for the program is due to end in June and Council is advocating to the Victorian Government for continued funding.

Building soon to begin on Watsonia Town Square

We've reached an exciting phase in the development of Watsonia Town Square, with the building contractor to be awarded soon and work set to begin in July.

Following extensive community engagement to determine the best design and work plan, we've been busy behind the scenes taking feedback and completing detailed designs, procuring contractors and consulting with Watsonia traders, services and residents.

The Town Square will be a fantastic asset for Watsonia, but we understand the building phase will inevitably involve disruptions. Council will continue to work closely with the local community to minimise disturbances and help you plan around unavoidable disruptions to your routine.

As road upgrades and traffic improvements take place, there will be road closures and detours. We are also working with Watsonia Traders Association to minimise the inconvenience of any changes to car parking.

We'll be keeping you informed through the Banyule Banner, Council's social media, posters and pamphlets at Watsonia Library and around town and via letters to local residents. We'll also be meeting regularly with traders and community groups.

In the meantime, find the latest news on the Watsonia Town Square page on Shaping Banyule, the place to have your say on local projects and activities.



L-R: Watsonia traders Jeremy Richards, Hesham Mobarek, Shaun Paine and Ersilia Fini, with Cr Mark Di Pasquale.

Treaty and Uluru Statement

In December, Banyule Council voted to adopt the Uluru Statement from the Heart and take practical action to advance its core components.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution, a Treaty, and a Makarrata Commission (Truth Telling). Victoria is leading the way in Treaty negotiations with Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the establishment of the First Peoples' Assembly in 2019.

What is a Treaty?

Treaty provides a path to negotiate the transfer of power and resources so that First Peoples can control matters that impact their lives. It is the opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to retain the freedom and power to make decisions that affect their communities, culture and Country.

What is the First Peoples' Assembly?

Victoria's First Peoples Assembly is a democratic voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Assembly created a framework and ground-rules that will enable Traditional Owners of Country to negotiate Treaties with the Victorian Government. The Assembly is about to enter a re-election period, with nominations for new members in April and voting from 13 May – 3 June.

Find out more at:
firstpeoplesvic.org and
ulurustatement.org

Check Council's website for dates of upcoming community forums sharing information on the Uluru Statement from the Heart





Chillin' in Banyule



Chillin' in Banyule connects local venues with local musicians and artists, through a series of gigs and performances throughout Banyule.

The event runs over three weeks, from **Thursday 18 May to Sunday 4 June**, providing opportunities for local singers and musicians to perform at cafés, restaurants and public venues in Banyule.

'Supporting local' and linking local venues and artists is at the very heart of the Chillin' in Banyule program. Be sure to check out some gigs near you, while having a bite at your favourite eatery.


To check out the calendar of gigs visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Chillin or scan the code.




Banyule youth, it's time to rock!

The Push All-Ages Tour takes over The Centre Ivanhoe with headliners from Northeast Arnhem Land, King Stingray, and all-female punk rockers Teen Jesus & the Jean Teasers, plus local support artists.

Presented in partnership with Banyule Youth Services and the Jets Events and Media team.

 **Saturday 27 May, 5pm – 9pm**

 **The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe**

Don't miss out on an all-ages experience like never before!



To book, scan the code or go to linktr.ee/jetsbundoora





Rare bird sighting in Montmorency

Bird watchers from far and wide regularly flock to Banyule to catch a glimpse of our wonderful birdlife.

One visitor travelled all the way from McKinnon on public transport in the hope of seeing the rare Gang Gang Cockatoo at Montmorency Park. He couldn't believe his luck when he hit the jackpot and got this great shot!

This sighting is even more significant given that these once common birds have now been placed on the endangered list under the Federal EPBC Act.

Banyule Council's Environment team values any sighting of local fauna that can help understand overall biodiversity trends in our area. If you find yourself in one of our many amazing natural spaces, send your recordings through to us on iNaturalist, a citizen science environmental recording app. For more information visit inaturalist.ala.org.au



Matthew Thompson and Kelly Roodhouse from Social Brew

There's something new brewing at Rosanna Station

An exciting new social enterprise café is now open at Rosanna Station. Social Brew offers commuters and locals delicious on-the-go food and drinks, and features coffee brewed using its own in-house roasted beans that will also be available for sale separately.

Social Brew's goal is to create a positive impact on the community by providing employment and training opportunities for locals facing barriers to entering the job market. Social Brew is also committed to providing a safe and inclusive workplace, where staff are supported to develop their skills and reach their potential.

Social Brew is a collaboration between Banyule City Council and Now and Not Yet, a not-for-profit social enterprise with cafés serving communities in Warrandyte, Clyde North and Donnybrook.

Celebrating the Change Makers

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held on 15 – 21 May.

This year's theme, 'The Change Makers', acknowledges the power volunteers have to drive change and ensure volunteering is inclusive of all members of the Australian community.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to everyone who puts up their hand to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

 **Wednesday 17 May**

 **Evening event**

 **The Great Hall, The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe**

For information contact Karen Molinaro on **9457 9955** or at karen.molinaro@banyule.vic.gov.au



Banyule's Biodiversity Advisor Paul Davis and Friends of Salt Creek volunteer Louise Mullerat at a recent tree planting day.

Join us at our celebration event

IDAHOBIT Day





Our community is made up of different cultures, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. Everyone in our community has a right to feel safe, supported and welcome.

We're proud to acknowledge the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT). It has been held on May 17 since 1990, the day the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from the Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, a significant milestone towards LGBTIQ+ inclusion.

Join Banyule City Council and Banyule Community Health to support and celebrate IDAHOBIT and to further foster LGBTIQ+ inclusion in our workplaces and in the community.

 **Wednesday 17 May**

 **6pm**

 **Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub
275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe**

To find out more about IDAHOBIT day visit idahobit.org.au

For more information about LGBTIQ+ rights visit humanrights.vic.gov.au/hub/lgbtiq-rights

Supporting Banyule

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

Municipal Laws and animal management

Banyule's Municipal Laws officers provide many services for pets and their owners.



Managing the menagerie

Shifty sheep, roaming rabbits, petulant pooches, cranky cats and hysterical humans. It's all in a day's work for Banyule Municipal Laws officers Renee and Steve.

“What I love about the job is that every day is different, you never know what to expect,” said Steve.

Between them they have 36 years working in animal management at councils in Victoria and they've seen everything, but both agree the humble moggie can be the most dangerous of their daily interactions.

As frontline responders to all animal management issues in Banyule, Renee and Steve work shifts around the clock and often find themselves in highly emotional situations.

Registrations

Cats and dogs must be registered with Council and have a microchip and name tag, so they can be easily identified and returned to you should they be lost. Pet registrations can be completed online. There is a scale of fees, including concessions and special rates for desexed animals.

Your responsibilities as a pet owner

Owners must register and microchip their cat or dog.

Dogs should be appropriately trained and socialised and must be kept securely confined in a safe and comfortable environment to prevent them escaping. Walk your dog on a lead in public areas and keep your dog under effective control in leash-free parks.

You must prevent your cat from causing a nuisance to your neighbours. The best way to do this is to desex your cat and provide a safe environment in which it will be happy.

Desexing

Desexing your cat or dog not only avoids unwanted litters and strays, it decreases the chance of many common diseases of pets. Desexing also lessens your pet's desire to roam, decreases aggressive behaviour and can eliminate spraying behaviour in male cats. Pension card holders can pick up a voucher for discounted dog and cat desexing at Council customer service centres.

Lost and found

If your pet is lost, or if you find someone else's lost pet, contact Council to report it by phoning **9490 4222**. Our friendly Municipal Laws officers will collect it and, if the animal is registered and microchipped, may be able to reunite it with its owner. Unregistered animals are transported directly to the pound and a fee must be paid upon their release.

Complaints

The most common complaints received by Council are barking dogs, wandering animals, dog attacks and animal welfare concerns.

Our officers investigate complaints and help owners find the resources they need to look after their pets.

Penalties may apply for unregistered dogs and cats, impounded stray animals and dogs causing a nuisance or attacking people or other dogs.

To make a complaint, contact the Municipal Laws and Public Assets team on **9490 4222** or enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au



Curious pet facts

In Banyule there are 13742 registered dogs and 6244 registered cats.

The most popular breeds of dog are the cavoodle, Jack Russell and Staffordshire bull terrier.

The most popular names for dogs are Bella (224 dogs) and Max (217).

The Cat Protection Society

Renowned for their nine lives and ability to land on their feet no matter what befalls them, a cat in distress would be hard pressed to find a softer place to land than the Cat Protection Society of Victoria.

The Greensborough facility is like a five-star hotel for cats, with custom-designed cat 'condos' and the sort of loving attention money cannot buy.

The Society cares for Banyule's stray, impounded and surrendered cats and last year found new homes for more than 1200 cats.

"You can be sure that every cat or kitten adopted from us has been microchipped, desexed, health checked, immunised and loved," said Georgie, who coordinates 65 volunteers who work at the Society.

The centre has a vet clinic that is open to the public and a retail shop for everything cat related.

The Cat Protection Society is open every day from 10am at 200 Elder St, Greensborough. Find them online at catprotection.com.au



L-R: Operations Manager, Alison, and Volunteer and Community Outreach Manager, Georgie, pictured at The Cat Protection Society with Cr Elizabeth Nealy.

BestBiz Awards: vote now!



Do you have a favourite café that knows exactly how you like your morning brew? What about the local pet groomer that makes your pup look like a prize-winning pooch? Now's the time to vote for your favourite local businesses.

The BestBiz Awards will be held on 15 June and celebrate and recognise business excellence as voted by the community. In its fifth year, the awards are highly anticipated. For local businesses, it's an opportunity to be recognised and valued and for the community, it's an opportunity to reward much-loved businesses for going above and beyond.

The BestBiz Awards recognise businesses across nine different categories. Vote for your favourite Banyule business at banyule.vic.gov.au/BestBizAwards or scan the code. Voting closes on Sunday 14 May.

Cr Alison Champion votes for her favourite business at her local Australia Post Office.



Why not join us at the BestBiz Awards cocktail party at Heidelberg Golf Club. Purchase tickets at banyule.vic.gov.au/BestBizAwards or scan the code.



Women in Business Lunch with Lisa Gorman

Banyule's 2023 Women in Business Lunch with special guest Lisa Gorman, founder of Gorman label, includes a two-course lunch, door prizes, show bag and facilitated networking opportunities.



Friday 19 May

11am – 2pm

The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Register at banyulebusiness.com.au/women-in-business or scan the code.



Free business mentoring sessions

Banyule Business in conjunction with Small Business Mentoring Service is offering face-to-face business mentoring sessions to support local businesses.

Small Business Clinics provide general business advice and there are three sessions each month.

Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday 9 May

10am – 1pm

Banyule City Council
1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough

Tuesday 6 June

2pm – 5pm

Banyule City Council
1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough

Register at banyulebusiness.com.au/workshops-and-events or scan the code.



Waste survey is live

Are you interested in the future of waste in Banyule? Do you want to contribute to a more circular economy? Is reducing waste and increasing recycling important to you?

Our Towards Zero Waste Management Plan guides how we manage waste in Banyule. Community voice is important to help us get this right!

This is your opportunity to tell us what you think on waste services in Banyule, and to provide important

feedback that will inform the roadmap for the next four years in waste.

Complete the survey by scanning the QR code, or by visiting shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/TZW

Also, by completing the survey you will go in the draw to win one of 5 x \$50 Rediscover Local Banyule Gift Vouchers!



Join an online workshop and help our environment

Reusable nappy workshop

📅 Wednesday 21 June

🕒 7:30pm to 8:30pm

\$20 per person, including two nappies!
Payment by credit card. Register at banyule.vic.gov.au/Nappy or scan the code



Composting workshop

📅 Tuesday 16 May, Wednesday 7 June

🕒 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Free Online workshop. Register at banyule.vic.gov.au/composting or scan the code



L-R: Cr Alison Champion, Cr Elizabeth Nealy, Cr Fiona Mitsinikos, Zali Mifsud, Nos Hosseini, Uzma Rubab, Stefanie Smilas and Cr Alida McKern.

Celebrating Banyule women

Women make up four of the nine councillors elected to represent Banyule. Councillors Alida McKern, Fiona Mitsinikos, Elizabeth Nealy and Alison Champion joined together to acknowledge the role of women at this year's International Women's Day event. Cr McKern reflected on a speech from former US president Barack Obama who said, "Empowering women isn't just the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do."

“ Empowering women isn't just the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do. ”

Banyule Nature Adventures: Bushland Possum Prowl

Join us for a night walk through beautiful Banyule Flats. Meet Council's Bushland Crew who will share their knowledge of the local habitat and introduce you to the fauna and flora that call the banks of the Yarra home.

This event is suitable for participants aged five years and older (not suitable for younger children as participants will need to walk long distances and remain quiet for extended periods of time). Sturdy closed shoes and comfortable loose clothing recommended.

📅 Friday 19 May

🕒 Session 1: 6pm - 7pm
Session 2: 7pm - 8pm
Session 3: 8pm - 9pm

📍 Banyule Flats Reserve
36 Somerset Dve, Viewbank



Bookings are essential and open on Friday 5 May. Book at trybooking.com/CFAJG or scan the code.

Banyule grants presentation evening

The Banyule grants program supports local groups and individuals to fund projects that benefit the Banyule community. In February we celebrated the recipients of grants in the 2022-2023 Community, Environment and Arts and Culture grant program.

There were 25 community grants, eight environment grants and seven arts and culture grants awarded. Liz Lowe and Corey Eames-Mayer (pictured) from Greensborough Preschool received a Community Grant to assist with the purchase of an interactive television to enhance teaching and learning opportunities for the preschoolers.

For the complete list of grant recipients and for future grant opportunities visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Grants




L-R: Cr Mark Di Pasquale, Cr Alida McKern, Liz Lowe, Cr Tom Melican, Corey Eames-Mayer, Cr Alison Champion and Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo.




Workshop: Planning for your future health care

Have you thought about how to have a voice in your future health care and make decisions when you may not be able to communicate for yourself?

This session will cover appointing someone to make decisions on your behalf and sharing your plan with your family. The forum is hosted by Banyule's Carer Support Program and run by Advance Care Planning Australia.

 **Thursday 11 May**

 **10am - 11am**

 **Bellfield Community Hub**
15 Daphne Cres, Bellfield

Refreshments provided following the session. Registrations are essential.

Email carers@banyule.vic.gov.au to book your place.

Collect your free RAT kit

COVID rapid antigen testing (RAT) kits are now available from Council service centres and libraries free of charge. RAT kits can be collected from:

- Customer Service at 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough
- Customer Service at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
- Shop 48 at The Mall, Heidelberg West
- Watsonia Library, 4 Ibbottson St, Watsonia
- Rosanna Library pop-up, 56 Beetham Pde, Rosanna

Accessing carer services: Support services for carers

 **Wednesday 14 June**

 **10.30am - 11.30am**

 **Online workshop**

Hosted by Banyule Council's Carer Support Program and run by Carers Victoria.

Registrations are essential. Email carers@banyule.vic.gov.au to book your place.

Sign up to our newsletter for older adults

Want to know more about activities, events and services for older adults?

Sign up to receive a regular newsletter emailed to you.

If you don't have access to email, call us on **9049 3388** and ask to receive a hard copy in the mail.

If you receive our Age in Focus newsletter you are already on our subscriber list and do not need to sign up again.

Scan the code or email us at agefriendly@banyule.vic.gov.au



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities



A Gift of Fire

📅 12 April – 4 June

📍 Art Gallery 275

Featuring artists:

- Avis Gardner
- Mim Johnson
- Amy Kennedy
- Irianna Kanellopoulou
- Lene Kuhl Jakobsen

This exhibition showcases work by ceramic artists who all live in Banyule.

Each artist has differing practices, using this versatile medium in very unique ways, from the functional to sculptural, from practical to whimsical and everything in between.

Their minds and talent shape the clay, but each piece must pass through fire, and emerge from the flames, as a gift.

Artist Talk

📅 Wednesday 26
April, 6.30pm

Bookings:
trybooking.com/CHLPH



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 award-winning multi-disciplinary artist based in Naarm (Melbourne) working across painting, sculpture, video, performance and photography.

Miream's work reconciles traditional art education with contemporary cultural practices to address issues of identity, displacement, conflict and memory. Missing Once In, Reborn Once Out draws on Miream's extensive sculptural practice to examine our relationship of encountering and processing time through interacting and imaging of traumatic events.

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



Walk the River

by Uncle Jim Berg

Exhibition for Reconciliation Week 2023, in partnership with Reconciliation Victoria

📅 19 May - 18 June 2023
Opening Night & Smoking Ceremony: Thursday
25 May, 6pm - 8pm

📍 Loft 275

Respected Gunditjmara Elder, Uncle Jim Berg will share his personal collection of stories, poems and scar tree photographs.

The Scar Trees were photographed by Jim Berg, at Ebenezer, surrounding the Wimmera River on Wotjobaluk Country, north-west of Melbourne. The scars and cavities on the trees were made when First Peoples of the area removed the bark, branches or roots to make canoes, shields, shelters, basin-shaped coolamons, boomerangs and many other implements. This practice still takes place today.



*Image: detail of a Scar Tree
by Uncle Jim Berg*

📍 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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Going Deeper

curated by Amy Kennedy

📅 21 April – 14 May

This exhibition brings together the art and writing of 33 visual artists who met online in 2020, during Covid lockdown. Showcasing ceramics, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textiles, drawing, alongside the writing of each artist. It will explore the relationships between writing and visual art making, building a community through writing, and the demystification and democratisation of writing.

This exhibition and programs are proudly supported by a Banyule Arts and Culture Project Grant.

For information on featured artists visit banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions

As part of this exhibition program, two of the artists will also be 'in residence' in the Mungga Artist Studios at this time.

*Image: detail of Sand (2022) by Elizabeth Haigh.
Photograph: Brian Gilkes*

Artist Studio 1: Claire Ellis

Ceramic artist Claire Ellis will explore her idea of zero waste glazes – ceramic glaze recipes made entirely from waste materials – and will engage with the community for feedback on waste materials.

Artist Studio 2: Hollie Nair

Hollie will create a fabric art book, exploring the bifurcation and connection between art and craft, using craft techniques in making an art book, an artwork in book form.



2023 Banyule Award for Works on Paper – Call for entries

The Banyule Award for Works on Paper is awarded biennially to an outstanding contemporary work on paper. This is a prestigious national art prize, with the winning artwork entered into the Banyule Art Collection.

Each iteration of the Banyule Award for Works on Paper is directed by a theme, which aligns either with a current direction in art, pressing contemporary issue or a matter of local interest at the time.

This year's theme is: Nhalinggu Bagung, which in the Woivurrung language means "come gather".

In December 2022, Council adopted the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This year's theme recognises that reconciliation requires all of us to do our part to build a future for all Australians.

We invite entries from all Australian artists to show us what Reconciliation looks like from your individual perspective and lived experience. For non-Indigenous artists, show us how you would take part in Reconciliation, or what Reconciliation means to you; for First Nations artists, share your culture and story with us and show us the way forward.

Entries will be closely monitored for cultural appropriation – as a non-Indigenous artist, if you are unsure if your artwork/idea is appropriate, please do not hesitate to contact us to check.

PRIZES:

Main Acquisitive Prize: \$10,000

Commendation Prize: \$1000

People's Choice Award: \$1000
(Voted by the public and announced at the end of the exhibition period)

Entries can be submitted from 1 May to 14 July

Email any enquiries to arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

For further information and the entry form visit banyule.vic.gov.au/WorksOnPaper

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

Ward Rounds



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Whether it's singing in a choir, attending a local music festival, catching an art exhibition at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub or following the Heidelberg Artists Trail, there are many ways to infuse our daily lives with arts and culture.

How can we bring more creativity to Banyule? We'd love to hear from you.

In the middle of the year, we'll be asking the public for feedback on Creative Banyule 2030, our community-led vision for making Banyule a creative place for artists, residents, business and visitors alike. To have your say, follow this page for updates: shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/CreativeBanyule



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As this Banner went to print, finishing touches were being put on the Were St upgrade. Thank you everyone for your patience. I hope you agree it's safer and a great place to meet and to shop.

There are a few things to watch for throughout 2023:

After a callout to Banyule's community of artists, we are creating a large artwork in the Were St Reserve as well

as a mural behind the new outdoor performance stage. The stage mural will be completed by June and artists will be working on the larger artwork in the second half of the year.

We will also be planting out the garden beds along the street in the wetter months.

Come and enjoy Monty Village at the QWere St Festival on Saturday 3 June.



Cr Fiona Mitsinikos
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In Banyule, we want to build an inclusive community where everyone belongs. That's why I chat regularly with residents about what makes them feel connected.

As chair of Banyule's Multicultural Committee, I work with a range of cultural groups that help us uncover barriers faced by people across the municipality.

It was an honour to celebrate our diverse community at Harmony Day this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated, including Australia Banyule Chinese Senior Multicultural Association, Heidelberg All Stars, Salvation Army Triple L's Club, Audrey Brooks Preschool and Baljit Singh. I loved the performances!



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



Cr Elizabeth Nealy
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I've been out and about in Beale and I wanted to let you know about a few developments to help people get the most from our community.

The bathrooms have been refurbished at Apollo Parkways Preschool, which will make a big difference to children and staff.

An office and storage upgrade has been completed at Wahroonga

Preschool, making better use of the space to accommodate the centre's growing needs, with the increase in 3-year-old kindergarten hours.

Concept designs have been developed for the kitchen upgrade at Greenhills Neighbourhood House. We are now working with Greenhills and the consultant to develop the detailed design. Watch this space!



Cr Mark Di Pasquale
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Council recently installed a zebra crossing along Henry St in Greensborough, west of the intersection of Ester St. I know that many residents wanted this change.

The new crossing helps provide a safe path for pedestrians walking from the Henry St carpark to the Greensborough War Memorial Park and playground,

as well as nearby bus stops.

Banyule has a 10-year strategy to make it safer, easier and more comfortable to walk around the municipality. Read more at banyule.vic.gov.au/WalkingStrategy

I am always open to hearing from you about how we can make Bakewell safer and more walkable.



Cr Alida McKern
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The path has been reinstated on the Yarra River trail between Wilsons Reserve and Burke Rd North after it was closed last year when a section of riverbank collapsed during storms and flooding.

Thanks to the Parks teams who worked quickly to divert the path, including golf safety fencing. It's great to see locals back

enjoying walks and bike rides.

Melbourne Water is responsible for the river area and will repair the damage to the original path. However, this requires a longer term plan, given the site's vulnerability in high rainfall events.

Chelsworth Ward Community Meeting: Thursday 11 May, 6.15pm-8pm at Ivanhoe Library. All welcome!



Ward Rounds



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No doubt about it, it's been a tough few years for business.

I really admire how business owners have pivoted through Covid and beyond.

I was proud to present Banyule's draft Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028 to local business representatives who helped develop the plan.

The strategy is our vision for growing the local economy sustainably and making Banyule a great place to do business.

It includes actions to support business owners, ensure the success of retail centres such as Bell St Mall and entice more visitors to Banyule.

Read more at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoDevStrategy



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It's always fantastic to see local organisations make the most of our Community Grants.

Congratulations to Noracom which received \$9,515 in our 2022/23 grant round for landscaping works.

Noracom is a not-for-profit that provides housing and support for people with intellectual disability who want to live and work independently.

Founded by a group of parents, the organisation started with seven residents in 1999. It has grown to 16 residents across two adjacent properties.

With this grant, Noracom will bring new life to their gardens, replacing ageing trees and hazardous garden beds.

For more on the grants program, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/Grants



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I'm pleased to let you know that plans are progressing for a toilet block at Macleod Village.

The new toilets will be closer to the playground, so you will no longer have to cross Erskine Road to get to them.

Many residents have asked me about this and I know it will be a welcome change for many of you.

Right now, we're working with architects on a design that includes accessible and unisex toilets, as well as baby change facilities.

We'll be putting the proposed design up for feedback soon.

Keep an eye out for signage at the playground and let us know what you think.



Bushland diaries

Planting season has arrived

Various environmental friends groups will be working alongside Council's Park Rangers to get thousands of indigenous plants into the ground this year.

Planting is a crucial component of bushland management by increasing available habitat for wildlife and improving the floral diversity of ecosystems. Getting involved with a local environmental group is a great way to meet like-minded people and learn more about your local bushland.

Join us at an upcoming planting day:

Warringal Conservation Society

📍 Banyule Flats Reserve
Enter via the carpark off Somerset Dr, Viewbank and follow the signs.

📅 Sunday 21 May

🕒 10am-12pm

Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

📍 Olympic Reserve.
Enter via the corner of Olympic Ave and Belmont Cres, Montmorency.

📅 Saturday 3 June

🕒 10am-12pm

For more information, email Ranger Tom at tom.crawshaw@banyule.vic.gov.au



The Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation recognise more than summer, autumn, winter and spring. The Kulin calendar includes seven seasons which are Biderap (Jan-Feb), Luk (March), Waring (April-July), Guling (Aug), Poorneet (Sep-Oct), Buath Guru (Nov) and Gunyang (Dec).

April is the beginning of Waring, also known as the wombat season. Waring goes from April through to July and common traits of this season are misty mornings as well as cold and rainy days. The days get shorter and the nights are long, wombats are seen during the day seeking sunlight and large numbers of moths and fungi can be seen by Darebin creek.

Artwork by Aunty Judy Nicholson

Scan the code to learn more about what we do to protect biodiversity in our bushland reserves and to find an environmental friends group near you.



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

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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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