

Mayor's Message



Mayor
Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Our 27 June Council Meeting was a landmark meeting in many ways. It was exciting to be back in Council Chambers at Ivanhoe and to have the public making presentations to us in person, as well as virtually. It was also great to adopt some of our important strategic documents that guide all the services and projects we deliver for our community.

Delivering now and for the future

Among the items adopted were our Budget, Asset Plan, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan, important documents that set the agenda for Banyule. We also adopted the Year 2 Annual Action Plan of our Council Plan 2021-2025, which sets out specific actions for the next 12 months to deliver our strategic plans and brings us closer to achieving our Community Vision 2041.

An enormous amount of work goes into these documents before they come to Council to ensure we deliver the best outcomes for our community and are responsible - socially, financially and environmentally. We consult widely to tap the experience and wisdom of our community and I want to thank everyone who attended meetings and gave feedback on our plans; it keeps us on the right track to deliver services and community assets that meet your needs.

Budget

The Budget shows Council is starting to recover from reduced income during the pandemic. We are delivering more than \$61 million of capital works and have forecast a surplus of \$15.11 million. See pages 3-5 for a breakdown of the budget and some of our key projects. We know some

residents and businesses are still struggling. We've allocated \$250,000 to extend our Rates Financial Hardship Assistance, offering waivers of 33% of rates (up to \$500), for those experiencing financial hardship. We've also broadened the assessment criteria to include those impacted by family violence.

Environment sustainability

Getting us towards zero waste and zero carbon emissions are some of our key goals. As an organisation we are continuing to implement ways to become carbon neutral by 2028 and encouraging the community to take steps to get there by 2040. Our new FOGO (food organics and garden organics) waste service has started and will dramatically reduce waste to landfill. We have also introduced two wastes rates, separating the cost of managing waste from general rates. These will appear on ratepayers next rates notice (see p.6).

Advocating for the community

As a local government we strive to represent and advocate on behalf of our community. In areas beyond our control, we continue to seek support from other levels of government to get buy-in and collaboration. Turn to pages 8-9 for the community priorities we are advocating for.

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Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

Upcoming dates:
15 August, 5 September

From 7pm

Council Chambers,
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.

2022/2023 BUDGET AT A GLANCE



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

Capital Works Program \$61.55M



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

\$1.71 billion



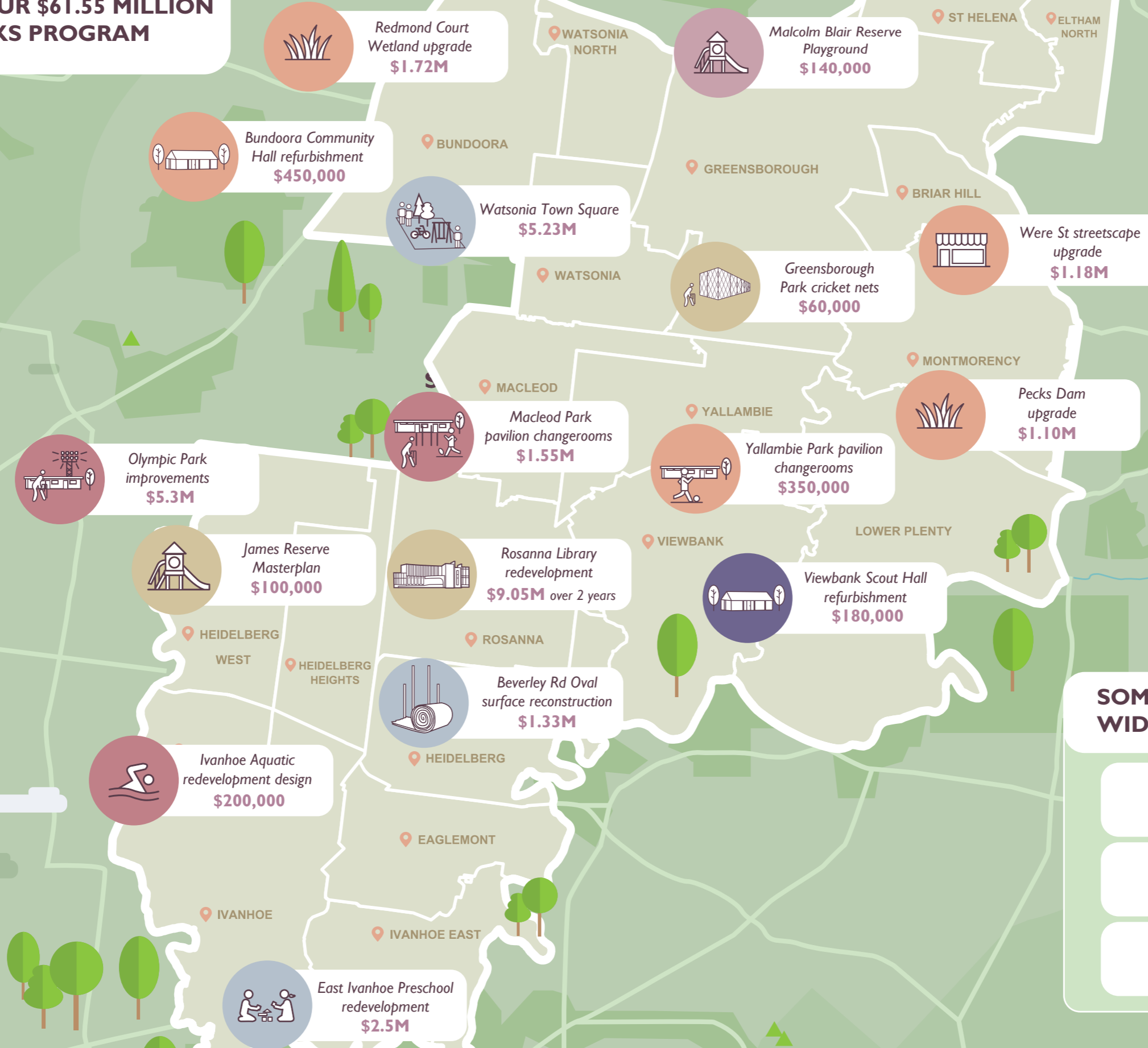
See some of the key projects being rolled out across Banyule on the next two pages.

Financial assistance for ratepayers




People experiencing hardship as a result of COVID-19 or other circumstances that impact on their ability to pay rates and charges may be eligible for a partial waiver. Waivers of 33%, up to a maximum of \$500, are available.

Apply online after you receive your 2022/2023 rates notice at banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesHelp If you have problems applying online, call us on 9490 4222 for assistance.

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE PROJECTS IN OUR \$61.55 MILLION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM



SOME OF OUR MUNICIPALITY-WIDE INITIATIVES

- 
Climate Action programs **\$2.63M**
- 
Roads, footpaths & bridges **\$16.26M**
- 
Parks & gardens **\$12.15M**

New waste rates

If you're a ratepayer, your next Rates and Valuation Instalment Notice will look a little different.

We have separated the costs of managing waste from general rates and introduced two waste rates: **Public Waste Rate** and **Kerbside Waste Rate**.

All rateable properties in Banyule will now have a separate **Public Waste Rate**. This pays for waste services in public areas, like parks and shopping centres, plus street sweeping and dumped rubbish. Only properties that can receive kerbside rubbish, recycling and FOGO collections will have a **Kerbside Waste Rate**.

Waste rates are set according to the total cost of providing the service across Banyule and are calculated based on your property value and the type of services you receive. Just like general rates, amounts differ from property to property.



To find out more, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/WasteRates or scan this code to watch a short explainer video.



Find maps and points of interest for these and other walking circuits at banyule.vic.gov.au/WalkingCircuit or scan this code.



New heritage walking circuits

Two new trails have been added to Banyule's guided walking circuits.

Taking in leafy avenues, heritage homes and beautiful gardens, the two footpath circuits through Eaglemont are easily accessed from Eaglemont station.

New bike repair stations

We've just installed bicycle repair stations for cyclists at three new locations:

- Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre, Ivanhoe
- Ford Park, Bellfield
- Macleod Railway Reserve, Macleod

These add to the existing bike repair stations at Malahang Reserve and outside Possum Hollow Playground on the Main Yarra Trail. The repair stations include a pump and basic tools to help you complete minor maintenance on your bike.



Or Peter Castaldo at the Macleod Railway Reserve repair station.

FOGO has arrived!

Right bin on the right week

Not sure which bin goes out with your FOGO bin? Check your new bin collection calendar supplied with your kitchen caddy. You can also look up your address using our 'Collection day map' at banyule.vic.gov.au/BinDay or scan the code.



And to avoid contamination, here's a little reminder of what can and can't go in your FOGO bin ...

What CAN go in the FOGO (Green lid) bin?

- ✓ **Food scraps**
 - Fruit and vegetables
 - Bread, cereal, pasta and rice
 - Dairy and eggs
 - Coffee grounds and tea leaves
 - Leftovers
- ✓ **Garden waste**
 - Grass cuttings
 - Plants and weeds
 - Prunings, leaves and flowers

What can NOT go in the FOGO (Green lid) bin?

- ✗ **General waste**
 - Plastic bags/bin liners
 - Nappies
 - Compostable/ biodegradable bags
 - Food packaging, containers and cutlery
 - Pet poo and animal remains
 - Teabags and coffee pods
 - Treated wood, large/ heavy branches
 - Plant pots and other hardware
 - Cooking oil



Advocating for our community

We deliver a lot for our community but there are some areas beyond our responsibility or budget. This is where Council strongly advocates to the state and federal governments and others for the improved infrastructure and services our community needs.

With a collaborative approach and joint funding, we can pool resources to achieve more for our community. Read on to learn about some of our main advocacy projects.

Neighbourhood improvements

Greensborough could be unlocked if the new railway station and bus terminal are fully accessible and properly connected to the town centre. We want a direct link that connects commuters up to the shopping centre.

We asked residents of Heidelberg West what they needed; now we want to partner with the Victorian Government to deliver on the community co-design for the Olympic Village Precinct.



Public transport

Watsonia Station is not accessible for people using wheelchairs or mobility aids. Council is calling for improved access to the station and better connection to the town centre.

Access to Ivanhoe Station is also difficult and we are asking the Victorian Government to include a new accessible station and road upgrades at Marshall Street.

Council also supports a regional push for better bus services in the north of Melbourne, including expansion of routes to La Trobe University, and improved routes around Greensborough.



Environment

Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre is set to become one of the first aquatic facilities in Melbourne to be retrofitted to run on 100% renewable energy. Council is seeking government funding to electrify the centre.

Council wants to install solar at Heidelberg West Business Park, Banyule's largest industrial and commercial hub, and we're asking the Victorian Government to help us do it.

We want to expand our green vehicles, but the technology needs to improve. We want government leadership to create incentives and invest in research for low-emission heavy vehicles.

We've joined Victoria's Greenhouse Alliances to address planning provisions and improve the way buildings are designed. This will help reduce carbon emissions and protect communities from the impact of climate change.

Shared paths

We are advocating for the shared trail along the rail line to be extended from Montmorency to Eltham, where it can link with other regional trails.

We believe the safest and most direct cycling and walking route for the Rosanna to Heidelberg Trail is along the rail corridor and we are advocating for it to be rerouted.

Eaglemont's Odenwald Road Bridge is narrow and does not have a separated footpath. We need a new pedestrian bridge.

Council has identified a range of connected bicycle and pedestrian paths that would encourage more people to choose active transport. We want to partner with the Victorian Government to jointly fund many of these paths.



Roads

As the Watsonia section of North East Link is designed, we are advocating for an extended tunnel or treed land bridge so that our municipality is not split down the middle.

Roads in Greensborough must be able to accommodate any increased traffic the North East Link will bring. We are advocating for better roads and transport connections.

Community wellbeing and safety



The pandemic and other challenges have led to an increase in the number of vulnerable families and we're asking for more funding to expand supported playgroups.

Banyule has pioneered a community safety initiative that helps prevent youth crime. We're seeking funding to continue and expand this successful program.

We're advocating for a housing service for people experiencing homelessness, including after-hours outreach services such as those operating in neighbouring municipalities.

Job creation

Traders at Watsonia Shopping Centre are concerned they won't survive the seven years of North East Link construction. We are asking for Victorian Government investment in events, and improvements to support the town centre.

We want to increase employment opportunities in the education, research, health and advanced manufacturing precinct being created around La Trobe University, Heidelberg Medical Precinct, Northland and Heidelberg West Business Park.

Council has developed a hugely successful Inclusive Employment Program for people who face barriers to getting a job. We want the Victorian Government to roll out this program across the northern region.

For more information on Council's advocacy priorities, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/advocacy or scan the code



Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



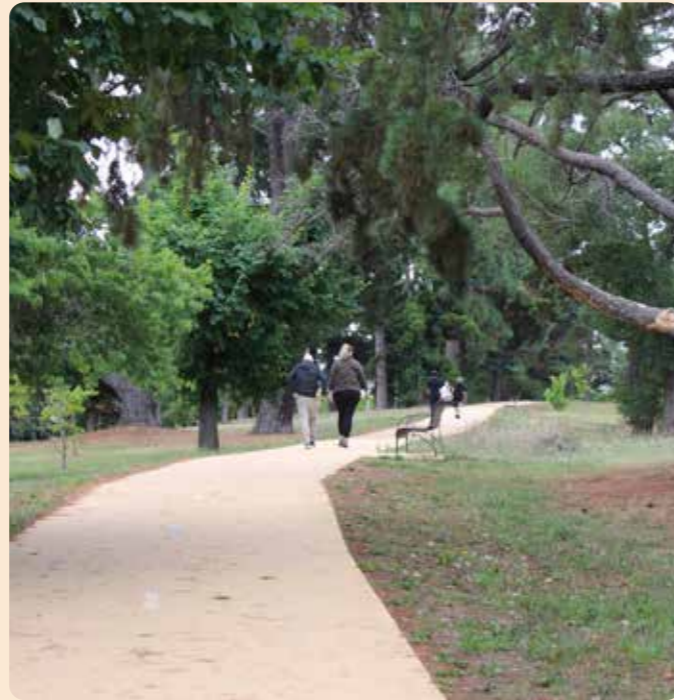
Heidelberg Park Masterplan

Last call for feedback

Heidelberg Park is rich in history and is a special place for the Banyule community. A masterplan is being developed based on community consultation; we've received almost 500 contributions so far. The masterplan will help Council manage the parkland and ensure it fulfils the needs of our growing community.

Some improvements the community asked for include:

- Additional picnic spaces
- New and improved paths for walkers and cyclists
- New planting along Burgundy St and Rosanna Rd
- Water sensitive design features, such as a raingardens and water tanks
- Eradication of weeds and inclusion of more indigenous plants
- Protection of historic features and mature trees
- Better wayfinding and historical signage
- Improved safety along Beverley Road and at the existing pedestrian crossing.



The final round of public consultation is open until 15 August and we want to hear your thoughts. Find out more at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/HeidelbergPark or scan the code.



Plans for Petrie Park

Council is preparing to implement the Petrie Park Masterplan that was developed with the community and park user groups.

This important community and recreation space in the heart of Montmorency is home to several clubs, sporting groups and community facilities and has expansive parklands for all to enjoy.

With funding secured from Council and the Level Crossing Removal Authority, works beginning in early 2023 will include upgrading the path network, a new intergenerational playground and more greenery and tree plantings.



Head to shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/PetriePark to view the plans and give your feedback. Follow the page to be updated about upcoming information sessions. Scan the code now!



Banyule Household Survey 2022

Throughout July and August, we are conducting a survey of householders across Banyule, gathering key information about our community to help us plan for the future and deliver the services and facilities it needs.

Last undertaken in 2017, the Banyule Household Survey involves surveying 700 randomly selected households throughout the municipality. A range of aspects are covered, including community services, health, recreation, transport, retail shopping, housing, volunteering, local issues, community life, environment, and employment. These build on the broader demographics covered in the Australian Bureau of



Statistics Census, and provide Council with more specific information about the Banyule community.

Interviewers from Metropolis Research will door knock and be clearly identified. Participation is optional and survey data is treated anonymously.

Please call our Customer Service on **9490 4222** if you have any queries.

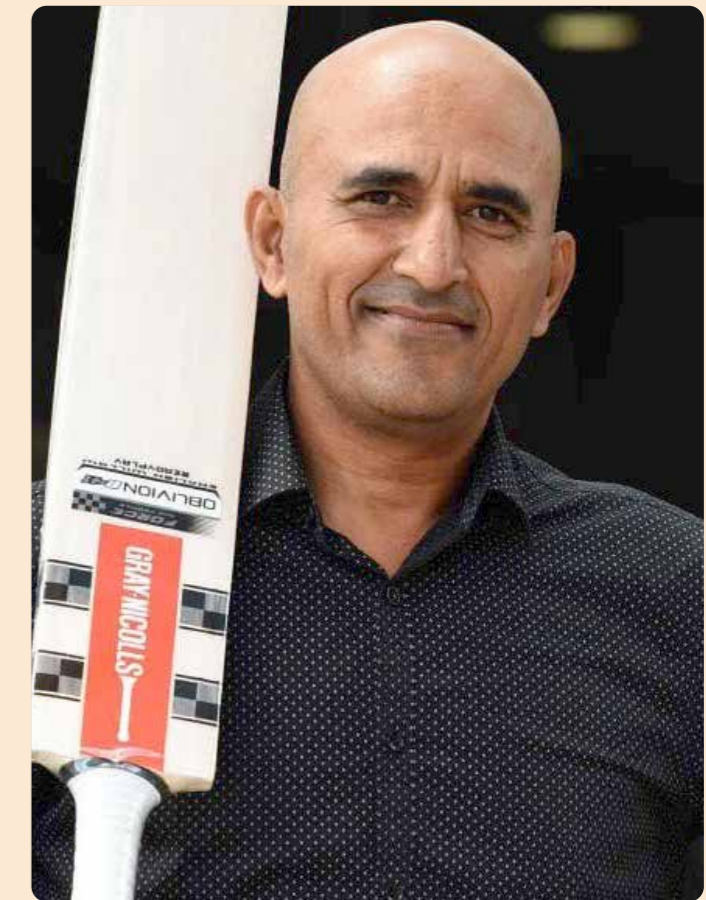
Celebrating refugees

Council celebrated Refugee Week in June through an evening of conversations to learn about experiences of refugees in Australia.

The community heard from Abdul Razzaq (pictured), a refugee from Pakistan who spoke about his experience coming to Australia and the joy he found volunteering and founding the All Nations Cricket Team.

Dr Tiina More, a member of the Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support group, also spoke about Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia, a program in which she volunteered.

Other speakers included Zaynab Farah, a Somali spoken word artist; Michlin Danah, a refugee from Syria; and Samira Libana, a member of Banyule Council's Multicultural Committee and active volunteer in the community.



Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group (MASSG)

Supporting and advocating for people seeking asylum, MASSG is an independent, community-based volunteer organisation. It raises awareness and funds, plus campaigns for and assists people seeking asylum in our community. Get involved at massg.org

Watch the recording of our Refugee Week event and find local resources for refugees and asylum seekers. Scan the code or search 'welcome zone' at banyule.vic.gov.au



Celebrating inclusive employment at Banyule

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

The program gives participants work experience and helps them gain confidence, identify goals and strengths, develop skills and take that next step in their career. The 14 employees worked in parks and gardens, finance and customer service, delivering Council services and implementing projects and events.

Success looks different for everyone and all participants achieved major goals and gained confidence to navigate the jobs market. Eight of them have secured ongoing roles with Council and five have been appointed to Banyule's casual pool.

The Inclusive Employment Program is open to all Banyule residents who face barriers to employment. Applications for the next round are open from 22 August – 4 September 2022.

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

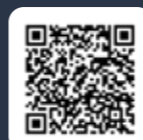


Below: 2022 Inclusive Employment Program participants with Banyule Mayor, Councillors, CEO and staff.



Sign up to get all the latest Banyule news to your inbox

Find out more about all the local activities, projects, people and places. Register at banyule.vic.gov.au/Subscribe or scan the code.



School crossing supervisors needed

Would you like some extra income and have you got some free time before and after school hours?

We're always on the lookout for responsible and reliable individuals to join our team of casual school crossing supervisors across Banyule.

Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Careers or call **9490 4222** to find out more.

Uniform and training provided.

Larissa Anderson attends the Banyule Rd crossing in Viewbank and has enjoyed the experience over the last few years.



“ Being a crossing supervisor is a great job and very rewarding. I have got to know many happy faces which makes it a joy to go to work. ”

Larissa Anderson

First Nations Jobs Fair

We're hosting a jobs fair for First Nations People to connect with training organisations, employers and support services to help them build networks and skills, and find sustainable employment.

There will be jobs to apply for on the day, as well as a sausage sizzle and guest speakers. Banyule's Jobs Victoria Advocate, Maddison, a proud Woi-Wurrung Wurundjeri women (pictured), has joined forces with Whittlesea and Darebin councils to present the First Nations Job Fair at Darebin Arts Centre.

Find out more at jva@banyule.vic.gov.au or phone **9049 3361**.

Tuesday 16 August

11am-3pm

Darebin Arts Centre
401 Bell Street
(corner Bell Street & St Georges Road)
Preston

Order your 2023 Community Calendar now!

Register at banyule.vic.gov.au/calendar or call Customer Service on **9490 4222**. Calendars will be posted later in the year.

Banyule Children's Gift Appeal

Christmas in July

In November and December each year, Council works with local emergency relief providers to run the Banyule Children's Gift Appeal. This initiative collects donations of gifts, toys and funds and distributes them to local children living in families experiencing financial disadvantage. In 2021, 459 children from 217 families received gift parcels through this initiative.

This year Diamond Valley Community Support, a key partner in this project, is once again putting its support behind this initiative. They are starting with a 'Christmas in July' campaign to raise money to purchase kids gift cards that will be placed in gift parcels for children later this year.

Kids gift cards are great gifts because they allow families to choose the perfect gift for each child. The additional cost of Christmas and the summer holiday period can be stressful for disadvantaged families. When families receive kids gift cards, it helps free up funds for other important living expensive, such as food, petrol and household bills.

To make a donation, visit gofund.me/BD23018B or scan the code. Remember, donations are tax deductible.



(L-R): Volunteer Wendy and Greenhills coordinator Janelle Dunstan.



(L-R): Josh and Michael from Kreuzer Scrap Metals in Bundoora accept Greenhills' aluminium for recycling.

When hair care helps community care

Next time you are sitting in the salon chair waiting for your colour to take, you could be doing a small kindness for someone in your community. Greenhills Neighbourhood House is collecting aluminium, including foil from hairdressers, to recycle for cash.

The neighbourhood house off St Helena Rd in Greensborough became a focus for community support during the pandemic and demand for its services continues to grow. Alongside popular wellbeing and craft classes, social groups and occasional childcare, Greenhills offers counselling and referrals, an external food pantry that is always accessible and a twice-weekly community pantry that provides fresh food and staple pantry items to 150-200 people a week.

“ We have recycled over a tonne of aluminium, so it's not only great for the environment, but it turns rubbish into cash to buy food to help our community. We would love more hairdressers and local businesses to get onboard. ”

Ros Rondel, Volunteer

To supplement its funding from government, Banyule Council and donations, Greenhills relies on a strong network of volunteers and goods donations, as well as cash from recycling aluminium cans and foil.

Contact Greenhills on **9435 9287**, email coordinator@ghnh.org.au or via ghnh.org.au. Ros Rondel also runs a community kindness initiative, hereforyamate.com.au

Make a change to reusable nappies

Did you know a baby will use more than 3000 disposable nappies and these alone make up about 15% of Banyule's waste?

There is a better way. Switch to reusable nappies and you can save money and the environment at the same time.

Choosing reusables can save thousands of dollars on your first child alone. What's more, they fit better and have less leakage. They don't contain chemicals so are better for your baby's skin and the environment.

Over the last few years, we've seen a lot of people come to our workshops and discover the benefits.



For \$20 per person, you'll receive two reusable nappies, valued at \$70, including one Banyule-themed nappy.

Sessions are held online via Zoom from 7.30pm-8.30pm. To see the next available dates and to book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Nappy or scan the code.



Wanted! Information about antique rocking horse

This old stallion was donated to East Ivanhoe Maternal and Child Health circa 1960-70 and will take pride of place at the new East Ivanhoe Preschool when it opens in 2024.

In the meantime, we're trying to track down any information about its origin and the local family who generously donated it so we can add this history to its display case.


If you have any leads, please call us on **9457 9954** or email Loretta.Pepper@banyule.vic.gov.au

Banyule Clean Energy Expo


Join us for this exciting free expo, featuring expert advice and talks on:

- Electric vehicles and electric bikes
- Simple ways to climate-proof your home
- Clean energy solutions like heat pumps, solar power, batteries and more!

This is a great way to learn more about how to reduce your energy use and save money. You'll also be able to view a range of electric vehicles and talk to their owners. Plus, see examples of how to retrofit an older building to be more energy efficient.

 **Sunday 25 September**

 **11am-3pm**

 **Old Shire Offices, 60 Beverly Road, Heidelberg**

 **Free event, for more information, contact Paul Gale-Baker by email pagb@optusnet.com.au or 0408 733 683**



Community Energy Officer Ollie Forster

Community Energy Service

Here to answer your questions on all things energy

Our Community Energy Service provides one-on-one advice to residents looking to reduce energy use and costs, install solar or engage energy-efficient home upgrades.

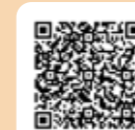
- Getting a better deal on your energy bills
- Concessions and how to access assistance in times of difficulty paying your bills
- Advice on home energy efficiency upgrades, bulk buys and grants
- Information on solar energy and Council's Solar Savers program.

Drop-in sessions

You'll find Banyule's Community Energy Officer on the first Monday of the month at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, and every second Monday at Shop 48. Turn up any time between 9am-5pm. Walk in; no bookings necessary. Scan the code for dates.

Also available other days by appointment at Council's Greensborough office.

Get in touch by email at Energy.Info@banyule.vic.gov.au or call 9242 3451.



Get \$250 to put towards your energy bills

Victorian Energy Compare is providing a \$250 power saving bonus to all Victorian households.

This is a cash payment to offset power costs and encourage people to check their electricity and gas bills are competitive. Find out more and apply at compare.energy.vic.gov.au

If you're keen to make sure your power is renewable, make sure you also check the GreenElectricityGuide.org.au

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



Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy testing out the bench with local tradies.

Rest. Charge. Connect

Next time you're at Bell St Mall, check out our new smart bench close to Shop 48.

Not just a place to rest your feet, this intelligent urban furniture provides free wireless and USB charging stations and a hotspot to connect to free Wi-Fi covering most of the Mall.

Powered by 100% solar and backed up by battery, the smart bench provides Council with real-time data on how many people are recharging and connecting to the internet. It also has sensors to monitor air pressure, humidity and temperature.

Depending on the success of this 12 month pilot program, look out for more smart benches to be installed in Banyule.

“ The bench makes its own electricity so is environmentally sustainable. This is the future of smart cities, where we embrace technology to improve convenience and connectivity. ”

Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Citizen of the Year is back!

Nominations now open

Banyule Citizen of the Year nominations are open after a two-year hiatus due to pandemic disruptions. With so many people going above and beyond in service to their community through the pandemic, we know there are more worthy citizens than ever before, so get your nomination in before the closing date of 31 August.

Past recipients have included community health manager Jim Pasinis, business leader and volunteer Philip Ciravolo, SES volunteer Ray Dark and Neighbourhood Watch stalwart John Dowdle, the last Citizen of the Year in 2019 (pictured).

The award celebrates the achievements of ordinary people and will be presented to an individual whose exceptional service and commitment has greatly benefitted and enriched the Banyule community. Nominees must be residents of Banyule and be aged over 18.



Image courtesy of Herald Sun

To find out more, phone **9490 4222**, scan the code, or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/COY



Connecting kids with nature

Keep their curious minds enthralled with these school holiday activities

Looking for fun things to do during the September school holidays? Banyule has three interactive nature activities that children will love.



Animals galore!

Meet some of Australia's wonderful native fauna and discover the unique qualities of the animals found in the Australian bush. Children will learn about and interact with live animals including a possum, frog, bird, lizard, crocodile and a python.

I wonder if any of the animals will be hungry? Yes, you might even get to feed one of the animals!

📅 **Wednesday 21 September**

🕒 **Sessions at 10am and 11.30am**

📍 **WaterMarc, Greensborough Walk, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough**

🔑 **Bookings essential – scan the code or go to trybooking.com/CAGSI**



Rock pools galore!

Roll up your sleeves, get your hands wet and get to know some CRABS! Meet the animals that live in Victorian rock pools. Discover the different shapes, sizes and special characteristics of these beautiful animals. Children will learn about beach and rock pool environments, and what they can do to help protect them.

Live marine visitors in this session will include snails, sea urchins, anemones, elephant snails, sea stars and crabs!

Did we mention that children will be holding crabs?!!

📅 **Wednesday 28 September**

🕒 **Sessions at 10am and 11.30am**

📍 **Ford Park (near Play Space), Oriel Road, Bellfield**

🔑 **Bookings essential – scan the code or go to trybooking.com/CAGUG**



Nature mystery tour

Attention, junior agents! The Nature Play Detective Agency has a new mystery for you to solve during the September school holidays.

Take a self-guided audio tour through Banyule Flats Reserve and listen as Belinda the Bush Detective guides you through the beautiful parklands. Follow the clues and examine bush evidence to solve this puzzling mystery.

Suitable for the whole family, this nature mystery tour will particularly appeal to junior agents aged 6 - 10. You will need a portable device with internet access to participate in the audio tour.

📅 **17 September – 2 October**

📍 **Banyule Flats, Viewbank. Start at Somerset Drive car park (behind the cricket nets) at the Main Yarra Trail sign and look for the audio tour signs**

🔑 **No booking required. This audio tour ONLY operates during the September school holidays. Scan the code for more information.**



Centenarian citizen

Aziza Bitar has proved age is just a number by proudly becoming one of Banyule's newest Australian citizens at 101 years old.

After almost a century living in Syria, Aziza bravely decided to relocate to Australia to be closer to her loved ones. Calling Greensborough home since she arrived in 2016, she enjoys spending time in the beautiful parks and admiring the view from her lovely garden.

While she misses Syria, being with her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren in Greensborough has made the achievement worthwhile.

Aziza is pictured at a Council citizenship ceremony in Ivanhoe with her daughter Dr Souad Massouh.

Did you know?

Banyule welcomed 101 new Australian citizens from 31 countries at our citizenship ceremony in May.



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

📍 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe
 🌐 banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH
 ✉ arts@banyule.vic.gov.au
 ☎ 9490 4222

Events may change so please check our website for details and any updates prior to visiting.



Forest of Hope

Supported by a Banyule Arts and Culture grant

📅 August 1 – 7
 Opening Night:
 Friday 5 August, 6pm

📍 Yarra-me Djila Theaterette

An immersive art and sound installation with floor-to-ceiling paintings by Anne Bennett, projections and environmental sound recordings by Jutta Pryor, and original music compositions by bass artist Scott Dunbabin and flautist Megan Kenny. Come walk amongst the trees and be refreshed by this multi-sensory forest experience. There will also be two evenings of live music performances and children's story time sessions held amongst the trees.



Rainbow Social Art Club

📅 First Saturday of every month

🕒 2pm - 4pm

📍 Community Lounge

An afternoon of art making and mingling for young LGBTQI+ people. Join guided activities with guest artists or pop in to use the space and work on your latest project alongside fellow artists.

Image/Detail from animation by Emerson Zandegu



CHANGE

📅 1-24 July

📍 Loft 275

Change is an act or process through which something becomes different.

Change: climate change, change a habit, observe the process of change... you can make a change.

Artworks that inspire us to participate in change and make a difference for our environment. This exhibition by local artists including Felicity Gordon and Teresa Bennett is a partnership of Banyule's Arts & Culture Team, Rethink Centre, Waste Services and Environment Team.

Image/Detail from 'Compost House' by Felicity Gordon



2022 Banyule Art Salon

Outside these four walls...

📅 5 August – 29 September
 Opening Night: Friday 5 August, 6pm - 8pm

📍 Art Gallery 275

Banyule's biggest community art exhibition returns! An exhibition from our creative community celebrating community life post-pandemic. The theme this year is: Outside these four walls...

If COVID-19 lockdowns have taught us anything, it's a new appreciation for our outdoor spaces. Our daily walks kept us sane as we escaped our homes for brief adventures outside.

This exhibition is dedicated to the great outdoors – an artistic exploration of nature, open space, parks, recreation, plants, wildlife - anything "outside these four walls".

More information at banyule.vic.gov.au/BanyuleArtSalon



Community and Connection

Art exhibition by Thou Art Mum

📅 1 – 21 August
 Opening Night:
 Friday 5 August, 6pm - 8pm

📍 Loft 275

Image/Fleeting (watercolour) by Chibwana Emily

Over the past few years our connection to and involvement with communities has become more important than ever. Let Thou Art Mum take you on a journey through the interconnectedness that links all in the web of our lives, both real and imagined. Thou Art Mum is a 35-member artist group of women who are mothers who reside in the Banyule and Nillumbik areas. banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions



Night Paintings - Darebin Creek

by Fran Lee

📅 26 August – 18 September

📍 Loft 275

Fran Lee: "These works are mostly of trees on the Darebin Creek where I live and paint. These twilight paintings explore qualities of the creek and trees at night, when the air is powerfully full."

My mum spoke of these beautiful spaces as 'Mother Nature' and I somehow link that powerful mythic feminine presence to the last light on a clear night, often of a saturated blue that silhouettes the velvety black greens of the trees. During the pandemic many of us walked along the creek, along paths and ways that took us out – often at twilight, in the black and the blue – walking beneath the trees, immersed in Mother Nature."

Image/Night Painting (2022) by Fran Lee



Thou Art Mum Studio Residency

By Thou Art Mum

1 - 21 August

Mungga Artist Studios

Thou Art Mum is a 35-member artist group of women who are mothers who reside in the Banyule and Nillumbik areas. They exhibit together to allow more access for women, especially busy mothers, to be part the art scene, and support each other to participate in art making. The artists from Thou Art Mum art group will be taking up residency in the Mungga Artist Studios, complementing their exhibition in Loft 275. Come and visit to experience a wide variety of art practices, and participate in some workshops.

Details of workshops closer to the date.

banyule.vic.gov.au/ThouArtMum

Image: Detail from Still Life by Susannah Collins



Return to The Patch

by Anna Farago

15 August – 29 September

Mungga Artist Studio 1

Anna will make a large textile using scraps of fabric and leftovers from recent community and personal projects. The finished work will be hung and photographed at the site of Anna's childhood home, where 'Return to The Patch' (pictured) was shot in 2015. The textile and the photographic work will be exhibited in a solo show at Gippsland Art Gallery later this year and in Loft 275 in 2023. Anna will host open studio days, patchwork workshops and a community sewing circle.

Workshops and social sewing circle:
banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions

Image/Detail of Return to The Patch (2015) by Anna Farago. Photo: Adrian Miles



More than window dressing

Window shopping has taken on a new meaning with Council's Shoppable Windows, part of our award-winning Rediscover Local campaign to support local business through the pandemic and aid recovery.

Using colourful window displays in busy areas, Shoppable Windows are a platform for small businesses to test their product or service in retail space by allowing people to shop at the window with a QR code. The vibrant windows also uplift the streetscape, creating a gallery-like experience.

Look out for Shoppable Windows at shopping strips and centres around Banyule, currently showing at Diamond Village in Watsonia and in Greensborough Walk outside WaterMarc.

Rediscover local and support local businesses. Scan the code to find out more.



Arts and Culture project grants

Arts and culture project grants of up to \$10,000 are available for high-quality creative projects that directly benefit the Banyule community.

Grants are open to individuals and groups working in any creative medium, including but not limited to dance, performance, digital, music, visual arts and film, as well as cultural and creative festivals and events.

Applications close on 4 September.

Scan the code or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/Grants



Events and activities at libraries

There's always a lot happening at your local Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

Enjoy story-time sessions, school holiday programs, teen activities, artist workshops, specialist information sessions and more. You'll find activities for very young children through to older adults.

Visit ypri.vic.gov.au/events or scan the code to see what's on.



Ward Rounds



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We're working to improve integrated transport networks throughout Banyule. Our residents need safe, efficient ways to get about life and business that are healthy for us and for the environment. That means a mix of modes - walking, cycling, assisted mobility, public transport, taxis, cars - that are accessible for everyone. Turn to pages 8-9 to see

some of the transport priorities we are advocating for. As keen cyclists, my family and I are always finding new routes to ride to local activities. Do you have any tips for getting around on two wheels? Is there a place you'd like to see additional bike infrastructure or new hoops for bike parking? Email transport@banyule.vic.gov.au



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An integrated transport hub with safe, easy and accessible links to the town centre and other amenities in Greensborough is just one of the things Council is advocating for on behalf of our community. We think it will be a missed opportunity if the planned bus interchange is not properly connected to the train station and Main St, adding

to the ease and amenity of our local shopping centre and creating a more dynamic and livelier town centre that is inviting and easy to move around. We are asking the Victorian Government to work with Council to rethink this project. Turn to pages 8-9 to view Council's advocacy priorities.



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Council has completed road improvement works in Mountain View Rd in Briar Hill, making the area safer for pedestrians, motorists, cyclists and bus users. Improvements include raised pavements to meet bus safety requirements, an extended raised pavement at the children's crossing south of Campbell Rd, a pedestrian

refuge north of Hume St, upgraded footpaths and new bicycle lane marking. Roads and footpaths are an important part of the \$1.7 billion in assets managed by Council. Together they account for nearly 40% of our asset renewal budget over the next 10 years. View Banyule's new Asset Plan 2022-32 at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au



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Council has adopted the community's preferred option for the new Watsonia Town Square after an extensive period of consultation showed Concept Option 4 had by far the most support from the community. After a short additional consultation period to get community input on Concept Option 4, we are now working on final designs. You can stay

tuned via Shaping Banyule - shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au. Recently, my family and I were rapt to be involved in promoting Council's new FOGO waste service, showing how you can combine home composting and FOGO to reduce waste going to landfill. Watch the video at banyule.vic.gov.au/FOGO.



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Banyule's annual Volunteers Week dinner is always a great night, but, after the challenges of the pandemic, it felt even more special this year. I would especially like to thank the Scouts, tennis clubs, Warrigal Conservation Society and the parents who help keep schools and clubs flourishing, but I know there are innumerable

volunteers in services and clubs around Banyule and I pay homage to them all. My family benefits from volunteering every day. While I hope our children and their friends benefit from the work my husband and I do for their football teams, we both get so much out of it - community connection, personal satisfaction and friendship.



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It was a pleasure to meet so many residents and business owners at the Chelsworth Ward Meeting on 24 May. The meeting was well attended and there were lots of questions for the council officers and executives who gave presentations on Chelsworth Ward projects and issues affecting Banyule.

The next Chelsworth Ward Meeting is

at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub on Tuesday 13 September at 6.30pm. This is an open meeting where you will hear updates on Council projects and meet your ward councillor and Council officers. What Council issues are important to you and your family? Email me at alida.mckern@banyule.vic.gov.au to register topics for the meeting agenda.



Ward Rounds



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Because we work so closely with the community, Council is uniquely placed to provide the services our residents need. That's why the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety has chosen Council to deliver new youth and family support services for the Somali Australian community in Banyule. Working with Council's Youth

Services team, Family Support Officer Sadia Ali and Youth Programs Officer Saeed Ahmed (pictured) are developing a range of initiatives to promote mental health and wellbeing, and social cohesion. They also offer free cultural competency training for local services, schools and organisations. Find out more and book a session at linktr.ee/saldhig.banyuleyouth



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Our budget adopted at the end of June provides increased and ongoing support for Contact Bundoora Community Centre. Based at the newly-renovated Bundoora Community Hall, Contact has its own community rooms and a new office, garden and storage area. Council is delighted to support this group and its enthusiastic and hard-working members,

who provide important social activities and community support for the Bundoora community. From mahjong to tai chi, yoga, cooking, computer skills, book group and sustainable sewing, there is something for everyone at Contact. Find out more at contactbundooracomcen.com.au, email classes@contactbundooracomcen.com.au, or phone 9490 4302.



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As well as bringing superb concerts to the Banyule community, the Arden Crescent Concert Committee donates to local charities and overseas relief work. After much disruption through the pandemic, the concerts are returning to Rosanna Uniting Church in Arden Crescent. Next up is the world-famous Melbourne Welsh Male Choir (pictured) on Sunday 14 August

at 2.30pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 concession and \$10 for students. Phone 9457 2595 to book. In other news, Council is considering the application for the new Rosanna Library, which has been submitted through the statutory planning process. View the application online via Shaping Banyule at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/rosannalibrary



Bushland diaries Boosting biodiversity

In late May with the help of the Friends of Darebin Creek, we planted about 2000 kangaroo grasses (*Themeda triandra*) and 50 tussock grasses (*Poa labillardierei*) within the Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve in Heidelberg West.

We thank the 27 volunteers from this local friends of group who helped restore this crucial grassland habitat for a range of local wildlife. While they only took two hours to do this, their efforts will live on for years. What an amazing event!



Join the Friends of Darebin Creek to plant wildflower species and boost grassland biodiversity

📅 Sunday 7 August

🕒 10am-12pm

📍 Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve, Heidelberg West (access via the corner of Liberty Pde & Dougharty Rd and follow the signs).

📧 For more information, contact Senior Ranger Tom Crawshaw at tom.crawshaw@banyule.vic.gov.au



Scan the QR code for more information on the reserve.

Join the Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve to remove woody weeds and help conserve this home of the Eltham Copper Butterfly

📅 Sunday 21 August & Sunday 18 September

🕒 10am-12pm

📍 Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, Greensborough (St Helena Rd end; follow the signs)

📧 For more information, contact Senior Ranger Kylie D'Amico at kylie.damico@banyule.vic.gov.au



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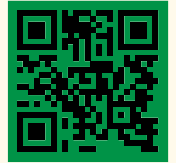
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