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Banyule City Council

Mayor's Message

Mayor Cr Rick Garotti

100 days and going strong It has been a productive period for the new Council and it is great to see some wonderful outcomes already in our first 100 days in office.

Banyule 2041

Over the summer we conducted community workshops to ask people what their vision for Banyule in the year 2041 is. We had a remarkable response from more than 1200 people, including people commenting on Shaping Banyule. All of this valuable input will help set the long-term future direction for the municipality and inform our next Council Plan and Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan - which will be out for public consultation during 14 April-11 May 2021. See page 4 for more.

Climate action

While COVID-19 has been a massive distraction, we have not forgotten our goal to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2028 and a zero net emissions community by 2040. Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ ClimateAction to find out more about what we're doing and what you can do to combat climate change. We also remain committed to working towards zero waste and delivering environmentally responsible and cost-effective recycling and waste services (see page 8 for more).

Capital works and local jobs creation

Major projects continue to be rolled out across Banyule (see pages 7 & 8). Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub was recently completed, along with a host of sporting facilities, playgrounds, and shopping centre revitalisations, such as in Rosanna. The new Bellfield Community Hub is also starting construction. With our enormous capital spend of \$63.55 million this financial year, we are delighted to be creating hundreds of jobs right here in Banyule. You may have also noticed some shopping strips have been fitted out with parklets, offering more outdoor seating, thanks to Victorian Government funding. We encourage you to Rediscover Local and support local businesses.

Speaking of local jobs, earlier this year we saw The Little Social café open at Rosanna station. Supporting social enterprises like this is a key priority of Council, as is our awardwinning Inclusive Employment Program which is addressing barriers to employment by providing placements at Council. In its third year now, we have already welcomed more than 30 participants.

Banyule Digital

There are a range of ways you can get information and find out what's happening in Banyule. Connect now!

Subscribe to our mailing list to have tailored information sent to your inbox, or follow us on social media.

- banyule.vic.gov.au/subscribe
- f @BanyuleCouncil
- @BanyuleCouncil
- @BanyuleCouncil

Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

() shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

- **Mondays:** 22 March, 12 April, 2 May
- () From 7pm
- (i) For location and up-to-date **COVID** restrictions, please check our website.

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

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

Banyule, the most inclusive **municipality** for LGBTIQ+

We are very proud to tell you that Banyule Council topped the Equality Index for LGBTIQ+ inclusion in **2020 for Victorian** councils.



QWere St Festival, Montmorency

We would love to hear from LGBTIQ+ people, young and old, living or working in Banyule to help us develop our next LGBTIQ+ Action Plan for 2022-2025 and put the community voice front and centre. We are also seeking older LGBTI volunteers for an exciting arts and culture project. Contact Lauren on 0466 356 675 or Lauren.Brooker@banyule.vic.gov.au



Marking International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

The Victorian Pride Lobby award looked at the following initiatives, which Banyule was the only council to achieve 5 out of 5:

- Rainbow Tick for our Aged Services
- LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee
- LGBTIQ+ Action Plan
- Flying the rainbow flag at Council offices
- Participation at Midsumma Festival

While these initiatives provided the benchmark for comparing Victorian councils, they represent only a select few that we deliver to tackle discrimination, celebrate our diverse community and ensure that Banyule is a safe and welcoming place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ+) community members.

A huge thanks to our LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee for their support and role in driving our LGBTIQ+ Action Plan 2017-2021 and helping make Banyule inclusive for all.

Banyule prides itself on being a truly inclusive place and we love working in partnership with our LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee, residents, businesses and services providers to keep building on that.

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Banyule Mayor Cr Rick Garotti

Banyule 2041 Shaping our future

What you told us

From November to January, we asked you to imagine Banyule in the year 2041. To share your vision for our city and what you think Council should be focusing on and why. Information that would be utilised to undertake the Banyule 2041 Project.

During this time, more than 1200 people engaged with the project through workshops, surveys, quick polls, interviews and focus groups. We heard from residents, traders, service providers, older adults, really young kids and everyone in between.

You told us what is important to you, from the environment and climate change to education, inclusion and housing. You also said Banyule's cultural heritage and the type of culture and community we create for the future were equally important to you.



A consultation session with Viewbank Scouts.

Some of the key themes emerging during the consultation so far include:

What our community values:

- Banyule's open spaces and natural environment.
- A strong sense of community and the family-friendly nature of Banyule.
- Banyule's facilities, services and infrastructure accessible to diverse user groups.
- Banyule's location and access to places.
- Council's genuine commitment to their community

In 20 years, the community aspires Banyule to be:

- Sustainable, resilient to climate change, and caring for the environment.
- A diverse and inclusive community where everyone has a say in decision-making.
- A connected community using active transport more.
- Focused on the health and wellbeing of people.
- A Council that embraces innovation and supports local businesses and economy.
- A community with accessible and diverse housing choices

Community input from this engagement is now being used to create our Community Vision, Council Plan, long-term Financial Plan and other strategic documents.

We are now working through all the feedback received and in coming months we will be coming back to you to continue the conversation and help refine our planning further.

To stay up date with all things Banyule 2041, follow the project on Shaping Banyule at shaping. shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Banyule2041

Children, Youth and Family Plan

From December 2020 to January 2021, Banyule's parents and carers shared their views on how to best support and empower children and young people from pre-birth to 25 years.

We gathered a range of information that will be used to help develop the Banyule Child, Youth and Family Plan 2021-2031.

Our research and conversations have shown us that fundamental to a prosperous and inclusive community is the role of parents and carers in raising happy, healthy children.

Parents and carers have told us that they use and appreciate Council's quality services and programs, as well as facilities, play spaces, bike tracks, events, and greenspaces.

66 The community we have here... is so supportive. 99

66 Safe community, open space, family friendly **99**

 There is a good network of health, childcare and early development services available"

Parents/Carers



We invited children under school age to think about what makes life great in Banyule, then draw and tell. We had 57 responses from six of our early childhood services, including Joshua's (pictured).

Over the coming months we will continue to draw upon the findings of the consultation activities to draft the Plan, which will go on public exhibition for further comment in April 2021.

Our thanks to everyone who has been involved so far. Here are a couple of the comments received

If you would like to have your say on any of our projects open for feedback, visit **shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au**

Building a better Banyule

We've been working on a lot of major projects across Banyule that are improving facilities and the amenity of the area. Here are just a few.



Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub

Our new landmark building at 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe is now open and houses a state-of-the-art library, community meeting rooms, Council customer service, Maternal and Child Health, and offers a range of creative spaces, galleries and a theatrette to showcase arts and culture. All this plus a café, outdoor square and a roof terrace with expansive views.

See pages 10 - 12 for all the events and exhibitions taking place over the coming months.



Olympic Park, Heidelberg West

Olympic Park precinct continues to be transformed as part of an impressive masterplan. A new mini-roos synthetic pitch with lighting has been completed next to the main pitch, which has also been resurfaced and referced along with its drainage and irrigation improved last year.

A new car park parallel to the main stadium has just been finished and a new playground installed adjacent to the cricket/football oval. We'll keep you updated as we continue to roll out a host of improvements.



Bellfield Community Hub

Bellfield Community Hub has kicked off construction starting with a 'Turning of the Sod' on 5 February 2020, with Anthony Carbines MP joining Banyule councillors and guests. Construction will continue throughout the year the building is expected to be completed by early 2022.

The hub will be home to a range of community facilities and services, including a kindergarten, Maternal Child Health, community rooms and a café, as well as a community garden. It forms just one part of this rejuvenation project, with social housing and market housing sharing the site on the corner of Oriel Road and Banksia Street, Bellfield. There is also an urban farm flourishing next door at the Waratah Special Developmental School.





Nets Stadium Banyule, Macleod

Competition is back and there's more room for teams at Nets Stadium with the addition of two new multi-purpose outdoor courts and tiered spectator seating sheltered from the elements under a magnificent curved roofline. The courts' lighting means they can be utilised day and night.

De Winton Park, Rosanna

The sports pavilion has been upgraded to improve female amenities and the oval has been recently resurfaced and is looking great for the upcoming football season. That's not all, there will be some new LED sports field lighting installed soon.



Let's clean up our green waste

Most of us put the right thing in the right bin, but it only takes a few contaminated bins to ruin an entire truckload of green waste. This is not good for the planet or **Council costs.**

Remember, along with lawn clippings and weeds, only twigs and small branches are to be placed in your green waste bin. And, never bag your garden waste.



Did you know Banyule households get up to two FREE collections per year? To book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/HardWaste or call 9490 4222. Conditions apply



Make your next mattress a soft landing

recyclemymattress.com.au

Before you buy your next mattress, remember you can have a choice to make a real difference...

Here are 4 easy steps:

- 1. Make sure your retailer is a member of the scheme. Check at recyclemymattress.com.au
- 2. When purchasing your new mattress, book collection of your old mattress with your retailer.
- 3. Your new mattress is delivered, and your old one is taken away - simple as that!
- 4. Your old mattress then goes to Soft Landing for recycling.

By recycling your old mattress, you are reducing landfill and supporting social enterprise jobs.

Reusable nappies

Virtual workshop via Zoom



Did you know a baby will use more than 3000 disposable nappies and these 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.

Council is now running online workshops on modern reusable nappies. For \$20 per person, you'll discover the benefits and receive two premium nappies, valued at \$70, that are yours to keep and use again, again and again.

To find out when we will be holding our next workshops at banyule.vic.gov.au/Nappies

Book a hard rubbish or bundled branch collection



Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday 7 March — or any day of the year!

Australia's waste challenges go far beyond one day. Communities can clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. whenever or wherever you can.

Get your friends, family and local community group together - in a COVID-safe way - to make an impact that improves your local environment.

cleanupaustraliaday.org.au



Composting workshop

Virtual workshop via Zoom

Learn about all the tips & tricks to make great compost. Find out more about different containers, worm farming, green cones and Boshaski buckets.

You will be surprised how much you can reduce your waste by diverting your kitchen scraps from landfill.

Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/composting to find out more.

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub Events & activities



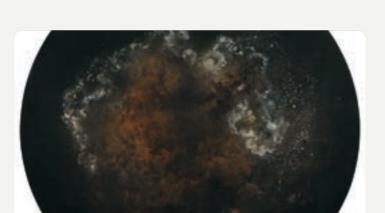
Five Decades: The Art of Wendy Black

- 🛗 Now until 18 April 2021 🔋 Art Gallery 275
- ① Opening Night: 5 March 2021, 6pm-8pm

This retrospective showcases the screenprints of Wendy Black. Her journey from art school, student union politics and community print workshops to a personal art practice that explores the natural world - mountains, coastlines, inland water, undersea. Her prints highlight environmental issues of world parks, atomic testing, endangered species, migratory birds and food chains.

Wendy Black is a local Banyule artist of national significance. This exhibition is her first career retrospective, capturing the depth and breadth of an incredible five decade-long artistic practice.

Image / Wendy Black at Dag Printing, Hardware House, 1979 - Photograph by Martin Munz



275 Upper Heidelberg Road,

For opening times and updates:

banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH (☑) arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

Ivanhoe

() 9490 4222

What we are made of will make something else

Penelope Aitken and Jutta Pryor (with Marc Zegans and Evgeny Pustota)

🛗 23 April - 16 May 2021 Loft 275

() Opening Night: 23 April 2021, 6pm - 8pm

Considering state change and metamorphosis, the works in this exhibition embody chaos theory and compost through painting, video, poetry and sound. In dark reflexive paintings, Penelope Aitken uses ink brewed from plants to reflect on the nature of nature. Video artist Jutta Pryor offers an interpretation of the divergence of natural and fabricated systems.

Image / The fizz and the pop (2020) by Penelope Aitken

Bark, leaves, soil, berries: conversations on place - Paradoxa Collective

🛗 23 April - 23 May 2021

• Art Gallery 275

(i) Opening Night: 23 April, 6pm - 8pm

Paradoxa Collective comprises four Australian contemporary artists: Penelope Aitken, Anna Farago, Siri Hayes and Susan Wirth. Based in the outer north east of Melbourne, they share an interest in peri-urban landscapes, connecting to the land through practical restoration and regeneration activities combined with site-informed art making.



Junko Azukawa artist-in-residence

🛱 1-28 March 2021

Mungga Artist Studio 1

Junko Azukawa would like to share traditional Japanese ink art with you, an art that she has been learning since she was 5. This art form, using only black ink called Sumi, is not so much about skilful techniques but is more about witnessing and appreciating the meditative process that arises between the artist and each brush stroke. Drop in to have a chat and watch her at work.

Junko will also hold free workshops on Wednesdays and Saturdays during March. For more details and to book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

Harmony Day

🛱 21 March 2021, 12pm-1pm

Live performance of Japanese ink art with Japanese Taiko drummer Toshi Sakamoto in the outdoor courtyard.

Image / Junko Azukawa at work



Schizy Inc artists-in-residence

🛗 1 April - 9 May 2021

Mungga Artist Studio 1

Schizy Inc is a registered not-for-profit collective of diverse creatives and artist advocates with lived experience schizophrenia. Schizy Inc host innovative and contemporary arts events and projects that instil pride, connect community

a collective of Schizy Inc visual artists will work on 'art and community'. A number of creative workshops will be held by Schizy Inc for people in the Banyule community to interact with arts from the lived experience point of view.

Katherine Chouliaras Lewis artist-in-residence

🛱 1-7 March 2021

Kathy is a local artist whose practice is mainly in abstract painting and contemporary art. She is a longstanding member of the Victorian Artists' Society, and various other artistic groups locally. Her interests and talents are many and varied, and she will use this residency to showcase her work, process, and to deliver several workshops on DIY art-making techniques.



Jessie Brooks-Dowsett artist-in-residence

🛱 8 - 21 March 2021

Mungga Artist Studio 2

Jessie is an artist, an educator and a therapeutic arts practitioner who develops and runs programmes that spotlight the arts as a way of connecting to ourselves, each other and our environments. Working in a mix of acrylic, inks and pastels, Jessie uses experimental methods to create marks that speak to her instinctual bodily responses, in reaction or recollection of her daily experiencing.

As part of her residency, Jessie will hold several workshops on mono-printing using recycled materials, and drawing through touch.

For more details and to book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

Image / Jessie Brooks-Dowsett with some of her artworks

Mungga Artist Studio 2

For more details and to book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

Story is Connection

- Film screening and live performances: 27 March 2021
- Yarra-me Djila Theatrette
- () 2pm 3.30pm

Story is Connection is Australia's leading international student community theatre organisation that mobilises international students to connect their own stories to each other and to the wider community.

They have produced multiple performances showing distinctive aspects of international students' lived experiences, including mental health, LGBTIQ+, cultural diversity, employment, and accommodation.

As part of a partnership with Banyule Council, Story is Connection will be presenting a special evening of performance, film and discussion at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.

For more details and to book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH



Banyule Art Salon

- 📾 Now until 27 March 2021
- () Opening night: 5 March 2021, 6pm-8pm
- Hatch Contemporary Arts Space 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe
- (i) Gallery open times so please check banyule.vic.gov.au/Hatch before visiting

Due to the delayed opening of the lvanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, we have the opportunity to present one final exhibition at the beloved Hatch Contemporary Arts Space.

We farewell this venue with the postponed 2020 Banyule Art Salon.

The biennial Banyule Art Salon returns, showcasing the artistic talents of the local community.

This year, artists were asked to show us what they made while in lockdown in Melbourne: What inspired them? What got them through this difficult time? This multi-disciplinary community art exhibition is sure to provide some food for thought.

Image / 2020 Banyule Art Salon



Windows of Longing: The Art of Edward Heffernan

- 🛗 11 March 2021
- Yarra-me Djila Theatrette
- () 6.30pm 8pm

Windows of Longing is a musical and visual exploration of the art of Edward Heffernan OAM (1912-92) who landscape celebrated views of Heidelberg, iconic scenes across the City of Melbourne, as well as bush and coastal vistas. Working with charcoal, watercolour, lino cut and oils, Heffernan also developed a passion for the female nude.

This event will feature a live performance by new music ensemble Aurora Lumina in real-time collaboration with visual artist Jutta Pryor. Aspects of this project was

Limited seats. Bookings essential at banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH This performance will be viewable online for a short time after the live event.

Malahang Lantern Festival

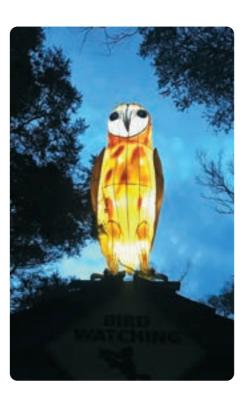


Enjoy a beautiful interactive display of illuminated large scale lanterns decorating Malahang Reserve.

Suitable for all ages and abilities, where everyone gets to explore and have fun!

Stay tuned for updates and booking information at banyule.vic.gov.au/Lanterns

- Thursday 25 March - Sunday 28 March
- 5pm-9pm
- Malahang Reserve, **Cnr of Southern & Oriel Roads** Heidelberg West
- FREE event
- (i) Bookings essential at banyule.vic.gov.au/Lantern

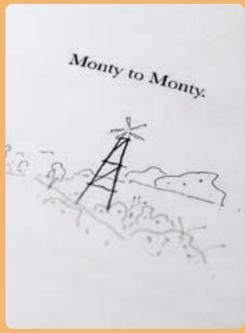




Monty to Monty

'Monty To Monty' is a design exhibition presenting past stories and new design narratives for public spaces In Montmorency for the community.

This event is part of Melbourne Design Week 2021, an initiative of the Victorian Government in collaboration with the NGV. Presented by Kerli Valk and Bradley Mitchell



- Saturday 27 March - Monday 5 April
- S 10am 4pm
- 48 Were Street Montmorency
- **FREE event**
- (i) 0431643331 hello@nuud.com.au

Local legends



Duke Trench-Thiedeman, Macleod

After a motorbike accident in 2009, Duke suffered a spinal cord injury which forced him into a wheelchair. He didn't let this get him down and instead took on the challenge.

The former computer engineer tried his hand at wheelchair tennis then found para-badminton suited him more, which proved a good choice, representing Australia at several world championships.

> Late last year, Duke, aged 67, won the Masters Sportsperson of the Year at the 2020 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards.

Over the years, he's also played his part in Council's housing for the ageing project and continues to volunteer as a Banyule Aged-Friendly Champion, helping to identify opportunities and challenges for older people to participate and live independently at home.

For Duke, life is all about opportunities and his recent award has inspired him to inspire others.

"It's my mission now being in a wheelchair to convince others, mainly senior people, to get out there and play sport," Duke says.

"But not just to play sport," he adds. "Get out and meet people, socialise and have fun...and enjoy life."

You can see more of Duke in a short video at banyule.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends

Did you know a local legend who has an inspiring story?

Email enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au or call 9490 4222

Jamie Baxter, Macleod

Jamie Baxter, proud Yidinji and Wiradjuri woman, grew up in Queensland with her Aboriginal culture around her "every single day". She was taught from her parents and community about her culture, dance, language and history.

She is still digging into her history and finding out about what happened to her ancestors.

"Back in those days they didn't have records or birth certificates," Jamie says. "Those histories are very hard to get hold of but hearing it from our Elders we can join the dots."

As an Aboriginal Outreach and Community Development Worker at Banyule Community Health Service in Heidelberg West, Jamie helps connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with services and support.

"Being involved with our communities and knowing what we do is creating change makes me pretty happy," Jamie says.

> And her dedication hasn't gone unnoticed. Last year, she won a NAIDOC Strong Sista Award for her work to keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities safe, strong and alive.



Jamie is also a member of Council's Banyule Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (BATSIAC) and a member of the Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place Committee, where she helps run a number of programs for Elders, men, women and youth. She has also contributed greatly to Council's Aboriginal projects and strategies, including the recently endorsed *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"Being able to say what we feel and see that the voice is being implemented into the RAP was a very proud moment," Jamie says.

> If you would like to know more about what support and programs are on offer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, email Jamie.baxter@bchs.org.au or call 9450 2034.

To find out more about Council's *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), visit **banyule.vic.gov.au/RAP**

Pop up art installations



Sand **Sculptures**

Look out for these mesmerizing large-scale 3D sand displays on display until early April. See them at 3 locations:

Greensborough Walk, Greensborough (near WaterMarc)

Macleod Park, Macleod

Were St, Montmorency

Join us for a sand art workshop & take home your FREE sand art!



Greensborough Walk, Greensborough Drop in anytime from 10am-2pm Saturdays: 6, 13 & 20 March

1000 Minute Challenge



We're proud to be sponsoring Austin Health's 1000 Minute **Challenge this March to help** promote physical activity and raise funds for our local health care heroes.

Are you a business owner in Banyule?

We have a dedicated pro-business team that is committed to supporting you establish and grow your business in Banyule.

Visit our website and sign up to our monthly e-newsletter to find out about upcoming training opportunities, networking events, business grants and more.



Urban **Chalk Art**

Immerse yourself in a series of outdoor interactive 3D chalk art installations across Banyule.

This accessible artistic experience is suitable for all ages and abilities.

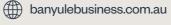
From Wednesday 10 March Bell St Mall, Heidelberg West

Thursday 11 March - Friday 12 March Watsonia Library and Greensborough Walk, Greensborough

Community interactive sessions



Greensborough Walk Saturday 13 March Pop down from 10am-3pm







Getting involved is easy. Just choose any activity you enjoy that gets your heart beating faster and muscles working harder for just over 30 minutes a day. You can walk, run, ride, roll, swim ... it's up to you.

It's not too late to sign up and get moving your way.

1000minutechallenge.org.au







Kids Corner



Nature photography for the young and old

Come and learn from a photographer tips and tricks for great nature photography in urban natural environments. Participants will learn about how to observe and use local natural spaces, fauna and flora and light to capture great images on all types of cameras, from old school SLR and digital to your smart phone.

Suitable for ages 6+ years

- Wednesday 14 April
- Spm 6pm
- \odot Rosanna Parklands, 53 Lower Plenty Road, Rosanna
- ♦ FREE event
- Bookings at trybooking.com/BOCDZ



Hula hoop making and skills workshop

Hey kids! Ever wanted to make your own hula hoop? What about learning some cool tricks with your new toy?

During this 2-hour workshop, all materials will be provided for you to make a custom-sized hoop and decorate it with your own personal flair. In between, we'll play some fun games, learn some basic hoop tricks and practise our new skills!

This is a free event, but bookings are required as places will be limited. Suitable for children (6 and up), teens and even adults! Please note: younger participants may need some adult help with decorating. BYO rug or picnic blanket for more comfortable outdoor crafting.

Tuesday 6 April

- (§ 10am 12noon
- Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena Road, St Helena
- 57 FREE event
- () Bookings at trybooking.com/BOENM
- Tuesday 13 April
- S 2pm 4pm
- Ivanhoe Library Cultural Hub 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe
- \$7 FREE event
- Bookings at trybooking.com/BOEOK



Solve a nature mystery

Come and enjoy this 1.2km self-guided audio tour through the beautiful Rosanna Parklands.

Using a coded map to guide you, discover hidden clues, examine bush evidence and take advice from the local creatures to help you solve the riddle that has sugar glider all wound up!

Suitable for the whole family, this nature mystery tour will particularly appeal to junior sleuths aged 4-10 years. Bring water, use sunscreen and dress appropriately.

You will need a portable device with internet access in order to participate in the audio tour.

- Tour Dates Thursday 8 — Sunday 11 April Thursday 15 — Sunday 18 April
- i banyule.vic.gov.au/ NatureMystery

Join us for 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 calls the banks of the Yarra home.

Suitable for ages 5+. Sturdy closed shoes required.

Friday 14 May

Session 1 / 6pm — 7pm Session 2 / 7pm — 8pm Session 3 / 8pm — 9pm

Banyule Flats, 36 Somerset Drive, Viewbank

FREE event

(i) Bookings at trybooking.com/BOCEL

Diamond Valley Multiple Births Association Playgroup Open Day

Whether you are a multiple births parent with young children, or expecting twins or triplets come along to this free open day and meet other local multiple families. Learn more about this unique playgroup and other support provided by the association.

Events subject to COVID-19 restrictions. Check our website for up-to-date information.



Banyule Bushland Possum Prowl



Nature Play Week, Kids do better outside

During Nature Play Week 14-25 April, visit one of Banyule's open spaces. Banyule is fortunate in having some of the best public open space in metropolitan Melbourne. Exploring nature is good for our bodies, minds and souls. Getting kids outside and into natural spaces encourages exploration and wonder.

Outdoor activities such as a visit to a local reserve or parklands, or even just getting out in your own backyard are inexpensive sustainable activities for the whole family that nurture, creativity, imagination and understanding about the natural world.

To find a park or reserve near you, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Parks

Go on a nature treasure hunt, see banyule.vic.gov.au/TreasureMap

For great ideas about inexpensive nature play activities for kids, go to natureplayweek.org.au

- Monday 22 March
- 9.30am-11.30am
- \bigcirc Montmorency Children's Centre. Petrie Park, Mountainview Road, Montmorency
- FREE event
- (i) RSVP to info@dvmba.amba.org.au

2022 kindergarten registrations now open



Did you know Council now manages registrations for 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten?

Registrations for 3 & 4 year old kindergarten 2022, opened 1 March 2021. So if you have not yet registered, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/kindergartens and complete an online registration form.

To attend 3-year-old kindergarten in 2022, your child must be born between 1 January 2018 – 30 April 2019. Your child must be 3 years of age by 30 April the year of attendance and can only attend sessions once they have turned 3.

To attend 4-year-old kindergarten in 2022 your child must be born between 1 January 2017 - 30 April 2018. Your child must be 4 years of age by 30 April the year of attendance.

The first time you visit the website and start the registration process you will be required to provide an email address and mobile number; then it's child's play to:

- Register your child
- Pay the registration fee
- Change your kindergarten preferences

login and password to enter your new child.

- Update your details
- Respond to your kindergarten
- offer





Greensborough MCH

Greensborough **Maternal Child Health & Kindergarten upgrade**

We are currently doing a major renovation and extension at **Greensborough Maternal Child** Health (MCH) and kindergarten at 17-19 Ester St, Greensborough.

Council received \$1.6 million in funding from the Victorian Government to upgrade the facility to a double unit kindergarten, which will offer 33 places per room plus three MCH consulting rooms.

Kindergarten

Families who were interested in attending the kindergarten in 2021 can contact Council on 9490 4222 to find out current vacancies at other local Banyule kindergartens. Greensborough preschool sessions are being offered in 2021 from Delta Road Preschool at 15 Delta Road, Watsonia.

The Greensborough Kindergarten is scheduled to reopen for the 2022 kindergarten year where it will offer funded 3 & 4-year-old kindergarten.

Material and Child Health Service (MCH)

MCH will return to the Greensborough facility upon completion of the upgrade towards the end of 2021. MCH services are still available at other facilities across Banyule for families with children from birth up until school aged.

To book a FREE appointment, please call 9457 9990, Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm.

Taking care at school drop-offs and pick-ups

For many of us, it is part of our daily ritual: driving the kids to and from school. And sometimes we might be in a rush, but remember, road safety comes first.

Slow down, take your time!

With young kids everywhere it's vital we drive slowly. They might not be familiar with busy roads and they can be unpredictable.

Know where you can park

Get familiar with parking options around your school. Observe parking signs and road markings. Occasionally restrictions change, so don't rely on your past knowledge.

School crossing supervisors wanted



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

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

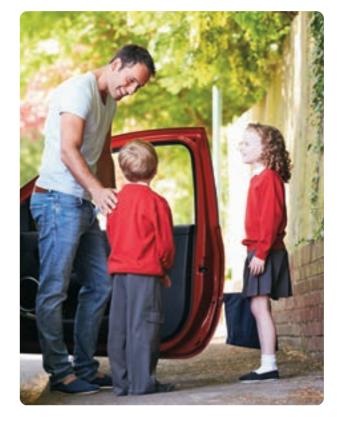
Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Careers or call 9490 4222 to find out more.

Uniform and training provided. Kids' gratitude & smiles included too!

For more information, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/kindergartens or contact our Kindergarten Support Officer on 9490 4222.

If you have previously registered a child via the portal, please use your existing





Parking patrols

Council takes school safety very seriously, with all schools being patrolled on a rotating basis either on foot or in vehicles.

Walk or ride to school

An even better option is walking or riding to school. Why not start the day off on the right foot? It's healthier for you and the environment!

Retired tram driver Jeffrey attends Cape St crossing next to Heidelberg Primary School and is back on the job after starting last year.

"Every one of us loves the job. You get to know the kids and families. "

Jeffrey

Bushland Diaries

Banyule's wetlands

Banyule has several wetlands dotted across the municipality. Some are naturally occurring and some have been constructed.

Wetlands provide a crucial service by filtering nutrients and litter from stormwater before passing into our creeks and rivers. They also reduce the impacts of erosion by slowing down the flow of stormwater.



Banyule Swamp at Banyule Flats, Viewbank



Dragonfly on purple loostrife (Lythrum salicaria).

The water-adapted plants found in wetlands provide vital food and habitat for a range of wildlife which rely on wetland ecosystems such as insects, birds, reptiles and frogs.

Banyule's Bushland Management Unit is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the biodiversity and habitat values of a number of these wetlands. Key works include the installation of nesting boxes for native ducks, controlling weeds and planting locally indigenous water-adapted species.

Warringal Conservation Society

Banyule Flats

The Warringal Conservation Society has been active for 50 years and works alongside Banyule's Bushlavnd Management Unit to improve the biodiversity and habitat value of Banyule Flats in Viewbank.

An incredible 153 different bird species have been observed at the wetland, including several migratory species, highlighting its significance for our wildlife.

Over the last two years, more than 2000 locally indigenous plants have been planted alongside the wetland and surrounding bushland.

50 years and growing strong

Since its formation in 1970, Warringal Conservation Society (WCS) has been continuously advocating for the green spaces of Banyule, as well as on state and national environmental issues. Its focus is the wetlands adjacent to the Yarra River in Banyule.



WCS is one of the oldest environmental friends' groups in Victoria and consists of a dedicated group of community members who hold a passion for restoring and conserving natural habitat. Typically, they come together a few hours each month to increase the ecological value of Warringal Parklands and Banyule Flats Reserve in Heidelberg/Viewbank/Rosanna.

Over the years, they've helped transform the wetlands and bushlands with activities such as planting trees and shrubs, weeding and erecting nesting boxes. The rewards from this practical work have been birds and other wildlife returning, vibrant wetlands, and beautiful parklands for all to enjoy. There are also quite

> If you'd like to get involved with the conservation of Banyule Flats and surrounding areas, join the Warringal Conservation Society, visit **warringal.org.au** to find out more.

WCS workbee at Banyule Flats in 1981.



White-faced heron (foreground) and little pied cormorant (background).



Warringal Conservation Society members James Deane, Daphne Hards and Anthea Fleming at Banyule Swamp.

We've also installed 25 nesting boxes to provide homes and nesting sites for ducks, sugar gliders and ringtail possums.

Did you know? Banyule Flats lay in a farmland setting until the 1960s.

a few birdwatchers, or "twitchers", in the group who enjoy keeping a record of all the sightings over the years.

But WCS isn't all about fieldwork, the group also holds monthly meetings and regular talks at the Old Shire Offices at 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg, where invited experts present a topic of local or national interest, be it natural history, conservation, sustainability, or ecology.

WCS President James Deane says the group provides a connection to the amazing local habitat and the community.

"It shows what we can do together... and that's inspiring!" James says.

Ward Rounds



Cr Mark Di Pasquale Bakewell Ward

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After a year of being disconnected and dealing with lockdowns, it's been great to see during summer we had a lot more activities of offer across Banyule, including a drive-in movie at Greensborough. There are also some interactive art installations happening soon next to WaterMarc and at Watsonia Library - see p.16. Let's keep connected!



Cr Peter Castaldo Griffin Ward

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but it's great to see the community remaining positive and supporting one another. Around our shopping precincts vou may have noticed we've installed

COVID-19 has thrown up some challenges some 'parklets' for businesses to expand outdoor seating, thanks to Victorian Government funding. Let's all support our local businesses that provide so much for the local community and shop local.





Cr Alison Champion Sherbourne Ward

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We've had some great news with Council receiving a funding boost of \$1.5 million from the Victorian Government to put towards our anticipated streetscape upgrade for Montmorency's Were St.

We're currently developing the final plans after receiving a lot of valuable feedback from the community on our draft plans. See p.31 for more.



Cr Fiona Mitsinikos Hawdon Ward

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Hearing from the community is vital to make sure Council is heading in the right direction. A few weeks ago we held a Banyule 2041 Vision workshop with

Banyule scouts at Viewbank Scout Hall. It was great to get young people's views and understand what's important to them and their future. Great work everyone!



Cr Elizabeth Nealy **Beale Ward**

Our local Greenhills Neighbourhood

House does amazing work to provide a

space where all in our community are

meet the team and find out about the

0435 243 598

range of services on offer, including food relief and classes such as cooking and drawing. Find out more at **ghnh.org.au** or welcome. I recently visited the centre to call 9435 9287.





Cr Alida McKern **Chelsworth Ward** alida.mckern@banyule.vic.gov.au 0435 316 318

Council's been helping traders stay afloat during COVID. Thanks to Victorian Government funding, we've installed 'parklets' that extend outdoor dining into the street – great for traders and perfect

for residents looking for local outdoor dining experiences. Venues have also been able to expand their outdoor dining on footpaths. To apply for a permit, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/OutdoorDining



Cr Peter Dimarelos Olympia Ward

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Olympic Village Preschool in Heidelberg thanks to Victorian Government funding. New natural elements include a mud

kitchen, dry creek bed with water pump, a West recently had a major yard renovation larger sand pit with surrounding boulders and giant lizard, plus an undercover area, artificial turf and bike paths.



Cr Rick Garotti **Grimshaw Ward**

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We continue to roll-out our playground replacement program across Grimshaw Ward with Hakea St Reserve in Watsonia North about to get an upgrade. There will be natural elements, including

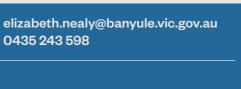
Have your say on the draft concept at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au until 4 March.

Cr Tom Melican Ibbott Ward

0413 043 015

The Rosanna Shopping Centre upgrade has been very challenging and I would like to apologize for the delays, mistakes and inconveniences caused. We thank all the traders, shoppers and visitors

for their patience, and we are doing our best to make Rosanna look great again. Some good news - the VCAT appeal against Council's refusal of apartments at 27 Hillside Road has been abended.









logs and rocks, and swings, slides and climbing structures plus new seating.



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Energy efficient initiatives



Are you tired of getting huge energy bills?

Did you know you can now book a one-on-one consultation with our Community Energy Officer?

Learn about easy ways to save energy at home and our programs that can help you.

For bookings or more information, please contact our Community Energy Officer on 9455 8813 or energy.info@Banyule.vic.gov.au



Environment grants

Did you have an idea to improve environmental outcomes in Banyule?

Apply for a Council grant for your project that will seek to:

- 1. Maintain or enhance the natural environment
- 2. Address climate change
- 3. Conserve resources including materials, water and energy
- 4. Reduce in waste & pollution; or
- 5. Encourage environmental stewardship in the community

More information:

banyule.vic.gov.au/EnviroGrants jing.yang@banyule.vic.gov.au Call 9490 4972

Applications close 16 March 2021

Know your local laws

Building sites' work hours

There is no doubt our city is growing and there is a lot of construction happening around the neighbourhoods.

But rest assured, we do have some local laws that seek to minimise the impact on residents and make sure work doesn't start too early or go on too late.

- Construction on building sites is permitted to take place between the hours of 7am to 6pm Monday-Friday and 9am to 3pm on Saturdays.
- No work is permitted on a Sunday, or on Anzac Day, Good Friday or Christmas Day, unless a special permit is obtained.



If work is taking place outside the restricted hours, you can call our after-hours service on 9490 4222 to report the issue. A Council officer will then investigate and take any necessary enforcement action.

Please note

Our officers do not investigate work associated with utility services (such as phone, gas or water), and roadworks, including VicRoads work.

Motor vehicles, caravans, trailers and boats

Council gets a lot of calls to investigate abandoned vehicles, plus caravans, boats and trailers parked on nature strips, roads and Council land.

Here are the local laws that we hope can educate and clear up any confusion.

 You must not store or abandon any motor vehicle, caravan, trailer, boat on a road or Council land - this includes nature strips.

Any of these found to be unregistered or abandoned will have a sticker placed on them by a Local Laws Officer with a specific date to remove them.

If not removed in time, the item may be impounded and the owner will be liable for any costs and fines.



And before you pick up a paint brush or spanner...

— You must not: (a) service, paint or dismantle any motor vehicle; (b) repair any motor vehicle, except where necessary to enable that motor vehicle to be removed on a road or Council land.

If you need to report an issue, call us on 9490 4222.

Save on energy efficient upgrades



We're reimbursing up to \$1500 for your household energy efficiency upgrades.

- lighting
- hot water systems
- heating/cooling
- solar systems - changes to the building shell

For more information, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/EnergyUpgrades or discuss your upgrade project with our Community Energy Officer on 9455 8813. Eligibility criteria applies.

Dumped shopping trolleys



It's an eyesore and a shame that many trolleys end up in **Banyule's parks, on street** corners and even in waterways.

They can be a hazard to the environment and a danger to vehicles.

So next time you see a dumped trolley, get your phone out and get them returned to their stores!

If you have had a shopping trolley dumped on your property, we ask that you move it to the nature strip before reporting.

To report a dumped trolley for the following retailers

Woolworths, Dan Murphy's & Big W Download the Trolley Tracker App or free-call 1800 641 497

Coles, Kmart, First Choice Liquor Download the Coles App or free-call 1800 876 553

Target Call 1800 163 900

Bunnings Call 1300 554 777

Any other retailers you may

Report via Snap, Send, Solve App

Contact Council on 9490 4222

Public Notices

Planning and Environment Act 1987 BANYULE PLANNING SCHEME Notice of Approval of Amendment Amendment C120bany

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C120bany to the Banyule Planning Scheme.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Victoria Government Gazette

The Amendment implements the recommendations of Postcode 3081 Urban Design Framework. The implementation of the built form and landscape outcomes of the Postcode 3081 will assist in guiding housing change and the preferred character in Heidelberg West, Bellfield and Heidelberg Heights. Amendment C120bany will also fix a clerical error which resulted from a recent Banyule Planning Scheme Amendment C115bany

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection and free of charge at the Banyule City Council website, www.banyule.vic.gov.au, or during business hours, at offices of the Banyule City Council, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough.

> STUART MENZIES Director State Planning Services Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

More information at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/3081udf



The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C153bany to the Banyule Planning Scheme.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Victoria Government Gazette

The Amendment rezones the land at 96, 98 and 100 Oriel Road, Bellfield, from Public Use Zone Schedule 6 and General Residential Zone Schedule 1 to Residential Growth Zone Schedule 2, applies a Development Plan Overlay Schedule 8 to these sites and the adjacent site at 232 Banksia Street, Bellfield, and removes covenants from the land at 98 and 98A Oriel Road, Bellfield. The Amendment also corrects a formatting error in Design and Development Overlay 14 which occurred during the gazettal of C120bany.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection and free of charge, at the Banyule City Council website at www.banyule.vic.gov.au, or during office hours, at the offices of the Banyule City Council, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough.

> STUART MENZIES Director State Planning Services Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

More information at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Bellfield/C153

Reminder: Council's Mailing Address

Banyule City Council's mailing address is PO Box 94 Greensborough. Our former PO Box 51 Ivanhoe, which was redirecting mail, is no longer in use. Please update your records to ensure that we receive your correspondence in a timely manner.

Pet registrations renewal due 9th April 2021



Dogs, cats, lend me your ears...and tell your owners!

Just a friendly reminder that dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered with the municipality you live in if they are over 3 months old. You can be fined if you do not register your cat or dog.

Just moved to **Banyule with your pet?**

If you have registered your pet at another council for the current registration year, you can transfer it to Banyule. To do this, you need to complete a form and provide documentation (for microchipping, de-sexing etc.) and pay a \$6 transfer fee.

Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/PetRego or call 9490 4222 for more info.



Join our older adults' virtual choir

Whether you fancy yourself as Frank Sinatra or struggle to hit the right note, this older adults' choir is for all singing styles and abilities.

Be guided through gentle physical and vocal warm ups and have fun singing a range of songs in the privacy of your own home using Zoom. Explore visual and musical resources, learn simple harmonies and build confidence while connecting with others in your community.

Best part is you can leave your microphone off, your inhibitions behind, and sing like a superstar in your own loungeroom!



- **Friday afternoons** Now until 7 May 2020
- **O 2pm 3.15pm**
- () For more information or to register, contact Lauren Brooker by email lauren.brooker@banyule.vic.gov.au or phone 9490 4365

A town square for Watsonia

We're currently engaging with the community to inform the design of a new Town Square for Watsonia Village Shopping Centre.

This will be an exciting project for the local community who have expressed their interest over many years for a central public space where events and activities can be held, and people can meet.

The exact location for the square is yet to be finalised but it is expected to be in the vicinity of the library and Watsonia Road, Morewell Avenue and Ibbotson Street intersection. We'll be getting community input at different phases throughout the year to help set the final design.

Keep informed and have your say on the new Town Square!

To find out more and to subscribe to receive the latest project updates, go to shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/WatsoniaTownSquare



Community reference group

Comprised of key stakeholders, including local residents, traders, visitors and community groups, a reference group is being formed to guide the project throughout the design process in 2021.

In addition to this group, we'll provide the community a number of opportunities to influence the look of the space and how it will function.

This consultation will build on the extensive community engagement that was carried out to create the Picture Watsonia vision. This vision described the community's aspirations for the centre over the next 35 years, and detailed several opportunities including the creation of an active and vibrant town square.

Advocacy for the Hurstbridge rail line upgrade

The Victorian Government's Hurstbridge Line Duplication is currently in the planning stage for works that includes building new stations at Greensborough and Montmorency, and duplicating the rail track between Greensborough and Montmorency.

Initial works have begun and include ongoing site investigations such as surveying, investigating ground conditions, and locating existing underground services. Council and the community continue to work closely together to advocate to the Hurstbridge Duplication Project for meaningful engagement and allow for a more integrated, environmentally sensitive Montmorency station which reflects the culture of Monty village.

Some of Council's desired outcomes include:

- An off-road bus interchange at Greensborough station;
- A shared user path to be provided along the rail corridor;
- A taxi zone and pedestrian and cycling facilities at Montmorency and Greensborough stations;
- Landscaping and urban design enhancements;
- An upgrade at Watsonia station; and
- Suitable connections to Montmorency Were St.

Monty's Were St gets funding boost

Council's Were Street project in 'Monty' has been given a big lift by securing three separate Victorian Government funding grants totalling \$1.5 million.

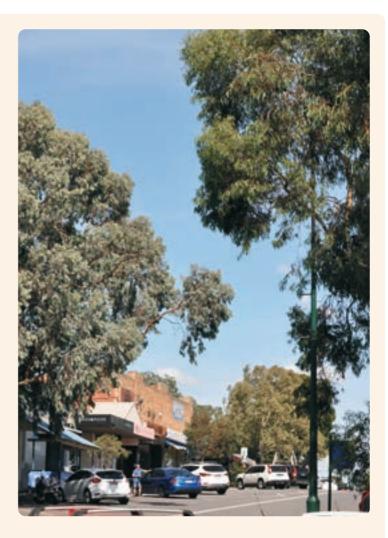
As Council takes on the latest feedback from the community to shape the plans for Were Street, this welcome boost will provide the local community with even more value for the project.

Victorian Government Local Parks Program funding will be used to help enhance the Were Street Reserve. Other grants from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) to support pedestrian safety through new and upgraded crossings and the Neighbourhood Activity Centre Renewal Fund focussed on shopping precinct accessibility and amenity.



Sign up to Shaping Banyule for updates at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/WereStreet

For more information about the project, contact Level Crossing Removal Project on 1800 105 105 or contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au



Draft Vision feedback

We had a great response from the community to our Draft Were Street Vision. They told us what they most wanted to see happen as part of the project – and what they didn't. Top of the list was a focus on keeping the village feel and character of Were Street, including maintaining and increasing greenery, providing a park for all ages with new toilet facilities, and opportunities for outdoor dining. The idea of a one-way street as a way of creating more public space was least favoured.

What's next?

Council is developing the final plan based around these key focus areas. We also continue to engage with the Hurstbridge Duplication Project regarding the development of a new train station for Monty and to ensure the two projects work closely together.

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY.

There's never been a better time to rediscover what's great in your local community.



Get social with us on Facebook

Instagram

Visit RediscoverLocal.com.au and search our online directory for a business near you.

Contact Us

All enquiries

PO Box 94, Greensborough, VIC 3088 Phone 9490 4222 enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Service Centres

Greensborough 1 Flintoff St (open) **Ivanhoe** 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd (open) **Rosanna** 72 Turnham Ave (currently closed) COVID-19 restrictions may impact operations so please check our website for up-to-date information. Our customer service staff can also assist you over the phone.

Hearing or speech impaired

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

Interpreter service

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

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. Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στην Εθνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων Μεταφραστών στον αριθμό 131 450 και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με τη Δημαρχία Banyule στο 9490 4222.

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

Haddii aad u baahan tahay mutarjum wac khadka qaranka oo ah TIS 131 450 weydiina in lagugu xiro Degmada Banyule tel: 9490 4222.

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