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Mayor's Message

Mayor
Cr Elizabeth Nealy



One of the most satisfying things about working in local government is the opportunity to shape the future of our community and affect the lives of people. It requires big-picture leadership and grassroots action.

Climate action

As an individual or household, it can be daunting knowing where to start on climate action. We believe Council must lead the way - in our actions and by putting in place structures, services and support so residents and businesses can achieve meaningful action.

Banyule Council has two important targets that drive our climate action – for Council to be a carbon neutral organisation by 2028 and for the community to be a carbon neutral municipality by 2040.

We are not just talking about it, we are making a difference every day. Check our progress on pages 12-13. Also in this Banner – ways in which you can work towards 2040 with help from Council's Solar Officer (p.11).

Inclusion

At the bottom right corner of this page is a statement about diversity. We read it out at Council meetings and events because it reminds us, and assures you, of Banyule's commitment to including and serving everyone in our community. Being part of an organisation that is building a more inclusive and harmonious

community makes me proud to be a Banyule councillor. It also makes Banyule a better place to live and work. Throughout this newsletter are many ideas on how you can get involved in our community and how Council is acting on its commitment to inclusivity, starting with our Inclusive Employment Program on the following page.

An important aspect of inclusion is community consultation. To provide the right services and facilities for a thriving community we need to know who you are, what you need and how our community is changing. 'Shaping Banyule' is where you can have your say on all sorts of Council projects; find out how on pages 4-5.

Building a better Banyule


Capital works is a concrete way in which you can see Council in action. Despite the challenges of two tough pandemic years, we are continuing to deliver on big projects such as Olympic Park, jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government (p. 7), and countless smaller projects that are no less important, such as new playgrounds and sports field lighting, covered in our Ward Rounds (pp.21-23).

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Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

 **Upcoming dates:**
21 March, 11 April, 9 May

 **From 7pm**

 **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.

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

COVER: (L-R) Thandie and Raymond, two of our Inclusive Employment Program participants. See page 3 for more.

Inclusive Employment Program continues to provide local jobs

Fourteen new employees are settling into Council jobs in Banyule's Inclusive Employment Program.

Thandie and Raymond are two participants enjoying new challenges and planning for bright futures thanks to the annual jobs program for people who face barriers to finding suitable and meaningful employment.

An experienced marketer in China, Thandie had not worked in paid employment since her husband's job brought the couple to Melbourne eight years ago.

"I thought I would have to be qualified, but the program helped me recognise my skills and gave me confidence," she said.

"It has gone beyond my expectations; it's not just a job, it has made me feel accepted in society."

Now working as a Customer Service Officer, Thandie appreciated the pace of the program, in which participants receive on the job training as well as one-on-one coaching in expanding their personal and professional skills and how to navigate the jobs market. Candidates are offered six months paid employment within Council, after which they have the confidence, experience and references to apply for an ongoing job at Council or elsewhere.

Working with Council's Inclusive Employment Program Officer, Thandie identified her job interests and is studying data analysis, looking to a future in marketing.

"Banyule gave me a chance and it has changed my life. Now I can plan for my future and my experience will not be wasted."

"I am not a quitter," says Raymond, explaining the determination that spurred him through years of a dispiriting search for work in his chosen field.

Born in Nigeria, Raymond had lived in the United States and studied accounting in Malaysia before coming to Australia six years ago. Unable to find a graduate position, he completed Australian qualifications but still could not find work in financial services.



(L-R) Thandie and Raymond, two of the 14 participants in Council's Banyule Inclusive Employment Program for 2022.

"I found out it's who you know, not what you know; luckily, I got to know Banyule Council," he said.

After seeing a notice in the Banyule Banner, Raymond phoned customer service to ask about the Inclusive Employment Program and things immediately began to fall into place.

"I still remember who I spoke to because she was a former program participant, also from Nigeria," he remembered.

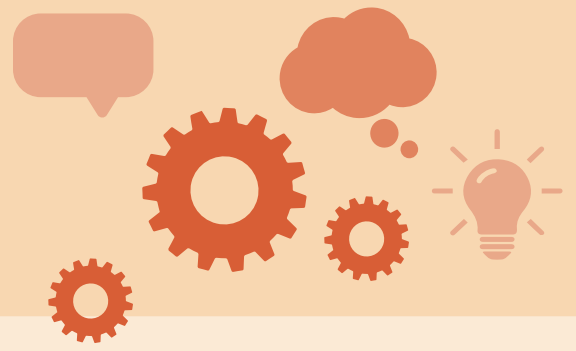
"I went to a community information event and I thought, 'They just want to help me'. It was amazing."

Now two months into the program, Raymond is building on his skills and experience and enjoying work as a Financial Accounts Support Officer.

Council will offer 15 placements in its next Inclusive Employment Program. For more information and to join our mailing list, phone **9490 4340** or email localjobs@banyule.vic.gov.au

Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Or Alison Champion with a newly-planted street tree on Para Rd, Montmorency.

Urban Forest Strategy takes roots

Council sustains a dynamic and resilient urban forest. Our much-loved trees nurture and enhance the health and wellbeing of our community and natural environments, adding value to local economies, and contributing to Banyule's varied and important neighbourhood character. That's why we are developing an Urban Forest Strategy.

A draft framework for the strategy was developed in collaboration with the community in late 2021. In January, we surveyed the community and your responses have been incorporated into the principles that will guide the strategy.

Your feedback helped us understand what you consider to be the critical issues for our urban forest. You told us about the importance of the tree canopy and urban greening, and the need to increase the diversity of tree species. You also stressed the importance of habitat connection and protection, and told us our urban forest must be resilient and adaptable to climate change.

The next phase of the project is developing the strategies, actions and targets for the next 10 years.

Go to shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/UrbanForest or scan the code



Thanks for your feedback on Watsonia Town Square

Late last year we consulted the community regarding four concept design options for a new Watsonia Town Square. And what a great turn out we had! During the consultation phase the project's Shaping Banyule page was viewed more than 13,000 times and over 600 contributions were made on the designs.

See the feedback on a preferred design and find out the next steps of this exciting project.

This project is supported by a \$5.5 million funding contribution from the Victorian Government and additional Council funding.

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/TownSquare or scan the code.





Alongside the Hurstbridge rail corridor near Rosanna station.

Get on board the Hurstbridge Rail Corridor Feasibility Study

Have you ever wondered how land alongside the Hurstbridge railway line could be better used?

We're keen to see this underutilised open space transformed for the community. We'd like to improve landscaping and seating, plus walking and cycling paths along this 18km rail corridor from Darebin station to Montmorency station.

Our draft Hurstbridge Feasibility Study explores safe, direct and active transport options to connect

residents and users to places along the rail line and in adjacent activity centres. It also outlines the potential of improved urban design and landscaping to create more attractive and welcoming spaces.

We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback to help us develop final recommendations for the study. These recommendations will inform our infrastructure program and our advocacy efforts to state and federal government agencies that own sections of the land.

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/HFS or scan the code.



Building the right framework together

Do you use Banyule Council's community buildings and services? The draft Social Infrastructure Framework (SIF) aims to make sure that our community buildings are affordable, sustainable, safe and accessible to everyone.

To see if we've got the right balance, visit Shaping Banyule and share your views. We'd love to hear from you.



Go to shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/SIF or scan the code



Reconciliation Banyule: the activists among us

By Charles Pakana, Victorian Aboriginal News

They come from diverse backgrounds and carry with them even greater diversity in lived experiences. Experiences that bring them together in solidarity with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to achieve true reconciliation.

Under the banner of Reconciliation Banyule, this group of Banyule community members have for years been working with Council, schools, libraries, community groups and First Nations Peoples to help eliminate the legacy of a white-washed history.

President of Reconciliation Banyule, Ms Sue Harris, says: “[Reconciliation] is something we talk about a lot as if it were done... But actually it’s something that we’re dreaming of, looking forward to, and trying to take steps towards so that we might live in a better way in this country with our brothers and sisters.

“All our brothers and sisters.”

While many organisations seeking to support First Nations justice in this country aim their sights at state and federal government, Reconciliation Banyule recognises - and takes advantage of - the very real power of change that can be achieved at a local government level.

In commenting on that, Ms Harris says: “[At this level] the hope is that we will know the [Aboriginal] people and have a relationship with them.”

It is that relationship with the local First Nations community that has been instrumental in Reconciliation Banyule having a strong voice in the development of Banyule Council’s Reconciliation Action Plan and the commitment from Council to provide ongoing support to the establishment of the Barrbunin Beek Indigenous Gathering Place.

Yet there is always more work to be done in righting the wrongs of over 250 years of injustices. Work that can only be achieved with the concerted effort of dedicated Banyule community members! So here’s a challenge: Will you be among them?



Banyule Reconciliation group members - Sue Harris, second from left. (Image sourced from reconciliationbanyule.org.au)



Rates notice the easy way

Register to receive your rates notice by email or BPay View.

- Save paper, time and fuel by reducing the number of notices going out by post
- Help Council save so we can spend more on community infrastructure and facilities
- Receive your email notice wherever you are in the world
- Joint owners can all receive a rates notice

Register for BPayView at bpay.com.au/bpay-for-you#receive-bills

Scan the code to register for email notices or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/About-us/Rates



For more information on Reconciliation Banyule, visit reconciliationbanyule.org.au

Want to find out about Banyule Council's *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan? Contact Uncle Les Chessells, First Nations Elder, by email at les.chessells@banyule.vic.gov.au, call 9490 4383 or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/RAP

Building a better Banyule

Olympic Park Masterplan



The new main pitch (top left) and synthetic mini-roos soccer pitch (right).

Over the past few years we've been delivering a multi-million dollar project at Olympic Park in Heidelberg West. The project is transforming the precinct, upgrading sporting, recreational and leisure facilities for local residents, clubs and the wider community.

Stages 1 and 2 have already been delivered:

- A state-of-the-art soccer ground (NPL standard) and upgraded utilities infrastructure
- A new synthetic mini-roos soccer pitch
- Expanded and redeveloped car park with a capacity of 147
- New playground and community spaces
- Landscaping and shared paths
- 1956 Memorial Olympic Garden

Stage 3 is underway and will see a new car park with an **additional 64 spaces** north of the entrance to Olympic Park Reserve.

Stage 4 starts in the coming months and includes:

- Upgrade of two sports grounds including fencing and lighting
- Construction of a new pavilion and cricket nets
- Refurbishment of Barrbunin Beek



A new car park under construction (Stage 3).

This project is supported by an \$8 million Victorian Government funding contribution, including \$4.5 million for stages 3 and 4.

Scan the code to find out more or visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/OlympicPark



Were St Upgrade for Monty

We're starting a multi-million upgrade at Were Street, Montmorency, including an exciting redevelopment of the Were Street Reserve.

For more detail, check out Cr Champion's Ward Round on p. 20.

Scan the code to register for email updates about this project or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/WereStreet



COVID-19 business grants

Round 7 now open

We have opened a new round of grants to help businesses survive and thrive through the challenges of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Banyule Business Grants have supported over 200 businesses to improve their financial resilience. As a result of the grants, more than 20 new jobs have been created and over \$130,000 has been spent in our community with our local traders.

Projects that have been funded through these grants have helped business owners seek professional advice, move their business online or increase their digital presence, and introduce new products or services. We have supported home-based business, sole traders and start-ups, as well as those operating from commercial sites across Banyule.

With a funding pool of \$210,000, we encourage all business owners to consider applying.

“Receiving the grant gave me the confidence and drive to start my business. I’d always dreamed of having my own business; knowing Banyule Council saw the potential in my idea too helped me so much on my start-up journey.”

Jacinta Simms, Endure Collective
COVID-19 Banyule Business Grant recipient, round four

There are two categories in the seventh round of grants:

- Business support grants of up to \$5,000
- Business coaching and development grants of up to \$2,500

Applications close at midnight on Thursday 7 April.

Find out more and apply online at banyulebusiness.com.au or scan the code



Solar Savers for Business and the \$3500 Solar Vic Rebate

Take advantage of a trustworthy Council program

We’ve partnered with Solar Savers to make solar power installation simple. Solar Savers has done the hard work by selecting reliable solar installers that can provide high-end solar systems at an affordable rate, no matter the size of your premises. Enjoy peace of mind knowing your installers have been independently evaluated for safety, product quality and value for money.

The maximum Solar Victoria rebate for small businesses is \$3,500, up to 50% of the cost



of installation. Only 1600 rebates remain until it reduces to \$1,750. Payback periods can be as quick as three years. Rental premises are eligible with agreement of the landlord.

Register for a quote at solarsavers.org.au/business-register or contact Banyule Council’s Community Energy Officer on **9242 3451** or at energy.info@banyule.vic.gov.au for more information.

Don't rubbish your recycling!

Want to help us to recycle better? Doing a few simple things will go a long way.

To wash or not?

You don't have to scrub your containers clean, but scrape the food out first.

Don't put your items in plastic bags

Plastic bags, cling film and soft plastic wrappers don't go in your recycling bin. Drop them off at your local supermarket for recycling.

Single use coffee cups?

Put the cup and lid in the rubbish. Better still, avoid the waste and get a reusable cup.

Can aerosols be recycled?

Yes, just make sure they are empty first and keep the lid on.



More tips...

- Leave caps and lids on plastic and glass containers.
- Place glass bottles and jars carefully to prevent breakages.
- Flatten or tear cardboard boxes to save space.
- Roll aluminium sheets and trays into a ball.

Remember, lots of things can be recycled at other places, but if you're in doubt, leave it out. Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/recycling to find out what you can and can't recycle in your yellow bin.

To recycle a wide range of items including electronic waste, batteries, printer cartridges, whitegoods, furniture and much more, go to recyclingnearyou.com.au

Eco Fest postponed

Banyule's first Eco Festival and Best Pet Competition will now be held in spring.

Originally planned for late March, the event has been postponed due to COVID-19 staffing challenges.

It will feature pet-friendly and eco-themed workshops and activities, display stalls, giveaways, roving entertainment, sustainability information and food trucks.

Our inaugural Best Pet Competition will honour the beloved pets who stood by us and helped us through the darkest days of lockdowns.

If you would like to be a sponsor or stallholder of this event, contact Council's event festival officer on **9433 7727** or email arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

Watch for updates in the next Banyule Banner or stay tuned at banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoFest

Sunday Fun Day at Ford Park

 **20 March, 5pm-7pm**

 **Ford Park, corner Oriel Rd and Banksia St, Bellfield**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon in Ford Park with a range of family-friendly activities. Get your bodies moving with a yoga class, disc golf on the oval, or a guided walking tour with a local artist and park ranger. There will also be an animal farm plus a free sausage sizzle.

Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/SundayFunDay for more.





Caring for the carers

Banyule's Carer Support Program welcomes all those caring for someone who is aged, has a disability, or is experiencing a chronic physical or mental health condition.

Take a break from the daily grind at our free activities designed to support and nurture carers of all ages.

NEW for Banyule carers!

Wellbeing vouchers for Ivanhoe Aquatic and WaterMarc.

Rosanna Parklands Carers Walking Group

A relaxing walk through Rosanna Parklands for carers and the person they care for, followed by a cuppa at a nearby café. Meet at the Lower Plenty Road entrance to the Rosanna Parklands, opposite Turnham Road. Fridays at 10am.

Carer activities – safe, fun and free

- Online yoga for carers, Mondays at 10am
- Banyule Carer Support Group, first Thursday of the month at 12pm
- Banyule Flats Carers Walking Group (Pathway for Carers), third Thursday of the month at 10am
- Carers Craft Group, fourth Wednesday of the month at 1pm

All ages welcome. Enquiries and bookings, phone **9422 8396** or email carers@banyule.vic.gov.au



Protect yourself from the flu

Every year the influenza strains change and it is important to get a new immunisation before winter kicks in.

As of April/May the flu vaccine will be available at a Council public immunisation session for \$25 (payable by card). Check with your GP regarding eligibility for free vaccines for certain at-risk groups.

There is a funded flu program for children aged six months to four years old.

Find immunisation sessions and more information at banyule.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Sign up to our older adults newsletter

Do you want to know more about Council activities, events, outings and services for older adults?

Sign up to receive a regular newsletter emailed to you at agefriendly@banyule.vic.gov.au. If you don't have access to email, call us on **9049 3388** and ask to receive a hard copy in the mail.

Please note: if you already receive our *Age in Focus* or *Older Adults Recreation Program* newsletter you do not need to subscribe and will be added automatically to our list.

Celebrating our volunteers

Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers and volunteering will be held from 16 – 22 May.

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2022 is 'Better Together'. It's a chance to recognise the vital work of volunteers and say, "Thank you".

Volunteering brings people together, builds communities and creates a better community for everyone.

Banyule Council's annual Volunteer Celebration event acknowledges the volunteers who tirelessly support our community every day and who have continued to help make Banyule a place to be, despite the many challenges of the pandemic.

Please join us at Banyule's Volunteer Celebration during National Volunteer Week. Check our website closer to the date for details: banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteerCelebration



Elvis was in the building for last year's Volunteer Celebration.

Get savvy and save on energy

Banyule residents can save on energy costs and create a more comfortable home through the Victorian Government's Energy Savvy Upgrades program, which offers subsidised energy assessments and upgrades to housing and major fixed appliances.

The program is open to residents on a low income or who are unemployed, and people with a long-term medical condition or disability, as well as those caring for someone in similar circumstances.

Upgrades subsidised include insulation, draught proofing, heating and cooling, hot water services, window shading and lighting. The program is open to home owners, renters and landlords.



If you have any questions or want support to apply contact Banyule's Community Energy Officer on **9242 3451** or email energy.info@banyule.vic.gov.au

Climate action to net zero

We have set a target for Council to be zero net emissions by 2028. Here are a few of the initiatives that are putting us on the path.

100% renewable electricity

As of 1 July 2021, all of Council's electricity is sourced from 100% renewable wind energy, thanks to a partnership agreement with 46 other Victorian Councils. This will significantly reduce the Council's overall emissions and represents a milestone in our work towards carbon neutrality.

Driving change with EVs

We're switching our fleet to electric vehicles (EVs). Last year, we reduced our light fleet emissions from 124 to 95 tCO₂-e, and we've got more EVs coming down the track.



More solar power

72 Council-owned buildings now have solar power, generating 1.53 MW. Our leased building solar program has now started, helping community users such as preschools or sporting clubs to reduce their bills.

New investment for pools

One of the biggest challenges in achieving carbon neutrality is in our aquatic centres, where there is a large demand for heating and cooling. Here, we are investing in energy-efficient products in the short term to ensure our energy use is as smart as possible, before we trial gas replacement technologies such as heat pumps.

Energy efficient Council buildings

We've been doing energy efficiency audits at Council sites that use the most gas and electricity. The findings will inform energy efficiency and electrification works that will be rolled out to reduce energy use and our bills.

Making changes at home

Our Better Score program provided co-funding to residents to implement energy efficiency actions. We've seen new solar systems, double glazing and insulation upgrades on homes in Banyule. The program will relaunch in the next financial year.



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

📍 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub is subject to COVID-19 restrictions and proof of vaccination status. If unsure, please call or check our website for details and any updates prior to visiting.

🌐 banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

✉ arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

☎ 9490 4222



Kotodama

By Avan Anwar and Junko Azukawa

📅 18 March – 8 May

📍 Gallery 275

Kotodama means “word spirit” in Japanese. It refers to the belief that mystical powers dwell in words and names. This exhibition is a collaboration between a Japanese ink artist and a Kurdish visual artist who have different cultural and linguistic backgrounds but share the same respect for the spirit and energy held in words. In Kurdish culture, words are mystical tools used in poems to evoke a significant power and impact on people’s emotions.

Image / Kotodama, by Avan Anwar and Junko Azukawa



Harmony Day performance

📅 Sunday 20 March, 12-1pm

Live painting and music performance by:

- Junko Azukawa (Sumi ink)
- Brandon Lee (Koto zither)
- Sarita McHarg (Sitar)
- Manmit Singh (Tabla)

FREE Event, Bookings essential:
banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH



Worthy Natives with Chris Cook

📅 18 March – 10 April

📍 Loft 275

Naturalist and wildlife photographer Chris Cook usually spends most of each year travelling the world. In recent years his focus has turned to wildlife in Banyule and connecting people with nature in his own backyard. This exhibition celebrates the wildlife and bountiful environs of Banyule.

Chris Cook’s artist residency and exhibition is supported by a Banyule Council Environment Grant. Check our website for associated talks and events.

For more information visit: chriscooknaturalist.com
and banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

Image / Chris Cook on assignment

Discover more events at your local libraries across Banyule

Visit yprl.vic.gov.au or scan the code



Nature, Art & Design with Emilia Storm

This event is part of Melbourne Design Week 2022, an initiative of the Victorian Government in collaboration with the NGV.

 17 - 27 March

 Mungga Artist Studio 1

See the artist at work and participate in workshops with Emilia Storm, artist-in-residence. Exploring emotions of turning inwards and outwards during a pandemic, Emilia examines this era of foreboding climate change and nature unrest.

Images of cocooning and transformation form a nature-inspired series of artwork, wearable art and sculptural lights that investigate the contrasts and contradictions of making art inspired by dark themes. Fires, floods, disease and social isolation inspire artworks that voice collective grief; our furling and unfurling.

Bookings for workshops are essential, check our website for information and bookings: banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

*Image / Nature Invasions 2021 by Emilia Storm,
photograph by Kalimna Mohamed*



The Art of Bonsai with Kevin Ritchie

 21 - 26 March 2022

 Mungga Artist Studio 2

 **Demonstrations: Wednesday 23 March, 11am, and Saturday 26 March, 11am.**

Inspiration, fascination and delight are common reactions to the ancient arts known as bonsai in Japan and penjing in China.

While partly a horticultural skill, growing trees in small pots and trays is also the art of presenting a picture or story to inspire the imagination.

Part of the excitement of bonsai and penjing is in developing a unique Australian element and exploring the use of the plant species native to this land.

Kevin Ritchie has been growing bonsai for more than 50 years and is always ready to share his passion, knowledge and skills. During his week-long residency at ILCH, Kevin will exhibit his work and help others explore the world of bonsai through demonstrations and discussions.

Bookings essential at trybooking.com/BXCYM



Reels on Wheels

Banyule Projector Bike Rides

📅 25 March, starting 8pm

📍 Meet outside ILCH

Banyule Council's Leisure, Culture and Youth teams bring you a new outdoor recreation and art experience this summer. Reels on Wheels is a program of three curated bike rides through Banyule, featuring videos by local artists projected onto different sites and surfaces along the ride. Bookings essential.

Find more information and book at banyule.vic.gov.au/ReelsOnWheels

Projector Bike Rides are facilitated by Little Projector Company.



Convergence: Textiles + Tech

By Robyn Cuthbertson

📅 4 - 30 April

📍 Mungga Artist Studio 2

Robyn Cuthbertson is an accomplished textile artist and quilter who, due to challenges brought about by COVID disruptions, changed the focus of her practice from quilts to intimate textile artworks and custom laser cut wooden frames. Her work takes two traditional crafts – quilting and woodworking – and blends them into contemporary abstract artworks that affirm her love of science and craft.

Robyn will use this residency to demonstrate diverse quilting techniques and the use of laser cutting machines, which are available through the Maker Space at ILCH. Check our website for workshop details.

Image / artwork by Robyn Cuthbertson



A gentle curiosity...

By Lou Endicott

📅 4 - 24 April

📍 Mungga Artist Studio 1

Lou Endicott's art shifts in scale, form and intent depending on the medium – she could be drawing large, wild gardens on windows or sketching and refining works on paper with pencil, ink or watercolour. The common thread is a curiosity about how marks on a medium can elicit a joyful moment. She likens it to walking in nature – the scenery changes with the seasons and there is always something new to see, feel and experience.

During her residency, Lou will further explore this curiosity about the world around and within her, perhaps inspiring others to creative expression sparked by a sense of inner curiosity.

Lou will offer workshops exploring the joy of doodling. Check our website for details.

Image / Lou Endicott at work in her studio

Friday Night Live @ ILCH

📅 Friday 25 March, 6-8pm

📍 ILCH Courtyard

Join us for an evening of live music and food in the courtyard at ILCH.

Get a FREE dining voucher, grab dinner from a local business on us, then come and sit in the courtyard and enjoy your food while being entertained by local musicians.

This event to support local business is a joint initiative of Banyule Council and the Victorian Government.

The more active and adventurous can stay and join the final bike ride in our Reels on Wheels program of summer projector bike rides, which will start out from ILCH at 8pm.

Dining vouchers are limited and can only be used for this event on Friday 25 March. Book your spot now at trybooking.com/BXCVO

Book a ticket on the projector bike ride at banyule.vic.gov.au/ReelsOnWheels

*** Please note that you must be able to show proof of vaccination status or exemption in order to attend the event or join a projector bike ride.**



Banyule Open Studios

Step into an artist's world...

📅 1 - 3 April

Enjoy a rare insight into the private creative spaces of local artists. Over the weekend of 1 - 3 April, more than 35 local arts practitioners will open their doors to the public. Their studios, scattered throughout Banyule, reveal a range of unique working environments and creative processes.

Art forms on display include installation, performance, video, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewellery, drawing, painting, printmaking, mosaics, textile and fibre art.

You are invited to meet the artists, see demonstrations and workshops and purchase directly from the studio.

Follow Banyule Open Studios on social media. For information including studio locations, maps and other details to help plan your visit at BanyuleOpenStudios.com.au

Visitors will be required to provide evidence of vaccination status or exemption before entering each studio. Please wear masks and observe social distancing. You are entering the artists' private space; we appreciate your cooperation to help run a COVID-safe event and keep our artists safe.

Banyule Open Studios 2021 is proudly supported by a Banyule Arts and Culture Grant.





Self-guided nature mystery tours

Use a coded map to guide you, discover hidden clues, examine bush evidence and take advice from the local creatures to help you solve these bush riddles. Suitable for the whole family, but particularly young children. BYO smart phone or tablet with internet access.

📅 9 – 24 April

📍 Rosanna Parklands, northern end at 77 Chapman St, Rosanna

📅 9 – 24 April

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

Scan the code for the audio link



Scan the code for the audio link



Scan the code to book



Cooking for kids online

📅 Wednesdays

13 April, 3.30pm - doughnut muffins

20 April, 11am - sushi lunch

11 May, 5pm - fish and chips for dinner

18 May, 5pm - Mexican dinner with homemade tortillas

Join our colourful chefs on a cooking adventure from home. In this online interactive class, children will cook along and make delicious muffins, sushi and a couple of dinners for the family.

A link and list of ingredients will be sent to you ahead of time. Children of all ages are welcome; younger children will need more assistance. Parental supervision required. Free but bookings essential.

Guided mystery tour at Binnak Park

Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour through the walking tracks and wetlands of Binnak Park with Bush Detectives Belinda and Bruce. Junior agents will discover hidden clues, examine bush evidence and take advice from the local creatures to help solve the riddle that has sugar glider all wound up!

Suitable for the whole family, but particularly for children aged 6-10.

📅 Saturday 7 May, 10am, 11am & 12pm

📍 Binnak Park, Anderson Pde, Watsonia North
(meet near the playground)

📍 Free event; bookings essential.

Scan the code for the audio link



Star gazing with astronomers

📅 Saturday 9 April, 6pm - 8.30pm

📍 Anthony Beale Reserve oval, 279 St Helena Rd, St Helena

Come along to Anthony Beale Reserve oval and gaze at the stars. Volunteers from the Astronomy Society of Victoria will be on hand with equipment and telescopes to help us navigate the night sky and explore the natural wonder of our galaxy and universe.

Suitable for all ages. Free event; bookings essential.

Bookings at trybooking.com/BXBGM

Scan the code to book





Growing strong families

Growing your own vegies at home has a great range of benefits. Besides having lots of fun and learning about plants and insects, research shows that children involved in growing vegies are more likely to eat the recommended daily amount of fruit and vegies.

To explore this with local families, we partnered with St John's Riverside Garden for a family day at the garden in Heidelberg (pictured above). Garden volunteers shared practical home gardening ideas including growing your own mushrooms, seed planting and managing compost.

Children were enchanted with the giant teapot cosy created by garden volunteers during COVID (pictured below). Not only does the cosy look magnificent on this amazing garden feature, used to compost leaves, the activity helped to 'knit' bonds between the members during lockdowns.

Banyule's Child Youth and Family Committee is now compiling a list of local resources and connections to support family vegie gardening at home and in the community.



Be respectful to others

Everyone has a right to feel safe at work and Banyule Council is no different.

Too many workers face aggression or violence when doing their job and it impacts on them and their families.

Always remember that when you're going about your business, treat people with respect.

It's never OK to abuse, threaten or assault someone.

We're sharing this message in support of our staff and other workers doing their jobs out there in our community.

Ward Rounds



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Council is seeking community input on two important projects. A new Social Infrastructure Framework will direct how we manage our portfolio of 145 buildings that are used to deliver a huge range of community services and programs, from maternal and child health, to swimming pools and support for older adults. Tell us what makes a great community

building and share your experience of a good (or bad) community service.

We also want your thoughts on a draft feasibility study exploring how best to use the land along the Hurstbridge rail corridor. Have your say on these and other projects at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au



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We're improving Were St in Montmorency to make it more attractive, safer and accessible. There'll be new paving, levelled paths, safer pedestrian crossings and more area for outdoor dining. The reserve will have a new performance stage, play areas and accessible toilets. Monty's village feel and all mature trees will be retained. This major upgrade

funded by Banyule Council and the State Government will be completed in stages to minimise disruption and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. We understand there will be short-term inconvenience and we really appreciate your support for this project that will deliver great outcomes for our community.



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Renewal works at Arthur Streeton Reserve have been completed, with new playground equipment and fitness stations at the park on Arthur Streeton Drive in Yallambie. We've added seating, upgraded the walking paths, painted fences and tidied the garden beds as part of a general upgrade. Council's program of playground upgrades is also

benefitting less well-off communities overseas. Thanks to a partnership with the Rotary Club of Ivanhoe, the old playground equipment from Arthur Streeton Reserve will be recycled and installed in a town in Fiji. Rotary has placed other playground equipment in schools and communities in Sri Lanka, East Timor, Tanzania and Sri Lanka.





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It's great to see more people returning to Greenhills Neighbourhood House for in-person activities. The community house has been a vital support to many families during the pandemic and continues to offer food relief and support on Thursday and Friday mornings, as well as a program of classes and events and occasional childcare. Council was

pleased to support this community facility with improvements including new accessible and children's toilets and renovated storeroom, playroom and outdoor areas. Now returning to a full calendar of activities, the neighbourhood house in Andrew Yandell Reserve is also available for hire. Check out the program of activities at ghnh.org.au



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'Click and collect' services remain at all our libraries for those who are unable to attend for any reason. Search and reserve items at ypri.vic.gov.au or simply call your local branch for help.

Why not try one of Banyule's social enterprise cafés? The Little Social at Rosanna station and Chancez Café

at Possum Hollow Playground serve great coffee and food, while providing jobs, training and support for those who face barriers to employment.

Also, for all our Scout leaders - community grants are available for your group. This covers all ages including Cub, Venturer and Rover Scouts.



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We're improving pedestrian and road safety in Ivanhoe. Having identified increased pedestrian and car traffic around Ivanhoe station, Council is preparing plans for a zebra crossing on Norman St, west of Marshall St; a pedestrian refuge on Marshall St, north of Maltravers Rd; and modifications to the intersection of Norman St and Sherwood Rd.

In other news, the 10th Ivanhoe Scouts is celebrating its 75th anniversary and the reopening of the Scout Hall in Wallace Rd on Sunday 27 March at 3pm. RSVP at gl.10thivanhoe@scoutsvictoria.com.au Council contributed \$20,000 to renovations that have transformed the hall. I congratulate the group on its proud history supporting the young people and families of Ivanhoe.



Ward Rounds



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New lighting at James Reserve is one step in the redevelopment of the recreation and sporting reserve in Heidelberg Heights. The James Reserve Masterplan, developed following extensive community consultation, is being implemented in stages. It includes a new playground, upgrades to the changerooms and pavilion, irrigation,

accessibility improvements, fencing and landscaping. The lighting was designed with environmental consultants to ensure it does not overly disturb habitat and fauna. Through a program of lighting installations at sports fields through Banyule, Council is supporting growing sports clubs and encouraging health and connection through community sport.



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Bundoora Community Hall renovations continue, with a new kitchen, flooring, storage and accessible toilets, as well as a new office and garden for Contact Community Centre. We hope the hall will soon be as busy as ever with health clinics, community groups, calisthenics, dance classes, U3A, senior citizens and family celebrations. Rhonda West

from Contact Community Centre, pictured with me at the hall, said the group was eager to return to its activities, including exercise classes, sewing, jewelry making and computer lessons. Check out contactbundooracomcen.com.au for the full program. For hall hire, phone **9490 4302** or search 'community halls' at banyule.vic.gov.au



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Auskick for girls and boys aged 5 to 12 kicks off from Sunday 3 April at De Winton Park, following the \$1 million park upgrade by Banyule Council and the Victorian Government. Friday night Auskick at Macleod Park begins on 1 April. To register, visit playhq.com and search 'Macleod Rosanna' or email auskick@macleodjfc.com.au

Council thanks the Victorian Government for contributing \$1.5 million to Rosanna Library. The new library will be a service hub with maternal and child health services and Banyule Toy Library. New plans for the library and the upgrade of Turnham Avenue streetscape will be available to view next month at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/RosannaLibrary





Bushland diaries

Monty's crucial corridors for wildlife

Pecks Dam, Montmorency

Montmorency is home to several bushland reserves that are important links in the Diamond Creek and Plenty River wildlife corridors and contain a remarkable diversity of locally indigenous vegetation.

While the reserves through Montmorency are quite small individually, their combined habitat value is crucial for local wildlife, especially in the urban environment. The range of different habitats, from wetlands to grasslands, provide homes for a variety of wildlife.

Banyule Council's Bushland Management Unit is responsible for protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Montmorency's reserves. This involves weed management, planting and direct-seeding locally indigenous vegetation, conducting ecological burns to stimulate regeneration of local plants, and monitoring flora to detect changes in biodiversity.

If you'd like to get involved in the conservation of Montmorency's bushland reserves, please join the Friends of Montmorency Bushlands.



Rainbow lorikeets

Annual Community Satisfaction Survey

Each year, councils in Victoria participate in a Victorian Government Community Satisfaction Survey. This is a telephone survey of 400 randomly selected Banyule residents who provide feedback on our services and areas of importance.

We undertake this annual survey to see how we are going from year to year and we use the feedback to improve service delivery to the community.

The survey will take place from February to March. Participation is optional, anonymous, and appreciated.

For more information, visit banyule.vic.gov.au or call 9490 4222.

Scan the code to find out more



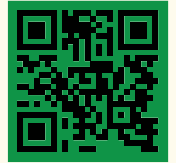
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