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May 2021



Mayor's Message

Mayor
Cr Rick Garotti



It is great to see all the capital works projects and community-building initiatives being rolled out across Banyule. Read on to discover how we are delivering an even brighter future for all.

Banyule 2041

We continue to receive responses from our recent Resident Survey which will be used to help develop the Community Vision for 2041. Thank you to the thousands of people who have shared their priorities and experiences, and told us their aspirations for the future. We are currently working with a Community Working Group to shape our future direction and make sure our services and programs meet our community's needs. See page 4 for more.

Budget 2021-2025

Our proposed Budget invests in building and maintaining infrastructure to accommodate the service needs of the community, protecting Banyule's natural environment and open spaces, and other important initiatives identified through our 'Banyule 2041 Shaping our Future' community engagement.

I am very pleased to announce that Council will pay down \$10.26 million in debt in 2021/22 bringing debt down to record low levels.

Our community can have absolute confidence that Council is well positioned to meet the challenges today and those that will present in the future. See page 5 for more.

Also, Council can assist ratepayers who may be finding it difficult to pay their rates on time. Full details at banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesHelp

Local jobs creation

Through our substantial capital works program, we are stimulating the local economy. Combined with the ongoing success of our inclusive jobs program (see page 3) and social enterprises initiatives, we are creating more than 400 local jobs in Banyule in the next financial year.

Zero tolerance for sexual harassment

On a final note, we want to make it clear that Council condemns sexual harassment and commits to zero tolerance of sexual harassment in our workplace. No one should experience sexual harassment no matter where they are. See page 7 for more.

Banyule Digital



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

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

Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

- shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

- Mondays: 24 May, 7 & 28 June**
Wed 26 May – Budget submissions
Mon 7 June – Consideration of Budget submissions
- 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.

Creating inclusive local jobs

Our award-winning Inclusive Employment Program has returned for its third consecutive year with 11 new participants starting jobs at Banyule Council in March.



Participants of this year's Inclusive Employment Program with Banyule councillors.

The six-month program provides meaningful paid work experience and learning and development opportunities for people facing unique barriers to employment:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Culturally and linguistically diverse people
- People living with disability
- Young people (age 16-25)

Over the next few editions, we'll feature more participants who are gaining valuable work skills and experience across a variety of roles.



Marjan Marjani and her husband left Mashhad in northeast Iran in 2013 as asylum seekers in search of a new life in Australia.

"When you come, you start from zero...below zero," Marjan, 32, says. "And everything is completely new."

Marjan had several jobs over the years, the most recent working in a social media team for a telecommunications company. Unfortunately, due to the economic downturn last year, she lost her job but soon heard about Banyule's Inclusive Employment Program.

Her new role as a communications officer in Council's Environment team has given her a chance to develop her skills in an area she is now studying.

"I am happy and excited to be part of this program, it's given me a chance for a better life and to build confidence. I've really enjoyed seeing what we do, and you can see the results in the community."

Marjan

Banyule 2041 Shaping our future

Banyule 2041

What an amazing community we have! The passion, dedication and strength of our community can be seen every day in Banyule through our people, places and participation.

This great community spirit can also be seen in bucket loads in a dedicated group of community members who are participating in the Banyule 2041 Community Working Group (BCWG).

The BCWG is a representative sample of our diverse Banyule community who have come together to co-develop the 2041 Community Vision and provide recommendations to Council on how to achieve the vision. The group has been meeting throughout April and May to build upon the information and ideas provided by the wider community during Stage 1 of the Banyule 2041 project.



During Stage 1 (Nov 2020 – Jan 2021) more than 4100 people engaged with the project and over 1300 individuals actively participated in the Banyule 2041 engagement activities.

Over the past few weeks, the BCWG has been discussing and deliberating on the findings, which focused on establishing a baseline of community values, aspirations, focus areas and preferences for financial sustainability. The group is using this information to inform discussions and generate a series of recommendations and a draft Community Vision statement.

Once developed, the BCWG will present its recommendations to Council for consideration and then share and test with the wider community. This will happen in June/July 2021.

For more information on Banyule 2041, the Stage 1 Engagement Findings Report and when you can expect to see and comment on the exciting work of the BCWG, please visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Banyule2041

A big shout out to all our residents who participated in the Residents Priority Survey.

Throughout March and April each household in Banyule was provided with the opportunity to let us know what they consider to be the priorities for Banyule now and into the future.

We have had a fantastic response rate and these findings will also be utilised in the Banyule 2041 project to shape our future.

Getting the Budget and finances right

During Banyule 2041 Stage 1 Engagement, we also spoke with you about how to resource what we do and ensure that we are financially sustainable.

The findings from these conversations were used to inform the development of the proposed Budget 2021–2025 and Revenue and Rating Plan.

These documents detail Council expenditure, charges for various goods and services, and rate setting for the financial year. When being developed, the documents consider impacts on the community, quality of services, and fair distribution of rates across the municipality.

The Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan have been on public exhibition from 14 April to 11 May, and we thank you for your continued input into their development and how they shape where we live, work and play.

The documents will be presented to Council to consider for adoption on 28 June 2021.

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Budget for more information.



Planning a vibrant centre for Heidelberg

Since 2007, when our current Heidelberg Structure Plan was adopted, there have been significant changes in the way we live and work, and the precinct has been developed and become an increasingly important residential, commercial and health precinct of real state significance.

There is also new State Planning policy, plus major transport projects on their way, such as the North East Link and Suburban Rail Loop, which will make the centre a regionally accessible transport hub.

So last year, we asked you to share your thoughts and ideas about the Heidelberg Activity Centre to help guide a new structure plan. Through two online surveys we gained valuable insights into what was important to you and the liveability of the area. We have also undertaken further background work to support the issues you want to see us address. All of this is captured by the 'Key Directions' Council has endorsed that will help to shape our plan.

We're now putting together the draft of our new Heidelberg Structure Plan. This will build a clear picture of the future of this vibrant centre to deliver more jobs, attract businesses, support diverse and well-designed housing, and improve public open spaces and connectivity.

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/HSP for more information and how to get involved.

Bigger, better Library for Rosanna

Council has partnered with Woolworths to deliver a new Rosanna library, double the size of the existing library with a much-needed expansion to the children's area as well as co-working and study spaces, community meeting rooms, reading areas, quiet spaces and much more.

The new library is proposed to be a two storey, 1300 square metre building that incorporates indoor and outdoor spaces in the heart of Rosanna.

The existing Rosanna Library was built in the early 1970s and has been a much-loved place for local learning and connection. Over time, the area has changed and grown, as has the way people access and use libraries.

Council has been aware that to meet current and future needs the existing library would need significant upgrades and this partnership provides an opportunity to deliver a new and improved library much sooner than anticipated.

In May/June 2021, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the concept designs for this project.

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/RosannaLibrary for more information and to have your say.



High-level Rosanna Library Redevelopment concept plans.

Public Notices

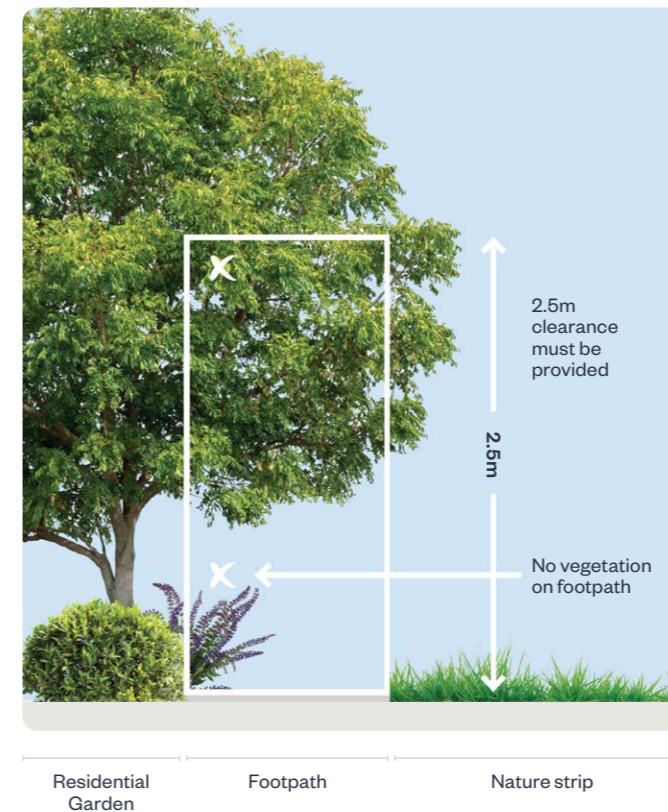
Expressions of Interest:

7-11 Cartmell Street, Heidelberg carpark
- Development opportunity.

Council is calling for expressions of interest for the construction of a multi-deck public carpark and mixed-use development at the Cartmell Street carpark site.

Council owns the land and it is proposed that Council funds the public carpark component of the development and sells the 'air-space' for mixed-use development.

Interested parties should visit banyule.vic.gov.au for more information.



Cut it out!

It's residents' responsibility to make sure vegetation on properties doesn't overhang and encroach on nature strips.

Trees, hedges, plants or vegetation limit movement and visibility, causing a potential hazard to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

✓ When to report to Council:

- Branches or foliage is overhanging a road or footway at a height less than 2500mm.
- Vegetation is obstructing a footpath.

After receiving a complaint, Council officers will attend and inspect the location. When overhanging or encroaching vegetation is found, the property owner will receive a Notice to Comply to remedy the breach. If property owners fail to act, they risk being fined.

✗ Council will not investigate the following:

- Disputes between neighbours regarding overhanging trees are considered civil matters and must be resolved directly between relevant parties.

Dispute Settlement of Victoria is a free service which can help mediate between both parties. **Call 1300 372 888.**

No place for sexual harassment

Everyone has the right to be safe and free from sexual harassment as they go about their daily lives.

Unfortunately, statistics show this isn't the case. In Australia:

- 1 in 2 women and 1 in 4 men experience sexual harassment during their lifetime*
- Only 1 in 5 victims make a formal report*

Sexual harassment is any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favours or conduct of a sexual nature in relation to the person harassed in circumstances where a reasonable person would have anticipated the possibility that the person harassed would be offended, humiliated or intimidated.

Banyule Council has a zero tolerance of sexual harassment in its workplace and condemns sexual harassment in any place in the community. Many underlying factors, such as gender inequality, cultural norms and social structures, and fear of reporting, allow sexual harassment to continue.

* Source: www.humanrights.gov.au

As a community, we need to take a stand and make changes to stamp this behaviour out and ensure everyone feels safe and is treated with respect.

If you have experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment and feel you would like to speak to someone for support or information, call 1800 RESPECT.

Building a better Banyule

It's great to see local clubs back playing sport after a disruptive time last year. They're also enjoying some great new upgrades to their facilities.



Montmorency Park North Oval

In March 2021, we officially opened the \$1.59 million sports field and cricket nets redevelopment which has really made the surface a treat to play on.

Pictured (L-R): Cr Elizabeth Nealy, Cr Tom Melican, Cr Alison Champion, Montmorency Football Netball Club President Leigh Strongman, Montmorency Junior Football Club President Darren Rigg and Montmorency Senior Football Club President Greg Bowman.



Resurfacing for Rosanna Tennis Club

Rosanna Tennis Club has recently reopened four of its courts after we completed a \$238,000 upgrade with two courts converted from clay to synthetic clay surfaces and two courts resurfaced with synthetic clay surface.

The club has retained one traditional clay surface to attract the likes of Raphael Nadal! New members are always welcome and courts are available for hire to non-members at tennis.com.au/RosannaTC



New baseball pavilion a hit

Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club is enjoying a new season in its recently completed pavilion at Glenside Park, Lower Plenty. Council contributed \$670,000 and the Victorian Government \$100,000 to the project.

The new pavilion was a modular design, which meant less construction time on site, and boasts female-friendly amenities. Pictured (L-R): Club President Paul Crundwell with Ben Crundwell.



Lights, football, action

We also continue to improve sports field lighting by switching to LED lighting. Not only can players train better with brighter illumination and better coverage, LED lighting uses less power and has greater life expectancy.

Recent projects include Montmorency Park South Oval – thanks to \$270,000 Council funding and \$100,000 from the Lower Plenty Football and Netball Club – and Warringal Park, Heidelberg (pictured).

TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

Make a change to reusable nappies



“ You feel good about it, they look stylish and there’s no rubbish. Plus you’ve always got them on hand so you don’t need to run out and buy any. We did a workshop and used reusable nappies with our first child and then used the same ones for our second child. Best still, we can pass the nappies on to others when we’re done. ”

Cr Peter Castaldo

Did you know a baby will use more than 3000 disposable nappies and these make up about 10% of Banyule’s waste?

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

Choosing reusables can save thousands of dollars on your first child alone.

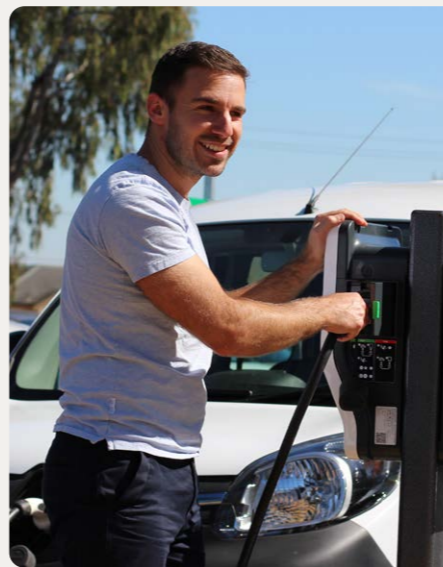
What’s more, they fit better with less leakage. They don’t contain chemicals so are better for your baby’s skin and the environment.

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

Want to find out more?

Register for one of our 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. We’ve even launched a Banyule branded nappy which is a first for councils.

To find out more details about workshops, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Nappies



Driving forward with electric modes of transport

Getting people onboard and transitioning to zero emissions transport requires a major shift to active and public transport, as well as widespread uptake of electric vehicles charged by renewable energy and other emerging technologies.

“ Taking action against climate change can feel overwhelming at times that’s why I’m taking action in steps. I think all our efforts can make a positive difference in reducing carbon emissions. I’m now riding an electric bike around Ivanhoe – great for the environment, health and fitness, and easy to park! ”

Cr Alida McKern



To help accelerate this shift, we have just installed two electric vehicle charging stations outside the new Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub and at WaterMarc, plus we will be installing more across Banyule.

We’ll also continue to pursue electric vehicle charging stations partnerships with businesses, the Victorian Government and private charging infrastructure providers to install more and drive electric vehicle uptake in the community.

We’re also exploring ways to incentivize the use of zero or low emission transport modes, including walking, public transport, bicycles – electric and pedal powered - and electric vehicles.

Did you know?

Banyule Council is substituting fossil-fuelled vehicles with alternative fuel and electric powered vehicles where it can to help meet its target of a carbon neutral organisation by 2028.



FOGO gets the green light

We’re putting our green waste to good use by introducing a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) waste collection service in Banyule.

This service will start in July 2022. We’ll keep you informed as the service details are finalised and well before the start of FOGO so you can be prepared.

This is an exciting step for Banyule as we move towards zero waste to landfill by 2030.



Reconciliation Action in Banyule

**National Reconciliation Week
27 May – 3 June 2021**

The theme for Reconciliation Week is: More than a word, Reconciliation takes Action.

This theme urges all Australians to be brave and create more impactful action.

To speak up, speak the truth, ask the hard questions, see the hard facts, and inform themselves about issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Banyule Council is proudly responding by continuing to progress the many actions raised in Council's *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Launched in September 2020, Council's RAP defines the shared approach Council will take with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to advance reconciliation in our workplace and across Banyule.

Council remains steadfast in its commitment to reconciliation and creating a just and equal society where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage are a proud part of our shared national identity.

We recognise to achieve this, we must travel this important journey together and we invite all Banyule residents to participate in a full program of cultural activities, workshops and education sessions during Reconciliation Week.

To find out more visit banyule.vic.gov.au/RecWeek

Taking the message to the streets

(L-R) Banyule Aboriginal Programs Support Officer Alinta Waitairie, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee member Charles Pakana, Mayor Cr Rick Garotti, and Banyule Aboriginal Community and Social Planner Les Chessells checking out the new waste truck which promotes our *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).



“ We want to advance reconciliation across Banyule and this is a great way to let more people know and get on board. ”

Mayor Cr Rick Garotti



Reconciliation Week at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub



Film screening

Enjoy the film *High Ground* as part of Reconciliation Week activities across Council.

Set against the stunning landscapes of 1930s Arnhem Land, *High Ground* chronicles young Aboriginal man Gutjuk, who in a bid to save the last of his family, teams up with ex-soldier Travis to track down Baywara – the most dangerous warrior in the Territory, who is also his uncle.

Thursday 27 May

6pm-8:30pm film followed by Q&A session

Wilim Ngarrgu Community Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

FREE screening. Bookings essential at banyule.vic.gov.au/HighGround



Children's art activity

In support of reconciliation, children are invited to join in the fun and make a colourful handprint bunting at Ivanhoe Library.

Bookings essential at ypri.vic.gov.au
For more information call Ivanhoe Library on 9497 5780

Friday 28 May

11am-11.30am
11.30am-12noon

Tuesday 1 June

11am-11.30am
11.30am-12noon

275 Upper Heidelberg Rd
Ivanhoe

ypri.vic.gov.au

National Volunteer Week 17-23 May 2021

Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine

As we celebrate National Volunteers Week, we stop to reflect on the impact volunteers have had on our community over the past 12 months.

While many groups and services were unable to run as normal during 2020, this extraordinary year saw volunteers making a world of difference to many in our community.

Volunteers continued to work behind the scenes, ensuring the ongoing viability of their groups and clubs so they could emerge from the pandemic in as healthy a way as possible.

They served on the frontline providing emergency relief to Banyule residents who found themselves in unfamiliar territory due to the impact of the pandemic. They made weekly friendly phone calls to support people's wellbeing, especially the elderly and those living alone. And emergency service volunteers, including SES, CFA and St John Ambulance, continued to respond to crisis, such as weather events and car accidents.

Volunteers make our communities stronger and it was never more evident than during the pandemic. We want to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to support our community, each and every day, and have continued to contribute to making Banyule a great place to be.

We hope you can participate in some of the volunteer celebration events we have planned for National Volunteers Week.

We encourage you to visit banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteersWeek for more information and to read some inspirational stories about volunteers working across Banyule.



Diamond Valley Community Support volunteers collecting food from Foodbank

Banyule Grants coming in July

Yes, they're back! Our range of grants will be available in the new financial year to support not-for-profit groups, individuals and businesses.

We'll be holding information sessions and grant writing workshops prior to the opening of the grant rounds in July.

If you are interested in the grants program, please check banyule.vic.gov.au/Grants for information on session times, guidelines and opening dates for the grants closer to the date.

You can also call us on 9490 4222 and ask for the following staff:

Christina Grayland
— Sports Grants

Dani Ahimastos
— Business Grants

Jing Yang
— Environment Grants

Hiroki Kobayashi
— Arts & Culture Grants

Karen Molinaro
— Community Grants

Nicole Leung
— Facilities Subsidy Grants



Neighbourhood House Week

To celebrate the role of neighbourhood houses and centres in the community, Neighbourhood House Week is happening across Australia from 8-14 May 2021.

Banyule has seven dynamic neighbourhood houses and learning centres located in Bundoora, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Rosanna, Watsonia and Heidelberg West

Check out what they have to offer at banyule.vic.gov.au/NeighbourhoodHouse



Honouring our community heroes during COVID

Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

📍 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

For opening times and updates:

🌐 banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

✉ arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

☎ 9490 4222



Qualia/Fyre

Co-created and directed by John Fleming and Heidi Everett. Performed by Heidi Everett

📅 11 June & 12 June, 7pm 📍 Yarra-me
13 June, 2pm 📍 Djila Theatrette

👉 Free event. Bookings essential

Qualia/Fyre is a search for fire in one of the coldest places on earth. Award winning artist, producer and proud neurodivergent Heidi Everett, sublimely wrangles tragedy, creativity and comedy in this one-person theatre performance revealing what it's like to be in a public psychiatric ward and searching for a way out. Heidi's mental health diversity theatre company Qualia premiered to sold-out audiences at Melbourne FRINGE in 2019, receiving the Access and Inclusion award for world-leading inclusive audience and artist practices.

Content advice: low-moderate level depictions of psychiatric ward realities. Supported by Banyule Council and Creative Victoria. Image / Qualia Fyre Heidi



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

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 / Penelope Aitken, The fizz and the pop, 2021, oil, eucalyptus ink and burnt plant matter on



Adrift from the Fall

By Phuong Ngo

📅 4 June – 25 July 2021

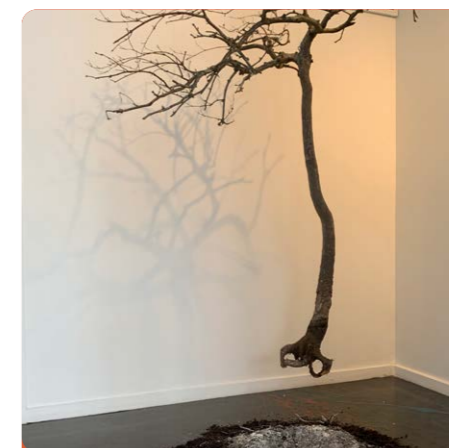
📍 Art Gallery 275

🕒 Opening Night: 11 June 2021, 6-8pm

The events that precede us will inevitably inform who we are, in ways that cannot be comprehended. The fall of Saigon in 1975 triggered the first wave, one that would displace countless people, killing countless more, and forever imbed a sense of loss in a diaspora that spans the globe.

Adrift from the Fall brings together key works by Vietnamese-Australian artist Phuong Ngo, reconfigured and reimagined to consider the complex and complicated narratives of loss, survival, and the totality of war.

Image / Detail from Lost in the Aftermath (2018) by Phuong Ngo



Place

Curated by Sha Sarwari

📅 11 June – 11 July 2021

📍 Loft 275

🕒 Opening Night: 11 June 2021, 6pm-8pm

👉 Free event

Place – we inhabit it, need it, and create it. We carry memories of a place within us when we move to a new place, but what does this word mean? In particular, what does place mean for migrants and refugees?

This exhibition will explore the notion of place through the perspectives of several artists with migrant and refugee experiences.

Image / "The Value of Identity" by Avan Anwar- tree, soil, plaster

2022 Banyule Arts & Culture Program

Call for expressions of interest

Are you an artist, performer or creative who lives in Banyule? Do you have an idea for a performance, installation, exhibition, artist residency, talk, workshop, or something else we haven't thought of yet?

The Banyule Arts & Culture team will run a series of information sessions in May-July, about the various spaces, programs and opportunities available in the new Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub for our local creative community.

Following these sessions, attendees will be invited to submit their ideas for consideration to be included in the 2022 Banyule Arts & Culture Program.

So, if you're interested in participating in creating a vibrant program for our community at the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, and showcase your art and creativity at the same time, make sure to get along to one of these information sessions to find out more, and find out how to apply!

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

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

📅 Now until 23 May

📍 Art Gallery 275

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. The works in this exhibition ponder connections and conflicts regarding relationships with the natural environment.

2021 Banyule Award for Works on Paper

National call for entries

The Banyule Award for Works on Paper is awarded biennially to an outstanding contemporary work on paper. This is a prestigious national art prize, with the winning artwork entered into the Banyule Art Collection. In 2019, Banyule Council acquired an additional 10 artworks

from the finalists' exhibition, making a significant investment in the arts, supporting Australian artists and raising the profile of this prize. Make sure to get your entries in to be considered for this amazing award.

The theme this year is 'Community'. We invite artists to interpret this theme, and look forward to seeing all the responses. Entries close on 16 July 2021. Online applications only. For more information, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/WorksOnPaper

Celebrate Midsumma in Banyule!

Did you know you can celebrate Midsumma Festival right here in Banyule?

Celebrate all things LGBTI+ in a vibrant showcase of intergenerational rainbow culture at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.

To get involved, email agefriendly@banyule.vic.gov.au or call 9490 4365.

To keep posted on Midsumma at Banyule, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Midsumma, and other Melbourne events at midsumma.org.au

Theatrette Thursdays

Generational “Queer: Conversations of Time and Culture”

📅 Thursday 6 May
Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Midsumma for times

📍 Yarra-me Djila Theatrette

Flag raising ceremony

for IDAHOBIT

📅 Monday 17 May

📍 Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Midsumma for times

LGBTI+ Artists-in-Residence

A two-week program where you can see art in the making – and even participate in creating an intergenerational rainbow mural

📅 Monday 10 May – Sunday 23 May
Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Midsumma for times

📍 Mungga Artists Studios

Future/Heritage

An exhibition of LGBTI+ Art and Culture

📅 Monday 17 May – Sunday 23 May
Library opening hours

📍 Loft 275 Art Gallery



Watsonia After Dark Program

Looking for something to do in the evenings? Whether you're on your own or with a friend or family member, you are welcome to come to free events and activities in Watsonia.



Watsonia Library

Is now open until 10pm every Thursday night. You are invited to your library lounge-room, where you can read a book, watch a movie or participate in some fun activities like making LEGO models, learning a new skill, playing chess, listening to music or poetry, or joining a discussion group.

Watsonia Neighbourhood House

Is keeping its doors open longer and offering some fun activities on other weeknights. There will be lots of different activities happening where you can connect with others and make new friends. Activities include live music, movies, community dinners and cooking together, story telling, creative activities and much more.

This program is funded by Banyule Council in partnership with Yarra Plenty Regional Library and Watsonia Neighbourhood House.

For more details, check out banyule.vic.gov.au/WatsoniaAfterDark or call Watsonia Neighbourhood House on 9434 6717 or Watsonia Library on 9088 3417.



Pop down to Heidelberg's pop-up park

Why not check out our new pop-up park outside Leo's Supermarket entrance in Heidelberg.

Running from May to June, we'll be creating a bright, welcoming place for all ages to reconnect, and support our local traders.

So come along, grab a takeaway coffee, and enjoy the live music and variety of activities and events on offer.

For more details, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/PopUpPark

Supported by the Victorian Government.



Sand sculptures

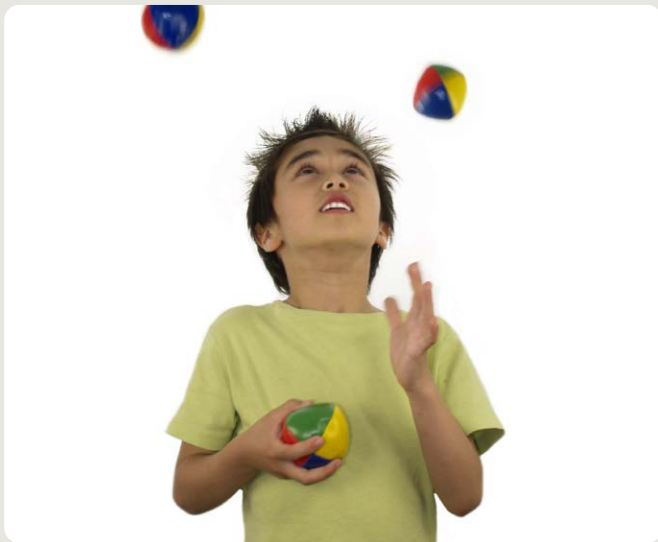
Look out for some mesmerizing, large-scale 3D sand displays on display until the end of May.

Discover them at three locations across Banyule.

📍 Were Street, Montmorency

📍 Greensborough Walk (outside WaterMarc)

📍 Macleod Park, Macleod



Juggling workshops

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at juggling?

During this fun 1-hour workshop, you'll learn the art of juggling, plus get a FREE set of juggling balls to take home and practice. Suitable for ages 8+, teens and adults!

📅 Monday 28 June

🕒 10am-11am

📍 Shop 48 - The Harmony Centre
Bell St Mall, Heidelberg West

📅 Thursday 1 July

🕒 7pm-8pm

📍 Watsonia Library
Ibbotson St, Watsonia

📞 Bookings at banyule.vic.gov.au/Juggling



Star gazing

Put on all your winter woollies, come along to Anthony Beale Reserve and gaze at the stars.

Volunteers from the Astronomical 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.

📅 Saturday 19 June

🕒 7pm-9.30pm

📍 Anthony Beale Reserve,
St Helena Rd, St Helena

📞 FREE event; bookings essential
banyule.vic.gov.au/StarGazing

World-wide Knit in Public Day



Calling Banyule knitters!

Once again to celebrate World Wide Knit in Public Day, we're hosting a special afternoon Devonshire Tea in the library.

Come along and show everyone how much fun knitting is and sit back and share a yarn!

Prizes to be won. Novices to experienced knitters. All welcome.

📅 Saturday 12 June

🕒 2pm-4pm

📍 Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub
275 Upper Heidelberg Road
Ivanhoe

📞 Free event

📞 Bookings at banyule.vic.gov.au/Knit
or call 9490 4222

Saviour exhibition

Discover a series of paintings and prints by Nicole van Dijk reflecting on the role of Darebin Parklands during the 2020 lockdown.

This exhibition captures these intimate, yet shared moments; children discovering Darebin Parklands as a nature playground, silver and golden wattle lighting up the park in the darkness of winter, musicians offering songs of hope on the banks of the Merri Creek.

📅 Saturday 29 May & Sunday 30 May

🕒 10am-4pm

📍 Gleeson Centre,
Darebin Parklands

📞 Free event

📞 Enquiries:
hello@nicolevandijk.com.au
or 0411 574 174



Rethink Recycling

See how everyday materials are sorted, reprocessed and made ready for a new life.

As part of World Environment Day, join us for an online Zoom presentation to look at the world of recycling.

Discover how the Bellfield Material Recovery Facility (MRF) separates used packaging into material type ready for reprocessing. Learn about the dos and don'ts of recycling. Then, see the MRF in action, as a series of conveyor belts, material specific machines, manual sorters and massive trommels make light work of separating 340 tonnes of mixed used packaging a day.

Two sessions available:

📅 **Wednesday 2 June**

🕒 **10am-11.15am**
7pm-8.15pm

📍 **To join us online**
visit banyule.vic.gov.au/MRF



Is it time to quit smoking?

Every year, more than 8 million people die from tobacco use, but tobacco can also be deadly for non-smokers.

Second-hand smoke exposure has also been implicated in adverse health outcome with 65,000 children dying each year due to illnesses related to second-hand smoke.

The dangers of using tobacco is well known and the World Health Organisation's World No Tobacco Day on 31 May focuses the attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.

If this is the year that you or a loved one is looking to quit smoking, visit [Quit.org.au](https://quit.org.au) or call the Quitline on 13 75 48.



Supporting cycling in Banyule

Cycling for recreation or transport offers us significant health, environmental, economic and social benefits.

Within Banyule, during last year's COVID-19 lockdowns, we saw many people rediscover their love affair with bikes. Others took up cycling for the first time with popular trails experiencing unprecedented levels of use.

During this time, we have been looking at what is needed to support cycling becoming a safe and viable choice for everyone in Banyule.

Key issues that need to be addressed include:

- Missing links in our cycling networks;
- Poorly maintained infrastructure;
- Insufficient bike parking at shopping centres and train stations; and
- Lack of support for vulnerable cyclists including school kids and beginner riders.

Our research along with community feedback has been used to develop the draft Banyule Bicycle Strategy 2021-2031, which seeks to:

- Encourage and promote a cycling culture for all ages and abilities.
- Support the provision of a safe, convenient and accessible network with linkages to other transport modes and key destinations.
- Embrace the health, social, economic and environmental benefits of active transport.
- Enhance the natural environment and liveability of our places by supporting cycling as a key form of zero-emissions transport.

The Strategy is open for public comment at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Bicycle until the end of June 2021.

Cycle Banyule Challenge coming soon...

Throughout the month of July join us in the Cycle Banyule Challenge.

Keep yourself, friends and family active through winter by hopping on your bike and exploring Banyule's trail network. You'll enjoy the views, space and serenity while staying healthy and getting outdoors.

Don't worry if you are a beginner, we have distances to suit everyone. Be in the running for your chance to win a weekly local shopping centre voucher.

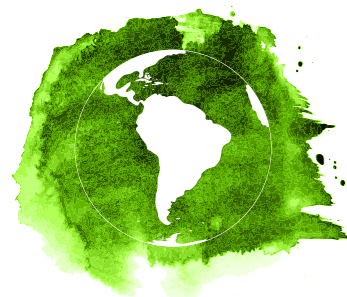
Check out banyule.vic.gov.au or our **Facebook page** for more information in June to be kept in the loop.

World Environment Day

On 5 June 2021, we mark World Environment Day.

This year's theme is ecosystem restoration. The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet – and its people. This can take many forms: growing trees, greening cities, changing diets and cleaning up waterways.

Join the movement at [#GenerationRestoration](https://twitter.com/GenerationRestoration)



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Help learner drivers on the road to P plates

We're looking for volunteer driver mentors to join the Banyule TAC L2P Program.

The program helps young people get 120 hours of supervised driving experience required for a probationary licence.

What you need:

- 2 hours a week for a minimum of 12 months
- Full driver's licence
- Good driving history
- Working with Children and Criminal History checks.

For more information, call the Program Coordinator on 0430 038 450.



Discover walking circuits in Banyule

Birdlife, secret paths, old orchards and more! Enjoy a leisurely stroll at some of Banyule's most scenic spots in June.

We've put together a range of walking circuits to suit all levels of fitness and many of the walks include an extension through suburban streets to enable a longer fitness walk.

Join us for a guided or non-guided walk on the following days and hear more about the natural wonders of the walking circuits.

Plenty River Greensborough Walking Circuit

Saturday 5 June, 10am-12noon (meet at Kalparrin Ave)

Plenty River Montmorency Walking Circuit

Saturday 19 June, 10am-12noon (meet at playground at Nepean St entrance)

Banyule Flats/Warrigal Parklands Walking Circuit

Monday 21 June, 10am-12noon (meet at Possum Hollow playground)

Rosanna Parklands Walking Circuit

Wednesday 30 June, 10am-12noon (meet just off Lower Plenty Rd)

Guided walks start at 10.30am for about 1 hour. Maximum 20 people. Please book with Customer Service on 9490 4222. Refreshments available.

Head out anytime by downloading your own map at banyule.vic.gov.au/WalkingCircuit and look out for more events in spring.



Window shopping goes interactive

To give our shopping strips an extra lift, we are introducing Rediscover Local shoppable windows.

Rediscoverlocal.com.au

Display boxes showcasing product ranges by small businesses in Banyule (with an online presence only) will be installed in vacant shop fronts across Banyule's shopping strips and retail precincts.

Passersby will be able to purchase products through QR codes for a contactless shopping experience.

The initiative hopes to:

1. Showcase each vacant property as an attractive commercial opportunity, highlighting Banyule as a lucrative area for small business – reducing the time it takes to lease properties.
2. Highlight local makers, creatives, small businesses and entrepreneurs based in Banyule by offering them an interactive window to showcase their products.
3. Reduce graffiti vandalism, unauthorised posters and poorly presented properties.

Free cat de-sexing

Once again, we're offering residents free cat de-sexing, microchipping and registration as part of our successful campaign to reduce the number of unwanted litters of kittens and stray cats.

If you have a stray cat or kitten you have been feeding for quite some time or have acquired a new cat or kitten that is not de-sexed, please give us a call and book your feline in. This is a FREE service for Banyule residents.



Contact Customer Service on 9490 4222 to register.

Ward Rounds



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The cost of waste disposal to landfill will increase significantly in the next two years. To keep waste disposal costs low and improve environmental outcomes, Banyule will introduce a food organics and garden organics service, known as FOGO, from mid-next year.

This will divert food from landfill to compost (food is about 40% of all waste in the rubbish bin). The next most common item found in rubbish bins are disposable nappies. Did you know that Council runs cloth nappy workshops? As a parent using cloth nappies I encourage you to attend a workshop and consider using them. See p.10 for more.



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Council's proposed Budget is open for community consultation until 11 May. I encourage you to have a look at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Budget and have your say. Proposed projects in our neighbourhood include a much-needed refurbishment of bathrooms at Greenhills Neighbourhood House, traffic measures

on Mountain View Road, a Greenhills Community Precinct Plan, various road, footpath and open space upgrades, including an upgraded pavilion, change rooms and playground at Partingtons Flat. I am committed to Council delivering a fair share of services and funding to our community in Beale Ward.



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Every autumn and winter, we plant a range of trees on nature strips which provide habitat and food sources for local wildlife. These street trees also increase air quality and store carbon, plus reduce water runoff and the heat-island effect. They lift the human spirit. Also bringing people joy is that competitive sport is up and running along with some improved facilities.

We recently opened Montmorency South Oval's upgraded pavilion, thanks to \$1M funding from the Victorian Government, and LED sports field lighting with Council contributing \$270,000 and the Lower Plenty Football and Netball Club \$100,000. What a great team effort!



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Since last year's lockdown, we've seen more and more people out on bikes which is great to see. During this time, we also completed Banyule's first bike education track at Delta Road Reserve in Greensborough. This has proved a real hit with young families, including mine who've been there many times.

There is an array of intersecting paths and roundabouts, plus road signs and line markings so kids learn important road safety in a fun and safe environment. The reserve also has a new playground. A half-court and picnic tables have also been installed along with other improvements. Check it out and hope to see you there soon!



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Most of you would know the beautiful Banyule Billabong we have at Viewbank's Banyule Flats Reserve. But you may not know that we've been working with a Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Narrap Indigenous Ranger team to look after this area. Last year, Banyule's Environmental Operations and Bushcrew units teamed up with the rangers to eradicate

thistles in the bed of billabong, which were growing up to 2m high during lockdown, and we recently had a follow up weeding session. This project is a great example of how Council and the Wurundjeri can share ecological and cultural understandings of this vitally important billabong along the Yarra River.



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Council is responding to increasing community demand for renewable energy! Check out the electric vehicle charging station at the new Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub (p.11). Council's Solar Savers program provides homeowners and renters access to affordable, quality solar power. To know more, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/

SolarSavers or call **9455 8813**. Want more ideas on how you can help reduce carbon emissions? See Council's Community Climate Action Plan at banyule.vic.gov.au/CCAP. See you round Ivanhoe. I'll be at the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub café last Friday of the month in May and June from 12-1.30pm so drop in for a chat!



Ward Rounds



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We've recently finished upgrading another section of the Darebin Creek Trail between Dougharty Rd and Southern Rd, which is part of an ongoing project to improve this popular shared trail. It's a lovely spot and I've often run and cycled with my family along this trail.

You'll often see people enjoying a leisurely walk or cyclists using it to get to work. Unfortunately, every now and again we get reports of motorbikes using this trail. This is dangerous and illegal, and should be reported to Police by calling 000 when you see it occurring, or you can report it to Council later at banyule.vic.gov.au/motorbike.



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Binnak Park is undergoing a major transformation! New facilities are being constructed for tenant club Parade St Damien's Junior Football Club and will provide a temporary home for the Watsonia Football Club and Plenty Valley Cricket Club while the North East Link is being built. Over the last few months, an impressive double-storey

pavilion is taking shape. The sports field surface has been reconstructed, and now has a turf wicket, new LED lighting and new cricket nets. The project also includes an extended car park and extensive landscaping. It's great to be collaborating with the State Government on such a terrific project. *Pictured: Allan Hunter & Greg Schroeders.*

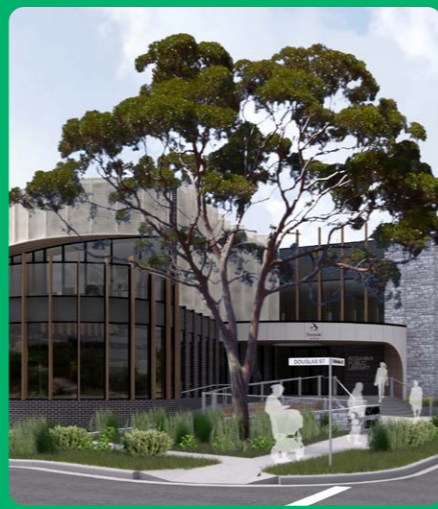


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Council has entered into a partnership with Woolworths to deliver a new library for Rosanna in return for transfer of some Council land to enable construction of a new larger supermarket. This will deliver an important community facility in a much shorter time frame and at a fraction of the cost to ratepayers.

There are varied opinions on whether or not the increased activity brought by the new supermarket will benefit the area, local shoppers and the existing traders. On balance, Council believed that the positives and cost saving strongly outweighed any potential negatives and that a new library was a better outcome for the community.



Winter – the forgotten fire season!

For many Victorians, the fire season means the hot and dry days of summer, but it is winter that brings more preventable house fires than any other season.

While unattended cooking is the single largest cause of fire in the home across the year, heating-related fires rise in winter. Preventable fires can also start when clothes are dried too close to the heat source, in clothes dryers and from candles.

Now is the time to check your electric blankets and heaters. If there is a chance something is faulty, don't take the risk. Fires can happen any time, but the personal risk is greatest at night when we are asleep, because when we sleep, we can lose our sense of smell.

Did you know?

New smoke alarms have a lithium battery with a 10-year life span.

Check out CFA's complete home fire safety check list at cfa.vic.gov.au



Protect yourself from the flu

Every year the influenza strains change and it is important to immunise yourself before winter kicks in.

It is important to ensure that there is a 2-week interval between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine.

Check with your GP regarding eligibility for free vaccines for certain at-risk groups.

For session details and to book, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/immunisation

From May onwards, the funded flu program for children aged 6 months to under 5 years will begin at all public immunisation sessions. Limited stock for parents attending with their child is also available at a cost of \$25 (payable by card).

Pet registration reminder



Did you know registering your pets is necessary under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Victoria), and greatly improves the chance of your pets being returned to you if they become lost?

All dogs and cats aged 3 months and over need to be registered with Council. Please note, microchip registration is not the same as pet registration.

All pet owners are reminded that your dog and cat registrations should have been renewed by 10 April 2021.

Failure to register or renew your animal registrations may lead to a \$330 fine.

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

Bushland Diaries

Yallambie Park

Located along the Plenty River, Yallambie Park provides a prime example of how the Bushland Management Unit works to restore biodiversity in Banyule's bushland reserves.

Formerly a mown lawn comprised primarily of exotic grasses, this woodland has been transformed into useful habitat through weed control, ecological burning, planting and direct seeding locally indigenous vegetation, and the installation of habitat logs and nesting boxes.



Yallambie Park in 2008



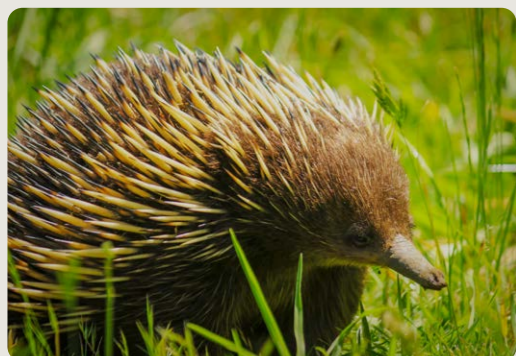
Yallambie Park today



To find out more scan this code



Brachyscome multifida AKA cut-leaf daisy



Echidna foraging for food in the parkland

What does biodiversity in Banyule look like?

Banyule has 15 recognised vegetation communities and 35 sub-communities comprised of more than 400 locally indigenous plant species.

We're working hard to restore these vegetation communities as far as possible to reflect the state they would have been in prior to European settlement. Restoring these vegetation communities is key to providing useful habitat for our local wildlife.

Want to help out?

We couldn't have seen this transformation without the tireless efforts of the Friends of Plenty River. If you'd like to get involved with the conservation of Yallambie Park or other Banyule bushlands, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/FriendsGroup

Jets MixTape #1

Deep within the Melbourne lockdown of 2020, a group of musicians and producers came together to try and create something magnificent, with whatever they had lying around in their bedrooms, heads, hearts ... and laptops.

Some had a home recording studio. Some had their school laptop and a creaky old headset. One had an ancient desktop but no internet. But no matter what their set up, they were fueled by a common goal to make great music.

The Jets' 'Recording from Home Workshops' saw 15 young people with a connection to Banyule, working on different projects, using different devices and programs to progress their creative ambitions supported by Jets' staff online. Equipment was also sent out to help artists to work on their projects. On completion, projects were polished by Jets' engineers to produce the first Jets MixTape #1.



Kick back and listen to the magic unfold at soundcloud.com/jetsbundoora/sets/jets-mix-tape

Jets is a part of Council's Youth Services. It is a multi-functional creative arts youth facility that delivers a range of programs and activities for young people aged 14-25.

Find out more about Jets and what it has to offer at banyuleyouth.com/jets



Bridie Oak lead singer and song writer from Indie band, She'll be right, features on Jets MixTape#1.

With our return to site at Jets in 2021, Mix Tape has now taken on a life of its own. Jets' staff and production crew members are now recording an average of three artists per school term. Young people are seizing the opportunity to get 'on both sides of the glass', producing and recording tracks.

For some young artists emerging from a period of isolation, the ability to come into a nurturing environment and engage with likeminded individuals has been significant for their development creatively, and their reengagement with the community.

MixTape#1 is a seriously mixed bag of Metal, Indy, Poetry, and Vaporwave/80s Pop Nightmare. Stay tuned for more to come!

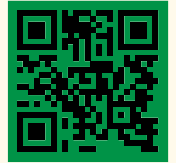
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website for up-to-date information.
Our customer service staff can
also assist you over the phone.

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Call us through the National Relay
Service on 133 677 (TTY) or
1300 555 727 (ordinary handset)
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