

News from our Neighbourhood

August 2024

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Budget 2024/25: delivering for our community

Banyule is in a secure and sustainable financial position as we adopt our Budget for 2024/25.

We are maintaining quality services, delivering capital improvements and paying down debt as part of our approach to responsible financial management on behalf of the community.

Improving Beale

Turn over for a snapshot of the Budget.

Here are some initiatives we are delivering to improve facilities in our neighbourhood:

- Anthony Beale pavilion upgrades: \$1.5M
- Greensborough Park pavilion upgrades: \$650,000
- Partingtons Flat Reserve design for lighting and resurfacing of playing fields: \$60,000
- Greensborough Tennis Club upgrade for pickleball: \$35,000
- Pedestrian lights on Sherbourne Road in Briar Hill: \$40,000
- Road improvements: \$190,700
 - Outlook Crescent, Briar Hill
 - Plenty River Drive, Greensborough
 - St Helena Road, St Helena
 - Wallowa Road, Eltham North
- Pedestrian refuge at St Helena Road/ Allumba Drive: \$215,000
- Renewal of two playgrounds in Settlers Park, St Helena: \$400,00

Supporting residents with cost of living pressures

We are keeping all Council rates increases, including waste rates, within the Victorian Government rate cap of 2.75%.

We offer a relief package for ratepayers who need support. People experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for a 33% waiver on their rates up to \$550.

For details visit **banyule.vic.gov.au/ HardshipPolicy** or phone Customer Service on **9490 4222**.



The playground at Larool Avenue Reserve, St Helena, was one of 11 Banyule playgrounds renovated in Council's 2023/24 Playground Replacement Program.

We've started on a whole new list of playgrounds for 2024/25, including play areas in Settlers Park, St Helena.



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Council elections

This is the last Beale ward newsletter before council elections in October.

It's been a privilege working with Beale residents over the past four years to make Banyule a better place for everyone who lives and works here.

Get the latest election news, including how to enrol to vote (must be done by 7 August) and important dates at **banyule.vic.gov.au/elections**

Spring Outdoors Festival

Join us for a program of events to celebrate the arrival of spring, including the annual Eltham Copper Butterfly count.

Eltham Copper Butterfly Count

- Dates throughout October
- Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, Greensborough
- To book your spot email Senior Ranger Eliza Johnson at eliza.johnson@banyule.vic.gov.au
- Check out all the activities at banyule.vic.gov.au/
 SpringOutdoors

