

News from our Neighbourhood

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Thank you for re-electing me as your Grimshaw Ward councillor

I know that many residents are doing it tough during this cost-of-living crisis. I am committed to helping to run a stable and focussed Council that delivers for residents during these challenging times.

As a returning councillor I'm excited to develop and expand Council programs such as our Inclusive Local Jobs and Social Enterprise strategies, as well as our Rates Financial Hardship Policy.

My priorities this term

My vision for Banyule is for our city to be the best place in Victoria to live, work, invest and raise a family. This means delivering smart, coordinated policies with a focus on:

- Appropriate development and protecting the neighbourhood character that makes Banyule unique.
- Sound financial management.

- Addressing traffic and parking challenges, including advocating to minimise the amenity impacts of the North East Link and for a new Watsonia train station.
- Maintaining and upgrading our community assets and amenities such as N J Telfer Reserve, Warrawee Park, Edmund Rice Reserve, Bundoora Tennis Club and local scout group facilities.



Bundoora Maternal and Child Health centre

Role of a councillor

I was elected by Grimshaw Ward voters, but I make decisions for the whole of the municipality, like all Banyule councillors.

It's our job to help make policy decisions, set the strategic direction for Council and make sure that Council services meet the community's needs.

Get in touch

I'm here to help you. Get in touch if you'd like to chat about any concerns in our area, such as planning, roads or community facilities.

Next Council meeting

Banyule Council meetings are open to the public. Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

 **9 December**

 **7pm**

 **Council Chambers at ILCH, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe**



Your new Council

L-R: Olympia Ward Cr Mary O'Kane
Beale Ward Cr Elizabeth Nealy*, Mayor
Bakewell Ward Cr Mark Di Pasquale*
Grimshaw Ward Cr Rick Garotti*
Sherbourne Ward Cr Alison Champion*
Griffin Ward Cr Peter Castaldo*, Deputy Mayor
Ibbott Ward Cr Alicia Curry
Chelsworth Ward Cr Alida McKern*
Hawdon Ward Cr Matt Wood

* re-elected



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