

# News from our Neighbourhood



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## July 2023

- Budget 2023/24
- Hardship assistance
- Improving pedestrian safety in Beale
- Love your dog, pick up its poo

## Budget 2023/24

In the face of increasing inflation and cost pressures, Banyule remains in a secure and sustainable financial position as we adopt our Budget.

We've maintained services without increasing borrowings and we're delivering \$40.53 million new funding for capital works.

Our FOGO waste service introduced in July 2022 has been a great success and, by cutting waste going to landfill, has helped stem the increasing cost of waste services (not to mention the environmental advantages).

Turn over for a snapshot of the Budget. Here are just some of the projects we're delivering to keep improving facilities in Beale Ward:

- Malcolm Blair Reserve lighting – \$300,000
- Karingal Dve footpaths – \$390,000

- Greensborough Park change room design – \$50,000
- Dalvida Reserve bridge repairs – \$50,000
- Wahroonga Preschool upgrade – \$70,000 \*
- Apollo Parkways Preschool upgrade – \$181,000 \*

### Playgrounds

- Larool Ave Reserve – \$150,000
- Weidlich Rd Reserve – \$170,000
- Malcolm Blair Reserve – \$220,000
- Glendale Reserve – \$200,000

### Road works

- St Helena Rd pedestrian crossing – \$250,000
- Greenhill Rd – \$39,000
- St Helena Rd – \$15,000
- Wallowa Rd – \$20,000

\* Council is delivering this project with Victorian Government funding

## Rates assistance

We know many people are struggling with the cost of living and we've kept our rates rise to the cap of 3.5%, well below inflation.

There is help available for people experiencing hardship, including payment arrangements, interest-free periods and partial rates waivers for eligible applicants.

To find out more call Customer Service on **9490 4222** or go to [banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesHelp](http://banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesHelp)

## Keep our sports grounds clean: Pick up after your pup!

Anthony Beale Reserve is a popular area for exercising dogs off-leash.

Clubs that use the ground have told me about kids running on the oval to play a game and stepping in dog poo. This is unpleasant and unhygienic.

We want to continue using the area as a combined space. Please do your bit to keep it clean and pick up after your pooch.

## Working together to improve pedestrian safety

Encouraging walking as a form of transport is a major objective of Banyule Council.

In this year's budget, we are funding works along Karingal Dve to help facilitate safe pedestrian access between Sherbourne Rd and Allipol Ct. It includes new sections of footpath and refuge islands to make it easier to cross Karingal Dve towards Nillumbik.

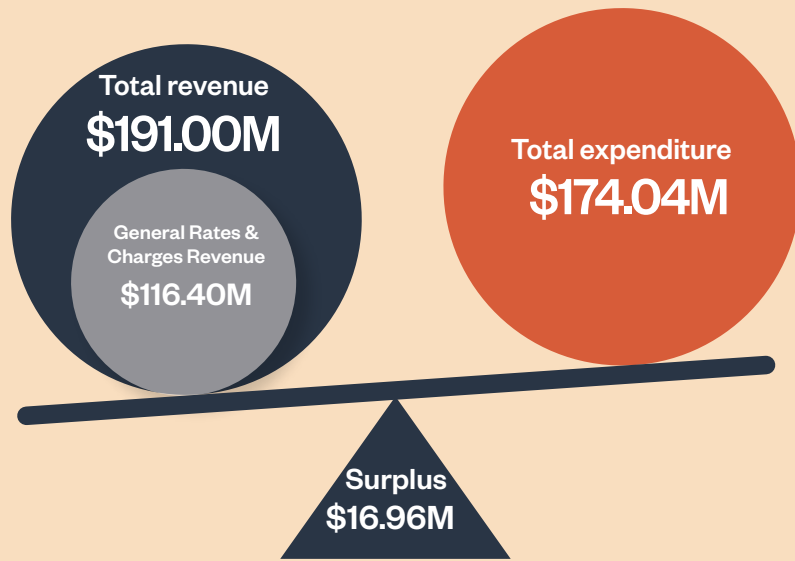
I know many of you have pushed for these works and I have advocated on your behalf, as has Eltham MP Vicki Ward and past councillors, so it's great to see this project get the green light. It's been a true team effort!



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# Budget at a Glance

Our Budget aligns with the key priorities and aspirations of our community as identified in the Banyule Community Vision 2041. It paves the way forward to build on what we have and continues to enhance Banyule as a place to live, work, play and do business.



## Council departments

Operations \$29.70M



Family & Community Services \$16.88M



Healthy & Active Communities \$15.10M



Parks & Natural Environment \$13.90M



Planning & Building Laws \$8.43M



Transport & Environment \$7.54M



Delivery & Assets \$6.70M



Resilient & Connected Communities \$4.81M



Inclusive & Creative Communities \$4.75M



City Futures \$4.56M



\$1.83 billion



Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment under the care of Council



Asset renewal & upgrade

\$64.64 million = 95.06% of capital works expenditure

## Capital Works Program \$68 million

