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Eltham CFA Santa run

Watch out for the man in red on the annual Eltham CFA Santa Run! Santa will be dropping in at some local parks on the back of an Eltham CFA volunteer fire truck on Sunday 17 December. He'll have lolly bags for the kids and loads of Christmas cheer.

I visited Eltham CFA recently and learnt about the growing Junior Volunteer Development Program and all the great work done by CFA volunteers. Check the Eltham CFA Facebook page for more information and for exact Santa Run locations and times: **facebook.com/Eltham.CFA**

Safety upgrades for St Helena intersection

Beale residents will benefit from a number of safety improvements to the intersection of Wallowa and Ryans roads following determined advocacy from Council.

There will be new footpath connections, an improved bus stop and a safer school crossing as part of the upgrades.

The Victorian Government is funding the improvements, something that Council has been advocating for over the last 10 years.

Work is set to begin early next year and should be completed by late 2024, weather permitting.



Calls for a better North East Link for Banyule

Council has told the Victorian Government that the recently released designs for the northern section of North East Link must be improved and have more greenery, better connections across the road and and make better use of land as the freeway passes through Banyule. Designs will be finalised in early 2024 and then North East Link will report back to the community.

Thanks to all the residents who took the time to make a submission on the designs. Council's submission can be found at: **shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/northeastlink**



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Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight is on **Saturday**, **16 December from 5pm - 9.30pm** at Greensborough War Memorial Park. Santa will arrive nice and early, and there's a fantastic lineup of entertainers including 3AW's Denis Walter, vocal powerhouse Carla Troiano, the Australian Children's Choir and Celia & Friends.

Bring a picnic, or purchase food and drinks from the onsite food trucks. A gold coin donation to the Banyule Children's Appeal gets you an LED candle and songbook so you can sing along. For more details visit **banyule.** vic.gov.au/Carols

