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The Newsletter for Banyule City - June 2009

Another milestone for the Greensborough Project

FEDERAL FUNDING INJECTION

Banyule City Council has welcomed a \$5 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) Grant from the Federal Government to support the Greensborough Project.

The official announcement was made on Monday May 4 in Main Street Greensborough. The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Federal Member for Jagajaga and Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and The Hon Anthony Albanese, MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development joined the Mayor, Cr Tom Melican and other Banyule Councillors.

\$5 million will contribute significantly to the roll out of the civic components of the development. The Federal Government support is a strong acknowledgement of the regional importance this project holds to the Victorian community.

This funding is part of the Strategic Projects component of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program that the Australian Government initiated in November 2008 for local governments to stimulate growth and economic activity and support national productivity and community well-being.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Council has committed to an Environmentally Sustainable Design package for the Greensborough Project that will deliver a 5 Star NABERS (National Australian Built Environment Rating System) energy-equivalent rating for the civic and community facilities including the Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre (RALC).

Council has committed a further \$2.7 million, pending the outcome of a \$750,000 State Government grant application to Sustainability Victoria's Smart Energy Zones Funding Program.



L TO R: SIMON MCMILLAN, CEO BANYULE CITY COUNCIL, THE HON JENNY MACKLIN MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR JAGAJAGA AND MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS, THE HON ANTHONY ALBANESE MP MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MAYOR CR TOM MELICAN AND CR PETER MCKENNA

The \$3.437 million package (including the \$750,000 grant) includes innovative best-practice measures:

- Passive design – insulation, natural lighting, double glazing and sun-shading;
- Combined mechanical services plant for the RALC and offices;
- High efficiency water fittings for minimal water use;
- Energy efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC);
- Energy efficient chillers, boiler, electric motors, variable speed drives;
- Electrical sub-metering, zoned and sensor lighting;
- Energy efficient white goods;
- Storage for 43 staff bicycles and public bike racks;
- Rainwater harvesting and pool backwash water recycling for the RALC;
- Office HVAC heat recovery;
- Wider set point temperature range for office HVAC;
- Active chilled beams for cooling the offices;
- Office solar photo-voltaic and hot water panels.

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For August and September community events listings please pick up a form at any service centre, go to www.banyule.vic.gov.au or email eventslisting@banyule.vic.gov.au by Friday 3 July.

Detox your home

Detox Your Home is a free service provided by Sustainability Victoria in conjunction with Banyule Council designed to collect potentially dangerous household chemical products and dispose of them without putting strain on the environment.

Residents can deposit their unwanted products on Saturday June 13 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Banyule Waste Recovery Centre, 307 -325 Waterdale Road, Bellfield, Melway 3 IF4 .

Chemicals accepted include: old paints, batteries, gas cylinders, insecticides and pesticides, kitchen and bathroom cleaners, brake fluids, fuels and coolants, poisonous household and garden products, solvents, glues, photographic chemicals and fire extinguishers.

Materials not accepted include: chemicals used by business for industrial/commercial purposes, ammunition and flares, farm chemicals, waste asbestos and containers over 20 litres.

The collected materials will be treated and recycled, or disposed of safely by a specialist team. For further information call Sustainability Victoria's infoline on 1 800 35 32 33 or visit resourcesmart.vic.gov.au.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL

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9490 4222



Fax: 9499 9475

If your hearing or speech is impaired, you can call us through the National Relay Service on 133 677 (TTY) or 1300 555 727 (ordinary handset) and ask for 9490 4222.

Email: enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au

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Council Service Centres:

Ivanhoe 275 Upper Heidelberg Road

Rosanna 44 Turnham Avenue

Greensborough 9-13 Flintoff Street

Office Hours of Opening

All Offices are open:

Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm

Rosanna – Wednesday night until 7pm

Greensborough – Saturday 9am-12noon



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If you need an interpreter please call TIS National on 131 450 and ask to be connected to Banyule Council on 9490 4222.

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若你需要口譯員，請致電131 450聯絡TIS National，要求他們為你致電9490 4222接通Banyule市政廳。

Ako vam je potreban tumač, molimo vas, nazovite TIS National na broj 131 450 i zatražite da vas se spoji sa Vijećem općine Banyule na broj 9490 4222.

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στην Εθνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων Μεταφραστών στον αριθμό 131 450 και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με τη Δημαρχία Banyule στο 9490 4222.

Se hai bisogno di un interprete chiama TIS National al numero 131 450 e chiedi di essere messo in comunicazione con il Comune di Banyule al numero 9490 4222.

Ако ви треба преведувач ве молиме јавете се на TIS National на 131 450 и замовете да ве поврзат со Banyule Council на 9490 4222.

如果你需要一名翻译，请打电话到国家电话翻译服务处 (TIS National) 131 450，再转接到Banyule市政府9490 4222

Haddii aad u baahan tahay mutarjum wac khadka qaranka oo ah TIS 131 450 weydiina in lagugu xiro Degmada Banyule tel: 9490 4222.

Nếu cần thông dịch, xin gọi cho TIS Toàn Quốc qua số 131 450 rồi nhờ họ gọi cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố Banyule theo số 9490 4222 giúp quý vị.



Banyule
CITY COUNCIL

Mayor's message

It's up to all of us to support our younger generations.

I had the privilege of attending the recent Banyule Youth Express and was very impressed with all of the young people who attended. They were very eager to discuss issues that affected them and had many great ideas on how Council could assist them to develop into good citizens.

There are many fantastic young people in our community who are very caring, responsible and knowledgeable who show potential to become great leaders.

I think that we should try and listen to the younger members of our society and provide services that will support them to develop into the leaders of the future. In a few short years they could be running the Council and our State and Federal Governments.

It is incumbent on all of us to ensure that all young people have the opportunities to develop and achieve their potential.

Parents have the majority of influence over their children, however young people are also the product of the society in which they live.

If our society provides the support and encouragement and treats all young people as individuals and with respect, they will become citizens that we can all be proud of.

When I was younger, I did not always do the right thing, but I received support and guidance, so that I could learn what it took to become a successful member of society. When I see young people misbehaving, I often think all they need is the same support and they will also develop and mature.

The two young people, Tayla Wilde and Ming Kang Chen who were selected as the young Mayors as part of Banyule Youth Express were both very positive and enthusiastic and demonstrated that they have the ability to become future leaders in our community.

There were many other young people at the Youth Express who have enormous talents, integrity, the desire to make things better and a willingness to be involved in the community. This has filled me with confidence that our future will be in safe hands.

Our world currently faces some huge challenges, so let us all ensure that every young person has the opportunities and support they need to reach their potential and we will all be better off.



We need to create a world that provides young people with a sense of hope and Council needs to provide more support and services for our younger generations.

However it is impossible for Council to provide all the support required, we need the entire community to support and educate our young people. I urge all residents to think about programs and initiatives that will help ALL of our young people and for everyone to take on the responsibility of supporting our youth.

Sometimes it is only a smile and a few words of encouragement that can make all the difference when we relate to all young people.

Cr Tom Melican

Mayor, City of Banyule

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Greensborough Project (cont.)

The package would achieve a nationally recognised benchmark in energy and water efficiency for the RALC and a unique model for shared services between the office and the aquatic facility.

Over 25 years, these measures are estimated to save Council about \$3.6 million in water costs and between about \$3.5 and \$4.7 million in energy costs, depending on how much energy and carbon prices rise over that time.

This package will deliver better environmental sustainability and improve Council's financial sustainability while delivering a regionally significant aquatic and leisure centre, excellent community facilities and a revitalised Greensborough precinct.



REGIONAL AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE



greensborough
&partners.

2009 Facility Grants

Council has a diverse range of community centres, halls and venues, a mobile stage and two community buses available for hire. Banyule City Council recognises that rental fees associated with their hire can sometimes limit opportunities for groups to access these facilities and resources.

The Facility and Resource Subsidy Grants are provided to enable a balanced and equitable approach to the provision of subsidised access to all Banyule City Council Community resources. It enables users to apply for a grant to subsidise the scheduled fee or part thereof.

Please note that these are not cash grants but are a Subsidy Grant and will reduce your hire fee.

For more information please see Council's website www.banyule.vic.gov.au (Services for You/Grants) or contact the relevant bookings office:

- The Centre Ivanhoe 9490 4300
- Community Halls and Buses 9456 9271

Grants Close on August 28 2009.



Activity Centre

Car Parking Policy

The State Government's long term planning strategy – Melbourne 2030 – has as one of its corner stones, the improvement of Activity Centres across metropolitan Melbourne. It proposes that Melbourne change in a more sustainable way.

There will be a preference for new retail, commercial and residential development, as well as cultural and recreational facilities which will be ideally served by more sustainable forms of transport such as better public transport, walking and cycling.

Even with great public transport and more people walking and cycling, many people will still need or want to drive to and within our activity centres at some stage and will look for a car parking space.

As more development occurs, the demand for parking spaces will most likely exceed the supply at peak parking times. Council is developing a long-term Activity Centre Car Parking Policy and Strategy to ensure that this car parking demand is well managed now and into the future.

Although the availability of parking facilities in Activity Centres in Banyule is not as critical as in inner city areas, action is needed now to avoid any negative impacts to the quality of life of our residents and visitors in the future.

Factors such as increasing trends of car ownership, school children being driven to and from school, changing patterns of land use in and around Banyule, even more people catching the train to work all have an impact on car parking in Activity Centres.

A copy of the Banyule Activity Centre Car Parking Policy and Strategy may be obtained by:

- Phoning Customer Service at Council. A copy will be posted out to you.
- Picking up a copy from any of the Council Service Centres (Ivanhoe, Rosanna and Greensborough) or your local Library.
- Downloading a copy from Council's website.

Consultation with the community will begin early in the new financial year. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the policy, please contact Customer Service.



Montmorency Food Growers Group

The Montmorency Food Growers Group was set up in August 2008 by two local residents who wanted to be able to share their gardening experiences and challenges with other keen gardeners, and learn how to be more successful gardeners.

The idea was that an informal group meet regularly in Montmorency to share ideas and information, help each other with gardening problems and visit each others gardens for inspiration and occasionally invite a guest speaker to talk on a topic of interest to the group.

The group has been meeting monthly since then. It includes a mix of experienced gardeners and people just starting

out. Meetings have included garden visits, speakers on composting and worm farming as well as informal sharing of ideas and information on what works and what doesn't in the area's sometimes challenging soil conditions.

Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month at 3pm at Montmorency Primary School. Entry is by a gold coin donation and members are rostered to provide something for afternoon tea.

The group has a blog at <http://montyfoodgrowers.wordpress.com/> If you would like to come to one of the meetings, call Julie on 9434 7605.

New Works and Services

SPORTS FACILITIES GET UPGRADED

A number of upgrades and improvements have been made at sporting clubs in the municipality. The most recent were at the Lower Plenty Football and Cricket Club and The AK Lines Football and Cricket Club.

An extension to the Lower Plenty Football and Cricket clubrooms is almost complete. This will provide additional storage rooms, a coach's room, rehabilitation room and extend the home team change room.

The A K Lines Football and Cricket Pavilion in Watsonia is currently being extended to provide a larger social room, upgraded toilets and improved kitchen and bar facilities.

ROAD MARKING

Council spent approximately \$160,000 (20km of high traffic volume roads and 100km of low traffic volume roads) on road marking in the 2008/2009 financial year.

Council uses two types of markings for marking roads in Banyule. LongLife marking is a long durability non-paint product and is normally used for high traffic volume roads, whereas normal paint is a water-borne paint and is used for low traffic volume roads.

Some roads marked in LongLife include Wallowa Road, Aqueduct Road, St Helena Road, Macorna Street, Devonshire Road, Wungan Street, Turnham Avenue, Station Road, Cape Street, Dougharty Road, Liberty Parade, Watsonia Shopping Centre and Norman Street.

VicRoads is responsible for pavement marking on main and arterial roads

DAREBIN CREEK SHARED PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAY

Darebin Creek Shared Trail has had major maintenance undertaken over its full length. This included 2,800 square metres of asphalt being replaced and new line marking at a total cost of \$74,000.



2009 Community Development Grants

Applications are now open for the 2009/2010 round of Council's Community Development Grant Program.

Each year Council allocates about \$80,000 to make local ideas a reality.

The opportunity to support local groups in their work is highly valued by Council. The health of our community is demonstrated by the variety of groups operating within Banyule and the contribution they make to all aspects of residents' lives.

The Community Development Grants are open to a broad range of groups including community agencies, sporting clubs, self help, environmental, cultural and recreational interest groups provided they are not for profit and directly benefit residents of Banyule.

Individuals can also apply to develop programs targeting the Arts.

Equipment Grants of up to \$10,000 are available with most grants averaging between \$300 and \$1500. The grant round opens on Monday 15 June and closes at 5.00 pm on Friday 24 July 2009.

An information session for the 2009/2010 funding round will be held on Tuesday 16 June at 11 am in the Withers Room, The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road Ivanhoe.

This session runs for approximately one hour and will give potential applicants a chance to discuss project ideas with the grant managers. Contact Carole Maher if you would like to attend.

Please advise in advance if you need translation and or other communication supports for these sessions.

Application kits are available through Council's Service Centres, Council's website or by phoning Carole Maher.

For more information about the grants please contact Karen Molinaro Monday to Wednesday.

Applicants will be advised in late October of the outcome of their application and a presentation evening will be held in November for successful applicants.



CR TOM MELICAN WITH 07/08 AWARDS RECIPIENTS: MEMBERS OF THE LIFE ACTIVITY GROUP.



CR ANTHONY CARBINES WITH 07/08 AWARD RECIPIENTS: MEMBERS OF THE DIAMOND VALLEY FOOD SHARE.

2009 Volunteer Awards

Tracy Bartram was the master of ceremonies at Banyule's 2009 Community Volunteer Awards in May.

More than 50 organisations and individuals were nominated this year. Entertainment was provided by Ivanhoe Girls Grammar school quartet.

The Awards and Thankyou function gives Council the opportunity to thank volunteers who assist with activities across all aspects of the community including environmental groups, emergency relief services, early childhood services, and sporting groups.

This year special recognition was given to representatives from emergency services involved in the bushfire response and recovery including volunteers from CFA, SES, and St John Ambulance along with representatives from Red Cross, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Diamond Valley Baptist Church who have been heavily involved in the recovery efforts.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to these organisations.

If you would like to know more about volunteering in Banyule, please drop into Volunteers of Banyule, at 80 Hawdon St Heidelberg, call them on 9438 3777 or visit their website at www.volunteersofbanyule.org.au

The recipients of the Banyule Community Volunteer awards for 2009 were:

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Winners

Jocelyn Forsyth - Friends of Salt Creek
Allen Bailes - Austin Health Volunteer Drivers
Beverly Bullas - Macleod Netball Club
Barbara Hermans - Southern Cross Care

Highly commended

Rita Catmull - St Vincent de Paul
Harry Lohmer - Royal District Nursing Service

YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Winner

Corey Connelly - Olympic Village Exodus Community

INNOVATION AWARD FOR GROUPS, SCHOOLS BUSINESSES

Winner

Heidelberg Wildlife Shelter

Highly commended

MILEAGE - Mental illness awareness group of experts
Lower Plenty Dance Group

GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Winner

John Horton

YFV3081 Winter Awards

YFV3081 (Youth Foundations Victoria West Heidelberg) will award the winners of its Winter grant round on Tuesday June 23 at 11am at Olympic Leisure Centre, 15 Alamein Road, West Heidelberg.

Entry is free so come along celebrate the young people of West Heidelberg as they take on projects to bring out the best in 3081.

RSVP to Andrea on 0428 369 612 or andrea.rieniets@banyule.vic.gov.au so we can cater. For more information and to join our mailing list for regular updates visit our blog <http://yf3081.blogspot.com>

Spring season grants are due August 19.



WINTER GRANTS RECIPIENTS: BOYS KICKING BACK SOCCER TEAM



Business News

WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON

featuring Margot Spalding

Co-owner and Co-director of Jimmy Possum Furniture, Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year 2006 and National Business Owner of the Year 2006.



Banyule is pleased to extend an invitation to local business people to attend our Women in Business Luncheon.

Come to the luncheon and enjoy a two course meal while increasing your local business connections and listening to the story of Margot Spalding, the energetic co-owner and co-director of Jimmy Possum Furniture.

In 1995 Margot established Jimmy Possum Furniture with her husband Alan and has since admitted to "living, breathing, eating and sleeping Jimmy Possum". Add to that, the fact that she and Alan are parents to seven children, and this is one demanding mix – but one in which Margot thrives!

Margot's success story is inextricably linked with the Jimmy Possum success story. But this isn't just a story - it's all true, and the success is due to Margot's energy, determination, well-honed business intuition, flair for colour and style, and personal connectedness to Jimmy Possum's stakeholders. And, although she probably wouldn't like to admit it herself, Margot is also the ultimate, natural, people (and business) person!

Date: Thursday 23 July
Time: 11:45am for 12:00pm onwards
Venue: The Streeton Room, The Centre Ivanhoe,
275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, 3079
Cost: \$45 (GST included) Includes two course lunch
(wine available at bar prices)

Bookings essential. Phone (03) 9490 4222 or book at www.banyulebusiness.com.au

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PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS at www.banyulebusiness.com.au

Council is pleased to be launching a new website specifically targeted towards new and existing businesses located in the City of Banyule.

Features of the new website include:

- **Free directory listing:** Businesses located in Banyule can add their details to our online business directory free of charge
- **Event listing and registration system:** Event details can be viewed and registrations processed online using our secure payment gateway
- **Subscribe to receive e-bulletins:** Receive free e-bulletin updates including up to date information on key local, state and federal resources
- **Business support services:** Key business support services are profiled including small business advisory services, green business initiatives, state government resources, grants and more

The new website builds on the success of the existing business information provided online.



School Holiday Programs

Banyule Leisure Facility Management presents these great activities to entertain and engage children during the School Holidays.

AQUA ADVENTURES

Wondering what to do with the children during the School Holidays, that won't cost the earth and will tire them out?

Aqua Adventures is an opportunity for fun and games in the swimming pool.

We have the Giant Inflatable in the pool, other pool toys and the water slide.

Ivanhoe Aquatic and Fitness Centre

170 Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe

Cost \$3.50 per child

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Olympic Leisure Centre

15 Alamein Road, Heidelberg West

Cost \$2.65 per child

Tuesday and Thursday 1.00pm – 3.00pm

OLYMPIC VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 29 June – Friday 10 July

The School Holiday Program operates out of the Olympic Village Primary School. It is aimed at children between 5-12 years of age. Activities include excursions to the local cinemas to see the latest movies, cooking, ball games, art and craft and swimming pool based activities.

Breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is provided

If you would like more information, please contact Olympic Leisure Centre on 9459 1193 and request an Information Pack, or drop in to the Olympic Leisure Centre at 15 Alamein Road, Heidelberg West and pick one up.



IT HUB Volunteers

Everyday people, extraordinary contributions

The IT HUB was set up by Neighbourhood Renewal in 2007. It has eight computers and provides free internet access to local residents. The space is also used for community meetings.

Four months ago the call for volunteers to facilitate the IT HUB was published in The Banner.

The response exceeded expectations. More than 30 people from the Banyule area expressed their interest in sharing time and skills with the West Heidelberg Community.

As a result the IT HUB Open Access times have increased from 3 to 5 days per week, including a Monday session for Parents with Children.

In National Volunteer Week May 11-17 we celebrated the significant role of volunteers in the Australian culture and economy.

It is important to remember that the volunteers make a difference every day; in the case of the IT HUB, Volunteers make the IT HUB accessible for the community on a daily basis!

On behalf of all volunteers and agencies involved into Heidelberg West Neighbourhood Renewal we invite local residents to come and use this facility.

The IT HUB Open Access Times are:
Monday 10 am - 12 pm (Parents with Children session)
Tuesday 11 am - 3 pm
Wednesday 11 am - 3 pm
Thursday 11 am - 1 pm
Friday 12 pm - 2 pm

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Aggie via e-mail project.officer@oae.vic.edu.au or call Olympic Adult Education 9450 2665.

Winter in Banyule

It's nearly time again for Banyule's Winter Arts Festival, and a chance to brighten our days with the visual and performing arts.

The Winter in Banyule festival is run annually, and in previous years, has included a wide and interesting range of Banyule based events from airbrush, and costume exhibitions, through to walking tours and dance programs.

This year, the festival will run from August 8 to August 23, and the program will be just as exciting, as there is a great range of entries coming through.

However, there is still time for groups or individuals wishing to stage their own events, to submit applications for the festival and to be included in the full colour festival brochure.

Applications to participate close on Wednesday 18 June. To find out more and fill in your application on-line visit Council's website, or contact Abigail Edwards-Hart.



Heidelberg Planning Scheme Amendment

After extensive community consultation, Council adopted a structure plan for the Heidelberg Activity Centre in late 2007.

The plan describes how future land development should occur around the Burgundy Street shops, hospitals and along Bell Street.

The Structure Plan includes guidelines for development and changes for land use that are now proposed to be included in the Planning Scheme Amendment C60 that has been prepared for public comment.

More information about C60 is available from Council's website or by contacting Matthew Buckmaster by telephone or email matthew.buckmaster@banyule.vic.gov.au.



Art Gallery Feasibility Study - Update

Over the past three months Lateral Projects have been consulting our community on the topic of an Art Gallery. Council is working to develop a vision for the proposed development of an Art Gallery within the municipality.

As part of this consultation a Gallery Feasibility Study External Reference Group (ERG) has been created. This group is made up of a range of individuals, artists and community groups who will provide community input and oversight for this project.

The key role of the Working Group is to:

- Provide advice on the development of a framework for the feasibility study
- Identify suitable sources of funding for the feasibility study
- Provide advice on the development of a consultant's brief for the feasibility study
- Facilitate formal and informal communication and consultation processes with local arts and cultural industries, practitioners, organisations and residents.

Banyule has a rich cultural heritage, particularly in the areas of visual arts and painting.



PAINTING BY RAE MARKS FROM BANYULE ART COLLECTION

The vision of the ERG is to establish a permanent gallery in Banyule that provides a focus for and that promotes the area's arts heritage by harnessing the spirit of innovation demonstrated by Heidelberg School artists.

The proposed gallery would provide a vibrant, contemporary place in which to do this. The Gallery Feasibility Study Project report will be finalised by mid June and will be open for community comment in late June. If you would like to find out more information please visit Council's website or contact Customer Service.

Playground and Playspace Strategy Update

Banyule City Council is currently developing a new Playground and Playspace Strategy for Banyule to help us maintain and develop a diverse range of play experiences during the next 10 years.

Council currently has 141 playgrounds across the municipality; 14 pocket playgrounds, 105 local playgrounds, 20 neighbourhood playgrounds and one regional playground at Malahang Reserve in West Heidelberg.

As part of the consultation process the community were asked to fill in a Playground and Playspace Survey about their playground use and preferences. 168 people completed the survey. The results found that:

The top four favourite playgrounds were:

- Hays Paddock in Kew,
- Wombat Bend (Finns Reserve) in Templestowe,
- Eltham North Adventure Playground,
- Kalparrin Gardens in Greensborough.

This survey was conducted in late 2008 when Malahang's new playground had not been discovered.

The two most visited were:

- Macleod Park in Macleod
- Malahang Reserve in West Heidelberg.

Other popular parks were Ivanhoe Park-Ivanhoe, Greensborough War Memorial Park-Greensborough, Eltham North Adventure Playground-Eltham and Donaldson's Reserve-Ivanhoe

The three most important functions of playgrounds as indicated in the survey results were:

- A place that is free (no cost) and accessible
- A place for children to develop physical motor skills
- A place that is outdoors, with enough space for ball games and running around

This important feedback will be used to formulate the new strategy to ensure Banyule creates accessible and engaging playspaces for our families.



Ivanhoe Makers Market-

created by hand

The 9 x 5 Quality Makers Market @ the Banyule Arts Space was developed in 2007 after receiving a grant from Arts Victoria and launched in August 2007 as part of the Winter in Banyule Festival.

It was very popular and become renowned for its unique stalls and quality products.

After nearly two years operating as the 9 x 5 Quality Makers Market it is being relaunched as the "Ivanhoe Makers Market-created by hand" on Saturday June 20 2009.

The new name will make it easier for people to find and will add to Ivanhoe's already popular shopping area.

The new look market will not only have the old 9x5 Markets usual high quality items from our local artists but will also have a range of diverse offerings including kids clothing, handmade fudge and other sweets, unique handcrafted silver jewellery and one of a kind ceramics.

Ivanhoe Makers Market-created by hand, is on the third Saturday of each month from 20 June 2009, 10.00am - 4.00pm @ the Banyule Arts Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade Ivanhoe.

There is ample free parking available and the market is also in close proximity to the train station and a number of bus routes.

The market is also located just metres from Ivanhoe's popular Upper Heidelberg Road strip with boutiques and lots of popular cafes, so why not make a day of it.

If shopping isn't enough and you would like to get involved and become a stall holder, information and application forms are available from Council's website.



Calling all Photographers

BANYULE'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

The 2010 Banyule Community Calendar will feature the awesome and often unpredictable theme of weather, in all of its elements.

If you are a keen photographer or weather watcher we want to hear from you. To feature in the 2010 calendar photos must be taken in Banyule and showcase the weather at work. Whether it be sunrises, lightening, rain, clouds, fog, or any other weather phenomenon, it could be the perfect entry.

For print purposes photos need to be at least 300 dpi (dots per inch). Image size should be 2600 x 3600; jpeg file size 2.6mb. All photos need to be landscape (horizontal) format. Set your camera to 8 or 10 megapixel or the highest resolution.

Photos can be mailed on cd or disk to: Communications, Banyule City Council, PO Box 51, Ivanhoe, Victoria, 3079. For further information contact Trish Hosking. Photos must be submitted by Monday August 31 2009.

Sustainable Homes Program

Banyule Mayor, Cr Tom Melican, has praised the actions residents have taken on climate change following the success of Council's Sustainable Homes Program. Since its inception in 2007 the Sustainable Homes Program, designed to inform and empower residents to make their homes and communities more sustainable, has achieved some outstanding results.

The regular workshops, focusing on water and energy efficiency, waste reduction, sustainable gardening and sustainable travel, have been attended by more than 900 residents. At each workshop attendees receive a free Sustainability Starter Kit, to help them on their sustainable journey.

"With the knowledge, confidence and free kits the program has given them, participants have made positive changes in their lives and have been making significant savings," said Cr Melican.

It has been estimated that participants in the program have:

- Saved more than 1600 tonnes of greenhouse gas annually - equivalent to removing more than 380 cars from the road.
- Saved 24,511 kilolitres of water annually.
- Diverted 35.6 tonnes of waste from landfill.
- In many cases participants are also saving money on their energy and water bills.

Cr Melican said action on climate change can be simple, easy and inexpensive. "This is a great initiative and anything we can do to make a positive influence on the environment is worthwhile."

Anyone interested in living more sustainably is invited to attend any of Banyule's Sustainable Homes Program workshops:

Buying Green and Avoiding Waste: Wednesday 3 June. The Rethink Centre, Bellfield. (Corner of Banksia Street and Waterdale Road, enter via rear entrance from Banksia Street).

Sustainable Eating: Wednesday 24 June. Preston Town Hall, Preston.

Create An Energy Efficient Home: Wednesday 19 August, The Centre Ivanhoe.

Create a Sustainable Garden: Wednesday 16 September, The Centre Ivanhoe.

Sustainable Transport: Wednesday 21 October. The Centre Ivanhoe.

Bookings are essential: To book, or for more information, visit www.sustainablehomes.vic.gov.au, phone 8470 8373 or TTY (Hearing Impaired) 8470 8696, or email emily@sustainablehomes.vic.gov.au.

The Sustainable Homes Program is run in partnership between Banyule, Darebin and Whittlesea Councils and SustainabilityVictoria.



Businesses in Heidelberg West keep it clean for a cleaner environment!

Banyule Council's Waterwatch program was awarded \$8000 by the EPA to continue the education program with businesses in Heidelberg West. The program is aimed at reducing pollution into the Darebin Creek.

Late last year Council was involved in a special Community Stream Health Team Project that visited 120 businesses in Heidelberg West to talk to workers about protecting Darebin Creek from industrial pollutants. The Stream Health Team was formed by Merri Creek and Darebin Creek Management Committees, Waterwatch, Banyule and Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA).

"We emphasised that clean workshops lead to cleaner waterways and a better reputation for businesses," said Julia Vanderoord, Stream Health Team member and Waterwatch Coordinator for Banyule City Council.

"On our visits the Team spoke with business owners and workers about possible environmental impacts through workplace practices.

As a visual reminder we also took some live water bugs, to show the staff that this is what we want to keep alive, the ecosystem in the Darebin Creek".

Overall the visits proved highly successful with many businesses appreciating the fact that the Darebin Creek should be protected. As one business owner commented about their work practises "We try to be environmentally conscious. It's important to make businesses aware of pollution. Businesses need to take more responsibility."

The project will continue from June, focussing on six businesses that require further support to ensure their practises do not impact negatively on the Darebin Creek.

Library News

Winter months are the perfect time to curl up inside with a good book. And even if it's cold outside, your local library is warm and inviting with lots of things going on. Check out the school holiday activities below.

IVANHOE LIBRARY

Games Club for Kids

Monday 29 June 10.00am – 12.00noon

Come to level three of the library, play some spooky games and meet other kids.

Carp Productions presents: Things that go bump in the night

Tuesday 7 July 11.00am – 11.45am

Meet some ghastly ghosts, wacky witches and other creepy critters. Participate in a monster talent quest with your host Ima Ghoul and Two-faced Fred. Hear scary stories and do the monster mash dance.

Make a Spooky Spider and Web

Friday 10 July 11.00am – 12.00noon

Make a web and spider. Bring smocks or wear old clothes. For school-age children.

ROSANNA LIBRARY

“Dreamer in the Deep” Performance

Tuesday 30 June 7.00pm – 8.00pm

After dark puppet show for all ages. Special fluorescent colours and black velvet backdrops create a magical and spooky performance.

Spooky Craft Hour

Friday 3 July 11.00am – 12.00pm (Following storytime)

Be creative and see what you can make to frighten your socks off!

WATSONIA LIBRARY

Clench

Monday 29 June 10.30am – 11.15am

Borrow books and meet our roving puppets in the style of Jim Henson's creatures.

Spooky Stories and Hot Chocolate

Thursday 2 July 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Bring a comfy cushion, listen to spooky stories from storyteller Anne Stewart and enjoy a hot chocolate.

Monster Magic Show

Thursday 9 July 2.00pm – 3.00pm

A fun magic show. Enjoy lots of laughs with Count Gray the funny Vampire.

Bunyips Part 1

Monday 29 June 11.15am – 12.00noon

The Bunyip is a mythical creature believed to live in the bush. Create a bunyip from clay.

Bunyips Part 2

Thursday 2 July 11.00am – 11.30am

What does your Bunyip look like? Paint your creation and take these mysterious creatures home.

DIAMOND VALLEY LIBRARY

Creepy Crawly Craft

Monday 29 June 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Use your imagination to create your own creepy, crawly creature. Suitable for children attending primary school. Bookings essential

Monster Bug Session

Tuesday 30 June 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Prepare to be freaked at the size of the giant water bugs! Make plasticine models of the bugs afterwards. Suitable for children attending primary school. Bookings essential.

Crazy Pete the Magician

Thursday 2 July 10.30am – 11.30am

Experience Crazy Pete's spine-tingling spooky magic tricks. Who knows what creatures you will see? Suitable for children attending primary school. Bookings essential.

Spooky PreSchool Storytime

Monday 6 July 2.00pm – 3.00pm

A story time for pre-schoolers (3-5 years) about monsters and other creatures, with a craft activity to follow. Bookings essential.

BOOKINGS

Ivanhoe Library 9497 5780

Rosanna Library 9459 6171

Watsonia Library 9435 2397

Diamond Valley Library 9434 3809



Community events JUNE-JULY



JUN 9

Heidelberg VIEW Club Luncheon. Guest speaker talk about diaries of the First Fleet. 11.45am @ The Centre Ivanhoe. New members welcome. Bookings essential Phone 9497 4732

JUN 9

Heidelberg Historical Society Meeting with Prof David Frankel - special lecture on Archeology. 8pm @ Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St Ivanhoe. Phone 9455 2130.

JUN 12

Rosanna Fire Station Community house Multicultural Music & Dance. 7pm-9pm @ RFSCHE 232 Lower Plenty Rd, Rosanna. Gold coin entry. Ph 9458 1935 www.rfsch.org.au

JUN 13

Heidelberg Wind Ensemble "An Evening of Music" 7.30pm @ Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Grammar School, The Ridgeway, Ivanhoe. Bookings & info 9005 1972

JUN 16

Heidelberg Film Society "Monsoon Wedding" 7pm @ Heidelberg Theatre, Turnham Ave Rosanna. Phone: 9435 9960

JUN 21

Arden Crescent Concert Series - Around the World in 88 keys - Favourite Songs with Raymond Khong 2pm @ Uniting Church, Arden Cres, Rosanna. Ph: Margaret 9431 0147. \$20/\$16.

JUN 22

Yarra Valley U3A Monday Talk "The Immune System and its role in fighting disease by Dr Nicole Haynes 2pm @ rear of 14 Ivanhoe Pde, Ivanhoe. Mel 31 F7 Phone 9434 1712.

JUN 27

Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra - Violinist Natsuko Yoshimoto. 8pm @ Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar, Upper H'berg Rd, Ivanhoe. Bookings & info 9005 1972

JUL 6

Reconciliation Banyule Free film "Lalai Dreaming". 7.30pm @ Community Centre, Uniting Church, Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Phone 9499 2005

JUL 3-11

Diamond Valley Singers present "Carousel" July 3,4,8,10 & 11. 2pm @ Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Rd, Warrandyte. Email: dvsboxoffice@netspace.net.au or Ph: 9439 7843.

JUL 26

Heidelberg Symphony Children's Concert "Peter and the Wolf" 2pm & 3.30pm @ Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School, Upper H'berg Rd, Ivanhoe. Bookings & info 9005 1972



Banner goes bi-monthly

This will be the final edition of the Banner in its current format and delivery cycle.

The next edition of the Banner will be in August and from then on will be delivered every two months rather than monthly.

Look out for the exciting new look Banner in August. In the mean time if there is anything you need information on you can visit our website or call the Customer Service.

See you in August.

Banyule Sports Achievement Awards

Banyule hosted the Annual Sport Awards on May 6, at the Malcolm Blair Baseball Pavilion in Greensborough.

The awards celebrated clubs, athletes and volunteers who make a vital contribution to the local sports scene.

Award winners were:

- Club person of the year: Geoff Bottomley and Lynne Roberts
- Senior male athlete of the year: Daniel Marinak
- Junior athlete of the year: Katlyn Stonier
- Senior female athlete of the year: Renee Melton
- Community Club of the year: Diamond Valley Athletics Centre

The awards are supported by Banyule City Council and the East Ivanhoe Community Bank.

