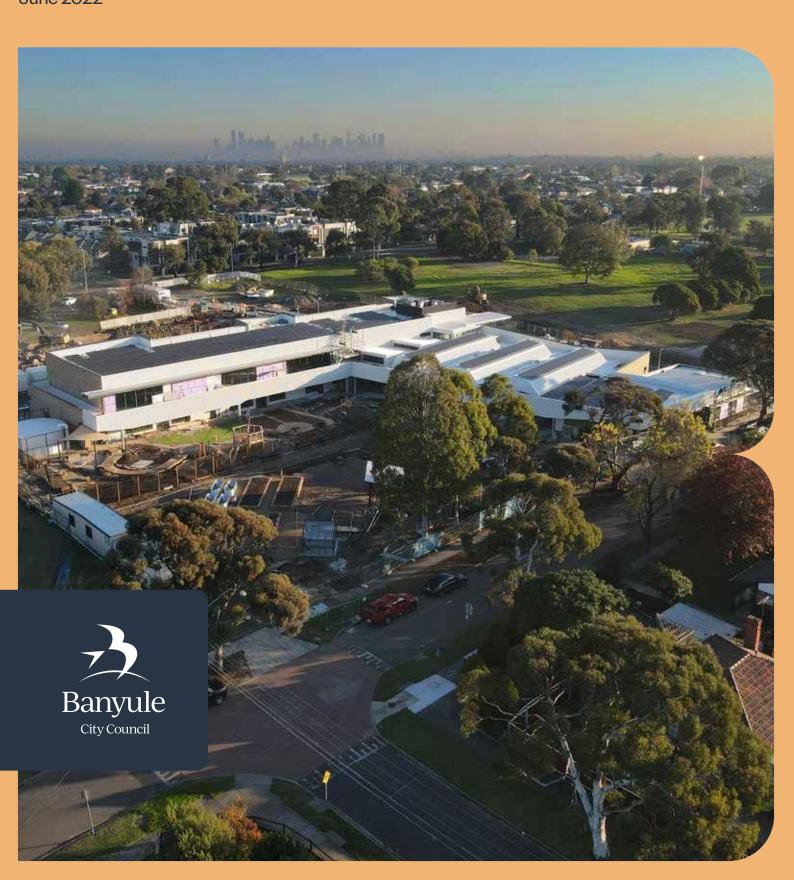
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Mayor's Message

Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy



Being Mayor of Banyule is a commitment I take very seriously. I've taken a year of leave from my teaching job to concentrate on my mayoral duties. It has been a busy year both personally and professionally. I have enjoyed the pace and the many achievements.

Building a better Banyule

In this edition you'll see how we are Building a Better Banyule, with a snapshot of just a few projects we have delivered in 2021/2022 (pp.8-10). Big-ticket items like the new Bellfield Community Hub and social and commercial housing next door will absolutely change this community, revolutionising the way we deliver services and showcasing first class environmentally designed buildings that create opportunity where it is needed most. We're also thinking big on the climate emergency. Read about Council's progress towards our goal of being a carbon-neutral organisation by 2028 and discover what we offer to help residents and business reach our aim of a net-zero municipality by 2040.

Then there are the countless other tasks we do every day; things you might not notice but need our attention - from improving footpaths and shared trails, to planting street trees and creating local job opportunities.

Addressing the rising cost of waste

In the past year, we have had to totally rethink the way we manage waste to meet the challenges of increasing costs and amounts of waste, and new regulatory requirements. We're

proposing greater oversight and transparency by separating waste costs from other rates (p.6). We're also taking advantage of new opportunities for waste reduction our new FOGO service staring in July will divert up to 40% of household landfill waste into compost for farms and gardens (pp.12-14).

Integrated planning

Each year, we review and update our key strategic plans, including the Budget and Council Plan, which inform Council's work and shape our community. This year, I so enjoyed our new approach to community consultation, with interactive face-to-face and online opportunities that allowed Banyule residents to get involved and help shape these important plans (p.4).

Community spirit

It's been great to see more people enjoy our events, meetings and consultations. There's so much going on and we encourage you to get involved and connect with your community. Also, let's keep supporting local businesses who have had a tough two years.

I look forward to seeing you at a Banyule event or council meeting soon!

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Have your say on important projects and local initiatives



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Council Meetings

- **Upcoming dates:** 27 June, 18 July
- ① For location and up-to-date **COVID** restrictions, please check our website.

For agendas, minutes, public question time and request to speak forms, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. Council is committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone; principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.

Enterprising partnerships

Social enterprises play an important part in the long-term economic and social prosperity of our community.

To support the growth and sustainability of the social enterprise sector in Banyule, Council has a Social Enterprise Strategy that drives employment participation and inclusive economic growth.

Over the last three years, we've established social enterprise partnerships around Banyule, which include hospitality venues, a community market and a cleaning service.

We also encourage social enterprises to tender to provide Council services and products, as part of our broader commitment to buying from suppliers that create positive social, economic and environmental outcomes.

Council provides tailored support to our social enterprise partners; they supply high-quality, affordable goods and services while providing employment, training and support for local people who face challenges finding work.

Support for social enterprises

We've developed resources to promote our programs, help existing and emerging social enterprises increase their skills and effectiveness, and encourage the community to support them.

Explore our website to discover:

- An overview of Council's social enterprise work and partnerships
- Case studies
- Information about social enterprise opportunities in Banyule
- Specialist advice on starting or growing a social enterprise in Banyule

Find out more: scan the code or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/ SocialEnterprise





Shout out for Whispers @ ILCH

Whispers café at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub is Council's latest social enterprise partnership.

Located in the Hub's bright and airy ground floor atrium, the café is run by Open House, a not-for-profit community service organisation that has been active in Banyule for more than 50 years and lives by the motto: "A place for everyone to belong".

With experienced hospitality professional Jessica as manager, Whispers will train and provide employment for local people who face barriers to employment.

Whispers is open from 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday. Enjoy St Ali coffee, deli foods and baked goodies.

Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Integrated planning

Community consultation helps shape our key strategic plans

At the 27 June Council Meeting, Banyule councillors will consider for adoption several important documents that will inform the work of Council for many years:

- Budget 2022-2026
- Council Plan 2021-2025
- Asset Plan 2022-2032
- Revenue and Rating Plan 2022-2026
- Financial Plan 2022-2032

Consulting with our community is an important part of the enormous work that goes into getting the details right in each plan. This year, we encouraged the community to get involved in various ways:

- Online surveys and feedback on Shaping Banyule
- Online and in person workshops with Council officers and executives
- Presenting to councillors at a Councillor Forum



We were delighted with the number of people who took part and the level of enthusiasm and thoughtfulness they brought to the consultation.

Council thanks every one who engaged with us and helped make these important plans a true reflection of the needs of our diverse community.

To find out more, scan the code or visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/BCPlans.



Parks and playgrounds

Council has secured funding from the Victorian Government's Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) to upgrade parks in Montmorency and Briar Hill.

With joint funding from LXRP and Council, we're implementing the Petrie Park Masterplan developed by Council in consultation with the community. We've started planning for work to get underway early next year. E J Andrews Reserve will be improved with wheelchair-accessible playground equipment and extensive landscaping. Works will begin early in 2023.

Keep an eye out for signs and community information sessions on how we're improving these important community and natural assets.



Find out more at **shaping.banyule.vic. gov.au/PetriePark** or scan the code.





Council Plan quarterly reports now available

Want to see how we're tacking on our objectives and actions in the Council Plan? Go to banyule.vic. gov.au/QuarterlyReport or scan the code.



Housing and neighbourhood character

Council is reviewing Banyule's Housing and Neighbourhood Character strategies and we want to hear your thoughts on what aspects of neighbourhood character are important to you and how your housing needs can be met in Banyule.

A lot has changed since these strategies were developed more than 10 years ago. Our population has grown more than projected and households are more diverse. Melbourne is being reshaped by major infrastructure projects and notions of social and environmental sustainability have been transformed.

How can we plan for a mix of new housing to meet the needs of our community now and into the future, while respecting the character and identity of our neighbourhoods?



We've prepared a preliminary discussion paper looking at how the housing and policy landscape has changed since our last review in 2009, and to consider what work should be done to respond to these changes.

Now we want you to have your say and help us shape our strategies so they can respond to the diverse needs of our community now and for future generations.

View the paper and complete the online survey at **shaping.banyule. vic.gov.au/HNC** or scan the code.



Inclusive Banyule

Council has a responsibility to ensure that the services we provide, the culture of our organisation and the community we support are fair and equitable, and promote inclusion.

Council has adopted a draft Inclusive Banyule Plan that details our commitment to Banyule's diverse communities. It will guide how we work to foster diversity and inclusion across our organisation and in the community.

Help us shape the plan by telling us whether you think the priorities and actions will help to create a more inclusive Banyule. We'd also like to know how you think we're performing across key inclusion measures of Access, Equity, Participation and Rights.



Have your say and complete the online survey at **shaping.banyule.vic. gov.au/Inclusive** or scan the code.





A new system: waste rates

From 1 July 2022, Council is proposing to separate the costs of managing waste from general rates and introduce two waste rates – one for kerbside collections and one for public waste services.

The **Public Waste Rate** will finance waste services in public areas, such as street sweeping and public rubbish bins. It will be levied on all rateable properties in Banyule, as the entire community benefits from these services.

The **Kerbside Waste Rate** will finance household kerbside collections – rubbish, recycling, FOGO, and hard waste and bundled branch collections. Only properties that receive a kerbside waste and recycling service will pay the Kerbside Waste Rate.

Most other Victorian councils have already introduced a separate charge for waste costs. Until now, Banyule has paid for waste services out of general rates income. By taking waste costs out of general rates, in future years, we can adjust the waste rates according to the actual costs of delivering waste services.

Did you know? About 13% of Banyule's general rates revenue – or around \$14 million – is now required to manage waste each year.

Factors leading to rising waste costs for councils

- the amount of waste to landfill has increased
- the cost of managing waste has increased
- the Victorian Government is increasing the landfill levy
- the Victorian Government is requiring councils to recycle more.

How will waste rates be calculated?

Waste rates will be set according to property values, in the same way that general rates are set. This means like general rates, ratepayers can pay different amounts for their waste rates.

As a general guide, the average ratepayer will pay an extra 50 cents per week in 2022/23 due to the introduction of waste rates. This progressive rating method is a more equitable way to pay for the many services Council delivers and that are used by everyone, regardless of their income. The introduction of a waste rate will not result in any additional funds being raised by Council in 2022/23, although changes may occur from property to property, depending on changes to property values.

What happens next?

The new waste rates are part of the Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan that Council will consider at its meeting on 27 June 2022. If the Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan are adopted, the new waste rates will apply from the 2022/2023 financial year.



For more information, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/WasteRates or scan this code



Jobs Victoria Advocates

Need help finding a job? Council now has three people dedicated to helping Banyule residents gain and keep employment.

Maddison, Sara and David are Banyule's Jobs Victoria Advocates, here to help with information, advice and support on everything about jobs, education and training. They're available for confidential face-to-face meetings or can chat over a phone or video call. The team works across various locations across Banyule.



Maddison – I am a proud Woi-Wurrung Wurundjeri woman qualified in youth work and employment services. I have experience working with community around employment, health and community services. I believe in helping people help themselves.



Sara – I am a Somali Australian who has been part of the Heidelberg West community for more than 25 years. I have experience in housing, homelessness, youth work and community development. I love helping minority communities access services to increase employment, education and other positive outcomes.



David – I'm a qualified social worker and have been working in Banyule helping the community with employment support and youth services for the last three years. I am dedicated to empowering communities to achieve employment goals.

To find out how our Jobs Victoria Advocates can help you, scan the code, visit **banyule.** vic.gov.au/JobsHelp or phone 9049 3361.



This program is supported by Jobs Victoria. Jobs Victoria supports people looking for work and connects employers with the staff they need — in person, online, and on the phone. Learn more at jobs.vic.gov.au



Cr Peter Castaldo at the 321 Lower Heidelberg Rd site.

Minister backs Banyule's planning authority

Council welcomes the Victorian Government's decision not to intervene in the planning process regarding a proposed integrated aged care facility at 321 Lower Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe East.

In a letter to Council, Planning Minister Richard Wynne said he had decided against accelerated assessment of the proposal.

Banyule City Council is best suited to resolving the planning issues relating to the proposed development.

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Planning Minister Richard Wynne

Developer TLC Group had applied for accelerated assessment through the Development Facilitation Program after Council refused its application in September 2019.

The proposal included a five-storey building with residential aged care, childcare, medical centre, café and gymnasium, which Council deemed inappropriate for the site. It also sought a planning scheme amendment to bypass long-standing covenants restricting development on the site.

Council opposed the fast-track process and acknowledged strong community opposition to both the original proposal and to accelerated assessment by the planning minister. Any future application for development of this site will be subject to the usual transparent planning process, including public notification and decision by Council.

Building a better Banyule

Read on to discover just a few of the highlights from the 2021/2022 financial year



Bellfield Community Hub under construction in May 2022.

Bellfield Project taking shape

We continued construction of the new Bellfield Community Hub, set to open in July 2022 (pictured above). This environmentally sustainable designed building will be home to maternal and child health services, a kindergarten, adult education spaces, meeting rooms, and a social enterprise café. The Hub will open up to a new community garden.

Council's first ever partnership to deliver social housing, in partnership with Launch Housing and the Victorian Government, celebrated a key milestone with a sodturning event in March 2022 (pictured below). The project will deliver up to 58 dwellings at the Bellfield site.





Cr Mark Di Pasquale at Watsonia Shopping Centre

Designs for a new Watsonia Town Square

As part of the North East Link Project, \$5.5 million in Victorian Government funding has been allocated to design and construct a town square in the heart of the Watsonia Shopping Centre. During the year, we've been consulting with the community and local stakeholders to design a square that brings people together and creates a vibrant space for all.



Yulong Reserve pavilion upgrade opening in March 2022. (L-R) Anthony White, Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy, Cr Rick Garotti and Mark Maxwell.

Sports facilities

Sport plays a big part in the community and there have been several projects improving facilities for our local clubs. Bundoora's Yulong Reserve saw its pavilion and sportsfield lighting upgraded. There was also a major refurbishment at Partingtons Flat pavilion in Greensborough to extend and improve the facilities, including new female-friendly changerooms, umpire rooms and storage areas.



Kicking goals with the Olympic Park Masterplan

This multi-million dollar project is delivering high-quality sporting, recreational and leisure facilities for local residents, clubs and the wider community. The last 12 months has seen a new car park constructed with 64 spaces, north of the entrance to Olympic Park Reserve (pictured). This adds to the host of works already delivered, including new soccer grounds and community spaces, and we have more upgrades planned for the coming year.



Solar panels installed atop Warringal Park Oval pavilion, Heidelberg

Switching to solar and wind

We continued to roll-out more solar panels on Council facilities, moving closer to our goal of zero net emissions for the organisation by 2028. This was given a major boost when on 1 July 2021, Banyule Council started sourcing its electricity requirements from 100% renewable wind power after signing on to the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO). This, along with our other power purchasing agreement and green initiatives, is reducing Council greenhouse gas emissions by about 56% at no additional cost.



We maintain about 1000km of footpaths across Banyule. And each year we invest millions into their ongoing repair to keep them safe.



Or Peter Dimarelos takes a stroll along some of the new stretches of Darebin Creek Trail.

On track for Darebin Creek Trail upgrade

The Darebin Creek Trail provides a vital link through and beyond Banyule. Over several years, we have continued to improve this picturesque path for walkers, cyclists and joggers. The recent stage of the upgrade included constructing a new 3m wide reinforced concrete main trail, as well as 2.5m wide feeder paths. Some sections of the trail were also realigned to improve safety, sight lines and reduce blind corners.

Building a better Banyule



Cr Tom Melican with Yarra Plenty Regional Library CEO Jane Cowell.

Big plans for new library

We've been designing a new Rosanna Library that brings the service into the modern age and meets the changing needs of the community. We received some great feedback from the community on the initial concept drawings and have incorporated this into new designs. The new library will be double the size and be spread over three storeys to reduce its footprint, increase open space and retain more trees. Developed in conjunction with Woolworths, and subject to planning permits, we look forward to construction starting in 2024.



Cr Peter Castaldo demonstrating the benefits of green cones.

Environmental initiatives on the ground

We all need to make changes to address climate change and every little bit helps. We continued to encourage the community to be more environmentally sustainable through initiatives like incentivising green cones to take up composting, and providing energy advice, plus grants and rebates for homes and businesses to become more energy efficient. We also continued preparation for a new food organics and garden organics waste service (FOGO).



Inclusive employment and social enterprises

All people should be able to participate in the opportunities of Banyule's strong economy and enjoy the financial and social benefits of employment. Our Inclusive Employment Program and work with social enterprises tackle unemployment and have contributed to Council achieving more than 100 job outcomes in three years, including a new social enterprise café at Ivanhoe Library and Oultural Hub.

Raymond, one of 14 Inclusive Employment Program participants for 2022.



Last financial year, we planted more than 3600 new street trees to keep our urban forest thriving.

Better Score upgrades are back

Council's goal of a carbon neutral community by 2040 just got a little easier, with a new round of the Better Score energy upgrade program opening soon.

Better Score provides energy assessments of residential properties and a grant of up to \$1000 towards energy efficiency upgrades including heat pumps, insulation, heating and cooling.

Applications are open from 1-7 July.

Contact Banyule's Community Energy Officer at Energy.info@banyule.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code for details.





Keep up with all our environmental programs and news with Banyule's Greenwrap e-newsletter. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Increased support for solar and heat pumps

The Victorian Government has expanded its solar program for households and small business.

Households are now eligible for the solar panel rebate, as well as a \$1000 rebate on installation of a heat pump or solar hot water system. Heat pumps are one of the best ways to maximise the benefit of your solar power

system, electrifying your house and reducing your climate impact.

Businesses already eligible for the \$3500 solar rebate may also be eligible for a loan of up to \$5000 to cover upfront costs.

Households and businesses can use the Councilsupported Solar Saver program to get a quality and affordable solar power system.

To find out more, get in touch with Council's Solar Officer by emailing **Energy.Info@Banyule.vic.gov.au**

Sign up to our new Banyule e-newsletter

Get more local stories and up-to-date information straight to your inbox.

Our monthly e-newsletter includes extra news, features and videos you won't want to miss.

Hear from our mayor about important Council decisions. Discover new places to visit and activities to do. Meet the locals who make Banyule special and share your ideas on projects. Plus, stay informed with all the latest news and updates.

Scan the code or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/subscribe to subscribe today.





FOGO is nearly here!

FOGO stands for Food Organics, Garden Organics and it refers to Council's new Food and Garden waste service.

From 4 July, you'll be able to place all your food scraps into your existing garden waste bin (lime-green lid), along with your garden waste.

We'll then collect your FOGO waste each week and turn it into compost!

New rubbish bins delivered

New, larger rubbish bins (red lid) are being delivered to households by the end of June. Old rubbish bins will be collected and recycled.

New collection frequencies - starting 4 July



FOGO - weekly



Rubbish - fortnightly on alternate weeks



Recycling fortnightly on alternate weeks



Kitchen caddies coming soon

In June, we'll be delivering kitchen caddies to each household. You can use your caddy to collect food waste in the kitchen and carry it to your FOGO bin.

Your kitchen caddy will be left at your doorstep, or on your property. Each caddy will contain more information about the FOGO service, as well as a new collection calendar so you know which week to put which bins out.

If you can eat it or it grows, in your FOGO bin it goes!

Your FOGO bin can take any food waste, along with the garden waste you already place in your green bin.

Compostable bags are a NO-GO for FOGO

Compostable bags and liners, and other packaging labelled as compostable and biodegradable, cannot be used in the food and garden waste service.

Instead, you can use a few sheets of newspaper or paper towel to wrap your food waste or line your kitchen caddy.

What CAN go in the FOGO (green lid) bin?



Food scraps

- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat and seafood including bones
- Bread, cereal, pasta and rice
- Dairy and eggs
- Coffee grounds and tea leaves
- Leftovers



Garden waste

- Grass cuttings
- Plants and weeds
- Prunings, leaves and flowers



What can NOT go in the FOGO (green lid) bin?



General waste

- Plastic bags/bin liners
- Nappies
- Compostable/ biodegradable bags
- Food packaging, containers and cutlery
- Pet poo and animal remains
- Teabags and coffee pods
- Treated wood, large/ heavy branches
- Plant pots and other hardware
- Cooking oil



FOGO is nearly here!

Simple tips and tricks for managing your FOGO bin

- Let hot food cool down before placing it in your bin.
- Place grass clippings or garden prunings on the bottom of the bin and in layers between.
- Store your bin in a shaded area.
- Don't overfill your bin, so the lid can close.
- Keep old meat or seafood in the fridge or freezer until bin night.

Get in touch

Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au /FOGO or scan the code

If you still have questions, call 9490 4222 or email enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au





Kitchen caddy top tips

- You can line your kitchen caddy with 1-2 sheets of newspaper or paper towel.
- Rinse your kitchen caddy as required to prolong label life. Handwashing is recommended but it is dishwasher safe.
- You can also sprinkle bi-carb soda in your bin or caddy to help absorb any potential odours.





Council grants opening soon

Council offers funding for community projects in various categories. New rounds of grants are opening soon.

Community grants

We offer community grants for not-for-profit groups and organisations operating in Banyule or those that provide a benefit to our community. A total pool of \$210,000 is available for community grants and monthly equipment grants in 2022/2023.

Community grants of up to \$10,000 are offered in four categories:

- Capital works
- Community projects
- Technology support
- Equipment (items over \$2500 and up to \$10,000)

Equipment grants

Monthly equipment grants of up \$2500 are available for community groups to purchase minor equipment needed to provide services to the Banyule community.

Environment grants

Do you have a fantastic idea for a project that supports Council's climate action and environmental goals? We'd love to hear from you and help get your project off the ground. A maximum of \$10,000 may be awarded for exceptional projects; there is no minimum.

Arts and culture project grants

Arts and culture project grants of up to \$10,000 are available for high-quality creative projects that directly benefit the Banyule community. Grants are available to individuals and groups working in any creative medium, including but not limited to dance, performance, digital, music, visual arts, live-art, film, cross artform collaborations and cultural and creative festivals and events.

See what others have achieved with Council grants, check the criteria and find out how to apply at **banyule.vic.gov.au/ grants** or scan the code.



Aged services get a tick

Banyule Aged Services provides timely home support services to older Banyule residents, helping them remain living in the community and retain as much independence as possible. Our services are funded under the Commonwealth Home Support Program and access is organised via a My Aged Care assessment.

We are committed to providing inclusive services and in 2016 we were proud to achieve Rainbow Tick Accreditation, meeting requirements of Rainbow Health Victoria. This means our service provides inclusive care and support in a safe and professional environment so that members of the LGBTIQ community know they are welcomed and understood.

Services offered by Banyule Aged Services include:

- One-to-one escorted shopping
- Social outings and in-home social visits
- Escorts to health appointments
- Delivered meals
- Home maintenance and modifications
- Social support group

If you require any of these services for support in your home or community contact My Aged Care on **1800 200 422** to arrange an assessment. If you have any questions around Banyule Aged Services Rainbow Tick Accreditation contact our Project and Quality Officer for Aged Services on **9457 9980**.





Sign up to our older adults' newsletter

Do you want to know more about Council activities, events, outings and services for older adults?

Sign up to receive a regular newsletter emailed to you.

Scan the code or email agefriendly@banyule.vic.gov.au.

If you don't have access to email, call us on **9049 3388** and ask to receive a hard copy in the mail.

Please note: if you already receive our Age in Focus or Older Adults Recreation Program newsletter you do not need to subscribe and will be added automatically to our list.

Scan the code to sign up. It only takes a minute!





Hot tricks to get through cold months

Keeping active as the days get shorter and colder can be a challenge.

But joining a class and enjoying the social aspects of exercise can provide an incentive.

Banyule Council has two leisure centres offering a full range of indoor and outdoor fitness options for all ages – Ivanhoe Aquatic and WaterMarc in Greensborough.

You can develop a program with our exercise physiologists and train independently or with a personal trainer or join a group class led by our qualified instructors.

Both centres have a heated pool, spa and sauna for a budget-priced indulgence with natural health benefits. Warm water is also a great medium for low-impact exercise and we offer a full program of aquatic fitness, as well lanes for laps and play.

Finding new ways to engage clients during COVID shutdowns was a challenge accepted by Banyule fitness instructors Marie Golland and Stewart Morris, pictured above with a fitness class at Ivanhoe Leisure.

"When the doors closed, we had a choice - go online or outdoors. We started doing both," said Stewart.

And many of the classes developed for older adults during lockdown have been added to Ivanhoe Aquatic's in-person program, and they usual include a cuppa and chat before and after class.

"People love coming here because it's not intimidating ... they love the social aspect of it," said Marie.

Find out more at WaterMarcBanyule.com.au and banyule.vic.gov.au/lvanhoeAquatic



The carers walking group enjoying some exercise and good company at Rosanna Parklands

Now available – free wellbeing passes for carers

Relax and unwind | Have a break | Get fit

Are you a carer who needs a break or just wants a bit of exercise? Council's Carer Support Program has passes for carers to join a class or have a relaxing swim/spa/sauna at one of our leisure centres.

Use the passes for free use of gym and aquatic facilities and group fitness classes at WaterMarc in Greensborough or Ivanhoe Aquatic. Passes are available to Banyule residents who are unpaid carers for someone with a chronic health condition, a disability or age-related care needs.

Join a group activity with other carers:

- Banyule Carer Support Group at Watsonia Neighbourhood House first Thursday of the month
- Pathway for Carers walk and morning tea at Banyule Flats - third Thursday of the month
- Rosanna Parklands Carers Walking Group (pictured above) - every Friday morning, care recipients welcome too
- Coming soon! Greensborough
 Carers weekly walking group

To register for the wellbeing passes and group activities, and to join our mailing list about opportunities and activities for carers in Banyule, contact Council's Carer Support Program Officer. Email carers@banyule. vic.gov.au or phone 9422 8396.



Banyule Bike Challenge launch

The Banyule Bike Challenge is on again this July. If you're new to bike riding or new to the area join us for the launch of the challenge on Sunday 10 July.

We'll start with free coffee, a sausage sizzle and a kids' bike safety demonstration.

After a warm-up stretch we'll take a family-friendly pedal along Stage 1 of the challenge – an easy flat 3.1km ride from Eaglemont Tennis Olub car park to Yarra Flats.

- **⊞** Sunday 10 July
- Sessions at 10am,10.45am or 11.30am
- Meet at Eaglemont Tennis Club car park, enter off The Boulevard near Bourke Rd Nth, Ivanhoe
- ♦ Free event, bookings essential

Scan the code to take up the challenge and book your place!



Banyule Bike Challenge

Stay active this winter by hopping on your bike and exploring Banyule's shared trail network.

We've put together a 17km challenge using the Main Yarra Trail and Plenty River Trail. Don't worry if you are a beginner – the challenge is divided into four stages and we have distances to suit everyone. The longest stage is 3.7km and you can try one or more stages.

You'll be kept on track with signs posts and maps along the trail. Check in with the QR codes at each stage and go into the draw for weekly prizes including vouchers for local shopping centres, as well as the main prize of a bicycle up to the value of \$500.

Enjoy the views, space and serenity while staying healthy and getting outdoors. Suitable for the whole family.

- Sunday 10 July to Saturday 6 August
- Main Yarra Trail and Plenty River Trail, stages from Eaglemont to Greensborough. Check the map online and plan your ride.
- ♦ Free event

Get on your bike and scan the code to find out more.





Discover the mysteries of dinosaurs and fossils with Museums Victoria

See and touch real dinosaur fossils when the travelling 'Museum in a Van' visits Banyule in the school holidays.

Learn how palaeontologists (fossils experts!) find fossils and study them to uncover exciting discoveries about dinosaurs and other ancient creatures. Children will see and touch real dinosaur fossils from the Museums Victoria collection, learn about ancient time periods, see life-sized replicas of dinosaur skulls, feet, and legs, and classify their favourite prehistoric creatures as herbivores or carnivores.

Suitable for children aged 4 to 12. Free event, bookings essential.

- **Wednesday 29 June**
- Sessions at 10am and 11.30am
- Oartledge Reserve, 114 Valentine St, Ivanhoe

Free event, bookings essential at **trybooking.com/BZCAV** or scan the code for more info.



- Wednesday 6 July
- Sessions at 10am and 11.30am
- NJ Telfer Reserve, 20 Noorong Ave, Bundoora

Free event, bookings essential at **trybooking.com/BZCBA** or scan the code for more info.





Acknowledge This!

An Acknowledgement of Country is a statement that pays respect to First Nations people as the traditional custodians of our lands. It can be given by an Indigenous or non-Indigenous person and is a valuable opportunity to show respect for Country and for the Indigenous Traditional Owners who have cared for land, water and sky for thousands of years.

As part of our Community Upskilling Program, we are offering a free online workshop with Emma and Rhys from Acknowledge This. They'll show you how to create a genuine and authentic Acknowledgement of Country for a specific place and people, get the words right and make it personal for you.

You will walk away with:

- A deeper understanding of the Acknowledgement of Country
- The purpose of each part of an Acknowledgement of Country
- Your own personalised Acknowledgement of Country format to adapt for any gatherings in which you want to acknowledge our shared history.
- Thursday 7 July
- Delivered online on ZOOM

Free event, bookings essential at **trybooking.com/BWUCD** or scan the code.



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

Events at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub may change at short notice due to COVID-related challenges. Please check the website for updates.

275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

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2022 Banyule Art Salon

- Entries close 24 June
- Online entries only
- Entry fee: \$35 per entry, up to three entries per person
- Information and entry forms at banyule.vic.gov.au/BanyuleArtSalon

Calling all Banyule-based artists! Our biggest open-call community art exhibition is on again!

Every two years, we put out the call to all artists for the Banyule Art Salon, an opportunity for visual artists, makers, writers and performers to participate in a professionally-curated and programmed exhibition in a museum-standard art gallery.

This is not a selective exhibition, so all eligible artworks will be exhibited. It will be held in Art Gallery 275 at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub from August 2022.



2023 Banyule Arts & Culture Program – get on board

- Saturday 18 June, 11am-12.30pm
- Yarra-me Djilla Theatrette

Are you a Banyule-based artist, creative, performer or community/cultural group?

Do you have an idea or event that you would like to present at one of Council's venues or festivals?

To get involved, we ask that you attend one of our information sessions so we can share our vision and set you off in the right direction.

We want to meet you and work collaboratively to develop and deliver your idea, so only those who attend one of our information sessions will be eligible to submit proposals.

More information at banyule.vic.gov.au/ArtsProgram

Image / performance at Yarra-me Djila Theatrette, ultural Hub



Considering the Land By Peta Clancy and Jo Scicluna

In honour of Reconciliation Week 2022

20 May-17 July

Art Gallery 275

This exhibition considers the land on which we live from the perspective of a First Nations person (Peta Clancy) and a first-generation migrant (Jo Scicluna), creating a space for conversations between the two artists, the land, First Nations Elders and the community.

A descendant of the Bangerang Nation, Peta worked in collaboration with Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Custodians to create these artworks, which were first exhibited at the Koorie Heritage Trust in 2019.

Jo's artworks are part of a commission by Gippsland Art Gallery in 2019 and were developed in consultation with Gunaikurnai community representatives.

Join us in this exhibition space for discussion, understanding and reconciliation.

banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions

Image / Detail of artworks by Peta Clancy (left), and Jo Scicluna (right)



1000 make it

by Hayden McLean, curated by Jodie Ohm Zutt

26 May-26 June

Loft 275

"If you have autism, the brain is like a kaleidoscope where the pattern never settles"- Phoebe Caldwell

Hayden is passionate and prolific, with a strong daily art practice. He draws the world around him and within him, using drawing to communicate his needs and emotions. He is also a woodworker and maker of cord and shoelaces.

Hayden's creative output is strongly linked to his sensory needs; he needs boundaries to feel safe. It is known that autistic people tend to protect themselves from sensory overload by stimming (behaviour consisting of repetitive actions or movements).

The exhibition is a journey through Hayden's visual world.

banyule.vic.gov.au/Hayden

Image / Laces and self-portrait by Hayden McLean



CHANGE

= 1-24 July

Loft 275

Change: an act or process through which something becomes different.

Climate change, change a habit, observe the process of change ... you can make a change.

From 4 July, Banyule residents will put their food waste to good use in a new food and garden waste collection service that will produce compost for gardens and parks. The new service is referred to as FOGO:

Food Organics Garden

Organics

In this exhibition, local artists inspire us to embrace change and make a difference.

This exhibition is a partnership of Banyule Council's Arts & Culture, Waste Services and Environment teams and our Rethink Centre.

banyule.vic.gov.au/exhibitions



Hayden McLean and Jodie Ohm Zutt residency

26 May-26 June

Mungga Artist Studios

Hayden Mclean and Jodie Ohm Zutt live and work in the Banyule community.

They bring their collaborative practice to ILCH, drawing in their sketchbooks and working on digital drawing and videos on their computers. Hayden will also be French knitting cord and laces.

Their collaboration relies on mutual respect, patience, tolerance and a shared goal. They share a working process and language that has developed over two years.

Hayden and Jodie invite the community to engage with them during this residency.

Image / Self-portraits, Hayden McLean and Jodie Ohm Zutt



Plastic Exploration

by Teresa Bennett

- iii 27 June-24 July
- Mungga Artist Studio
- ① Workshops: banyule.vic.gov.au/TeresaBennett

Teresa Bennett is a local textile artist who weaves with plastic as a statement about waste and sustainability. This residency will explore the use of plastic in more elaborate 2D and 3D works. Plastic and other potential art materials will be collected from local retailers, diverting a small amount of landfill to art. Teresa's challenge is to respond to local materials to create new works and enhance existing works.

Teresa will run workshops in card weaving using simple materials to create useful objects. Suitable for everyone; check our website for details and bookings.



Rainbow Social Art Club

First Saturday of every month

© 2pm-4pm

Community Lounge

Led by local artist Emerson Zandegu, Rainbow Social Art Club is an afternoon of art making and mingling for young LGBTIQ+ people. Join us for guided activities from guest artists or pop in to use the space and work on your latest art project alongside fellow art enthusiasts.

Register your interest at trybooking.com/BYXGM

Image / Detail from animation by Emerson Zandegu



Qualia/Fyre by Heidi Everett

Co-created and directed by John Fleming; performed by Heidi Everett

- Thursday 7 July and Friday 8 July, 6.30pm; Saturday 9 July, 2pm.
- Yarra-me Djilla Theatrette
- ♦ banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH

Qualia/Fyre is a search for fire in one of the coldest places on Earth.

Award winning artist and producer and proud neurodivergent Heidi Everett wrangles tragedy, creativity and comedy in this one-person hybrid theatre/film performance, revealing what it's like to be in a psychiatric ward and searching for a way out.

Inspired by the powerful creative dynamic of Heidi Everett and John Fleming, Fyre delivers an unyielding sense of humour through 'ward-time' artwork, illuminating the lived experience of the 'psych system'.

This work from Heidi's mental health diversity performance company Qualia Theatre premiered to sold-out audiences at Melbourne FRINGE in 2019 and received the Access and Inclusion award for world-leading inclusive audience and artist practices.



Planning for an eventful community

Got a great idea for an event in Banyule? Let us help make it happen.

We've streamlined the process for event permits, making sure you have all the information you need to plan and produce a great event, as well as clear guidelines on what we need from you.

Find out if you need a permit for your event by answering some simple questions online. If your event does require a permit, our Festivals and Events staff will get in touch to help you through the permit process and provide support for the important, but sometimes tricky, details such as emergency management and public liability.

The first step is to let us know about your proposed event by submitting an expression of interest form at banyule.vic.gov.au/ProposeEvent or scan the code below.

For more information or help at any stage, contact our Festival and Events team at events@banyule.vic.gov.au



Ward Rounds



Cr Peter Castaldo Griffin Ward

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Griffin has many unique houses and streetscapes. We need to balance protecting this character with meeting the needs of a changing community. Council has begun a review of Housing and Neighbourhood Character and we invite you to have your say. A lot has changed since the last review, 10 years ago. Our population has grown and

our households have become more diverse. Melbourne is being reshaped by major infrastructure projects and notions of social and environmental sustainability have been transformed. We must plan for Banyule's changing needs by building suitable homes and communities. Have your say on Shaping Banyule. Turn to page 5 to find out more.





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We are preparing for major upgrades at Petrie Park and E J Andrews Reserve, beginning early next year. Council will part-fund the Petrie Park works and has negotiated for the Victorian Government to provide the majority of funding as part of Level Crossing Removal Program commitments. E J Andrews will receive upgrades to improve wheelchair-

accessibility, including additions and alterations to the existing play equipment and extensive landscaping. Petrie Park will get a major upgrade according to the masterplan developed with the community. You'll have a chance for input at community information sessions in June and July and via Shaping Banyule (details on page 4).





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You might have noticed Council's
Bushland Management team conducting
controlled ecological burns in bushland
areas in recent weeks. The settled
weather and calm, mild days of autumn
are ideal for this sort of work, which is
an important tool in the management of
natural ecosystems in Banyule. There
are many reasons to use controlled

burns – creating space for indigenous species to seed and grow, and controlling exotic weeds are two key advantages. Burning also has a rejuvenating effect for some indigenous species. This photo was taken during a recent controlled burn in Banyule Flats. Our Bushland Management team will be conducting regular controlled burns through winter.





Cr Elizabeth Nealy Beale Ward

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Winter doesn't have to be a dampener on your enjoyment of Banyule's bushland reserves. Colonies of green hood orchids are now in flower at St Helena Bushland Reserve, an urban oasis and one of the most floristically diverse reserves in Banyule. Stick to the designated trails and you'll see plenty of orchids. Council rangers appreciate the work of the

Friends of St Helena Bushland Reserve, who meet on the fourth Sunday of each month for a working bee. New friends are always welcome. For more information, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/FriendsGroup. At Anthony Beale Reserve, Council has built concrete steps and new paths and landscaping to better manage rain run-off and make the reserve more accessible.





Cr Mark Di Pasquale Bakewell Ward mark.dipasquale@banyule.vic.gov.au 0481 002 299

Council was pleased to receive news of two State Budget items that support Bakewell initiatives on which we have been advocating. Watsonia Station is one of a number of stations to get funding to improve accessibility and safety, both vitally important to increase public transport use. We also welcome funding for a shared

user path along the railway line from Greensborough to Montmorency.
Council has been advocating for a new shared user path to be delivered as part of the Hurstbridge Rail Upgrade.
We want to see the path extended to the edge of Banyule, where it would join with the Diamond Creek Trail. We'll keep working on that.





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Ivanhoe Aquatic is set to be one of the first aquatic centres in Melbourne to be retrofitted to achieve net zero emissions and run on 100% renewable energy. It's part of Council's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2028 and we're seeking support from other levels of government to achieve this milestone. Stage 2 redevelopment plans focus on meeting increased demand

for lap swimming, lessons and aqua fitness. They include upgrading the 25m pool, spa, sauna and changerooms, plus a new warm water program pool, to ensure Ivanhoe Aquatic remains a key health and recreation facility for years to come. Council is now considering community feedback and finalising the plans. Stay tuned at shaping. banyule.vic.gov.au/IvanhoeAquatic



Ward Rounds



Cr Peter Dimarelos Olympia Ward peter.dimarelos@banyule.vic.gov.au 0434 891 065

We've just completed upgrades and new facilities at Malahang Reserve in Heidelberg West to make the reserve more attractive and useful for all ages. The improvements funded by Council and the Victorian Government include a new outdoor fitness station, more seating, renovation of the gathering space and a shelter for the youth space, which has

also been spruced up with new paths and seating. We've also added new lighting and planted more trees, and you'll notice improved paths and line marking.

We'll be holding an opening event soon; keep an eye for the details on social media and on signs at Malahang Reserve. See you there!





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Banyule's award-winning Inclusive
Employment Program goes from
strength to strength and is being
recognised by other municipalities keen
to implement the program. Banyule
is exploring opportunities to expand
the program in Victoria. Our Inclusive
Employment Program is a fantastic
service that breathes life into Council's

commitments to a diverse and inclusive community and a thriving, resilient and socially responsible economy. It's helping people develop skills and confidence and gain ongoing employment. Visit banyule.vic.gov.au/IEP to see how the program works and view resources we've produced for others who want to start an inclusive employment program.





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Council welcomed the announcement of \$1.5 million in the State Budget to match Council's \$1.5 million for a major redevelopment of Macleod Park. The home ground of Macleod Junior Football Club and Macleod Cricket Club, Macleod Park will get a new pavilion and new changerooms. It will be the latest in a series of sports grounds upgrades to

ensure sporting facilities are accessible and suitable for use by all players and umpires, regardless of gender and ability. Council is pleased to support community sport, which has so many health advantages for individuals and the community. These facilities can be used by other community groups and are available for hire by private functions too.





Winter marks the time of year when our Bushland Management Unit seeks to enhance biodiversity by planting locally indigenous vegetation in our bushland reserves. The cooler and wetter months give newly-planted indigenous plants a better chance to survive and flourish.

Many of our plantings throughout Banyule are conducted with the much-appreciated assistance of volunteers through various local friends' groups. Community planting events are a great way to connect with like-minded individuals and to help your local environment.

Scan the QR code to find a friends group near you.



Order your 2023 Community Calendar now!

Register at banyule.vic.gov.au/calendar or call Customer Service on 9490 4222. Calendars will be posted later in the year.



Get planting

Join the Friends of Darebin Creek and Banyule's park rangers to plant a range of wildflower species at Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve.

Sturdy enclosed shoes are a must and bring your own gloves if you can. Restoring a strong population of wildflowers is crucial to the ecology of the grassland.

Sunday 26 June, 10am-12noon

Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve, corner of Liberty Pde and Dougharty Rd, Heidelberg West Follow the signs!

For more information, email Ranger Tom at tom.crawshaw@banyule.vic.gov.au

Learn more about the reserve by scanning the QR code.





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Council Service Centres

Greensborough 1 Flintoff St Ivanhoe 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd Rosanna 72 Turnham Ave (currently closed) COVID-19 restrictions may impact operations so please check our website for up-to-date information. Our customer service staff can also assist you over the phone.

Hearing or speech impaired

Call us through the National Relay Service on 133 677 (TTY) or 1300 555 727 (ordinary handset) and contact 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。

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