Innovation at Macleod Park Playground

We have delivered a great new playground as part of Council’s Annual Playground Renewal Program which focuses on upgrading and improving play spaces across Banyule.

The design includes an electronic interactive piece of equipment called Yalp Memo. It’s the first of its kind in Victoria which is a collection of seven educational play pillars, each housing a 360° LED touch screen programmed with multiple games that focus on spelling and numerical skills, along with memory and agility.

We can see which games are the most popular and how long people spend playing them. New games can be introduced to keep it fresh. There are also a lot of natural play elements plus old-time favourites, such as swings, climbing equipment and the train and ticket booth!

Rosanna Streetscape Upgrade

The Rosanna Shopping Centre upgrade has faced many challenges. I would like to apologise for the delays and thank you the community and traders for your patience as we overcame obstacles to get the project finished.

The project has faced many setbacks including a limit on material supplies due to COVID-19, design complications and unforeseen underground conditions during construction, to name a few.

Although the project has been drawn-out, once it’s finished it will present many opportunities for our community including a more vibrant commercial centre and improved community facilities.

New Rosanna Library

In major news for the area, Council has entered into a partnership with Woolworths to deliver a new Rosanna Library and upgrades to the Turnham Avenue Streetscape.

Many of you would already be aware that Woolworths have received a planning permit to build a new supermarket at the 44 Turnham Avenue site.

Woolworths approached Council about the potential for a new larger library to be built along with the supermarket as part of the overall development.

Under the partnership it is proposed that Council sell a portion of land to Woolworths who would build a much larger library to be fitted out by Council. Council is also planning a major upgrade of the Heidelberg Theatre next door.

The project is still in its early phases and you will have opportunities to provide input into the designs and features of the new library in May 2021.

For more information visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

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FOGO gets the green light

We’re putting our green waste to good use by introducing a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) waste collection service in Banyule. This service will start in July 2022.

What is FOGO?
A FOGO service is where households place their food waste in the same bin as their garden waste.

The food and garden waste will then be composted and used as soil conditioner in residential, urban and rural environments such as gardens, parks and farms.

Why do we need FOGO?
Food waste when sent to landfill generates methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Being organic, food waste can easily be composted, a process that significantly reduces methane emissions. In addition to the greenhouse gas benefits, compost reduces and, in some cases, eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers and enhances water retention in soils.

Food Waste

Banyule garbage bins currently contain over 40% of food waste that all ends up in landfill.

By allowing residents to put food waste in with their garden waste for composting, all households can help the environment by diverting waste from landfill.

When will FOGO start?
The new FOGO service will commence in July 2022. We’ll keep you informed as the service details are finalised and well before the start of FOGO so you can be prepared.

This is an exciting step for Banyule as we move towards zero waste to landfill by 2030.

What are the benefits of FOGO?
Apart from the significant environmental benefits, we’ll be saving money too. By 2023, landfill costs will be 73% more expensive than composting. A FOGO service can potentially divert over 8,400 tonnes of food waste from landfill, saving over $600,000 in waste disposal costs that can be used in other ways to benefit the Banyule community.