

Agenda Sustainable Living Advisory Committee



Meeting details

Date of meeting	Tuesday, 12 May 2026
Time	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue	Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub – Clara Southern Room , 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Chair/Facilitator	Nadine Wooldridge
Minutes	Emily Harriss

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“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.”

Diversity Statement

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

Attendees

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr Alison Champion	Banyule City Council
Peter Hanning	Committee member
Jean Mehrtens	Committee member
Melissa Murphy Webster	Committee member
Mary Stringer	Committee member
Philip Meadors	Committee member
Shavaj Kallamkote	Committee member
Goran Babusku	Committee member

Council staff

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Nadine Wooldridge	Manager City Futures, Banyule City Council ACTING CHAIR
Fae Ballingall	Coordinator Strategic Planning & Urban Design, Banyule City Council
Emily Harriss	Strategic Planner, Banyule City Council

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr. Rick Garotti	Banyule City Council
Cr. Alida McKern	Banyule City Council
Christie Khanna	Committee member
Pippa Griffith	Committee member
Zoe Coverdale	Committee member
Lourdes Gomez	Committee member
Dianne Downey	Committee member

Items

Introduction 6:00 – 6:20 pm

- Nadine Wooldrige, Manager of City Futures, (the Chair) opened at the meeting at 6:09pm in the absence of Cr Garotti.
- The Chair welcomed Cr Champion who was attending the meeting as an observer.
- The Chair read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians and the Diversity Statement.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting 6:20-6:30pm

- There were no amended minutes to table from the previous meeting.
- The committee was reminded of the Code of Conduct which will be recirculated following the meeting.

2. New business 6:30 – 7:30pm

2.1 Draft Active Transport and Open Space Masterplan – Darebin to Ivanhoe Stations

- Alison Wood, Senior Transport Planner, presented to the committee on the Draft Active Transport and Open Space Masterplan which will be released for public consultation on Shaping Banyule from 18 May to 28 June 2026.
- There will be an information session on Sunday 21 June 2026 (1pm-4pm) including a free bike check.
- The Masterplan is the first project arising from the implementation of Council's Hurstbridge Rail Corridor Active Transport and Open Space Feasibility Study which was adopted by Council in 2023.
- The focus area for this project is between Salisbury Avenue in Ivanhoe and Ashby Grove in Eaglemont.
- The project aims to encourage people to use more active forms of transport through improvements to walking and cycling routes.
- Key interventions include bike sharrows, shared user paths, additional landscaping, seating, new on-street bike lanes and changes to on-street parking.
- There was a discussion between officers and the committee about if there is/will be any collaboration or funding from the state government as part of level crossing removal works. Officers advised that there has been a lot of advocacy to the state government about upgrades to the railway corridor and stations but no formal collaboration.
- There was a question from a committee member about if new lighting is to be installed as part of the project. Officers advised that the project focuses on surface treatments but there could be scope for additional lighting as part of the project which was taken as feedback.

2.2 Re-Imagining Greensborough

- Emma Butterworth, Senior Strategic Planner, presented to the committee on the Greensborough Structure Plan project.
- A Discussion Paper has been prepared and is currently on community consultation (5 May to 12 June 2026).
- Feedback from the community will be used in drafting of a new Greensborough Structure Plan.
- Key themes to be tested during community consultation:
 - Support the retail and commercial core
 - Create a dining and entertaining precinct
 - More/diverse housing in Greensborough
 - Streets for people – close off cars on Main Street?
 - Increase public and active transport
 - Cars and car parking – are there underutilised car parks?
 - Increase tree canopy and biodiversity

- The committee was asked to consider the streets for people concept (pedestrianising Main Street). Many committee members saw value/benefit in idea. Key points raised:
 - Importance of engaging with owners and traders of Greensborough Plaza
 - Dining area at Epping Plaza is a similar concept that is well utilised
 - Improving connectivity with Greensborough Plaza
 - Need anchor developments/private investment to support new vision for Greensborough
 - Improving opportunities for nighttime economy
 - Importance of providing public spaces for everyone
 - Improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists moving through Greensborough (particularly to/from train station)
- All community consultation activities can be found on the Shaping Banyule page.

3. Any other business 7:40 -8:00pm

- Fae Ballingall, Coordinator of Strategic Planning and Urban Design, provided an update on the Banyule Design Guide which is still being reviewed/updated following the introduction of the new Mid-Rise Code.
- Also waiting on direction from the state government about how to use/incorporate the Banyule Design Guide as part of the upcoming planning scheme amendment for housing and neighbourhood character.
- Officers thanked the committee again for their contributions to reviewing the Banyule Design Guide.
- A committee member expressed concerns about the planting of plane trees on council land which have been found to be sources of allergenic pollens in urban areas. It was suggested that this tree should be removed from council's approved tree planting list.
- Officers advised that plane trees make up only 0.7% of Banyule's urban forest but noted that the matter can be discussed further at a future meeting if the committee wished to advocate further to council.

4. Close and date of next meeting

- The Chair thanked all committee members and staff and closed the meeting at 8:04pm.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 August 2026 at the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub in the Clara Southern Room.