

Banyule Banner

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CEO's Message

Allison Beckwith

Chief Executive Officer



As the Banner goes to print, Banyule is waiting to learn who will be our nine councillors for the next four-year term.

That's why you are hearing from me in this edition and not the mayor, who will be elected at a special council meeting on 18 November.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will declare the results of the local government elections by 15 November and Banyule's new Council will be sworn in at the 18 November meeting.

A record of good governance

In coming weeks, our executive and governance teams will work closely with the new Council to ensure they understand their responsibilities.

Even before the election, our governance team was busy assisting the VEC, running seminars for potential candidates, advising Council staff and making sure the election ran fairly and smoothly. We are proud of Banyule's record of good governance and I thank all our staff for maintaining the highest integrity over the election period.

Farewell Tom Melican

I am grateful to the Council of 2020-2024 for their service to our community. It was a privilege to work with them as chief executive and I am proud of all the services, facilities and events we delivered for the Banyule community and the stable leadership we provided.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge Tom Melican, who has retired after more than 20

years as a councillor, including four stints as Banyule Mayor. Working with Tom has been a pleasure. I thank him for his dedication to the Banyule community and wish him well in his retirement.

See what we've been up to

Our 2023/24 Annual Report shows our progress towards the goals in Banyule's Community Vision 2041 and our Council Plan and Budget.

Among the highlights were adopting the Urban Forest Strategy, creating 1000 jobs and training opportunities (story on **page 10**), winning an award for our SALDHIG Diverse Communities Project and establishing the Banyule ThinkTank (**page 5**).

Read the report at banyule.vic.gov.au/AnnualReport

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Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

COVER: Mary's Tai Chi Group at Malahang Festival 2023.
Photo by Fresh Photography.

Council Meetings

 Upcoming dates:
18 November (Mayoral election)
25 November

 From 7pm

 Council Chambers @ Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub,
275 Upper Heidelberg Road,
Ivanhoe

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.

Pat Austen – 100 years of being her remarkable self

Old friends and new gathered at Bellfield Community Hub for Pat Austen’s 100th birthday, a country and western shindig at Council’s social support group for seniors.

A long-term member of the group, Pat shared fond memories of her childhood on the Eyre Peninsula, where she grew up in a farmhouse without electricity and rode a horse to school.

When Pat and her husband Cec moved to Macleod in the early 1950s, Erskine Road was the only sealed road. Their family grew up with the town and were embedded in community life. Pat and Cec helped establish tennis and netball clubs and both were keen lawn bowlers.

Pat still lives in the same house in Macleod, where her son Geoff is a frequent visitor with the important job of “nurturing nostalgia” over cups of tea. She credits Banyule’s social support group with the joy of new friends late in life.

Pat’s advice for a rich life is, like much true wisdom, simple: **“Be yourself and go for it!”**



Find out more about the social support program at banyule.vic.gov.au/SocialSupport or scan the code



Be yourself: Pat Austen with her son Geoff



Interacting with Council staff

Banyule employees are proud to serve our community, whether it's repairing a footpath or answering your questions.

When you are talking with a member of our Customer Service team, or if you see a Banyule staff member out and about, please be patient and treat them with respect.

Verbal abuse and aggressive or threatening behaviour towards our staff will not be tolerated.

Everyone has the right to feel safe in their workplace.

We appreciate your support.

Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Towards a water-sensitive city

Banyule is creating a new Integrated Water Management Plan to become a water-sensitive city.

This collaborative approach to managing the water cycle will focus on:

- improving stormwater quality to protect wetlands and waterways
- saving water across Banyule
- better management of local flooding.

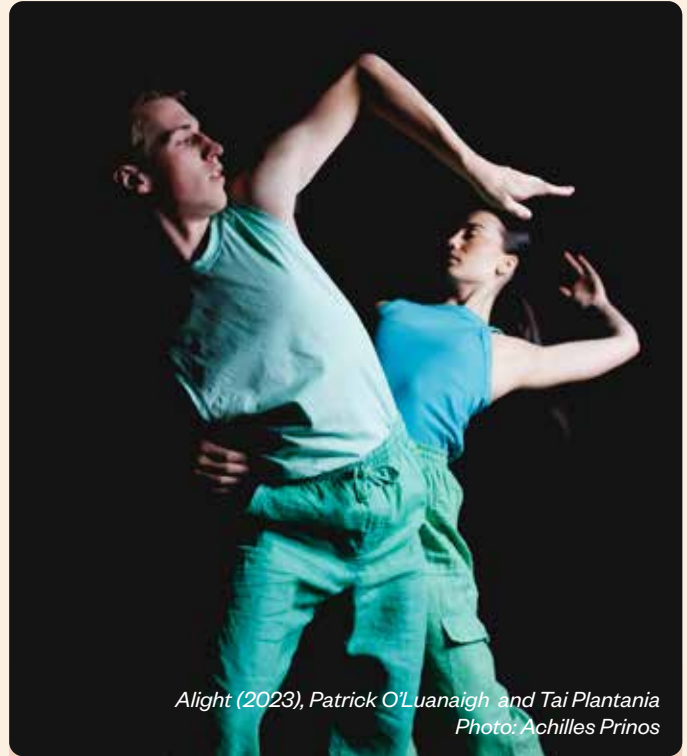
If you are passionate about water management, share your thoughts and expertise by completing the survey at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/IWMP

Your Council contact:

John Milkins, Environmental Operations Coordinator

Phone: **9457 9834**

Email: john.milkins@banyule.vic.gov.au



Alight (2023), Patrick O'Lunaigh and Tai Plantania
Photo: Achilles Prinos

Artist development and networking

Banyule is home to many artists and has a rich history of creative practice.

We want to continue building a culture of collaboration and skills sharing to ensure a sustainable and thriving creative sector. We invite local artists and creatives to help us develop a program of networking and professional development opportunities. Share your thoughts and priorities at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/ArtistsInBanyule

Your Council contact:

Hiroki Kobayashi, Arts and Culture Development Officer

Phone: **8673 4371**

Email: hiroki.kobayashi@banyule.vic.gov.au





Banyule Futures

Your Voice Our Future

More than 970 people told us their priorities for what Council should focus on in the next four years.

Did you chat with us at one of Council's pop-up consultation sessions at a local shopping centre? Perhaps you attended a community vision workshop or completed a survey online?

We're using this information to help draw up important plans and services, in collaboration with members of our community through the Banyule ThinkTank.

The ThinkTank has met twice, in July and August, to learn about key Council strategies and carefully consider what you told us.

The ThinkTank is an important part of Council's community engagement process, and our promise to work closely with our diverse community to make decisions and design services that benefit everyone.

The 55 ThinkTank members include people from all backgrounds and lived experiences, essentially making up a 'mini-Banyule'. It is one way of harnessing local wisdom to ensure Council understands the needs and aspirations of our community.



Next steps

The ThinkTank will meet again in November and December to refine their priorities and present their recommendations to the new Council.

Find out more

We have captured what you told us in our community engagement sessions and surveys. Read the report on Council's Shaping Banyule website. There's also a summary of the two ThinkTank sessions and a video of ThinkTank members sharing their experience.





Reducing your risk of fire

Did you know Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world?

As we head into another Fire Danger Period, now is the time to get organised and protect yourself and your property from fire.

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer conducts inspections each year to identify fire risks around Banyule. All property owners must reduce fire hazards and maintain their properties throughout the Fire Danger Period.

Check your property regularly, keeping in mind changing weather conditions, and put in place a maintenance schedule through to April.

If you need help, arrange a local contractor to carry out the required work to ensure compliance.

No burning off is allowed in Banyule during the declared Fire Danger Period. At other times, a permit is required.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) declares the Fire Danger Period for each municipality at different times in the lead-up to the fire season. During the Fire Danger Period, the use of fire is restricted to help prevent fires from starting. Check the CFA website for more information: cfa.vic.gov.au

Fire prevention checklist

Fuel reduction is one of the most important precautions you can undertake.

- Slash or mow grass around the home and outbuildings.
- Remove tree limbs, branches, leaf litter and twigs from around your home.
- Maintain a 20m fuel reduction zone around your home (greater if on a slope).
- Clear around trees and remove dead branches, prune lower limbs and cut back branches overhanging any roof.
- Keep gutters and roofs clear of leaf litter, twigs and debris.

It's a good idea to stack firewood away from the house and, as always, check your smoke alarms regularly.

Seasonal conditions may result in regrowth of vegetation after the initial slashing or mowing. It's important to maintain fire prevention steps throughout the Fire Danger Period.

Project updates across Banyule

Shared path along railway

Railway Road in Greensborough will be closed while we build a bike and walking path from Paterson Crescent to Sherbourne Road. The path follows the railway line and completes the missing link between the Yarra Plenty Trail and the Para Road/Sherbourne Road roundabout. It is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

Anthony Beale Reserve pavilion

Work has begun on the \$1.8 million upgrade of the pavilion at Anthony Beale Reserve. The improvements funded by Banyule Council include female-friendly changerooms and umpire amenities, as well as renovations to the community rooms and kitchen. The facilities will address the lack of community spaces in the area.

Greensborough War Memorial Park

Improvements to the pavilion at Greensborough War Memorial Park, including renovation of the canteen, are underway and will be finished by the end of the year.

Bonds Road improvements

We're upgrading drainage and resurfacing the road along Bonds Road in Lower Plenty. It should be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.

Old Shire Offices, Heidelberg

The carpark at the Old Shire Offices in Beverley Road, Heidelberg has been resurfaced. The work was done in sections to work around venue hire bookings and sport events.

Major projects update

We're making steady progress on some big projects around Banyule. We're revitalising Watsonia village, creating a beautiful new library in Rosanna and a safer, more inviting streetscape in East Ivanhoe shopping village.



Watsonia Town Square

We've awarded a contract for the last stage of the Town Square, including landscaping and building a new accessible toilet block.

We heard community concerns about changing parking bays on Watsonia Road from 60-degree to 90-degree and are reviewing the design. We'll consider all concerns raised and make a detailed response in November. Council staff will talk through the designs at a drop-in session:

Drop-in information session

📅 Thursday 21 November

🕒 5.30pm – 7.30pm

📍 Watsonia Library



Find out more and sign up for updates - scan the code or head to shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/WatsoniaTownSquare



Rosanna Library

Construction is progressing well, with the carpark footings and walls nearly completed and the carpark concrete slab being installed.

The new library, delivered through a partnership with Woolworths, will be a three-storey, 1600sqm building with indoor and outdoor spaces.

The pop-up library service is at 56 Beetham Parade Rosanna until the new library is complete, expected to be in late 2025.



To find out more or sign up for updates, scan the code or visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/RosannaLibrary



East Ivanhoe Village

Streetscape works are underway in the shopping village for new pedestrian crossings for Carmichael Street, Wilfred Road and Burton Crescent. There's a new pedestrian refuge island to make Warncliffe Road safer to cross.

Residents and visitors can enjoy the new seating and planters in the walkway next to St George's Church (pictured). It was relocated from Burton Crescent, which will have new street furniture to match the Lower Heidelberg Road upgrade.



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



About the NISP

The Victorian Government identified the area in Melbourne's north as a priority precinct in Plan Melbourne 2017-2050. One of a few significant employment precincts in Melbourne, it is already supporting 40,000 jobs and has an annual economic output of \$9.5 billion.

Jobs and housing plan shaping our region

We've set ambitious targets for new jobs, homes, education and research opportunities in Melbourne's north.

Together with Darebin Council, La Trobe University, NORTH Link and local schools, hospitals and businesses, Banyule is advocating for more investment in the Northern Innovation and Sustainability Precinct (NISP).

Growth and innovation in industry, education, health and research is transforming the precinct into an economic powerhouse. Private and public investment planned or underway includes:

- La Trobe University's \$5 billion City of the Future, with 12,000 new residents and 20,000 jobs
- \$1.6 billion Northland redevelopment with 2300 residential apartments

- \$300 million Austin Hospital upgrade, \$200 million La Trobe Hospital expansion and \$180 million Warringal Private Hospital expansion
- \$150 million La Trobe University Sports Park.

To realise this potential, the area must have good transport networks, diverse housing and infrastructure to support the growing workforce and a sustainable local environment.

We're seeking \$5 million in government funding to develop a plan and progress key projects in the precinct. Find out more and get behind us at banyule.vic.gov.au/NISP

Our changing neighbourhoods

Banyule is a great place to live, but how will our neighbourhoods change in the future? Our Housing and Neighbourhood Character strategies, adopted in August, will help guide Banyule's housing development to be inclusive, encourage good design and manage the impact on neighbourhood character.

The strategies were finalised after community engagement from 2022 to 2024, together with population projections and expert reviews of Banyule's neighbourhood character and housing capacity. Feedback on the drafts led to some changes, including how Council responds to social and affordable housing.

See the adopted strategies at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/HNC



Youth Summit Report Card event

At this inspiring session, Banyule's young people reported back on outcomes of the 2023 Youth Summit.

Projects they've been working on include a leadership training day for young people, an employment forum for Somali-Australian youth and mental health programs for young people.

Scan the code to watch a recap of the event.



Tackling bin contamination in Banyule

When the wrong item goes in a bin, it compromises the way we sort waste. That means recyclable or compostable waste is sent to landfill, which costs us all more.

Our recent audit of Banyule's bins showed that 28% of the average recycling bin is contamination.

Common contaminants in recycling bins include bagged waste (full of either recyclables or general waste), soft plastics and textiles.

Also, almost 5% of Banyule's FOGO (food organics, garden organics) stream is contaminated, mostly by bagged waste. Remember, don't use bags or liners – not even compostable liners – in your FOGO.

Contamination makes the bin collection service more expensive for residents and ratepayers because of the cost of removing contamination and sending it to landfill.

To help us tackle this issue, we are updating our bins with electronic serial numbers. By identifying contaminated bins, we can provide targeted education and support to households to improve waste sorting practices and make sure more gets recycled.



Please do not bag recyclables or FOGO waste – it must go in your bins loose!

Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/bins

What's on in waste



Sustainable festive wreath-making

📅 Wednesday 4 December

🕒 5pm – 7pm

📍 Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub

Join us for a fun and eco-friendly workshop and learn how to create beautiful wreaths using natural, compostable materials.



Help your garden thrive with compost

📅 Saturday 16 November

🕒 10am – 12pm

📍 Bellfield Community Gardens

Green thumbs and aspiring garden enthusiasts, join us for a soil-enriching, waste-reducing workshop to transform kitchen scraps into gardening gold.

Register for these events at banyule.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn or scan the code.





1000 jobs for Banyule

Inclusive Jobs Service meeting

We set a target of creating 1000 jobs and training opportunities by 2025. We hit that target a year ahead of schedule.

The 1000 jobs target was a collective aim of Banyule's Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and our Social Enterprise Strategy.

Inclusive employment

Our programs remove the barriers that make it harder for some people to find employment. These include bias and discrimination, lack of support networks, low self-esteem and socioeconomic disadvantage.

Banyule's Inclusive Employment Program (IEP) offers six-months' work at Council and coaching to develop job skills and networks.

We also reviewed our procurement policies to reward organisations that have inclusive hiring practices.

Social enterprise partnerships

Council partners with social enterprises to create training and employment opportunities for people who face barriers to work.

To date, we've supported 14 social enterprises, including For Change Café Bellfield, which provides tailored opportunities for young people at risk of homelessness, and Himilo Workforce, which provides recruitment, training and consultation services to place disadvantaged job seekers in appropriate work.

Pathways to employment

We created more inclusive and accessible volunteering opportunities, helping people gain skills for future paid employment, and we expanded Council's work experience and student placement programs.

Inclusive employment toolkit

We developed resources that have been used by local employers and other councils in Melbourne's north to improve their inclusive employment practices.

Inclusive Jobs Service

We helped local business owners, employers and traders develop inclusive hiring practices. By accessing a pool of employees they might commonly overlook, they created job opportunities for people facing employment barriers.

We provided proactive support for local people facing unemployment with the closure of a manufacturing plant in Heidelberg West. Working with Workforce Australia, we held a successful job expo offering personalised employment services and career development opportunities for 60 employees, pictured above.

Here's what we achieved

- **136 jobs** with local employers
- **121 jobs** in Banyule's Inclusive Employment Program
- **33 local jobs** through sustainable procurement practices
- **143 volunteer opportunities**
- **97 work experience and student placements** at Council
- **13 jobs** at other northern metro councils using Banyule toolkit
- **11 traineeships and apprenticeships** at Banyule Council
- **403 jobs and training opportunities** through social enterprise partnerships
- **66 people employed** through job support services

“I was straight out of university and struggling to find a job when I heard about the Inclusive Employment Program. It was good to work at the local council, it felt like I was giving back to the community. The opportunity to expand your networks is invaluable. That’s half the battle really, especially straight out of university.”

Rhylie, 2020 IEP graduate
HR consultant, not-for-profit sector



“The program helped me find a career pathway and gave me transferrable skills. It is still helping me in my career and I’ve recommended it to my friends.”

Prasad, 2021 IEP graduate
Reporting and insights analyst, health insurance company

Despite qualifications and experience in engineering, Lohith struggled to secure job interviews with employers who did not value his international experience.

“Once you go through several rejections you begin to doubt yourself. The IEP team is very passionate and their intention is not just to get you through the six-month program, it’s about preparing you for the next steps. I have always thought I was lucky to land in Banyule. I would rate the Inclusive Employment Program as one of the best for anyone facing barriers to employment.”

Lohith, 2020 IEP graduate
Team leader, Major Transport Projects, Banyule Council



“I read about the program in the Banner. There was a story about a mum getting back to work, which resonated with me. The support I had from the many managers and directors I worked with was priceless, as were the networks and friendships I made. I would definitely recommend the program. It opened the door to many opportunities for me.”

Veron, 2022 IEP graduate
Stakeholder engagement lead, government sector



“I found a love for working in the kitchen. It really helped me become more confident interacting with people. For Change Co. always supported me and lifted me up and made sure I understood what I was doing and prepared me for the future.”

Jack, For Change Cafe graduate





Granting a helping hand

Diamond Valley Photographic Society used a Banyule grant to purchase the studio lights used to capture this dramatic photo of the Diamond Valley Big Band.

Catch the band in A Cabaret Evening of Big Band Music, Friday 15 November.



We are lucky to have an active and involved community in Banyule, creating the thriving neighbourhoods and environment we love.

Council provides practical support through financial grants. We awarded a round of grants in September.

Arts and Culture Grants

We awarded seven grants totalling \$59,709, including:

- Monty Hub – \$10,000 to develop a community orchestra.
- Mira Oosterweghel – \$7409 for Slip of the Tongue art exhibition during Midsumma Festival 2025.

Environment Grants

We awarded 13 grants totalling \$89,000, including:

- Montmorency Primary School – \$9984 for a pond ecosystem to promote biodiversity and science education.
- Riverland Conservation Society of Heidelberg Inc – \$1015 to install microbat nesting boxes in Yarra Flats Park.

Community Grants

We awarded 29 projects totalling \$165,000 dollars, including:

- Banyule Community Health – \$10,000 for *I wanna tell my story*, stories from women who have experienced family violence.
- Watsonia Neighbourhood House – \$9987 for the Men’s Social Connection Group.
- Sustainable Macleod – \$6117 for their community tool library.



Representatives from Banyule’s Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee and Montmorency Primary School at the grants presentation.

Find out more about grants at banyule.vic.gov.au/Grants





Everybody is welcome

Sunday 17 November

11am – 4pm

Malahang Reserve, 123 Southern Road, Heidelberg West

This **free** and family-friendly event is a celebration of Banyule's diverse community. There's heaps to see and do for everyone including live music, circus play, art and craft workshops and sports. Food trucks and a community BBQ with halal options will keep your energy up for a fun day.

Accessible – accessible parking and drop-off areas, accessible toilets, Phonic Ear system, noise-cancelling headphones and a chill-out space.

Inclusive – CALD, LGBTIQ+ and all abilities friendly.

Drug, alcohol and smoke-free.

Getting here:

- Ride your bike or visit ptv.vic.gov.au for bus timetables.
- Accessible parking and drop-off areas via Oriel Road. No on-site public parking.

Supported by



Jellis Craig



Find out more on 9490 4222, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival or scan the code.



Save the date for Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 14 December

Greensborough War Memorial Park

Dust off your carolling skills and get ready for some Christmas fun with MC Wilbur Wilde and band. Performers include Sean Millis, Chao Feng Chinese Orchestra, a local children's band and more. There will be free photos with Santa, craft workshops, face painting and food trucks.

More details soon at banyule.vic.gov.au/carols

Banyule Children's Gift Appeal

For 23 years, the Banyule Children's Gift Appeal has brightened Christmas for local children and families experiencing financial hardship. Last Christmas 519 local children received gifts.

There are many ways to get involved.

Make a donation



Tax deductible donations are used to purchase gifts and gift cards for children. Donate at gofund.me/Ode3cab6 or scan the code.

Give a book

Every year the 3081 Angels gives a new book to every child under 12 who is referred to the appeal. To support this, email the Angels at 3081angels@bchs.org.au

Donate toys

From 1 November **new** gifts and toys can be dropped in donation bins at:

- Diamond Valley Community Support, Level 3, Greensborough Plaza
- West Heidelberg Community Hub, 155 Oriel Rd, Heidelberg West
- WaterMarc entrance, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough
- Watsonia Library, 4/6 Ibbottson Street, Watsonia
- Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe
- Rosanna Library Pop Up, 56 Beetham Parade, Rosanna



Get involved

Volunteers can help by packing and delivering parcels and collecting donations. Community groups and local businesses can also run donation drives for the appeal. To volunteer or register your group as a participant, phone **9435 8282** or email projectadmin@dvsupport.org.au



New fines to deter littering

Did you know Council has investigated more than 700 litter reports in the past year?

The Environment Protection Act sets penalties for littering. Fines have increased, with penalties ranging from \$300 to \$1976

for individuals and up to \$5769 for a corporation.

Need to report littering?

- Contact our Customer Service team: phone **9490 4222** or email enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au
- Report while you are out and about at banyule.vic.gov.au/ReportIt

Free hard waste collection

All Banyule households are entitled to two free waste collections each year. This could be for hard waste or bundled branches that are too big for your FOGO bin.

The quickest way to book a collection is via Council's website – scan the code or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/HardWaste. Don't have easy access to the internet? Call us on **9490 4222**.





Making a splash in Banyule

Swimming is a great way to keep fit, relax, escape the summer heat and help kids splash off some energy. Did you know that Banyule has four public swimming pools?

Learn to swim

Swimming is a lifelong skill that can save your life, and it's never too late to learn how to be confident in the water.

WaterMarc, Ivanhoe Aquatic and Yarra Swim School at Herb Norman Pool offer swimming lessons for children and adults of all abilities.

There are weekly, school term-based programs and school holiday intensive programs on offer.



To find out more about learn to swim programs, scan the code or head to banyule.vic.gov.au/LeisureCentres



Council-owned aquatic facilities

WaterMarc

📍 Flintoff St, Greensborough

📅 Monday to Friday 6am – 9.30pm,
weekends 7am – 7.30pm

☎ 9422 6111

Ivanhoe Aquatic

📍 170 Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe

📅 Monday to Friday 6am – 9.15pm,
weekends 7am – 7.45pm

☎ 9490 7111

Olympic Leisure

📍 15 Alamein Rd, Heidelberg West

📅 Monday to Thursday 7am – 12.30pm & 3.30pm
– 8pm, Friday 7am – 12.30pm & 3.30pm – 6pm,
Saturday 8am – 1pm, Sunday 9am – 1pm

☎ 9459 1193

Herb Norman Pool

📍 Liat Way, Greensborough

☎ Yarra Swim School, 9434 4516
Yarra Plenty Waves Swim Club, 9434 4516

Congratulations Ahmed!


Ahmed Kelly, a Paralympian who trains with Yarra Plenty Waves at WaterMarc, won a silver medal in the men's 150m individual medley SM3 in Paris. Ahmed added to his medal tally, having previously won silver in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Saving energy at home



Solar Savers information sessions

 **Wednesday 13 November**

 **12.30pm – 1.30pm or 7pm – 8pm**

 **Online**

Discover how Council's Solar Savers program can help you make the transition to renewable energy.


Learn about solar panels, heat pumps and split systems to generate energy, reduce bills and cut your carbon footprint.

Bookings: scan the code or head to banyule.vic.gov.au/SolarSavers



Induction cooktop demonstration

 **Tuesday 12 November, 6.30pm – 8pm**

 **Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub**

Induction cooktops are safe, healthy and energy efficient. Join us for a cooking demonstration and learn how to reuse festive season leftovers.

Did you know you can borrow an induction cooktop from Banyule libraries to try at home before you buy?

Bookings: scan the code or head to trybooking.com/CVLXE



Order your 2025 community calendar

Put a little bit of Banyule on your wall with our 2025 calendar.

To request a calendar, call us on **9490 4222**, scan the code or order online at banyule.vic.gov.au/calendar



Cultural event – callout for participation

We're on the lookout for groups with a cultural focus to get involved in a new event celebrating the different backgrounds that make up Banyule's rich and diverse community.

The event in mid-March will feature live music workshops, activities and market stalls. It's a great opportunity to share your culture and heritage with the community.

If you could run a market stall or cultural activity, we'd love to hear from you. There are limited opportunities for music performances and workshops.



Interested? Contact Stefanie via email at arts@banyule.vic.gov.au



Celebrating people with disability



Reece Gertler with his artwork on Greensborough Walk

International Day of People with Disability, observed across the globe on 3 December, is an opportunity to showcase the many contributions people with disability make to our community.

Flying the Disability Pride flag is one way to celebrate these contributions. The colours in the flag, shown below, represent different disabilities while the charcoal background commemorates victims of violence and abuse.

New art in Greensborough Walk

This year we're inviting the community to enjoy the artistic talents of people with disability.

From November, Greensborough Walk will be transformed with exciting new works by young artists from Banyule Youth Services' Inclusive Creative Arts program. The program encourages social connection and creative expression for young people of all abilities.



All abilities community fun day

Drop in and enjoy a full day program for people of all ages and abilities.

Activities include art, poetry and short films by people with disability, along with Lego, puzzles, music and performances in a great chill-out space.

Bookings are required for the performance only.

 **Tuesday 3 December, 11am – 2pm**

 **Special performance, 2pm – 3pm (please book)**

 **Art Gallery 275 and Community Lounge, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub**

To book for the performance, scan the code or head to events.humanitix.com/communityfunday





Spring bike skills classes

Hands-on bike maintenance workshop

📅 Tuesday 19 November, 6pm – 8.30pm

📍 Henry Street Community Hall, 203 Henry Street, Greensborough.



Bring your bike and learn how to fix a puncture, care for your chain and more. For ages 13 to adults (teenagers to be accompanied by an adult). \$25 full, \$15 concession. Book at trybooking.com/1264221 or scan the code.

Individual bike skills sessions

📅 Saturday 23 November, 9am – 3pm
(choose a 50 minute timeslot)

📍 Warringal Park Oval, Heidelberg



For adults and children aged 7 and up who want to learn to ride and novice riders who want to improve their confidence. \$25 full, \$15 concession. Book at trybooking.com/1264231 or scan the code.

Urban cycling confidence

📅 Sunday 24 November, 10am – 3pm

📍 La Trobe University Tennis Courts, Bundoora



For adults who can ride confidently and wish to start riding on the road. Includes on-road riding in light traffic. \$25 full, \$15 concession. Book at trybooking.com/1269293 or scan the code.



Bike repairs on the go

Need to make a quick bike repair while you're out? There are eight bike repair stations around Banyule with a stand, pump and basic tools to complete on-the-go repairs. The stations are at:

- Ford Park, Bellfield
- Ivanhoe Aquatic, Ivanhoe
- Macleod Park, Macleod
- Malahang Reserve, Heidelberg West
- Warringal Parklands, Heidelberg
- Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe
- Wilson Reserve Trail, Ivanhoe
- Yallambie Park, Yallambie

See the locations on a map at banyule.vic.gov.au/TravelSmart

Not sure how to use a bike repair station? Visit sarisinfrastucture.com/help for instructions or check out the bike maintenance workshop, above.

Spring Outdoors Festival



Banyule Flats frog census

📅 Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

📍 Somerset Road Carpark, Banyule Flats Reserve,
36 Somerset Drive, Viewbank

Join ecologist David De Angelis to survey and learn about intriguing local amphibians. Practise your citizen science skills with the Frog Census app and iNaturalist. If you would like to use them, download these apps before the session. Children must be supervised.



Conservation reserves tour through Banyule

📅 Thursday 28 November, 8.30am – 4pm

📍 Meet at Somerset Road Carpark, Banyule Flats Reserve,
36 Somerset Drive, Viewbank

Guided bus tour with some walking. Learn about Banyule's natural assets and meet our conservation team.

All-day event, lunch provided, bring drinking water.

Find out more and book for these and other Spring Outdoors events at banyule.vic.gov.au/SpringOutdoors or scan the code.



Home harvest activities for spring

Learn about local food production and take a tour of Banyule's community gardens and urban farms.

Good and bad bugs – managing garden pests

📅 Saturday 23 November, 10am – 12pm

📍 Bellfield Community Garden,
15 Daphne Crescent, Bellfield

What's eating your tomatoes? Why are there holes in your lettuce leaves? Learn sustainable and cost-effective ways to manage common pests and diseases. Stay for a tour of Bellfield Community Garden.

Bookings: scan the code or head to trybooking.com/CVLXI



Veggie seedling propagation workshop

📅 Thursday 14 November, 6pm – 7.30pm,

📍 The Veggie Empire Farm, Beales Road,
Greensborough



November is a great time to plant seedlings for a fabulous home harvest in summer and autumn. Set up for a bumper season with the crew from Caring Farms Coop. Propagate seedlings to take home and stay for a tour of the farm to meet

The Veggie Empire, a team of horticulturists providing training and employment for people with intellectual disabilities.

Bookings: scan the code or head to trybooking.com/CVLYB



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub

Events & activities

- 📍 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
- 🌐 banyule.vic.gov.au/ILCH
- ✉ arts@banyule.vic.gov.au
- ☎ 9490 4222

Art Gallery 275: Wed to Fri 10am – 5pm, Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 11am – 4pm (Mon & Tue closed)
Loft 275: open during library hours



John Borraack A return to Heidelberg

📅 **Until 24 November**
Celebration event: **Friday 8 November, 6.30pm – 8pm**

📍 **Art Gallery 275**

John Borraack is recognised as one of Australia's finest landscape artists.

His work invites us to look at and reflect on the history and transformation of our ancient land.

Borraack's life as an artist has been heavily influenced by the rich cultural history of the Heidelberg district he absorbed while growing up in Ivanhoe from 1938 to 1962.

His father, a geologist and teacher, instilled in John an interest in observing and discovering the natural phenomena of this timeless land.

Join us for this important exhibition of Borraack's work, a return to where his artistic journey began, here in the heart of Banyule.

Image: Valley of the Plenty near Heidelberg (1990) by John Borraack.



Parallel Clay Practice By Sally Adamson, Frida Birkic, Libby Muller

📅 **8 November – 1 December**
Opening Night: **Friday 8 November, 6.30pm - 8pm**

📍 **Loft 275**

Parallel Clay Practice formed out of a writing group that used clay exercises and writing prompts to nurture creativity. The exhibition includes figures made by community members during the artists' residency in Mungga Artist Studios.

Image: The beginnings of a crowd (2024), by the artists.



Books and their people Artist residency with Brett Scapin

📅 **1 - 30 November**

📍 **Mungga Artist Studios**

Local artist Brett Scapin will undertake a collaborative photo project that captures library visitors with their most cherished book. Ivanhoe Library visitors are invited to sit for a portrait with their book. Please visit Brett in the studios!

Image: Detail from Lucie with Harry Potter (2024) by Brett Scapin



Ivanhoe Library staff member using Cards of Kindness collection box.

Cards of Kindness with Heidi Everett

📅 11 November – 15 December

Yarra Plenty Regional Library, in partnership with Banyule Council, is running the Cards of Kindness project with local artist and mental health advocate, Heidi Everett.

This November and December we encourage you to anonymously write a greeting card for a person in the psychiatric unit at the Austin Hospital.

Drop your card in the special post box at any Yarra Plenty

Regional Library branch. It will be delivered to the hospital and local aged care facilities by volunteers.

There will be two card-making workshops in November:

Watsonia Library – 19 November

Ivanhoe Library – 21 November

Please book at banyule.vic.gov.au/CardsOfKindness

For more information contact:

Lynne Siejka, Yarra Plenty

Regional Library Service

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For the first time, Banyule will be part of the Victorian tour of the St Kilda Film Festival.

See 14 of the top short films from this year's 40th anniversary program. There will be two sessions – Award Winners and Director's Choice.

Please note: Some films contain themes that require parental guidance. Under 15s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

St Kilda Film Festival tour

📅 Friday 29 November, 6pm – 9pm

📍 Hoyts Cinemas, Greensborough Plaza



Tickets: \$10, includes popcorn and drink. Scan the code to book.





Echidna Dreaming by Aunty Judy Nicholson, part of her series depicting the Wurundjeri seasons.

Buath Gurru – grass flowering season

It's Buath Gurru and that means there'll be lots of pollen in the air as grasses are flowering. If you have hay fever, you'll have felt this season, arriving during October.

The weather is warm and it rains often. A variety of grasses are in flower during and beyond Buath Gurru, including Bobat (large tussock grass) and Karawun (spiney-headed mat-rush), which are used to make string for baskets, mats, bags and nets. The leaves of Ban (kangaroo grass) are used for baskets and, along with spear grass, its seeds can be ground for flour.

Buliyong (bats) are catching insects at night. During the day, male common brown butterflies are in flight.

Corranderrk (Victorian Christmas bush) is coming into flower. Its wood is particularly hard, making it a good fire stick.

Kookaburras call at dawn and dusk marking out their family territory. They live in tree hollows in family groups with up to three males guarding the nest of a brooding female. Young kookaburras stay in the nest for a year, being fed by both their mother and father.

Towards the end of November, as Garrawang (kangaroo-apple season) approaches, we'll see more of the storms and irregular weather patterns for which Naarm (Melbourne) is known. Temperatures will continue to warm as we move ever onwards towards Biderap (dry season) in January and February.

Buath Gurru is short and beautiful, so take a moment to appreciate all the flowers and vibrant greens surrounding us.

Celebrating Wilson Reserve

Wilson Reserve is an important part of Banyule's wildlife corridor and we're still able to enjoy it thanks to the efforts of local residents 100 years ago.



Located on the Yarra River, Wilson Reserve is a diverse environment of wetland, native woodland and aquatic vegetation. These communities host many native fauna, with recordings of more than 121 bird species, eight types of frog and six different microbats. The Birrarung (Yarra River) is central to the cultural identity and livelihood of First Nations people, with surrounding billabongs, wetlands and river flats being an important food source over thousands of years.


By the 1850s the area was almost entirely cleared for dairy farming. In 1924, Theodore Eiseman, Christopher Bailey and Harry Wilson came up with a plan for locals to buy the land at two shillings and sixpence (about 25c in today's money) per foot of river frontage. The local swimming club and Scouts bought several acres by subscription. The land was presented to Heidelberg Shire Council to be held in trust for the youth of Ivanhoe.

It became known as Wilson Reserve after Sea Scout leader "Skipper" Wilson and was a popular spot for swimming and boating until the 1960s.

The reserve is now managed by Council's Bushland Management team and the Friends of Wilson Reserve. The upcoming centenary event is a great opportunity to see what has been achieved and talk to the Friends group about getting involved with the continued care of this wonderful area.

Wilson Reserve celebration

 **Sunday 17 November, 10am – 12pm**

 **Wilson Reserve, near the Sea Scouts Hut, enter via The Boulevard or Irvine carpark, Ivanhoe**



To learn more about the Friends of Wilson Reserve and other Friends groups, scan the QR code or head to banyule.vic.gov.au/friendsgroup



Join a **free** celebration
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Proudly featuring a
culturally diverse program
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Circus play | Live music | Art & craft
workshops for all ages | Council
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Sensory friendly space | Food trucks

For more information and to view
the full event program please visit
banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival

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MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST



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Rosanna 72 Turnham Ave (currently closed)

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