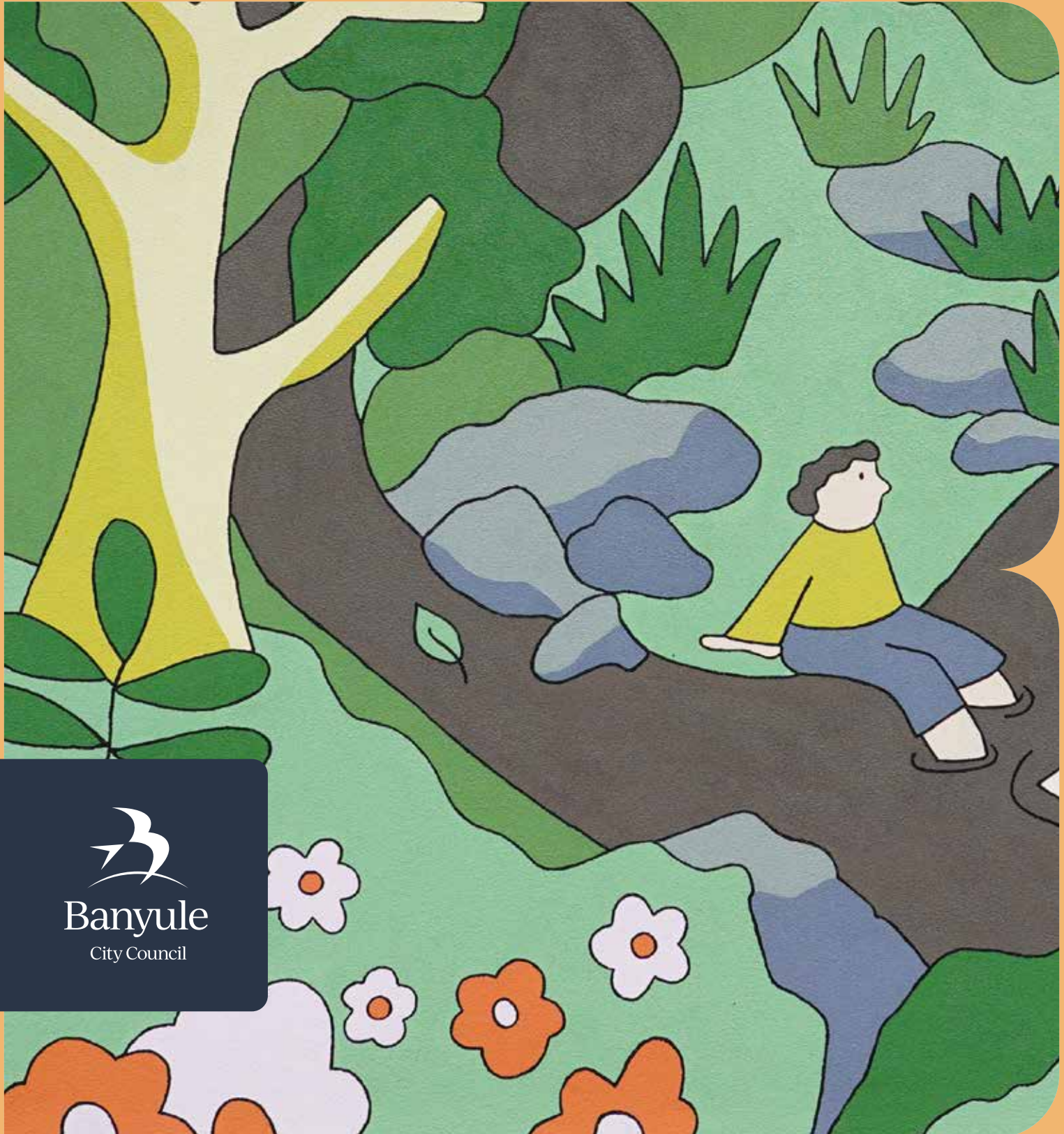


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Mayor's Message

Mayor
Cr Elizabeth Nealy



New Victorian Government levy to cost locals

Ratepayers will be hit with higher charges on their next rates notice, partly due to the Victorian Government's Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund, which replaces the Fire Services Property Levy.

For a home that's valued at \$1 million, this could mean an extra \$90 added to your rates. We've raised concerns with Ministers and local MPs about the new levy and have called for urgent changes, including increasing the pensioner rebate, stronger financial hardship support, and the removal of collection responsibilities from councils altogether.

While we support our emergency services, we're disappointed this charge will fall on ratepayers. Learn more on [page 5](#).

Budget and Banyule Plan

Financial sustainability, environmental action, community advocacy and addressing homelessness are just some of the strategic actions we're focusing on as part of our newly adopted Banyule Plan 2025–2029.

Council also recently adopted the 2025–2029 Budget, which sets aside \$71.27 million for works – 81% of which will be used for renewing and upgrading existing assets and infrastructure over the coming year. Read the Plan and see the Budget on [pages 3, 6 and 7](#).

BestBiz Awards open

Know a local business that goes above and beyond? Now's the time to vote for them in this year's BestBiz Awards, which celebrate the best of Banyule's 11,000 businesses. Voting closes 31 August. Details on [page 12](#).

Spring Outdoors Festival

It is almost time to get outside and enjoy the wonderful green spaces we have in Melbourne's north-east with the Spring Outdoors Festival.

We're featuring lots of great events in partnership with Manningham and Nillumbik Councils. See [page 18](#) to get outdoors.

Take a dog waste bag with you

When you're heading to the park with your four-legged friend, remember to take a waste bag with you.

In some locations we provide dog waste bags with general waste (red-lid) park bins. Please only take the bags you need.

We recently made some changes to dog waste bins in our parks.

Scan the code to watch a quick video explaining why.



Stay in touch with us online

 Email newsletters
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[@BanyuleCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/BanyuleCouncil)

Have your say on important projects and local initiatives

 shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au

Council Meetings

 Upcoming dates:
1 September
22 September

 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.

COVER: Detail of mural on James Reserve toilet block by Angharad Neal-Williams.

The Banyule Plan 2025–2029

Banyule's roadmap for the next four years

We've launched the *Banyule Plan 2025–2029* to set our strategic direction for the next four years.

It's the main guiding document that will shape everything we do at Council.

Most importantly, everything in this plan has been informed by our community after our Council's most ambitious community consultation to date.

Our priorities

The **Banyule Plan** highlights seven key priorities:

1. Financial sustainability
2. Environmental action
3. Supporting local businesses
4. Advocating for community needs
5. Improving community assets and projects
6. Health and wellbeing
7. Housing and homelessness

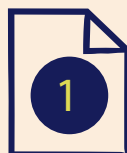
Thank you to the 1000+ locals and our Banyule ThinkTank members who helped shape the Banyule Plan.

We've heard your voice and we'll make sure it's put to good use.

Find out what's in the Plan at banyule.vic.gov.au/2025BudgetPlan or scan the code.



The Banyule Plan is made up of three documents:



Community Vision

Six priority themes and descriptions of the desired future. It serves as the 'North Star' guiding Council's work over the next four years.



Banyule Plan

Council's key strategic plan, which uses the Community Vision to identify programs, services and initiatives to meet community needs.



Health and Wellbeing Plan

Strategic plan that outlines Council's primary priorities and objectives for safeguarding, enhancing and promoting community health and wellbeing.

We're focused on the essential services

As well as big priorities and new projects, the Banyule Plan looks at how we deliver and measure success in our everyday activities. We're:

- maintaining 667km of roads
- lifting bins 4.4 million times a year
- maintaining 48km² of open space (almost the size of Sydney Harbour)
- mowing equal to 250 MCGs each summer month
- hosting 5000 visits at our Maternal and Child Health Centres each year.

Order your 2026 Community Calendar

To request your 2026 calendar, call us on **9490 4222**, scan the code or order online at banyule.vic.gov.au/calendar



Shaping Banyule

Get involved in local projects



Bell Street Mall

Have your say - second round of community engagement now open

We're now inviting you to share your thoughts on the draft masterplan until 3 September.

In March 2025, more than 300 people shared their ideas in an online survey and in-person conversations. Your feedback guided a draft masterplan to revitalise the Mall, celebrate its identity and strengthen community connections.

Get involved **online** to:

- View the Draft Masterplan shaped by your ideas
- Explore key themes from the first engagement
- Complete a short, easy online survey to share your feedback.

Join us **in person** at our information sessions for community members and stakeholders. Scan the code or visit the link below for dates and locations.

Your Council contact

Maria Farokhi, Urban Designer

Phone: 9422 8376

Email: strategic.planning@banyule.vic.gov.au

Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/BellStMallIMP or scan the code for more information.



Help us plan the future of Diamond Village Shopping Centre

With your help, we're preparing a plan to make sure Diamond Village Shopping Centre serves the needs of the local community.

Share your thoughts with Council staff at the two pop-ups at **Diamond Village Artisan Craft Market**, 8 Nepean Street, Watsonia:

- 10am – 2pm, Saturday 13 September
- 10am – 2pm, Saturday 11 October

We'll also be offering walking tours for you to show and tell us about different parts of the Village.

To register for a walking tour, use the link below.

Your Council contact

Paul Fyffe, Senior Strategic Planner

Phone: 9242 3431

Email: strategic.planning@banyule.vic.gov.au

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





Cost of living biting? Check out your local library

A free library membership can save you and your family hundreds, if not thousands, each year.

In Banyule, Council funds Yarra Plenty Regional Library (YPRL) to operate our library services.

With branches in Ivanhoe and Watsonia and a pop-up library at Rosanna, plus seven more across the region, YPRL offers a huge range of services at no cost to members.

Plus, there are no late fees for items borrowed, ever!

It's quick and easy to join online or at any library branch. If you've never used an ebook or audio book or just need some help signing up, the helpful staff can show you how.

Your free membership includes access to:

- nearly 400,000 books
- more than 122,000 ebooks and audio books, Victoria's largest public collection
- streaming movies, TV shows and music
- LinkedIn learning courses
- a toy library
- a Library of Things where you can borrow tools like sewing machines and home energy audit kits
- high-speed Wi-Fi
- a state-of-the-art Maker Space at Ivanhoe Library, with a 3D printer, laser cutter and high-quality photo scanner

To sign up and get more info head to banyule.vic.gov.au/Libraries



New Victorian Government levy to impact ratepayers

The new Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund will appear on your 2025/26 rates notice.

The new levy replaces the Fire Services Property Levy. While Council strongly supports well-resourced emergency services, we are disappointed that councils have been tasked with collecting the levy for the Victorian Government.

For many property owners, this levy will result in a significant increase on their annual rates notice. Council is deeply concerned about the financial impact, particularly for pensioners, concession card holders and households already doing it tough.

We've written to government ministers and local MPs to voice our concerns and request urgent changes. We believe councils shouldn't have to collect Victorian Government charges and we're calling for it to be removed from rates notices. We also want an increase to the pensioner rebate and financial hardship supports.

See what financial hardship assistance is offered by Council at banyule.vic.gov.au/HardshipPolicy

How much more will I pay?

Based on Council's estimate, below are some examples of how much the new Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund levy will add to rates notices, when compared with the former Fire Services levy:

Property value based on Capital Improved Value	Additional yearly cost to rates notice
\$450,000	\$42.70
\$700,000	\$64.20
\$1,000,000	\$90
\$1,400,000	\$124.40
\$1,700,000	\$150.20
\$2,250,000	\$197.50

Budget

2025–2029



The Budget you helped design

Thank you to everyone who told us what matters.

We heard from over **1000 locals** through community engagement events, surveys and in-depth discussions with Banyule's Think Tank.

You told us you wanted Banyule to invest in existing assets. That's why **81% of our capital works budget** will be spent on improving our assets and Infrastructure, like playgrounds and pavilions.



Pounding the pavements and roads

We'll be spending **\$12.8 million** on road, street and bridge projects in the next financial year.

\$3 million footpath replacement program

\$1.4 million to resurface local roads

We'll manage almost **\$1 million of road upgrades** as part of the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program.



Supporting residents in tough financial times

Continued funding for our Rates Hardship Policy. **Eligible residents can receive a fee waiver of up to \$566.50 on their rates.**

\$180,000 to fund outreach services for people sleeping rough
\$20,000 for Farm Raiser food relief vouchers

We're in a secure financial position as we enter the new financial year.

We have a surplus and continue to reduce debt.

This means we can keep delivering the high quality services and infrastructure that matter to our community. Take a look at what's coming up.

For all the details, head to
banyule.vic.gov.au/Budget



Increasing green in Banyule

\$1 million in tree planting to help us meet our target of 30% canopy cover for all Banyule by 2050

\$350,000 to increase the capacity of local nurseries to grow plants

\$250,000 to fund energy efficiency upgrades on Council buildings.



What are the bigger ticket items?

\$1.8 million to complete Watsonia Town Square.

\$2.5 million for the Olympic Park Pavilion

\$1.9 million for WaterMarc improvements, including facility upgrades to switch to 100% renewable energy (part-funded by an Australian Government grant)

\$8.5+ million for Rosanna Library and Precinct upgrade



There's never been a better time to get active

\$7.5+ million for new and upgraded sporting pavilions

\$11 million for our parks, gardens and playgrounds

\$0.5 million for shared paths along Plenty River Trail

Building a better Banyule



James Reserve gets ready for spring fun

You'll soon be able to enjoy the new play space at James Reserve in Heidelberg Heights. It's a bit muddy in the photo but is on track to be ready for action in spring.

The final touches will include soft-fall surfaces and new plants to enhance the reserve's leafy character. The beautiful established shade trees will be complemented by more than 40 new trees of different sizes.

The playground will be a great place for a family picnic, with undercover picnic benches and a new barbecue.

The rebound wall and half-court will keep kids active. The half-court is not just for ball sports – the safe surface will also be just right for littlies learning to ride a bike.

It will be finished in colours that tie in with the colourful mural by artist Angharad Neal-Williams. Check out the cover of the Banner for a close up of the mural on the toilet block.

Best of all, James Reserve is a place for everyone, with great accessibility features, starting with a ramp entry.

The play equipment in the middle of the park contains sensory elements like sound sculptures. The nature play area and leafy surrounds will also make for some fun games and exploration.

We think James Reserve is one of our most beautiful and inclusive play areas yet, helped along by all the great suggestions we received from the local community.

Above: Cr Mary O'Kane and Project Engineer Michael Nardo on a site visit to James Reserve.

Below: This bear sculpture is destined for James Reserve. It's been created by sculptor Brett Igmus Davies at our timber repurposing site.





Macleod Park Pavilion

The new two-storey pavilion is on track to be completed in early 2026.

The building is truly taking shape – and it's not hard to imagine what the final pavilion will look like.

The main concrete and steel structure is complete and the roof is on. Internal walls are done, as are the external brick walls.

We've started on the next layers of the building – cladding, plumbing and electrical works.

The \$3.85 million pavilion is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government. Home to Macleod Football Netball Club and Macleod Cricket Club, the community spaces will be available for hire.



Rosanna Library

It's all coming together at the new Rosanna Library. The windows are going in. We've chosen a contractor to do the interior fit-out of the library.

And, in signs that things are really starting to get real, we've placed orders for a book sorting machine and self-checkout machines.

Councillors are meeting with the architect to check in on the site's progress and start picturing how the community will use the space.

While the library is being built, there are plenty of online services available as well as the pop-up library in Rosanna. Read more about library services on [page 5](#).



Footpath replacement rolls on

It's been a big year in footpaths.

As part of our Footpath Program 2024-25, we repaired 17,200m² of footpaths in Banyule.

With funding of almost \$3 million, we were able to upgrade 7647 parking bays.

We've improved footpaths on council-run roads, as well as VicRoads roads (including Oriel Road, Rosanna Road, Waioira Road, Lower Plenty Road and Upper Heidelberg Road).

This financial year, we're continuing the program, with \$3 million in the new Budget for footpath replacements.



Love to Banyule tennis courts

We're serving some ace improvements to tennis courts in Bundoora and Greensborough in this year's Budget. \$200,000 each is allocated for upgrades to Bundoora Tennis Club and Greensborough Tennis Club for work over the coming 12 months.

We'll return with more news as these projects move ahead.

As well as investing in new facilities for Banyule's growing population, Council continues to upgrade and maintain our existing assets. We'll keep you posted on all the other upcoming building and pavilion upgrades.

Above: Cr Rick Garotti with members of Bundoora Tennis Club.

Greensborough War Memorial is moving

The war memorial and cenotaph at Greensborough War Memorial Park will soon be relocated to the west of the park, close to the Home Front sculptures. The new space was designed with Greensborough RSL.

New cricket nets have been installed at another location in the park and the old cricket nets (pictured) will be removed. The current location of the war memorial will become open space.

Work will start later this year and it will be completed in time for next Anzac Day. The project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Better Parks and Playgrounds Program.

Learn more at banyule.vic.gov.au/Homefront



Councillor Mark Di Pasquale with Greensborough RSL members at the new War Memorial location.



Youth Summit 2025

In May, we welcomed 100 young people for Banyule's Youth Summit.

Hosted by Banyule's Youth Services team, this biennial event gives young people a platform to speak on issues they are passionate about and to be a part of making positive change in their community.

Key topics included mental health, the environment, community safety and physical health and recreation.

It was a busy day, as young people worked together to develop thoughtful recommendations to Council. Council will now work with young people to bring these ideas to life.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it such an inspiring summit.

View the recommendations and outcomes at banyuleyouth.com/youth-summit



2025 Community Satisfaction Survey

Your views are invaluable. They help us improve the services and facilities we provide and understand what's important to you.

This year's Community Satisfaction Survey, conducted through door-to-door conversations with 400 residents, shows overall satisfaction with Council's performance has increased to 7 out of 10, up from 6.4 last year.

We're proud that you rated some services as 'excellent', including customer service, bookable hard rubbish, libraries and services for young children.

You also told us where we need to focus our efforts, such as maintenance of street trees and footpaths. Traffic management and waste collection were among the most frequently raised concerns.

To view the full report, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/CommunitySurvey



How well do you know the parking rules?

When a footpath is blocked by a parked car, parents with prams, people who are vision-impaired and wheelchair users have a hard time getting around their neighbourhood.

Parking for cars

In Victoria, you can't legally park anywhere between the edge of the road and a property line. It's one of the most common reasons for receiving a parking fine. It's illegal to park across a footpath, even if it's in front of your own driveway.

Parking for motorbikes

Motorbikes may be parked on a footpath, but they shouldn't obstruct people using the footpath.

Nature strips are off-limits for both motorbikes and cars. This includes having two wheels on the nature strip and two on the road.

To pay fines online, request an extension or payment plan and to view a parking fine photo, check out banyule.vic.gov.au/Parkingfine



Everyone should feel safe at work

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in abuse directed at Banyule's parking officers.

They've been sworn at and followed around while they are out doing their job.

We have a zero-tolerance policy for abuse, harassment or threats directed to Council staff. Everyone deserves to feel safe at work.

Please treat Council staff with the same respect our officers show to our community.

Temporary car park closure – Cartmell Street

The public car park on Cartmell Street, Heidelberg, will be closed for approximately 18 months for the development of the site.

Once completed, the development will deliver much-needed affordable housing in the area.

A new car park will also be created, increasing public parking from 91 to 148 spaces and providing charging for electric vehicles.

There will be separate parking for residents of the new development.

What next?

For local shoppers, there is alternative parking available nearby. Council will closely monitor parking availability during the works.

For more info, including parking updates, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/CartmellSt



From septic tanks to sewerage in Lower Plenty

Some Lower Plenty residents are still using septic tanks. But this could soon change.

In the last 12 months, Banyule has supported Yarra Valley Water to deliver its Community Sewerage Program, enabling local households to switch to piped sewerage.

Moving to sewerage has many benefits. It's better for the environment and waterways, it can reduce odours and health risks and it's less costly to maintain. Plus, there's no need to worry about visitors blocking up the septic tank!

More than 200 households can now connect to the main pipeline, with more connections coming later this year.

To find out if your household can switch now, head to yvw.com.au/connect-sewer



"It was awesome to be a part of the Banyule BestBiz Awards in 2023. I encourage all businesses to take part – it's a great way for businesses to network and showcase what they do for the community."

– Ari, owner of Barr'd, East Ivanhoe, 2023 BestBiz winner.



The Banyule BestBiz Awards are back!

**Have a favourite business in your neighbourhood?
It's time to get voting.**

Held every two years, the BestBiz Awards give local businesses a chance to be recognised and rewarded for outstanding work.

Votes come directly from the community. This means winning businesses are chosen by the people who matter most: their customers.

Every business, big or small, has the chance to win.

BestBiz voting categories:

- Community impact
- Sustainability
- Health, wellness, care
- Hospitality
- Retail
- Creative industries
- Professional services
- Trade & manufacturing
- Home-based business
- New business

We'll let you know the top three finalists in each category.

Last time we received more than 9,500 votes.
Let's see if we can top that!

To receive an award, finalists need to be present at the BestBiz Awards presentation on Tuesday 7 October.

Why it's great for business

Did you know Banyule has more than 11,000 businesses? The awards shine a light on the diverse and incredible businesses that contribute to Banyule's economy.

Winners also receive widespread exposure through Council communications and social media.

Get voting!

Voting closes on 31 August. Vote at banyule.vic.gov.au/BestBizAwards



It's grant time

Does your local project need a boost? Pop these grant application deadlines in your diary.

Environment grants

For projects that support Council's climate action, sustainable transport and environmental goals.
Applications close 14 September.

Banyule Community Fund grants

For local charities and not-for-profit organisations.
Thank you to everyone who donated and made the grants possible. Applications close 21 September.

Apply now

To apply, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/grants

Learn more about the Banyule Community Fund at banyule.vic.gov.au/BCF



Know your FOGOs from your NOGOs

It's been three years since we launched our green Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bins.

Before 2022, we were recycling and composting about 52% of our waste. Now we've hit over 65%. And it's all thanks to you. But we can do even better!

The cost of sending waste to landfill continues to get more expensive every year, largely due to the landfill levy set by Victoria's Environmental Protection Authority.

Every apple core, lawn clipping and wilted lettuce leaf makes a difference. Check out the full A to Z waste guide at banyule.vic.gov.au/WasteGuide

For a refresher on what goes in the bin and what's a NOGO, watch our video with Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy at youtu.be/i0-Hi5CPVjY



Yoorrook reports its findings

The Yoorrook Justice Commission was created to hear and record First Peoples' experiences of racism and discrimination in Victoria.

Over four years, Yoorrook received more than 1300 submissions and held 400 events, including a meeting with community members at Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place in Heidelberg West.

In June, Yoorrook marked the end of its truth-telling journey with a 25-day Walk for Truth across Victoria, joined by more than 5000 people.

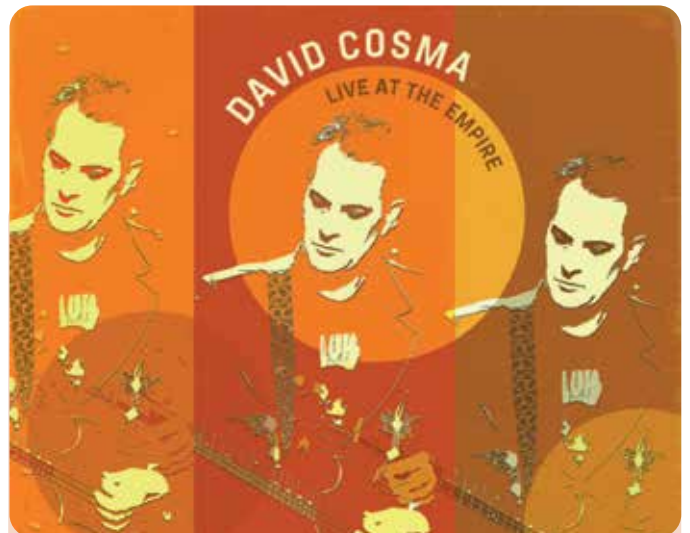
The Commission's final reports were tabled in the Victorian Parliament on 1 July.

Banyule Council unanimously adopted the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2022.

The statement has three reforms:

- Voice
- Treaty
- Truth.

Learn more at yoorrook.org.au



Creative momentum

Council initiatives like Chillin' in Banyule and our arts and culture project grants help to inspire and support real creative momentum in our community.

Musician David Cosma captured his 2025 Chillin' in Banyule opening night performance in an album, *David Cosma Live at the Empire*.

Empire Music Studios in Heidelberg West recorded the show. Thanks to a studio voucher awarded by Banyule Council and local sponsors, David was able to produce a full album release.

Check it out on Spotify, Bandcamp or YouTube.



Banyule schools recently took part in a month-long Active to School program to encourage more walking, cycling and scooting to school.

Congratulations to students and staff at participating primary schools: St Pius X, Rosanna, Montmorency and St Francis Xavier.

Is your school ready to get active?

The Active to School program promotes students' health and wellbeing, while also helping to reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions. The program is flexible and can be delivered during any school term at a time that suits your curriculum.

Active to School can connect with other initiatives like fuel-free Fridays. To find out more, email activetravel@banyule.vic.gov.au

Montmorency Primary joins the fun

This year, students at Montmorency Primary School completed their first ever Active to School month.

"It was a fantastic initiative that encouraged our students to make active travel a part of their daily routine," said Mrs Costa, PE specialist teacher.

"Many students walked, rode their bikes and scooted to school, all in the name of promoting physical activity and healthy habits."



Katie from Greensborough used her Better Score grant to install solar panels to charge her electric vehicle.

Is your home as efficient as it could be?

If you've been meaning to test your home's energy efficiency, why not take advantage of Banyule's Better Score grants?

Through Better Score, residents can receive:

- a free energy assessment of their home, valued at \$500.
- up to \$1000 for upgrades including heat pumps, insulation, heating and cooling.

Applications open on 18 August and close at 5pm on 8 September. This program is part of Banyule's Community Climate Action Plan, helping our community achieve carbon neutrality by 2040.

"I made significant changes as a result of the grant. As well as installing solar panels, I switched my appliances from gas to efficient electric alternatives. I wanted to make these changes for environmental reasons, but my cost of living has also dramatically reduced."

- Katie, local resident and Better Score grant recipient.

Email our Community Energy Officer:
energy.info@banyule.vic.gov.au

Or find out more online at
banyule.vic.gov.au/BetterScore





Be a part of Banyule's major events

There's no better way to meet with the local community than when they're out having fun!

Apply to be a stallholder at Malahang Festival

Malahang Festival, held on Sunday 16 November, is a family-friendly celebration of community and cultural diversity.

We are keen to hear from local businesses, market stallholders, cultural groups, service providers and organisations.

Partner with us to promote your business

Are you a Banyule-based business looking to promote your services and engage with the local community?

We're seeking sponsors and partners for our 2025/26 major events and festivals.

To find out more about Malahang Festival and to request Banyule's sponsorship prospectus, email Stefanie at arts@banyule.vic.gov.au



Planning an event?

Music festival, wedding, cultural celebration, neighbourhood street party?

Council supports a range of events in Banyule's streets, parks and bushlands. We're here to help with great resources and templates to help plan your event.

Do you need a permit?

If you're planning an event on Council land, you might need an event permit. Fill out an event proposal form and we'll let you know what's needed.

If you need a permit, you'll have to submit the final application at least four weeks before the proposed event date. Larger events require a minimum of 6 – 8 weeks' notice.

Start planning now!

Scan the code or head to banyule.vic.gov.au/EventPlanning



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: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm

Subject to change, please check website prior to visiting

Loft 275: open during library hours

Early Impressions – Painters of the Heidelberg School from the National Collection

Bringing the Heidelberg School back to Heidelberg

📅 Exhibition dates:
26 August 2025 – 18 January 2026

📍 Art Gallery 275

Banyule Council proudly presents an exhibition of paintings by the Heidelberg School of artists. These works of art are on long term loan from the National Gallery of Australia with support from the Australian Government as part of Sharing the National Collection #artacrossaustralia.

The curated selection of paintings from the National Gallery Collection has been hand-picked for their portrayal of scenes in and around Banyule.

With their iconic representation of our local history and heritage, these paintings have long provided us with the artists' early impressions of the landscape and settler life in Melbourne.

For the first time since they were painted here over a century ago, we are pleased to display these paintings by Arthur Streeton, Clara Southern, Louis Buvelot, Charles Conder and Tom Roberts in Banyule.

With thanks to the Sharing the National Collection program, we are bringing the Heidelberg School back to Heidelberg, sharing these treasures of local history with our community.

Exhibition opening hours

CLOSED Monday

Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm each day

Gallery closes between exhibitions. Check banyule.vic.gov.au/ArtGallery275 before visiting.



Arthur Streeton, The selector's hut (Whelan on the log), 1890, National Gallery of Australia, Kammeri/Canberra, purchased 1961

We are thrilled that the loan of artworks has been finalised – and this highly-anticipated exhibition opens very soon!

We thank our community for their patience and understanding as we navigated temporary challenges on this project. We also sincerely thank the National Gallery for their partnership and helping us achieve this amazing outcome for Banyule.

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Loft 275

The Magic of Art – 60 Years in the Making

by **Heidelberg Artists Society**

📅 14 August – 7 September
Opening night: Thursday 14 August, 6.30 – 8.30pm

📍 Art Gallery 275

The Heidelberg Artists Society invites you to step into The Magic of Art, a vibrant group exhibition.

This special showcase celebrates the creative diversity of local artists through a rich tapestry of styles, subjects and mediums.

Presented in the inspiring setting of the Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub, it offers a chance to experience the beauty, imagination and expressive power of art in its varied forms; a fitting tribute to 60 years of community, creativity and passion.

Image: Donny Gums (2025), by Pamela Ziedas



Loft 275

At the heart of it...

by **Janice Keen**

📅 11 September – 12 October

📍 Art Gallery 275

Janice Keen's practice began with an attraction to the potter's wheel. She found the idea of throwing pots alluring and satisfying. It led to making functional ware, choosing forms to challenge and develop her throwing skills.

As her practice developed, she grew interested in the materiality, firing techniques and surface development of ceramics, which is reflected in the work she made.

Her work communicates the innate beauty of the everyday object that finds its way into people's homes. Objects used for baking, making, serving and eating; choosing a vessel for morning coffee or a bowl for soup – art for every day.

Image: Three Bowls by Janice Keen, photograph by Deb Garrett Photography.



Artists-in-residence

Mungga Artist Studios

Heidelberg Artists Society

📅 Artist-in-residence: 14 – 31 August

Janice Keen – ceramic artist

📅 Artist-in-residence: 2 – 21 September

Image: Onggi style jars by Janice Keen



What's coming up

For more free and low-cost local events, go to banyule.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn

Biketober is coming!

Biketober is on its way to promote the joys of bike riding! To sign up, head to lovetoride.net/banyule

Bike skills sessions

For adults and children who can't ride but would like to learn, or for novice riders with basic skills. Ages 7+.

Cost: \$25 full, \$15 concession.

- Sunday 28 September
- Sunday 26 October
- Sunday 23 November

Bookings essential:
trybooking.com/1423434



On-road bike confidence

For adults who can ride confidently and want to start riding on the road. Includes on-road riding in light traffic.

Cost: \$25 full, \$15 concession

Sunday 12 October, 10am – 3pm

La Trobe University Tennis Courts, Bundoora

Bookings essential:
trybooking.com/1423366



Hands-on bike maintenance workshop

Bring your bike! For ages 13 upwards (teens to be accompanied by an adult).

Cost: \$25 full, \$15 concession

- Tuesday 7 October
- Sunday 9 November

Bookings essential:
trybooking.com/1423377



Shade plants for a comfortable home

Learn how clever garden design can help protect your home from the elements.

Led by Kat Lavers, discover how thoughtful garden design can lower temperatures and create a more comfortable and resilient home.

Saturday 23 August, 1pm – 3pm

Bellfield Community Hub,
15 Daphne Crescent,
Bellfield

Bookings essential:
details via banyule.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn



Spring Outdoors Festival

It's back! One of our favourite ways to welcome the warmer, longer days of spring.

Each year Banyule teams up with Manningham and Nillumbik councils to celebrate spring with a calendar of outdoor events.

From September to November, you can enjoy:

- cultural walks
- conservation reserve tours
- citizen science challenges
- guided environmental tours

See the full program at
banyule.vic.gov.au/SpringOutdoors



ReThink food waste: composting workshop

Join us for a fun, waste-reducing workshop and learn how to transform kitchen scraps into nutrient-rich compost gold.

We'll dig into the world of composting systems so you can find the perfect fit for your home and garden.

6 September, 10am – 12pm

Bellfield Community Gardens

Bookings essential:
details via banyule.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn



Seniors Festival Morning Tea

Join us for a delicious morning tea and live entertainment by Honey Bee and the Stingers. Hosted by Positive Ageing Warrior Carol O'Halloran.

Friday 24 October
10.30am – 1pm

The Centre Ivanhoe, 275
Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

How to book

Booking is essential. Tickets are limited (max. 2 tickets per person). Bookings open at 8.30am on 1 October.

Call 9490 4222
or book online at
trybooking.com/DCXCF



Ward Rounds

Banyule is made up of nine wards. To find out which ward you belong to scan the code



Cr Peter Castaldo
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Eaglemont Village has a striking new public artwork – just another good reason to head to the local shops!

It was great to see the mural up close recently with artist D'Arcy Savage and members of the Eaglemont Village Traders Association who helped develop the vision for the piece.

Made using spray paint, the longer you look at the painting, the more

local icons you see, including a 'red rattler' train carriage passing under Odenwald Rd Bridge and silhouettes of some well-known residents.

The mural was funded through council's Banyule Mural Project, which commissions artists to install works across Banyule. I'm keen for more public art and will be advocating for another mural in Griffin Ward.



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It's been fantastic to see Wellington Street Community House open to the community ahead of its official launch.

Making great use of this former home, which Council purchased for community use in 2023 and recently renovated, there are delights around every corner – a kitchen, a library, an arts-and-crafts space, even second-hand clothing and book shops! It's a warm, inviting and accessible place.

Tucked in behind Were St, you can drop in during opening hours or take part in one of the regular sessions being run. It was fun to tour the house recently with Janelle and Ros from Greenhills Neighbourhood House, which is managing the centre.

They're looking for volunteers to help with social groups, gardening, workshops and more. To get involved, email coordinator@ghnh.org.au



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Advocating for Banyule was on my agenda when I attended the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra.

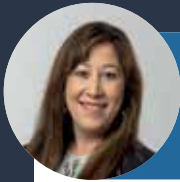
Councillors McKern, O'Kane and I met with the Hon Kristie McBain, Minister for Local Government, (pictured), and discussed funding for infrastructure projects in Banyule.

Local government is under increasing financial pressure. It's vital that we advocate for more support from other levels of government to help provide the infrastructure and services our community needs.

We also had productive conversations with councillors from across Australia and close to home (where opportunities for future collaboration may arise).



Ward Rounds



Cr Elizabeth Nealy
Beale Ward

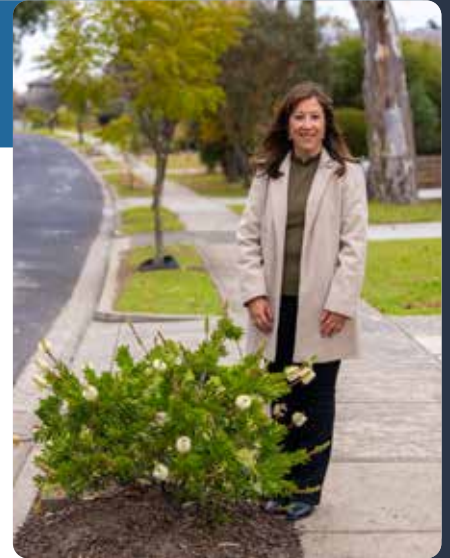
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We know from community engagement sessions that the natural environment is one of our top priorities in Beale Ward.

Always wanted to add a patch of green to the neighbourhood? Banyule recently introduced Nature Strip Planting Guidelines to get you started. Nature strips bring beauty and life to our streets.

They also play a crucial environmental role by helping to reduce stormwater run-off and creating habitat for pollinators and local wildlife.

Because nature strips are public land, we'll run a few simple checks through our free permit system to make sure plans are safe and work for the street. Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/NatureStrip



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The 54th annual DVE Swimathon made a mighty splash at WaterMarc recently. 74 swimmers participated, raising over \$7,000 in support of Berry Street Victoria. Ahmed Kelly, four-time Paralympian, swam 60 laps and spoke about resilience.

Congratulations to DVE for such a happy celebration of inclusion, resilience and community spirit!

\$1.9 million in Council's Budget will go to improvements at WaterMarc, including switching to 100% renewable energy (part funded by an Australian Government grant). New swimming blocks are also on the way.

I'm pictured here with swimming coach Bob Oldfield and DVE Aquatic Club President, Lee Anderson.



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The regular dog walkers at Seddon Reserve and West Ivanhoe United Sports Club (WIUSC) are a great example of how different users of recreation facilities can work together.

Gerard, a stalwart of the 10-year-old informal dog walker group, became a member of WIUSC to find better ways for the groups to collaborate. He now provides Sunday coffee at home matches!

Council has adopted the Active Banyule Strategy, a roadmap to an active, healthy and connected community. We've incorporated feedback on community access to sports reserves and parks.

Learn more about this important strategy at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/ActiveBanyule



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As Banyule grows, our residential roads are getting busier, putting upward pressure on safety concerns.

In Heidelberg Heights, five intersections will have mini roundabouts and upgraded lighting installed in the next year to address safety concerns:

- Dresden and St Hellier streets, pictured.

- Dresden and Montgomery streets.
- Alfred and Montgomery streets.
- Alfred and James streets.
- Miller and Clinton streets.

Council will spend \$12.8 million on road, street and bridge projects in 2025/26. Other local upgrades include \$140,000 for Liberty Parade, (Bell Street to Southern Road).



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Bundoora Tennis Club members are excited about an upcoming \$200,000 upgrade.

Club President Shayne Collins was on the court to show me the busy club in action and we checked out a potential pickleball location beside the club rooms.

With members ranging from school students to those in their 90's it's

great to see the club looking at a diverse range of offerings.

Upgrading sporting facilities is one of the ways we support community connectedness and wellbeing.

Eighty-one percent of this year's capital works budget will go towards improving existing assets, part of this Council's focus on financial sustainability.



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I've enjoyed recent visits to the Textile Art Community Art Space (TACAS) in Heidelberg West – an inspiring and welcoming spot where artists and makers turn discarded textiles and found objects into gold. TACAS just celebrated their 10 year anniversary with an exhibition at ILCH.

In their hands, household waste can become anything from a sculpture to

something to wear. You can join, learn or participate at many events, including the makers market (last Sunday of the month) or the Make Do and Mend group (Wednesday afternoons). More at textileartcommunityartspace.com

I'm getting to know the arts and maker community with my new role on Banyule's Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.





Celebrate our urban forest – and adopt a tree!

We're hosting a tree celebration for the whole community.

Join us on Sunday 14 September for activities, workshops and a chance to connect with nature, neighbours and Banyule's Parks and Natural Environment team.

We'll be giving away free trees for residents to plant at home.

We're inviting you to adopt a tree, care for it, and help us track its progress over the next few years.

Together, we'll nurture a greener, cooler and more resilient Banyule.

To save the date and register your interest to receive updates, scan the code or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/TreeCelebration



The bounty is shared at this community garden

At Sustainable Macleod Community Garden, everyone pitches in.

There are no individual plots, but a shared garden that grows a wide range of vegetables, berries, orchard fruit and herbs across the year.

Dig in

The community garden is open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons (1pm – 4pm in winter and 1pm – 5pm in summer).

At the end of each gardening session, produce from the garden is divided between everyone working in the garden that day.

Membership of Sustainable Macleod Inc is \$30 a year, which includes the community garden.

Non-members and children are welcome to visit the garden, however please keep your dogs at home.

Find out more at sustainablemacleod.org.au

There's expertise on hand at the community garden.

Sustainable Macleod shares expert tips on managing Queensland Fruit Fly in your garden – scan the code or visit SustainableMacleod.org.au/queensland-fruit-fly



Our Nature Strip Planting Guidelines are now live

These new guidelines empower residents to beautify our streets and support local biodiversity.

Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas and helped shape a resource that will benefit the whole community.

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



In August, we're in Guling season. Muyan (silver wattle) and Guling (orchids) are flowering.

At night Ae-noke (caterpillars) of the common brown butterfly, pictured, are feeding on grass, in preparation to enter their chrysalis and begin their metamorphosis into Balam-Balam (butterflies). Bulen-Bulen (Superb Lyrebirds) are performing the last of their courtship displays, while Gurrbora (koalas) have begun mating and can be heard bellowing at night.

In the sky the star Arcturus can be seen on the northwestern horizon after sunset. The temperature will start to rise, but before the end of cold season we will get the coldest nights of the year.

Bushland Diaries

Discover your local bushland gem

Red box (Eucalyptus polyanthemus) in Dalvida Reserve

Dalvida Reserve – a natural sanctuary in suburbia

Tucked quietly among Banyule's suburban streets lies a 2.22 hectare slice of natural beauty.

Dalvida Reserve offers both a haven for local flora and fauna and a peaceful retreat for residents.

Although modest in size, the reserve plays a crucial role in local conservation efforts, rich in biodiversity and steeped in subtle history.

Managed by the Banyule Bushland Management Unit, the reserve showcases one of the region's increasingly rare and threatened ecological communities – grassy dry forest/box-stringybark woodland, with the majestic red box (*Eucalyptus polyanthemus*) taking centre stage. These towering gums are some of the most spectacular in Banyule and create a cathedral-like canopy over a delicate understorey filled with native orchids, herbs, grasses and shrubs.

Although the recorded history of the site is limited, we know that in 1994 the management changed from the City of Eltham to Banyule Council and that the reserve was probably once part of a larger farm that included the surrounding land. The farm's dam still remains and was most likely once used as water for livestock on a chicken farm.

Today, visitors can walk along the informal bush tracks where wildflowers bloom in season or sit by the dam which now remains a feature of both ecological value and historical interest.



Purple coral pea (Hardenbergia violacea)



Australasian darter



Maroonhood (Pterostylis pedunculata)

To learn more and get involved with conservation efforts in Banyule's bushland reserves, head to banyule.vic.gov.au/Parks

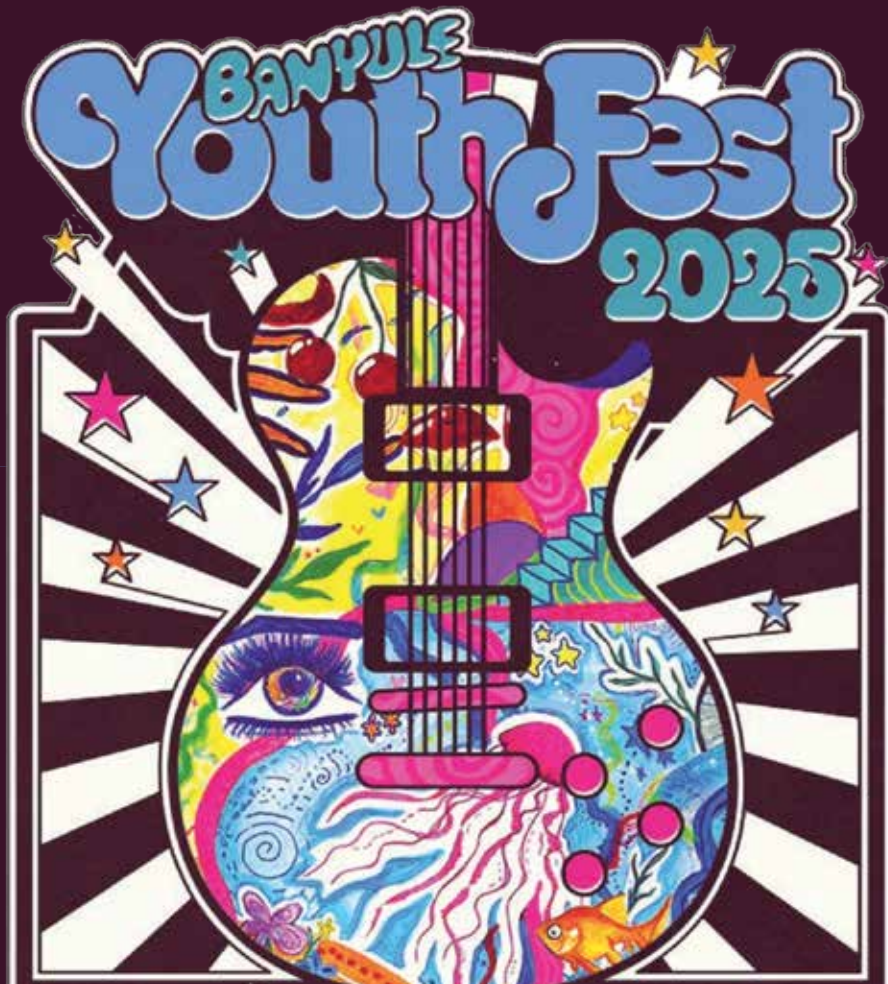


**FREE event for
young people aged 12-25**

When? 12pm – 5pm,
Sunday 21 September

Where? Macleod Park,
Birdwood Avenue, Macleod

SCAN HERE for everything you
need to know or visit
banyuleyouth.com/youthfest



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