

# News from our Neighbourhood

## November 2024

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## Thank you for re-electing me as your Chelsworth Ward councillor

I'm a long-term Ivanhoe resident, professional landscape architect, urban planner and mum.

I love our community and I'm passionate about ensuring it's a place where everyone thrives.

My vision is for a leafy, locally connected, safe and prosperous Banyule led with competence and care for our community, environment and local businesses.

### My priorities this term include:

- More community engagement.
- Advocacy for sympathetic residential and heritage planning decisions.
- Streets with more trees, parks and cycle paths.
- Responsible rates restraint to ease cost of living pressures.
- Continued support for sporting clubs and Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan.

- Safety and accessibility upgrades around Ivanhoe train station.
- Council funding for Darebin Parklands.
- Ivanhoe shopping centre improvements and a festival for Ivanhoe.

I'm inspired by our community's enthusiasm for improvements to our city and I look forward to meeting and working with you over the next four years.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best for a safe and happy festive season.



## Your new Council

**L-R: Olympia Ward** Cr Mary O'Kane  
**Beale Ward** Cr Elizabeth Nealy\*, Mayor  
**Bakewell Ward** Cr Mark Di Pasquale\*  
**Grimshaw Ward** Cr Rick Garotti\*  
**Sherbourne Ward** Cr Alison Champion\*  
**Griffin Ward** Cr Peter Castaldo\*, Deputy Mayor  
**Ibbott Ward** Cr Alicia Curry  
**Chelsworth Ward** Cr Alida McKern\*  
**Hawdon Ward** Cr Matt Wood

\* re-elected

## Role of a councillor

I was elected by Chelsworth Ward voters, but I make decisions for the whole of the municipality, like all Banyule councillors.

It's our job to help make policy decisions, set the strategic direction for Council and make sure that Council services meet the community's needs.

## Get in touch

I'm here to help you. Get in touch if you'd like to chat about any concerns in our area, such as planning, roads or community facilities.

## Next Council meeting

Banyule Council meetings are open to the public. Find out more at [banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](https://banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings)

 **9 December**

 **7pm**

 **Council Chambers at ILCH, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe**



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