

News from our Neighbourhood

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- Playground improvements



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Volunteer Awards return

We're bringing back the Banyule Volunteer Awards after a four-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The awards recognise outstanding individuals and groups who significantly contribute to their organisation or the local community and who have had a positive impact on the quality of life of Banyule residents.

Volunteering in Beale

Charlie and Kevin, pictured, are Friends of Anthony Beale Reserve, working with Council's Bushland Management team to protect and enhance the reserve.

"The Council rangers are so enthusiastic and friendly. I just love it when we find something unusual, like a rare orchid, and they get excited," said Kevin.

The group meets once a month for tasks such as erecting nest boxes, weeding, planting and ecological burning. Check their Facebook page for more details.

Nominate a volunteer

 banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards

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Nominations close 23 March.

Nominees will be invited to Banyule's annual Volunteer Celebration in May.



Friends of Anthony Beale Reserve

10am – 12pm fourth Sunday of the month (May – November)

277 St Helena Road, St Helena

Pavilion improvements promote sustainability and inclusion

Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena

The \$1.62 million build funded by Council includes a new kitchen, pantry, storage, accessible toilets and umpire change rooms and refurbishment of existing changerooms and bathrooms.

We're replacing all gas hot water and appliances with electric systems and installing energy-efficient LED lighting.

The pavilion will be fully accessible with facilities for female umpires and players.

Anthony Beale is the home ground of Greensborough Junior Football Club and is used by a local primary school. The pavilion will be available for hire by community members.

We expect the rebuild to be complete by the end of June.

Greensborough Park pavilion

We're building a new kitchen, storerooms and amenities for players and umpires.

The \$700,000 project funded by the Victorian Government should be complete by the end of May.

Playing to our strengths

Wherever you live in Beale, there are great playgrounds and parks within easy reach. Over the past two years Council has replaced five playgrounds in Beale:

- Partingtons Flat
- Glendale Reserve
- Weidlich Road Reserve
- Larool Avenue
- Malcolm Blair Reserve

We're now improving a string of parks and play spaces in St Helena and Eltham North:

- Settlers Park Reserve (north and south play areas)
- Glen Katherine Drive Reserve
- St Clems Reserve

Check out the plans at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/ElthamNorthStHelena

Pedestrian crossing update

I know many of you are keen to use the new pedestrian crossing on St Helena Road.

Council has completed construction of the crossing and we're waiting for the utilities to provide power so the lights can be turned on. We hope it will be very soon.

