

News from our Neighbourhood



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Budget 2025/26: Delivering for our community

Banyule remains in a sustainable financial position with our Budget for 2025/26.

Council's focus is on providing quality services and facilities to meet the needs of our growing community while managing debt.

We're maintaining our core service delivery such collecting rubbish, looking after roads, parks and sports grounds, and providing maternal and child health services and libraries.

More than 80% of the \$73.1 million capital works budget is to renew and upgrade existing assets.

Supporting residents with rate relief

Help is available for ratepayers in financial hardship, with partial waivers for eligible applicants. Phone **9490 4222** or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/HardshipPolicy

Advocating for Banyule



Pictured L - R: Cr Alida McKern, Hon. Kristy McBain, Minister for Local Government, Crs Matt Woods and Mary O'Kane.

I recently met with the Federal Minister for Local Government Kristy McBain, about funding needed in Banyule. It's vital that we advocate for support from other levels of government to help provide the infrastructure and services our community needs.

Initiatives in our neighbourhood:

- Improving the Waterdale Rd shopping centre streetscape: \$60,000
- Upgrading outdoor dining parklets across Banyule with new paving and street furniture (including in Upper Heidelberg Road): \$380,000
- Upgrading the school change facilities at Ivanhoe Aquatic: \$75,000
- Ivanhoe Aquatic pool plant replacement program: \$61,000
- Traffic calming measures in Upper Heidelberg Road: \$107,000
- Building female-friendly change rooms at Seddon Reserve Pavilion: \$375,000.

To find out more about what is in Council's 2025/2026 Budget, visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Budget or scan the code.



What's on at ILCH

Early Impressions

Painters of the Heidelberg School from the National Collection

Bringing the Heidelberg School back to Heidelberg.

📅 From 26 August

Gallery is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday to Sunday. For opening hours check banyule.vic.gov.au/ilch

Art Exhibition

By Heidelberg Art Society

📅 14 August – 7 September

Please check website for opening hours: banyule.vic.gov.au/ilch

Chelsworth Community Meeting

This is your opportunity to be heard on Council matters and meet your Councillor and senior council staff in an informal setting.

Please join us for a cuppa and matters important to you.

To better understand matters raised, please email me the queries or topics you'd like discussed by Monday 25 August.

I look forward to seeing you!

📅 Thursday, 28 August
6.15pm for 6.30pm - 8.30pm

📍 Clara Southern Room
Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub

Showcasing girls basketball

📅 **Saturday 16 August,**
8.30am – 7.20pm

📍 **La Trobe Sports Stadium, Bundoora**

Fifty-one games, 102 teams and more than 700 female athletes in one day! The winter girls showcase round by the Eastern District Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA), Ivanhoe Knights and Banyule Hawks Basketball Clubs will be a huge day of sport, with visits from elite athletes.

The day promotes sporting pathways for girls and raises funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

The EDJBA is one of Australia's largest junior basketball competitions!