

News from our Neighbourhood

February 2025

- Improving our urban forest together
- Supporting local business
- Tune in to Banyule on Inner FM
- Attend a Council meeting



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Working together to improve our urban forest

Private properties and gardens are an important part of Banyule's urban forest.

We can all do our bit to improve our green spaces so they contribute to biodiversity, shade cover and wildlife habitat, among other benefits.

It could be as simple as planting the correct tree to provide shade or planting vegetation for screening and privacy instead of building a fence.

Council's Urban Forest Implementation Plan 2023 – 2033 includes many actions to help you improve your patch of urban forest. Here are a few things we are working over the next couple of years:

- 'Right tree, right place' - list of recommended trees to plant in different places
- Free tree giveaway (of the right trees!) for Banyule residents
- Guide for nature strip planting
- Protection of significant trees on private land

We'll share the details of these and other programs as they are available. There'll be news in coming weeks.

View the Urban Forest Strategy and follow the page to get updates at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/UrbanForest



Having a chat with Rowan and Lyn over their front hedge. Gardens like theirs are a valuable part of our urban forest and add to the pleasure of walking around Banyule.

Supporting local business for a thriving community

We are living through challenging financial times and some local businesses are feeling the pinch, particularly in retail and hospitality.

We are lucky to have many great local businesses in Banyule, and in Griffin Ward in particular. They provide unique services and bring vibrant character to our villages and shopping centres.

By supporting local businesses you help keep money circulating in the local economy, bringing continuing benefit to our community.



With Penny at Cat Jump Thai Kitchen, 79 Silverdale Road, Eaglemont. Regional Thai specialities on our doorstep.

Banyule on the airwaves

Catch up with the latest Banyule news and support your local community radio station by tuning in to hear me and Banyule Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy on 96.5 Inner FM.

Cr Nealy and I take turns each month to discuss the latest Council projects and news live-to-air with Inner FM host Brian Tyedin.

- **Cr Castaldo:** 3.30pm, third Tuesday of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December.
- **Cr Nealy:** 3.30pm, second Friday of the month in March, May, July, September and November.

Next Council meeting

Banyule Council meetings are open to the public. Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

 **3 March**

 **7pm**

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

