

News from our Neighbourhood



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Budget 2025/26: delivering for our community

Banyule is in a secure and sustainable financial position as we adopt our Budget for 2025/26.

Council's focused on maintaining services and upgrading facilities to meet community need while managing debt.

Delivering a surplus and reducing debt

Banyule has delivered 15 straight years of debt reduction, ensuring Council is financially sustainable into the future.

This gives residents and businesses the confidence to contribute, invest and make a home in our community.

Council has reduced a \$3.5 million interest bill in 2013-14 to a projected \$1.4 million in 2025/26. This is an extra \$2.1 million per year going into community services rather than the interest bill.

Supporting residents with cost of living pressures

The challenging economic outlook is putting pressure on Council and household budgets alike.

We are keeping rate increases within the Victorian Government's rate cap of 3%, below Consumer Price Index increases.

We offer a relief package for ratepayers who need support. People experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for a partial waiver on their rates up to \$566.50

For details visit banyule.vic.gov.au/HardshipPolicy or phone Customer Service on 9490 4222.

Improving our local community

Initiatives to improve our neighbourhood:

- Completing Watsonia Town Square: \$2M
- Upgrading College Views reserve and adding new playground facilities: \$330,000
- Upgrading Bundoora Tennis Club (Stage 2): \$200,000
- Supporting Bundoora Secondary College Urban Agriculture Education Centre (pictured right): \$100,000
- Installing goal netting at NJ Telfer Reserve and upgrading the playground: \$90,000

For more about what's in the Budget, scan the QR code or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Budget



Swap containers for cash near you

Cash-in cans and containers at the new Container Deposit Scheme reverse vending machine at **Yulong Reserve**, Bundoora.

You'll get a 10 cent refund for every eligible drink can, carton, glass or plastic bottle returned through the machines.

Find out more:
cdsvic.org.au/locations

Greenwood Farm is coming!

Greenwood Farm, the innovative Bundoora Secondary College Urban Agriculture Education Centre, gives students hands-on experience in STEM and vocational education and training. (Pictured L-R: Claudia and Cr Rick Garotti, Chris Chappel, Dan Milne, Brian Daniells and Anesti Anestis)

Council is providing \$100,000 to help open the Centre to the community outside school hours.

This community resource will promote local food sustainability in line with Council's Urban Food Strategy. Learn more at bundoorasc.vic.edu.au/farm-program

