

News from our Neighbourhood



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- Working for our community
- Rosanna Library opening soon!
- Macleod Village Christmas Fair
- Giving with purpose

A year of working for our community

My first year as a Councillor has been a busy one.

After hitting the ground running by leading council's response to the Victorian Government's new Future Homes planning reforms, I've been active on housing issues throughout the year. The introduction of several motions has seen our Council take a strong stance on the state's planning reforms and created a dedicated webpage to inform our residents.

Many of the new planning reforms aim to streamline the planning process for new homes, but they reduce the role of Council in assessing applications and create a risk of fast-tracking inappropriate development. Council is concerned that Banyule's tree canopy will not be sustained.

As a result, Banyule is playing a key role in a state-wide campaign led by the Municipal Association of Victoria that continues to protest many of the reforms.

I've also led motions calling for the Victorian Government to maintain the proportion of social housing in Banyule and

to ensure the provision of infrastructure and services to meet the needs of a growing population.

Returning local roads to locals

Council continues to work to alleviate frustrations arising from North East Link Project workers parking in local streets.

We are enforcing new parking restrictions in 35 streets, including 22 in Ibbott Ward.

We're now advocating for a 24-hour truck ban on local roads after North East Link opens, returning our local roads to locals.

Level Crossing Removal

The Level Crossing Removal Project is moving forward with the removal of Ruthven St crossing in Macleod.

Council has requested that public toilets are installed under the rail bridge. Consultation is now open to all through their website until 23 December.

engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-ruthven-street

Emerging Leader nomination

To cap off the year, I was honoured to be nominated in the Emerging Woman Leader category of the Mary Rogers Awards for Women in Local Government, run by the Victorian Local Government Association.



Macleod Village traders and service providers are ready to welcome you to their Christmas Fair.

There will be music, entertainment, rides, food and a mega raffle.

Scan the code below to purchase your \$15 wristband for unlimited rides.

Get along and support our local shopping centres.

Macleod Village Christmas Fair

 **Saturday 20 December**

 **10am – 3pm**

 **Macleod Village Green**

Scan the code to book \$15 wrist band



New year opening for new Rosanna Library

Exciting times in Ibbott! The new Rosanna Library is due to open by the end of January.

Books and other resources are now arriving. As the library staff are busy preparing the new library, the pop-up library in Beetham Parade is now closed.

Please visit Ivanhoe or Watsonia libraries, or use the click-and-collect service at Bellfield Community Hub.



Check the Yarra Plenty Regional Library website for all services: yprl.vic.gov.au

Wishing you and your families a safe and joyful festive season!

