

News from our Neighbourhood

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Pet owners and the environment

It's so important to pick up after dogs in parks or bushland. Disposing of pet waste properly helps prevent harmful bacteria and parasites from contaminating our parks and waterways.

Pet waste can wash into drains and creeks, polluting the water and threatening species like platypuses, which rely on clean waterways to survive.

You might notice we're changing the green dog waste bins in parks and reserves throughout March. We're placing general waste bins near the current dog waste bin locations, for a more cost-effective and efficient service.

New rules for cats and dogs

A new nightly (7am – 7pm) curfew for cats and different on-lead rules for dogs came into effect this month.

The rules give our animal friends space to play while helping keep everyone safe in public places and protecting vulnerable wildlife.



Enjoying Macleod Village Green with Ann and furry friends from Australian K9 Rescue.

Thinking about a pet? Consider adopting or fostering from these organisations:

- Australian K9 Rescue Victoria, australianK9rescuevic.org.au
- Cat Protection Society of Victoria, catprotection.com.au

Read about the new rules at banyule.vic.gov.au/Pets or scan the code.



Serving up a new tennis surface

Local tennis players will love the new court at Macleod Tennis Club. It's being repaired after tree root damage. The \$200,000 works are part of our community asset maintenance program.

We've removed the court surface and base and adding root barriers to prevent similar problems in the future.

We're now reconstructing the base. The final stage is to lay a new artificial clay surface. It's due to be completed by mid-March, weather permitting.



Works at Macleod Tennis Club

For court hire, visit play.tennis.com.au/MacleodTennisClub

Future Homes advocacy

Last year, I moved an urgent Council motion to remove Clause 53.24 (Future Homes provision) from the Banyule Planning Scheme until the Victorian Government has consulted with our community. Council adopted the motion to advocate for more consultation.

Future Homes is a Victorian Government program to streamline the planning process for three-storey apartment developments. I am concerned the Clause changes residents' rights and limits Council's role in decision making. Council will consider a further report on the Clause in March.

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**

