

# News from our Neighbourhood

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## Refurb makes Petrie Park Hall fit for all

The renovation of Petrie Park Hall in Montmorency is on track to be completed by the end of the month, with demolition works now complete and construction of new facilities underway.

I called in to check on progress and was shown around the improvements by builders Steve and Justin.

The home of Monty Community Hub, Petrie Park Hall will be fully accessible after the \$250,000 project is complete. There will be an accessible ramp for access and accessible toilets, as well as a new kitchenette. The scope of works includes extensive electrical, plumbing, mechanical and hydraulic works.



## Read on – our amazing libraries

Banyule's libraries are wonderful community resources that provide far more than reading and information.

Libraries are places to study, work and join in activities for all ages. Resources such as movie streaming services and free Wi-Fi are valued by many.

All our libraries are open late at least one night a week, offering a welcoming place to relax or join a community activity.

I'm proud to again be Councillor delegate on the Yarra Plenty Regional Library board, which oversees this vital community service.

We have three libraries in Banyule:

- Watsonia – 4 Ibbottson Road
- Ivanhoe – 275 Upper Heidelberg Road
- Rosanna pop-up (while we build the new Rosanna Library) – 56 Beetham Parade

There's also a click-and-collect service at Bellfield Community Hub.

Library membership is free and open to all Banyule residents.

Become a member and find out what's on at your library. Scan the code or go to [yppl.vic.gov.au](http://yppl.vic.gov.au)



## Nominate a volunteer

Online: [banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards](http://banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards)

Phone: 9457 9955

Email: [volawards@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:volawards@banyule.vic.gov.au)

The Banyule Volunteer Awards are back after a hiatus due to the pandemic.

Nominate an individual or organisation that contributes to our community.

Nominations close 23 March.

## Making music a community affair

Monty Hub Community Orchestra has put a call out for new members. The orchestra performs world music and is conducted by Terry Cole.

Council has funded a 14-week rehearsal program culminating in a performance on Sunday 3 August.

The first rehearsal was a huge success, with 25 musicians attending, but there is room for plenty more! They welcome all ages, abilities, instruments and voices.

Rehearsals are fortnightly on Wednesdays at 6.30pm in Petrie Park Hall. The next rehearsal is on 26 February. Interested? Simply attend a rehearsal or, to find out more, email [programs@montyhub.org](mailto:programs@montyhub.org)

