Banyule City Council

News from our Neighbourhood

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- A new Transport Strategy for Banyule
- Griffin Budget initiatives
- Buy one, get one free indigenous plants



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Benefits of living local

Creating neighbourhoods where people can live, work and find everyday services close to home is key to improving quality of life as Banyule continues to grow.

By making it easier for people to walk, ride a bike, or catch public transport for local trips, we can reduce unnecessary car travel while ensuring accessible transport options and parking is available for those who need it.

More local journeys mean less time spent in traffic and more time with family and friends in your community. It creates opportunities to invest in vibrant local centres with better public spaces, services and infrastructure designed for people, not just cars.

Population growth, more high-density housing, new transport infrastructure, changing work patterns and emerging technologies are reshaping the way people move around Banyule.

To help meet these changing needs, we're working on the Banyule Transport Strategy, which will guide transport planning and investment over the coming decades.



People travel to Europe to experience the charm of its cities and villages, but you can enjoy a similar lifestyle right here in Banyule.

James and Rachel, with children Hamish and Patrick, are walking home after collecting Alice from school in Heidelberg. The family can ride or walk to work, their regular café and hairdresser, shops, services and transport hubs.

It's an active, healthy lifestyle with strong community ties and more time for family, friends and leisure.

2026/27 Budget: delivering for our community

Banyule is in a strong financial position as we adopt our Budget for 2026/27.

We're maintaining services and building new infrastructure. Nearly 90% of the capital works budget is used to maintain and upgrade our existing assets.

We continue to offer rate relief for ratepayers who need support. People experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for assistance.

To find out more, phone customer service on 9490 4222 or visit **banyule.vic.gov.au/HardshipPolicy**

Projects in our neighbourhood:

- $3.3 million – Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan implementation (including state and federal government amounts)
- $250,000 – Ivanhoe Park youth spaces
- $500,000 – Powlett Street reserve construction
- $900,000 – Heidelberg Park changerooms.

Grow a garden that's good for nature and us!

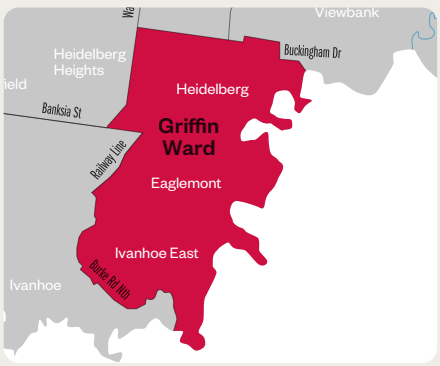
Gardens are so important for our neighbourhood character. A mix of native and exotic plants in local gardens is part of Griffin's charm.

Banyule residents can receive up to 10 free plants from Nangak Tamboree Indigenous Plant Nursery in Bundoora with Council's buy one, get one free indigenous plant voucher.

Each property can claim one voucher per financial year. It is valid for tube-stock only and must be redeemed in a single transaction.

Apply now

Scan the code to apply online or phone **9490 4222**.



Banyule's ready for commitments on projects, partnerships and changes our community needs.

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With the state election coming in November 2026, we're making Banyule's priorities known to candidates to secure vital funding and policy changes.

Find out more about these priorities and see what politicial parties or candidates have made relevant committments for our community at **banyule.vic.gov.au/ready** or by scanning the code.



Heidelberg West Community Services Hub

A funding partnership to establish a Community Services Hub in Heidelberg West.



Quality housing with local input

Restore local voices in local town planning decisions, while achieving good design outcomes and protecting and increasing tree canopy.



Outreach program for people sleeping rough

Ongoing funding to allow Council to better support people sleeping rough.



Watsonia Station accessibility

Upgrade and modernise Watsonia Station by raising it to integrate with the shopping precinct and making it more accessible.



Civic Drive roundabout

A safety solution for Melbourne's most dangerous roundabout, the notorious Civic Drive roundabout on the Greensborough Bypass.



24-hour truck ban

A 24/7 ban for trucks on local roads to make sure they use the North East Link when it opens (excluding local delivery trucks and vehicles that can't use tunnels).



Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre

A funding partnership to help upgrade and fully electrify the building with new pools, expanded gym, program rooms and more.

Support the community-led petition for a 24/7 truck ban

A parliamentary petition has been created by the local community that aligns with Council's advocacy position calling for an extension of the existing north-east truck restrictions to a 24/7 ban with the installation of technology to enforce the ban.

You can view the petition and show your support at **parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/856**
Petition closes on Monday 31 August.