

News from our Neighbourhood

August 2026

- Transformed gym and sauna reopen at OLC
- Walking track lighting at Ford Park
- Shelley Park pavilion update
- 2026/27 projects in Olympia



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Transformed gym now open

The Olympic Leisure Centre gym and sauna have reopened with longer hours.

The beautiful 1970s wood ceilings, bright white walls and natural light make the program room exceptional. The expanded classes there will be popular.

The new gym area is bigger, with more equipment and new wellness features and the sauna now has a change area.

We look forward to welcoming back our members and for those new to OLC we're offering a one-week free trial.



Pop in to OLC at 15 Alamein Road, Heidelberg West, or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/OlympicLeisure

Gym, sauna and programs opening hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 7am – 8pm
- Friday: 7am – 6pm
(Women's Only program, 6pm – 8pm)
- Saturday: 8am – 1pm
- Sunday: 9am – 1pm

OLC library coming soon

Construction of the new library at Olympic Leisure Centre is progressing well and is expected to open in October.



A new pavilion for Shelley Park

Construction is under way on a new pavilion at Shelley Park in Heidelberg Heights, home of North Heidelberg Sporting Club.

Council is grateful for the Australian Government's contribution of \$3 million toward the project, in addition to Council's investment of \$850,000.

The new pavilion will have community rooms, changerooms, canteen, office space, gym, storerooms, and accessible public toilet. It is expected to be completed by April 2027.



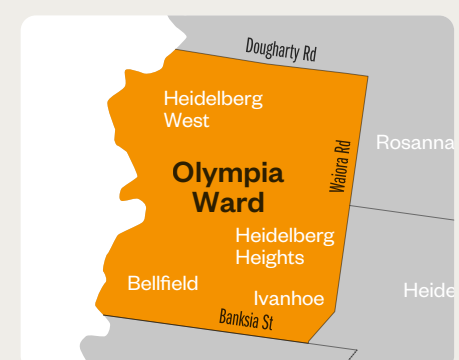
Lighting up Ford Park

Lighting is being installed along the walking track at Ford Park in Bellfield, making this popular recreation area safer and more accessible during the early morning and evening.

The \$320,000 works are funded by Council and are expected to take place from October to December. There will be signs around the park to let you know what is happening.

Projects happening in Olympia in 2026/27

- \$80,000 – Waterdale Road safety measures near Perkins Road
- \$420,000 – Cyril Cummings Reserve hockey pitch repair
- \$30,000 – Barrbunin Beek parkland planting
- \$596,000 James Street Reserve female-friendly changerooms.



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



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 political parties or candidates have made relevant commitments 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.

