

News from our Neighbourhood

August 2026

- 2026/27 Budget
- Sylvan Reserve playground renewal
- Community safety



Mayor
Cr Alison Champion
Sherbourne Ward

alison.champion
@banyule.vic.gov.au
0466 486 593

Delivering for our community

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

Council is focusing on maintaining services and upgrading facilities to meet community need. Nearly 90% of the capital works budget is for maintaining and upgrading existing assets. We're also building new infrastructure for our growing community.

The Budget includes \$1.7 million for our road resheeting program, which is well underway. Scheduling works over winter and spring, when contractor demand is low, helps us secure better value and make the most of our investment.

We've also allocated \$3 million for our footpath replacement program.

Hardship assistance

I am pleased that we are continuing to offer rate relief for ratepayers who need support. People experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for assistance.

Find out more: phone **9490 4222** or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/HardshipPolicy

Budget initiatives in our neighbourhood include:

- \$52,000 – feeder trail renewal, Lower Plenty
- \$160,000 – Sylvan Reserve playground renewal
- \$40,000 – Mayona Road works
- \$410,000 – Sherbourne Road safety measures

Read the Budget

See how the Budget is drawn up with community input and read the document at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/BuildingtheBudget



Sylvan Reserve playground renewal

Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas for this playground in Montmorency. The response shows how much you value this local park. In my family it's affectionately known as Granny's Park.

A draft concept design for the renewed playground will be shared for your comments later this year and construction will happen next year.

Find out more and sign up for updates at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Sylvan



Working together for a safer community

Council is collaborating with Victoria Police to present a series of community safety workshops and events to inform, advise and hear from our community.

Opportunities coming up to discuss safety concerns and ideas with Council's Community Safety team and local police include:

- **E-bikes and illegal motorised vehicles**
Monday 7 September, 6pm,
at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.
- **Scam savvy seniors**
Wednesday 14 October, 10am,
Bellfield Community Hub.
- **Monty Coffee with a Cop**
Wednesday 21 October, 11am – 12.30pm, Were Street Reserve.
- **Community safety forum**
Wednesday 28 October, 6pm,
The Centre Ivanhoe.

Learn more about these events at banyule.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn



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.

