

News from our Neighbourhood

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Growing Heidelberg city centre

Heidelberg is Banyule's busiest hub and a major activity centre in Melbourne's north. With hospitals, schools, transport, parks and leisure options close by, it's well-positioned for vibrant urban living. We'll continue to see development in central Heidelberg, focusing growth where it brings the greatest benefit – where residents can walk to jobs, shopping, services, transport and recreation.

Cartmell Street

The Cartmell Street carpark redevelopment will deliver 148 public parking spaces – an increase of 57 from the original 91 spaces.

The development also includes 85 new affordable homes close to services and transport. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2027.

Powlett Street Reserve

We're investing in green spaces in built-up, more densely populated areas.

The needs of the community and the area have changed since we made a masterplan for Powlett Street Reserve and we're reviewing the design.

Share your ideas by completing the survey at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/PowlettStReserve

As our community grows, we'll continue working with residents, businesses, industry partners and other levels of government to try to ensure growth happens in the right areas. Housing in places where cars are not



Start of Cartmell Street works, with Banyule Mayor Cr Alison Champion.

AJ Burkitt Reserve

There will be many benefits once the North East Link (NEL) is open, but the disruptions during construction are being felt around Banyule, including Heidelberg. Fortunately no-one was injured by the recent sinkhole at AJ Burkitt Reserve, but the effects are still being felt.

The reserve and part of the Main Yarra Trail are closed while tunnel boring machines are working in the area.

Council is working with NEL to find a balance between safety and continued access to our well-loved parks and facilities. For more information, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au or phone North East Link on 1800 105 105.

needed for daily living can reduce pressure on local roads. You can help by shopping locally. I'm always happy to hear your thoughts. You can contact me by email or phone (details at the top of this page).

Discover the joy of gardening

Gardening is a simple, joyful way to boost your physical and mental wellbeing.

It gets you moving outdoors, reduces stress and provides a calming connection with nature. Shared with others, it also helps build community and connection.

Council is sponsoring a series of beginner-friendly gardening workshops starting mid-March at St John's Riverside Community Garden in Heidelberg.

Find out more and sign up at tinyurl.com/learn2garden

