

News from our Neighbourhood

February 2026

- A new public artwork for Monty
- Eltham Orchestra 50th birthday
- Our exciting season of events continues
- Eco Festival at Petrie Park



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Celebrating 50 years of music in our community

The Eltham Orchestra will launch its 50th anniversary celebrations with a family-friendly Studio Ghibli-themed concert at Alistair Knox Park on 14 March, followed by a Concerto Soloist Showcase beginning 26 March.

There will also be concerts at Eltham Community Reception Centre in May, August and December.

After farewelling long-time Musical Director Marie-Louise Wright, the orchestra now welcomes its new director, Tim Veldman, who brings extensive international experience to the role. Tim works closely with Sonic Chung, conductor of strings and training groups.



I met several members at their rehearsal space at Montmorency Community Church. They're a talented and welcoming group who make a wonderful contribution to our community.

Banyule musicians who have a concert movement or aria ready to perform can apply for the Soloist Showcase.

Find out more at elthamorchestras.com

It's been an exciting summer of events in Banyule. As we head into autumn, Council is proud to present more fabulous community events:

Banyule Eco Festival

 Sunday 15 March, 11am – 4pm

 Petrie Park, Montmorency

Turn over for all the details!

Women in Sport

Guest speaker dual Olympian Rachael Lynch OAM

 Wednesday 25 March, 6pm – 9pm

 Olympic Park Pavilion, Heidelberg West

Tickets on sale now.



Women in Business brunch

Guest speaker Carrie Bickmore OAM

 Friday 1 May, 9.30am – 12.30pm

 The Centre Ivanhoe

Tickets on sale 9am
Monday 2 March



New art for Monty

A sculpture being installed outside Montmorency Station will pay tribute to the bushland of Monty and surrounds.

Hello Casuarina, by artists Joanne Mott and John Power, was inspired by the black she-oak (*Allocasuarina littoralis*), a tree indigenous to Montmorency and of cultural significance to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

A former resident of Montmorency, Joanne described the sculpture as a symbol of “the heart of the village”.

Funded by the Victorian Government's Level Crossing Removal Project, the sculpture will be installed by Council by the middle of the year. I checked out the site with Member for Eltham, The Hon Vicki Ward MP, pictured.

