

News from our Neighbourhood

May 2026

- Diversity in action at Concord Playgroup
- New playground for College Views Reserve
- Sustainable options at the Library of Things



**Deputy Mayor
Cr Rick Garotti
Grimshaw Ward**

rick.garotti@banyule.vic.gov.au
0490 014 965

Diversity in action at Concord Playgroup

In April, I visited Concord Playgroup in Bundoora to meet committee president Jason Townsend and see the improved access and bike parking recently upgraded with Council's support.

While there, it was a pleasure to be introduced to Cindy Guerrero and other staff who run a playgroup for the Spanish community. The weekly sessions immerse young attendees in Spanish language, culture, art and games.

While I was aware of Concord Playgroup's inclusivity and how well it serves Grimshaw's multicultural community, it was heartening to see community facilities that Banyule supports running a specialised group like this.



The playgroup is a living example of Banyule's diversity.

I enjoyed hearing about the committee's plans for Concord and was able to offer my support and guidance as they seek further funding to upgrade the facilities.

Concord Playgroup is at 9 Cameron Parade, Bundoora. For session times, fees and enrolment information, visit concordplaygroup.org.au

A new playground for College Views

The redevelopment of the playground at College Views Reserve began this month, so we'll have a fantastic new play space for local families by spring.

The new playground took shape following extensive consultation last year, which saw locals share their ideas.

Council's designs already included features such as a bike track and in-ground trampoline, but your feedback helped us finalise the design, adding more accessible options for children with mobility challenges.

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback and for helping make College Views Reserve one of Grimshaw's favourite play destinations.

You can revisit the plans and community feedback on Shaping Banyule at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Bundoora



Sustainable options at the Library of Things

I talked about Watsonia Library's brilliant Library of Things in our last edition, but did you know it includes items that can help you make your home more sustainable?

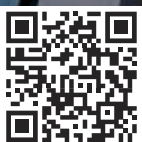
Recent additions to the catalogue include a portable induction cooktop so you can try electric cooking before investing in your own appliance. There's also a Sustainable Home Audit Kit to help you assess your home energy and water use.

Search the catalogue at ypri.vic.gov.au



Banyule's ready for an accessible, upgraded Watsonia Train Station.

We are advocating for
state government investment
to make this happen.



See what we are advocating for and what you
can do, ahead of the 2026 Victorian state election.
banyule.vic.gov.au/ready