

# News from our Neighbourhood



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## Standing up for our community on NEL

Banyule Council is leading a push for the Victorian Government to honour commitments made to communities affected by Big Build projects.

We're asking the Municipal Association of Victoria to back our call for more accountability on promises made during the planning and approval of projects such as the North East Link (NEL).

Key expectations include traffic improvements, including a 24-hour truck ban on local roads after North East Link opens, protecting and maintaining habitat corridors for biodiversity and strong measures to manage air pollution, noise, vibration and contamination. We're also calling for more on-site parking or park-and-ride options for construction workers to reduce pressure on local streets.

Cr Elizabeth Nealy and I will present our case to the MAV State Council on 29 May.

Banyule is not the only community impacted by the Big Build. We want to get broad support for the outcomes that were promised during the initial phase of consultation on projects such as the NEL.

### Better environmental monitoring

We're also asking for stronger environmental monitoring during the construction and operation of NEL.

Council unanimously supported my notice of motion calling for the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to increase monitoring of air and water quality and for more transparent, real-time reporting.

And, we want better filtration of the ventilation stacks to ensure the future health of our community.

### Add your voice

Contact your local MP and ask for action.

Find out how at [banyule.vic.gov.au/advocacy](https://banyule.vic.gov.au/advocacy)



## Macleod crossing removal

It's good to see the Victorian Government plans for the level crossing removal in Macleod include a signalised pedestrian crossing at Ruthven Street and completion of the shared path along Ellesmere Parade, two things Council advocated for.

I'm also seeking discussion about public toilets and assurances around protecting trees in Rosanna Parklands.

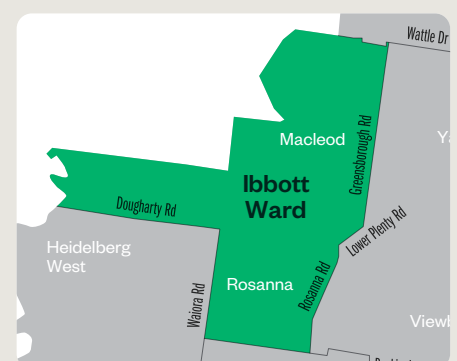
The Level Crossing Removal Project has said work will begin later this year and the new crossing will be open by the end of 2027. View the plans at [engage.vic.gov.au](https://engage.vic.gov.au)



## Macleod pavilion opening

It's great to see Macleod Junior Football Club enjoying the new pavilion at Macleod Park. Jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government, the pavilion has changerooms, community room, kitchen, canteen, office and storage areas.

Macleod Cricket Club is the summer tenant at Macleod Park. Both clubs will retain access to the pavilion during Victorian Government works to remove the level crossing at Ruthven Street, when the oval will be used as a staging area.



# Banyule's ready for quality housing that responds to community voice and local character.

We are advocating to the state government to commit to making this happen.



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