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Mayor Cr Mark Di Pasquale's Message

9490 4222



Festival time

Summer may be officially over but it's still a great time to be out and about enjoying our City. Our Twilight Sounds and Kids ArtyFarty Fest weekend will be bigger and better than ever on 17-18 March. Head to Sills Bend in Warringal Parklands, Heidelberg with your picnic rug for a Saturday evening of free music at Twilight Sounds or grab the kids and enjoy Sunday's ArtyFarty Fest which kicks off with the Grand Parade along Burgundy St at 10am. The parade then joins the festival at Sills Bend at 11am. The theme of this year's parade is MULTICULTURAL STORIES and is one not to be missed. Make the most of it and I look forward to seeing you there. You can see all the details on pages 8 and 9.

Council Plan and 2018/19 Budget – Have your say

Our Council Plan 2017-2021 outlines what we aim to achieve and how we're working towards our vision of Banyule – a green, sustainable and vibrant place for a healthy, connected and inclusive community. During April and May the proposed Plan and Budget will be available for review and public submissions. We want to know what you think. How do you think we went in 2017 and what do we need to consider in this second year of delivering the four-year Plan? Full details can be found on our

community engagement website shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au and there's more information on this and other opportunities for you to have your say on page 2.

Volunteer awards nominations

Do you know someone who you think is an outstanding local volunteer? Nominate them for a 2018 Banyule Volunteer Award. We want to acknowledge these people who really are the backbone of our community. There's still time for nominations up to midnight Friday 16 March. Winners will be recognised at the 2018 Banyule Volunteer Celebration being held during National Volunteer Week in May. Last year more than 50 people or groups were nominated for an award. The celebration night is a great way to recognise those who offer their time and energy for the benefit of others and our community. To find out more or to make a nomination visit banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards

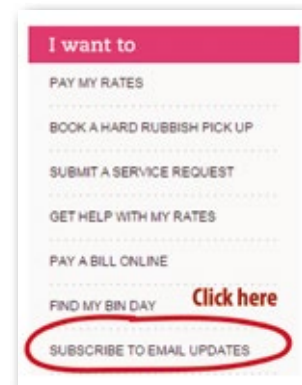
Tell us what you think

On page 11 we have included a survey about the Banner. I encourage you to complete it, cut it out and return it to us so we can continue to communicate with you as effectively as possible. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at www.banyule.vic.gov.au/BetterBanner

Banyule Digital



There are a range of ways you can find out what's happening in Banyule. If you have any specific interest you can now subscribe to have tailored information sent directly to your inbox. Go to our website homepage and click on SUBSCRIBE TO EMAIL UPDATES or visit: banyule.vic.gov.au/subscribe



Why not have your say on important projects and local initiatives in your neighbourhood. Register at: shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au



Of course you can find us on Facebook for the latest news and events, and get help if you have a question or problem.

facebook.com/banyulecouncil

Find us on

And if you like news bite size, subscribe to our Twitter feed:

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Shaping Banyule

Planning the Council Plan and Budget together

Council develops a four year Council Plan to provide and communicate our strategic direction in consultation with the community and other stakeholders.

The current Council Plan 2017-2021 effectively gives us a roadmap to follow and is reviewed annually to ensure emerging community needs and aspirations are captured. After that review, a plan for the year is developed along with an annual budget that details the resources required to implement that plan.

We have been engaging and consulting with the community on the 2018/2019 Budget since December last year, focusing particularly on our Fees and Charges Schedule and Rating Strategy.

The community has also provided lots of feedback and suggestions on the Council Plan at our Movies on the Move during January and February 2018. People have been letting us know how they think we went in 2017 and what we need to consider in this second year of delivering the 2017-2021 Council Plan.

Movies on the Move were a wonderful way to celebrate summer, our open spaces and community spirit and provide an opportunity to work together to plan for our year ahead.

All this community input is now being used to help us prepare our Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 2) and Budget 2018/2019.

We look forward to continuing the conversation with our community and providing updates on Shaping Banyule, our online engagement and consultation platform, from March to June.



Key project timelines include:

- **12 April – 9 May:** Formal public submission period for the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 2) and proposed Budget 2018/2019
- **June:** Proposed documents presented at Council Meeting for consideration and adoption

For more information on these consultations or to find out about other consultation opportunities visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au or call **9490 4222**.

Council meetings

Council meetings are open to the public and held every third Monday at 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe.

Please note, meetings start at 7pm and are followed by the Public Forum.

The next two Council meetings are on 19 March and 9 April.

Agendas, minutes, and an audio recording of the Council meeting are available at banyule.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeeting

Rosanna level crossing removal update



Artist Impression

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) continues to progress works on a train bridge over Lower Plenty Road, Rosanna, to allow free traffic flow.

As part of these works, a new Rosanna Station is being built and the rail line is being duplicated between Rosanna and Heidelberg to improve train service reliability and frequency.

To get this job finished, the LXRA will have a construction blitz in March and April and the new station will be built, the line duplication completed, and the main bridge structure over Lower Plenty Road will be put in place.

This will affect local train services from Friday 16 March to Monday 30 April so during this time buses will replace trains. Replacement buses will operate from Macleod, Rosanna, Heidelberg, Eaglemont, Ivanhoe and Darebin stations. For journey planning and service information, visit ptv.gov.au or call 1800 800 007. For LXRA updates visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au or call 1800 762 667.

Council had been working closely with the LXRA to ensure the best outcomes for Banyule. We have been able to secure many improved urban design outcomes including:

- Additional landscaping and tree planting
- Enhancements to the new Rosanna Station including two extra toilets and a social enterprise café
- Improvements to Council's drainage network
- Provision of shared use paths along Turnham Ave and Ellesmere Pde
- Turnham Ave streetscape improvements
- Inclusion of Beetham Pde/Lower Plenty Rd traffic signalisation to better manage traffic operation and pedestrian safety following removal of the level crossing
- De Winton Reserve parking improvements
- Landscaping on the north side of Lower Plenty Rd linking to Rosanna Parklands.

Wiser Driver courses

Are you a car driver aged over 60 years interested in participating in a free Wiser Driver course?

Most older drivers are rightly proud of their good driving record.

Council is giving older drivers an opportunity to refresh their road law knowledge and build on their driving experience in the company of peers.

About the Wiser Driver course

- Two-hour sessions over four-weeks – no driving lesson or tests involved
- Friendly, informal, thought provoking and challenging
- Small groups of 12 to 15 people with plenty of time for discussion
- Includes a delicious morning tea!

Where: Tom Roberts Room, Ivanhoe Civic Centre, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

When: Friday 6, 13, 20 and 27 April, 10am to 12noon

OR

Where: Griffin Room, Level 4, Banyule City Council Offices, 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough

When: Friday 9, 16, 23 and 30 May, 10am to 12noon

Please call Customer Service on **9490 4222** to reserve your spot on your preferred dates.

Consider inviting a friend or relative to join you!



Managed bushland burn a big success



Find out more

To find out more about Banyule's Bushland Management Unit, bushland reserves or volunteering to help achieve conservation outcomes through local friends groups contact Council:

- phone **9490 4222** and ask for the Bushland Management Unit
- email enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au
- see page 16 for our Greening Banyule special or visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/environmentgroups

A successful outcome for improving the floristic biodiversity of one of Banyule's nature reserves was achieved when the CFA and Council's Bushland Management Unit conducted a prescribed ecological burn in a small section of St Helena Bushland Reserve in Eltham North on 14 December.

St Helena Bushland Reserve is a 2.4 hectare box stringy-bark woodland with a rich variety of locally indigenous plants, some of which are rare, threatened and of state significance.

This specific vegetation community benefits from spring-summer ecological burning every 15 years to maintain and enhance its ecological biodiversity.

A similar prescribed ecological burn was conducted in another part of the reserve in the summer of 2012. Since then the Bushland Management Unit's Park Rangers have noticed a significant improvement in the area's biodiversity.

Banyule's Bushland Management Unit is a small team of passionate staff who manage over 30 bushland reserves, including the Darebin Creek, Yarra and Plenty River corridors.



Photos courtesy of Garry French

Community safety and crime prevention forum

Hear about the latest crime trends in Banyule from the Crime Statistics Agency and crime prevention advice from Victoria Police.

Where: Shop 48 The Harmony Centre, Heidelberg West

When: Tuesday 30 March, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Book: 9457 9841 or bianca.ellis@banyule.vic.gov.au

Free event. For more information, contact Sarah Mulholland on **9457 9992** or Roz Williams on **9457 9935**.



Join a playgroup in Banyule

National Playgroup Week is 25 March to 1 April and a great time to join a local playgroup with your under school aged children.

Playgroups are regular, organised play sessions where parents and young children come together usually for just a few hours. The focus is on children's play and interactions between children and parents. Activities in playgroup include music, singing, story time, art and craft, imaginative play, outdoor activities and more.

At playgroup children develop social, emotional, physical, thinking and communication skills. Parents and carers get the chance to make new friends, share parenting and child rearing tips and find out about other local resources for families with young children

Something for everyone

Playgroups are located all around Melbourne and in Banyule there are more than 35 playgroups.

Playgroups are held in community centres, neighbourhood houses, schools, church and scout halls and any community facility that is safe for young children.

If you can't find the right playgroup for you, you could start your own!

For a complete list of playgroups in Banyule email libby.mein@banyule.vic.gov.au or phone Libby on **9457 9961**.

For information about playgroups across Victoria or to find out about starting your own playgroup visit playgroup.org.au



Messiest playgroup morning

Join us in National Playgroup Week for lots of fun and messy activities for young children at The Messiest Playgroup Morning at Ivanhoe Library Quadrangle (front of building) 255 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe, on Tuesday 27 March from 10.30am to noon.

Prepare to get your hands messy and your clothes dirty. Banyule Council in partnership with Ivanhoe library is hosting a special Messy Pop-Up playgroup. Young children will have the opportunity to experience a range of hands on activities involving playdough, slime, water and paint and more!

Clothing may get stained, please dress yourself and your children accordingly.

This is a free activity but bookings for adults and children is essential. Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/TRPE>



Importance of vaccinations

Influenza vaccine for 2018

Influenza is a highly contagious viral infection that can be passed easily onto people through sneezing, coughing and close contact. It is recommended that the majority of the community receive the vaccine.

Apart from the personal protection this will provide, it will also serve to protect those who are at higher risk of influenza complications.

The flu vaccine is important to have every year, as influenza strains change. The vaccine is available

from April and it takes about two weeks for immunity to develop after receiving the vaccine.

The flu vaccine will be available at Banyule Council public immunisations sessions at a cost of \$25.00 (payable by card). Check with your GP regarding eligibility for free vaccines for certain at-risk groups.

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine: year 10 school program

In 2018, students in Year 10 or age equivalent will be eligible to receive the free Meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

The meningococcal disease is uncommon, although if infected can progress very quickly possibly leading to permanent disability or death.

Immunisation consent cards will be distributed to all secondary schools within Banyule in early 2018. Schools will have confirmed dates for our visit.

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Art Exhibition

Featuring artists:
 Avan Anwar
 Rushdi Anwar
 Junko Azukawa
 Nadia Faragaab
 Sha Sawari



In 2018, the Banyule Arts & Culture program celebrates and explores our community's cultural diversity with the unifying theme, *'finding common ground'*. This exhibition is the major themed exhibition for 2018, showcasing contemporary art exploring the ideas of language, displacement, loss, and hope. Join us for opening night to experience food and performances from our artists' homelands, and check the website for an exciting array of free public events to accompany this exhibition!

Opening night:
 Wednesday 21 March, 6-8pm

Exhibition dates:
 22 March – 12 May

Hatch Contemporary Arts Space
 14 Ivanhoe Pde, Ivanhoe

Gallery open:
 Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

www.banyule.vic.gov.au/hatch

Call for expressions of interest

Participate in the 2019 Banyule Arts & Culture Program

Banyule Council's Arts & Culture team will be working in partnership with the Youth Services team to program Arts & Culture events for 2019. The program for 2019 will focus on engaging with the young people of our community.

We are seeking expressions of interest from individual artists and community art groups who live, work, or play in Banyule, with ideas for arts and cultural activities that

fit the brief for 2019. Ideas for our program may include: performances, workshops, art exhibitions, ephemeral art installations, opportunities and pathways for young artists, festival activities, and anything else you can think of!

Applications are open
 1 April – 31 May for delivery in 2019.

Further information and online application form:
banyule.vic.gov.au/artsprogram

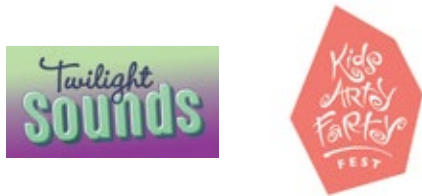
Enquiries: arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

ABOVE: *Alien Nations* by Sha Sawari



Free festival weekend 17 – 18 March

Join us at Sills Bend for Banyule’s biggest and brig end with FREE music, entertainment, workshops and activities for everyone to enjoy.



Twilight Sounds

Saturday 17 March, 5.30-10pm
Sills Bend, Warringal Parklands,
Beverley Rd, Heidelberg

This year’s line-up boasts the instantly captivating folk-pop of headliners Oh Pep! The euphoric vibe of 6-piece Tempus Sun, and the lush jazz-folk textures of Tulalah. And introducing Jets Records newest act, Nightlight. With roving performers and free creative play for the kids, there’s no

better way to enjoy an evening on the banks of the Yarra.

Pull up a hay bale and grab a bite to eat from one of the festival food or drink vendors and come ready to enjoy an unforgettable night with some of Australia’s best contemporary music artists.

For all the latest information, visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/TwilightSounds



Oh Pep!



Tempus Sun



Tulalah

Thank you to our generous sponsors





Grand Parade

Presented by Heidelberg Central Traders

**Sunday 18 March, 10-11am
Burgundy St, Heidelberg**

Follow the Grand Parade down Burgundy Street to Sills Bend at 10am as local kindergartens, schools and community groups dress themselves and floats to the theme of "Multicultural Stories & Characters".

Don't forget, one parade entry will win an outdoor movie hosted by Banyule Council!

It's not too late for your school, organisation or community group to get involved. Come along, get creative, dress up and join in the celebration! Visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Parade to submit your application.

Kids ArtyFarty Fest

**Sunday 18 March, 11am-4pm
Sills Bend, Warringal Parklands,
Beverley Rd, Heidelberg**

The Festival kicks off at 11am, and this year's theme is **MULTICULTURAL STORIES**. Enjoy a fantastic family day where little kids and big kids too can play, create, experiment and have fun!

Get ready to:

- Dance to music
- Learn about the environment
- Get your hands dirty
- Climb really high
- Learn about other cultures from around the globe
- Paint a picture or your face
- Sing a song
- Plus much, much more!

This is a sensory friendly festival and consideration is given to include all members of our community.

As parking is limited, why not ride you bike to the festival and have your bike minded free of charge by Banyule BUG (Bicycle User Group) or catch a free Mee's shuttle bus, departing every 40 minutes from 10.05am at Heidelberg Station.

Festival Passport

Don't forget to pick up your passport when you arrive – collect a stamp from all the activities listed for a chance to win some awesome prizes.

Grab your parents, bring your sense of adventure and join us for a brilliant day out in the park.

For all the latest information, visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/KidsArtyFartyFest

Banyule Council is aiming for zero waste at its festivals so please consider your food packaging and bring a refillable water bottle!

Stay informed and never miss a beat or bin day!

There is always something happening at Banyule. Not only do we provide more than 100 services plus a calendar jammed full of events and activities, we know what's happening in your neighbourhood.

Follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** to help you go about your day in Banyule.

For instance, want to head to Twilight Sounds with some friends to see some live music? Like, share or retweet us and that's all your organising done!

Need a reminder when your bin gets collected during Anzac Day week? You'll have the answer at your fingertips!

Wondering if a Council event is still happening with storm clouds brewing? We'll keep you posted.

You'll also be able find out about other local announcements including:

- any changes to the services you rely on
- emergency information and support
- opportunities to have your say about local projects and initiatives
- and fantastic free events

So stay in the know on the go and follow us at:

 www.fb.com/BanyuleCouncil

 www.twitter.com/BanyuleCouncil



Banyule Community Camps

Nine disadvantaged children enjoyed holiday camps provided by Edmund Rice Camps and YMCA Camps in January thanks to money donated by Banyule residents, services and businesses.

The Banyule Community Camps program offers children the opportunity to make new friends, participate in recreational activities and have a holiday that they may otherwise never have experienced.

A very big thank you to Quota International of Heidelberg, the Old England Hotel, and the Rotary Club of Ivanhoe, plus nine individual residents who gave generously last year.


Council receives donations for Banyule Community Camp program all year round. Funds donated go directly to the cost of sending a child aged 8 to 16 to a holiday camp program. Donations can be made in person at Council's customer service centres or over the phone. To make a donation or for more information contact Libby Mein, Early Years and Community Support Officer, on **9457 9961** or email Libby.Mein@banyule.vic.gov.au



Delivering a Better Banner

The Banyule Banner is our local newsletter that helps keep you informed about Council events, news and projects. We are looking to make the Banner even better and would love to know what you think.

Simply complete this survey, tear it out and pop it in an Australia Post red mail box.

If you prefer, complete the survey online at banyule.vic.gov.au/BetterBanner 



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We produce and distribute the Banner every two months. How often do you get it in your letterbox?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Do you read the Banner?

- Yes, I usually read it all
- Yes, but I only scan for things that interest me
- No, I usually throw it away.

Do you find the articles in the Banner

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Informative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy to read and understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helpful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visually appealing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which of our regular features do you enjoy most?

(please select your top 3)

- Mayor's message
- Information about community consultation (Shaping Banyule)
- Information about upcoming events
- Information about projects we are doing for the city (Building a Better Banyule)
- Information about our environmental efforts (Greening Banyule)
- Updates about your local ward (Ward rounds)
- Community Calendar

Are there other features that you would be interested in seeing in the Banner?

- Profiles of local areas, attractions and people
- More information about the services we provide
- Other – please specify below

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Would you prefer to receive the Banner

- In your mail box
- A digital version sent to your inbox
- Both mail and email

Overall, how satisfied are you with the Banner?

- Very dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Satisfied
- Very satisfied

Your age group

- Under 25
- 25-34
- 34-49
- 50-69
- 70+

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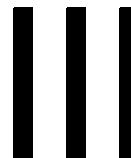
If you have any questions about this survey, contact Banyule Communications: 9490 4222 enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au
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North East Link Update



Following on from the Premier's announcement in November 2017 of a preferred North East Link route from the M80 Ring Road in Greensborough to connect to the Eastern Freeway in Bulleen, the North East Link Authority (NELA) have made an early call for private sector partners to deliver the project.

The North East Link will be delivered as a public/private partnership and will be a toll road. The formal procurement process will commence later in 2018.

NELA has also recently recruited for members of Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) to allow community representatives to be involved in the initial planning and approval phase (2018-2019). Membership of the CLGs includes representatives from Council along with local industry, business and community groups.

The CLGs will contribute to planning for the North East Link by involving community representatives in planning for local outcomes, assisting to identify local opportunities and issues and assisting in resolving community concerns.

Details of the activities and people involved will be publically available and the composition of advisory groups, minutes of meetings and advice of activities will be published on the North East Link website. For more information or to sign up for updates, visit www.northeastlink.vic.gov.au or call 1800 941 191.

While Council strongly opposes NELA's selected option A and considers option C direct to Ringwood as a better option, it will continue to advocate for the best outcomes for the Banyule community. These outcomes will include ensuring the provision of shared user paths for walking and cycling as well as ensuring public transport services for residents are not adversely affected by the introduction of the North East Link.

ABOVE: Artist impression of North East Link.

Nominations now open for 2018 Banyule Volunteer Awards



Know an outstanding volunteer you think deserves recognition at the 2018 Banyule Volunteer Celebration?

Nominate them for a Volunteer Award!

Last year more than 50 people or groups were nominated for a Banyule Volunteer Award.

Among winners were Mary Mc Lure for taking older residents to appointments and volunteering at the Austin Hospital's Emergency Department, and Cameron Harper for persisting for two years to get a football club started.

Nominations for 2018 Banyule Volunteer Awards can be made online at Banyule.smartygrants.com.au until midnight Friday 16 March.

You can nominate in any of five categories:

- Individual (incorporating Life Time Achievement)
- Young (aged 12-25 years as at 1 January 2018)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Multicultural Community
- Community group

Winners will be announced at the 2018 Banyule Volunteer Celebration in The Great Hall, The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe on Wednesday 23 May, 6.30pm-10pm.

Tickets for the 2018 Banyule Volunteer Celebration will be available from Monday 19 March and can be booked online at www.banyule.vic.gov.au/VolunteerAwards

For more information contact Karen Molinaro 9457 9955 or Bianca Ellis on 9457 9841.

ABOVE 2017 Volunteer Celebration winners.

Community events

Here is just a taste of what's on offer over the next few months throughout Banyule. For more events pick up a copy of *The Little Banyule Book of Things to Do* from our service centres.



A Taste of Harmony

Learn to cook food celebrated throughout the world with local residents from different cultural backgrounds. Cost \$10. Bookings essential at www.shop48.org or phone 8582 9501. All proceeds donated to the Brotherhood of St Laurence's Stepping Stones Project.

Wednesday 21 March,
10.30am-2pm
Shop 48 - The Harmony Centre
Bell St Mall, Heidelberg West
www.shop48.org

Watsonia Family Fun Day

Enjoy a family day at Watsonia Shopping Centre. Animal farm. Free rides including mini pirate ship, train, carousel and jumping castle. Face painting. Music. Community group activities and performances. Special appearances by the Easter Bunny!

Saturday 24 March, 10am-3pm
Watsonia Shopping Centre
Watsonia Rd, Watsonia
www.watsoniashops.com.au

Discover Banyule Flat Reserve (nature play)

Come and join in a range of nature play activities on the picturesque Banyule Flats Creek.

Activities include a nature walk, painting, waterbug investigation and a stick pick up.



Activities are for children under 12 years, and their parents. Free BBQ provided.

Banyule Flats
Banyule Rd, Viewbank
Friday 13 April, 4-6pm

Bookings required. Book online at www.trybooking.com/TYBS.

For more information contact sherryn.prinzi@banyule.vic.gov.au

Declutter workshop

Discover how to declutter to save time, space and the planet at a fun interactive workshop with eco-organiser Tana Lewis who will show you how to organise every room in your house.

Thursday 22 March, 7-9pm
Watsonia Neighbourhood House
35/47 Lambourn Rd, Watsonia or
Thursday 19 April, 7-9pm
Council Chambers
275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Free. Bookings essential on 9490 4222.

Storytime at Shop 48

Bring your baby or preschooler for fun and interactive stories, rhymes and action songs and a simple craft activity at 45 minute sessions led by Yarra Plenty Regional Library staff.

Borrow children's books to take home for later or sit and enjoy a book with your child in our play space for little learners.



10am: 19 March, 16 April and 21 May

Shop 48 The Harmony Centre
The Bell St Mall, Heidelberg West
Free. No booking required.
Visit shop48.org.au/whats-on or www.yprl.vic.gov.au for more details.

Harmony Day storytime

Brought to you by Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries and Banyule City Council

Join staff from the Rosanna Library and Banyule Council's Early Years team for a special Harmony Day storytime in the beautiful Rosanna parklands. Activities will include rhymes, Aboriginal stories and craft activities.

Suitable to children from birth to five years of age.

Harmony Day recognises and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. Bring your young child along and help promote the message that 'everyone belongs'.

Wednesday 21 March
10.30-11.30am

Meet at the open space adjacent to Crampton Cres (off Finlayson St), Rosanna

Bookings: Rosanna Library
9459 6171

www.yprl.vic.gov.au

Premier's Active April

Banyule hosts a range of events in April, a month when all Victorians are encouraged to do 30 minutes of physical activity each day. All events are free but make sure you make a booking!



Ivanhoe Aquatic

170 Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe

- Free Living Longer, Living Stronger program
- Members Bring a Friend pass for Les Mills classes

Olympic Leisure Centre

15 Alamein Rd, Heidelberg West

- Free Yoga & Aqua classes
- Free Living Longer, Living Stronger program
- Free family swim

(terms and conditions apply)

For more details, dates and times call Ivanhoe Aquatic on **9490 7111** or Olympic Leisure on **9459 1193** or visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/ActiveApril

Macleod Recreation and Fitness Centre

157 Wungan St, Macleod

- Tuesday 6.30pm: Family Flow
- Wednesday 6.30pm: Family Cycle
- Saturday 8.10am: Family Boxing
- Saturday 4pm: Kettlebell
- Sunday 11am: Family Special Forces
- Friday 7pm: Meditation (once only on 13 April)

All activities are free.

To find out more call **9459 9022** or visit www.macleod.ymca.org.au





Banyule's vast parks, reserves and wildlife corridors are jointly managed by the Bushland Management Unit, Environmental Planning team and various Friends and Environmental groups.

Throughout the year there are ongoing projects that need volunteer contributions. These range from tree planting days to ongoing weed management, through to becoming an active member of one of these groups.

Here are some of our local Friends and Environmental groups that are always looking for new members and volunteers. Visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/environmentgroups for a full list.

Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve

A group of volunteers working to preserve and enhance the natural values of this reserve in Greensborough which is one of few breeding grounds of the threatened Eltham Copper Butterfly. **Search Facebook for Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve.**

Warringal Conservation Society

A local community organisation caring for the environment around Banyule Flats and Warringal parklands on the Yarra River: www.warringal.org.au

Friends of Darebin Creek

The Friends of Darebin Creek was formed in 1995 to protect,



restore and conserve the Darebin Creek and its adjacent parklands as a natural environment for the enjoyment of the community: www.friendsofdarbincreek.org.au

Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

A group of residents caring for bushland areas in Montmorency that hold monthly working bees for weeding, planting and maintenance: www.facebook.com/friendsofmontmorencybushlands

Friends of Anthony Beale Reserve

Formed in 2016 to preserve and enhance the area of remnant box-stringbark woodland found at Anthony Beale Reserve: www.facebook.com/FriendsofAnthonyBeale

Friends of Salt Creek and Associated Parklands

The goal of Friends of Salt Creek and Associated Parklands is to preserve, restore and enhance the Salt Creek and its associated parklands: foscap09@gmail.com

Friends of St Helena Bush Reserve

Helping take care of the flora and fauna at St Helena Bush Reserve: bowerbird.org.au/projects/3457

Friends of Wilson Reserve

Volunteer conservation group focusing mainly on restoration and monitoring at Wilson Reserve. Monthly working bee (planting and weeding, third Sunday of each month): www.landcarevic.gov.au/friends-of-wilson-reserve-inc

Home Harvest Feast 4 March 2018

Love the natural environment and growing your own harvest? The Home Harvest Feast is an annual celebration of home grown produce and local food in a relaxed format. To find out more and attend this years free picnic, visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/HomeHarvest

Annual Community Satisfaction Survey

Each year, the Victorian Government conducts a Satisfaction Survey to obtain ongoing community feedback on Council services and measure general satisfaction in municipalities across the state.

Banyule is participating again this year, which involves a telephone survey of 400 randomly selected Banyule residents in late February to March, and is conducted by an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

The sample size provides a representative sample of residents and participation is optional.

Individual responses are confidential, with results aggregated.

To see the results from last year's survey, go to www.banyule.vic.gov.au/CSS2017. For more information, contact Council on **9490 4222**.



New to Banyule?

Have you just moved into the area and wonder what ward you are in? Want to find out when the bins are collected or more about your local park? It's simple, jump online and go to www.banyule.vic.gov.au/MyArea.



Ward rounds

What's happening in your Ward and contacting your councillors

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Cr Mark Di Pasquale
Bakewell Ward

Anzac Day is nearly with us again. This is always a sobering time for us to stop and remember the sacrifices of so many men and women. We get an opportunity to learn more about our war history and how it shaped our community. Many of our local RSL clubs and schools will be hosting commemorative events that help us all deepen our understanding of the impacts of war not just on those who fought but also on the families and loved ones that were left behind. Our prayers are also with the men

and women who are serving to protect our country every day. In the Bakewell ward, I am very pleased to be unveiling the new statues for our Homefront art works project at Greensborough War Memorial Park. Replacing the previous memorial sculptures has been a very significant project that began with a very moving ceremony in September last year when the old sculptures were ceremonially burned. The old sculptures had not stood the test of time and were experiencing serious weathering. The new works created by a team of artists and sculptors acknowledge the resilience of service men and women, their families and communities. The



art works have been created in close consultation with the local community and I sincerely hope you join me at a respectful celebratory event as we unveil the new art work at the Greensborough War Memorial Park on Sunday 22 April, 2018, 3pm-4pm.



We know car parking in Ivanhoe can be a challenge. Our recent parking surveys have shown that there is a high demand for parking around the Ivanhoe Station and all along the main shopping strip in Upper Heidelberg Road.

As part of addressing this, Council has developed a draft parking plan to manage parking in and around the Ivanhoe Activity Centre.

Activity centre parking plans aim to manage parking fairly for those

who come by car by ensuring regular turnover in busy areas to allow access to shops and services. Another important objective is to support sustainable transport trips by walking, cycling, and public transport to reduce the need for car parking. We would be interested to know how we can support you to use these modes.

Have you considered walking or cycling into Ivanhoe? This is not only good for your health but helps the environment. Council encourages local residents to try these modes and aims to provide safe and accessible pedestrian and cycling access.



A six week public consultation on the draft Ivanhoe Parking Plan is coming to a close on 12 March. Details are available online at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au or by phoning Council on 9490 4222.



Autumn seems an unlikely time to think about flooding. But with development happening in Melbourne leading to more hard surfaces coupled with climate change, we can expect more irregular, intense rain and need to better manage drainage and deal with flooding issues.

Council and Melbourne Water are jointly responsible for Banyule's flood management. Melbourne Water looks after big catchment areas, major streams and some drains. Council handles all other drains, pits

and pipes and the cleaning, repair, collection and reuse of storm water.

Council has an ongoing capital works program to improve drainage infrastructure and ensure capacity to handle most rain events. The drainage system cannot contain all water in a major rainfall and some overland flow will occur. We will be increasing funding of drainage projects and improving cleaning of the existing drainage network to minimise flooding issues. Council has undertaken some stormwater harvesting projects and we are looking for more opportunities to capture and use stormwater to irrigate out sporting ovals and parks.

To help us plan for the future, we've



invited residents to indicate in a survey recently posted out what they think are the most important things Council should deal with. I encourage you to complete and return the survey on the prepaid card provided before Friday 2 March or to do the survey online at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au if you prefer.



I was very pleased that our pop up skatepark in Watsonia in January was such a success. Of course it was more than just a skatepark and included time slots for younger riders, female skateboarders, families, scooter riders and scooter maintenance workshops run by some enthusiastic volunteers.

This pop up followed a successful pop up park at the same location last year which included street busking that supported our young local musicians and artists.

These pop ups have been part of a broader initiative started by Council in 2014 to create a vision for the centre of Watsonia.

Since then, hundreds of traders, businesses, landowners, locals and visitors have shared their ideas with Council about what they truly value about Watsonia's shopping street, railway station area and surrounds and what could change in the future.

One of the most popularly supported ideas was to create a new public open space in the heart of Watsonia and led us to trial pop ups, temporarily closing the southern end of Ibbotson Street between the Anglican church and library.



The support from the Watsonia shopping precinct traders and the community for these pop trials is to be commended.



While there is significant change happening in the 3081 area, not much has altered at Bell Street Mall despite efforts from Council, the Traders Association and some shop owners.

Council has responsibility for car parks, public walkways and Shop 48 but not shops themselves.

Infrastructure funding has recently been provided so more improvements on the Mall's public realm are on the way. As well, Council contributes about \$50,000

a year to the Traders Association which has enabled it to engage a coordinator to deliver activities such as the Chinese Lunar New Year event, Australia Day celebrations, Eid Festival, Ramadan event and Movies at the Mall.

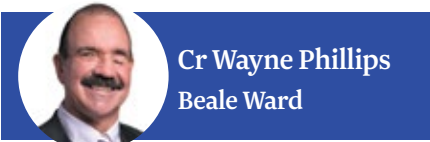
However, central facing shops need revitalising. This is the responsibility of individual shop owners who are starting to realise the opportunities - significant redevelopment (mostly apartments) has been approved on the old Bell Street service station site.

The Centre's long term future will rely on property development that takes advantage of the changing community profile.



Council will do what it can to support redevelopment with willing Bell Street Mall land owners. This may involve development on Council's limited land holdings such as the car parks.

Over time we will see a revitalised Bell Street Mall emerge.



Banyule's population continues to change as more people choose to live close to shops and services and enjoy our city's beautiful open spaces. Council needs to plan for this – as well as for aging and new infrastructure – so that our local roads, drainage systems, and other infrastructure and community facilities can meet changing community needs.

Council has a four year capital plan for delivering its capital works

program and is now considering how future land developers can financially contribute towards the 'changing community' portion of these works. Many other Councils have this developer contribution mechanism in place already.

Council has outlined how all this can happen in a Development Contribution Plan (DCP). This plan, which lists works for developer contributions and contribution rates for developers to pay, will be exhibited at Council service centres and online at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au up until 30 March as part of planning scheme amendment C115.

Following completion of planning



scheme amendment C115, Council is aiming to give a final Banyule DCP to the Minister for Planning so it can be approved and included in the planning scheme.

Council is aiming for this to be completed this year, so land developers can then make their contribution towards capital works.



This month we proudly presented the first ever Midsumma Festival event in Melbourne's north east in partnership with Montmorency Traders Association.

Midsumma Festival is Victoria's premiere LGBTI arts and cultural festival which celebrates diversity in a safe and inclusive environment through theatre, cabaret, film, music, parties, forums and shows over three weeks in summer at venues all over Melbourne. It's an event that has experienced huge growth over the years.

Council has held events for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) since 2014 as part of our commitment to fostering an inclusive and cohesive community. Evaluation of the 2017 IDAHOBIT event suggested there was scope to expand this event and align it with Midsumma, so we created SummerVibes on Qwere Street in 2018 with the Montmorency Traders Association.

Our Midsumma Festival event included some great live bands, a kids zone, DJs, light projection with information provided by Council, MFB, Glow Police, Mind and Rainbow Foundation.



The Montmorency Traders Association has shown great leadership by volunteering to partner with Council at IDAHOBIT and this region's first Midsumma Festival event.

On a final note, it was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic crowd at Movies on the Move in Price Park, Viewbank in January!

Various days of the week**Lower Plenty Senior Citizens Centre**

86 Main Rd, Lower Plenty.

Tuesdays: Line dancing.

Wednesdays: Snooker, bingo, indoor bowls and a lunch

for \$10. Thursdays: low input exercise. Contact Joe 9440 5255.

First Monday of each month Greensborough Probus Club

10am, Greensborough RSL, 111 Main St, Greensborough.

Recently retired and looking for new interests? Greensborough Probus Club may be the group for you. Contact 9434 1511.

Third Monday of each month Warringal Heidelberg Mixed Probus Club

9.45am, Old Shire Hall, Beverley Rd, Heidelberg. Guest speakers, outings, theatre and more. Contact Vicki 9458 2707.

First Tuesday of each month Banyule View Club

11am, Greensborough RSL, 111 Main St, Greensborough.

Lunch and guest speaker. New members welcome. Enquiries: Carmen 9440 6722.

4 March**Arden Crescent Concert Series**

2pm, Sullivan & Gilbert... and Friends!

Uniting Church, Arden Crescent, Rosanna. Songs from operettas you know and love. Adult \$28, Conc \$23, Stud \$5/\$10. Details 9457 2595

8 April**Arden Crescent Concert Series**

2pm, Uniting Church, Arden Crescent, Rosanna

Recital by virtuoso pianist Hoang Pham. Adult \$28, Conc \$23, Stud \$5/\$10. Details 9457 2595

Every Thursday**Diamond Valley Brass Band**

7-8pm, training band;

8-11pm senior band practice.

Greensborough Senior Citizens Hall, 203 Henry St, Greensborough. Contact Trevor Hewitt 0403 442 177.

First Thursday of each month Warringal Conservation Society

7.30pm, Old Shire Offices, 60 Beverley Rd, Heidelberg. Guest Speaker and monthly meeting. Gold coin donation includes supper. www.warringal.org.au

First Saturday of each month**Transition 3081 Veggie Swap**

10-11am, Olympic Village Shops, Heidelberg West. Bring your veggies to swap or just come to meet and chat with friendly people.

First Sunday of each month Food Share

10.30-11.30am, Food Share, Montmorency Community Group. Montmorency Primary School, 60 Rattray Road. For gardeners to meet others and share any excess produce.

Last Sunday of each month**Transition 3081 Monthly Gathering**

4-5pm, Johnson Reserve, Heidelberg Heights. Meet new people and get to know your neighbours. Bring a plate of food to share.

25 March**Lower Plenty Primary School Fete and Car Boot Sale**

10am-3pm, Lower Plenty Primary School, 126 Main Rd, Lower Plenty. Car boot sale stalls, rides, cake stall, silent auctions, Devonshire tea, more. Contact

Linda on 9435 2585 or Mel at pfa@lowerplenty.vic.edu.au

27 April – 12 May**Heidelberg Theatre Company**

36 Turnham Ave, Rosanna.

'The House of Bernarda Alba' by Federico Garcia Lorca.

Translation by David Hare. Bookings 03 9457 4117 or www.htc.org.au

Community groups in Banyule can register on our website to create and manage their own events (type 'create community directory or event' into the Banyule website search box). If you have any questions or need help, please email communications@banyule.vic.gov.au

Events for the July-August Community Calendar should be submitted to eventslisting@banyule.vic.gov.au by 17 May.

Contact us

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Council Service Centres

275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Opening hours

Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm

72 Turnham Ave, Rosanna (inside Rosanna Library)

Opening hours

Monday-Friday, 10am-noon and 1-4pm

Level 3, 1 Flintoff St (above WaterMarc), Greensborough

Opening hours

Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm

Hearing or speech impaired

Call us through the National Relay Service on 133 677 (TTY) or 1300 555 727 (ordinary handset) and ask for 9490 4222.

Connect with us online[facebook/banyulecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/banyulecouncil) or [twitter/banyulecouncil](https://twitter.com/banyulecouncil)

Interpreter service

If you need an interpreter please call TIS National on 131 450 and ask to be connected to Banyule Council on 9490 4222.

إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم، الرجاء الاتصال بالخط القومي لخدمة الترجمة الهاتفية على الرقم 131 450. واطلبوا إصصالكم ببلدية بانول على الرقم 9490 4222.

如果你需要口譯員，請致電131 450聯絡TIS National，要求他們為你致電9490 4222接通Banyule市政廳。

Ako vam je potreban tumač, molimo vas, nazovite TIS National na broj 131 450 i zatražite da vas se spoji sa Vijećem općine Banyule na broj 9490 4222.

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στην Εθνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων Μεταφραστών στον αριθμό 131 450 και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με τη Δημαρχία Banyule στο 9490 4222.

Se hai bisogno di un interprete chiama TIS National al numero 131 450 e chiedi di essere messo in comunicazione con il Comune di Banyule al numero 9490 4222.

Ако ви треба преведувач ве молиме јавете се на TIS National на 131 450 и замолете да ве поврзат со Banyule Council на 9490 4222.

如果你需要一名翻譯，請打電話到國家電話翻譯服務處 (TIS National) 131 450，再轉接到Banyule市政府9490 4222

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Nếu cần thông dịch, xin gọi cho TIS Toàn Quốc qua số 131 450 rồi nhờ họ gọi cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố Banyule theo số 9490 4222 giúp quý vị.