I hope you had an enjoyable festive season and had some time to relax with family and friends. Last October’s elections saw two new councillors elected and five councillors returned. It was an honour to be elected Banyule Mayor and I look forward to working with the new Council in partnership with the community to build a better Banyule over the next four years. You can find out more about your Banyule councillors on pages 6-7.

This coming year will see foundations laid for new major projects as well as the completion of other projects, including Council’s new staff accommodation and community facilities in Greensborough above WaterMarc. In the next few months, Council will be consolidating three offices into this new site. The building will provide better facilities for the community and bring with it increased productivity and long-term environmental and financial savings.

This move opens the door for the Ivanhoe Civic Precinct to be redeveloped, which includes planning for a community hub with modern facilities which will house a range of services including a first-class library to meet the needs of the community. Council meetings will still be held in the current Council chambers.

There are also significant projects that the Victorian Government is looking to deliver in Banyule: the duplication of the Hurstbridge railway line; the Lower Plenty Road rail crossing removal; and the planning of a North East Link. Council will continue to advocate on behalf of the community to achieve the best possible outcomes for Banyule.

Over the last few months, we have been out and about at festivals and events encouraging the community to have their say and make their voice heard to help us plan for the future. To make it easier for people to get involved, Council has launched a new online portal shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au where you can find our important plans and projects and give feedback (see page 5).

Planning for our future is a big task and Council conducts a wide variety of planning and consultation activities throughout the year to ensure our strategic planning remains relevant to the community. This helps us evaluate our progress and incorporate your feedback into various plans and the budget process.

We are now developing our new City Plan 2017-2021 (Council Plan) which will provide a roadmap for Council that gives us clear areas of focus for the four year period. It outlines our objectives and key directions and works together with the Budget to guide us to achieve the best we can for our community.

So get involved and have your say on things that are happening on a local level and how you think Banyule should be shaped over the coming years. The more people we hear from the better we can represent our community.

We will bring you more details in the March/April Banner and on our website.

Below: An artist’s impression of the customer service area in the new Council building at Greensborough.
Council Meetings are open to the public and are now held every three weeks, mostly on a Monday evening. They start at 7pm with a Public Forum for questions or brief comments from the public, followed by the formal Council Meeting at 7.15pm.

At Council Meetings, Councillors discuss issues and recommendations on the Agenda and listen to speakers. If you want to speak on an item on the Agenda, complete a Request to Speak form available from our service centres or website. Agendas are available for viewing from noon on the Friday preceding the Meeting from our service centres, libraries and website.

All Ordinary Council Meetings are held in Council Chambers, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Dates for 2017 are:
- 30 January; 20 February; 14 March (Tuesday); 3 & 24 April; 15 May; 5 & 26 June; 17 July; 7 & 28 August; 18 September; 16 & 30 October; 20 November & 22 November (for the Mayoral election only meeting); 11 December.

Audio recording of Council Meetings

All open Council Meetings are now audio recorded, with the exception of matters identified as confidential on the Agenda. This includes public participation during the Meeting.

By participating in open Council Meetings, speakers addressing Council are asked to state their full name and suburb. Information individuals share at the Meeting (including any personal/sensitive information) will form part of the audio recording. The recording is made available on our website until the following Meeting.

A flying visit

Late last year, our Bushland Team was surprised by a rare sighting of a sacred kingfisher at Darebin Creek, which just happened to coincide with the Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

Up until then, there had been no recorded sightings of the sacred kingfisher along Darebin Creek by the Bushland Team, which is often maintaining and revegetating the area. The bird is known to frequent the Melbourne region during winter months and head north to central Victoria in summer.

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is run by BirdLife Australia for a week in October and encourages the community to visit their favourite spot and record any birds seen over a 20 minute period. Last year, more than 61,000 nature-loving Australians counted almost 1.4 million birds.

Retraction

On page 3 of the November-December edition of the Banyule Banner, an article highlighted a group of women from Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre visiting clients from Council’s Social Support Bond Street Adult Day Care Centre. We acknowledge that the reference to Macedonia should have instead referred to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYRoM) and we understand that the Vergina Sun flag in the publication should not have been used. We apologise for any offence this may have caused to some members of the community.
Recognising Greensborough’s importance as a changing urban centre, Council’s proposal to revise building height and floor level setback guidelines is one step closer to inclusion in the Banyule Planning Scheme.

In November 2016, Council considered recommendations by an independent Planning Panel convened by the Minister for Planning. The Panel concluded the proposed amendment, subject to minor refinements, was soundly based and was therefore supported.

The final step is underway to receive approval from the Minister for Planning to put the amendment into the Banyule Planning Scheme.

The work and community consultation that has gone into the proposed change recognises Greensborough’s importance as an urban centre in Melbourne’s northern region. It is a centre with a growing range of residential, recreational, retail and commercial opportunities, all well served by a major transport hub.

Much has been happening in Greensborough in recent years, with the construction of WaterMarc and Greensborough Walk, the recent facelift for Main Street, new commercial investment on Greensborough Walk, and the new civic offices above WaterMarc nearing completion. More residential developments are also expected in the area.

As part of this growth and change, Council reviewed building height and setback guidelines in three precincts to provide clarity for future developments. The Greensborough Activity Centre – Urban and Landscape Design Guidelines for Precincts 2, 5 and 6 are tailored to each of the three very different precincts:

- **Precinct 2 – Henry Street East**, currently a large surface car park.
- **Precinct 5 – Southern Residential**, comprising medical and residential uses.
- **Precinct 6 – Flintoff Street**, experiencing significant change with higher density residential and commercial development.

Planning Scheme Amendment C110 translated these revised building height and floor level setback guidelines into planning scheme controls. It was publicly exhibited for community submissions from 22 March to 3 May 2016. Submissions were considered and incorporated into the proposal that went to the Planning Panel.

For more information, contact Anne North on 9457 9887.

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After years of advocating for the completion of the Metropolitan Ring Road, Banyule Council is pleased that the Victorian Government has committed $35 million for a business case, including route selection, planning approval and tendering.

Council has been preparing for this much-needed project for many years and last year established a community focus group.

In conjunction with this group, Council has been developing an action plan, which will support ongoing advocacy and contribute to planning for the road. The plan will be available for community consultation from mid-February 2017.

Banyule Mayor Cr Tom Melican said that building the ‘missing link’ to connect Melbourne’s north to Ringwood and the eastern suburbs was vital to fixing the many traffic, congestion and safety issues in Banyule, particularly along Rosanna Road and the Greensborough Highway, which carry a disproportionately high volume of commuter and truck traffic.

The Victorian Government’s commitment is aligned with Council’s Integrated Transport Plan and Safe Travel Plan, which list this project as a major priority.

Cr Melican said Council had and would continue to advocate for a direct orbital link from the Greensborough Bypass through to Ringwood, rather than a tunnel or above ground link through Banyule or the environmentally significant Banyule Flats area.
Key projects

Banyule 2021 – Planning for the future

Banyule 2021 is our feature project helping develop our new four-year City Plan 2017-2021 (Council Plan). Since November, we have been active online and at many face-to-face events speaking to people about what they love about the area and what could be improved. We use all this information to feed into the City Plan.

The first stage of this project closes on 28 February 2016, so there is still time to have your say.

In early March, we will publish a summary of community feedback along with a first look at the priorities and directions of the new City Plan. During March there will be more opportunities to get involved, including community forums to discuss your ideas and priorities. Keep an eye on Shaping Banyule and our website for more information.

Other engaging topics

Starting this month you will see a range of local projects that you can contribute to online. Have a look, see what interests you and make your voice heard!

Arts Plan – help direct the future of arts, culture and heritage in Banyule. Express your views and help us create a thriving, creative community.

Recreation Plan – let’s get more people active and healthy. Tell us what recreation means to you.

Ivanhoe Community Hub – what do you think about a vibrant hub with a new library, Maternal and Child Health services, and gallery space?


North East Link – support Council in its ongoing advocacy and contribution to planning for Melbourne’s ‘missing link’ (page 4).

If you can’t access the internet, contact 9490 4222 for information on any of these consultations.

Join the conversation!
shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au
Last October, Banyule residents re-elected five councillors and elected two new councillors – Cr Peter Castaldo and Cr Alison Zandegu – to serve the community until 2020. Here is a snapshot of your local councillors and their priorities.

**CR TOM MELICAN**  
**IBBOTT WARD**  
**Mayor 2016-2017**

Cr Melican has lived in Banyule for 35 years and is committed to ensuring the financial security of Council, with strategies driving long-term efficiencies to provide residents with the best services at the lowest possible rates. He believes Council must work harder with state and federal governments to develop long-term plans to solve the transport issues impacting many residents. Important to him is the need for Council to focus on youth to ensure they have the opportunities and encouragement to develop into well-balanced, contributing community members.

**CR PETER CASTALDO**  
**GRiffin WARD**

Cr Peter Castaldo is newly elected and believes the experience of running a business has taught him about efficiency and the need for an organisation to be proactive and plan for the future. He looks forward to tackling problems with fresh ideas and facilitating working relationships with all stakeholders. Cr Castaldo has enjoyed living in Banyule for over 30 years and his priorities are to encourage stronger levels of sustainability across Banyule in energy, water, waste and transport. He believes in building a strong, inclusive community spirit and protecting the leafy character and urban forest that spreads across much of Griffin Ward while balancing it with population growth.

**CR MARK DI PASQUALE**  
**BAKEWELL WARD**  
**Deputy Mayor 2016-2017**

Cr Di Pasquale is eager to keep Banyule moving forward during his second term as well as ensuring every Banyule resident enjoys equal opportunities in all areas of their life. His key priorities for Council is to be as efficient as possible in delivering the services the community needs while keeping rates at a reasonable level. Cr Di Pasquale remains committed to continuing to work with the community to keep Bakewell cookin’ and making Banyule ‘the place to be’.

**CR RICK GAROTTI**  
**GRIMSHAW WARD**

Cr Garotti’s vision for Banyule over the next four years is for our local area to continue to develop as one of the best places in Victoria to live, work, invest and raise a family. He looks forward to working with his colleagues to deliver smart, coordinated policies with particular focus on: appropriate development that protects neighbourhood character; tackling growing traffic and parking challenges; delivering sound financial management; and maintaining and upgrading local community assets and amenities.

**CR CRAIG LANGDON**  
**OLYMPIA WARD**

As a lifelong resident of Banyule, Cr Craig Langdon knows the city well. He is committed to represent residents and the community to make a difference, improve the area and assist people from all diverse communities. His focus over the
next four years is continue to work with everyone to build on the success Council has achieved to date. His priorities include improving the quality of life in Banyule, protecting the environment, upgrading parks and reserves, and renewing the ageing assets and facilities. He believes the biggest challenge for Olympia Ward is to ensure all levels of government are committed to improving the area and working together to achieve results.

CR WAYNE PHILLIPS
BEALE WARD

Cr Wayne Phillips says that with the introduction of rate capping by the Victorian Government and continued reduced funding, councils have to be more prudent in managing finances to maintain and upgrade local infrastructure, and provide a wide range of services that the community depends on. He is looking forward to continuing to represent the community and believes his local knowledge and experience gained from 33 years in local and state government, combined with his enjoyment working with the community, will continue to be a great asset to the Banyule community. Cr Phillips’ priorities include protecting Banyule’s neighbourhood character and natural environment, and ensuring Council works in the best interests of the majority.

CR ALISON ZANDEGU
HAWDON WARD

As Banyule’s other newly elected councillor, Cr Zandegu is keen to work through issues affecting the local community. A Montmorency resident for 15 years, Cr Zandegu has her sights set on addressing traffic and development issues, and encouraging a harmonious environment for all residents. There are a variety of projects in the pipeline that she looks forward to seeing to fruition, including improvements at Petrie Park and Banyule Flats, and local playground upgrades in Viewbank.

For full profiles visit
Sign up for the TAKE2 pledge

At the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, 195 nations, including Australia, agreed to keep the global temperature rise under two degrees.

The Victorian Government has devised a climate change program, TAKE2, to help Victoria reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Its aim is to give all Victorian councils, businesses, community and educational organisations, and individuals an opportunity to be part of Victoria’s action on climate change, and contribute to the first Victorian state-wide interim emissions reduction target for 2020.

On 14 November 2016, Banyule Council resolved to sign the TAKE2 pledge in line with it’s City Plan key direction to deliver appropriate action on climate change. Signing the TAKE2 pledge reinforces the leadership role that Council has already demonstrated in adopting its Energy Plan target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.

Banyule Council has already implemented many of the 80 actions listed in the pledge and is committed to implementing remaining actions.

For more information on what your business, community organisation or school can do to tackle climate change, visit www.take2.vic.gov.au.

Billabong set to thrive

The diverse inhabitants of a Banyule Flats Reserve billabong, including rare frogs, fish and aquatic vegetation, recently welcomed a flow of fresh water.

Melbourne Water, in partnership with Banyule Council and Parks Victoria, undertook the timed release of water from the Yarra River to Banyule Billabong. The trial started late last year and continued into January to determine the amount of water required to rehabilitate the billabong’s rich ecosystem. Banyule Billabong was still suffering from the long-term impacts of the Millennium Drought and the site was also under threat due to a change in river flow over many years, which had reduced how frequently the billabong filled.

Melbourne Water will closely monitor the water release and its impacts to inform future works.

Harvesting young minds

The 1st/2nd Greensborough Cubs recently had a personalised tour of the Kalparrin Gardens Stormwater Harvesting project to help them earn their environment badge.

Around 25 cubs, their group leaders and interested parents, spent an educational two hours with Council staff learning about water quality and conservation, wetlands, and the local fauna and flora.
Stormwater harvesting is high on Council’s agenda to help our City adapt to a hotter, drier climate. It provides a sustainable and secure source of water to keep our ovals green and protect our waterways.

Council is investigating opportunities to harvest and treat stormwater for use at Olympic Park in Heidelberg West in a project that will also increase water quality in Darebin Creek.

If you are in a community group that would like to tour Council’s stormwater harvesting facilities at Chelsworth Park Ivanhoe or Kalparin Gardens in Greensborough, contact the Environment team on 9490 4222.

A groundswell of sustainability

Mapping the Groundswell is an exciting new project to identify sustainability initiatives in Banyule.

The 100 most glowing examples will be placed on a visual map to communicate the thriving groundswell of sustainable living.

If you know of a sustainability initiative or activity, email groundswellbanyule@gmail.com or phone 0431 026 723.

The project has been partly funded through Banyule’s Environmental Sustainability Grants Program.

Breakfast with the Birds

Locals flocked to join the 16th annual Breakfast with the Birds event late last year.

After a walk with Birdlife Australia guides around Banyule Flats and Warringal Parklands, participants returned to the Old Shire Offices to compare notes and enjoy breakfast. Two new species were added to the bird list, including a pair of rufous fantails.

Solar program powers on

Council is continuing to install solar PV (Photo-Voltaic) systems on Council buildings across Banyule. Late last year, a total of 29kW of new panels were soaking up sunrays atop Bundoora Hall, St Hellier St Child Care Centre, Bond St Adult Day Centre, and the Waterdale Rd Depot.

From 2016-18, Council aims to install another 500kW of solar PV on more than 40 more Council buildings including community halls, senior citizen centres, sports pavilions, child care centres and pre-schools.

Home Harvest FEASTival

The annual Home Harvest FEASTival is on again, bringing people together to celebrate home-grown food. All registered growers are invited to share in the day and enjoy a delicious community meal using donated products. For more information and to register visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/HomeHarvestFeast.

Sustainability Awards

Council was delighted to recognise outstanding environmental work occurring in Banyule at our biennial Sustainability Awards held on 24 November 2016 in partnership with Darebin Council.

Hosted by Gardening Australia’s Costa Georgiadis, the night celebrated the many outstanding individuals who had taking action to protect our natural environment.

The six winners were:

• Murundaka (House and Garden)
• Salt Foundation (Community Group)
• Robin Gale-Baker and Greta Gillies (Local Hero)
• Banyule Primary School (Educational Organisation)
• Rooftop Honey (Business)
• Montmorency Sugar Glider Project (Community Environmental Project)

Congratulations to these winners and to everyone nominated!

Below: Winners celebrating at the Awards.
Artistic talent exposed

Atmospheres and Environments

Landscape artworks from the Banyule Art Collection

The theme for Council’s 2017 Arts & Culture Program is ‘water’, so we’re kicking off the year with an exhibition of artworks from the Banyule Art Collection that represent our water-bound planet, as well as featuring a Photographic Exploration of Water by Ivanhoe Photographic Society.

Opening Night
Wednesday 8 February 2017, 6pm-8pm

Exhibition Dates
Thursday 9 February-Saturday 11 March 2017

Hatch Contemporary Arts Space
14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe

Gallery opening hours:
Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

Free entry. All welcome


The Nhalinggu Bagung (Come Gather) art movement started as a relatively simple idea and within a matter of months became a force for change within the Banyule community.

During the Reconciliation Week activities of 2016, the Nhalinggu Bagung art exhibition was launched at Hatch Contemporary Arts Space in Ivanhoe. Over the course of the exhibition almost 1,000 Aboriginal art enthusiasts, and those with just a degree of curiosity, gained a unique insight into the depth and diversity of artistic talent within the local Aboriginal community.

The exhibition’s success was such that selected artworks were displayed at Telstra offices in Melbourne and at Abbotsford Convent. The decision was quickly made to make it an annual event and establish a Nhalinggu Bagung art group at the Aboriginal Gathering Place (Barrbunin Beek) in Olympic Park, Heidelberg West.

If you are a local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist from around Banyule, you have an opportunity to submit works for inclusion in the exhibition to be held from 24 May to 10 June, 2017.

The exhibition also gives artists the chance to present their works for sale without having to worry about paying commissions and gallery fees.

For more information about submitting artwork for the Nhalinggu Bagung exhibition or being part of the art group at Barrbunin Beek, contact Banyule Council’s Aboriginal Contact Officer Charles Pakana at charles.pakana@banyule.vic.gov.au.
Water: Our Theme for 2017

Water has helped shape and define Banyule, with the Yarra River and Darebin Creek bounding Banyule, the Plenty River running through it, and culturally and environmentally significant wetlands found throughout. We chose ‘water’ as our theme to celebrate our important connection with water, and to provide a metaphorical and literal framework to our program.

For more about any of these events and activities:
www.banyule.vic.gov.au

To subscribe to the Banyule Arts & Culture mailing list,
email: arts@banyule.vic.gov.au

Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Banyule City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of the land and pays respect to its elders past and present.

Water: Our Theme for 2017

Festivals

Twilight Sounds
Free concert under the stars showcasing great Australian bands
Saturday 18 March, 6–10pm

Kids ArtyFarty Fest
Experience a free, fun, family festival— for kids of all ages!
Sunday 19 March, 11am–4pm

YouthFest 2017
Banyule’s free annual youth festival
Sunday 17 September, 12–5pm

Malahang Community Festival 2017
A fun, free, family-friendly event celebrating the local community
Sunday 19 November, 10am–4pm

Carols by Candlelight 2017
Banyule’s own festive open-air concert
Saturday 16 December, 6:30–9:30pm

Boulevard Lights 2017
Banyule’s famous annual Christmas light show
16–24 December, each night, from 8:30–11pm

Opportunities

National Call for Entries
2017 Banyule Award for Works on Paper
Entries Open: 1 April 2017
Entries Close: 31 July 2017

Pinpoint Art in Public Spaces Grants
Applications open twice a year:
1–31 May
1–31 August
www.pinpointartists.com.au

Banyule Community Grants
Applications open: June – July 2017

Banyule Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
Call for nominations: October 2017

Acknowledgement of Country

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Hatch Contemporary Arts Space
14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm. Gallery is open only during exhibitions.

Pinpoints Artists Network
www.pinpointartists.com.au

Shop 48 – The Harmony Centre
Shop 48, Bell St Mall,
Heidelberg West
www.shop48.org.au
2017 BANYULE Arts & Culture Program

January
- SUNDAY 15 JANUARY
Movies on the Move
- SUNDAY 28 JANUARY
Movies on the Move

February
- FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY
Lunar New Year Twilight Market & Art Projections
- 9 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH
Exhibition: Atmospheres and Environments
(Opening Night: 8 February, 6–8pm)
- SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY
Movies on the Move

April
- 30 MARCH – 13 MAY
Exhibition: Art for Environmental Sustainability
SATURDAY 1 APRIL
National Call for Entries
2017 Banyule Award for Works on Paper
SATURDAY 1 APRIL
Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra
SUNDAY 2 APRIL
Arden Crescent Concert Series
SUNDAY 30 APRIL
Arden Crescent Concert Series
28 APRIL – 7 MAY
Banyule: A Different Perspective

May
- 30 MARCH – 13 MAY
Exhibition: Art for Environmental Sustainability
28 APRIL – 7 MAY
Banyule: A Different Perspective
1 – 31 MAY
Pinpoint Art in Public Spaces Grants
SUNDAY 27 MAY
Arden Crescent Concert Series

June
- 25 MAY – 10 JUNE
Exhibition: Nhalinggu Bagung
(Opening Night: 24 May, 6–8pm)

July
- 22 JUNE – 22 JULY
Exhibition: Vessels, Visiting Neighbours and Fluidity
(Opening Night: 21 June, 6–8pm)
SUNDAY 25 JUNE
Arden Crescent Concert Series

August
- 10 AUGUST – 9 SEPTEMBER
Exhibition: States of Being
(Opening Night: 9 August, 6–8pm)
1 – 31 AUGUST
Pinpoint Art in Public Spaces Grants
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST
Arden Crescent Concert Series

September
- 10 AUGUST – 9 SEPTEMBER
Exhibition: States of Being
SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra
20 – 24 SEPTEMBER
Performance Week @ Hatch
SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
YouthFest 2017

October
- OCTOBER
Banyule Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
Nominations open
SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

November
- NOVEMBER 2017
Unfinished Business
by Textile Art Community
SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER
Malahang Community Festival

December
- 5 OCTOBER – 2 DECEMBER
Exhibition: 2017 Banyule Award for Works on Paper
Goldentree Residency @ Hatch Project Space
(Opening Night: 4 October, 6–8pm)
SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER
Arden Crescent Concert Series
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER
Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra
SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER
Carols by Candlelight
16 – 24 DECEMBER
Boulevard Lights
March
- 9 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH
  Exhibition: Atmospheres and Environments
  SUNDAY 5 MARCH
  Arden Crescent Concert Series
  SATURDAY 18 MARCH
  Twilight Sounds
  SUNDAY 19 MARCH
  Kids ArtyFarty Fest
  18 – 26 MARCH
  Diversity Week Celebration
  30 MARCH – 13 MAY
  Exhibition: Art for Environmental Sustainability
  (Opening Night: 29 March, 6–8pm)

June
- 25 MAY – 10 JUNE
  Exhibition: Nhalinggu Bagung
  (Opening Night: 24 May, 6–8pm)

- 25 MAY – 10 JUNE
  Exhibition: Atmospheres and Environments
  1 JUNE – 3 JULY
  Banyule Arts & Culture Program EOI
  SATURDAY 10 JUNE
  World Wide Knit in Public Day
  22 JUNE – 22 JULY
  Exhibition: Vessels, Visiting Neighbours and Fluidity
  (Opening Night: 21 June, 6–8pm)
  SUNDAY 25 JUNE
  Arden Crescent Concert Series
  JUNE
  Banyule Community Grants Open

July
- 22 JUNE – 22 JULY
  Exhibition: Vessels, Visiting Neighbours and Fluidity
  1 & 2 JULY
  Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra
  SUNDAY 23 JULY
  Arden Crescent Concert Series

November
- 5 OCTOBER – 2 DECEMBER
  Exhibition: 2017 Banyule Award for Works on Paper
  Goldentree Residency @ Hatch Project Space
  (Opening Night: 4 October, 6–8pm)
  SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER
  Arden Crescent Concert Series

December
- 5 OCTOBER – 2 DECEMBER
  Exhibition: 2017 Banyule Award for Works on Paper
  Goldentree Residency @ Hatch Project Space
  NOVEMBER 2017
  Unfinished Business
  by Textile Art Community
  SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER
  Malahang Community Festival
Exhibitions

at Hatch Contemporary Arts Space

9 February – 11 March
Opening Night: 8 February, 6–8pm
Atmospheres and Environments
Landscape art from the Banyule Art Collection
Photographic Exploration of Water – by Ivanhoe Photographic Society

30 March – 13 May
Opening Night: 29 March, 6–8pm
Art for Environmental Sustainability
Local environmental artists work with the Banyule Environment Advisory Committee to bring together an exhibition of art addressing the urgent environmental issues facing us today

25 May – 10 June
Opening Night: 24 May, 6–8pm
Nhalinggu Bagung
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Exhibition
26 May - Sorry Day Smoking Ceremony

22 June – 22 July
Opening Night: 21 June, 6–8pm
Vessels
Ceramics and glassware from the Banyule Art Collection

Other Events

Lunar New Year Twilight Market & Art Projections
Join the community at Bell St Mall for a family-friendly event celebrating culture, folk art performances and creative art play.
Market & festival: Friday 3 February, 5 – 9pm
Art projections: Friday 3 February, 8 – 10pm.

Cultural Diversity Week Celebration
18 – 26 March
Perspective
Portrait painting project by artist Lisa May
Shop 48, Bell St Mall, Heidelberg West

Banyule: A Different Perspective
28 April – 7 May
Opening Night: 28 April, 6–8pm
Public art installation by visual artist Lisa Watson in Cambridge Arcade, Heidelberg West

IDAHOBIT Day
17 May
Event in support of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

World Wide Knit in Public Day
10 June
A series of craft events throughout June

Visiting Neighbours
video artwork by Claire Needham
Observations of birds and animals that stop by a backyard watering hole.

Fluidity
by Like Minds (Artists: Teresa Flynn and Amanda Peluso)
A collaborative exhibition of textile hangings and drawings depicting the passage and fluidity of water, how it sculpts and shapes its surroundings, and its community impact.

States of Being – curated by Dr Anne Bennett
An exhibition featuring painting, drawing, photomedia, installation and video projections by Kari Henriksen, Carolyn Lewens, Anne Bennett and others, highlighting the elemental importance of water in the environment and to human beings.

Performance Week @ Hatch
A series of performing arts events

Unfinished Business – by Textile Art Community
November 2017
We all have unfinished projects that we can’t throw away or finish. The Textile Art Community is collecting unfinished projects and their stories, which they will transform into finished pieces.
(In conjunction with Yarra Plenty Regional Library and Shop 48)

Movies on the Move
Movies on the Move is a series of movie events in public places held throughout Banyule in Spring and Summer each year. www.banyule.vic.gov.au/movies
(please see website or overleaf for dates)

Arden Crescent Concert Series
The Arden Crescent Concert Committee presents a series of concerts each year, with the aim of offering quality entertainment at affordable cost, where proceeds support many local charities and overseas relief work. For details of the concerts, go to www.ardenccs.wordpress.com/
(please see website or overleaf for dates)

Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra
This orchestra is one of Melbourne’s most acclaimed non-professional orchestras, attracting talented and elite musicians from across Melbourne. For over 30 years, it has been a valuable community asset by providing a place for non-professional musicians to play, while offering an exceptional series of concert events each year.
(please see website or overleaf for dates)
Here are just some of the projects making Banyule a better place to live, work and play.

Fetching new dog area in Ford Park

The newly-opened dog off-lead park at Ford Park is fully fenced and ready for play!

You’ll find ample room for your best furry friend to run around and socialise. The park boasts a picturesque setting filled with native flora and plenty of places to explore.

For dog owners, there are picnic benches, lots of shade and no need to worry – your pet is safe from traffic and won’t bother other park users, especially if there is a cricket or football game on the adjacent oval.

The off-lead area includes dog waste bins and disposable bags, plus drinking fountains with dog bowls attached. It is located at the south-west corner of Bellfield’s Ford Park (running alongside Council’s Parks and Buildings Depot on Banksia Street).

Council now have four off-lead dog-friendly enclosures across Banyule. The other enclosures can be found at: Price Park, Viewbank; Malahang Reserve, Heidelberg West; and Malcolm Blair Reserve, Greensborough.

Below left: There’s plenty of room to play fetch at Ford Park off-lead dog park.

Play time at Anthony Beale Reserve

Anthony Beale Reserve Regional Play Space was officially opened in December and has quickly put itself on the map as the place to play for families in St Helena and neighbouring suburbs.

The play space comprises a range of facilities catering for pre-schoolers to teenagers, including: wheelchair accessible sandpit; creek water feature with hand pump; giant basket swing; double flying fox; climbing net; spinners; carousel; junior street skate area; and a basketball half court. It also boasts two features completely new to Banyule – a giant hamster or mouse wheel and a teen tube with Wi-Fi connection.

All play features are linked by a network of accessible paths, with picnic tables, seats and plenty of shade where families can gather for birthday parties and other events.

The play space was funded by Banyule Council ($650,000) and a Victorian Government grant ($100,000). There are now four regional play spaces in Banyule with others located at: Possum Hollow, Heidelberg; Binnak Park, Watsonia North; and Malahang Reserve, Heidelberg West.

Below middle: Eva and her son Max from Briar Hill enjoying the new regional play space at Anthony Beale Reserve in St Helena.

Council moving closer to a new address

Council’s new staff accommodation and community facilities above WaterMarc are nearly finished.

The environmentally sustainable building will bring Council staff together from three office locations – Ivanhoe, Rosanna and Greensborough. It will provide a one stop customer service area with better facilities for planning, building, engineering and health enquiries.

This project brings many other benefits including better facilities and access for the community, with more meeting rooms, a better customer service area, and increased accessibility; improved energy efficiency; and savings, reduced duplication and improved productivity from collocating staff.

There will also be an Important and ongoing income stream for Council, and increased local job opportunities, from the 2nd floor of commercial office space that Council will lease out.

The building is expected to be completed very soon.

Above: Nearing completion, Banyule Council’s new staff accommodation and community facilities at 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough.
Nature walking with kids

Children thrive from playing outdoors and nature walking is a great way to enjoy nature and get some exercise and quality time together.

Banyule offers many excellent formal and informal walking routes on footpaths and shared trails through our parks and reserves, and along our creeks and rivers. It can also be a good idea to add something special after the walk, such as a visit to a café or playground. Here are some of the best areas to explore.

**Banyule Flats Reserve**
Discover this picturesque 46 hectare reserve in Viewbank that offers a number of walking tracks. The Main Yarra Trail follows the outskirts of the Banyule Swamp and Silt Pond, with a number of smaller unofficial tracks leading off to Banyule Creek, stockyards, Banyule Swamp, and down to the Yarra River in the ‘back paddocks’.

**Rosanna Parklands**
A sprawling 25 hectares, Rosanna Parklands comprises a mix of open space, passive recreation and bushland areas. The park is used for many different purposes such as walking, dog off lead areas, jogging, cycling and picnicking.

**Warrinagal Parklands**
Nestled along the Yarra River in Heidelberg, Warrinagal Parklands offers a host of walks and is home to Possum Hollow, a large regional playground with a myriad of play opportunities, including a flying fox, barbecues and picnic facilities.

**TravelSmart Map**
The Banyule TravelSmart Map includes details of the walking tracks and cycling routes throughout Banyule. The map can be downloaded from Council’s website and is also available at Council’s Service Centres.

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**Dads and toddlers**

Parenting toddlers can be challenging. Alongside rapid physical and brain development, and language acquisition, toddlers are learning important social and emotional life skills.

Dads are important in the lives of their children and have a big impact on their children’s development.

Here are a few things dads need to know:

- Toddlers need to learn about the things they’re in charge of, such as their own body, and how to get their needs and desires met.
- Toddlers need help to understand their feelings and develop self-control. They need reassurance that dad is in charge and can keep them safe.
- Toddlers need to know what to expect and they do better with a definite routine.
- Toddlers need to stay connected with their dads, especially at those difficult moments when they assert themselves and you can’t give them what they want.

So whether you are reading a story, wrestling in the loungeroom or visiting your local playground, be a present dad and enjoy your toddler!

If you want to learn more, why not attend the ‘Enjoying your terrific toddler’ information session for dads at the Watsonia Library on Saturday 18 March from 11am-12.30pm.

You can also talk to your Maternal and Child Health Nurse at your next visit for more tips on raising toddlers. Call 9457 9990 or visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au/mch to make an appointment.
The gift of generosity

Thanks to the generosity of the Banyule community, Christmas Day was special for over 370 children.

The Banyule Children’s Gift Appeal would not be a success without the support of residents, community organisations and local businesses who collect and make donations. Last year, we ended up with plenty of Santa sacks full of quality new toys for disadvantaged families with children from birth up to 16 years of age. On behalf of all the families who received gifts, we thank you.

Apart from individual residents, the following organisations contributed:

- 3081 Angels
- Abacus Child Care Centre
- Andrew Place Clinic
- Banyule Community Health
- Bounce Books
- Delta Road Preschool
- East Ivanhoe Primary School
- Good Start Early Learning Rosanna
- Ivanhoe Children’s Community Cooperative
- Ivanhoe Grammars Lodge
- Latitude Melbourne
- Quota International
- Sky Street Children’s Cooperative
- WaterMarc
- Women of West Heidelberg

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped pack the gifts:

- 3081 Angels
- Ernst & Young
- Health Purchasing Victoria
- Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar School
- Individual residents

Celebrating 100 years of maternal and child health

While maternal and child health nurses have witnessed dramatic improvements in infant health over the past 100 years, their care and commitment to helping children and families thrive has remained constant.

Maternal and child health services were established to combat high levels of infant disease and death, with 80 babies under the age of one dying per 1,000 live births compared to a rate of only 3.2 today. The first infant health centres were in Richmond and Carlton, with other councils soon following suit so that by the 1950s more than three quarters of new mothers were attending centres.

Today, Banyule Council has 11 centres, with all offering a free service to families with children from birth to school age. A key age and stage framework guides the 10 visits, with discussions focused on any concerns, parenting experiences and ways to improve a child’s health, growth and development.

There is also a more intensive maternal and child health home visiting service to better assist more vulnerable children and families. Importantly, to combat isolation, the service helps build communities by running new parent groups, promoting playgroups and putting parents in touch with others who may be sharing similar experiences.

In the 100 years of maternal and child health services the philosophy has not changed: promoting healthy, happy children and families, who can lead productive and healthy lives in our dynamic and diverse community.

More information can be found at www.banyule.vic.gov.au/mch or by calling 9490 4222.

Sharing the joy

Offering enrichment and enjoyment to all, Joyce Avenue Children’s Centre has been participating in ‘intergenerational’ visits to the Binnak Park Adult Day Care Centre in Bundoora since 2015.

To say thank you for their hospitality, Joyce Avenue Children’s Centre invited the Binnak Park residents and carers to share a light lunch with them. The guests were treated to a book reading by the children and Aussie Christmas songs, followed by lunch and some fun word games. The children also gifted some little stars which they had made for the adults to decorate their Christmas trees.

LEFT: An entertaining afternoon was had by all.
It's official! Banyule Primary School embodies sustainability, taking out the 2016 ResourceSmart School of the Year.
The school employed a 'Whole School Sustainability Program' ensuring every single student at the school participated and learned about sustainability. Areas of focus included biodiversity, water conservation and energy savings, and waste reduction.
To learn more visit resourcesmartschools.vic.gov.au.

Top of the sustainability class

Nominations now open

Here’s your chance to nominate and recognise the hard working volunteers or good neighbours making a difference to your life or the lives of others in Banyule.
People and groups nominated for the 2017 Banyule Volunteer Awards will attend a gala celebration night, with a three-course meal and entertainment, on Wednesday 10 May, during National Volunteer Week, at The Centre Ivanhoe.
Nominating can be done easily and quickly online at www.banyule.vic.gov.au.
Nominations close mid-March and the system allows you to start a nomination and then keep adding to it.
For more information, call Karen Molinaro on 9457 9955 or Bianca Ellis on 9457 9841.

Clean Up Day

The rubbish we create through mass consumption is choking our streets, parks, bushland and waterways.
It’s time to stop and take a look around your local area, find those rubbish hotspots that need attention and register a local site for 2017 Clean Up Australia Day on 5 March 2017. You can also volunteer at a site already registered.
Since 1989, Clean Up Australia volunteers have donated more than 31 million hours at over 166,000 locations across the country, removing the equivalent of 331,000 ute loads of rubbish.
For more information or to register, visit cleanupaustraliaday.org.au.
Lunar New Year in Greensborough

Greensborough Town Centre will come alive on Friday 3 February to celebrate Lunar New Year and recent improvements to the centre.

In Main Street, Grimshaw Street and at the new Greensborough Dining Precinct inside Greensborough Plaza there will be various activities from 6pm to 8.30pm:

- Be amazed by the Lunar New Year lion dance and musicians
- Be entertained by the ‘Great Gizmo’, Zhao the harpist, and other performers
- Receive a FREE traditional red envelope with a gold coin for luck
- Revel in the official Lunar New Year Fire cracker ceremony

For more details visit greensboroughtowncentre.com.au.

Wiser driver

Are you a car driver aged over 60 years who would like to participate in a free ‘Wiser Driver’ course?

Council is providing an opportunity for older drivers to refresh their road laws knowledge and build upon their driving experience in the company of peers.

The Wiser Driver course:

- Comprises two-hour sessions over a four-week period (no driving lesson or tests involved)
- Is friendly and informal
- Is for small groups of 10 to 15 people
- Includes a delicious morning tea!

When: Wednesday mornings 10am-noon: 8, 15, 22, 29 March
Where: Council Chambers, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe or
When: Friday mornings 10am-noon: 21, 28 April; 5, 12 May
Where: Banyule Council, 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough

To book, call Customer Service on 9490 4222.

Improving signs for cyclist safety

You might have seen some signage and road markings introduced in various locations in Banyule to assist cyclists navigate a safe journey. These markings are on routes in the local bicycle network which uses local roads rather than busier roads to allow for maximum safety for cyclists.

The sharrow

This is a bicycle icon accompanied by an arrow shape, often placed in the lead up to a roundabout.

Many cyclists have been injured on roundabouts when sharing lanes with motorists. Motorists should reduce speed and allow cyclists to claim the lane before entering a roundabout.

Bicycle symbol

Sometimes a road is too narrow to support bicycle lanes. You might see a bicycle symbol in the centre of the road which encourages cyclists to ride in the centre of the lane to avoid parked cars and improve their visibility to other road users.

Remember, bicycles are a type of vehicle and bicycle riders and motorists have the same rights and responsibilities when using the road. So let’s be safe and considerate when sharing our roads and local bicycle network.

Below: A sharrow marking at Banyule Road roundabout in Viewbank.
Starting your Business
Right workshop
Thinking of starting a business but not sure where to start?
This Small Business Victoria workshop will step you through the process, help you get set up right the first time and connect you to a range of government resources and free mentoring. It will cover all the essentials from evaluating business-readiness, market-analysis, determining the best structure, preparing a business plan and a step-by-step guide to getting registered.

Wednesday 22 February 2017
5.30pm-9pm
The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Cost: $30 per registration including GST
Bookings essential at banyulebusiness.com.au
Participants completing this workshop are eligible for one free mentoring session.

Small Business
Advisory Service
Want free advice to help your business succeed?
We offer prospective, new and established Banyule businesses the opportunity to access free one-on-one business mentoring with an experienced Box Hill Business Enterprise Centre advisor: Sessions are confidential and can help with business planning, registrations, growth strategies, marketing, networking, finances, taxation and more.

Tuesday 7 March 2017
One-hour sessions from 9am-4.30pm
Rosanna Service Centre
Turnham Ave, Rosanna
Bookings essential on 9457 9938
Valued at $200 per session

Small Business bus visit
Step aboard the Small Business bus and get free business advice from an experienced mentor:

Thursday 9 March 2017
10am-4pm
The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Wednesday 22 March 2017
10am-4pm
Watsonia Library
4-6 Ibbotson St, Watsonia

Women in Business Lunch
featuring Mia Freedman
Join Mia Freedman for an insightful and inspirational talk about how she balances work and family and what it takes to build a successful business.
Mia is the cofounder and creative director of Mamamia Women’s Network, Australia’s largest women’s digital media company, reaching more than 6 million women per month.
This event is sponsored by the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Thursday 9 March 2017
11.45am-2pm
The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Cost: $55 includes two-course lunch and soft drinks
Wine available at bar prices
Bookings essential at banyulebusiness.com.au

Heidelberg West Industrial Estate
In March 2016, Council surveyed businesses in the Heidelberg West industrial estate to better understand business priorities, issues and constraints.
A summary newsletter and full report of the Heidelberg West Industrial Business Monitor estate is available at banyulebusiness.com.au.

banyule.vic.gov.au 9490 4222
Our Movies on the Move program continues over summer with a host of FREE movies screened in parks across Banyule.

Get down early to enjoy a range of family activities before the film starts. Make sure you bring a picnic rug or deck chair. BYO picnic or enjoy a BBQ hosted by a local community group (small cost applies).

Save the following dates in February:

**Kung Fu Panda 3**
(rated PG)
Sunday 12 February 2017, 4pm-8pm
Movie starts at 6pm (daytime screening)
Shelley Park
Shelley Street
Heidelberg Heights

**Finding Dory**
(rated PG)
Sunday 26 February 2017, 4pm-8pm
Movie starts at 6pm (daytime screening)
Ivanhoe Park
Lower Heidelberg Road
Ivanhoe Park

banyule.vic.gov.au/MoviesontheMove

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Melbourne continues to grow at a rapid rate and Banyule grows with it. This presents significant challenges for all levels of government to ensure we can deal with the changing demographics, population density, traffic and transport issues, and provide the services and amenities our community needs. Rosanna will be undergoing significant change over the next two years. The Victorian Government has committed $140 million to remove the Lower Plenty Road level crossing, and upgrade Rosanna Station together with duplicating the railway line between Heidelberg and Rosanna. Works associated with this are managed by the Level Crossing Removal Authority and are set to start early this year. Council has worked hard to advocate on the community’s behalf to influence the design and bring positive outcomes. An announcement on whether the line will go over or under the road will be made soon.

At the same time, Council is investing in Rosanna Village to plan for streetscape upgrades, incorporating feedback from community consultations held last year. On 19 December 2016, Council adopted the Urban Design Guidelines for Rosanna Village to help create a more vibrant commercial centre and improved community facilities. I’d like to thank all the residents for their input and passion for the area.

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**ABOVE:** The level crossing at Rosanna Station will soon be removed.
Planning continues for the proposed Ivanhoe community hub, which will transform the Ivanhoe Service Centre and Ivanhoe Library.

Council has received positive feedback on the concept design for the facility and has engaged a consultant to undertake car parking analysis for the site to better understand the parking arrangements that are required to support the concept plan.

I thank the community for their involvement and feedback.

I look forward to continuing the conversation on this exciting project through the public consultation in February 2017.

Since being elected I am keen to get feedback from the community in relation to the challenging issues associated with planning and development. The decisions we make today in relation to planning need to be thoughtful and strategic to ensure we balance demand for increased densities with the existing character of the area.

I am also interested in the community’s views on waste and recycling, in particular opportunities for improving recycling as a response to the growing cost of disposal and the flow on of environmental benefits. Please contact me.

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It would be remiss of me if I didn’t start by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope your festive season has brought you closer to the important things in life.

I am pleased to be part of your new Council which came together after the local government election on 22 October 2016 with two new councillors for Hawdon and Griffin Wards. The seven-strong team is working well together and with staff. The first task we have is to bring together our City Plan for the next four years. This forms the roadmap for what we do at Council so your input is crucial and can be made online at www.shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au.

Another task we have is to relocate Council’s staff from Ivanhoe and Rosanna to the new office above WaterMarc and then demonstrate to you, Melbourne and Australia, how efficient Council can be when under the one roof. The efficiency savings will be enormous as well as the impact of hundreds of new jobs coming into Greensborough.

Finally, I thank you for welcoming me as your Deputy Mayor this year. The experience is amazing and I really cherish the honour. Without doubt Banyule is an amazing place to call home and together we can keep it great. A big part of this is to keep Bakewell cookin’.

It is an enormous privilege to be re-elected to serve as the Grimshaw Ward Councillor on Banyule Council. During this term, I will continue to work with my fellow councillors to progress initiatives that benefit the whole of Banyule.

There are several main areas that resonate strongly with the community that will be my main focus over the next four years. As our population grows, we see more and more development. Council must always be vigilant in protecting the neighbourhood character that makes Banyule unique. I will continue to ‘call in’ any major development applications that I believe may adversely impact on the amenity of local residents.

Similarly, with more people coming into the area we see increasing challenges around traffic and parking. Council is committed to advancing practical initiatives to reduce car use and encourage public transport, as well as continue to advocate strongly to the Victorian Government for road and public transport improvements.

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Council invests a lot of time and money in maintaining and upgrading local parks and reserves for the community to enjoy. Here in Olympia Ward we continue to see improvements that are enhancing facilities.

Over the past few years Heidelberg West’s Malahang Reserve has been transformed into a vibrant space that is becoming more and more popular to visit. Recently we saw a new $120,000 picnic shelter installed and more barbeques and picnic tables added to serve the increase in park goers.

Council also has a playground replacement program to ensure they are safe and renewed. There has been $1,320,000 allocated in the budget to upgrade those at Heidelberg West’s Ramu Parade Reserve and Heidelberg Heights’ Shelley Park playgrounds.

Council is also improving access to James Reserve and its playground in Heidelberg Heights by building an accessible ramp to help people with prams and wheelchairs. There has also been community consultation to find out what facilities the local residents want at Johnson Reserve. A large crowd attended a public meeting and put forward some great ideas. Council has budgeted $50,000 to improve the park.

Finally, for those that haven’t heard, we also have a new off-lead dog park at Ford Park in Bellfield (page 15).

It was a great pleasure to officially open the Anthony Beale Regional Play Space in December last year. Council now has four of these larger play spaces that are designed to provide an entertaining setting where families with children can come and play and have an extended stay.

This was a fantastic community project with Council spending a lot of time finding out from children what they would like to see in the new playground. We had some great ideas coming from young kids from local preschools and primary schools, plus some older kids from basketball and youth centres, as well as a local high school.

The end result is a great new drawcard for the local area that offers a fun destination for children to stay and play for a while. The playground is specifically designed to encourage imaginative, creative and active play for all ages. It includes a diverse range of built and natural play elements, including water play areas, a sand pit, sensory landscaping, a giant basket swing, a climbing net, and a double cable ride. It’s also got a human ‘hamster wheel’.

We have already heard some positive feedback from locals and hope you can find some time to head down to Anthony Beale Reserve in St Helena and let your imagination run wild!

It was a great honour to have been elected as your local representative for Hawdon Ward last October. I look forward to continuing the work that is already in place and forging ahead with new projects and initiatives over the next four years. We are now developing our next City Plan that will form the blueprint for Council’s priorities and directions from 2017-2021. I encourage you to get involved as this is your chance to have your say on how you would like Banyule to be. Visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au to find out more.

In Viewbank, things are taking shape at Banyule Flats with Council upgrading the north sporting oval. We have installed a new irrigation system and are in the process of converting the grass to a warm season couch grass variety. Although couch grass may look a bit brown during the winter months when it’s dormant, it recovers extremely well to provide a lush green cover in summer. What’s more, it needs less watering and repairs itself from damage. These are great bonuses when you think of the amount of water an oval needs plus the amount of wear and tear from the resident soccer and cricket clubs that share the ground. The oval has been cordoned off but should be up and ready for the approaching soccer season.
Each week on various days
Lower Plenty Senior Citizens Club
Wednesday: 2-course home cooked meal $10; Monday afternoons and every second Saturday evening: bingo.
86-88 Main Road, Lower Plenty. New members welcome, annual membership $10. Enquiries: Lyn Evans 0417 789 089 or Joe Kelberg 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. For more information, contact 9434 1511.

Third Monday of each month
Warringal Heidelberg Mixed Probus Club
9.45am, Old Shire Offices, 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg. Also at Greensborough RSL, 111 Main St, Greensborough. The club welcomes new members. We have speakers, lovely outings, theatre trips, a monthly member lunch and lots more. More info, contact Vicki 9458 2702.

Second Wednesday of each month
Heidelberg View Club
Noon, Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen. Two-course lunch and guest speaker $32. Bookings and info, Joan on 9459 3889.

First Thursday of each month
Warraling Conservation Society
7.30pm, Old Shire Offices, 60 Beverley Rd, Heidelberg. Meeting, speaker and supper. All welcome. Gold coin donation. Contact 9457 3250.

First Saturday of each month
Eaglemont Village Sizzling Saturday Markets
9am-1pm, Eaglemont Village Shopping Centre, Silverdale Rd, Eaglemont. Entertainment, food, sausage sizzle and much more.


Last Sunday 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.

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9am-1pm, Eaglemont Shopping Village, Silverdale Rd, Eaglemont. Entertainment, food, sausage sizzle and much more.

15 February
All Saints Anglican Church Community Lunch
Starts 12 noon, All Saints Anglican Church, Greensborough. 86-88 Main Road, Greensborough. Join us for a community lunch. Food parcels available if required. All welcome.

24 February
Ryder Cheshire Homes Morning Coffee with Guest Speaker
10am, 14 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Catherine Bradley, social worker at Austin Health will give a talk. Cost $5 includes coffee. Contact 9254 2400.

Pipe Organ Recital
2pm, Uniting Church, Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Join us in celebrating the enhanced musical range of the fully restored Ivanhoe Uniting Church Pipe Organ. Four organists will perform a range of music. Gold coin donation. More info Chris King 0419 513 964.

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

Events for the May-June Community Calendar should be submitted to eventslisting@banyule.vic.gov.au by 3 March 2017.

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enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au
www.banyule.vic.gov.au
PO Box 51, Ivanhoe 3079
DX 97904 Ivanhoe

Council Service Centres
275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe
44 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna
Level 1, 1 Flintoff Street (inside WaterMarc), Greensborough

Opening Hours
All: Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm
Rosanna: Wednesday until 7pm

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.

Contact us on Facebook
facebook/banyulecouncil

Follow us on Twitter
twitter/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.

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

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