

## Places and Spaces

There are many different characteristics that make Banyule great, including highly valued public space, strong identity and character and vibrant shopping strips. How we interact with our municipality can change depending on the way land is used, the different housing types, the local economy, the public spaces available to us, and together all of this impacts on our health and wellbeing outcomes.

We want to ensure that a broad range of needs are catered for and what opportunities there may be to improve Banyule are fully explored to make it an even greater place to live, work and recreate.

Below is information about our current places and spaces in Banyule. You may find this information useful to consider when participating in the Shaping Banyule 2041 engagement activities.

### Council's key focus has been to:

- 1 Preserve and improve Banyule as a great place to live, work and play
- 2 Renew and maintain Banyule's public assets and infrastructure
- 3 Invest in and support activity centres and employment precincts
- 4 Provide great public and open spaces
- 5 Support sustainable transport

### Land use

Council recognises that the municipality of Banyule is on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people. The name 'Banyule' comes from the local Woiworung language and means 'hill'.

Banyule City Council is divided into the following land uses:



**76%**  
residential



**17%**  
parkland

**7%**  
other

Banyule is an established residential area with significant open spaces and parklands located Melbourne's north-eastern suburbs, between 7 and 21 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD.

Banyule has three main activity centres within the suburbs of Greensborough, Heidelberg and Ivanhoe, which include retail, office and other commercial space. Major features include Simpson Army Barracks, Austin Hospital, Melbourne Polytechnic and Greensborough Shopping Centre.

### Housing

2016 census:



**50,163**  
private dwellings in Banyule

Banyule has:



Marginally smaller average household size of  
**2.54**

Melbourne has:



Average household size of  
**2.61**



**70%**  
of households are purchasing or fully own their own home



**63%**  
of households are purchasing or fully own their own home



**20%**  
of households rent privately



**26%**  
of households rent privately







**3.7%**  
of households live in social housing



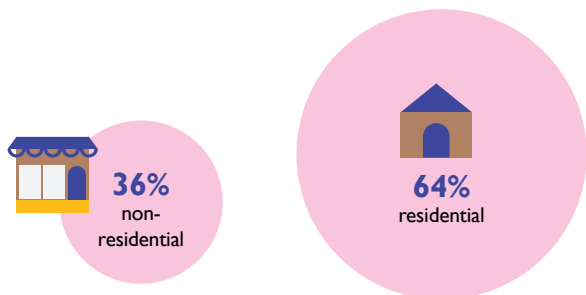
**2.6%**  
of households live in social housing

Between 2011 and 2016, the following changes occurred:

-  An **increase** in the number of medium and high-density dwellings and a **decrease** in the number of separate houses
-  The proportion of households that fully owned their home **decreased**
-  The proportion of households in social housing **decreased**
-  The proportion of renters **increased**

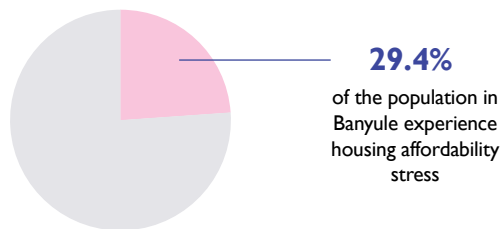
## Housing (continued)

### Type of building approvals:



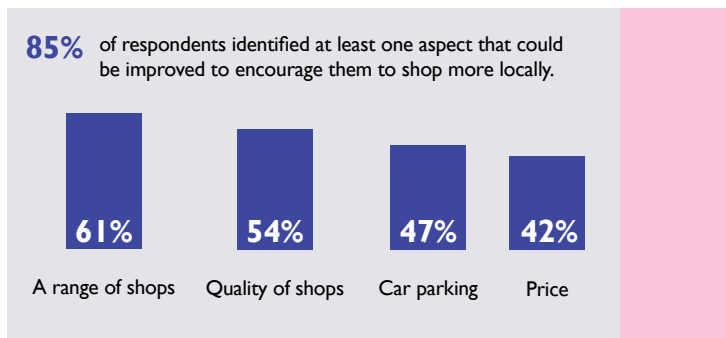
### Housing Affordability

The percentage of households in the bottom 40% of lowest income, who spend more than a third of their income on housing are considered to experience housing affordability stress.

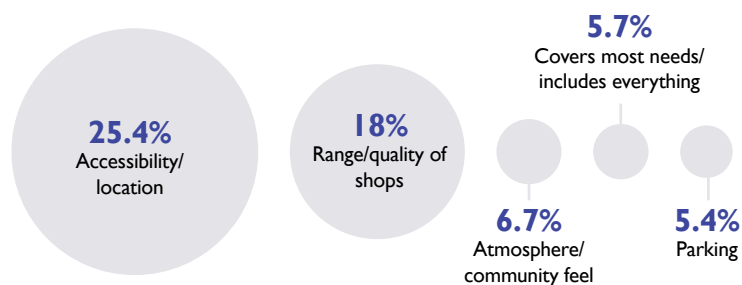


## Encouraging local shopping

In 2017:



### The most valued aspects of favourite shopping precincts are:

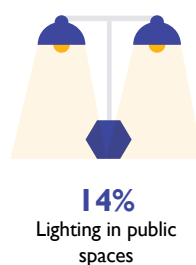


## Safety

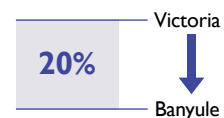
In 2016, Council undertook a Safe Banyule Survey to identify community perceptions of safety in the municipality.

Community perception of safety is high; residents widely feel safe in their home and local areas during the night and day.

### Barriers to safety:



### Average offense rate:



lower overall average rate than the recorded Victorian rate over the past five years

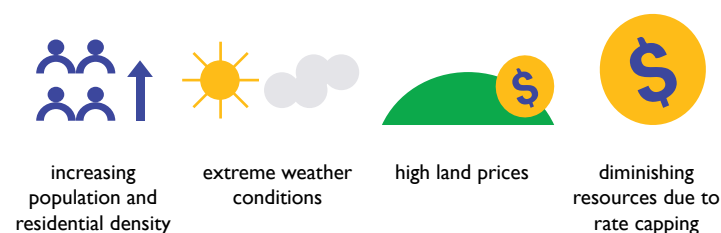
## Public open space

The majority of health problems society will face, now and in the future, are likely to be stress related illnesses, mental health problems and cardiovascular health problems. There is a growing body of research that indicates that to access green open spaces, be it for experiencing the natural environment, community based activities, or structured or unstructured physical activity, enhances physical and mental health, and helps reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases.

### Banyule has approximately 890 hectares of public open space:



### A range of challenges face the ongoing provision and maintenance of public open spaces including:



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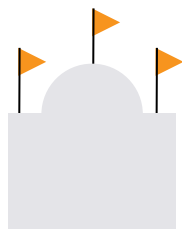


## Major Projects

Major projects highlighted in the Council Budget 2020-2021:



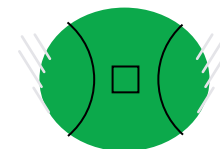
Budget commitment of **\$14.32 million** to complete Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub



Redevelopment of Olympic Park pavilion as part of the Olympic Park Masterplan, **\$1.80 million**



A new regional sporting facility at La Trobe University – Council is contributing a total of **\$5 million**



Upgrades to recreational facilities to better equip sporting clubs, especially with the rise of female sports participation, including Petrie Park, Elder Street Reserve, AK Lines Reserve and Beverly Road Oval



Many sports grounds will receive improved field lighting including Ivanhoe Park and Beverly Road Reserve



Improvements to our extensive **490km** network of stormwater rains, **\$1.65 million**



Parks and gardens and our growing network of shared paths will benefit from more than **\$6 million** of improvements



**\$1.17 million** was directed towards improving Banyule's drainage network and irrigation systems

### Things to think about:

How do we ensure that our spaces and places cater for the broad range of needs in our community?

How do we best activate our places and spaces, what do you want to see happening?

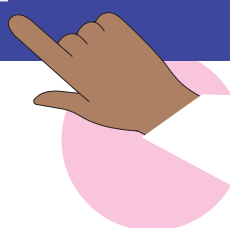
What do we need to make our municipality highly liveable?

What can we do to support our local economy?

How do we best cater for the housing needs of a growing population?

### Join the conversation at

[shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Banyule2041](http://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/Banyule2041)



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