

Councillors last week acknowledged the contentious document was not appropriate and said community consultation for a second draft was in the works. The initial draft detailed develop-

ments more needed to be done to develop the document during the next 12 to 24 months. "(The) council will continue to actively engage with the community in the development of a plan and

Save Ivanhoe co-convenor Luke McNamara said while the council's transparency was encouraging, issues such as building height, overshadowing, neighbourhood character and traffic were still

To view the structure plan go to banyule.vic.gov.au/ivanhoeproject.

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receiving the proceeds of crime. Both have been bailed and will go before the Heidelberg Magistrates' Court at a later date.

Restrictions rejected

PARKING restrictions have been ruled out for Latham St, Ivanhoe, following a six-month study into car activity in the street. The council investigation found that while parking levels had increased in recent years, it was most likely because of the construction of an apartment building at the corner of Lower Heidelberg Rd. Council said it would consider parking restrictions in future studies.

Footy club's upgrade

THE Lower Plenty Football Club has received \$1000 from council to upgrade its kitchen at its Para Rd home. The funds were delivered though Hawdon Cr Steven Briffa's ward fund. The club also has raised money to go towards the project. The works already have been completed.

Report lists aims

BANYULE Council has released its annual report for 2010-11. Some of the main aims set out in the document include health promotion, integrated communities, community safety, cultural heritage, environment, water storages, waste, climate change, accessibility in the community and public transport.



Andrew Close, with his guide dog Matilda, has not let losing his vision stop him from pursuing his love of sport.

Picture: JANINE EASTGATE N18HB302

AN Ivanhoe athlete has won top honours in three sports despite losing his sight to cancer 14 years ago. Andrew Close lost most of his sight at eight after doctors found a large tumour on the optic nerve.

But the setback was not a hurdle for the 22-year-old, who achieved a black belt in taekwondo just two

months ago after taking up the martial arts discipline in 2009.

The RMIT student also represented Victoria in Sydney last month in goalball, a Paralympic sport for blind people, which involves throwing a ball with a bell inside through an opponent's goal.

His mother, Barbara, said it was

his passion for sport that had helped him get to the top.

Mr Close, who has a guide dog, has also been selected as a fast bowler in the Victorian blind cricket team, which will compete in Brisbane in December. Of all his sports he said he probably enjoyed cricket most — he has career-best

bowling figures of 5-13. He is able to bowl accurately because batsmen call out their position as he sets off on his run up.

Mr Close is this week's *Heidelberg Leader* Senior Sports Star nominee. To nominate a Sports Star, phone 9875 8333 or email heidelberg@leadernewsletters.com.au

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