

BOULEVARD WARD UPDATE

Burnley and parts of Richmond
and Abbotsford

Almost six months as your Councillor, I'm pleased to update you on a number of Boulevard Ward projects. I supported limiting increases to sports grounds fees and charges and introduced geofencing on footpaths narrower than two metres wide to stop e-scooters being parked and negatively impacting residents.

With the Mayor, I hosted a community meeting at Citizens Park and then voted to establish a working group to guide future shared use of the park. I helped secure additional funding and a four-year agreement for our Neighbourhood Houses.

Finally, I've advocated to see an increase in funding for our stormwater and drainage systems, funding to establish new parks to deal with population growth, particularly at the Victoria Gardens Precinct and for more investment at Kevin Bartlett Reserve and Citizens Park.

Cr Sharon Harrison | Boulevard Ward



Working for You: Local projects in your area

Yarraberg Children's Centre updates

We're putting the finishing touches on renewal works at Yarraberg Children's Centre, with the aim of creating a calmer, more comfortable environment for children and educators.

The works have included new acoustic panels to help reduce noise, upgraded internal lighting, and a fresh coat of paint on the exterior.

This project was supported by **\$130,000** in funding from the Victorian Government's Building Blocks Improvement Grants, helping us invest in quality early learning spaces for local families.

New electric vehicle chargers at Richmond Library

Two new electric vehicle chargers have been installed on Charlotte Street, right outside Richmond Library, making it easier for EV drivers to top up while they visit the library or local shops.

These chargers, supplied by Evie Networks, can provide up to 50km of range in just 10 minutes and are powered by 100% renewable energy.

Supporting electric vehicle use is one of the ways Council is working towards a more sustainable future for Yarra. We're also transitioning our own fleet vehicles to electric and requiring new property developments to include EV-ready infrastructure.



Citizens Park working group

Citizens Park is a valued shared space, and Yarra City Council has formed a working group to help guide its use.

The group includes community representatives, alongside Ward Councillors and Council's Animal Management Team, and will provide input on the shared use of Citizens Park.

The first meeting took place in March and the group will operate until 30 June 2025.



Footpath reconstruction on Neptune Street

We've completed reconstruction works on Neptune Street in Richmond, which included:

- Removing and replacing the asphalt footpath
- Reconstructing the kerb and channel, including vehicle crossings where needed
- Upgrading drainage to improve stormwater flow
- Resurfacing the street pavement for a smoother and safer road surface.

The new footpath has greatly improved pedestrian safety and accessibility, while the upgraded drainage helped reduce water pooling and risk of flooding.

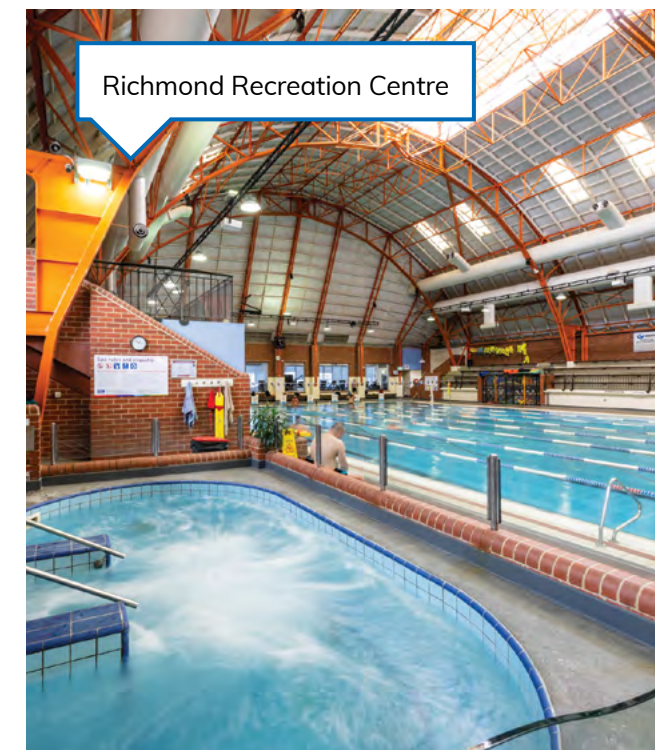
The reconstructed kerb and channel have enhanced vehicle and pedestrian access, and the resurfaced street pavement provides a smoother, more durable road for all users. Council invested **\$631,143** into this project.



Pathway and drainage renewal at Barkly Gardens

We've upgraded pathways and drainage at Barkly Gardens, ensuring a smoother, safer and more accessible experience for all park users.

This **\$100,000** renewal project improves walkability while helping manage stormwater flow, protecting the park's much-loved green spaces.



Richmond Recreation Centre



Richmond Recreation Centre renewal complete

We've invested **\$400,000** to refresh and modernise facilities at Richmond Recreation Centre, ensuring it continues to be a welcoming and accessible space for all.

The works are now complete and include new skylights over the 50m pool, bringing in more natural light while replacing ageing infrastructure. We've also refitted the sauna and steam rooms, creating a more comfortable and relaxing experience for users.

Other improvements include new pool blankets to help reduce energy use, and fresh paintwork in the wet change rooms. These upgrades mean the centre is better equipped to support the health and wellbeing of our community for years to come.



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