

MACKILLOP WARD UPDATE

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I'll always advocate for public housing residents; they bring diversity to Fitzroy, and I'm pleased we have opened the \$1.6m upgrade to the recently named Dill-be-din Kindergarten and secured funding for a futsal pitch for Atherton Gardens.

I will be advocating for a greening of Brunswick Street and a return for the Brunswick Street Festival, in partnership with local traders.

The draft Budget is now public and includes significant money to fix and improve Fitzroy's stormwater drains, money to design an upgraded Garry Owen Reserve, and funding to install a speed hump on Napier Street near Fitzroy Town Hall. (Thanks for the feedback from residents who attended my Ward Meeting last month).

Please reach out with any feedback on the draft Budget.

Cr Stephen Jolly | Mayor | MacKillop Ward



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Fitzroy Pool renewal works

A **\$626,000** investment will keep Fitzroy Swimming Pool in top shape for years to come.

Upgrades, which began in January, include improvements to the internal lighting, air conditioning, doors and hand dryers; along with essential roof repairs. The spa and sauna areas are also being upgraded, and the male changerooms extended to improve comfort and accessibility.

The front of the building will also be refreshed with a new coat of paint, making sure this much-loved community facility is ready to welcome residents and visitors all year round.



New futsal pitch coming to Atherton Gardens

Yarra City Council will deliver a new all-weather outdoor futsal pitch at Atherton Gardens, providing a much-needed sports facility for residents.

The project will be included in Council's 2025/26 capital works program, with funding allocated for due diligence, design, approvals and community consultation in its first phase.

Community consultation will take place as part of the design phase, with further updates to come as the project progresses.



Smith Reserve upgrade underway

Exciting improvements are coming to Smith Reserve, with works now underway to improve the playground, picnic area and off-leash dog space.

Works include:

- Demolition and replacement of the play and picnic areas
- A new path, shelters, trees and plants
- A new fence along the George Street boundary to keep dogs safe
- New grassed surfaces for improved usability

Temporary fencing will be in place during this time to ensure the safety of our community during the works. Some areas of the park will be unavailable during this time, but efforts will be made to allow continued access for off-leash dog exercise whenever possible.

Council received **\$300,000** in Victorian Government funding for the project through the New and Upgraded Dog Parks Program, with Council investing an additional **\$389,000**. The works are expected to be completed by the middle of this year.



Dill-be-din Kindergarten open

Dill-be-din Kindergarten officially opened this month and is offering 44 new Council-managed kindergarten places. Dill-be-din Kindergarten means 'safely look after and protect' in Woi-Wurrung language and is the new name for Atherton Gardens Kindergarten.

This **\$1.689 million** refurbishment of the kindergarten (on Napier Street, Fitzroy) will help meet the growing needs of the community, making accessing quality kindergarten easier for those living nearby.

The outdoor play space features a large, tree-filled yard with many amenities to support imaginative play including a sandpit, mud pit, cubby, yarning circle and basketball ring. The major expansion was predominantly funded by the Victorian School Building Authority as part of Best Start, Best Life Kindergarten reform and was delivered in partnership by Council and Homes Victoria.



Upgrading Drainage in Fitzroy

A priority for Fitzroy this year was improving our drainage systems. Much of the works have been completed and include upgraded drainage systems in:

- Brunswick and Palmer Street (**\$250,000**)
- Moor Street (**\$175,000**)
- Princess Street (**\$150,000**)
- Victoria Street (**\$145,000**)



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