

NICHOLLS WARD UPDATE

Fitzroy North

Thank you for electing me to represent you. It's been an amazing six months.

A big highlight is getting on with the Brunswick Street Oval Redevelopment project to support the growth of local community sports.

We've also increased our support for the Holden Street Neighbourhood House. The staff and volunteers do amazing work helping those in our community who need a bit of support. We're sweating the details as well with more effort put into weeding and graffiti management. We are working through the 2025/26 Budget and new four-year Council Plan.

Your voice is important. Tell us how we should invest in our community.

Cr Kenneth Gomez | Nicholls Ward



Working for You: Local projects in your area

Upgrades progressing at Brunswick Street Oval

Plans to the redevelop the Brunswick Street Oval precinct are moving forward, following Council's endorsement of a revised design in late 2024. The project will deliver new and improved facilities for local clubs and the broader community.

Pre-construction works have now begun. In the coming months we will see tree removals, power upgrades, and improvements to the tennis courts.

Once complete, the upgrades will include:

- A new inclusive and accessible pavilion for local football and cricket clubs
- An expanded tennis precinct with additional courts, a relocated clubhouse, and new amenities
- Improvements to the heritage grandstand, honouring the oval's history

The redevelopment is supported by **\$12.92 million** from the Victorian Government through Sport and Recreation Victoria's funding programs, with Council contributing **\$6.1 million**.

Miller Street cut-through bike lanes

At the start of the year, we started works on Miller Street to install cut-through bike lanes, kerb extensions, garden beds and road humps.

The project is almost complete, with line marking and garden beds still to come. Once road users have adapted to the new road conditions, the road safety improvements will make the street safer for all road users and calm traffic.

These **\$550,000** road safety upgrades have been fully funded by the Victorian Government as part of the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program.

Works to improve drainage in Fitzroy North

The **\$624,836** to upgrade to the road, footpath, kerb and channel, and speed hump on Delbridge Street (Fitzroy North) was completed in January.

Water was pooling in the area from Rowe Street to McKean Street, so Council reconstructed the channel and bluestone kerb to improve drainage.

The road and footpath were also reconstructed, and the speed hump was replaced.

Roof upgrade at Fitzroy Bowls Club

We're getting ready to carry out essential roof replacement works at the Fitzroy Bowls Club on St Georges Road. The works will include replacing the ageing roof sheeting with new zincalume sheets, strengthening the roof structure, and upgrading gutters to meet current standards. These upgrades will help extend the life of the building and improve safety for tenants and visitors.

The project is expected to begin in the coming weeks and take around four weeks to complete. Works are not expected to impact the look of the building or nearby heritage-listed sites, including the Brunswick Street Oval Pavilion and the St Georges Road war memorial.



Crossing and lighting upgrade at Alfred Crescent

New upgrades are coming to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety between Alfred Crescent and Edinburgh Gardens.

Works are set to begin in May to deliver a pedestrian and cyclist priority crossing on Alfred Crescent to connect the Inner Circle Rail Trail shared path with Edinburgh Gardens, providing a safer, more accessible connection for people walking and riding in the area. New lighting will also be installed to improve visibility and safety at night. The project is expected to take one to two weeks to complete once underway.



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