

YARRA BEND WARD UPDATE

Clifton Hill and parts of
Fairfield and Alphington



It's been almost six months since you elected me as your Ward Councillor, and I'm also proud to have been elected Deputy Mayor for 2025.

It's been party season in Yarra with two fantastic weekends of Fairfield in Feb bringing live music to the renewed Fairfield Amphitheatre, and two pride marches between the Clifton Hill and Northcote cricket teams.

We've started community consultations on upgrades to Quarries Park and Fairfield Park, including a refreshed dog off-leash area and upgrades to playgrounds.

I've been spending Friday nights at Alphington Bowls Club, having lunches at Alphington Community Centre, watching the bats fly over from Yarra Bend Park in the evenings, meeting locals at our glorious cafés, and hearing from school students about their hopes for the future and the issues that matter most to them.

At Council, we're deep into shaping the Council Plan and Budget. Looking forward to hearing more from you about how we shape Yarra's future together!

Cr Sarah McKenzie | Deputy Mayor | Yarra Bend Ward



Working for You: Local projects in your area

Fresh look for Fairfield Amphitheatre

We've invested **\$50,000** to restore Fairfield Amphitheatre, ensuring it remains a beautiful and welcoming space for outdoor performances and community events.

The brick repointing works — where we replace the mortar between bricks to improve strength and protect against water damage — were completed earlier this year, just in time for Fairfield in Feb.

With its stunning riverside setting and space for up to 350 people, Fairfield Amphitheatre continues to be a much-loved hub for culture, creativity and connection.

Safer streets in Clifton Hill and North Abbotsford

We're rolling out a series of road safety and pedestrian improvements in Clifton Hill and North Abbotsford, making it safer and easier for everyone to move around these neighbourhoods.

Works began in mid-February at the Trenerry Crescent and Turner Street roundabout, with more upgrades planned at Trenerry Crescent and Bath and Abbott Streets.

These upgrades are part of the Clifton Hill and North Abbotsford Corridor Road Safety Study, and will include improved pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures and safer intersections.



Left to right: Federal Member for Cooper Ged Kearney, Deputy Mayor Cr Sarah McKenzie and Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen at Collingwood Leisure Centre.

Collingwood Leisure Centre going all electric

Collingwood Leisure Centre is set to go gas free, with **\$2.915 million** in Federal funding secured through the Australian Government's Thriving Suburbs program.

This major upgrade will transition from gas to all-electric systems, cutting emissions by around 400 tonnes annually while improving cooling, dehumidification, and overall comfort for visitors and staff.

These works align with Yarra's Climate Emergency Plan, ensuring community facilities are energy efficient and climate safe, while also providing a cool refuge during heatwaves.

Lang Street footpath, kerb and channel works

We've invested **\$61,450** to renew Lang Street's (Clifton Hill) road infrastructure by:

- Removing and replacing the footpath surface
- Replacing bluestone kerb and channel where required
- Adjusting service pits to match the new surface level

The new footpath surface improved pedestrian safety and accessibility. The new bluestone kerb and channel have enhanced drainage, reducing water pooling and improving the overall streetscape.

These upgrades create a safer, more accessible, and visually improved footpath for the community.

Road safety improvements at the corner of Yambla and Ramsden Streets

We've invested **\$75,000** at Yambla and Ramsden Streets to improve road safety for cyclists.

The treatments included improvements to the intersection to accommodate all road users and improve safety for cyclists travelling towards Ramsden Street Reserve and to and from local sports clubs.

We also delivered a raised pedestrian crossing to help manage vehicle speeds and provide a safe crossing facility to Quarries Park.

This is one of a number of road safety improvements we are delivering along the Trenerry Crescent/Gray Street/Yambla Street corridor to help improve road safety and provide safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.

These projects are fully funded by the Victorian Government as part of the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program.



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