

MELBA WARD UPDATE | Richmond

I'm excited to see some key locations in Melba Ward benefit from improvement works planned in our 2025/26 budget. Please take the time to read some of these investments on the next page.

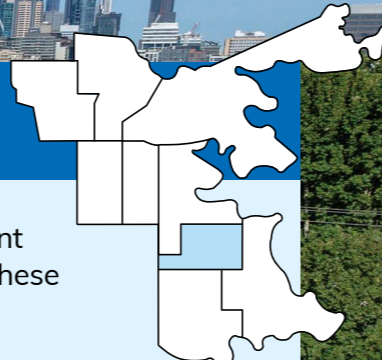
I'm particularly pleased to have secured funding to support traders on Victoria Street, and I can't wait to connect with the community and deliver some great improvements, both immediately and in the long-term, to make it an even better place to shop, eat and visit.

The Richmond Library will also embark on the first year of its planned overhaul, with a series of planning works and community consultation. Please be sure to let us know what you want to see at this great facility. And the free one-hour parking trial along Victoria Street, Swan Street and Bridge Road is now in place for 12 months: please take advantage and support our local traders if possible.

Over the past few months I've been working with the Citizens Park Consultative Committee, discussing ideas on shared usage of this much used reserve, I held my first Ward Meeting with over 100 residents attending and have been working closely with residents in our public housing towers in North Richmond.

Please feel free to reach out if you would like to discuss any local matter that I can be of assistance with.

Cr Meca Ho | Melba Ward



Working for You: Local projects in your area

Bluestone repairs at Palmer and Gardner Streets, Richmond

Council's in-house team has finished restoring the bluestone outstand at the corner of Palmer and Gardner Streets, Richmond.

The work was needed because some of the mortar had crumbled and the stones had started to sink slightly.

Specialist crews carried out the repairs safely and have returned the corner to its original heritage look.

Cycling improvements to Kent Street, Richmond

We've made some minor upgrades to the kerb, channel and cycle pathway in Kent Street in Richmond. The upgrades, which cost \$5,000, have improved drainage on the street and provide a smoother transition for those walking or cycling through the corridor.

Upgrades to Citizen's Park LED lighting

All lights lining the Citizen's Park perimeter pathway have been renewed with LED fittings. The new fittings will improve the reliability of the lights, as well as reduce the amount of electricity needed to power them. The cost of this project was \$13,000.



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2025/26 Budget Highlights: Melba Ward

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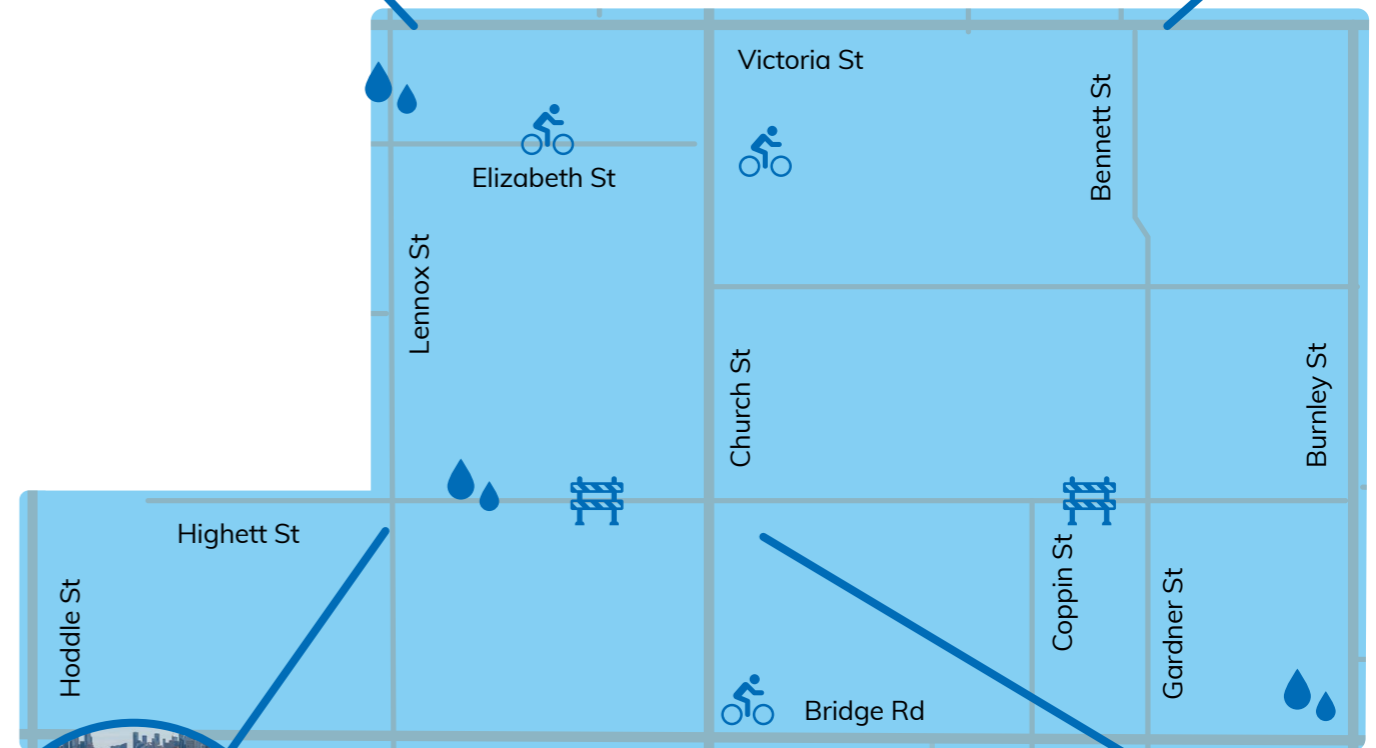


Funding The Learning Bank (\$135,000)

Ongoing funding for our service hub on Victoria Street, Richmond that focuses on adult literacy, business training and life skills.

Revitalising Victoria Street (\$990,000)

Funding for a renewal strategy to identify and deliver short-term and long-term actions and initiatives to make Victoria Street cleaner, safer and more welcoming.



Renewing Hightt Street's roads and footpaths (\$1.57m)

We'll deliver roadworks, footpath works and drainage works to renew Hightt Street in segments. The works will stretch along the road from Lennox Street through to Davidson Street.

Improving Citizen's Park (\$300,000)

Installation of energy-saving LED floodlights and other upgrades to improve safety and support all users.



Key projects by category



Roadworks (excluding Hightt Street)

- Kennedy Street – Johnson Street to end of street (\$76,968)



Drainage

- Lennox Street, Richmond — Victoria Street to Elizabeth Street (\$280,000)
- Palmer Street, Richmond — Designs for future stormwater upgrade (\$30,000)



Bike lane planning and improvements

- Elizabeth Street, Richmond (\$100,000)
- Coppin Street, Richmond — lane modifications, designs for Bridge Road and Swan Street corners, investigation work (\$300,000)