

NICHOLLS WARD UPDATE | Fitzroy North

The 2025/26 Budget is now in effect. We've listened to your feedback, taken advice and made the best decisions we can to support our community for today and tomorrow. We're spending over \$250 million per annum and guiding our 800+ staff with our new four-year Council Plan, focusing on four key areas:

- Living in the City
- Building the City
- Working and Playing in the City
- Running the City

If we spend our money and use our resources wisely, our community will be well placed. We can provide more housing and services to meet population growth. We can support our people to live well irrespective of age, choice or circumstance. We can make our streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. We can address climate change. We can support our local businesses.

Your voice is important. Thanks to all who applied for our Advisory Committees. Everyone is welcome to join us at Council Meetings.

Cr Kenneth Gomez | Nicholls Ward



Working for you and the local Fitzroy North community

New garden beds on Fitzroy North roundabout

We've brightened up the intersection at Michael and McKean Streets, Fitzroy North, with works completed on the installation of new garden beds in the centre of the roundabout.

The upgrades have impressed locals, with our gardeners getting some lovely feedback from a resident:

"My thanks go to the gardeners, whose excellent work I get to enjoy each morning as I walk to the train station."

Supporting our community

- Increased annual funding for Holden Street Neighbourhood House.
- Capped seasonal hire fees for local sports clubs' use of grounds to Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Adjusted the Crown lease for the Fitzroy Bowls Club, capping increases to CPI.
- Limited the waste levy increase to 3%.
- Refreshed the digital and physical collections at Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library.

Graffiti removal in Edinburgh Gardens

We continually remove graffiti in Edinburgh Gardens, to keep it as a welcoming jewel of our community.

Over the next six months, Council is investing an additional \$500,000 to tackle illegal graffiti across the City. We're also shortening response times and making it easier for residents to request graffiti removal.

Upgrading the Brunswick Street Oval cricket nets

The Brunswick Street Oval cricket nets were recently resurfaced to address wear and tear. The cost of the works was \$25,000.



Scan the QR code to find out what's happening across Yarra with our online Capital Works Map at yarracity.vic.gov.au/capitalworks

2025/26 Budget Highlights: Nicholls Ward

WORKING FOR YOU

Merri Creek Primary School crossing upgrade (\$175,000)
A new wombat crossing on Miller Street to give added safety to pedestrians and cyclists.

Linear Parklands and Capital City Trail (\$150,000)
Designs to be created for upgraded playgrounds, sports courts, green open spaces and dog parks; based on consultation with the community. (We also secured \$3.75 million from the Federal Government for this park upgrade).

New sports pavilion and tennis courts at Brunswick Street Oval (\$4million)
A new double-storey pavilion will be built for local football and cricket clubs, including change rooms for women and girls. Two new tennis courts will also be constructed.

Road, footpath and stormwater upgrades (\$355,000)

- Queen Street: footpath, road and stormwater works at Miller Street.
- Scotchmer Street: footpath and road works at Bennett Street and Kneen Street.
- McKean Street: stormwater works at Rushall Crescent.

Key projects



Capital City Trail

Widened path at St Georges Road intersection to improve safety of cyclists and pedestrians.



Edinburgh Gardens

Additional seating and lighting near the basketball court. Additional trees alongside the cycle path.



Mark Street Hall

Installation of one of four community batteries around Yarra, secured through the State Government's 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program (\$44,000)