

YARRA BEND WARD UPDATE

Clifton Hill and parts of Fairfield and Alphington

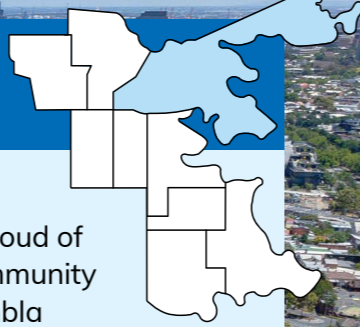
It has been a big start to my term as your local Councillor and Deputy Mayor, straight into the deep end with my first Yarra Council Budget and Plan. I am proud of what we have included in our plan and budget, especially the projects our community has long called for. In our ward, budget highlights include progress on the Yambla Pavilion rebuild, a new nature inspired playground at Fairfield Park to replace the tired old equipment, and upgrades to our much-loved Collingwood Leisure Centre.

Last month in Yarra Bend Ward, as winter softly wrapped its grey shawl around our streets, locals braved the chill at the Merri Creek Labyrinth to plant 400 native shrubs. This is as part of a long-standing community led and council supported revegetation effort, restoring precious habitat for small woodland birds and caring for one of our most loved natural spaces.

Across the city, recent months have seen Yarra come alive with moments of celebration and reflection — IDAHOBIT Day, Reconciliation Week, Neighbourhood House Week, Refugee Week, and a series of events marking 50 years since Vietnamese settlement in Australia.

Finally, a shout out to the high school students I have met across Yarra during Council Plan consultations — your thoughtfulness, clarity and care for the whole community is inspiring. The future of Yarra is in good hands with you.

Cr Sarah McKenzie | Deputy Mayor | Yarra Bend Ward



Working for You: Local projects in your area

Improvements to Fairfield Amphitheatre

We've completed \$17,000 of works to refresh bluestone at Fairfield Amphitheatre.

The project was delivered in two stages and included clearing debris, mortar repairs and installation of missing blue stone. These upgrades will help eliminate trip hazards and improve safety for the community.

Road safety improvements at Roseneath Street, Clifton Hill

A new raised pedestrian crossing along Roseneath Street, Clifton Hill has been completed, as part of the Clifton Hill and North Abbotsford Corridor Road Safety study.

Workers have also flattened out the entrance to Yambla Street, which was causing cars to scrape along the asphalt.

These treatments are among projects at seven different locations identified as part of the broader road safety plan for the area.

Drainage improvement works in Clifton Hill at the intersection of Myrtle and Roseneath Streets, Clifton Hill

As part of our extensive drainage upgrades program, we've been constructing pipes and completed other related works at the intersection of Myrtle and Roseneath Streets, Clifton Hill.

Constructing or improving drainage systems reduces the risk of flooding, prevents water damage to properties, and improves public health.

Ray Coverdale Pavilion is gas free

A \$48,000 upgrade has seen Ray Coverdale Pavilion go gas free. We removed the oven/cooktop and hot water system and installed a new heat pump hot water system and oven/induction cooktop.



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2025/26 Budget Highlights: Yarra Bend Ward


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Collingwood Leisure Centre improvements (\$2.4m)
A series of upgrades including a power plant upgrade to get the building off gas, along with works throughout the building including foyer, roof and pool deck upgrades.


Yambla Pavilion upgrade (\$3.25m)
A new pavilion with inclusive features, improved amenities and better public access to Quarries Park.

Fairfield Park playground upgrade (\$800,000)
Removal of outdated items and installation of new equipment, along with new design features and amenities.

Key projects by category

 **Sports fields lighting**
Design work for upgrades in Clifton Hill at George Knott Reserve, Clifton Hill (\$70,000) and Mayors Park's Tennis and Netball Centre (\$50,000).

 **Yambla Pavilion construction**
Construction of the Yambla Pavilion is well underway. It won't be long before the existing pavilion is demolished and the new pavilion is brought to site.

 **Old Heidelberg Road, Alphington**
Road safety upgrades, roadworks, footpath works and kerb and channel works from Heidelberg Road to the end of the street (\$253,000).