

HODDLE WARD (COLLINGWOOD) UPDATE

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Collingwood Estate Gym

Planning for local
intersection upgrades



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Plenty of exciting things are happening in and around Collingwood – whether it's improving our fitness facilities, fixing our roads or upgrading parks and reserves.

In the coming weeks, Council will be speaking with residents about two potential projects to increase open space in northern Collingwood. These projects would turn sections of Budd Street (between Easey and Sackville Streets) and Mater Street (near Wellington Street) into parks! Our first steps will be to reach out to local residents about the potential projects to hear your views. If you live around these areas, look out for a flyer advertising pop-up sessions with Council staff to have your say.

You might not know this, but Yarra Leisure runs a gym on the Collingwood public housing estate. We've recently invested in a refresh of the site to ensure it remains a pleasant and safe space for residents to exercise and improve their health and fitness. We've also partnered with providers like Cohealth, RecLink and Drummond Street Services to deliver specific programs in the space.

I'm absolutely loving our cycling upgrades at the Wellington Street and Johnson Street intersection, which make crossing the street feel much safer. I hope you love them too! Nearby, Smith Reserve has just reopened and the new playground and dog park are looking great and always as popular as ever!

As always – reach out by emails, socials or phone if you'd like to chat to me about anything! Feedback or new ideas – I love hearing from fellow Collingwood residents.

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Improving cycling in Collingwood

Works are complete on upgrades to the Wellington Street and Johnson Street intersection in Collingwood.

As part of this \$250,000 project, we introduced several measures which will benefit cyclists at this busy intersection, including upgrading and introducing new sections of separated bicycle lanes on Wellington Street on the north side of the intersection. We complemented this with additional green surface treatments and the installation of traffic and bike detectors.

Other works completed at the intersection include:

- Works to the bluestone channel
- Pavement profiling and resurfacing
- Associated line marking, signs installation and footpath reinstatement works.

Wellington Street is the busiest cycling corridor in the City of Yarra and used by more than 2,000 cyclists every day.

Our LGBTIQ+ Memorial

We have commissioned local artist Andrew Atchinson to create our LGBTIQ+ community memorial at Collingwood Town Hall Park.

The memorial, which will be built for \$320,000, will create a sanctuary for friends and family to remember loved ones who were part of the Yarra LGBTIQ+ community and died by suicide.

Atchinson's proposed design Flower Pavilion will contain seating underneath a canopy of

transparent coloured acrylic flowers. The stems will be bound together at the centre by a strong bronze ring.

Atchinson said the bouquet design was a shared symbol of this community and represented the members who had been affected by suicide.

The mural is set to be installed in June 2026.

Come to a Hoddle Ward meeting!

Come along to meet Councillor Wade, have a chat and discuss all things Collingwood.

- **Monday 15 September, 3.30pm to 5.30pm**
240 Wellington Street, Collingwood
- **Monday 17 November, 5pm to 7pm**
Cambridge Street Pocket Park, Collingwood



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Smith Reserve now open after major upgrades

The upgraded Smith Reserve in Fitzroy is now open for the whole community to enjoy with some fantastic new features.

We've introduced new play equipment throughout the reserve for a broad range of age groups to enjoy. These include:

- A balancing rope trail
- A large swing
- A sand pit
- Monkey bars
- A swing set
- Nature play options

There's also a new barbecue area, additional furniture and park shelters.

The dog off-leash area has also been completed with new fencing and an upgraded path network with lighting. These changes will help create a more enjoyable and secure environment for families and dog owners.



Wellington Street and Langridge Street intersection, Collingwood

Plans are underway for signal improvements to improve cyclist safety at this intersection, funded by the Australian Government as a Black Spot project. We plan to upgrade the signals and introduce a fully-controlled right turn to all four legs of the intersection, and introduce protected kerb side bike lanes on the approaches to the intersection. Construction and delivery is likely to take place in early-mid 2026.



Improving McCutcheon Way in Collingwood

Great news for those who use McCutcheon Way in Collingwood – upgrades are planned within the next 12 months as part of Council's 2025/26 Capital Works program. We'll be renewing the footpaths, kerbs and drainage along the street, which is next to Collingwood College and runs between Campbell Street and Cronwell Street. This should provide a much better experience for those accessing both the school and its sports stadium. Look out for more updates on this project soon.



New flooring and partnerships at Collingwood Estate Gym

The Collingwood Estate Gym has been given a makeover with new flooring installed in mid-July. Along with giving the gym a fresh new look, the new flooring improves the safety and accessibility of the space. Yarra Leisure has also expanded its partnerships with various providers at the gym with Drummond Street Services, ReLink and CoHealth supporting and delivering various programs for women and vulnerable residents.



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