

LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE

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in Abbotsford

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The rolling program of upgrading streets for greater pedestrian safety, street beautification and flood resilience continues across our beautiful part of Yarra, as we strive for safer, cleaner and greener streets.

We've transformed an unloved stretch of land behind Man with a Van (between Cooke Street and Fairchild Street) with natives to increase pollination and encourage local wildlife. I'd like to see more of this across Langridge Ward, and if you would too, check out the information about our street gardening program on page 5.

There's also been improvements to the public amenities at Victoria Park, with the cleaning up of graffiti and upgrading the public toilets with new flooring.

The recent planting at Flockhart Reserve is Stage One renewal of this important community asset, with a full turf renewal to follow. I know many other residents and pet-parents are looking forward to this as much as I am!

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Improving greenery and restoring habitat at Flockhart Reserve

Abbotsford's Flockhart Reserve is getting some improvements to make it an even greener and better place for residents and visitors to use.

We've allocated \$50,000 in our 2025/26 Budget to replace the turf at the reserve, which has been in a noticeably poor state. Workers will lay proper turf at the reserve, and once installed, it will allow the community to get the best use out of this valuable green space near the river.

Work has already been completed to beautify part of the reserve following a great effort from volunteers and staff as part of our winter planting events program. In late June, they braved the drizzly weather on a Sunday morning to plant 1,500 local native ground covers and 32 different species of shrubs.

The activity cost \$25,000 and was one of five winter planting events organised by Council as part of our Bringing Nature Back to Yarra Program. The events are designed to give communities a better connection to nature, reinstate original vegetation and heal Birrarung Country. We can't wait to see the planted area evolve during Spring.



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.

Older adults love Move For Life!

The Move For Life program at our Yarra Leisure venues continues to grow with more than 40 classes scheduled every week.

The program focuses on strength training exercises for adults aged 55 and over. Its popularity has been proven with 18,000 participants recorded in 12 months.

This success is a testament to Council's unwavering commitment to providing safe, supportive and fun spaces for older adults to take part in physical activity.



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Abbotsford Maternal and Child Health Centre entrance upgrade

Workers renewed part of the walkway at the front of the building with a new concrete and asphalt surface, creating a smooth and accessible entry for all visitors.



Urban Treatment works – Corner of Nicholson and Abbotsford Streets

Water sensitive urban treatment works have transformed the landscaping of this corner site in Abbotsford, improving the look of the area and cleaning stormwater before it enters the drainage system.



Victoria Park public toilet renewal

New epoxy flooring has been applied to all male and female toilets. The flooring is no longer wearing and hides stains.



Transforming weescapes in Abbotsford

Our horticulture team has transformed the corner of Cooke and Fairchild Streets into a new hub that will increase pollination. It contains almost 900 plantings, including native grasses, ground covers, prostrates and small shrubs.



Footpath works on Yarra Street, Abbotsford

We've been busy completing upgrades along Yarra Street in Abbotsford, between Park Street and Nicholson Street. The works include removing and replacing the concrete footpaths, reconstructing kerbs, gutters and vehicle crossings and maintenance works around trees.



Victoria Street revitalisation is underway

Work on our \$550,000 revitalisation of Victoria Street is underway with new garden beds planted at Butler Park and on the corners of William Street, Lithgow and Albert Streets. The beds look great and the plants will thrive further as the weather warms. We've also begun planning for a series of projects to make the area cleaner and more inviting.

From October to December, we'll begin footpath pressure washes and removing graffiti from shop roller doors in the precinct.



Trenerry Crescent upgrades

A series of projects on Trenerry Crescent in Abbotsford have been completed in recent months to calm traffic. Zebra crossings have been installed at the intersections with Turner Street, Bath Street and Abbott Streets, making the road safer for pedestrians to use. Other works at these intersections and along the street include:

- speed treatments at Turner Street and Abbott Street
- a widening of the cut-through to Victoria Park at Bath Street
- upgraded road humps, painted bicycle lanes, new median islands and road markings between Gray and Maugie Streets.



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