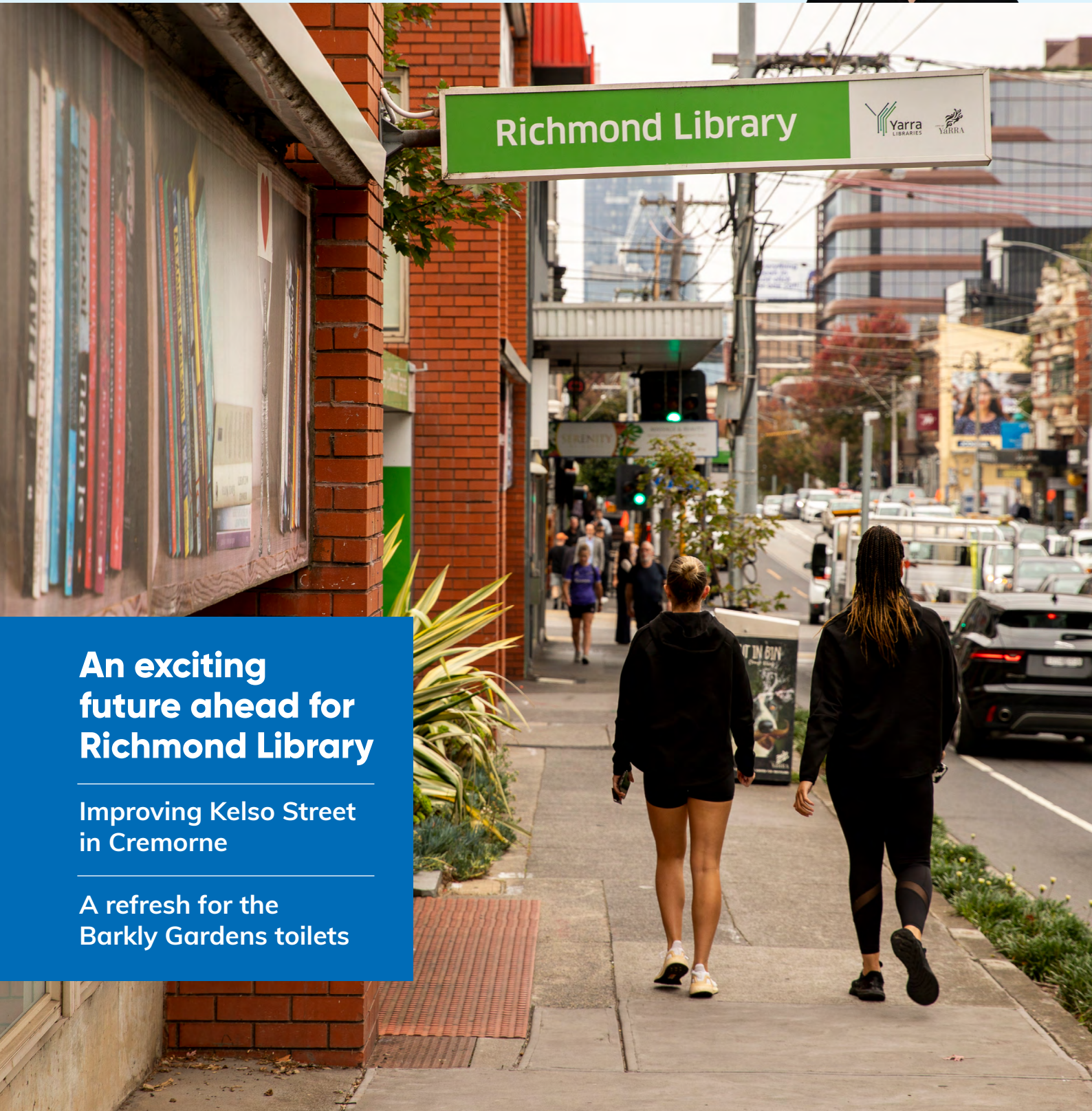


LENNOX WARD UPDATE

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An exciting future ahead for Richmond Library

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LENNOX WARD UPDATE | Cremorne and parts of Richmond

There are much needed infrastructure projects taking shape in Lennox Ward and we've seen some vital works completed to improve our local streets including Kelso Street in Cremorne where we have improved the road surface and upgraded footpaths, but there's still much to do.

I'm delighted to see traders and the local community benefiting from our one-hour free parking trial, particularly along Swan Street and Bridge Road. Traders are telling me the trial is making it easier for visitors to park in our shopping precincts and support local businesses.

The Council's kerbside (parking) policy reform process is currently underway and is focused on addressing many of the parking issues raised by local Richmond and Cremorne residents and traders. I'm hoping to share the results with the community for your feedback and input in the next few months.

The Council's waste and recycling review is also well underway with community engagement planned later this year as our number one priority.

The designs for Charles Evans Reserve have been finalised, with a great range of play equipment and greenery to be part of the upgraded park. I'm looking forward to seeing works begin towards the end of the year and the final results.

Cr Andrew Davies | Lennox Ward

Beginning work on a better Richmond Library

As part of our 2025/26 Budget, Council is investing a total of \$300,000 in improvements for the Richmond Library both now and into the future. This includes funding for minor upgrades and maintenance over the next 12 months and planning for an exciting redevelopment of the facility and expansion of its services.

The investments include:

- \$100,000 for minor renewal works including wall and floor coverings, equipment replacement, new furniture and bathroom improvements.
- \$200,000 for preliminary investigations, feasibility and business case work for a future major redevelopment of the library.

As part of the preliminary work for the redevelopment, we will consult our stakeholders and the community to guide the direction of the project and the future uses of the library site. While a date is not yet set for these consultations, Council will schedule them once our initial investigations and feasibility studies are completed.



One-hour free parking trial success

Locals, visitors and traders are enjoying the benefits of our one-hour free parking trial along three of Richmond's biggest streets.

We launched the trial on 1 July, allowing all drivers to park their car for free for the first hour in metered parking spots along Bridge Road, Swan Street and Victoria Street.

This initiative was designed to give our traders a boost and reduce costs for residents and visitors to Richmond's much loved shopping precincts. Whether it's having a quick coffee catch-up, doing your grocery shopping or grabbing your lunch, our trial allows you to get things done without the hassle of paying for a short parking stay.

We are backing our businesses and making it easier for you to do the same.

Take advantage of our one-hour free parking trial today – just make sure you start the meter or use the Pay-Stay app on your phone to



Cr Andrew Davies with Jason from Bertie's Butcher on Swan Street

ensure your free hour is logged and avoid a possible fine.

Search 'One hour free parking trial' at yarracity.vic.gov.au for more information.

More street tree coverage in Cremorne

Since the start of 2025, Council has planted 47 new street trees throughout Cremorne. We will be working hard to ensure we continue to increase tree canopy across Cremorne, while not seeing a reduction in parking spaces. I'll be perusing this as your local Councillor we consult the community on the Kerbside Parking policy. This represents a 14 per cent increase in the total number of street trees in the suburb. Cremorne is a priority for street tree planting as it has the lowest tree canopy cover of any

suburb in Yarra. Street trees are a vital part of Yarra's Urban Forest and provide shade and cooling on warm days, along with several other environmental benefits which enhance liveability within our suburbs. Street trees also help contribute towards Yarra's efforts in responding to climate change and progressing tree canopy coverage throughout the City. Council has a target of achieving 21.25 per cent tree canopy coverage across Yarra by 2040.

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Road safety upgrades: Miller Street, Richmond

The Miller Street Road Safety Upgrades have now been successfully completed. The project was fully funded by the Victorian Government under the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program. The upgrades address longstanding community concerns about vehicle speeds and cyclist safety, aligning with Council's objectives to improve safety and accessibility for all road users.

Scope of works completed:

- Modification of nine existing slow points, upgrading them to full-width road humps with separated bicycle lanes to improve cyclist safety and traffic flow.
- Line marking and signage improvements to enhance visibility and safety.
- Landscaping works to integrate the upgrades into the local streetscape.



Charles Evans Reserve designs finalised

Following further site investigations and considerations, the final concept design for Charles Evans Reserve in Cremorne has been refined. Among the final changes are:

- Garden beds at the end of Cubitt Street
- Play equipment: slides, climbing structures, a fire fighter's pole, activity panels and a tunnel
- Removal of the proposed multi-purpose sports court, as it was dependent on discontinuing part of Cubitt Street and expanding the reserve. This has been determined to be unfeasible.

Construction for the upgraded park is set to begin by the end of this year.



In progress: Drainage works on Coppin Street

We've been busy improving the drainage on Coppin Street in Richmond, between Abinger and Wall Streets. The works have included relining the existing brick drainpipe, cleaning pipes, CCTV use to identify any issues in the drains, and associated civil works. The works began at the start of August and are expected to be completed in early September.



Improvements to Kelso Street, Cremorne

Upgrades have been completed on Kelso Street in Cremorne, between Cubitt Street and Stephenson Street, to address the overall poor condition of the road surface and footpaths. The works have rectified issues such as water pooling and sunken sections of the area. Additionally, the footpath on the north side of Kelso Street, between Dover and Cremorne Streets, has been renewed using industrial-grade asphalt to provide greater durability and strength. The bin in this section was also relocated to prevent pedestrian obstruction.



Door wraps on the Barkly Gardens Public Toilets

Artwork from the Yarra Youth Centre has been applied to the previously graffiti-prone toilet doors at Barkly Gardens using new vinyl wraps. The vinyl wrap material makes graffiti removal and ongoing maintenance much easier.



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