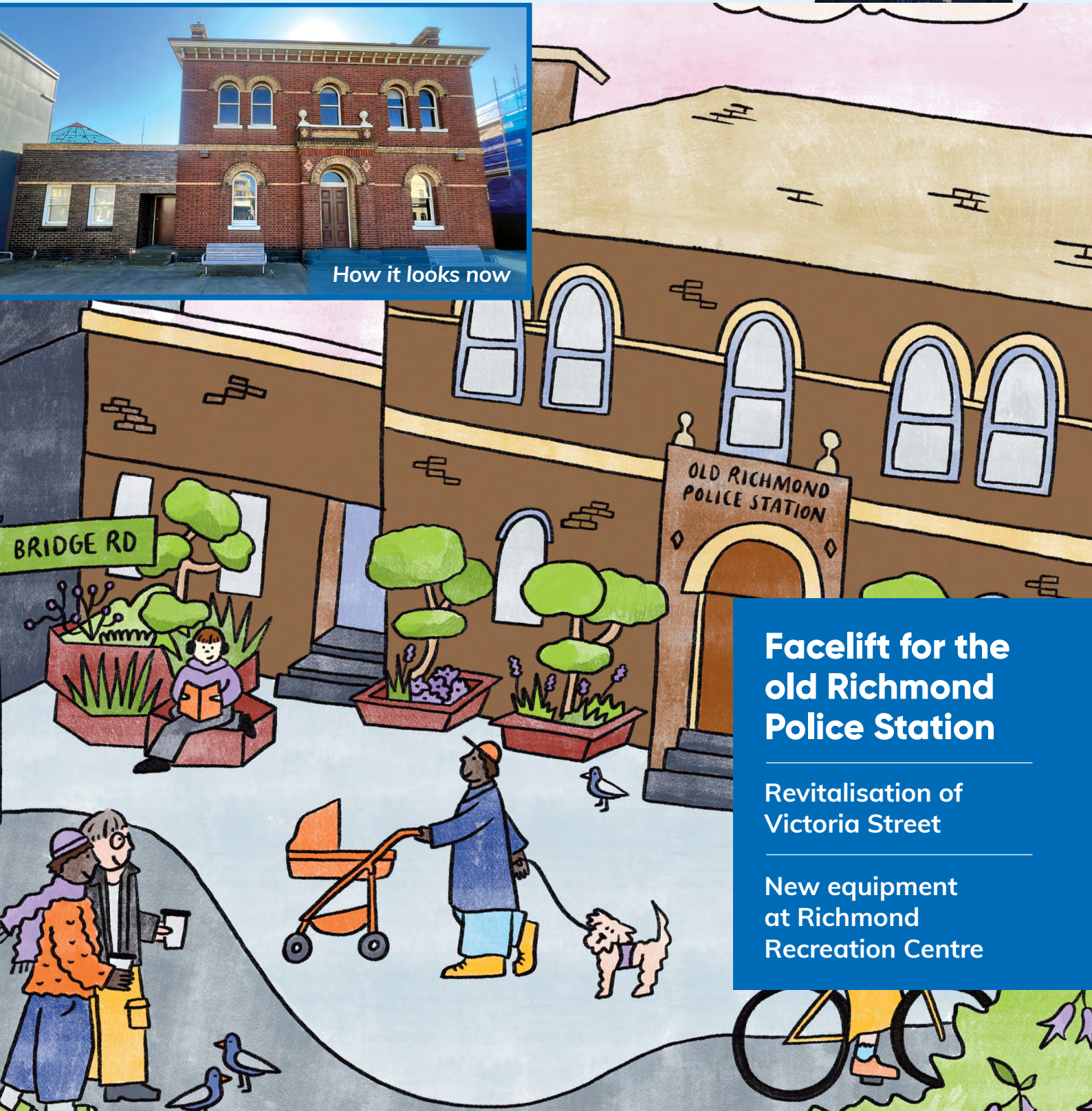


MELBA WARD UPDATE

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How it looks now



Facelift for the old Richmond Police Station

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I've been loving engaging with our local traders and promoting our one-hour free parking trial along Victoria Street, which started in July. It's off to a strong start and is delivering some great benefits as it gives shoppers the time to do a quick shopping trip or grab their lunch or a coffee without the hassle of paying for their first hour of parking.

Speaking of Victoria Street, I'm excited to see our plans take shape for the revitalisation of the area, which was one of the key projects in Yarra's 2025/26 Budget. Already there's some planting that has been done on several corners of connecting streets, and other initiatives will be rolled out in the coming months to beautify the area and keep it cleaner.

It was fantastic to attend the Victorian Government's launch of its own support program for Victoria Street in early August as part of its Supporting our Multicultural Traders and Precincts initiative. Their support will really benefit the Victoria Street Business Association and the traders in its membership base.

Finally, I'm excited about the new pop-up park which is set to open soon outside the Old Richmond Police Station next to the Town Hall. This is a great way of repurposing space to provide more options for residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the area's surroundings.

Cr Meca Ho | Melba Ward

Get ready for Richmond Town Hall's pop-up park!

Yarra is getting a new pop-up park on one of Richmond's most popular streets from September.

We're creating a new \$130,000 public space in front of the former Richmond Police Station on Bridge Road, next to our Council offices at Richmond Town Hall.

We will set up street furniture and garden beds on the site. Installation is expected to take place over a handful of days in September.

The pop-up park will be a great space to relax on a sunny day or take a break while shopping on Bridge Road.



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.

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



Cr Ho with trader Kevin Duong from Bao An Tang Chinese Medicine Centre on Victoria Street

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

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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A revitalisation of Victoria Street is coming

One of the most exciting projects in Council's 2025/26 Budget is our \$550,000 package to revitalise Victoria Street in Richmond. We've started this work by planting new plants in Butler Park and on the corners of William, Lithgow and Albert Streets to beautify the area. 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.

Council has employed two staff to oversee this work and to ensure the community is consulted on future steps. From October to December, we'll begin footpath pressure washes and removing graffiti from shop roller doors in the precinct. In early 2026, we'll be rolling out other important initiatives to improve the streetscape including:

- Minor kerb works
- Installing bike hoops and seating
- Reorientating furniture in the Butler Street Park

Find out more about the precinct by searching '**Victoria Street**' on Council's website.



New 40km/h speed limit on Burnley Street

The State Government's Department of Transport and Planning has reduced the speed limit on Burnley Street between Barkly Avenue and Victoria Street in Richmond to 40km/h. This speed limit is the standard for activity centres (including shopping precincts and school zones) and streets in built-up urban areas. The change is permanent, and the new speed limit applies at all hours.



New gym equipment at Richmond Recreation Centre

The gym at Richmond Recreation Centre is better than ever following a major refresh of its gym equipment. We've added new Life Fitness strength and cardio machines with bigger, smarter consoles, upgraded our group fitness space with new Les Mills gear, and expanded our range of functional training equipment.

Along with the new equipment, the gym has received a new sound systems and LED video walls to enhance your workout experience, and options for virtual workouts through Fitness on Demand.

Council is investing \$2.5m over five years to ensure its three Yarra Leisure sites – which also include Collingwood Leisure Centre and Fitzroy Swimming Pool – are fitted out with the latest top quality gym equipment.



Cleaning up toilet vandalism

Our staff and contactors recently repaired vandalised public toilets at Citizens Park and the Richmond Town Hall. Since February, Council has invested an extra \$500,000 in resources to quickly remove and curb illegal graffiti throughout Yarra.

If you spot graffiti near you, reach out to us to get it removed – search '**Graffiti Removal**' at yarracity.vic.gov.au.



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