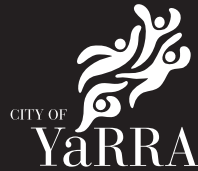




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Community Infrastructure Plan

2025 - Summary

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, and present.

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Key terms

Community

Our users of our community infrastructure are our residents, workers and visitors from neighbouring suburbs and those from further afield. Our community is comprised of people with diverse socio-economic backgrounds, identities and experiences. As such, the needs of our community must be catered for through a lens responsive to the intersectionality and differences that exist. Our community is ever-changing and growing, and the legacy of our community who shaped the identity of Yarra is recognised.

Community infrastructure

Community infrastructure is generally the facilities that provide the physical infrastructure for services, including programs and activities, to exist. Community infrastructure aims to provide outcomes for our community to foster health and wellbeing, social interaction, learning, creative practice,

cultural and creative experience, recreation, physical activity and where appropriate, essential needs.

We recognise that community infrastructure can be delivered by Council, other levels of government, the private sector, or the not-for-profit sector. Community benefit is a key driver for investment in community infrastructure.

In this Community Infrastructure Plan, community infrastructure assets include buildings and structures, and open space used for active recreation / sports participation. It excludes public open space for passive uses, and transport infrastructure.

We also recognise that our community will also use community infrastructure in adjoining municipalities, and we maintain awareness of these community infrastructure assets that our community may choose to utilise.

Community hubs

Community hubs are welcoming, safe and inclusive places that foster connection through access to a variety of services, activities or programs and information to support engagement in community life.

Community hubs are multi-purpose and may include co-located (located together) or integrated (working together) spaces.

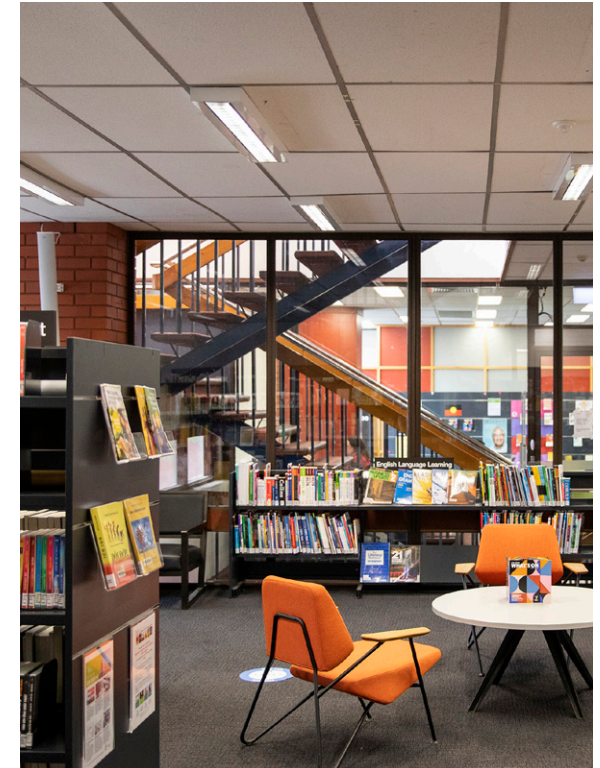
We aspire to community hubs that provide a central gathering place within Yarra's neighbourhoods. We aspire to community hubs that are accessible, culturally safe and responsive to the diverse needs of local places and also encourage active participation from all residents.

Purpose

The purpose of a new Community Infrastructure Plan for Yarra is to:

- Ensure that new community infrastructure investment is informed by evidence of need, and that community need is addressed
- Ensure we take a proactive and equitable approach to effectively plan for future and changing community needs, through providing community infrastructure to enable the services needed, the right levels of service, and at the right time
- Ensure decisions about community infrastructure prioritise inclusion; while addressing economic, environmental and social challenges
- Embed a practice of continual analysis and review to ensure community infrastructure is well-utilised, fit for purpose and responsive to community need

- Inform and be informed by service and asset planning and capital planning
- Explore sourcing alternative revenue for community infrastructure investment such as the *Development Contributions Plan* in the *Yarra Planning Scheme*, advocacy and partnerships
- Be iterative in nature, to be responsive to changing priorities.



Community Infrastructure in Yarra

Scope of the Community Infrastructure Plan

The scope for the Community Infrastructure Plan outlines the types of services and the physical infrastructure spaces that support delivering those services.

Children's Services	Kindergarten and long day early education and care, and occasional care spaces	Family Services	Maternal and Child Health consulting rooms, group program spaces, toy library, immunisations	Youth Services	Youth hubs and flexible spaces in libraries, community
Seniors Services	Senior's hubs, flexible program spaces, commercial kitchens for food preparation	Leisure	Pools, spas, saunas. Fitness gym, etc.	Recreation	Sports ovals, greens, courts, stadiums, pavilions
Library Services	Libraries and other spaces	Neighbourhood Houses	Multi-use spaces with a variety of services	Creative and Cultural Services	Galleries, performance and rehearsal spaces, making spaces, display spaces
Community Venue Hire	Indoor flexible rooms, halls, Town Halls, outdoor Amphitheatre, etc.	Kitchen Spaces	Commercial and community kitchen spaces, training kitchens within facilities	Public Toilets and Change Facilities	Public toilets, including accessible, baby change and Changing Places
Property	Leasing of Council's community infrastructure assets to others to deliver services, programs, activities, or opportunities to socialise and connect				

Community Infrastructure Plan



Our Community Infrastructure Vision

Yarra City Council is a leader in planning for quality community infrastructure in Yarra in response to population growth and change.

Our Community Infrastructure Mission

Yarra City Council will respond to growth and community need, while creatively making the most of its assets and generating alternative income streams to minimise the financial impact on ratepayers.

Community Infrastructure Plan

Policy direction

This is a critical time for Council to respond to growing and changing community need and effectively managing our community infrastructure assets, while balancing Council's financial sustainability. To do this, **strong policy direction is required to guide planning and decision-making.**

We will do this by:

1. Linking community infrastructure planning within Council's integrated strategic planning framework.

We will deliver on the *Community Vision 2036 and Council Plan 2025-2029* to ensure that community services and infrastructure are provided when they are needed. We will use the *Yarra Service Planning and Review Principles 2024* to make decisions about what services Council provides. The Community Infrastructure Plan will be used to inform investment priorities to

meet community service and infrastructure needs. *The Asset Plan 2025-2035* will allocate funds based on these needs.

2. Engaging the community on new initiatives.

We will engage with community when we look at options for how future community needs could be addressed. We will engage with community on new capital projects to confirm what community infrastructure will be used for and what's to be included and sharing information about the design and construction progress.

3. Improving transparency to direct resources and investment.

We are working towards greater transparency in data and decision making through the community services and infrastructure audit, to share with community and to inform review of the *Yarra Development Contributions Plan 2017*.

We will improve how we measure and report on the cost to build

community infrastructure projects, that includes consideration of the indicative annual operating expenses required by the assets.

4. Reviewing all vacated community infrastructure and properties to determine the most suitable use.

We will assess any vacant community property for potential use against a variety of lenses including social, cultural, economic, fiscal and civic lenses to determine the most needed and suitable use or uses.

5. Delivering excellence in managing community infrastructure, with operating models determined in the planning phase.

We recognise the need for community infrastructure to be designed to fit the intended operating model. We will determine the operating model for new or redeveloped infrastructure in the planning phase and ensure involvement from subject matter experts in the design phase.



Strategy objectives

Council's overall approach to community infrastructure planning needs to shift, so that we can be more responsive to community need, while maintaining financial sustainability.

Our new approach will look to:

1. Strengthen community and respond to need

Community infrastructure is used to facilitate connection, community wellbeing and cohesion. It enables community participation and access to critical services. It can be a 'third space' for the community outside of work/study or home.

We will continually engage with community to understand their needs and expectations.

We will prioritise those most vulnerable to ensure accessibility, inclusivity and cultural safety. We will invest in community infrastructure and services for children and young people, and older people.

We recognise opportunities for a future focus around digital and technology within community infrastructure.

2. Maximise the potential of the community infrastructure we have

We will work towards ensuring community infrastructure is well-utilised now and protected for the benefit of future generations. Community infrastructure will need to be multi-use, and flexible and adaptable to respond to changing community need and growth.

We will prioritise community infrastructure that is the most used, such as libraries and public toilets, and aspire to the provision of a community hub within each of Yarra's neighbourhoods.

We will consider alternative service models to increase utilisation of our existing assets.

We will identify opportunities where community infrastructure can support broader community initiatives. Examples may include increasing open space or canopy

cover, providing space for repair hubs as part of Council's circular economy objectives.

Where we have community infrastructure assets that are of heritage significance, we will protect and maintain the heritage qualities whilst developing or using the asset for community needs.

3. Data driven and socially responsive

We will monitor trends about emerging community needs, as well as engaging with the community around needs.

We will monitor the performance of community infrastructure to ensure it is well-utilised and fit for purpose.

We will make informed decisions, underpinned by sound evidence and need.

4. Innovative and financially viable solutions

Community infrastructure in Yarra is highly valued and used by residents, workers, and visitors such as tourists, residents in neighbouring municipalities, and others who come to Yarra or come through Yarra for a variety of reasons. However, funding of infrastructure predominantly falls to our residents.

We will explore partnerships with businesses, social enterprise, and not-for-profit organisations to share resources. We will be open to sourcing alternative revenue streams to reduce the burden to ratepayers. We will review the *Yarra Development Contributions Plan 2017*, with a view to seek the highest value contribution towards community infrastructure that will be driven by new development.

5. Progressive leadership

The Yarra community deserves valuable and impactful community services and infrastructure.

We will demonstrate excellence to achieve planning and design expectations regarding environmental sustainability and climate resilience, waste reduction, and access, inclusion and cultural safety.

We will lead with fiscally responsible and sustainable decision-making.

Governance and operations of community infrastructure will be thoughtful and planned, to ensure quality and equitable service outcomes.

6. Adaptive to act on opportunities

We will seek and respond to opportunities that influence the demand and availability for community services and infrastructure in Yarra. Examples include responding to reform such as the Best Start Best Life kindergarten reform, *Plan for Victoria* and Victorian Government housing targets, the Victorian Government's redevelopment of public housing towers, and private market opportunities.

We will critically assess the best role that Council can play to ensure the needs of our growing and changing community will be met.

We will be ready to advocate, particularly at critical times, such as the upcoming Federal and State Government elections.



Guiding Principles

These principles will guide how we provide community infrastructure in Yarra to ensure it is available as it is needed, is inclusive, accessible and well-utilised. The principles will be used when we plan for, advocate for, and design new or improved community infrastructure. Each principle is unique, and all six principles need to be considered collectively.

1. Connected

Community infrastructure is multi-use and adaptable to facilitate many services and opportunities in the one place, and to change in response to community need.

Community infrastructure exists within a network, where the offering within one asset may be complementary to another.

Where community infrastructure assets, or spaces within assets are intended for single use, these decisions are purposeful and informed by evidence.

2. Fit for purpose and maximised use

Community infrastructure is fit for purpose and well-utilised, while ensuring availability of infrastructure for generations to come.

3. Engaging

Community infrastructure is welcoming and inspiring, where playfulness and creativity can be explored. Places that people want to come to. Places that embrace and represent the many cultures of Yarra through storytelling, interpretation and signage.

4. Safe

Community infrastructure is physically and culturally safe, and perceived to be safe within, around, and travelling to the place at all times, which may include lighting and security measures.

5. Inclusive and accessible

Community infrastructure is friendly, safe and accessible for all, building on foundations such as Universal Design, Child Safe Standards,

Age-friendly cities, LGBTQIA+ principles, and equitable access that goes beyond compliance. Inclusive and accessible to travel to community infrastructure, as well as within community infrastructure.

6. Future-focused

Community infrastructure reduces and mitigates negative impacts on Yarra now, for the benefit of us and the generations to come. This can include: climate-resilience, sustainable construction practices and material use, including recycling of disused materials; economic and social viability; technology for community use, and technology to improve the useability of community infrastructure.



Neighbourhood profiles

Neighbourhood profiles provide a place-based approach to understanding the needs for community services and infrastructure over time.

While not all community infrastructure is needed at a neighbourhood level, consideration is given to the accessibility of infrastructure that is located nearby and the reasonable expectation for people to travel to access community services and programs.

Neighbourhood profiles are used to consider the demand for community services and infrastructure over time and the challenges and opportunities to meet those needs, noting that analysis of future demand does not reflect the Victorian Government's housing targets for Yarra, and analysis of current trends reflects ABS Census

2021 data, where the Census was conducted when Melbourne was in a COVID-19 lockdown period. Considerations of potential opportunities will be driven by the Community Infrastructure Plan strategic framework objectives and principles.



Abbotsford

Key features

Some of the key features in Abbotsford include:

- Victoria Street Activity Centre, on the southern border of Abbotsford
- Abbotsford Primary School
- The Carlton United Breweries site, which is planned for redevelopment
- Collingwood Town Hall precinct, including surrounding infrastructure such as the Djerring Centre, Willowview Centre, Collingwood Library and Gahan Reserve
- Victoria Park in the northern section of Abbotsford
- Collingwood Children's Farm
- Abbotsford Convent, and the Sophia Mundi Steiner School.

Key considerations

- Council's response to increasing demand for children's and family services in Abbotsford
- Future library service demand, generated by Abbotsford and surrounding neighbourhoods
- Future purpose for the Collingwood Town Hall precinct, including but not limited to community use for the Collingwood Town Hall and the future use for the Collingwood Sailors and Soldiers Memorial Hall, and the potential provision of affordable housing in this area which would generate additional community need
- Revitalisation of Victoria Street and any potential community service and infrastructure opportunities
- Revitalisation and future purpose for Victoria Park to meet the needs for future generations.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 34.0% of residents born overseas. 23.4% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: Affluent area, with 45.2% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile.



Jobs: 11.37% of jobs in Yarra are based in Abbotsford.





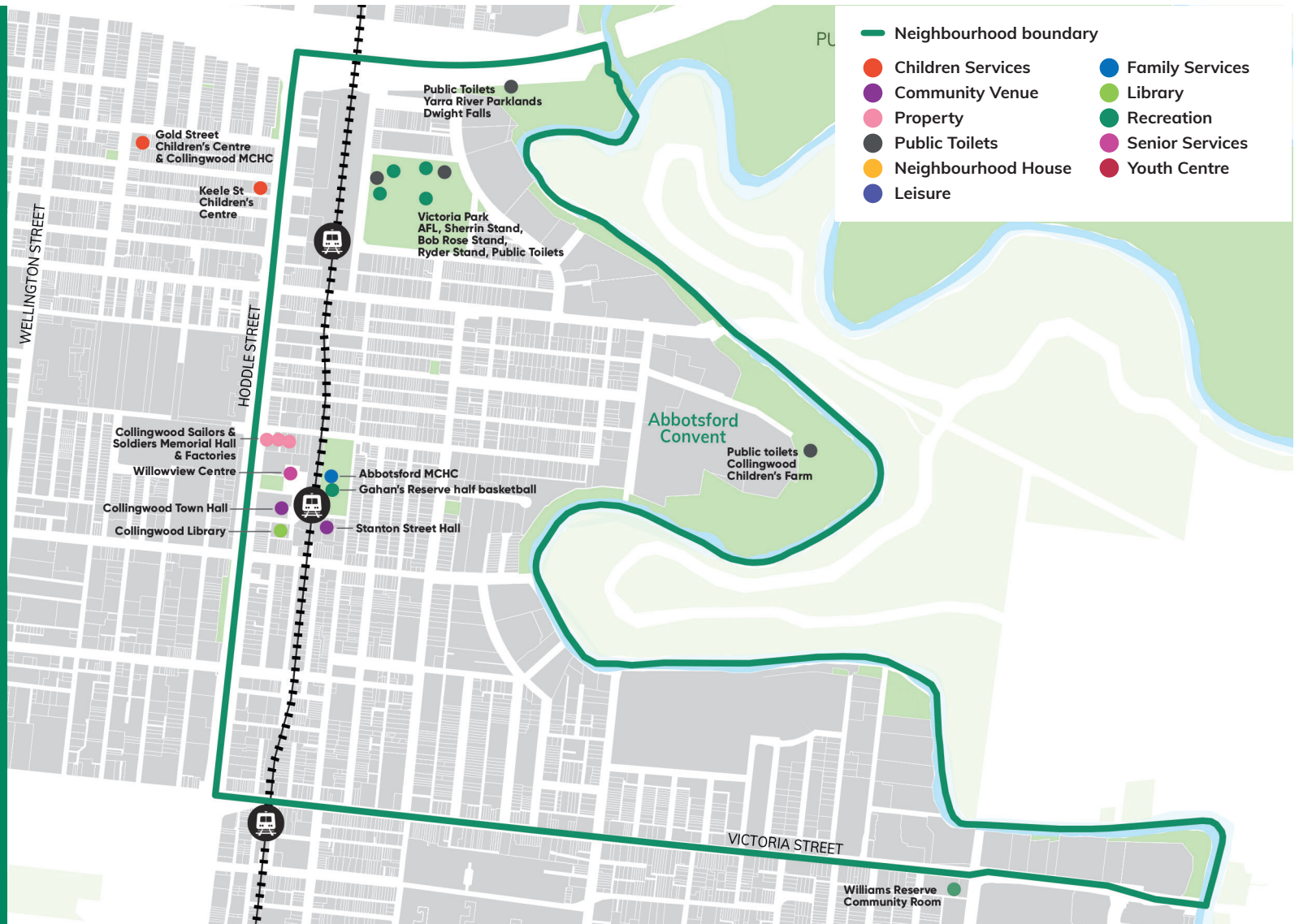
Anticipated future community growth

2026:
9,900 people

2036:
12,300 people

2046:
14,300 people

Growth is expected across all age groups, particularly young families, working adults, and seniors.



Carlton North – Princes Hill

Key features

Some of the key features of Carlton North and Princes Hill include:

- Rathdowne Village
- Schools including Princes Hill Primary School, Princes Hill Secondary School, and Carlton North Primary School
- Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Some of the key features outside of Yarra, adjacent to Carlton North and Princes Hill include:

- Princes Park
- Royal Park and Melbourne Zoo
- Kathleen Syme Library
- Melbourne University and related facilities within the precinct.

Key considerations

- Maintain, modernise and increase the functionality of existing infrastructure for use by future generations, such as children’s and family services, library, community meeting rooms, and others
- Consider the needs for recreation and leisure, noting the availability of surrounding infrastructure in other parts of Yarra and outside of Yarra.

Note: Carlton North and Princes Hill have been areas that have typically attracted overseas students to live, due to proximity to tertiary education opportunities around Carlton and Melbourne. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, many overseas students returned home, and this is reflected in data captured through the ABS Census 2021, which is likely to impact results listed in this section.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 22.7% of residents are born overseas. 14.3% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: Affluent area, with 39% of households in the ‘highest’ household income quartile.



Jobs: 2.14% of the 98,000 jobs in Yarra are based in Carlton North – Princes Hill.





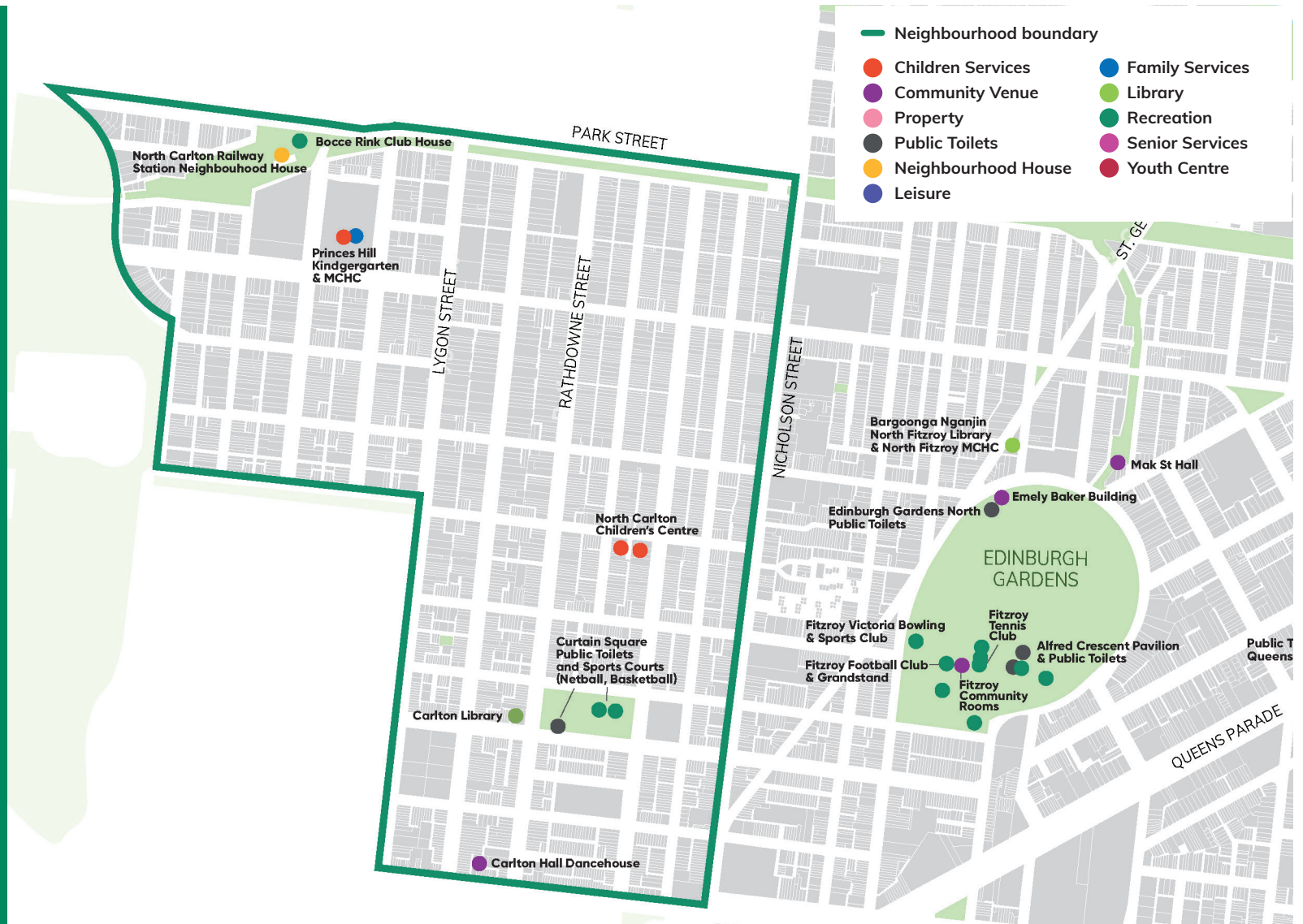
Anticipated future community growth

2026:
8,500 people

2036:
8,800 people

2046:
8,700 people

There is little growth expected in Carlton North – Princes Hill. Growth in elderly people (80 years and over) is expected to be particularly high. Small growth is expected for young children and middle-aged adults, particularly within the next 10 years. Populations of young adults is expected to decline.



Central Richmond

Key features

Some of the key features of Central Richmond include:

- Bridge Road, including Epworth Hospital and the Richmond Town Hall precinct
- Swan Street
- Richmond Train Station as a significant interchange for multiple metropolitan and regional train lines
- Richmond Neighbourhood House, which is not owned by Council
- Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre
- Private schools, including Melbourne Girls' College and St Kevin's College Waterford Campus
- Yarra Park, and the Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Precinct.

Key considerations

- Council's response to increasing demand for children's and family services
- Council's response to increasing demand for seniors' services
- Future community infrastructure needs within the Richmond Library building
- Addressing ageing and underutilised community infrastructure.

* This data includes jobs and economic output generated from both sides of Swan Street, however other demographic data recognises Swan Street as the boundary between Central Richmond and South Richmond.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 24.5% of residents are born overseas). 14.8% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: Affluent area, with 44.4% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile.



Jobs: Approximately 9.87% of the jobs in Yarra are based in Central Richmond.





Anticipated future community growth

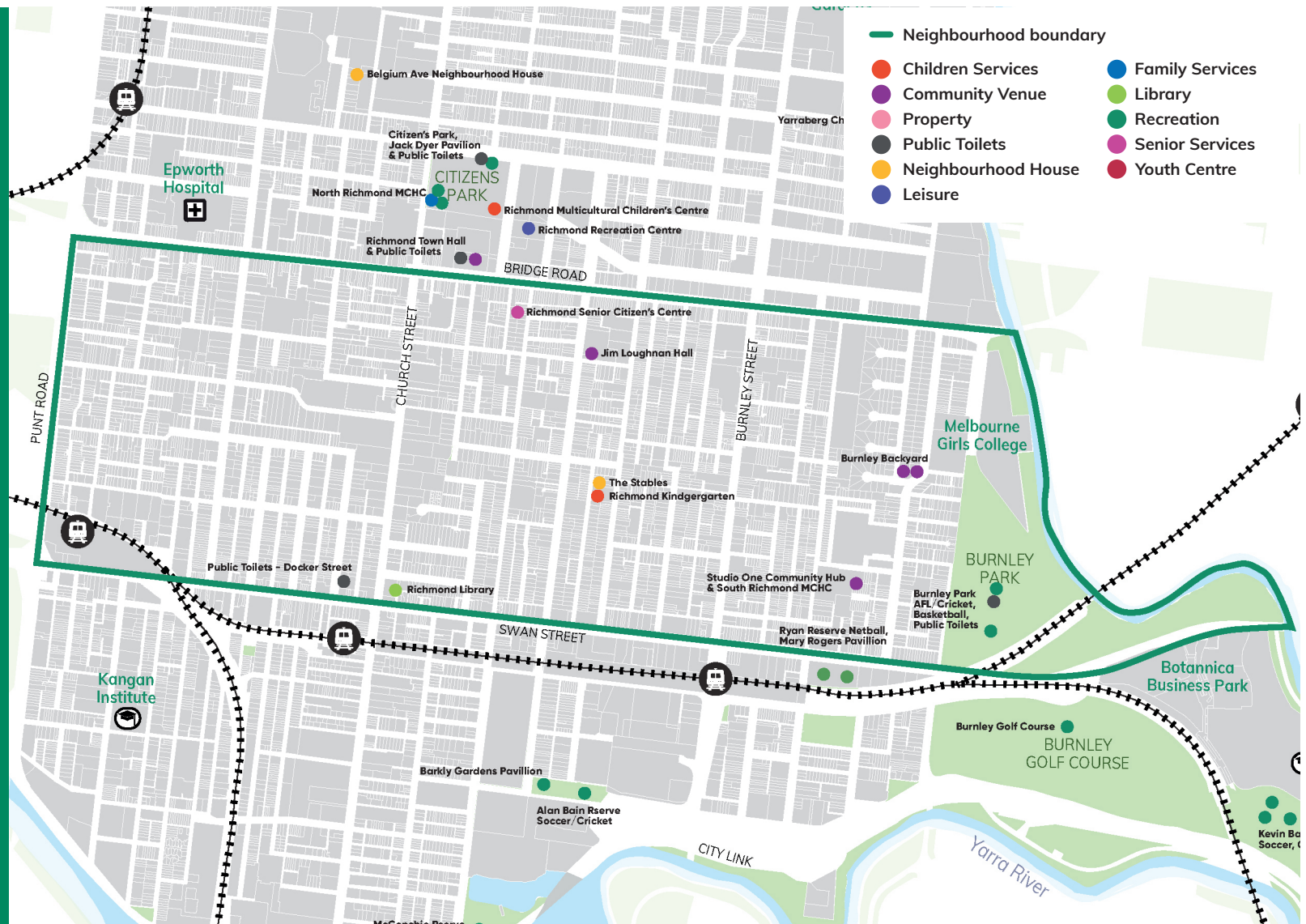
2026:
14,300 people

2036:
16,500 people

2046:
16,900 people

Growth is expected across all age groups in the next 10 years, with most growth occurring in adult populations of all ages, particularly people in their late 20s, 40s and 50s, and elderly aged.

Growth in 10-20 years' time will be far more focused on older populations (50 years and older).



Clifton Hill

Key features

Some of the key features of Clifton Hill include:

- Eastern Freeway and Alexandra Parade, as a key transport connection into and through Yarra
- Heidelberg Road
- Clifton Hill Train Station junction
- Yarra Bend Park and other public and recreation open space along the Merri Creek to the east of Clifton Hill, including the Merri Creek trail
- Collingwood Leisure Centre and Mayor's Park precinct and nearby Darling Gardens.


Key features adjacent to Clifton Hill:


- Northcote and Fairfield libraries
- Northcote Theatre.


Key considerations

- Council's response to increasing demand for children's and family services
- Increasing demand for library and community venues, recognising the availability of infrastructure in neighbouring Yarra suburbs, as well as outside of Yarra
- Uplift the Collingwood Leisure Centre to meet the needs for future generations
- Uplift recreation infrastructure such as the Yambla Reserve pavilion to meet the needs for future generations.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 21.4% of residents are born overseas. 12.6% of residents speak a language other than English at home. 

Work and Income: Affluent area, with 47.9% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile. 

Jobs: 1.97% of the 98,000 jobs in Yarra are based in Clifton Hill. 



Anticipated future community growth

2026:
7,000 people

2036:
7,400 people

2046:
7,500 people

While a relatively stable population overall, changes in age cohorts will contribute to changing community need over time, where growth is anticipated across older populations (60 years and over). Middle age groups (30s, 40s and 50s) are expected to decline.



Collingwood

Key features

Some of the key features of Collingwood include:

- Smith Street and Wellington Street precincts
- Gipps Precinct
- Hoddle Street as a key north-south transport connection through Yarra
- Significant public and social housing precincts, several community infrastructure opportunities including Collingwood Neighbourhood House and The Drum youth services, and adjacent community infrastructure at Collingwood College and CoHealth
- Collingwood Yards creative arts precinct
- Melbourne Polytechnic (Collingwood Campus).

Key considerations

- Preservation and growth of community infrastructure at the Collingwood public housing estate
- Access to local community infrastructure opportunities, such as library and family services, recognising that Hoddle Street is a barrier to accessing services located in Abbotsford
- Recreation opportunities within Collingwood and the potential ongoing community opportunities to utilise recreation offerings within the public housing estate and Collingwood College.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 24.8% of residents are born overseas. 24.8% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: 33.6% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile. 21.5% of households in the 'lowest' household income quartile.



Jobs: 14.61% of jobs in Yarra are based in Collingwood.





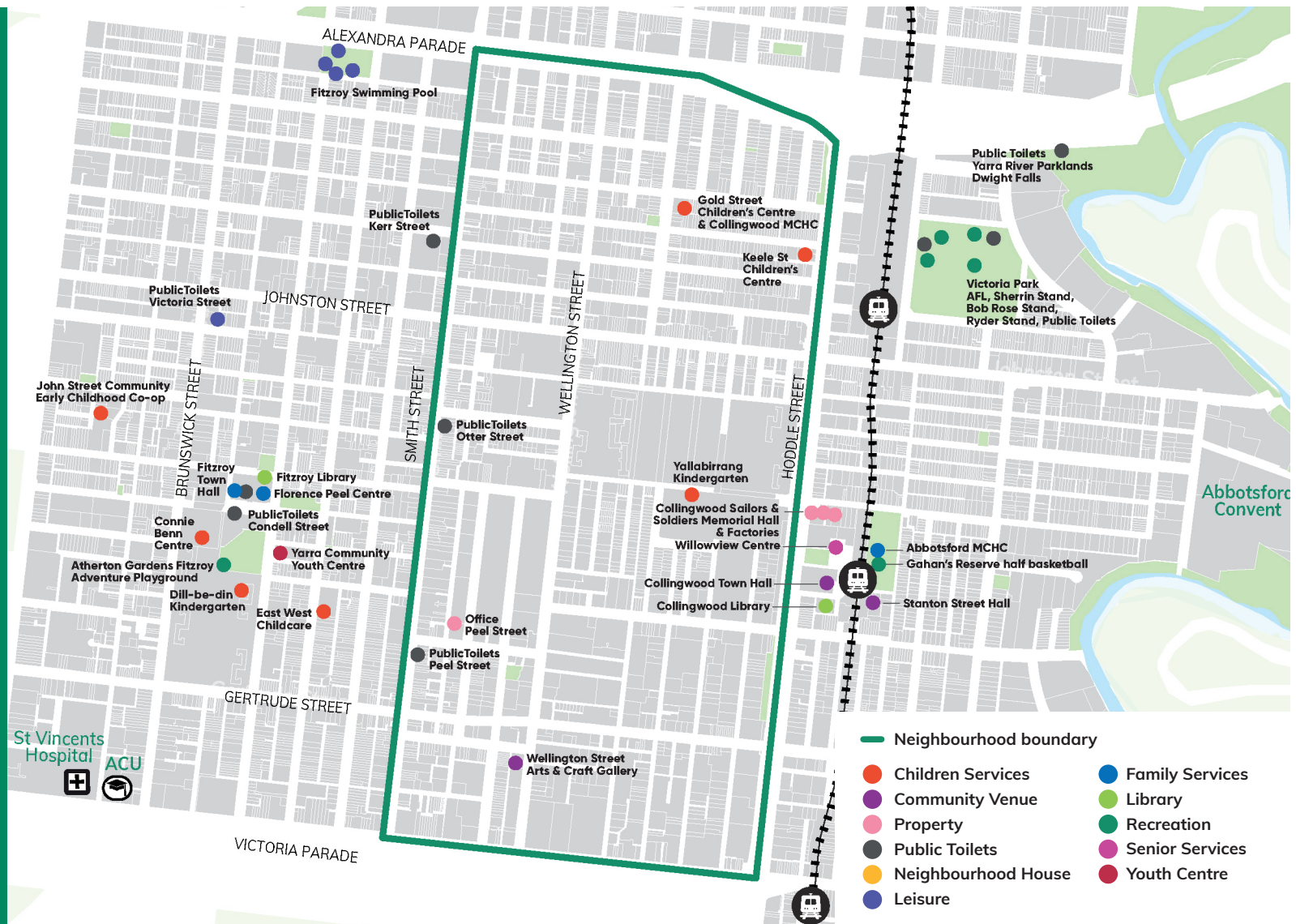
Anticipated future community growth

2026:
10,800 people

2036:
12,900 people

2046:
14,400 people

Growth is anticipated across all age groups, particularly across children, youth, young adults and middle-aged adults in the next 10 years. In 10 to 20 years' time, higher rates of growth are expected in older populations (50 years and over, especially in elderly aged populations).



Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley

Key features

Some of the key features of Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley include:

- Cremorne global innovation precinct, which will drive significant economic development and employment opportunities. Bendigo Kangan Institute is also located in the precinct
- City Link and Monash Freeway as a key transport connection into and through Yarra
- Swan Street precinct.

Some of the key features outside of Yarra, adjacent to Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley include:

- Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Precinct.

Key considerations

- The demand for direct community service delivery (children's and family services, youth, seniors, library, and others) within the area, and Council's response to this
- The increasing demand for community infrastructure generated by workers, and Council's response
- Maintain and uplift recreation infrastructure and open space in the precinct, to meet the needs for Yarra more broadly.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 22.4% of residents are born overseas. 11.2% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: Affluent area, with 48.1% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile.



Jobs: 15.01% of jobs in Yarra are based in Cremorne.





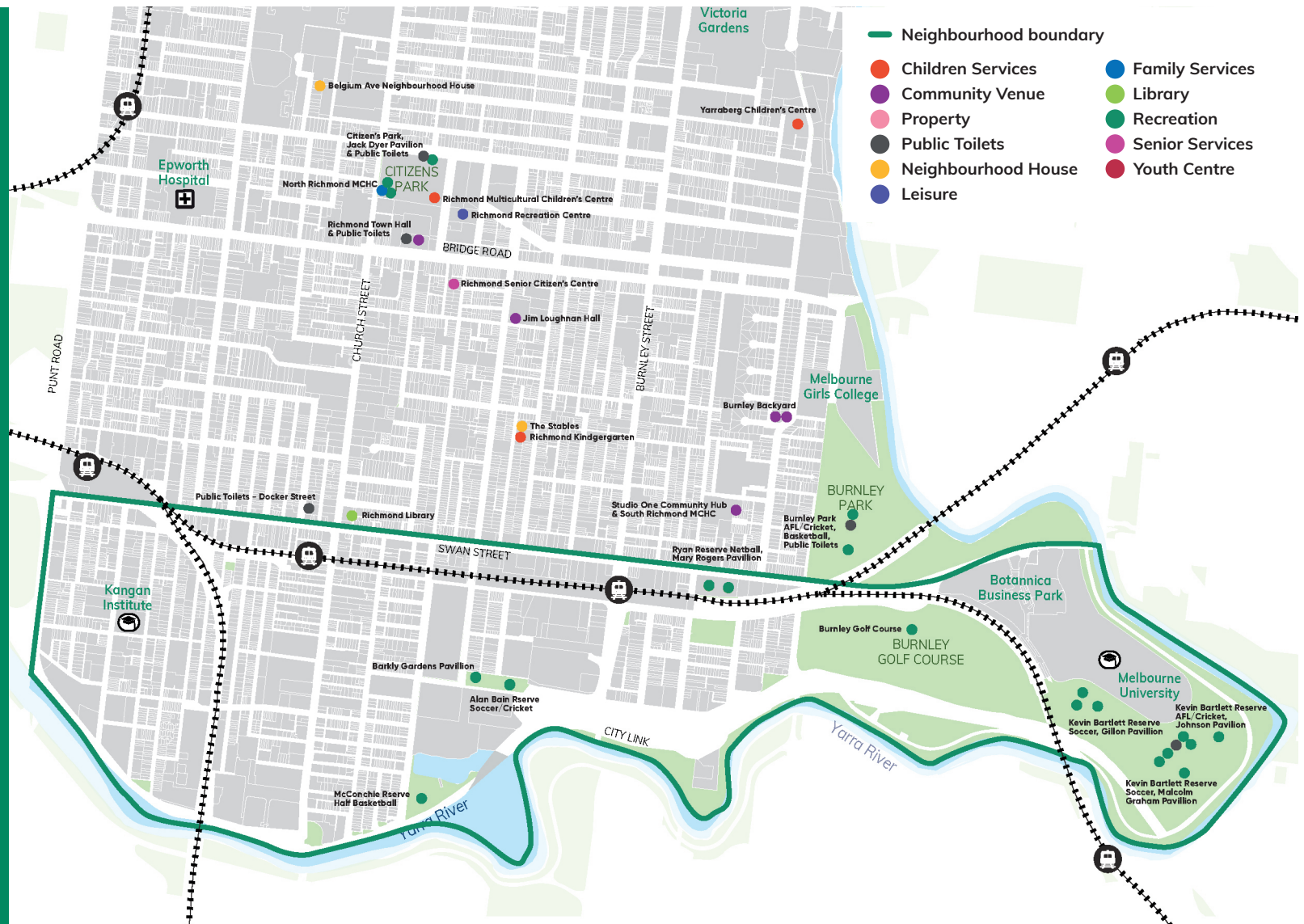
Anticipated future community growth

2026:
5,800 people

2036:
7,000 people

2046:
9,200 people

Growth is expected across all ages, particularly in adult populations (25 years and over). Higher rates of growth in young children and teens are expected in 10 to 20 years' time



Fairfield - Alphington

Key features

Some of the key features of Fairfield - Alphington include:

- Yarra Bend development at the former Alphington Paper Mill site
- Schools including Alphington Primary School and Alphington Grammar School
- Melbourne Polytechnic Fairfield Campus.

Some of the key features outside of Yarra, adjacent to Fairfield - Alphington include:

- Fairfield Library
- Schools including Fairfield Primary School and St Anthony's Primary School Alphington.

Key considerations

- Potential community infrastructure opportunities through the Yarra Bend development
- Uplift family services opportunities for the needs of future generations
- Uplift children's services opportunities for the needs of future generations
- Future demand for library services and other community services, balancing the demand expected to be generated within this neighbourhood and potential impact on community infrastructure in neighbouring suburbs, both within and outside of Yarra.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 21.9% of residents are born overseas. 15.5% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: A combination of middle- and higher-income households, with 39.4% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile.



Jobs: 2.31% of the 98,000 jobs in Yarra are based in Fairfield - Alphington.





Anticipated future community growth

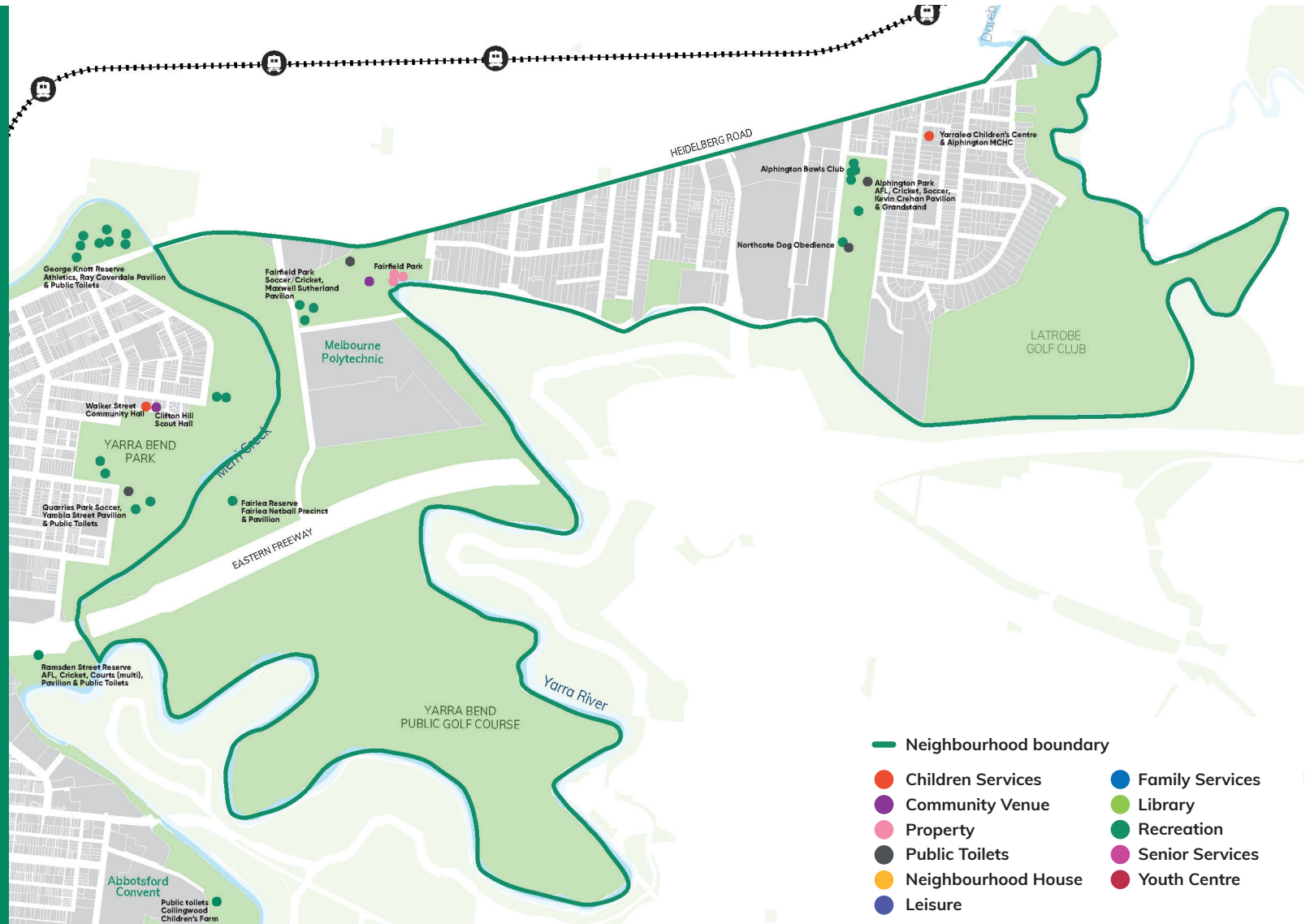
2026:
4,400 people

2036:
8,700 people

2046:
9,200 people

Fairfield-Alphington is Yarra's fastest growing neighbourhood by rate of growth, and by Net population increase within the next 10 years.

In the next 10 years, growth is anticipated across all populations, with most growth expected to occur in people in their 20s and 30s.



Fitzroy

Key features

Some of the key features of Fitzroy include:

- Smith Street precinct
- Brunswick Street commercial precinct
- Significant public and social housing
- Fitzroy Town Hall precinct, including Fitzroy Library and Florence Peel Centre.
- Fitzroy Swimming Pool
- Fitzroy Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School
- Medical precinct surrounding St Vincent's Hospital and St Vincent's Private
- Australian Catholic University
- Victorian Aboriginal Health Service.

Key considerations

- Preservation and growth of community infrastructure in the Fitzroy public housing estate
- Improved activation, community access and future community needs surrounding the Fitzroy Town Hall precinct, recognising heritage conservation and social cohesion/community safety considerations
- Council's response to increasing demand for recreation infrastructure.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 31.4% of residents are born overseas. 23.0% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: 37.5% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile and 22.5% of households in the 'lowest' household income quartile.



Jobs: 16.39% of the 98,000 jobs in Yarra are based in Fitzroy.





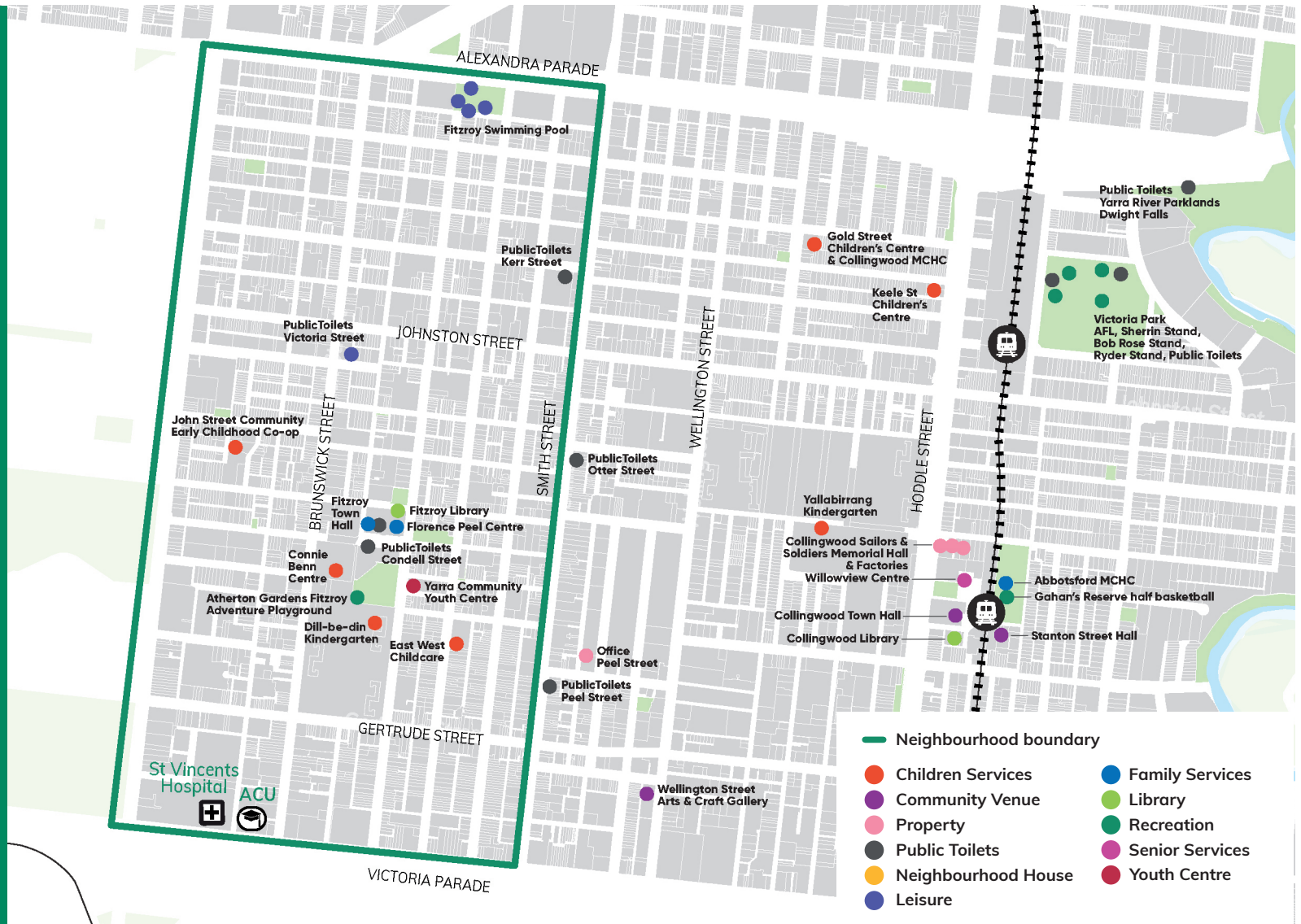
Anticipated future community growth

2026:
11,900 people

2036:
15,500 people

2046:
18,200 people

Fitzroy is one of Yarra's fastest growing neighbourhoods, particularly expecting a Net population increase of 3,600 people within the next 10 years. Growth is anticipated across all age groups. In the next 10 years, growth is expected to be highest for people in their 20s, 30s and 40s.



Fitzroy North

Key features

Some of the key features of Fitzroy North include:

- Fitzroy Gasworks Redevelopment site, led by Development Victoria
- Brunswick Street and St Georges Road commercial precincts
- Alexandra Parade as a main east-west transport connection through Yarra
- Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library
- Edinburgh Gardens
- Holden Street Neighbourhood House
- Fitzroy North Primary School, Fitzroy High School, Saints College – Fitzroy North College, and Deutsche Schule Melbourne, Wurun Senior Campus
- Bundha Sports Centre.

Key considerations

- Council's response to increasing demand for children and family services in Fitzroy North
- Maintenance and uplift of existing community infrastructure to meet the needs of future generations
- Redevelopment of the Brunswick Street Oval Sport and Recreation Precinct at Edinburgh Gardens.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 24.6% of residents are born overseas. 15.2% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: 39.4% of households in the 'highest' household income quartile and 20.9% of households in the 'lowest' household income quartile.



Jobs: 4.14% of the jobs in Yarra are based in Fitzroy North.





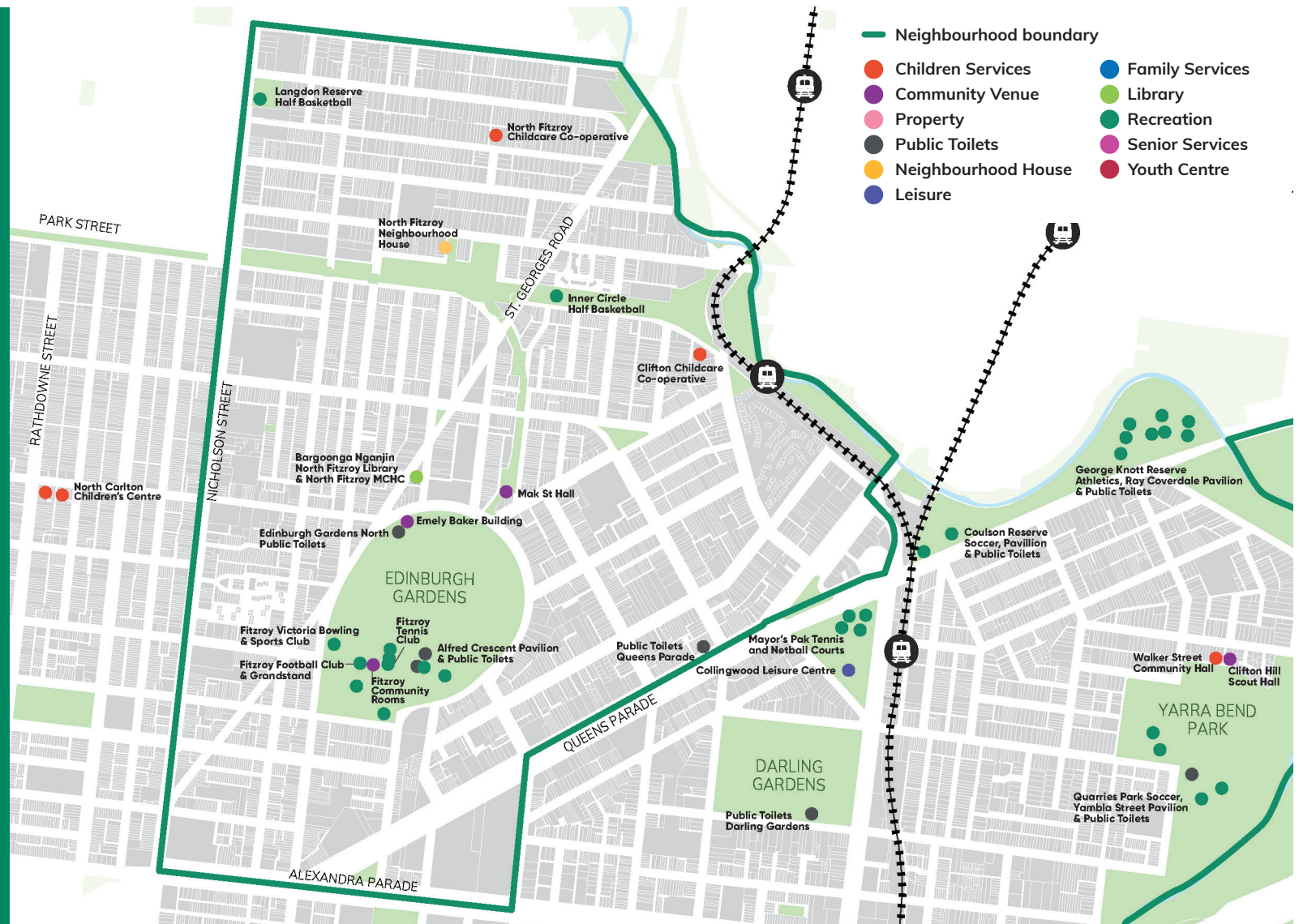
Anticipated future community growth

2026:
13,000 people

2036:
16,100 people

2046:
16,800 people

In the next 10 years, growth is anticipated across all age groups, particularly younger children, working adults, and elderly aged (85 years and over). In the next 10-20 years, the younger working population is expected to decline, with growth particularly expected in senior populations (50 years and over).



North Richmond

Key features

Some of the key features in North Richmond include:

- Bridge Road precinct, including Epworth Hospital and the Richmond Town Hall precinct
- Victoria Street commercial precinct
- Significant public and social housing precincts, Richmond Youth Hub and recreation facilities, and the adjacent North Richmond Community Health, Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House, and Richmond West Primary School
- Richmond Town Hall Precinct, including the adjacent Citizens Park, Richmond High School, Richmond Recreation Centre, and the Gleadell Street weekend market
- Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre.

Key considerations

- Council's response to the need for children's and family services, in North Richmond
- Preservation and growth of community infrastructure in the Richmond public housing estate and surrounds and other infrastructure arising from the Victoria Street Revitalisation Project. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Ongoing delivery of family services
 - Unmet demand for provision of new kindergarten places
 - Ongoing delivery of youth services
 - Ongoing opportunities for recreation
 - Ongoing delivery of neighbourhood house functions
 - Ongoing delivery of services through the Learning Bank
- Potential need for a community hub – of integrated programs and services, including library
- Potential integrated planning with North Richmond Community Health regarding future health needs and associated community infrastructure.

Population indicators

Cultural diversity: 37.1% of residents are born overseas. 32.1% of residents speak a language other than English at home.



Work and Income: 30.7% households in the 'highest' quartile. 25.6% households in the 'medium highest' quartile and 22.5% households in the 'lowest' quartile.



Jobs: 16.82% of the jobs in Yarra are based in North Richmond.





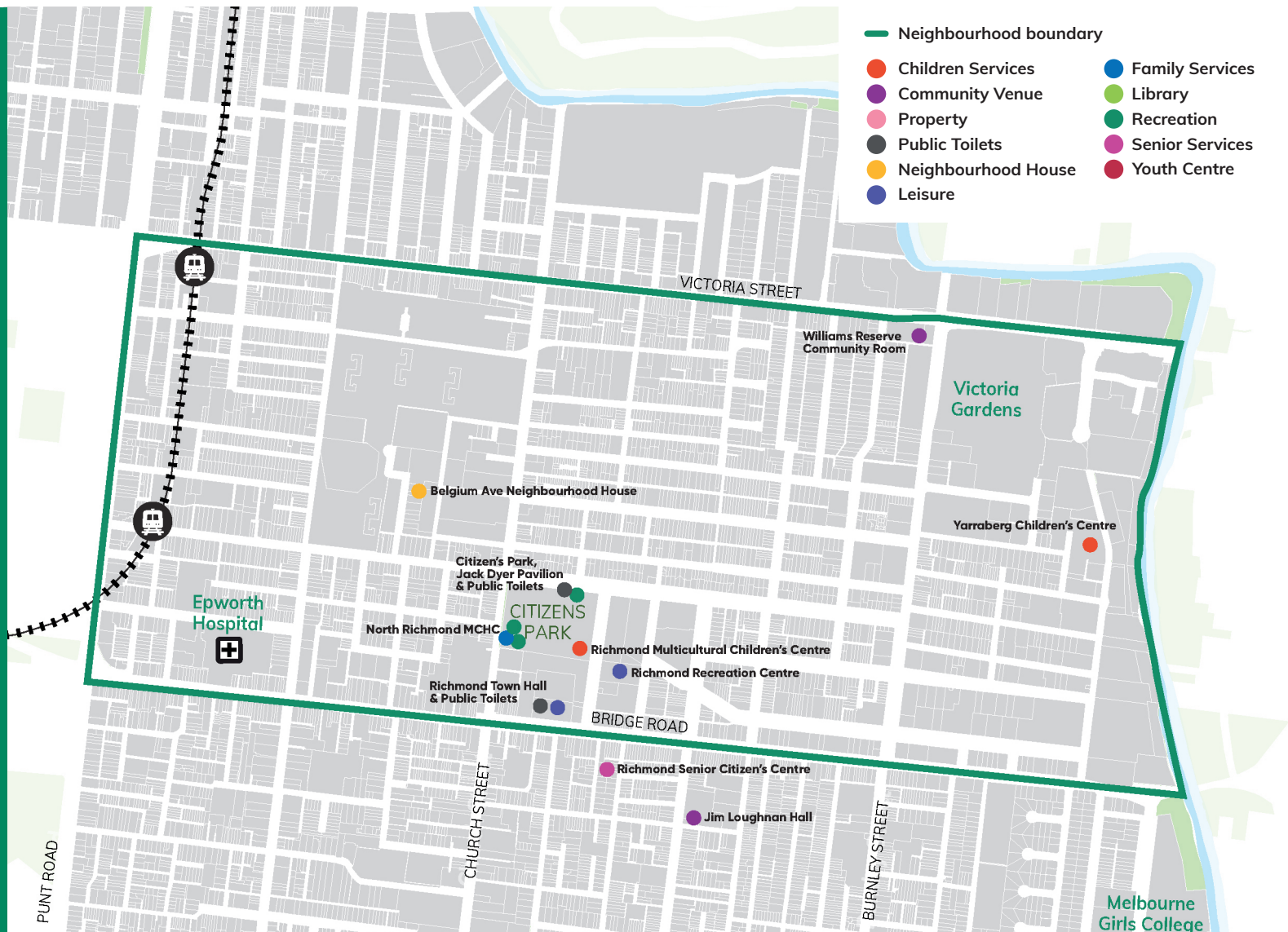
Anticipated future community need

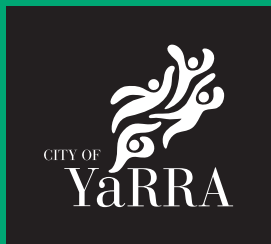
2026:
15,300 people

2036:
18,800 people

2046:
21,800 people

North Richmond is one of Yarra's fastest growing neighbourhoods, anticipated to be the third-fastest growing neighbourhood by Net population increase in the next 10 years, and the fastest-growing neighbourhood by Net population increase in the next 10-20 years.





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