

LENNOX WARD UPDATE

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this summer**

Footpath upgrades
across Cremorne

New seating on
Swan Street

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My mission in the first 12 months as a Councillor has been to re-direct the focus of this Council onto core municipal services and delivering better value in the day-to-day services the City of Yarra provides to our local Richmond and Cremorne community.

The introduction of the one-hour free parking trial on our shopping strips, re-capping waste charges, Richmond Library renovation commencement and two new parks budgeted for Cremorne alongside the return of traditional Christmas decorations on our Richmond Town Hall, for the upcoming festive season, have been some positive first steps forward.

However, there's much more to do in the months ahead in addressing greater Richmond's parking and permit management and traffic flow, and most importantly parking enforcement. I'm advocating for the introduction of a short stay parking permit for family, friends and visitors to allow renters and ratepayers alike greater access to Richmond and Cremorne for a more equitable parking permit model.

Likewise, we have much work to do when it comes to waste management and general street cleanliness. I urge all Richmond and Cremorne community members to engage in our Your Say Yarra questionnaire for a new waste strategy, open for community feedback until 8 December.

Looking ahead, I'll be advocating for the streamlining of planning and related permits for 'mum and dad' residential small investors alongside local traders – to make it quicker and cheaper when living and working with the City of Yarra.

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My highlights from the past year

Richmond Library's transformation

Work on the overhaul of Richmond Library has begun, thanks to Council's \$300,000 funding allocation in our 2025/26 Budget. The project is a much needed and welcomed investment in vital community infrastructure and facilities for our suburb, given it is Yarra's largest library and home to our City's biggest book collection.

Part of the funding in this year's budget has gone towards preliminary investigations, feasibility and business case work for the library's redevelopment.

One-hour free parking trial

The one-hour free parking trial on two of our busiest roads in Lennox Ward is offering great support to our local traders and our local economy. It's been fantastic to see many residents and visitors to Swan Street and Bridge Road take advantage of the free parking.

It is making our shopping strips more competitive and more compelling to visit.

For more information on the trial go to: yarracity.vic.gov.au/free-parking

Shop local this festive season and support your community

This Christmas and holiday season, spend your money where it counts – right here in Yarra! Shopping locally helps support small businesses, keeps people in jobs and strengthens Yarra's vibrant economy.

With over 18,500 businesses in Yarra, including 1,500 retail stores and 900 hospitality spots, there's something for everyone. Yarra's 12 precincts each have their own unique character.

Lennox Ward shines with dynamic precincts like Swan Street, Bridge Road and Church Street. Swan Street serves up flavour and nightlife with a sports-loving buzz, Bridge Road blends retail and heritage charm, and Church Street rounds things out with stylish



homewares, cosy cafés and popular pubs.

Plus, every local purchase helps keep money within our community and supports the businesses that help Yarra thrive. Learn more by searching 'Retail and service precincts' at yarracity.vic.gov.au

Enjoy your local parks

With the warmer weather kicking in, it's the perfect time to head out for a picnic, a walk or a play and spend time in Yarra's fantastic parks. We have more than 60 open spaces across the City for you, your family and (in some spots) your four-legged friends to enjoy.

Some of the great local parks you can visit in **Lennox Ward** include Charles Evans Reserve, McConchie Reserve and the Barkly Gardens.

Please do your bit by being respectful of our outdoor spaces, nearby residents, and other park visitors:

- Don't litter, avoid glass, and pick up after your pets.
- Amplified music is not allowed unless you have a permit.
- Check whether you are visiting a dog-off-leash area. If not, please keep your furry friend on a lead!
- Use the toilets provided.
- Don't peg down marquees, use weights instead.

Find your nearest park or playground on the 'Parks, reserves and playgrounds' page at yarracity.vic.gov.au

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Service road at Australia Post Support Office, Burnley

Various Council planning, development and enforcement teams oversaw the developer's obligations and Council's requirements for the Australia Post development in Burnley. The service road next to the support office provides a link to Burnley railway station and has been revitalised with new trees and benches, along with a nearby tram stop and bus stop.



Footpath and roadworks in Cremorne

In late August and early September, we completed footpath upgrades across three projects in Cremorne. They included:

- Dover Street (to Bent Street) and the corners of Bent and Cubitt streets nearby
- Wellington Street (entire street), and
- Melrose Street (entire street).

Works on all three projects included replacing the footpaths, reconstructing kerb and channel where required and improving any crossings. In addition, on Wellington Street we also did some road resurfacing and completed line marking adjustments. Each project took up to two weeks to complete.



Diverting hard rubbish from landfill

Every month, Council workers action more than 1,000 hard rubbish bookings across the municipality. In the past calendar year, our hard rubbish crew removed 2,400 tonnes of hard rubbish from booked collections.

Hard rubbish collected by our crew is transported to the Clifton Hill Depot, where recyclable items such as metal, mattresses, and white goods are separated for processing by our external recycling partners. Over the past year, about 30 percent of hard rubbish was successfully diverted from landfill.



New Bench Seat on Swan Street

Our workers have installed a new bench seat on Swan Street, Richmond after the existing one was deemed beyond repair. Adding a nice eco-friendly touch, the slats on this street bench are made from 85% recycled plastic.



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