

MACKILLOP WARD UPDATE

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Shop local this summer

Repairing
Fitzroy roads

Update on
Gertrude Streetscape



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It's been a productive few months in Fitzroy, with new footpaths laid along James Street, drainage upgrades on Moor Street, and pothole repairs at busy Gertrude Street intersections. In addition, our much-anticipated new public space on the Gertrude and Brunswick streets corner is set to be finished in December. Council has also completed a full compliance pruning program across Fitzroy's street trees — an important safety measure that keeps powerlines clear.

Christmas is just around the corner, and decorations will soon be going up across Yarra to bring some extra cheer to our streets. It's also the perfect time to shop local, whether it's fashion on Brunswick Street, vintage treasures on Gertrude, or the food, music and nightlife of Johnston and Smith Streets, every purchase helps keep our community thriving.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy summer.

My highlights from the past year

Affordable housing for young workers

Starting a housing project on Council land next to Collingwood Town Hall that will have new homes capped at a significant reduction in market rents, solely for young workers on low wages in the area.

Cleaner, safer streets

Getting back to basics, like clearing out streets of dumped e-scooters, faster graffiti removal, and a plan to revive Victoria Street.

More parks and sporting spaces

A big expansion of parks and sports facilities to cope with a larger population.



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.

Mackillop Ward is a hub for culture, creativity and good times. Brunswick Street and Gertrude Street offer iconic shopping, dining and nightlife, with everything from boutique fashion and vintage wares to bars and galleries. Johnston and Smith Streets nearby add even more colour



with music venues, bakeries and an artistic edge.

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 **Mackillop Ward** include Smith Reserve, Condell Reserve, Batman Street Reserve and Atherton Reserve.

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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Local projects in your area

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"I've been working with Fitzroy public housing tenants to campaign for Atherton Gardens or any towers in Melbourne are torn down by the government. Please come to the community event on the estate on Saturday 13 December from 12 noon to watch the kids' soccer tournament and celebrate public housing."

- Cr Stephen Jolly



Drainage improvements in Moor Street, Fitzroy

Workers have completed \$200,000 of drainage improvements in Moor Street, Fitzroy, between John Street and Fitzroy Street. We needed to replace the area's clay pipes with reinforced concrete pipes to improve the performance of the stormwater network in this area. We also reconstructed the drainage pits and resurfaced the road where required.



Pothole repairs in Fitzroy

Council's inhouse team has repaired potholes at two major intersections in Fitzroy. The potholes were fixed on two corner sites on Gertrude Street, the first at Smith Street, and the second at Brunswick Street. Our skilled team carefully managed the flow of traffic at both sites to ensure the works were completed safely. If left unattended, potholes can damage to cars and leave the road's subbase exposed to water ingress, weakening the road's structure and almost certainly leading to more costly repairs.



Street tree compliance pruning

Council has successfully completed scheduled pruning works in Fitzroy as part of our ongoing compliance to Electrical Line Clearance obligations. Our arborists have audited all 2,180 trees within the zone, achieving our target of 100% compliance. These proactive measures are essential for maintaining safe clearances between vegetation and powerlines, helping to prevent outages and enhance safety across the community.



New public space almost complete

The streetscape improvement project on the corner of Brunswick and Gertrude Streets will be completed next month.

A new public space is being created featuring trees and greenery, new lighting and a projector, and decorative and functional rock work.

Feature stone seating was installed in mid-September, and the seats were carefully orientated to sensitively face each other, to speak to the history of the site as a place of gathering for the Fitzroy First Peoples community.



Footpath works on James Street, Fitzroy

We began work in mid-September replacing the footpaths along the entirety of James Street in Fitzroy, which runs between Brunswick Street and Fitzroy Street. Aside from the footpath works, we also reconstructed kerb and channel where required, improved any vehicle crossings and completed minor landscaping in required areas.



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