

# NICHOLLS WARD UPDATE

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## Shop local this summer

Renewing Fitzroy  
North streets

Improvements to  
Edinburgh Gardens



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It's been a very busy first year as your Councillor. Reflecting on some highlights:

### • Investing in open space

New seating, lighting and trees have been added in Edinburgh Gardens and we're asking you to help us put together a Master Plan for the Linear Parklands. We're continuing to plant out flower beds and ground cover on our median strips and roundabouts.

### • Investing in safety

The safety of road crossings for the Capital City Bike Trail has been improved. Extra bike hoops have been installed in Nicholson Street. We heard loud and clear that our footpaths should not be blocked by dumped rental e-scooters.

### • Investing in roads, footpaths and drains

Delbridge Street, Queen Street, Miller Street, Alfred Crescent and McKean Street roads, footpath and drainage have been upgraded.

### • Investing in housing

More housing is planned or being built on Queens Parade, the Gasworks site, Liverpool Street and St Georges Road.

### • Investing in community sport and Holden Street Neighbourhood House

We increased annual funding for our Neighbourhood House and invested in upgrades at the Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club. We are moving on to the next stage for the Brunswick Street Oval Project to expand community cricket, football and tennis capacity.

### • Listening to you

Council meetings have returned to Fitzroy Town Hall and it's easier to ask questions at Council meetings. We've reconstituted and expanded our Resident Advisory Committees. The 4-year Council Plan, strategies, budgets and other plans have been updated and are available on Council's website.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy summer and remember to support small business during the holiday season.

**Cr Kenneth Gomez | Nicholls Ward**

## 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.

**Nicholls Ward** offers local charm and leafy shopping pockets, including Fitzroy North Village and Nicholson Village. Fitzroy North Village is home to top-rated eateries and boutique retail, while Nicholson Village has a friendly, family-run feel. Queens Parade is also



close by, known for its wellbeing services, unique retail and relaxed atmosphere.

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](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au)

## Enjoy your local parks

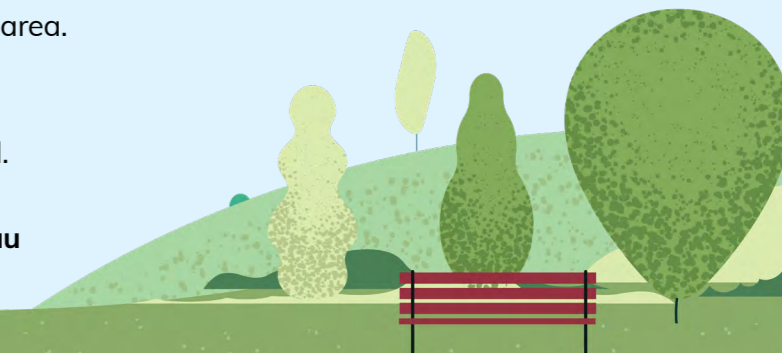
With the warmer weather kicking in, it's the perfect time to head out for a picnic, a walk or a play and spend time in Yarra's fantastic parks. We have more than 60 open spaces across the City for you, your family and (in some spots) your four-legged friends to enjoy.

Some of the great local parks you can visit in **Nicholls Ward** include the Edinburgh Gardens, Batman Street Reserve, and other reserves within the Linear Parklands.

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](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au)



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## Local projects in your area

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### Edinburgh Gardens

New seating was installed in Edinburgh Gardens near the basketball court to complement the new lighting and 19 new trees were also planted recently.

Organic waste from our FOGO bins are recycled back as mulch and compost to enrich the soil.

Our clean up and graffiti crews are also working hard everyday to keep this open space beautiful and open to everyone.



### Linear Parklands

Consultation was recently undertaken on the Masterplan for the Linear Parklands.

A petition was also tabled to recognise the late Barry Pullen who was a Fitzroy North local instrumental in the creation of the Parklands.

He served our community as a member of the State Government and local Councillor.

Council will meet soon to consider all the feedback and determine a way forward.



### Capital Works in Fitzroy North

Footpath, kerb and drainage improvements were recently completed at the northern end of McKean Street.

Road resurfacing, footpath and drainage improvements as well as improvements to vehicle and pedestrian crossings in Queen Street were also recently completed.



### Cycling upgrades in Fitzroy North

New bike hoops have been installed on the corner of Nicholson Street and Holden Street, and there's more to come on the corner of Nicholson Street and Liverpool Street. This is a response to the increase in activity in the area from the wonderfully popular Railway Hotel.

Consultation was recently undertaken to improve the safety of cyclists at the intersection of St Georges Road and Scotchmer Street.

### 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% of hard rubbish was successfully diverted from landfill.



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