

# YARRA BEND WARD UPDATE

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Alphington Bowls Club  
lighting upgrade

More trees,  
greener streets



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Clifton Hill and parts of  
Fairfield and Alphington

As my term as Deputy Mayor comes to an end, I've been reflecting on what a privilege it's been to serve this past year. I've learnt more than I could have imagined about our wonderful community and the care people have for Yarra.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their time, experience and perspectives with me this year — you make Yarra the vibrant, caring City it is.

It's been a big year of decisions, projects and celebrations. This year our City has supported a number of events celebrating 50 years of the Vietnamese community in Australia, welcomed hundreds of new Australian citizens at our citizenship ceremonies, and supported our nine wonderful Neighbourhood Houses that do some of the most vital work in our city. I've loved engaging with future leaders through our school programs like 'Can't Vote, Can Campaign' and celebrating the wisdom and contribution of older residents throughout Victorian Seniors Festival.

Closer to home, upgrades to play equipment are planned for Quarries Park, the Yambla Pavilion renewal is taking shape, and the glorious Alphington Bowls Club is set for a major renewal.

As we head into summer and the holiday season, I hope you find time to rest, connect with friends and family, and enjoy everything our city has to offer. Local ovals are buzzing with sport and our parks blossoming with colour. Take a moment to swim, shop and eat locally. Wishing you a safe and joyful start to 2026!

Cr Sarah McKenzie | Yarra Bend Ward

## Celebrating 50 Years of Vietnamese migration



## 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.

**Yarra Bend Ward** locals are well-placed to explore the nearby Queens Parade precinct — a relaxed and friendly destination known for its unique retail, wellness services and inviting cafés. It's a great spot to unwind, grab a bite, or browse for something special.



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 **Yarra Bend Ward** include Quarries Park, Mayors Park, Fairfield Park and Alphington Park.

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)

# Working for You

## Local projects in your area

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### Alphington Bowls Club sports lights upgrade

Council and the Alphington Bowls Club agreed to share costs (\$9,800 each) to complete lighting improvement works on its greens. This involved replacing outdated halogen lamps with energy-efficient LEDs. The project has resulted in safer and more efficient lighting for all participants to enjoy bowls throughout the year.



### New green median strips on O'Grady Street, Clifton Hill

As part of Council's street tree planting program, we created a new street garden along the centre median strip on O'Grady Street, Clifton Hill. The new garden bed features new indigenous eucalyptus trees, underplanting and landscaping — and has added 48m<sup>2</sup> of new green space to the road.



### Laneway improvements on Little Walker Street, Clifton Hill

We've completed \$77,000 of repairs to the bluestone laneway on Little Walker Street in Clifton Hill. The works included replacing a series of asphalt patches, renewing the centre drainage channel and reconstructing the crossover to make it compliant for all users. These works provide a smoother transition for walkers, wheelers, cyclists and drivers.



### Footpath upgrades on Council Street, Clifton Hill

In mid August, we completed footpath replacement works along the length of Council Street in Clifton Hill, which runs between Wellington Street and Smith Street. Along with building the new footpaths, we also reconstructed kerb and channel and improved vehicle crossings where required, and did tree root pruning under the supervision of an arborist. The project took roughly three months to complete.



### Street sign replacements along Trenerry Crescent

A major program of works is underway to replace graffitied, damaged, faded, non-compliant, redundant and missing signs along Trenerry Crescent. This follows a signage review of dozens of road safety signs along the street, which runs up to Gray Street in Clifton Hill. Replacing these signs to make them more visible along the street will improve safety for all road users.



### 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.



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