

BOULEVARD WARD UPDATE

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playground update

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I'm delighted to be serving as Deputy Mayor as well as your local Boulevard Ward Councillor in 2026. I hope you've had some time to relax over summer.

There's some exciting projects which will be delivered in our ward this year, especially the upgrades to some of our parks. This includes Golden Square Bicentennial Park in Burnley which is now under construction. I'm glad the park will have accessible connections and a more diverse selection of play options for children of all ages and abilities.

Elsewhere in our ward, we've introduced recycling bin baskets introduced at Burnley Park, making it easier to keep recyclables out of landfill and support Victoria's container deposit scheme. There's also new signage guiding visitors to the beautiful Burnley Gardens, and we've installed a series of bike hoops in key locations to make it easier for cyclists to park their bikes. These projects reflect our commitment to creating spaces that are inclusive, sustainable, and enjoyable for everyone.

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Advocacy priorities for Boulevard Ward

Our adopted Advocacy Roadmap 2025-29 is shaping our requests to the Victorian and Federal governments. Read more on pages 4 and 5.

The Roadmap calls out the need for more kindergarten places, community infrastructure and open space in Richmond.

We're asking the Victorian Government to release unused government-owned land at 2

River Street in Richmond for kindergarten expansion and open space, help us upgrade Richmond Library and protect our live music industry.

We've also highlighted the need to upgrade the Gillon Pavilion at Kevin Bartlett Reserve to enable active participation of all ages and abilities in soccer.

Construction begins on Golden Square playground

We're excited to see construction begin on the new playground at Golden Square Bicentennial Park in Burnley.

The design of the new playground improves accessibility and will include more play options for children of various ages and abilities. The cubby will be rebuilt with new materials, and nine new trees will be added to provide more shade.

The significance of the 'Fairy Tree' at the park will also be recognised with 'mini beasts' and stone etchings within the park.

Construction of the new-look playground is set to be finished by mid year.



Our new bin baskets are here!

We've made it easier for you to recycle on the go and have attached 20 baskets to key outdoor bins in Yarra.

The baskets are designed to keep recyclables out of landfill and support Victoria's container deposit scheme. You can place cans, bottles and cartons in the baskets and give other people the chance to earn 10 cents for each item they return to a collection point.

The baskets have been placed across all nine wards in Yarra — in Boulevard Ward, you can find them attached to bins at Burnley Park.

For the full list of locations, scan the QR code to find your nearest park or search 'Baskets' at yarracity.vic.gov.au



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Local projects in your area



New signage to Burnley Gardens

We've installed new signage to promote and direct locals and visitors to the heritage-listed Burnley Gardens on Yarra Boulevard. Located near the banks of the Yarra River, and home to the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Science, it is well worth a visit with nearly 1,000 different species of plants, including some of the oldest trees in Melbourne.



Bike hoops in Richmond

Council continues to invest in Yarra's cycling infrastructure with bike hoops installed in various locations in Boulevard Ward. Along with a new hoop on River Street in Richmond, three hoops have been installed at 510 Swan Street near Ryans Reserve and its netball courts. These installations form part of our strategic transport initiative to improve bicycle parking at key locations.



Footpath repairs in Richmond

We've repaired a section of the footpath on Coppin Street in Richmond, between Wall Street and Benson Street. The works were required to remove cracked and lifting sections, and the repairs allow for a smoother transition for all users and a more accessible Yarra. The cost of the works was \$9,000.



New drink fountains and fence repairs at Burnley Golf Course

Golfers rejoice — we've installed two new water fountains at Burnley Golf Course near the tees for the 4th and 7th holes. The fountains have been sustainably repurposed and relocated from nearby local reserves which have undergone upgrades. They will help players stay hydrated while they complete their rounds.

Elsewhere on the course, fencing has also been repaired along Madden Grove after a car drove through the fence last year and caused significant damage.



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