

CURTAIN WARD UPDATE

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Carlton North, Princes Hill
and part of Fitzroy North

I hope you've had a fabulous summer and a great start to 2026.

It was great spending time with so many community members at the end of year celebrations at Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre, where more than 1,250 postcards from community members in support of Neighbourhood Houses across Yarra calling on the State Government to increase funding were handed over to local State MPs Tim Read (Brunswick) and Gabrielle de Vietri (Richmond) to further this advocacy.

There's been a real focus on making our parks and streets more accessible and enjoyable lately. At Curtain Square, we've added a new concrete path linking the Rotunda to Canning Street; so it's easier for everyone to move through the park without using uneven surfaces. This ties in nicely with the newly adopted Linear Parklands Masterplan, which sets out a long-term vision for greener, better-connected spaces across Princes Hill and Carlton North.

Our streets in Curtain Ward are also getting some fantastic upgrades. I'm pleased the works to improve a large part of Amess Street are now complete, and Council has also renewed footpaths and pram crossings along Fenwick Street to make walking safer and smoother. Since early January, there's been major works to improve pedestrian use on Garton Street, including a new raised crossing connecting Princes Hill Secondary College and Princes Park.

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Advocacy priorities in Curtain Ward

Council's Advocacy Roadmap is shaping our requests to the Victorian and Federal governments. Read more on pages 4 and 5.

Some highlights of the Roadmap include calling on the Victorian Government to protect our live music industry, and review the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations so as to retain street trees, stop over-pruning, and both protect and enhance urban canopy (Cr Crossland has played a key role in leading both of these initiatives). We've also been focused on enhancing sports facilities and providing sufficient community infrastructure for our growing population.

The Roadmap also calls on the Victorian Government to stop demolition of Yarra's public housing estates and retain public land for public housing.



Linear Parklands Masterplan approved

Council has approved the final masterplan for the Linear Parklands, which details a 20-year vision for this much-loved green corridor which runs through Princes Hill, Carlton North and Fitzroy North.

The masterplan's adoption follows an extensive round of community consultation in mid-2025 undertaken in partnership with Merri-Bek City Council. The entire Linear Parklands stretch 3.5km, and contains landmarks within Curtain Ward such as Hardy Gallagher Reserve, the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House and the Nicholson Street/Park Street Hub. It also contains part of the Capital City Trail, which is one of Victoria's busiest active transport corridors.



Find out more and view the final masterplan at yoursayyarra.com.au/linearparklands

New bin baskets are here!

Council has 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 **Curtain Ward**, you can find them attached to bins at **Curtain Square**.

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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A new concrete path at Curtain Square

Council has constructed a new concrete path to improve accessibility at Curtain Square in Carlton North. At a cost of \$38,000, the works were completed over two weeks, and the path has extended the connection between the Square's Rotunda and Canning Street.



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Improvements to Fenwick Street, Carlton North

Council has renewed the footpath in Fenwick Street, Carlton North from Rathdowne Street to Drummond Street. The \$120,000 package of works included reconstructing the footpath and laying a new surface, bluestone kerb and channel renewal, and upgrades to pram crossings to improve accessibility and safety.

Separately, at the end of last year, Council also made improvements to the laneway adjacent to 142 Fenwick Street. This included reconstructing various sections of the bluestone and adjusting service covers as required.



More than \$100,000 of upgrades at Princes Hill Kindergarten

Two exciting projects have been completed at Princes Hill Kindergarten. The playground is looking fantastic after it got a \$68,000 overhaul, with new slides, swings, softfall surfacing and improved accessibility.

The bathrooms have also been upgraded, including new cabinetry, sinks, tapware and flooring; and improved accessibility for the children's toilets. The bathroom works cost \$45,000.



Sewer repairs at Fitzroy Bowls Club

Right on the Curtain Ward boundary, Council has carried out sewer repairs at the Fitzroy Bowls Club on Brunswick Street. The \$13,000 project saw workers remove tree roots, repair cracks in the earthenware outlet drain, reshape the falls and reline the sewer pipe.