

# HODDLE WARD (COLLINGWOOD) UPDATE

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Road and drainage  
works in Collingwood

More trees in  
Rockeby Street

## HODDLE WARD UPDATE | Collingwood

I'm so thrilled to see the Gipps Street ramp finally open! This project has been decades in the making, and it's a big win for cyclists like me and a huge accessibility upgrade for folks with disabilities. The new ramp means no more unsafe detours or going down those steep steps at the end of Gipps Street — just a smooth, safe connection to the Main Yarra Trail. A huge thank you to everyone who pushed to make this project a reality over many years.

There's also been other recent improvements made around Hoddle Ward. Fresh line marking on Langridge and Wellington Streets will make our roads safer, and drainage upgrades near Easey Street will help prevent flooding. Plus, Rokeby Street is looking greener than ever with 16 new trees and native plantings bringing shade, biodiversity, and beauty to the area.

I'm also continuing the fight to save our coHealth services, particularly the vital Collingwood Community Health Centre. Thank you for your ongoing support on this issue and please continue to reach out to me with any issues affecting you!

**Cr Sophie Wade | Hoddle Ward**

## More open space for Collingwood

After discussing plans to close a section of Mater Street (near the Salvation Army site) and Budd Street (near the substation on Easey Street) with nearby residents, we are exploring the opportunity to turn the area into new open spaces for the Collingwood community!

Collingwood has the least open space of any suburb in Yarra, so we're taking every opportunity we can to put in more green space for residents, workers, kids and our furry friends!

## Advocacy priorities for Hoddle Ward

Our adopted Advocacy Roadmap is shaping our requests to the Victorian and Federal governments.

Locally, we're calling on the Federal and Victorian governments to work with cohealth to save its Collingwood clinic.

We're also calling on the Victorian Government to stop the demolition of Yarra's public housing towers and retain public land for public housing.

## The Gipps Street ramp is open!

The long-awaited Gipps Street ramp is now open, in a huge win for cyclists and active transport users of all abilities.

The \$15 million project, which cyclists have been advocating for over many years, was managed by Parks Victoria in consultation with Council, Bicycle Network and local residents. Construction began in June 2023 and finished in late 2025.

The new ramp replaces the steep steps at the end of Gipps Street, which were an ongoing inconvenience for those trying to use the Main Yarra Trail. It contains 200 metres of elevated path and allows everyone following the trail or connecting to it from Gipps Street or the Collins Bridge to enjoy an easy, continuous journey.



Council welcomes the creation of the ramp as it delivers safe, inclusive, step-free access for everyone who rides, walks, runs or rolls along the river.

## 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 **Hoddle Ward**, you can find them attached to bins at **Cambridge Street Reserve**.

For the full list of locations, scan the QR code to find your nearest park or search 'Baskets' at [yarracity.vic.gov.au](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au)



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### Tree Planting in Rokeby Street Collingwood

We've added more greenery and canopy coverage to Rokerby Street in Collingwood, with 16 new trees planted. These plantings contribute to our Street Tree Program and will help reduce urban heat, enhance biodiversity and diversify Yarra's urban forest. In addition, the garden beds also feature low native vegetation, providing habitat while contributing to traffic calming on the street.



### New public toilet signage

We've updated signage on our automated public toilets across Yarra. The new signage is more durable and helps people receive the correct information upon entry.

These toilets are open from 7am to 10pm daily, and you can find them at two locations in Collingwood: the Otter Street Pocket Park, and on the corner of Peel and Smith Streets.



### Drainage improvements

Over a week in late November, we carried out drainage improvement works between Easey Street and Little Abbott Street in Collingwood. This included constructing new drainage pipes and pits and associated civil works.



### New line marking on major Collingwood roads

In late November, fresh line marking was completed by Council's contractor on some of Collingwood's busiest roads as part of night works. The works were completed on part of Langridge Street at the Wellington Street end, and on Wellington Street itself between Gipps Street and Victoria Parade.



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