

# LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE

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## Better connections on the Gipps Street ramp

Upgrades to  
St Heliers Street

Safety improvements  
to Turner Street



## LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE | Abbotsford and parts of Richmond

Welcome to 2026! We're now well into our second year of the Council term, and continuing to deliver improvements across Langridge Ward that make our neighbourhood safer, more accessible and better connected.

Some of these recent improvements are detailed in this Langridge Ward update; more will come throughout the year, informed by the priority community needs that have emerged since the last budget.

Some of you may have received a letter about Collingwood FC upgrading the playing surface at Victoria Park, due to begin in December. These works have been postponed until October this year to ensure Fitzroy Junior Footy Club and the Renegades League could use the pitch throughout the football season. We will look at short-term turf improvements at Victoria Park in the meantime. And to put some concerns to rest: when the upgrades by CFC are complete, it won't result in any decrease to community access to our beloved Vic Park.

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## Advocacy priorities for Langridge Ward

Our adopted Advocacy Roadmap is shaping our requests to the State and Victorian Governments. Read more on pages 4 and 5.

As a matter of priority, the Roadmap calls on the Victorian Government to move the Medically Supervised Injecting Room (MSIR) in North Richmond to a more appropriate location. We want this move to be accompanied by more rehabilitation, detox and recovery services to support pathways out of dependency.

We are also seeking Federal and Victorian government support for our new affordable housing initiative for key workers within the Collingwood Town Hall precinct, should our consultation and investigation into viability inform our decision to move forward with it.

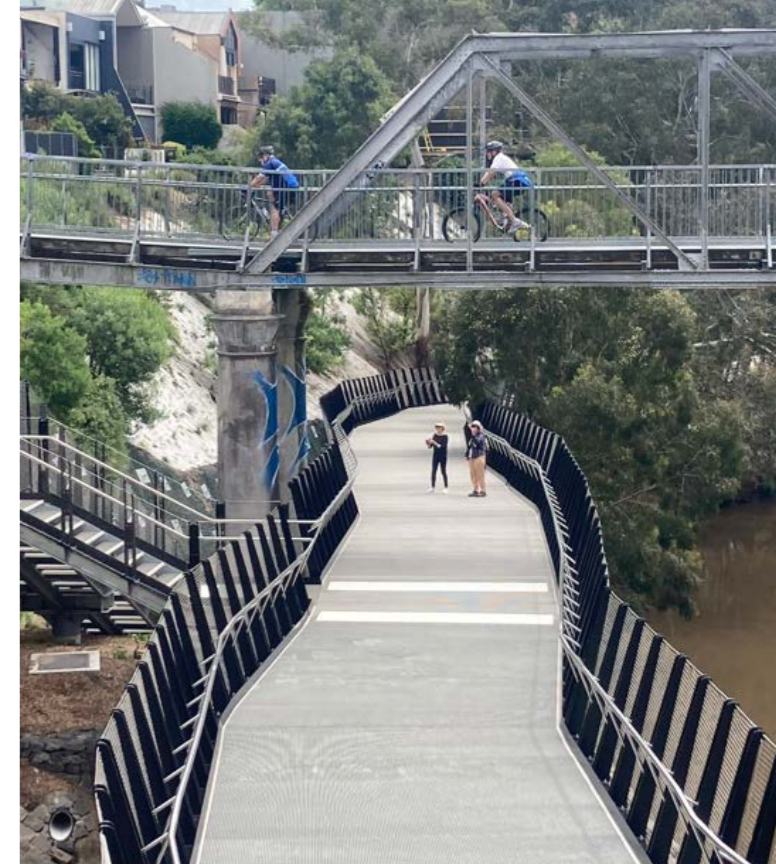
The need for more community infrastructure and services for our growing community is also highlighted.

## Gipps Street Ramp

The long-awaited Gipps Street ramp in Abbotsford is now open, in a win for those using wheeled transport. Replacing the steep steps at the end of Gipps Street, it contains 200m of elevated path and allows everyone following the trail or wanting to connect with it from Gipps Street or the Collins Bridge to enjoy an easy, continuous journey.

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

Council welcomes this addition of quality active transport infrastructure in Langridge Ward, 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 **Langridge Ward**, you can find them attached to bins at **Victoria Park**.

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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### Hot water system upgrade at Abbotsford Maternal and Child Health

Users at the Abbotsford Maternal & Child Health Centre are enjoying a new hot water system, installed by Council at a cost of \$23,000. The previous services failed, and the new system connects to all sinks and has replaced several individual units around the building.



### Pedestrian safety improvements on Turner Street, Abbotsford

Throughout December, our team carried out \$175,000 of works on Turner Street in Abbotsford, in line with our Road Safety Study for the area, which was endorsed in December 2022. Among the works completed were construction of road humps, a raised pedestrian crossing near Rich Street, and the installation of new road signs. We also carried out new line marking along the street, including a median section between Bath Street and Trenerry Crescent.



### Drainage upgrades on Nicholson Street, Abbotsford

We've completed drainage improvements on Nicholson Street in Abbotsford, between Marine Parade and Harper Street. Over two weeks, our team installed a new pipe pit and relined the pipe connection to improve access and functionality. These improvements are expected to reduce the likelihood of localised blockage issues within this individual section of the broader network.



### Improvements along St Heliers Street, Abbotsford

Council has spent more than \$320,000 on a series of upgrades along St Heliers Street in Abbotsford. These include:

- Renewing the footpath and road surface, including deep lift pavement reconstruction in some areas.
- Kerb and channel reconstruction
- Installing culverts at access points to the Abbotsford Convent
- Improving the entrance to the Collingwood Children's Farm.

The road surface works were undertaken at night to minimise disruption to users of the Convent and visitors to the farm. Following these works, they now have more comfortable, accessible and safer connections to these facilities.



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