

# LENNOX WARD UPDATE

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## Supporting our venues and traders

Improving Cremorne's streets

Charles Evans Reserve update



## LENNOX WARD UPDATE | Cremorne and parts of Richmond

There's been plenty happening across Lennox Ward in Richmond and Cremorne!

It was terrific to see Richmond Town Hall adorned in traditional decorations and truly embrace the Christmas spirit this year. The enthusiastic response by the community was impossible to ignore. Incorporating blue lights to commemorate and show support for our Jewish friends and neighbours, following the horrific events at Bondi, made the display all the more powerful and amplified how beautiful our community is when we come together.

It's exciting news to be able to announce a new open space for Wangaratta Street and Stewart Street in West Richmond. There is still much to do with new open spaces planned for Cremorne and throughout Richmond, so stay tuned for more updates soon.

The Richmond Library major renovation is now progressing to high-level concept designs, which is an exciting next step and I'll be reaching out to the local community to hear more about what you would like to see delivered for a new Richmond Library.

We're now in Year 2 of the council term, and I want to ensure that our City of Yarra Council Plan and council service delivery continues to reflect your needs and expectations.

Importantly, I'll be advocating for the City of Yarra to deliver core municipal services efficiently and do our part at the local government level to address the cost-of-living crisis. We have a new 2026 Budget coming up, so if you have any thoughts, ideas, or feedback please let me know.

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## Advocacy priorities for Lennox 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 commit capital funding to upgrade and expand the Richmond Library, release unused government land to create much-needed open space, and to work with Council to improve safety and mobility on the streets of Cremorne.

The Roadmap also 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 expanded rehabilitation, detox and recovery services to support pathways out of dependency.

## Construction begins for upgrade of Charles Evans Reserve

We're delighted to see work get underway on our upgrades to Charles Evans Reserve in Cremorne.

Council endorsed the final design for the project in June 2025. It will include a new playground in a shadier part of the reserve, with equipment including a basket swing, slides, climbing equipment, activity panels, a tunnel and nature play elements.

The play items will make the most of the limited available space and provide options for a variety of age groups. Garden beds at the end of Cubitt Street will provide a softer landscape and visual connection to the park.



The park will also feature a variety of seating and lawn areas for visitors to use as well as a barbecue. The new-look Charles Evans Reserve is likely to be completed by the end of May.

## 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 **Lennox Ward**, you can find them attached to bins at **Barkly Gardens**.

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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### Bike repair station at McConchie Reserve

Council is continuing to invest in cycling infrastructure around the municipality, especially if a flat tyre or a loose bolt strikes when you're out and about. We've installed a new \$10,000 bike repair station at McConchie Reserve, which can be found opposite Mary Street in Richmond. It is fitted with a variety of tools, tyre pumps and a bike stand.



### Upgrades to Stephenson Street, Cremorne

Throughout December we conducted works to improve accessibility along Stephenson Street in Cremorne, between Cubitt Street and Dunn Street. Over three weeks we replaced the footpath and reconstructed selected kerb and channel in the area. Later in the month, we resurfaced the road pavement along with new line markings.



### Improving intersection drainage

Drainage upgrades were carried out in mid-December at the intersection of Tennyson Street and Stewart Street in Richmond. Our team constructed new drainage pipes and pits and completed associated civil works.



### Upgrades to Dover Street, Cremorne

We've completed \$98,000 of upgrades to Dover Street in Cremorne. These included footpath works, reconstructing kerb and channel, resurfacing the road pavement and new line markings.



### 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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