

# MELBA WARD UPDATE

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## Our new Maternal and Child Health Centre

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## MELBA WARD UPDATE | Richmond

There's been lots happening across Melba Ward, especially at one of our most popular open spaces, Citizens Park. I love seeing all the continual improvements we are making there — the most recent being the new bench seats and the installation of the digital scoreboard for our sports clubs to use. You can also leave any recyclables in the new baskets which have been installed on some of our bins, as part of the Container Deposit Scheme.

I'm sure many of you have been having a swim at the Richmond Recreation Centre across the road, there's a new mist fan there on the pool deck to help you stay cool. Nearby on Bridge Road, there are some new tactile indicators at key intersections to assist people with vision challenges. I'm also very excited to see the new home for our Maternal and Child Health Service on Church Street up and running.

And finally, congratulations to everyone involved in the Lunar New Year festival on Victoria Street — it was such a fantastic day and a great celebration of culture and community. Happy Year of the Horse!

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## Advocacy priorities for Melba Ward

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

We're also calling on the Victorian Government to stop the demolition of Yarra's public housing estates, retain public land for public housing, and commit to building a new community hub in North Richmond.

## New home for Yarra's Maternal Child Health Service

Our Maternal Child Health Service, formerly located at North Richmond Community Health, is now located at 215 Church Street, right next to the Richmond police station.

We've moved to a bigger, more central location that's closer to public transport and the nearby Church Street and Bridge Road retail precincts.

Council spent \$120,000 on upgrades to the building, including new wall and floor coverings, painting, joinery and kitchens to make it an ideal space to deliver services to our youngest residents and their parents.

Our Maternal and Child Health Service offers free developmental and growth assessments



for children from birth to school age. Staff are able to provide timely information, education and support for family wellbeing.

For more information, call 03 9205 5599 or email [mchbookings@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:mchbookings@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

## 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 **Melba Ward**, you can find them attached to bins at **Citizens 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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### Improvements to Citizens Park

More new features have been added to Citizens Park, one of the biggest and most popular open spaces in Melba Ward. Two new bench seats have been installed by the shared path near a barbeque following community requests, at a cost of \$4,200. Council installed a digital scoreboard for use during sports matches, which was funded by local sports clubs.

We've also temporarily amended our Public Open Space Lighting Policy to allow the existing lights at Citizens Park to be on between 8pm and 10pm daily. This move is designed to improve community access and safety in the park during evening hours, while also balancing considerations such as energy efficiency, residential amenity and park use.



### Tactile indicators along Bridge Road

We've renewed several tactile indicators on Bridge Road to improve accessibility for those with sight challenges along the street.

These have been placed on footpaths near traffic lights and pedestrian crossings at the following intersections with Bridge Road:

- Mary Street
- Lyndhurst Street
- Hosie Street
- Church Street
- Tullo Place



### Works in progress on Highbury Street, Richmond

Our upgrades to Highbury Street in Richmond are well underway. The works are taking place between Gardners Street and Davison Street, with footpath improvements and reconstruction of kerb and channel in some areas already completed.

Following the completion of water main renewal works in March, we will be carrying out tree square maintenance and road pavement works to complete the project.



### Improvements to Gardner Street, Richmond

We've made \$45,000 of upgrades to Gardner Street, including improvements to kerb and channel, parts of the footpath and the road pavement. This improves stormwater management, and allows for safer and smoother movement along the street.



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