

BOULEVARD WARD UPDATE

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BOULEVARD WARD UPDATE | Burnley and parts of Richmond and Abbotsford

There is plenty to be excited about with our parks and playgrounds here in Boulevard Ward – in particular the progress being made at the Golden Square play space. It was great to visit the site and chat with workers as the project kicked off, and I can't wait to see the finished result, it will hopefully open in time for the Term 2 school holidays. We are also finalising designs for a new playground at Annettes Place, and I am looking forward to seeing them come to life.

As head of the Disability Advisory Committee, I am keen to see public transport in Yarra become more accessible and compliant for people with disabilities. I am glad Council is campaigning for improvements along the Route 78 tram line, particularly for a review into safety around the Lennox Street/Victoria Street and North Richmond Station level access stops, which are subject to regular incidents.

And finally, I hope you've had a chance to listen to the audio version of Yarra Life! This is a fantastic accessibility measure that allows you to listen to the contents of the publication on the go, especially for those with reading difficulties. You can access it by scanning the QR code inside the main edition or visiting the Yarra Life page on Council's website.

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Australian Heritage Festival 2026

This year's Australian Heritage Festival, presented by the National Trust, is on from 18 April to 18 May. It invites us to explore how architectural history shapes us and how we are shaping history through the 2026 theme 'Change'.

Boulevard Ward has many double-fronted Edwardian timber houses in different designs. The former Wertheim Piano Factory is also

located in the Ward, as are the former Channel Nine studios on Bendigo Street.

For full festival details, visit nationaltrust.org.au/ahf

You can also discover Yarra's heritage precincts with one of our self-guided walks, available to download at yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage-walks

Construction continues for new Golden Square play space

Works are well underway on our exciting \$850,000 revamp of the Golden Square Bicentennial Park play space in Burnley.

After starting with the demolition of the old playground in February, we have been busy laying the foundations of the new area. This has included walls, seating, and landscaping, including gardening and planting new trees.

The new-look cubby has also been built, and installation of the new play equipment is set to begin in June. Our new playground will include more play options for children of various ages and abilities, mixed with nature elements.



The remainder of the reserve remains open for public use, and the playground is expected to re-open in July.

2026 Yarra Community Grants recipients

We're delighted to have awarded more than \$1.06m to 70 local projects and initiatives as part of our Community Grants funding round for 2026.

The Yarra Grants Program funds community-driven projects that improve access to, and the quality of, social, economic and cultural life across the neighbourhoods, shared spaces and communities of the City of Yarra.

Successful organisations and projects based in **Boulevard Ward** include Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra, the Collingwood City Eagles, and 365 Coffee and Food.



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Improving Annettes Place

Progress is being made on the design concept for the improvement of one of our great neighbourhood parks in Boulevard Ward: Annettes Place in Richmond.

We identified Annettes Place as one of three small parks in Yarra which could be improved with a playground upgrade. Initial community consultation was undertaken in late 2025. During this, we gathered your feedback on priorities and needs for the park, which led to the development of a concept design.

A second round of consultation on this concept design was conducted recently and closed at the start of March. From this, we'll consider the community feedback received, add further refinements and present the project to Council for approval at a later date, with construction planned for the 2026/27 financial year.



Resurfacing of Ryans Reserve Netball Courts

Two courts at one of Richmond's most popular community sport venues near Burnley Station have been resurfaced, and they're looking great! Courts 1 and 2 at Ryans Reserve required attention due to cracking and their deteriorating appearance. Council carried out the repairs in early February, much to the delight of regular users such as the Yarra Netball Association and SEDA College.



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