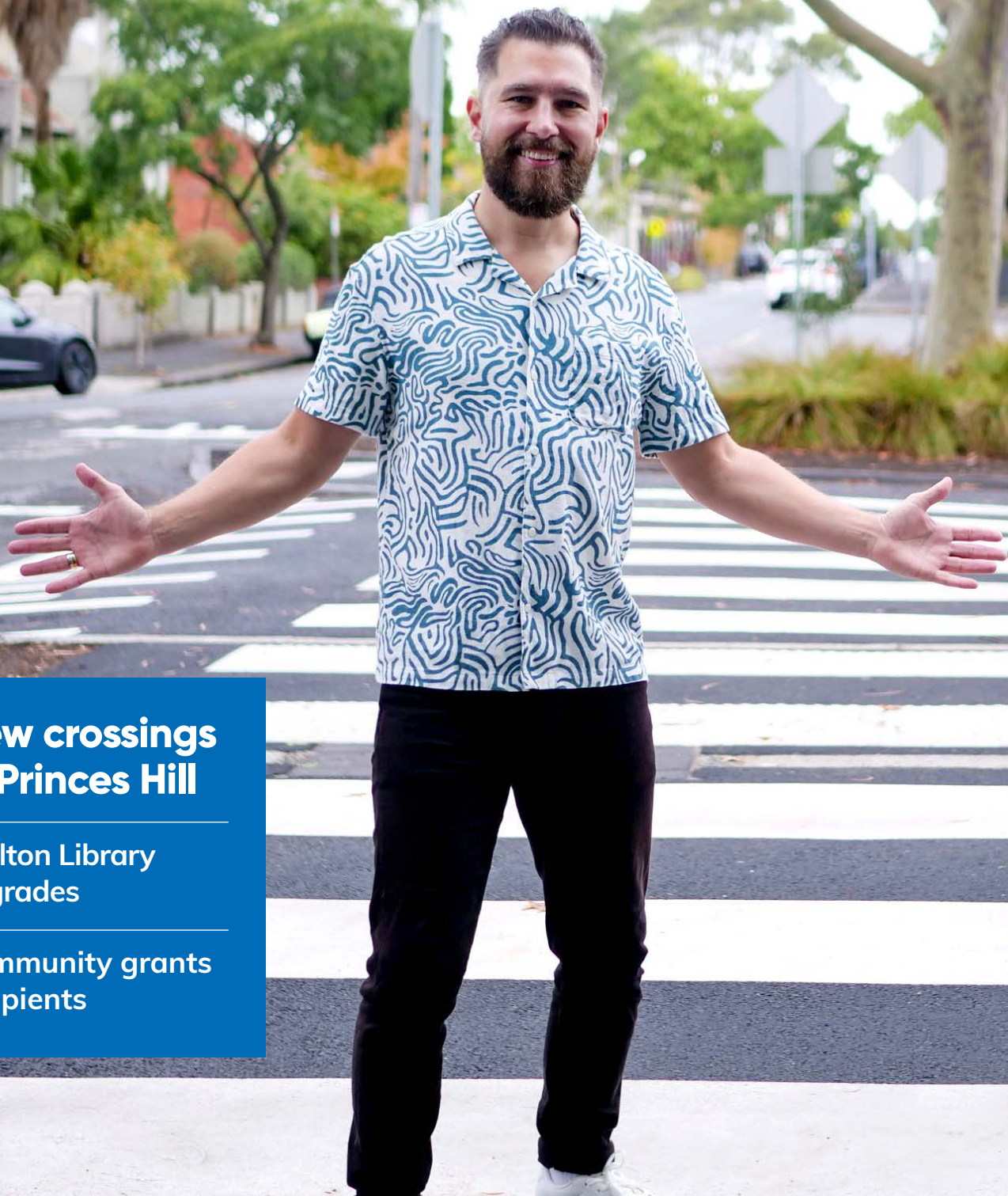


CURTAIN WARD UPDATE

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Carlton North, Princes Hill
and part of Fitzroy North

We've been so lucky to enjoy some great community celebrations during Yarra's summer events season recently. My family and I had a fabulous time at Johnston Street Fiesta – one of Yarra's longest running cultural events, and a vibrant celebration of Hispanic and Latin American culture. My kids even donned their traditional Colombian attire to mark the occasion! I also had a ball with Cr Wade and community at the annual Victoria's Pride Street Party — a fitting finale to the Midsumma Festival program.

How great are our two new pedestrian crossings on Garton Street! They will go a long way to provide better access to Princes Park and make walking to and from school safer for Princes Hill Secondary College students. Community safety and good infrastructure are vitally important for our community, and I'm glad there's been a focus on these issues in Curtain Ward this financial year.

Congratulations as well to all the local recipients of Yarra's Community Grants funding round. These community-driven projects add to the social, economic and cultural life in our neighbourhoods, so I'm delighted to see them receive funding to do great things.

Cr Edward Crossland | Curtain Ward



Two new pedestrian crossings on Garton Street, Princes Hill

We've delivered two new pedestrian crossings on Garton Street in Princes Hill – an investment totalling \$375,000 in improving community safety.

The first crossing was installed at the intersection at Richardson Street. While constructing the raised crossing, we also carried out drainage upgrades.

The second crossing was installed at the intersection of Paterson Street. Along with the raised crossing, Council reconstructed sections of footpath, installed new tactiles and reconstructed the existing garden beds.

Both these crossings allow easier and safer pedestrian access to Princes Park, especially for students at nearby Princes Hill Secondary College, who use the area during lunchtime.



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 **Curtain Ward** included the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre, Dancehouse Inc and SisterWorks Incorporated for Crafted Culture Cafe.



Scan the QR code for the full list of recipients and to find out more about the program, or go to yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-grants

New front counter at Carlton Library

Council has produced a new sleek and contemporary front reception counter at the Carlton Library on Rathdowne Street. This improved offer to patrons also includes room for the self-service kiosks. The cost of works was \$17,000.



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Protecting Yarra's unique wildlife

Many residents have been using illegal fruit nets in their gardens where the netting is too large and leads to flying foxes and birds becoming entangled.

To help protect Melbourne's wildlife, Council partnered with the Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and four other councils to run a net recycling trial.

Dedicated collection bins were installed at the Clifton Hill Recycling Centre, making it easy for residents to surrender illegal fruit and vegetable nets.

The community responded strongly, with more than 500 nets collected and sent for recycling — removing them from backyard trees and helping reduce risks to local wildlife.



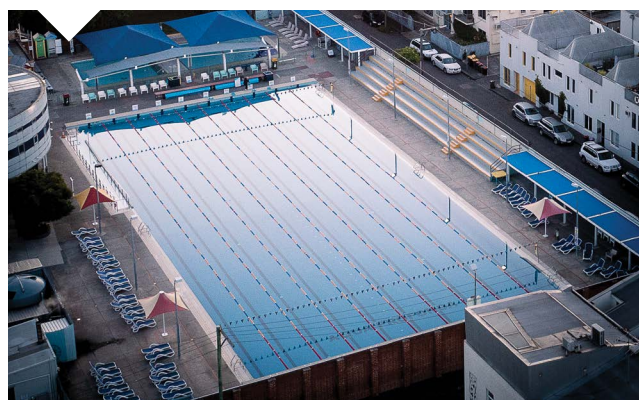
Keeping sun safe at Edinburgh Gardens

We've installed a new shade sail over the sand pit at Edinburgh Gardens. This will offer more sun protection for Yarra's youngest residents while they enjoy the playground. It will mean they can stay out and enjoy the outdoors longer, especially in our warmer months.



Fitzroy Swimming Pool plant upgrades

We have upgraded the technical plant at Fitzroy Swimming Pool so you can continue to enjoy the facility. We have replaced the chlorine sensor, sand and spa filter, and the transfer pump. We serviced the main heat exchanger and insulated the hot water flow and replaced a control box.



Scan the QR code to find out what's happening across Yarra with our online Capital Works Map at yarracity.vic.gov.au/capitalworks

Continuing to fight for cohealth

In October 2025, cohealth announced the closure of its Collingwood clinic, and end GP, pharmacy and counselling services at its Fitzroy clinic.

Strong advocacy from Council and the community saw the Federal Government inject \$1.5m to ensure GP services would continue operating until 31 July. The Federal and Victorian Governments have also co-commissioned an independent review.

In its submission to the review panel, Council advised that the community's central concern is that any outcome beyond 31 July ensures residents retain safe, sustainable access to primary healthcare.