

LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE

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refreshed

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in Richmond



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LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE | Abbotsford and parts of Richmond

Clean, safe, thriving and green was the consistent sentiment I heard from residents throughout the election campaign — it's what I've focused on delivering for our beautiful neighbourhood ever since.

This includes examples like Flockhart Reserve, where the new turf we laid is thriving and the planting is starting to really take shape; and Victoria Street, where our dedicated project to restore local pride is continuing.

Both these initiatives were funded in last year's Budget. Councillors are currently developing the draft Budget for 2026/27 (for public review on Your Say Yarra until 15 May). Ensuring every Ward gets what it needs is a tricky balancing act, but I'll be aiming to deliver some much-needed upgrades to Langridge's streets and open spaces to make them clean, safe and green.

Your views on our priorities are important to me — come along to my upcoming Langridge Ward community meetings! You'll likely receive a notice in your letterbox about when and where — keep an eye on social media for the details as well.

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Revitalisation of Flockhart Reserve

Abbotsford's Flockhart Reserve is greener than ever following the completion of our revitalisation project.

We allocated \$50,000 in our 2025/26 Budget to replace the turf at the reserve, which had been a noticeably poor state. Workers laid and established the new turf in November and it reopened before Christmas. Since then, visitors have been able to enjoy the comfortable new surroundings.

Before the turf was laid, last year volunteers helped us beautify another section of the reserve as part of a winter planting event in our Bringing Nature Back to Yarra program.

This included 1,500 local native ground covers and 32 different species of shrubs, which have since been blossoming throughout spring and summer.

Be sure to check out this prime pocket of open space on the banks of the Yarra River and next to the Main Yarra Trail, which has picnic and barbeque facilities available and is also suitable as a dog off-leash area.



Victoria Street Revitalisation update

Council is continuing its work on a long-term revitalisation of Victoria Street in Richmond and Abbotsford — a dedicated priority project from our Council Plan.

Our project team has been liaising with business owners and supporting businesses by finding simple ways to beautify the street. We are also exploring projects to return it to one of Yarra's most thriving, safe and attractive destinations. February's annual Lunar New Year Festival was another huge success and highlighted Victoria Street's potential for staging vibrant celebrations and events.

Recent initiatives we have implemented include:

- Graffiti removal on roller doors of shop fronts and properties, with 20 businesses taking part. This has been supported through a Victorian Government grant.
- Planter box installations, in partnership with the Victoria Street Business Association.



- Vietnamese Community 50th Anniversary commemorative marker to recognise the 50-year anniversary of the arrival of Vietnamese refugees in Australia.
- Assessing improvements to street lighting.

We have also formed a Community Reference Group and held a Community Forum. Both of these are providing direct insights to help us with our draft revitalisation plan, which will be released in the coming months.

For more information, go to yarracity.vic.gov.au/victoria-street-revitalisation-project

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'.

There are plenty of landmarks in **Langridge Ward** which have local significance, such as the Abbotsford Convent and Dight's Falls and Mill.

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



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Safer public transport

We've been pushing for urgent reviews into the improvements to the designs of the tram stops at the Lennox Street intersection and North Richmond Station. We want our public transport facilities to be easily accessible and disability compliant so they can benefit the entire community, and support our locals to engage in city life.



Capital City Trail bollards

New bollards have been installed at the end of Clarke Street in Abbotsford, next to the Capital City Trail. The bollards are designed to ensure cars cannot access the trail from Clarke Street, prevent illegal parking and improve the safety of trail users.



Drainage improvements at Richmond intersection

During February and March we completed drainage upgrades at the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Shelley Street in Richmond. The works included constructing, replacing and installing new drainage pipes and pits, along with associated civil works.



Elizabeth Street roadworks

Elizabeth Street has undergone a transformation; we've resheeted the road, reinstated parking for local residents and introduced new bollards for the protected bike lanes.

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 **Langridge Ward** included Yarra Sculpture Gallery and The Boite.



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