

# NICHOLLS WARD UPDATE

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Thank you to everyone who attended my Ward meeting on 26 February. It was great to update you on the latest developments with projects in our Ward and discuss the local issues that matter to you.

Congratulations to all the local recipients of our Yarra Community Grants for 2026 — we have so many passionate residents and groups who want to make a difference here in Nicholls Ward, and I really look forward to seeing their projects come to life.

Autumn is in full swing, which makes our parks and streets look pretty. But all the fallen leaves can block our drains and underground stormwater network, and we need to keep them healthy and flowing effectively. Our team is regularly undertaking cleaning, but if you find a blocked drain near you, reach out as soon as you can to Council's customer service team or report it through the Snap Send Solve app.

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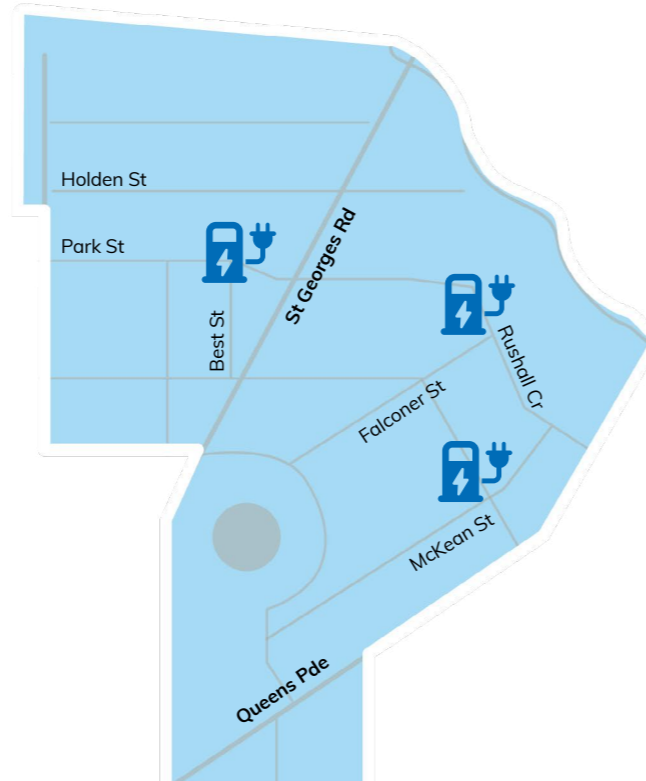
## Trial of pole-mounted EV chargers

As part of our response to climate change, we are trialling pole mounted electric vehicle (EV) chargers on our streets. There will be 20 rolled out initially across all of Yarra and three specifically in Nicholls Ward.

Proposed locations are:

- (1) Near 113 Best Street
- (2) Near 125 Falconer Street
- (3) Near 205 McKean Street

For more information, go to [yarracity.vic.gov.au/pole-charger-trial](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/pole-charger-trial)



## Our community battery at Mark Street Hall

Our four new community batteries are installed and up and running, and one of them is here in Nicholls Ward!

The batteries will primarily be used to export renewable energy into the local electricity system during times when demand for electricity is high. The solar they capture during the day will also help provide field lighting and space heating/cooling at these sites at night.

As part of our Community Charge Project, we installed a battery at Mark Street Hall in Fitzroy North, and three other locations in Fairfield and Alphington. This was made possible by a grant of almost \$400,000 through the Victorian Government's 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program and a \$44,000 contribution from Council.



## 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 Nicholls Ward which have local significance, including Edinburgh Gardens. On Queens Parade, you can spot the former post office, ANZ bank, United Kingdom Hotels and Clifton Motors buildings, and the old cable car terminus.

For full festival details, visit [nationaltrust.org.au/ahf](http://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](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage-walks)



# Working for You

## Local projects in your area

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### Trial net swap – protecting Yarra’s unique wildlife

In partnership with the Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and four other Councils, over 500 nets (commonly used to protect backyard fruit trees and vegetables) have been surrendered and sent off for recycling. Importantly, the surrendered nets have been removed from backyard trees, reducing the risk of entanglement to Melbourne’s unique wildlife. Council hosted net bins at the Clifton Hill Recycling Centre so the community could drop off their illegal nets during the trial period.



### Kindergarten shade sails

Council has renewed the shade sails at the Emely Baker Centre. Sun smart for our youngest locals.



### Gasworks site development

The Bundha Sports Centre is now open. There are multi-purpose indoor courts for community basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and futsal.

This complements the senior high school (Wurun) on site. Next up is over 1,000 new apartments with 20% affordable housing.



Scan the QR code to find out what’s happening across Yarra with our online Capital Works Map at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/capitalworks](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/capitalworks)

## 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 **Nicholls Ward** included Open Table, Electrify Yarra for the Neighbours Powering Change pilot, and the Yarra Community Seating Project at Holden Street Neighbourhood House.



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](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-grants)