

HODDLE WARD (COLLINGWOOD) UPDATE

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Making Collingwood more accessible

Our Queer Lives launch

Collingwood
electrification upgrades



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Hello Collingwood! I hope you're keeping warm this winter, and making the most of our cosy pubs, bars and cafes. Some Collingwood updates from me below.

I'm super proud that the electrification of the Collingwood Leisure Centre is happening this year! This is something that we included as a priority at the very start of the last Council term in 2021, in our Council Plan. An extensive amount of design work has been undertaken to get us to this point, and it's fabulous to see this major sustainability retrofit move forward.

The \$100,000 for a Collingwood safety audit is another major win for the Collingwood community. The way we design our streets and public spaces is a huge factor in how safe and accessible they feel: picture the difference between a well-lit footpath situated next to bustling activity, where people can spend time together, as opposed closed off, segregated streets. This study would allow us to identify changes that would make our streets more beautiful and pleasant to spend time on, and by doing so, make them feel safer for kids to walk to school, women to walk home at night and everyone to continue to co-exist as we do so well in Collingwood.

We have also launched our Queer Lives Matter campaign to raise queer visibility and ensure our neighbourhood continues to be safe and welcoming to our LGBTIQ+ community.

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Hoddle Ward projects funded from the 2026/27 Budget

Electrification of Collingwood Leisure Centre \$6m

We've been looking forward to seeing the electrification of Collingwood Leisure Centre and this year's Budget has included \$6m for the upgrade works. These works also include ventilation and cooling upgrades.

Another \$450,000 was allocated to improve the entrance to the centre, including repairing concrete damage.

Cromwell Street upgrade \$250,000

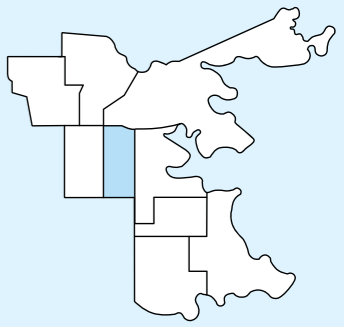
With the help of a \$232,000 grant from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program, we will reconstruct the pavement and road on Cromwell Street in Collingwood.

Community safety audit \$100,000

A Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) study will be conducted to identify changes that can be made to make our streets and public spaces safer and more welcoming for all.

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Major local projects funded from the 2026/27 Budget



Drainage improvements in Collingwood \$195,000

We will be improving drainage and footpaths on Forest Street.



Bendigo Street upgrades \$511,000

Council has allocated over half a million dollars to improve Bendigo Street. The works include kerb and channel renewals.



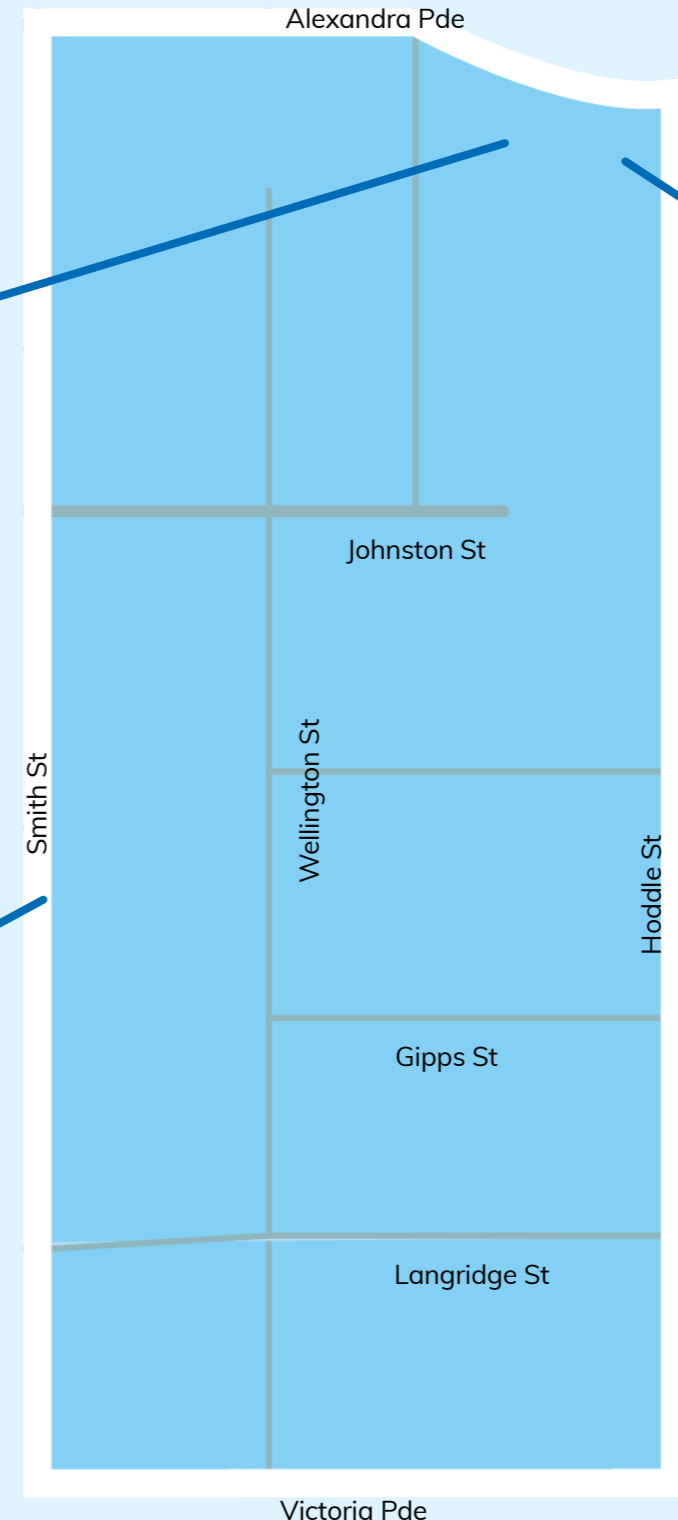
Smith Street and Ballarat Street footpath improvements \$326,000

We have prioritised footpath reconstruction works on Smith Street and Ballarat Street.



Roads to Parks \$2.4m

Collingwood is receiving two new parks on Mater and Budd Streets, to provide more green space for the community.



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Projects we are delivering now:



A more accessible Collingwood

Council has recently upgraded civil infrastructure across Collingwood to improve accessibility. The works included the installation of tactile indicators at 20 locations, six new pram and wheelchair crossings, and refreshed line marking to enhance pedestrian safety.



An upgraded intersection at Wellington and Langridge Streets

Construction is underway to make this intersection safer for people on foot, bikes and in cars. Construction will be completed in July.

Trial of pole-mounted EV chargers

As part of our commitment to help our residents access sustainable transport solutions, we are trialling 26 pole-mounted electric vehicle (EV) chargers across Yarra, with two in Hoddle Ward.

Hoddle Ward locations are:

- 131 Cambridge St, Collingwood
- 1 Bendigo St, Collingwood (side 106 Hotham)

For more information go to yarracity.vic.gov.au/pole-charger-trial



Supporting visibility, safety and inclusion

Yarra recently launched 'Queer Lives Here', Rainbow Yarra's new local visibility campaign supporting safety, inclusion and belonging for LGBTIQ+ people across Fitzroy and Collingwood.

Through bold but simple messaging and everyday visibility, the campaign aims to reinforce Fitzroy and Collingwood as proud, welcoming and rainbow-positive places for the whole community.

Local businesses are invited to take part by displaying a window decal featuring a QR code linking people to support services, reporting pathways and community resources.

Businesses interested in joining the campaign can get in touch with Yarra City Council's LGBTIQ+ Community Development Officer at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au or on 9205 5555.



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