

MACKILLOP WARD UPDATE

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**Celebrating
Queer Lives**

**Improving
Fitzroy's drainage**

**Safer footpaths
on Gore Street**

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This year's Budget is preparing for Yarra's population growth while keeping costs low for you, our residents. We are all feeling the cost-of-living pressures and the weight of global instability.

We are continuing to prioritise cleaner streets, better parks and great customer service as well as maintaining our most valuable assets.

We are carrying out important drainage works in parts of Fitzroy to better prepare our streets in times of heavy rainfall.

We will be upgrading Garryowen Reserve, constructing a new futsal pitch in Atherton gardens and making our streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

I am so pleased we succeeded in our advocacy in receiving an extension of cohealth services for people of Fitzroy and Collingwood for another year. This was a real community effort and demonstrates what can be done when we make a stand for what is important to us. But the fight is not over yet, we need your support to keep lobbying the Federal and Victorian Governments (and to cohealth) for free community health services to continue in Collingwood and Fitzroy.

In another win for our community, we are being proactive in our plan to eliminate homophobic behaviour in Fitzroy and Collingwood with our Queer Lives Here campaign. We have been out on the streets, displaying stickers in the windows of businesses, to show how proud we are of our LGBTIQA+ community. Yarra is a place where everyone should feel welcome and be free to be themselves. I am proud to see this campaign in action.

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MacKillop Ward projects funded from the 2026/27 Budget

Drainage works in Fitzroy \$695,000

Stormwater renewal works on Kerr Street between Brunswick Street and Young Street, and on Gore Street between Little Victoria Street and Victoria Parade. More drainage works will be done on Brunswick Street between King William and Moor Streets.

We will also be rehabilitating brick drains on George Street, between Cecil Street and Alexandra Parade.

Rose Street shared zone \$50,000

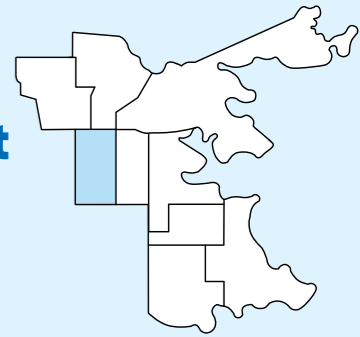
A detailed design for upgrades to road safety on Rose Street shared zone in Fitzroy.



To read the full Budget and see City-wide highlights, scan the QR code or visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget

WORKING FOR YOU

Major local projects funded from the 2026/27 Budget



Wet deck at Fitzroy Swimming Pool \$30,000

Renewal of the wet deck at Fitzroy Swimming Pool fencing.



Garryowen Reserve upgrade \$400,000

Garryowen Reserve will receive an upgrade to the playground, paths, seating, barbeque and picnic facilities, landscaping and fencing.



Construction at Fitzroy Town Hall \$250,000

Work to make Fitzroy Town Hall more accessible and replacement of damaged steps.



Futsal playing field, Atherton Gardens \$100,000

Construction of the new Futsal pitch and fence at Atherton Gardens.

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Projects we are delivering now:

Garden bed renewal

The garden bed outside the Fitzroy Pool received 600 new plants, new mulch as well as a clean up of the old plant material. This planting will complement the recent upgrade to Smith Reserve.

Safer footpaths in Fitzroy

Asphalt footpaths have been renewed in Gore Street, Fitzroy to remove trip hazards. These new footpaths make for a more accessible Yarra.

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 four in MacKillop Ward.

MacKillop Ward locations are:

- 268 George St, Fitzroy
- 221 Kerr St, Fitzroy
- 198 Napier St, Fitzroy
- 40 Hanover St, Fitzroy

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.



Rainbow
Yarra

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