

YARRA BEND WARD UPDATE

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Opening of off-leash dog park

New EV chargers for Clifton Hill

Yarra's newest park

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Clifton Hill and parts of
Fairfield and Alphington

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.

I am delighted to see so much investment in our parks, playgrounds, streets and leisure facilities.

The electrification of Collingwood Leisure Centre was one of the major Budget items and I am looking forward to seeing this work completed by the end of the year.

We are making our streets safer for pedestrians with three significant pedestrian crossings and essential footpath improvements. George Knott Reserve and Quarries Park will receive an upgrade to the playground, creating wonderful spaces for families to gather. Early morning walkers will be pleased to know we are improving the lighting at George Knott Reserve to make the area safer.

We had the best day at the opening of Quarries Park, but not as much as the dogs, who loved their new agility features and the space to run off leash.

I also attended the launch of the neighbourhood battery at Collingwood Leisure Centre. It will offer two wheelchair accessible electric vehicle charging bays that can be used by the whole community.

Cr Sarah McKenzie | Yarra Bend Ward

Yarra Bend projects funded from the 2026/27 Budget



Electrification of Collingwood Leisure Centre \$6m

Collingwood Leisure Centre will transition from gas to 100% renewable electricity, a major upgrade funded by a \$2.9 million grant from the Federal Government. This project will eliminate fossil fuel usage and improve comfort and safety for our community.



Flood mitigation on Gold Street/ Hodgkinson Street \$90,000

Stormwater flood mitigation works at the corner of Gold and Hodgkinson Streets in Clifton Hill.



Footpath and road improvements on Brockenshire and Walker Streets \$540,000

Brockenshire and Walker Streets on Clifton Hill will undergo footpath, road and drainage works.

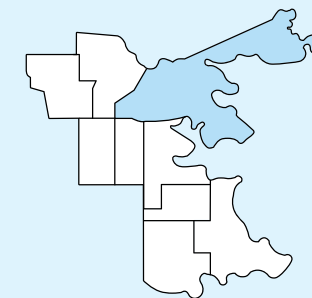


Yarralea Street, Riverview Grove and View Street pedestrian crossings \$730,000

New pedestrian crossings at Yarralea Street, Riverview Grove, and View Street in Alphington.

WORKING FOR YOU

Major local projects funded from the 2026/27 Budget



Upgrade of George Knott Reserve \$490,000

Upgrade of sportsfield, playground and lighting.



Alphington Bowls Club redevelopment \$1m

Alphington Bowls Club will undergo a major refurbishment.



Drainage renewal on Alphington Street \$150,000

Stormwater renewal at Alphington Street between Heidelberg Road and The Esplanade.



Quarries Park playground upgrade \$600,000

Quarries Park will receive an upgrade to playground equipment as well as improvements to drainage, surface treatment and paths.



Improvements to Collingwood Leisure Centre \$450,000

Concrete repairs and entrance improvements will be made to Collingwood Leisure Centre.

Working for You

Projects we are delivering now:



Yarra's new park on View Street, Alphington

Council now owns a new park in Alphington. This 2.22-hectare parcel of open space is already cherished by the community for recreation and its access to the beautiful Birrarung.

The land was acquired through a land swap, giving Council the opportunity to expand the adjoining Alphington Park and protect this important area for current and future generations. This milestone reflects Council's strong commitment to community use, public value and the long-term stewardship of our open spaces.



Alphington Pavilion goes off gas

Alphington Pavilion is now fully off gas, with the removal of the gas-fired domestic hot water system and redundant solar hot water infrastructure. The upgrade included the installation of two 400-litre high-efficiency electric heat pumps, supporting a cleaner and more energy-efficient facility.



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New EV chargers in Clifton Hill



Yarra Energy Foundation launched a neighbourhood battery and EV charger located outside the Collingwood Leisure Centre.

This project was funded with a \$750,000 grant from the Victorian Government and with support from Yarra Council.

The new 60 kW EV charger includes two wheelchair accessible bays. This is the first time in Australia testing how a neighbourhood battery and an EV charger can work together.

Yarra Bend residents can charge their EV while visiting the Collingwood Leisure Centre and the charging stations will attract people to the area, boosting the local economy as they spend time in local shops while they wait for their cars to charge.

