

BOULEVARD WARD UPDATE

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**New playground
at Golden Square**

Coppin Street upgrades

**Making Yarra
Boulevard safer**



Golden Square Bicentennial Park



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Ph: 9205 5555
Personal trainers not permitted



No smoking
in playground



Dog off Leash



No Dogs
within 5m
of playground



No Alcohol
Consumption
9pm-9am



BBQ

BOULEVARD WARD UPDATE | Burnley and parts of Richmond and Abbotsford

Housing is one of the biggest challenges for local government. The State Government has set a housing target of 44,000 new dwellings in Yarra by 2051. There are currently planning permit approvals and applications for over 2,000 apartments across Boulevard Ward, with many of the major developments concentrated in the area between Burnley Street, Bridge Road, River Street and Victoria Street. I have been advocating strongly to ensure that community members can have their say on planning applications, many of which are being determined by the Minister for Planning, with Council acting as a referral authority. I am also working hard to ensure that the intensive construction works are properly managed.

Council has been advocating strongly for the infrastructure needed to support population growth, as well as investing in upgrades to our parks and other capital works. This year, we've continued investing in projects that make it easier for everyone to move around and enjoy our community. Creating accessible, welcoming spaces remains a priority, whether that means safer streets, improved playgrounds or better places to rest and connect outdoors.

It was so rewarding to see Burnley families enjoying the upgraded playground at Golden Square at Bicentennial Park. I officially opened the playground in late August, and the screams and laughter of the children as well as the gathering of neighbours demonstrated the importance of this upgrade for the community.

Major upgrades have been completed at the Coppin Street and Bridge Road intersection. Works at the Coppin Street and Swan Street intersection have been delayed until February.

We are also delivering smaller improvements that make a big difference to everyday accessibility and enjoyment. New seats in Burnley Park offer convenient resting points, while improved line marking along the Yarra Boulevard shared user path helps make movement safer and clearer for pedestrians and bike riders.

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Yarra Boulevard line markings

We have improved the line marking on the Yarra Boulevard shared user path, near the St Kevin's boatshed to help make the shared nature of the path clearer for everyone. New pedestrian and bike logos have been added, along with a dashed centre line to guide safe movement. The works were delivered for \$11,000, supporting safer walking, riding and wheeling along this busy stretch.



Golden Square Playground complete

The upgraded playground at Golden Square at Bicentennial Park in Burnley was officially opened at the end of August, building on a legacy of community advocacy that has shaped the site for decades.

As well as giving more ways for local children to play and explore, the playground has created a new space for the community.

The playground includes:

- updated play equipment
- a new cubby made with durable and sustainable materials
- accessible spaces for families, and
- more opportunities for active play.

There is also additional shade thanks to the nine new mature trees, with the beloved Fairy Tree the centrepiece of the playground.

Council also acknowledges the enduring contributions of the late Ron and Shirley Pinnell, whose advocacy helped secure the site for community use after the demolition of Burnley Primary School.



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New garden beds

We've planted new garden beds at Ryans Reserve in Richmond, adding fresh greenery and improving the look and feel of the space. Around 1,120 new plants have been added, bringing colour, texture and seasonal interest to the reserve.



New seats at Burnley Park

We've installed new seats in Burnley Park, giving visitors more comfortable places to pause and enjoy the surroundings. The seats provide handy rest spots for walkers, joggers and families spending time in the park. It's a small upgrade that makes the park even more welcoming for everyday use.



National Tree Day

Over 100 people attended the community planting session as part of National Tree Day. Four thousand plants and trees were planted in Burnley Park adjacent to the Birrarung. This helps to heal Country and brings nature back to Yarra, which improves habitat and biodiversity.



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Coppin Street intersection works complete

We have completed major upgrades at the Coppin Street and Bridge Road intersection to improve safety and accessibility for people riding, walking and driving. Temporary yellow bike lane separators have been replaced with permanent kerbs, creating a clearer and more durable layout. The central traffic island on the north side has been modified, and new traffic signal operations have been introduced to give bike riders and pedestrians a head start when entering the intersection. These improvements provide a safer and more predictable environment at one of Richmond's busiest crossing points.

Initial works have begun at the Coppin Street and Swan Street intersection, where permanent separator kerbs will be installed and the central traffic island on the north side removed to make

space for two southbound traffic lanes, including reinstating the right-turn lane. Parking on the south side of the intersection will shift to the eastern side of the street to improve visibility and movement, and traffic signals will be updated to include bike and pedestrian head starts, mirroring the improvements at Bridge Road. Due to scheduling and construction constraints with Greater Western Water, completion of the Swan Street works is now expected in February 2027.

Together, these works form an important part of Council's commitment to strengthening Coppin Street as a key north-south cycling route. The upgraded kerbs, clearer layouts and improved signal operations support safer everyday travel and help create a more accessible transport corridor for the Richmond community.