

LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE

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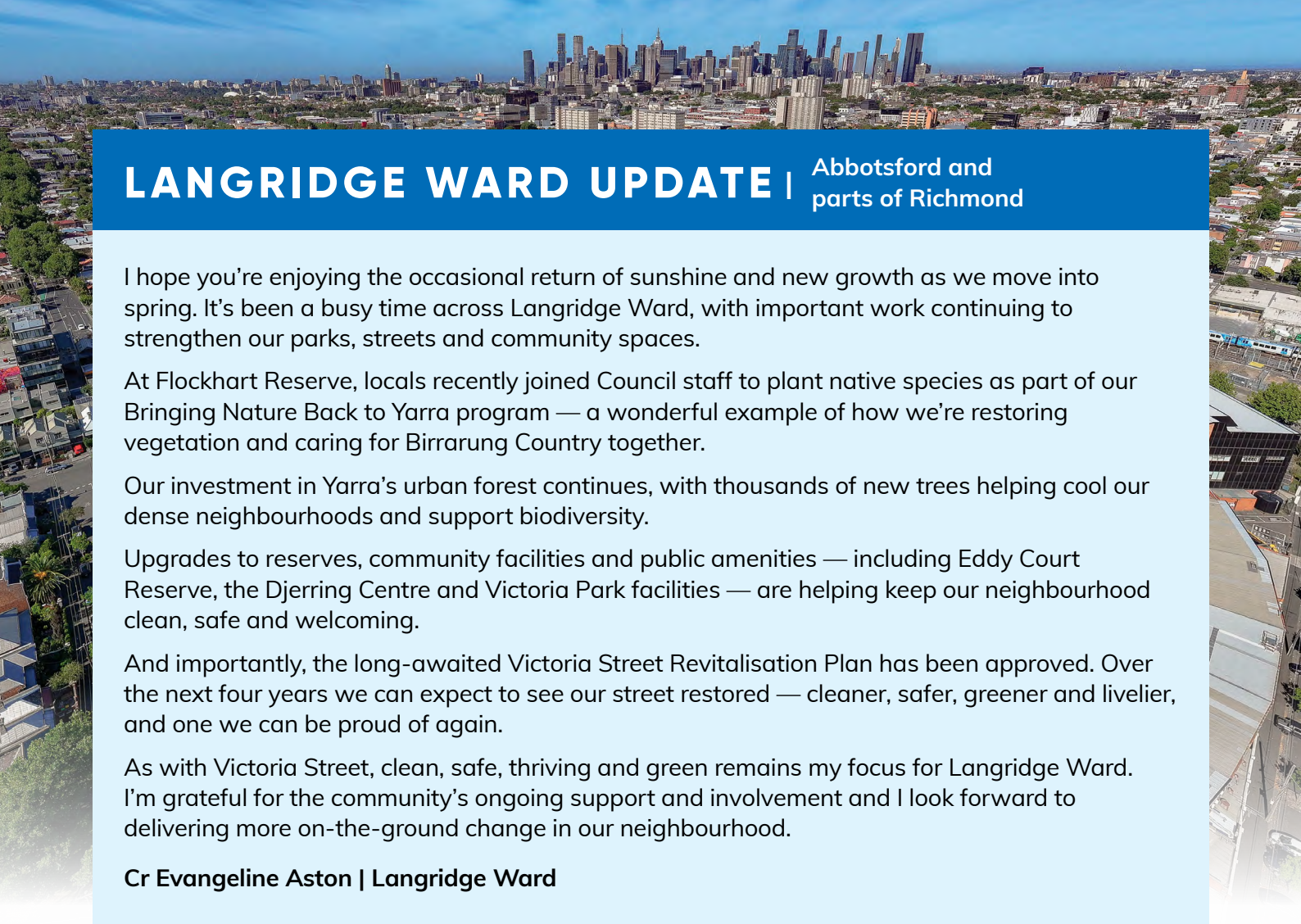
Victoria Street Revitalisation plan launched

Flockhart Reserve
refreshed

Eddy Court
Reserve upgraded



Victoria Street



LANGRIDGE WARD UPDATE | Abbotsford and parts of Richmond

I hope you're enjoying the occasional return of sunshine and new growth as we move into spring. It's been a busy time across Langridge Ward, with important work continuing to strengthen our parks, streets and community spaces.

At Flockhart Reserve, locals recently joined Council staff to plant native species as part of our Bringing Nature Back to Yarra program — a wonderful example of how we're restoring vegetation and caring for Birrarung Country together.

Our investment in Yarra's urban forest continues, with thousands of new trees helping cool our dense neighbourhoods and support biodiversity.

Upgrades to reserves, community facilities and public amenities — including Eddy Court Reserve, the Djerring Centre and Victoria Park facilities — are helping keep our neighbourhood clean, safe and welcoming.

And importantly, the long-awaited Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan has been approved. Over the next four years we can expect to see our street restored — cleaner, safer, greener and livelier, and one we can be proud of again.

As with Victoria Street, clean, safe, thriving and green remains my focus for Langridge Ward. I'm grateful for the community's ongoing support and involvement and I look forward to delivering more on-the-ground change in our neighbourhood.

Cr Evangeline Aston | Langridge Ward

Planting out Flockhart Reserve

Council staff were joined by members of the local community on a chilly but sunny winter's morning at Flockhart Reserve, Abbotsford to plant 1,500 local native tubestock ground covers and shrubs of over 30 different species to reinstate original vegetation and heal Birrarung Country along the reserve's southern boundary. This planting activity is the second in a series of four community nature connection events that Council is offering during the 2026 winter/spring planting season as a part of Yarra's Bringing Nature Back to Yarra Program. Healing Country reinforces Yarra's commitment to caring for Birrarung, its parklands and tributaries as one living and integrated natural entity.



Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan

We have now adopted the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan, setting out clear, practical steps to make the precinct safer, cleaner and more welcoming over the next four years.

The plan focuses on improving public spaces, strengthening the street's multicultural identity, supporting local businesses, addressing vacant shops, and delivering visible amenity upgrades. It also outlines priority safety actions, improvements to Lennox Square and Butler Park, a trial roller-door removal program to boost passive surveillance, and stronger advocacy to the State Government. Thank you to everyone who contributed your time, ideas, and lived experience. Your voices have made this plan stronger, clearer, and more grounded in what Victoria Street truly needs. Work on the first year of actions is already underway, and we look forward to seeing visible improvements roll out across the precinct.



A celebration of our Plan

Last month, we launched the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan and highlighted our key advocacy priorities to the State Government. We invited community members, local business owners and State Government representatives to show them how important the plan is to the community in the lead up to the State Election in November.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback on the Plan. It sets out a clear pathway to make the precinct safer, cleaner and more welcoming, while strengthening support for local businesses and celebrating the vibrant communities which define Victoria Street.

Back to business on Victoria Street

Ten Victoria Street businesses were impacted earlier this year following the firebombing of a nearby tobacco shop, creating a difficult period for business owners and the local community. A few have since reopened or relocated within the precinct, bringing renewed activity and confidence back to the strip. Their return highlights the resilience of Victoria Street's business community and the importance of ongoing revitalisation efforts.



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Tree canopy

Yarra continues to strengthen its urban forest, and this work is especially important in Langridge Ward, where dense streetscapes and limited open space mean shade and cooling are critical for everyday comfort. Since adopting the Urban Forest Strategy in 2017, Yarra has increased tree canopy across the municipality, with the largest gains occurring in streetscapes.

Additional climate emergency funding has accelerated street-tree planting, contributing to more than 4,000 new trees across Yarra. Many of these have been planted in high-priority, inner-city locations, helping cool local streets, support biodiversity, and improve air quality. These improvements are an important step towards Yarra's 2040 canopy target and ensure Langridge Ward continues to become greener, more resilient, and more enjoyable for the community.



Eddy Court Reserve upgrades

Upgrade works at Eddy Court Reserve are now complete, delivering a new formal footpath between Eddy Court and Vere Street. The project focused on improving access through the reserve and replacing the informal track that had become worn over time.

The works included profiling and levelling of the ground, followed by the installation of a new footpath to create a smoother, more reliable walking connection. The reserve remained open throughout construction, with only the informal path temporarily unavailable while crews completed the upgrade.

The new path provides a safer and more accessible link for residents moving between Vere Street and the Eddy Court carpark, supporting everyday walking and improving the overall amenity of the reserve.



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LGBTIQA+ elders

The Bent Twig Alliance is a free, safe social group for older LGBTIQA+ people and their allies, which meets fortnightly on Thursdays at Djerring Centre, Collingwood. The social group is supported by Yarra City Council and provides a safe, welcoming space to connect and share experiences. You can find more information on our website.

