

LENNOX WARD UPDATE

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It's been a busy period in Lennox Ward, with several important upgrades now complete.

We celebrated the renewal of Charles Evans Reserve with the community, who were impressed with the quality and layout of the playground. It was wonderful to see the reopening of the reserve. In Cremorne, land is limited, so we need to maximise the land we have, and we certainly did that in this little reserve. The new playground has quality equipment, and the metal insect sculptures around the park have been a real treat for the children and provide an opportunity to learn about nature. The seating and barbeque area provides a comfortable space for families, dog walkers, and local workers.

We've seen upgrades to key community facilities and local streets. Richmond Library has received \$100,000 in improvements to accessibility, lighting, signage, furniture and staff areas. A laneway off Church Street has been upgraded at no cost to Council; Gipps Street has new and safer footpath sections; and drainage renewal works on Docker Street have strengthened underground infrastructure to better manage stormwater.

Major safety improvements have been delivered at the Coppin Street and Bridge Road intersection, with permanent bike-lane kerbs installed, updated traffic signals providing bike and pedestrian head starts, and a clearer, more predictable intersection layout. Initial works have also begun at the Coppin Street and Swan Street intersection. The removal of the central traffic island will make space for two southbound lanes, including the reinstatement of the right-turn lane, improving movement and visibility through the intersection.

These projects reflect Council's commitment to maintaining safe streets, improving community facilities and investing in the everyday places that make Lennox Ward such a vibrant part of Yarra.

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Richmond Library upgrades

Richmond Library has received \$100,000 in upgrades to improve accessibility, functionality and the experience for visitors. The works include improved lighting and signage, new furniture and acoustic panels, reception desk upgrades, CCTV improvements and upgrades to staff facilities, alongside maintenance works across the site.



Charles Evans Reserve

Charles Evans Reserve in Cremorne reopened following a significant upgrade designed to improve usability, accessibility and overall amenities. As one of the smallest reserves in Yarra, and located in an area with less than one percent open space, the renewal focused on making the most of the available land while responding directly to community needs.

The upgrade included the installation of a new playground with climbing elements, a toddler slide, a standard swing, and a basket swing that supports children of different ages and abilities. Nature-play features were added to encourage exploration and provide a more engaging play environment. The layout was designed to be simple and easy to navigate, ensuring families can use the space comfortably and safely.

New seating and picnic tables were installed to create places for people to rest, meet, and spend time outdoors. A drinking fountain was added to support everyday use, particularly for families and dog walkers. Landscaping improvements were carried out across the reserve, including new plantings to strengthen the tree canopy and provide additional shade. Mature trees were retained wherever possible following arborist assessments, helping maintain the established character of the reserve while improving long-term sustainability.



The upgrade also included improvements to pathways and general accessibility, making it easier for people of all ages and mobility levels to move through the space. The renewed reserve now offers a more functional layout that supports a mix of uses from quick visits and dog walking to longer stays for play and relaxation.

With these improvements, Charles Evans Reserve now provides a more practical and welcoming open space for Cremorne residents. The renewal ensures the reserve can better serve the local community's needs and offers a small but important green space in one of Yarra's most densely built neighbourhoods.



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Docker Street drainage renewal works

Council has completed drainage renewal works along the east side of Docker Street in Richmond. The project involved installing new drainage pipes and pits and delivering associated civil works to improve how the system manages stormwater during heavy rain. These upgrades strengthen underground infrastructure, reduce the risk of localised flooding, and help keep the surrounding streets cleaner, safer, and more resilient for the community.



Gipps Street, Richmond footpath improvement

We have completed footpath improvements along Gipps Street in Richmond from Lennox Street to Church Street, delivering safer and more accessible conditions for the community. We have reconstructed asphalt footpath sections and reinstated kerb and channel where required. These works were designed to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.



Church Street laneway upgrade

A laneway off Church Street in Richmond has been upgraded. The works included a bluestone laneway upgrade, Berry Street footpath renewal, kerb and channel reinstatement and asphalt works.

Coppin Street intersection works

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.