

MELBA WARD UPDATE

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MELBA WARD UPDATE | Richmond

It's been a busy period across Richmond, with several important projects improving the way our neighbourhoods look and feel.

Last month we had a great show of support for the launch of our Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan. It was great to show our community leaders and politicians how important the plan is for our community.

We've completed major upgrades at the Coppin Street and Bridge Road intersection, delivering permanent bike lane kerbs, clearer layouts and new traffic signal operations.

Our much-loved Gleadell Street Market continues to bring fresh produce and friendly faces to Richmond every Saturday. Operating since 1873, it remains one of Melbourne's few traditional street markets and a weekly staple for locals.

We've also delivered upgrades along Highett Street, with safer footpaths, improved drainage, refreshed tree squares and a fully renewed road surface — a \$240,000 investment that's already making travel smoother and safer. Nearby, new garden beds on Davison Street have added 940 plants, bringing fresh greenery and seasonal colour to the area.

At Richmond Recreation Centre, the new electric HVAC system provides better temperature control and improved air circulation for gym users and group fitness classes. The 50-metre pool has also been refreshed with new lane ropes, giving the space a brighter and more modern feel.

These upgrades reflect Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining safe streets, improving community facilities and supporting the everyday places that make Richmond such a vibrant part of Yarra.

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Highett Street renewal

Highett Street in Richmond, between Gardner Street and Davison Street, was recently renewed to improve the safety and appearance of the street. The project involved asphalt footpath resurfacing to fix uneven surfaces and the reconstruction of the bluestone kerb and channel to improve drainage performance and

maintain the heritage character of the area. The road pavement was fully renewed to provide a smoother and more durable surface for vehicles, and line marking was reinstated to clearly define traffic lanes and parking areas. The cost of this work was \$240,000.

Richmond's Gleadell Street Market

Fresh produce, good coffee and familiar faces have been drawing people to Gleadell Street Market for generations. The market has been operating since 1873, when farmers first travelled to Richmond to sell produce. The market is owned and operated by Yarra City Council, and every Saturday Gleadell Street is closed to traffic to make way for stalls overflowing with seasonal fruit and vegetables, fresh bread, herbs, flowers and gourmet goods.

It is one of the few remaining traditional street markets in inner Melbourne, with a long history of serving the local community. Today, visitors can browse a mix of established and emerging



traders offering fresh produce, artisan breads and pastries, dairy and deli items, specialty foods and more.

The market runs every Saturday from 7am to 1pm, and is proudly plastic-free, so don't forget your reusable bags.



Victoria Street Revitalisation

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 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 that define Victoria Street.



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Richmond Recreation Centre HVAC replacement works

We have completed the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system at Richmond Recreation Centre, removing the ageing unit and installing a new electric system to improve temperature control in the main gym and group exercise studio. The new system provides improved air circulation, better humidity management, and faster response times, creating a more comfortable environment for workouts and classes. Patrons now benefit from steadier temperatures during peak periods, reducing hot and cold spots, and a cleaner, more energy-efficient system that supports overall air quality.



Richmond Recreation Centre new lane ropes

Richmond Recreation Centre's 50-metre pool has had a noticeable refresh, with new lane ropes installed as part of ongoing improvements to the facility. What seems like a small upgrade has already made a big impact — regular swimmers have been quick to comment on how much brighter, cleaner and more modern the pool now feels.



New garden beds Davison Street, Richmond

We've planted new garden beds on Davison Street in Richmond, adding fresh greenery and improving the look and feel of the streetscape. Around 940 plants have been added, bringing colour, texture, and seasonal interest to the area.

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.