

NICHOLLS WARD UPDATE

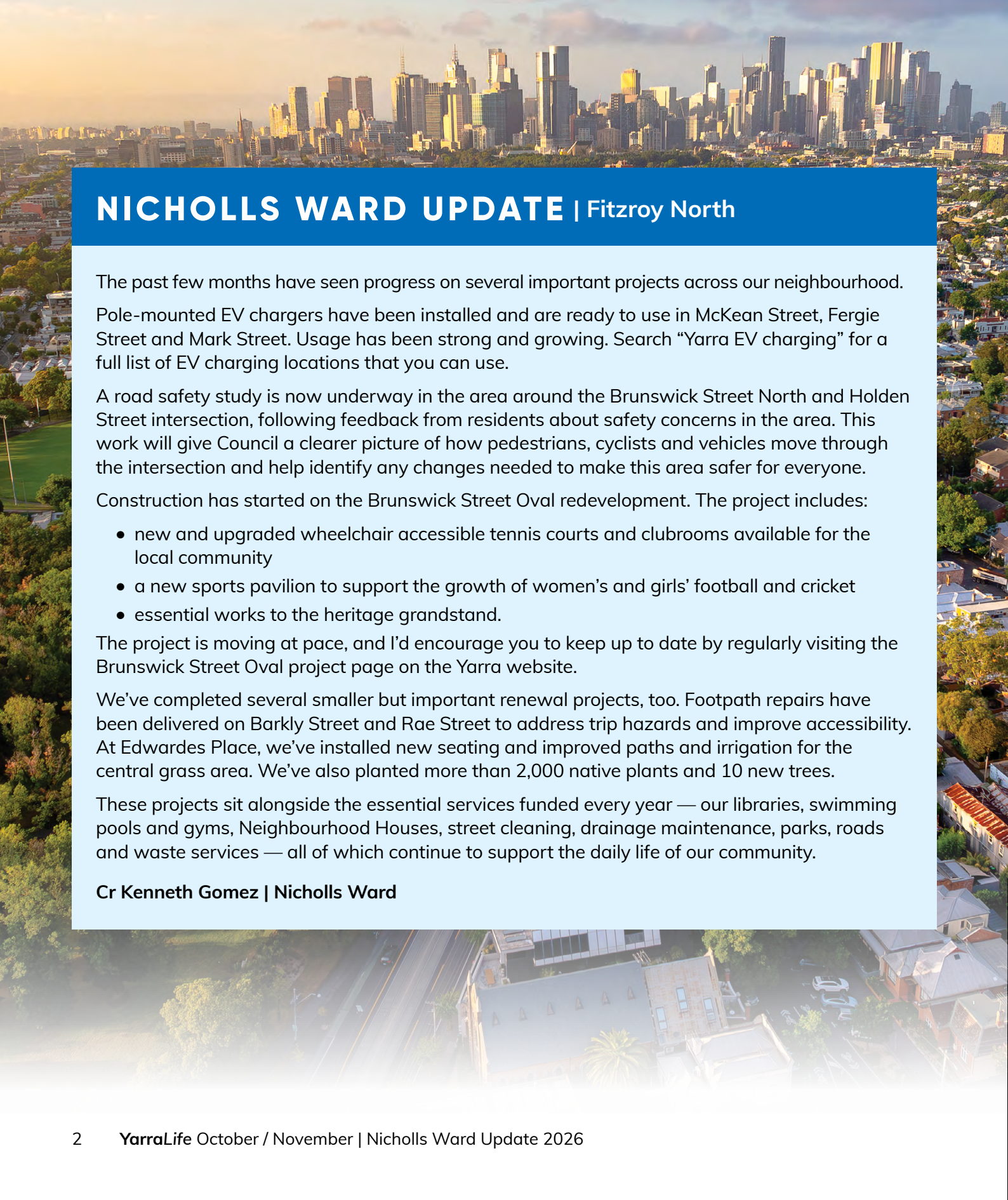
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chargers installed

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Upgrade



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The past few months have seen progress on several important projects across our neighbourhood. Pole-mounted EV chargers have been installed and are ready to use in McKean Street, Fergie Street and Mark Street. Usage has been strong and growing. Search “Yarra EV charging” for a full list of EV charging locations that you can use.

A road safety study is now underway in the area around the Brunswick Street North and Holden Street intersection, following feedback from residents about safety concerns in the area. This work will give Council a clearer picture of how pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles move through the intersection and help identify any changes needed to make this area safer for everyone.

Construction has started on the Brunswick Street Oval redevelopment. The project includes:

- new and upgraded wheelchair accessible tennis courts and clubrooms available for the local community
- a new sports pavilion to support the growth of women’s and girls’ football and cricket
- essential works to the heritage grandstand.

The project is moving at pace, and I’d encourage you to keep up to date by regularly visiting the Brunswick Street Oval project page on the Yarra website.

We’ve completed several smaller but important renewal projects, too. Footpath repairs have been delivered on Barkly Street and Rae Street to address trip hazards and improve accessibility. At Edwardes Place, we’ve installed new seating and improved paths and irrigation for the central grass area. We’ve also planted more than 2,000 native plants and 10 new trees.

These projects sit alongside the essential services funded every year — our libraries, swimming pools and gyms, Neighbourhood Houses, street cleaning, drainage maintenance, parks, roads and waste services — all of which continue to support the daily life of our community.

Cr Kenneth Gomez | Nicholls Ward

Brunswick Street Oval redevelopment underway

Work is now well underway on the Brunswick Street Oval redevelopment, marking a significant upgrade to one of Yarra’s most well-used community sporting precincts.

Construction on the new tennis courts began in May, kicking off a major project that will deliver modern, wheelchair accessible courts and clubrooms available to the local community.

A new sports pavilion is also planned to support the continuing growth in women’s and girls’ football and cricket. The new pavilion will provide improved change rooms, wheelchair accessible facilities, better umpire areas and updated public amenities.

The precinct’s heritage grandstand will also get some love. These works include upgrades to changerooms, umpire spaces, access points and public facilities, ensuring the grandstand remains safe, functional and welcoming while retaining its historic character.

Landscaping is a key part of the redevelopment. Thirty-five new semi-mature trees will be planted across the precinct, including kurrajong, red oak and jacaranda species. These trees will



strengthen the canopy, improve shade and enhance the overall presentation of the oval. Additional landscaping works will support biodiversity and create a more inviting environment for everyday visitors.

The redevelopment is supported by \$12.8 million from the Victorian Government, with further contributions from the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund, the AFL and Yarra City Council. The project has been developed in consultation with local sporting clubs and the community, and will support the Fitzroy Tennis Club, Edinburgh Cricket Club, Fitzroy Football Club and Fitzroy Junior Football Club.

Construction of the tennis courts, sports pavilion, heritage grandstand and landscaping will continue through 2026 and 2027.

Road safety studies

A safety study is being undertaken at Brunswick Street North and Holden Street following feedback from community members about perceived road safety issues within the study area. The study will give Council a deeper understanding of these concerns and identify any underlying road safety issues.



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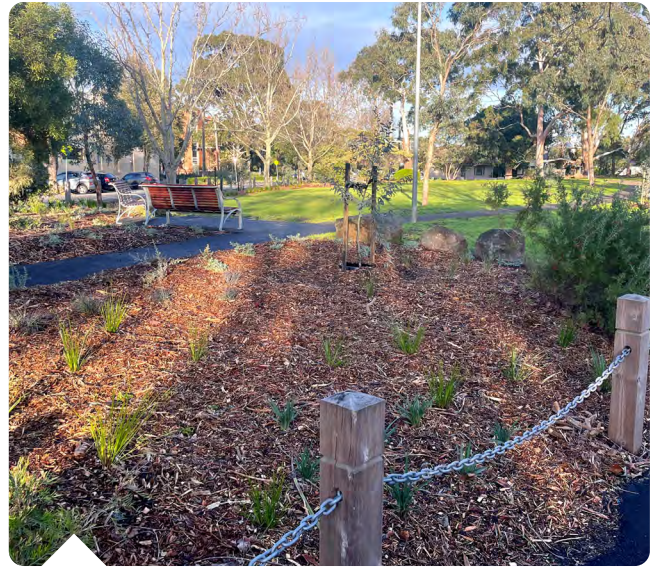


Pole-mounted EV chargers

Twenty-six EV chargers servicing 41 bays are available across Yarra. CitiPower and EVX have installed chargers at no cost to Council for a two-year trial. The most popular chargers are in Fitzroy North, Richmond, Fitzroy, Carlton, Cremorne and Princes Hill.

The CitiPower chargers support multiple charger apps with competitive charging rates. The best rate is typically during the middle of the day between 10am to 3pm when electricity is cheaper and the grid is full of renewable power from rooftop solar.

Check the Council website for the full list of EV chargers.



Edwardes Place upgrade

Upgrades have been completed at Edwardes Place in Fitzroy North, improving both the amenity and landscape quality of this popular local park. The works included new bench seats, asphalt improvements to key paths and entrance areas, new irrigation to support the central grassed space, and refreshed garden beds featuring rocks salvaged from the Gertrude and Brunswick Street Corner public space project. More than 2,000 Australian native plants and 10 new trees were added to enhance biodiversity, strengthen habitat value and improve the overall character of the reserve.



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