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Merri-bek City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways in the area now known as Merri-bek, and pays respect to their Elders past, present, as well as to all First Nations communities, who significantly contribute to the life of the area.

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Message from our Mayor

Councillor Nat Abboud

Welcome to your latest edition of Merri-bek Community News.

Spring has arrived across Merri-bek, and it's Poorneet, Tadpole Season on the Wurundjeri calendar — a time of warming days, flowering flax lilies and murnong ready for harvest.

I'm proud to share details of our next 4 Year Council Budget 2026-30, which includes major investment right across Merri-bek. This includes over \$15 million in sporting upgrades, a brand-new Early Years Hub in Brunswick, \$3 million for the Glenroy Activity Centre, new public toilets, gender-inclusive change rooms, and significant funding for roads, bike paths, drainage and street safety. Find out more on page 3.

This Seniors Festival, we're launching Bolder Stage 2, a photography and storytelling project celebrating older members of our community and challenging ageism. Read more on page 5.

This year's Merri-bek Summer Show marks ten years of the Noel Counihan Commemorative Art Award, a cash prize for artists whose work engages with social justice.

Every bit counts when it comes to reducing waste. Make compost not landfill — turn to page 8 for some tips to make the most of your Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin.

Work continues on major projects across Merri-bek, including new public toilets, park and sporting facility upgrades. Check the back page for works near you.

Enjoy the season, and this edition.

Speak with us in your language



Per maggiori informazioni nella tua lingua, chiama il numero **9280 1911**

如需了解更多您语言版本的信息，请致电 **9280 0750**

Για να μάθετε περισσότερα στη γλώσσα σας, καλέστε το **9280 1912**

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پر کال کریں۔ **9280 1917**

अपनी भाषा में अधिक जानने के लिए,
9280 1918 पर कॉल करें

तपाईंको भाषामा थप जान्नुको लागि,
9280 1910 मा कल गर्नुहोस्

To speak with us in a language not listed here, please call **9280 1919**

Kendi dilinizde daha fazla bilgi edinmek için **9280 1914**'ü arayın

For more information visit **merri-bek.vic.gov.au/your-language**

Learn about our next Capital Works Program

We're working through our next 4 Year Council Budget continuing our focus on delivering essential services and investing in the infrastructure our community needs.

Our 2026–30 Budget includes major investment in new and upgraded facilities, roads, parks and other infrastructure across Merri-bek.

Explore some of the major projects planned through Council's Capital Works Program over the next few years.

Visit conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/council-budget-2026-30



Major sporting upgrades

We're spending over \$15 million on upgrades to our sporting ovals and facilities, including major upgrades to the netball courts at Charles Mutton Reserve, Fawkner, a sporting field upgrade at Balfe Park, Brunswick, and a new hockey pitch at McDonald Reserve, Coburg.



New Early Years Hub

We're building a \$12.5 million brand new. Early Years Hub in Brunswick.



Glenroy Activity Centre

We're investing over \$3 million in upgrades to the Glenroy Activity Centre.



Parks and open space

We're investing over \$4.6 million on upgrades to our parks and open spaces, including a new stormwater harvesting facility at Reaburn Reserve, Brunswick, which will provide irrigation for the A.G. Gillon Oval and parklands.



Roads

We're spending \$5.2 million on road reconstructions and an additional \$1 million on road resurfacing



Coburg Library and piazza

We're working on detailed planning and design work for the \$60 million dollar library and piazza. library and public piazza in central Coburg.



New public toilets

We're building two new public toilets at Fran Street Reserve, Glenroy and Cox Reserve, Coburg



Gender-inclusive change rooms

We're building new gender-inclusive change rooms for sports clubs at De Chene Reserve, Coburg and A.G. Gillon Oval, Brunswick



Street safety

We're spending over \$4 million on safety and amenity upgrades to our streets, including foot path and bike path renewals and streetscape safety improvements.



Bike paths and footpaths

We're spending over \$2.2 million on bike path and footpath renewals



Drainage

We're spending over \$3.7 million on improvements to our drainage networks.



Spring clean, sorted

Spring is the perfect time for a clear-out, and our hard waste collection service makes it easy to clear out large, unwanted household items. If you or your landlord pay the annual waste charge, you receive two free collections each financial year, with each collection allowing up to one cubic metre of material.

If you don't pay the waste charge – for example, if you live in an apartment – you can still book a collection through Council at any time.

More than 22,000 collections were booked last financial year!

Visit hardrubbishmelbourne.com.au/merri-bek or call **9721 1915** to find out more.

Book ahead

The service is popular, so it's worth booking several weeks in advance. Residents are also encouraged to make the most of their annual allocation before it resets at the end of each financial year.

When to put your items out

Once your booking is confirmed, wait until the weekend before your collection date to place items on your nature strip. Putting items out too early can create safety and amenity issues.

No nature strip? Call **9721 1915** and the team can discuss an alternative collection arrangement.

Merri-bek a smart choice for business

From independent retailers and hospitality venues to innovative technology companies and creative studios, Merri-bek is home to a thriving mix of businesses.

With more than **16,700 registered businesses**, Merri-bek's local economy is diverse, entrepreneurial and continuing to grow.

Located in Melbourne's creative inner north, Merri-bek offers businesses the chance to be part of a vibrant community while staying close to the CBD and airport. Our well-known precincts – including the Brunswick Design District – sit alongside emerging businesses in biotechnology, healthcare, professional services, food manufacturing and distribution.

Merri-bek's skilled and diverse workforce is another drawcard, with strong connections to leading education and research institutions helping businesses access talent, ideas and new opportunities.

And businesses don't have to navigate it alone. Council's business support and investment services can help new and growing businesses understand local requirements, navigate approvals and get established.



Thinking about starting or growing a business in Merri-bek?

To find out how we can help, email business@merri-bek.vic.gov.au

Scan the QR code to discover what makes Merri-bek a great place to do business.



Support for Carers Program

Do you look after a family member or friend and need a break? We can help.

Caring for someone can be both rewarding and demanding, and it's easy to put your own needs last. Deb, a local carer who looks after her eighteen-year-old son, her parents and her other children, knows this well. "It's not just the physical helping someone," she says. "There's a big mental load I find as well — the appointments, and just always being on alert for what might happen next."

Our Support for Carers Program exists to help carers look after themselves, not just the person they care for — because when carers are well, everyone benefits. We can organise things like a break, support around the home, wellbeing activities, or learning and technology support for study or health.

For Deb, that support has made a real difference. "Even an hour or two just to go and have a massage, or a break from the mental load and the physical load, is very much needed a lot of the time," she says. "And just knowing there was someone who could help when I needed something was really good."



Support is shaped around what you need — whether that's practical help, wellbeing activities, or the chance to connect with other people who understand what caring involves. Deb has seen a shift in carers being recognised firsthand, yet there's still so much work to do. "Eighteen years ago, caring for someone was hidden — you didn't really talk about it," she says. "Now you can, and that's really important."

How to apply

To get this help, the person you care for must live in Merri-bek, and you'll need to show you're a carer (for example, a Carers Allowance Payment or other supporting documents).

To apply, call **9240 2302** or email **carersupport@merri-bek.vic.gov.au** in your preferred language.

BOLDER Stage 2 launches this Seniors Festival

This Seniors Festival, Merri-bek is proud to launch Bolder Stage 2 — a photography and storytelling project that puts older members of our community front and centre, celebrating the lives, wisdom and contributions they bring to Merri-bek every day.

Bolder is a direct challenge to ageism. Too often, older people are overlooked or reduced to stereotypes — but this project tells a different story, sharing real experiences through powerful portraits and first-person accounts.

See the exhibition

Visit the Bolder online exhibition to view the full collection: **conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bolder**

Get involved

Visit the Older people page on our website to learn about programs and services for older people in our community.



“Life is a journey, and whatever I have learned in my life, I'm using now. Life is beautiful and we continue to evolve.

76-year-old Brunswick West resident
Sunenna Bella

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Information in your language: Support for Carers



Visit: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/supportforcarers

Email: carersupport@merri-bek.vic.gov.au

Call: 9280 1916

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Programma di supporto per assistenti

Ti prendi cura di un familiare o di un amico?
Hai bisogno di un po' di riposo?

Il Comune di Merri-bek può aiutarti.
Possiamo pagare un caregiver che ti sostituisca per darti un po' di riposo, far consegnare i pasti a casa tua, comprare biglietti per il cinema o per il teatro, buoni per fare un massaggio, biglietti per la palestra o la piscina, corsi per imparare cose nuove, oppure un computer portatile, un tablet o uno smartwatch per lo studio o la salute.

Per ricevere questo aiuto, la persona che assisti deve vivere a Merri-bek, e devi poter dimostrare che sei un caregiver, ad esempio mostrando il Carers Allowance Payment o altri documenti di supporto.

Greek | ελληνικά

Πρόγραμμα Υποστήριξης Φροντιστών

Φροντίζετε ένα μέλος της οικογένειάς σας ή έναν φίλο; Χρειάζεστε ένα διάλειμμα;

Ο Δήμος Merri-bek μπορεί να βοηθήσει.
Μπορούμε να πληρώσουμε για έναν φροντιστή ώστε να έχετε ένα διάλειμμα, για παράδοση γευμάτων στο σπίτι σας, εισιτήρια κινηματογράφου ή θεάτρου, κουπόνια μασάζ, κάρτες γυμναστηρίου ή κολύμβησης, μαθήματα για να μάθετε νέα πράγματα, ή έναν φορητό υπολογιστή, tablet ή smartwatch για σπουδές ή για την υγεία σας.

Για να λάβετε αυτή τη βοήθεια, το άτομο που φροντίζετε πρέπει να ζει στην περιοχή Merri-bek, και πρέπει να αποδείξετε ότι είστε φροντιστής, για παράδειγμα με το Επίδομα Φροντιστή (Carers Allowance Payment) ή άλλα υποστηρικτικά έγγραφα.

Nepali | नेपाली

स्याहारकर्ताका लागि सहयोग कार्यक्रम

के तपाईं परिवारको सदस्य वा साथीको स्याहार गर्नुहुन्छ?
के तपाईंलाई आराम चाहिन्छ?

मेरी-बेक काउन्सिलले तपाईंलाई मदत गर्न सक्छ।

तपाईंलाई आराम दिनको लागि हामी स्याहारकर्ताको खर्च तिर्न सक्छौं। यसका साथै, हामी घरमा खाना पुर्याउने, चलचित्र वा नाटकको टिकट, मालिश (मसाज) भाउचर, जिम वा पौडी पास, नयाँ कुरा सिक्ने कक्षाहरू, वा पढाइ वा स्वास्थ्यको लागि ल्यापटप, ट्याब्लेट वा स्मार्टवाचको खर्च पनि सहयोग गर्न सक्छौं।

यो सहयोग पाउनको लागि, तपाईंले स्याहार गर्ने व्यक्ति मेरी-बेकमा बस्नुपर्छ, र तपाईं आफैं स्याहारकर्ता हो भनेर देखाउनुपर्छ — जस्तै Carers Allowance Payment वा अरू सहयोगी कागजातहरू।

Arabic | عربي

برنامج دعم مقدمي الرعاية

هل تعتني بأحد أفراد عائلتك أو صديق لك؟ هل تحتاج إلى المساعدة Merri-bek استراحة؟ يمكن لمجلس

يمكننا دفع تكاليف مقدم رعاية ليمنحك استراحة، وتوصيل وجبات الطعام إلى منزلك، وشراء تذاكر السينما أو المسرح، وقسائم التدليك (مساज)، وتذاكر الدخول إلى صالة الألعاب الرياضية أو السباحة، ودورات لتعلم أشياء جديدة، أو كمبيوتر محمول أو آي باد أو ساعة ذكية للدراسة أو الصحة

للحصول على هذه المساعدة، يجب أن يعيش الشخص الذي يجب أن تثبت أنك مقدم Merri-bek، تعتني به في منطقة رعاية، مثل إظهار أنك تتلقى دفعة بدل مقدمي الرعاية

Bakım Verenlere Destek Programı

Bir aile üyesine ya da arkadaşınıza bakım mı sağlıyorsunuz? Biraz dinlenmeye mi ihtiyacınız var?

Merri-bek Belediyesi aşağıdaki hizmet ve faaliyetler için destek sağlayabilir: size dinlenme fırsatı vermesi için bir bakıcıya ödeme (respite care), evinize yemek teslimatı, sinema veya tiyatro biletleri, masaj hediye çeki, spor salonu veya yüzme giriş kartı, yeni beceriler öğrenebileceğiniz kurslar, eğitim veya sağlık amaçlı kullanılabilecek dizüstü bilgisayar, tablet veya akıllı saat

Bu desteği alabilmek için:

- Bakımını üstlendiğiniz kişinin Merri-bek bölgesinde yaşıyor olması gerekir.
- Bakım veren olduğunuzu gösteren bir belge sunmanız gerekir. Örneğin, Carer Allowance (Bakım Veren Ödeneği) belgesi veya bunun gibi evraklar kabul edilmektedir.

Programa de Apoyo a Cuidadores y Cuidadoras

¿Cuida de un familiar o amigo? ¿Necesita un descanso? El Municipio de Merri-bek puede ayudarle.

Podemos pagar cuidados de relevo para que usted se tome un descanso, comida entregada en su casa, entradas para el cine o el teatro, cupones de masaje, pases para el gimnasio o la piscina, cursos para aprender cosas nuevas, o un computador portátil, una tableta o un reloj inteligente para sus estudios o su salud.

Para recibir esta ayuda, la persona a la que usted cuida debe vivir en Merri-bek, y usted debe demostrar que es cuidador/a, por ejemplo con el pago para cuidadores/as (Carers Allowance Payment) u otro documento que lo confirme.

照顾者支持计划

您是否在照顾家人或朋友？需要休息一下吗？

Merri-bek 市议会可以为您提供帮助

我们可以为您支付以下费用：聘请临时照顾者让您得以休息、送餐上门服务、电影或剧院门票、按摩券、健身或游泳通行证、学习新技能的课程，或是用于学习或健康管理的笔记本电脑、平板电脑或智能手表。

要获得此项帮助，您所照顾的人必须居住在 Merri-bek 地区，并且您必须提供照顾者身份证明，例如照顾者津贴（Carers Allowance Payment）的领取证明或其他支持性文件。

نگہداشت کرنے والوں کے لیے معاونت کا پروگرام

کیا آپ اپنے خاندان کے کسی فرد یا دوست کی دیکھ بھال کرتے ہیں؟ کیا آپ کو آرام کی ضرورت ہے؟ میری بیک کونسل مدد کر سکتی ہے۔

ہم آپ کو آرام دینے کے لیے ایک نگہداشت کنندہ کی ادائیگی کر سکتے ہیں، آپ کے گھر کھانا پہنچا سکتے ہیں، فلم یا تھیٹر کے ٹکٹ، مساج و اوچرز، جم یا تیراکی کے پاس، نئی چیزیں سیکھنے کے کورسز، یا پڑھائی یا صحت کے لیے لیپ ٹاپ، ٹیبلیٹ یا سمارٹ واچ خرید سکتے ہیں۔

یہ مدد حاصل کرنے کے لیے، جس شخص کی آپ دیکھ بھال کرتے ہیں اسے میری بیک میں رہنا ضروری ہے، اور آپ کو یہ ثابت کرنا ہوگا کہ آپ نگہداشت کنندہ ہیں، مثلاً کینرزز الاؤنس پیمینٹ دکھا کر۔

Chương Trình Hỗ Trợ Người Chăm Sóc

Quý vị đang chăm sóc người thân hoặc bạn bè? Quý vị cần được nghỉ ngơi? Hội Đồng Thành Phố Merri-bek có thể giúp đỡ.

Chúng tôi có thể sắp xếp người chăm sóc thay thế để quý vị được nghỉ ngơi, bữa ăn giao tận nhà, vé xem phim hoặc kịch, phiếu massage, thẻ tập gym hoặc bơi lội, các khóa học, hoặc máy tính xách tay, máy tính bảng hay đồng hồ thông minh phục vụ việc học tập hoặc giữ gìn sức khỏe.

Để nhận được sự hỗ trợ này, người mà quý vị chăm sóc phải sống tại Merri-bek, và quý vị phải chứng minh mình là người chăm sóc, ví dụ như có Trợ Cấp Người Chăm Sóc (Carers Allowance Payment) hoặc các giấy tờ chứng minh khác.

Make compost, not landfill

Did you know that most food scraps can go in your green, food and garden (FOGO) bin? They're turned into compost used by Victorian farmers to grow fresh food.

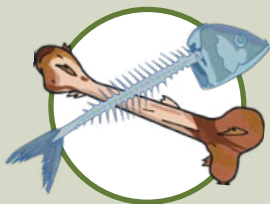
For more information on how to use your FOGO bin visit
➔ merri-bek.vic.gov.au/FOGO



What CAN go in your FOGO bin



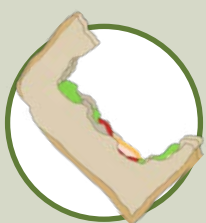
Fruits and vegetables



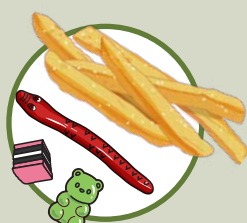
Meat, seafood and bones



Mouldy, rotting or expired food



Leftovers



Takeaway food



Garden clippings



You can wrap food in a paper bag, paper towel or newspaper to keep your kitchen caddy clean.



What CANNOT go in your FOGO bin



Compostable plastic bags



All other plastic bags



Food packaging of any kind, including fruit stickers

WHY use your FOGO bin?

1

Reduce food waste going to landfill



2

Reduced landfill = less pollution



3

Food scraps are turned into compost to help grow the food we eat





Ten years of the Noel Counihan Commemorative Art Award

This year's Merri-bek Summer Show marks ten years of the Noel Counihan Commemorative Art Award, a cash prize for artists whose work engages with social justice.

The 2026 exhibition theme is *Present Tense: 10 Years On*. Local artists reflect on how the last decade has shaped the world we live in now — through personal and local stories, politics, social issues, the environment and everyday life.

The Summer Show brings together artists from across Merri-bek in a vibrant annual exhibition at the Counihan Gallery.

Every artist in the show is eligible for the \$4,000 Noel Counihan Award, sponsored by Merri-bek City Council. It's judged by Counihan Gallery staff, a member of the Arts Advisory Committee and an independent arts professional. The prize is non-acquisitive, meaning winners keep their artwork. The winner will be announced at the exhibition celebration event on Saturday 5 December.

The winner of the award in 2024 was Merri-bek-based artist Setareh Hosseini, for her photographic and object-based work *Emigrabilia*, which explores migration, memory and displacement.

Setareh says: "Emigrabilia grew out of my long-standing interest in objects and the experience of having to leave them behind when we migrate... what can we carry from them?"

"Merri-bek's arts community has been a valuable example of how a local community can support artists... I am truly grateful for the opportunities and support Merri-bek's arts community offers."

The Summer Show opens to visitors between Wednesday 11 November – Thursday 17 December

A celebration event will be held to announce the prize winners on **Saturday 5 December, 2–4pm**. Come along to see the award winners' work.

People's Choice Award

Visit the exhibition and vote for your favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award, a **\$1,000 cash prize**, proudly supported by the Sydney Road Street Association. Visitors choose the winner, who is announced at the end of the exhibition.

Read more at ➡ merri-bek.vic.gov.au/counihan-2027

The Brunswick Circle: Connecting First Nations and multicultural communities



A new volunteer led initiative is bringing migrant, refugee and First Nations communities together to listen, learn and build trust.

The Brunswick Circle launched during Refugee Week in June, with Council's support. It is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia. The idea behind it is simple: meaningful relationships begin with listening.

The Circle gives migrant and refugee community members a chance to learn directly from local Traditional Owners about the history of the land and explore the issues that matter to communities in Brunswick and beyond.

Shankar Kasynathan, a former Victorian Multicultural Commissioner who's worked closely

with First Nations communities, says starting locally is key. Multicultural communities are diverse, and every community has different experiences and needs. Meaningful partnership starts with listening, understanding the local context and building relationships based on trust and respect.

"The Brunswick Circle matters to me because reconciliation can't just be a conversation happening somewhere else, between somebody else. Migrant and refugee communities have a place in this story too. Many of us know something about displacement, belonging and what it means to make a home on someone else's Country. The Circle is about creating a place where we can listen to First Peoples, confront what we don't know, and work out what solidarity actually asks of us," Shankar says.

The Circle also creates a space to connect First Nations history and knowledge with issues that affect migrant and refugee communities today, including racism, displacement, exclusion and belonging. It recognises that while communities have different experiences, there are also important connections between them.

The launch of the Brunswick Circle brought together local leaders working in multiculturalism, reconciliation and community building. Over time, the plan is for the Circle to grow into a regular gathering, with these conversations spreading out into the wider community.

Learn more about the Brunswick Circle at reconciliationvic.org.au, or follow Reconciliation Victoria on Facebook (@ReconciliationVictoria) and Instagram (@reconciliationvic).



Keep up to date with Treaty

Treaty is a new chapter for Victoria.

Meaning *tip of the spear* in Gunaikurnai, Gellung Warl is the new body created through Australia's First Treaty.

Follow the latest news and updates from Gellung Warl as the work of Treaty continues.

We are proud to support this journey with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and the broader First Peoples community.

➔ Learn more: gellungwarl.org



Council meetings

Did you know that we livestream and record our Council meetings? Council holds meetings to conduct the business of Merri-bek. Councillors represent the local community in making important decisions that affect how Merri-bek is run. Community members can also submit questions and statements online to be read at the meetings.

➔ Upcoming meetings:

14 October 2026

11 November 2026

Visit merri-bek.vic.gov.au/livestream-meetings



My Rainbow LGBTQIA+ Social Group – FREE

Come along to monthly get-together for young LGBTQIA+ people aged 12–17. Craft, eat, talk and hang out, with a different theme each month. This time it's a painting workshop and spider-making, plus cartoons, a free clothes swap and snacks. Fully supervised by Council staff.

➔ Friday 20 November

6pm – 8pm

4/8 Gaffney Street, Coburg North

Visit merri-bek.vic.gov.au/my-rainbow-social



Chatty Café

This series of gatherings brings the community together for friendly conversation, English practise and social connection. No need to book, just come along and make some new friends over a cuppa.

➔ Coburg Library

Wednesdays 2pm – 3.30pm

Where: Corner Victoria Street and Louisa Street, Coburg
Call: 8311 4100

➔ Glenroy Library

Fridays 11am – 12.30pm

Where: 50 Wheatsheaf Road
Call: 8311 4100



Fawkner Game Nights

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for tabletop games in a relaxed, friendly space. Light refreshments provided. For ages 15 and older. No need to register, just drop in.

➔ Tuesday 10 November

6pm – 8pm

Fawkner Library, 77 Jukes Road



Creative spaces

Our libraries have Makerspaces with sewing machines, Cricut cutting machines, 3D printers and digitisation stations. Free to use once you've completed a quick safety induction. Community members aged 15+ welcome.

➔ Brunswick, Coburg and Glenroy Libraries

Visit librarymakerspace@merri-bek.vic.gov.au



Parent Guardian Support Group

A relaxed space for carers to catch up, share a chat and connect with others and services. Free. Register to attend.

➔ First Thursday of the month 9.30am – 11.30am

Glenroy Neighbourhood House
5B Cromwell Street, Glenroy
Call 9304 3910 or visit gnh.org.au

Works in your area



🕒 Complete

Native Understorey Project, across Merri-bek

The Native Understorey Project is restoring native grasses, shrubs and groundcovers beneath the tree canopy at Merri-bek parks. Half this year's sites are already planted with 25,000+ plants going in, set to build wildlife habitat.



🕒 Complete

Gilpin Dog Park, Brunswick

The upgraded dog park at Gilpin Park, Brunswick recently opened, offering a refreshed space for dogs to explore and play. New features include weave poles for agility fun and an activity area with logs, tyres and tunnels to climb through and over. Shelters have also been installed to complete the upgrade.



🕒 Complete

Dunstan Reserve Childcare Centre upgrades, Brunswick West

Stage 1 at Dunstan Reserve Childcare Centre is complete, adding a kindergarten room, bathroom, deck, refurbished kitchen, reception, staff rooms and toilets.

Stage 2 finishes late 2026.



🕒 Complete

Urquhart Street, Coburg

Road reconstruction and upgrade works valued at \$490,000 have wrapped up on Urquhart Street, Coburg, between Alva Grove and Keith Street. The project rebuilt the road pavement, renewed kerb and channel, and improved drainage. Residents now enjoy safer roads and a smarter streetscape.



🕒 In Progress

McGregor Dawson Reserve, Coburg North

We've turned this Reserve into a grassland meadow restoration site, created with the University of Melbourne. Indigenous grass and wildflower seeds were sown to support threatened plant species, with five other councils testing methods for urban grassland restoration under Council's Nature Plan.



🕒 Complete

Devon Road, Pascoe Vale

The road has been reconstructed with renewed kerb, channel and footpaths. Vehicle crossings were also upgraded, and a new underground drainage system now replaces house drains that previously discharged to the kerb. Works are now complete.

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