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Fixing the waste crisis

Yarra is investing over \$3 million in new initiatives to tackle the waste crisis and support a shift towards a circular economy, including:

- Continuation of the 3-bin waste system to separate glass from comingled recycling
- Planning for a food and organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service
- Delivery of on-demand hard waste and green waste collection services

Investing in active transport

Yarra is investing over \$3.5 million in active transport initiatives across the municipality, including:

- Development of a Transport Action Plan to help guide future investment in local transport initiatives
- A package of traffic treatments and works to improve road and pedestrian safety and areas around schools.
- A package of pedestrian, cycling and road safety improvements and infrastructure projects across Yarra
- Upgrades to council-owned signalised intersections, kerb and channel projects and footpath works to improve access for people living with a disability
- Safety improvements for cyclists at Gipps Street intersections

Making great green spaces

Yarra is investing more than \$5 million to create and improve local open space and deliver a greener, more liveable city, including:

- An accelerated tree planting program and open space tree infill program
- Development of the Inner Circle Linear Parklands Masterplan
- Redevelop Gwynne Street Park and Stephenson Street Reserve in Cremorne and begin consultation, planning and design for two new pocket parks in Yarra.
- Renewal of the playground at Citizens Park (Richmond) and Batman Street Reserve (Fitzroy North) and undertake design works for playgrounds at Smith Reserve (Fitzroy), Golden Square (Richmond), Langdon Reserve (Fitzroy North) and Curtain Square (Carlton North)
- Delivery of the Nature Strategy Action Plan
- Package of renewal for sports equipment across the municipality
- Upgrade to fitness equipment at Atherton Reserve
- Renew lights at Fairfield Park Oval, Alphington and along paths at Smith Reserve, Fitzroy
- Path renewal at Charles Evans Reserve, Richmond
- Water management improvements in Whitlam Place with the installation of irrigation and drinking fountains.
- Progress planning application and community engagement for Panther Pavilion renewal
- Renewal of raingarden at Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy North
- Irrigation works and minor turf renewals

Building a fairer, more inclusive community

Yarra is investing over \$2 million to support local community services and organisations to help build a fairer, more inclusive community, including:

- A further round of annual grants in 2021 to partner with local community-led initiatives that respond to the social, cultural, recreational, economic and sustainability needs of residents
- Continued funding for the Investing in Community grants supporting 10 community organisations to deliver vital programs and services across Yarra through to 2023
- Taking a first step towards a new Community Hub at the Collingwood Town Hall Precinct, delivering essential services including a maternal and child health service
- Continued funding for our local Neighbourhood Houses which provide vital community services and support
- Upgrades to Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre to improve its amenity and ensure it caters to community need

Transitioning to renewable energy

Yarra is investing over \$3 million to support a local transition towards renewable energy and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, including:

- A package of support for business and vulnerable communities to respond to the climate emergency and additional funding for our community grants to support local climate action initiatives
- Formulation of a zero-carbon development planning scheme amendment
- Continued funding for the Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF)
- Advocacy to support an uptake in electrical vehicles
- Transitioning council assets from the use of natural gas and improve energy efficiency at our gyms
- Installation of additional solar panels on Council-owned buildings
- Replacement of plant and equipment at Collingwood Leisure Centre with electric alternative
- Replacement of Council-owned diesel equipment and assets with electric alternatives
- Continuing Council's transition from diesel and petrol vehicles (cars and trucks) to cleaner, greener alternatives