# TRANSFORMING Southbank Boulevard

# **Construction update**

## June 2021

Works along Southbank Boulevard have progressed significantly in 2021, with the Civic Space completed earlier in the year and construction now focussed on the two neighbourhood parks.

### **Civic Space**

The Civic Space to the front of the ABC was completed and has been used by the Southbank community since March 2021. The 2200 square metre plaza of open space features a new lawn and granitic sand area, bluestone paving and picnic tables, benches and BBQs. A central stone terrace has also been built with data and electrical points for outside radio broadcasts and community events.

Following completion of the Civic Space, 39 trees were planted including Desert Fan Palms, Paper Bark Tea Trees, Green Honey Locusts and Yellow Bloodwoods, along with other plants as part of the City of Melbourne's tree planting program over April and May 2021. Ten trees now remain to be planted.

#### **Neighbourhood Parks**

Construction of the neighbourhood parks commenced in February and will be completed by end of 2021. The parks will create an additional 2730m<sup>2</sup> of open space on Southbank Boulevard and will feature new lighting, hardstand areas for congregation with feature rock work and seating, lawn, garden beds, ground cover planting and new trees.



Neighbourhood park, Fawkner Street to City Road



Neighbourhood park, Moore Street to Kavanagh Street

#### Works include:

#### Moore Street to Kavanagh Street

- Landscape works on the corner of Kavanagh Street and bluestone paving on the Moore Street corner will be completed by early June and opened for public use
- Planting of trees in this section will be carried out in June
- Other works underway for the remainder of this section are expected to be completed in September 2021.

#### Fawkner Street to City Road

- Bluestone paving has been partially completed in front of Australia 108 and opened to the public, allowing for better access to the building and improved pedestrian movement along Southbank Boulevard
- We are now proceeding with the remaining works, which includes bluestone paving, garden beds and construction of a boardwalk through the garden beds. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

