

Solway Ward

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Cr Garry Thompson
at the renovated Y Street
Community Services
building with David
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A message from your Councillor

Did you know that World Lacrosse is very close to securing inclusion in the Olympics to be held in Los Angeles in 2028? Did you also know there is a chance that current and future players at Camberwell Lacrosse may represent Australia at those Olympics? It was great to catch up with Camberwell Lacrosse Club President Jennie Easson to hear of the exciting developments in lacrosse here locally. Jennie has been a volunteer with Camberwell Lacrosse for 20 years and started volunteering as a minute taker in those early days when her son joined the club. I invite you to read more of Jennie and her story as one of the great volunteers in our community.

Well, it does feel like winter has come quickly to our neighbourhood. However, I have to say that autumn was spectacular with its display of colour and character across Glen Iris and

Ashburton. I know we don't all like those leaves falling everywhere, but it does make for a stunning display. By the way, we doubled our street sweeping frequency as a trial through autumn. Please let me know your thoughts on whether this frequency should be retained in the years ahead.

It will be great to officially open the Y Street community facility after its extensive renovations. Y Street has expanded to serve the growing needs of our community and it is a pleasure to see that this newly renovated facility will live up to community demand and expectation.

Stay active and stay warm this winter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry Thompson'.

Cr Garry Thompson

Y Street building set to reopen

If you walk along Y Street, Ashburton, you might have noticed a freshly landscaped front yard at Number 4. The Y Street Community Services building, home to Camcare, has recently been renovated as part of our building renewal program.

The building upgrade involved both internal and external works, including refurbishments, updated heating and cooling systems, roof restoration works, a fresh backyard with a new pergola, paving and landscaping, and a newly paved front garden with benches for community members to use.

Previously an administrative base for Camcare, when they reopen in July the team will also be seeing clients at the building, including using the beautiful new outdoor spaces for meetings. The refurbishment will allow Camcare to provide a range of services to the Ashburton community, currently offered at its Camberwell site.

We look forward to seeing this welcoming space being used and enjoyed by both Camcare staff and their clients as a place to meet, connect, participate in activities and belong.

The Camcare team is currently seeking new volunteers to join them in their work with the local community. Please visit their website to find out about current opportunities: camcare.org.au or email camcare@camcare.org.au



Finding joy in her club community

Did you know Boroondara has the highest rate of volunteering in metro Melbourne? If you're looking for a new activity this winter and a way to support your community, you could consider volunteering.

Solway resident Jennie Easson is President of the Camberwell Lacrosse Club, having previously held the positions of Secretary and Vice President for almost 20 years.

Jennie's son started playing lacrosse as a junior and she was quickly captivated by the skilled and fast-moving nature of the sport. She also found in the club a welcoming and friendly new community.

"The most enjoyable part of the job is communicating with and mixing with the club members and supporters and members of other clubs in the lacrosse community," says Jennie.

Her role requires excellent organisational skills to ensure the club can support its teams, coaches, officials and other volunteers. She has learnt about everything from Council compliance, social media and budgeting to state and

national sporting trends and policies, as well as lacrosse sticks and protective equipment. Jennie has also become an accredited official of both men's and women's lacrosse.

She says her volunteer role with the club is "such an enjoyable part of my life"... I feel that I have learnt more and had more enjoyment than I have put in."

Jennie encourages others in the community who are considering volunteering to give it a go.

"Starting is the hardest part. Find a friend and offer to take on a role together. I remember when another parent took me to the AGM and I put my hand up for the Secretary role. No regrets, so much learnt and so many people to meet."

The Camberwell Lacrosse Club is one of many local organisations seeking volunteers. If you're seeking a volunteer role but you're not sure where to start, contact the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre:



[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/
volunteers-boroondara](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/volunteers-boroondara)

Planting trees to reduce our emissions

We planted around 2,000 new trees in Boroondara in the 2022-23 financial year. This included the 1,000 trees we commit to planting every year, as well as an additional 1,000 trees we promised to plant in the last financial year as an action of our Climate Action Plan.

Here in Solway Ward and surrounds, this included:

- around 110 new trees in Ashburton
- around 180 new trees in Glen Iris
- around 200 new trees in Camberwell.

Young trees, whether planted on your nature strip by Council, or in your own backyard, will always benefit from a little extra attention.

Water it: We water new trees in public spaces to help them get established. However, pouring an extra bucket of water around young and mature trees once a week during the warmer months will help keep them healthy. To check whether your new trees need watering, feel the soil just below the layer of mulch – if it's dry, the tree should be watered.

Mind the bark: When mowing and using line trimmers, avoid contact with a tree's bark. Bark helps protect trees from pests and diseases, and damaging it can cause serious harm.

To find out more about our tree renewal program, visit:



[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/
tree-renewal-program-2023](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/tree-renewal-program-2023)



Open House: what to see near you

Open House Melbourne (29 and 30 July) invites you to step inside some of Boroondara's most iconic buildings to explore something old, learn something new and discover the possibilities of our city's urban fabric as it continues to evolve.

Explore some of Boroondara's architectural gems to find out fascinating facts about your municipality's history and plans for the future.

Our 2023 program has a range of opportunities spread out throughout the municipality for you to take a guided tour with a local resident, historian or architect.

Discover more

City of Boroondara is hosting several Open House Melbourne events this year with a total of 11 venues waiting for you to explore across the community.

Council is opening up Hawthorn Arts Centre, Kew Court House and the Camberwell Civic Precinct, with exhibits and discussions about how these buildings have been reinvented,

repurposed and adapted to suit the community's evolving needs over time.

Here in Solway Ward, visitors can also discover more about Markham Avenue – a new social/affordable housing development in Ashburton.

Architectural design leads from the project (pictured above) will offer visitors guided tours of the development, focusing on architectural and landscape design features, as well as the drivers for delivering this significant social housing project.

Access the full program

Further information about the full range of Boroondara buildings and activities featuring in this year's Open House Melbourne is available on the City of Boroondara website.

Visit:



[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/
open-house-23](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-23)

*Locations listed are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change.

Winter wanders in Solway Ward

If you're in need of some fresh winter's air, why not enjoy one of our wonderful walks, parks or paths here in Solway Ward?

We're spoiled for choice when it comes to shared walking and riding paths – you can warm up by strolling or spinning along the accessible Gardiners Creek and Anniversary trails, or venture through bushland down the Ferndale Trail.

Skateboarders are also in luck as Solway Ward is home to 2 skate parks – one at Hill 'n' Dale Park in Glen Iris, and another at Ashburton's Markham Reserve.

Hill 'n' Dale Park (pictured below) connects to Summerhill Park via the Ferndale Trail. Warm yourself up here with a coffee on one of the park benches while the kids explore the mini maze and fenced sand area, climbing frames and slides.

Along with its skate park, public toilet and accessible facilities, Markham Reserve has an adventure park with climbing nets, a flying fox, monkey bars and a sandpit.

Do you have furry family members to keep entertained? You'll find off-leash parks at Ashburton Park, Hartwell Sportsground, Hill 'n' Dale Park, Markham Reserve, Summerhill Park and Warner Reserve.

