

Glenferrie Ward

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Glenferrie Ward Cr Wes Gault before the demolition of Glenferrie Oval's Ferguson Stand.

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Making way for new open space at Glenferrie Oval

We're demolishing the dilapidated Ferguson Stand and creating a new open space so our community can use this much-loved precinct.

We recently invited our community to have their say on the draft landscape concept plan for the new open space. It was fantastic to see 180 people provide feedback through consultation, with strong support for the draft concept.

People told us they liked the grassed lawn for relaxing or watching the oval, the accessible pathway link through the new public open space, and the plaza with informal seating. They also told us they would like native trees and plants incorporated to complement the existing eucalyptus trees in the area. All these elements will feature in the final design.

Demolition of the Ferguson Stand is complete, and we expect to start the landscape works for the new open space in the coming months. We're working towards having this new space ready for enjoyment by early next year.

You can visit the Engage Boroondara page to learn more about the project: engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/revitalising-glenferrie-oval

A message from your Councillor

Winter is upon us, and I hope you are all keeping well and warm (with an increasing number of us using efficient and environmentally friendly electric heat-pump appliances).

I am delighted to report that not only did the bulldozers arrive at Glenferrie Oval, but by the time you read this the remains of the rusty old Ferguson Stand will be gone. Landscape construction works at the site of the former Ferguson Stand will begin later in 2023.

Plans to refurbish the Michael Tuck Stand are progressing nicely, and will provide a wonderful new lease on life for this grand old facility. I look forward to sharing the details with you later this year.

Thank you to all who contributed to our deliberations on the Place Plan for Glenferrie Road and future parking options. Many of you had your say. We look forward to being able to give you more detail about how this much-loved retail strip will be revitalised.

Council has a clear target of increasing annually the tree canopy in Boroondara, an initiative we can all help with through retention and proper care of our own garden trees, as well as street trees. Care tips to assist with this are included in this newsletter.

In earlier issues of this newsletter we advised of the formation of the community-led group Electrify Boroondara. It will work with councils and our representatives at all levels of government to encourage and assist the Boroondara community to make the big shift towards a much more environmentally friendly electric future. This group now has a website and information on social media, and a launch and equipment expo is being planned for October. More details will follow in future editions of the *Bulletin*.

Cr Wes Gault



Open House Melbourne: find out what's happening 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 throughout the municipality for you to take a guided tour with a local resident, historian or architect.

Discover more near you

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 Kew Court House and Camberwell Civic Precinct – as well

as Hawthorn Arts Centre here in Glenferrie Ward. Come along for exhibits and tours showcasing how this iconic building has evolved from being an administrative centre to one of the premier exhibition and live-performance venues in Melbourne.

Staying in Hawthorn, the Melbourne Tram Museum also opens its doors for a fascinating look back in time and the various vehicles that transported our forebears.

Access the full program

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

Visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-melbourne-23

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

Hearing from you on Glenferrie Road

In late-2021 we consulted on the Glenferrie Road Place Plan and the community told us that upgrading the main shopping strip to make it more welcoming and accessible is the most important improvement we can make.

This April we asked the community how they want us to tackle the potential relocation of parking spaces when we revitalise Glenferrie Road, including the option of accommodating them on Park Street.

With 863 survey contributions and high attendance at our workshop and 4 drop-in events, we had a solid showing of community participation in this engagement.

All your feedback will be collated and analysed, and a summary report of the engagement results will be presented to councillors and shared with the community.

Follow the Engage page for updates on this consultation: engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-rd-consultation





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 Glenferrie Ward and surrounds, this included:

- around 200 new trees in Hawthorn
- around 240 new trees in Kew.

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 planted in public spaces to help them get established. To check whether your new trees need watering, feel the soil just below the layer of mulch – if the soil is 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, especially to young trees.

Give it space: Avoid parking cars too close to a tree or storing heavy machinery or materials beneath the canopy to ensure the soil doesn't compact and oxygen can reach the roots. For young trees, try to leave 2 metres of clear space around them.

Report it: Help us care for our street trees by letting us know if there are issues with a tree's health, and reporting any acts of vandalism via our easy online form at: [service.boroondara.vic.gov.au/report-an-issue](https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/report-an-issue)

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

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/tree-renewal

Community group helps to reach CAP targets

Our Climate Action Plan sets out targets to reduce Council's corporate greenhouse gas emissions, as well as aspirational 'community targets' our whole community needs to work together to achieve.

Electrify Boroondara is a new community group focused on helping people reduce their greenhouse emissions to make progress on these Climate Action Plan targets.

The group supports electrification and use of renewable electricity to replace natural gas and vehicle fuels. It supports community members to transition to electric appliances, take up rooftop solar and electric vehicles, and improve the energy efficiency of homes and other buildings.

In early-2023, Council endorsed supporting Electrify Boroondara. Councillors Wes Gault, Lisa Hollingsworth and Susan Biggar will attend Electrify Boroondara meetings with council officers.

Electrify Boroondara plans to host an official launch event in late-2023. You can stay up to date by visiting their website: electrifyboroondara.org

You can also track progress on our Climate Action Plan at: climateactionplan.boroondara.vic.gov.au

