

# Junction Ward

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Junction Ward Cr Di Gillies at Camberwell Fresh Food Market on its first day of Sunday trading.



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Camberwell has a new playground on the former Reserve Road car park.



## A message from your Councillor

My congratulations to Camberwell Primary School on the opening of the new playground on the former Reserve Road car park. As a past parent and School Council president, I appreciate the exemplary educational role the school plays in our community.

Summer is upon us, and along with it comes our free Summer in the Park events. These have become a wonderful entertainment feature in our local parks and I hope you can take part this summer. In a different style of entertainment, the Kylie and Dannii Minogue appreciation day at the Camberwell Rotary Sunday Market in October was a huge success with professional impersonators, trivia, singing, dancing and general frivolity that had everyone smiling and toe-tapping.

A few months ago I had the pleasure of being present to witness 2 local Venturer Scouts, Josh and Henry, receive their Queen's Scout awards. The significance of the Queen's Scout Award goes much deeper than attaining badges and simply having fun. It takes close to 3,000 hours of commitment, effort, creative problem solving, adventures, community service and more, which is why it is so highly regarded. These

activities contribute to the development of a special type of young person, willing to have a go at expanding their skills and take on challenges. Broad-ranging skills that can contribute to setting a young person up for their future. They do have lots of fun too.

One of Council's key actions this year has been the Climate Action Plan, together with the community alliance Electrify Boroondara's efforts to engage and inform how we can reduce our carbon emissions. Another key plan that now moves into its next iteration is the Boroondara Heritage Strategy. Many of you are aware that community feedback is currently open on the Camberwell Structure and Place Plan. I look forward to hearing from you as we set up the precinct strategically for the future.

As we are nearing the end of 2023, I wish you, your friends and families a safe, happy, healthy Christmas and a very happy New Year 2024.

**Cr Di Gillies**

## Camberwell Fresh Food Market opens on Sundays

The Camberwell Fresh Food Market is now open on Sundays, with selected traders opening from 10 am to 3 pm.

This is perfect timing as we head into the festive period to fuel up with a coffee and a market stop on your Sunday shopping trip.

It also means market-goers and stallholders from the Camberwell Sunday Market can now head into the Fresh Food Market building to use the toilets. Toilet upgrades at the Fresh Food Market were finished in October – just in time for Kylie & Dannii Day.

They mark the completion of the Camberwell Fresh Food Market upgrades project which last year delivered new seating areas inside and outside the market building – a popular addition.

The market is open 7 am to 5 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 10 am to 3 pm Sundays (selected traders only).

To find out more, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/fresh-food-market](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/fresh-food-market)





## Last chance to have your say on Camberwell Junction plan

Camberwell Junction is the heart of the Junction Ward neighbourhood, but it's also an important activity centre for Boroondara and Melbourne more widely – for shopping, employment, public transport, services and housing. Its popularity is growing and more residents in the future will call it home.

Our draft Camberwell Junction Structure and Place Plan aims to ensure the centre is a great place to visit, shop, work and live. You can have your say on the draft plan up until 5 pm on Monday 11 December at Engage Boroondara.

By preparing a Structure and Place Plan, Council can guide the design and scale of new development, while protecting the character and heritage of the centre that locals love. The draft plan also identifies targeted improvements to public spaces, transport infrastructure and community facilities that will support the growing centre and make it more attractive to visitors.

To do this, we've taken the 6 Junction-wide priorities the community told us would deliver their vision for the area,

and have expanded on them with strategies and actions. We've also defined 6 distinct precincts, such as Fritsch Holzer and Burke Junction, to make the most of each one's opportunities.

All actions aim to improve Camberwell Junction in line with the community's vision of a prosperous, desirable metropolitan destination.

The Victorian Government has recently indicated it intends to introduce planning controls for Camberwell Junction by late 2024. Council does not support this intervention as this Structure and Place Plan has already been drafted and is informed by extensive research and community input. We will continue to work with state departments as we believe this plan will deliver the best outcomes for this precinct.

To explore our comprehensive framework, which aims to guide future development proposals as well as public space upgrades, visit: [engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-junction-plan-draft](https://engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-junction-plan-draft)

## Fans come out for Kylie & Dannii Day

If you attended the Kylie & Dannii Day event in October, you were 'so lucky' to celebrate the singing-dancing-acting duo at our buzzing Camberwell Sunday Market.

The famous Minogue sisters grew up in Camberwell and attended nearby schools. This event, running for the second year, celebrates the Minogue sisters' connection to Camberwell.

Fans came out in force, spinning around in their best Kylie and Dannii lookalike creations in the fashion parade. Kylie and Dannii tracks played throughout the morning, and market-goers were treated to roving entertainment, lip-sync performances and an appearance from Melbourne's most famous Kylie impersonator, Millie Minogue.

Thanks to everyone who came along, it was a fun and inclusive day out for all.

You can dig up a vintage or handmade treasure at the Camberwell Sunday Market any weekend. It's open 7 am to 12:30 pm every Sunday, except the 2 Sundays before Christmas.



Junction Ward Cr Di Gillies with Queen's Scout Award recipients Josh Welch (left), and Henry Shirrefs.



## Local Scouts achieve peak award

Two Junction Ward teenagers have hiked, biked, climbed, paddled, planned and led their way to achieving the peak award for Venturer Scouts.

Josh Welch, 17, and Henry Shirrefs, 18, were recently presented with Queen's Scout awards.

It was the culmination of multiple achievements across about 3 years. As well as advancing in a wide variety of outdoor adventure skills, they each took part in and led activities with their peers, completed 6 personal projects, undertook a leadership course, and planned and led an 'adventurous journey' for fellow Venturers. For this, Josh organised a 4-day hike at Gariwerd/Grampians in Victoria's west, and Henry a 4-day bike hike around Port Phillip Bay, starting and finishing at their 2nd/6th Hawthorn Scout Group hall in Victoria Road in Hawthorn East.

Group Leader Marcus Shirrefs, Henry's father, says the group has seen only 20 King's or Queen's Scout awards across the past 81 years. "To have 2 in close

succession is a great achievement," he says.

"We recently commissioned some honour boards for the group which we unveiled at the award ceremony for the boys so we're able to display the full history in our hall."

The 2nd/6th Hawthorn Scout group has around 75 youth members across Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. They have 12 volunteer leaders and are always looking for more help or volunteers.

The City of Boroondara supports Scouts through the Community Strengthening Grants program and providing Council land for many Boroondara Scouts buildings.

On a sad note for local Scouts, Boroondara resident Lord Michael Baden-Powell, grandson of Scouts founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell, passed away recently. He was strongly involved with the Scouts movement in Australia and beyond.

## Update: soft plastic recycling service

We launched our temporary soft plastic recycling service in late July to fill the gap left by the collapse of the REDcycle program. Thank you to all residents who have embraced this new service and contributed positively to the environment by doing so.

In its first 3 months we had an estimated 2,850 visits across our 2 collection points, at the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre (648 Riversdale Road, Camberwell) and the Kew Depot Recycling Drop-off Centre (31-35 Hutchinson Drive, Kew).

We encourage residents to continue dropping off small household amounts of unavoidable soft plastics for recycling. Check the web page below to ensure there's capacity at the collection point.

We accept plastic bags, food packets/wrappers and bubble wrap. Items like plastic bottles/containers, cling wrap, biscuit trays and cellophane are not accepted through this service.

To find out more about the service, including the full list of accepted items, and how to correctly dispose of or recycle other plastic items, visit: [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics)

