

Lynden Ward

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Lynden Ward Cr Lisa Hollingsworth with Manju and Simone Palam at their dental practice on Riversdale Road.

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Dear Resident,

On Australia Day this year it was my privilege to preside at the Hawthorn Arts Centre Citizenship Ceremony that officially welcomed new citizens to our nation, and to our home here in Boroondara.

The event is proudly supported by the Boroondara Australia Day Committee, led by long-serving President Mrs Jan Dimmick who works closely with Council to ensure becoming a citizen in the City of Boroondara is a memorable experience and a great celebration.

This year we naturalised 153 new Australians from all corners of the globe – 29 countries in total, and in doing so we pay tribute to their skills and experience, their stories and their culture. Together they will add to the multicultural tapestry of our neighbourhoods, and enrich the lives we live in our vibrant communities together.

It was also my pleasure to announce our 2024 Boroondara Citizen of the Year, Brenton Ponza, an inspiring man living with cerebral palsy. Brenton has undertaken numerous leadership

roles volunteering in Boroondara and neighbouring districts. He is a mentor to people living with disability and a powerful advocate pursuing his passion for greater diversity and inclusivity in sport – a dream he is bringing to life through his role as a volunteer coach at GoZone Gymnastics.

Henry Shirrefs, our Young Citizen of the Year, has led successful initiatives creating a heightened awareness of global concerns regarding the environment and mental health. His efforts include setting up an interschool sustainability partnership as well as helping raise more than \$47,000 for Lifeline.

Brenton and Henry are ready-made examples of selfless and engaged citizens that our newest citizens may well take as inspiration.

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Charge up at Burwood Village

We are supporting our community's transition to electric vehicles (EVs) by installing EV fast-charging stations. And now they are in your neighbourhood.

The new charging stations at Camberwell's Burwood Village are just a short walk from the heart of the shopping precinct, at 238A Warrigal Road. They can provide fast and reliable charging for anyone visiting local shops and businesses. You can also charge up your EV at Hawthorn Aquatic Leisure Centre car park, which is walking distance from Glenferrie Road.

We are proud to be delivering this project through our Climate Action Plan, which commits us to making charging stations available within a 2 km radius of major activity centres by 2030. The EV chargers are powered by 100% renewable electricity. EVs are increasingly popular in our community. Boroondara has the highest number of registered EVs across all local government areas in Victoria and ranks among the top 5 in Australia.

You can access the EV charger stations through the Chargefox app. All EV types can charge at the stations. For more information on our EV chargers, visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/ev-chargers





Dentistry's new heritage home, a stone's throw away

It is the end of an era at the Art Deco building at 721 Riversdale Road as Camberwell Dental Centre prepares to relocate to larger premises.

Generations of Camberwell and Canterbury residents have climbed the steps of the distinctive brown-and-tan brick building to attend to their dental needs.

The rounded corner design of the 2-storey building is known as Streamline Moderne. This was a popular architectural style for commercial buildings in the 1930s.

It has housed dental practices for more than 80 years since it was purpose-built for graduating dentist Victor Schneider, completed in 1939. Apart from his World War II service with the Australian Army, Victor worked there until retirement in 1983.

Paul Farran and John Carroll bought the practice in 1977 and when John retired

in 2012, Manju Palam took over as the current practitioner.

Manju and his wife Simone moved here after working in rural Victoria for almost 20 years. They said they felt at home right away when settling into Riversdale Road. 'Middle Camberwell has a very similar feel of a small hamlet with a strong sense of community,' says Manju.

Their dental practice is moving to another heritage-listed property just up the road at 639 Riversdale Road. The Edwardian-era home has housed a medical practice for more than 20 years. Manju says it will be more accessible for patients with mobility issues and has more space to house the advanced equipment used in modern dentistry.

The striking 721 Riversdale Road building is recognised in Boroondara's Heritage Overlay as part of the Hassett Estate Precinct (HO191).

Get snapping!

No one knows a neighbourhood as well as the people who live there. That is why we are inviting photographers to get out and about in Lynden Ward to celebrate what makes it special.

Yes, our Boroondara Photograph Competition is back, with great prizes to be won.

This year's theme is Explore Boroondara. Whether you are a total beginner or a pro, we want to see your shots highlighting Boroondara's people, places, natural environment and heritage.

Entries are now open, and close on Sunday 5 May. There are 2 categories to enter:

- Young photographers competition – for young photographers of school age (up to 18 years old on 1 January 2024).
- Open photographers competition – open to individuals of all ages.

Photos submitted as part of the competition must be taken in Boroondara. Photos can be pictures from the past that celebrate Boroondara's heritage, or new shots that celebrate Boroondara as you see it now.

To find out more and enter today visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/photo-competition





Our top tips for off-lead etiquette

Dogs and their owners are well catered for in Lynden Ward, with 7 off-lead dog parks. You will find them in Frog Hollow Reserve, Lynden Park, Willison Park, Fairmont Avenue Reserve, Murdoch Street Reserve, Cooper Reserve and Highfield Park. (Please note: only the south oval at Highfield Park is off-lead).

We all have a role to play in ensuring our parks and shared areas are welcoming and safe for everyone.

Being a responsible dog walker means more than just giving your canine companion exercise, it is also about how you manage your dog's behaviour around other people and animals.

For your off-lead adventures:

- Please carry dog-waste bags with you and use them.
- Keep your dog 30 m from in-use barbecues or picnic areas, public meetings or sporting events, and 10 m from the perimeter of a playground.

- Always keep an eye on your dog. Your pet should not threaten any person or animal and must respond to voice commands or hand controls when off-lead.
- Remember to check Council signs to make sure you are aware of any specific park rules.

We thank all the responsible dog owners who are helping to keep our parks enjoyable places for everyone to visit.

Renew or register your pet today

All cats and dogs over 3 months old must be registered with Council. If you have recently moved, or your pet ownership details have changed, you can update your contact details with us. Registration renewals are due by Tuesday 9 April. You can pay your annual pet registration renewal fee online at: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/pet-registration or visit the customer service counter at the Boroondara Civic Centre.

A new pavilion for Highfield Park

Plans are underway to upgrade the existing pavilion at Highfield Park to provide a high-quality facility for our community and sports clubs. In February and March, the community were invited to have their say on the draft design for the new pavilion.

Key features include:

- 4 unisex change rooms with toilets and showers
- 2 umpire rooms
- an accessible public toilet that can be accessed externally by the community
- a first aid room
- external building and path lighting to improve safety
- a flexible multi-purpose space with storage
- a kitchen/kiosk with serving counters
- a sheltered viewing area
- a ramp to improve pavilion access
- accessible car parks
- a solar PV system.

Thank you to everyone who had their say. This feedback is currently being reviewed and will help inform an updated design, which will be shared in mid to late-2024.

Learn more about the upgrade:

engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/highfield-pavilion Click 'Follow' to receive the latest updates.

