

Gardiner Ward

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U3A Hawthorn recorder and acoustic guitar groups at the new Lewin Reserve pavilion.



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The U3A Hawthorn watercolour painting class at Lewin Reserve pavilion.



Playground set for renewal

Howard Dawson Reserve on Burke Road in Glen Iris is loved by our community for its variety of play options, open space, half-basketball court and its convenient location near Gardiners Creek.

Due to its age and condition, we're renewing the playground at the reserve to make it a more accessible and fun space.

Throughout February, we asked playground visitors to share their thoughts about the playground to help us shape the draft design.

Thanks to those who submitted their feedback through our online survey and pop-up consultation at the playground. Ideas from children who regularly use the playground were particularly valuable to us, and we enjoyed looking at your imaginative drawings to help us shape the future play space.

The community will be invited to give feedback on the draft playground design from mid-2024 before it's finalised. We expect to start building the new playground in the 2025–26 financial year (subject to Council's annual budget process).

For more details and to keep up to date about the final design concept, visit: engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/howard-dawson-reserve-playground-renewal

A message from your Councillor

Preserving our city's history and protecting heritage properties and precincts is important to many in our community. You'll be pleased to know that a comprehensive heritage review of all streets and properties in Gardiner Ward and our wider municipality is now complete. This vast body of work has established numerous additional heritage precincts and protected many individually significant properties.

The new pavilion at Lewin Reserve in Glen Iris is now complete and operational. However, it is not just for the use of sports clubs, as is sometimes assumed. Each weekday it is used by U3A Hawthorn for classes ranging from watercolours, mahjong and bridge, to recorder and acoustic guitar. Hundreds of local residents over the age of 55 are members of U3A Hawthorn.

The new pavilion is fully accessible and only a short walk from the nearby U3A main campus and car park. Local Gardiner Ward resident, volunteer and convenor of one of the U3A mahjong groups, Judy Park, says: 'The new

pavilion provides a wonderful facility for us close to our main campus. Some of our members are old and frail and have mobility needs. The new access ramp is critical for providing a convenient and accessible link to the nearby U3A main campus and car park.'

Surface renewal works at Dorothy Laver Reserve West (Glen Iris) and Ashburton Park are progressing well. Turf was installed in March, and the temporary fencing will remain until May. This will allow the grass to settle in and establish, after which the sportsgrounds will again be available for the allocated sporting clubs and wider community.

Finally, keep an eye out for a mural in the Hartwell Shopping Village over the coming months. It will feature artwork from children of Glen Iris, Camberwell South, St Dominic's and Hartwell primary schools.

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7 Fuller Avenue, Glen Iris – a Californian bungalow-style home built in 1925 by owner-builder H. E. Marriot – has been recommended for heritage protection.



Heritage reviews in Gardiner Ward

Gardiner Ward boasts many properties with the unique characteristics of Melbourne houses built in the inter-war period, between the First and Second World Wars. This was a time of significant change and saw a surge of development in the area. The inter-war period includes styles such as art deco, Californian bungalow and Spanish Mission.

A key action of Council's Heritage Action Plan 2016 was to undertake heritage studies for all our suburbs to close the gaps in Boroondara's Heritage Overlays. Council went street-by-street to identify properties and precincts that were not then protected by a heritage overlay, but which held significant heritage value. A Heritage Overlay helps ensure a property's social, aesthetic and historical value is preserved.

The final heritage study is the Mont Iris Estate and Environs Precinct review. This is now in its last stages and will require approval from the Minister for Planning. It will protect 3 small precincts located in and around Dent Street in Glen Iris and High Street North and Tower Hill Rd in Ashburton. It also protects 2 individually significant heritage properties at 7 and 33 Fuller St, Glen Iris.

Completed heritage gap studies in Gardiner Ward

Glen Iris was completed in 2022 and resulted in protection of an additional:

- 3 precincts
- 15 individually significant heritage properties.

Hawthorn East was completed in 2021 and resulted in protection of an additional:

- 7 precincts
- 17 individual properties
- an extension to an existing precinct.

Camberwell was completed in 2018 and resulted in protection of an additional:

- 10 additional precincts
- 20 individual properties.

While no further heritage precincts are proposed in Gardiner ward, an individually significant property could still be considered for protection. This could happen through a community nomination, detailed assessment and then community consultation.

For more information go to: **engage. boroondara.vic.gov.au/heritage-C394**

Heritage bid for 'Barrabool'

Council is seeking heritage protection for 1920s Camberwell property 'Barrabool'.

At 508-510 Burke Road, on the corner of Currajong Avenue, this property previously served as a doctor's residence and surgery. It is an architecturally significant example of an inter-war 'Arts and Crafts' bungalow.

Barrabool was considered for heritage protection in the Camberwell Heritage Gap Study in 2018 as part of a precinct extension. It was assessed by an independent planning panel and was not supported, so the protection did not progress at this time.

In 2023, a community nomination identified the architect of Barrabool. This prompted us to reconsider it for heritage protection, with a detailed heritage assessment and community consultation. It is now recognised that Barrabool was designed by prominent Boroondara architect Christopher Cowper. As one of Victoria's foremost architects of the Federation Queen Anne style, he shaped the built form of the Grace Park Estate and designed villas in Boroondara and elsewhere.

If the Minister for Planning approves our request, we will proceed to public consultation.

See **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/barrabool**



Barrabool, a 1920 interwar Arts and Crafts bungalow, is being recommended for heritage protection.

Cr Victor Franco with his family and border collie Sacha at Nettleton Park. They are regular visitors at the off-leash parks in Gardiner Ward.



Our top tips for dog off-lead etiquette

Dogs and their owners are well catered for in Gardiner Ward, with 4 off-lead dog parks to choose from. You'll find them at Anderson Park, Eric Raven Reserve, Lewin Reserve and Nettleton Park.

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

Being a responsible dog owner means more than just giving your pet what it needs, it's also about how you manage your dog around other people and animals, including in our off-lead parks.

Try these tips for your next off-lead adventure:

- 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're aware of any specific park rules.
- Discourage your dog from digging holes in sportsgrounds.

We thank all the responsible dog owners who are helping to keep our parks enjoyable places for everyone to visit. If you have any suggestions for improvements do let us know.

Renew or register your pet today

All cats and dogs over 3 months old must be registered with Council by **Tuesday 9 April**. If you've recently moved, you can update your contact details, or let us know if your pet is no longer with you. You can pay your annual pet registration renewal fee online at: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/pet-registration

A new pavilion at Lewin Reserve

The new pavilion at Lewin Reserve was completed in December and is being used by the U3A Hawthorn and sports clubs on a daily basis.

Ensuring that our redeveloped pavilions support both sporting and non-sporting related activities is an established policy at Boroondara. This is in addition to ensuring our facilities cater for the growth in female sports participation.

The design of the new pavilion, which is embedded into the embankment and accessible for all persons including those with mobility needs, was developed with input from both pavilion users and local community members through the consultation process.

In addition to sports facilities, key features include:

- a rooftop terrace and viewing platform
- outdoor amphitheatre steps
- a multipurpose community space/ social room and kiosk
- a public toilet.

The new fit-for-purpose facility will better support the use of the sportsground, while providing an important space for the U3A Hawthorn and the local community.

More information: engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/lewin-reserve-pavilion-renewal



U3A Hawthorn Secretary and Course Coordinator, Bruce and Carol Lancashire, at Lewin Reserve.