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City of Harmony



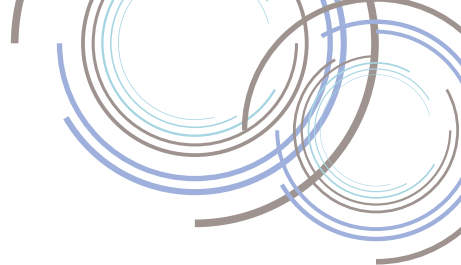
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Message from the Mayor



The key objective for my mayoral term is getting outcomes and I've already had a number of meetings with Victorian Government ministers to sort through key issues that Council wants resolved.

I have twice met with the Planning Minister, Matthew Guy and once with the Attorney General, Robert Clark. I have told them that Council wants the Residential Design Policy, Amendment C69 based on the West Hawthorn Urban Design Framework and the Camberwell Structure Plan, and the associated height controls, included in the Boroondara Planning Scheme.

While I understand that the new government is finding its feet, these are things that have been waiting for some time and need to be addressed.

For instance, Council adopted the Camberwell Structure Plan in 2008, but

the amendments have not yet been incorporated to our City's planning scheme.

In the meantime, planning applications are coming through thick and fast and it is time we had certainty on height controls in these areas. Otherwise, we will not have any influence over developments that don't suit the character of the area.

In these meetings and numerous subsequent conversations I have also expressed Council's desire for an overhaul of the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal to make it more efficient, and the institution of site-specific Interim Heritage Controls.

In other news, it is great to see that residents can now book space at the Kew Court House. As a five-year-old, I used to walk past the old court house and police station every day and it's great that this part of our history has been preserved for future generations.

This month we also celebrate Harmony Day, and I will be at the Hawthorn Town Hall for Boroondara's celebration on 21 March, which will be focusing on the importance of international students in our community.

Many of us have come here from far-away lands and we must remain tolerant and respect people's values, beliefs and culture. We all have different stories and backgrounds and we can learn so much from each other.

Council will also be celebrating International Women's Day with a special luncheon on 7 March. The City of Boroondara is a fine example of gender equality and more than a third of our executive and senior management team is made up of women.

Another great community event coming up this month is Cancer Council Victoria's big fundraiser, Relay for Life in Hawthorn. We have more information on this worthy cause in the Out and About section of this edition and I hope to see you down there.

Have a great month and enjoy this month's *Boroondara Bulletin*.

**Councillor Nicholas Tragas
Mayor of Boroondara**

Get involved in a *Clean Up* near you



We all love our neatly kept parks and open spaces, but it's important we don't take them for granted.

Australia's largest community-driven environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day has been running for 21 years and it is a great opportunity for local residents to contribute to the cleanliness and biodiversity of your local area.

Last year, participants across the country collected a whopping 100,000 bags of rubbish at more than 7,000 sites.

This year's event will be held across the country on Sunday 6 March and Council is hosting a Clean Up site at Markham Reserve, Ashburton.

We hope many community members from across the City will get involved and here are the details:

When: 10am to 12pm, Sunday 6 March

Where: Markham Reserve playground, Victory Boulevard, Ashburton

What to bring: sturdy footwear, gloves, a hat and drinking water (light refreshments will be provided)

Other local sites listed on the Clean Up Australia Day website at the time of print include:

- Dickinson Reserve, Kew
- Hays Paddock Creek, Kew
- Studley Park Boathouse, Kew.

For a full list of sites or to register for 2011 Clean Up Australia Day, visit cleanupaustaliaday.org.au or call 1800 282 329.

Congrats to our citizens of the year

On Australia Day, three local residents were named Boroondara's citizens of the year in recognition of their outstanding service to the community.

Here is more information on each of the winners:

Citizen of the Year – Norman Gale

Through his long-term association with the Salvation Army, Norman has dedicated his life to helping Boroondara residents who are experiencing hard times.

Currently the Director, Community Services at the Camberwell branch of the Salvation Army, Norman has been a well-known and respected leader within the volunteer community for many years.

Norman's commitment to helping others is illustrated by a number of projects including his work with the Migrant Bridges program, which provides social support to families that have recently arrived in Australia.

He is also heavily involved in Second Bite, which provides food to those who would otherwise be without, as well as numerous programs with local community group, Camcare.



Boroondara Citizen of the Year, Norman Gale, at the Australia Day presentation ceremony with his granddaughters, Charlotte (left) and Isabella (right).

Young Citizen of the Year – Daniel Cronin

As co-founder and CEO of Step Back Think, Daniel Cronin has worked tirelessly to help address the disturbing issue of alcohol-fuelled violence.

Step Back Think is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 2007 by Daniel and his friends after one of their mates was left severely brain damaged after being punched while out celebrating his 20th birthday.

Daniel's involvement in this crucial group has seen him take part in numerous awareness campaigns, and he often visits schools and community organisations to educate people on the implications of youth violence.

As part of this role, Daniel actively lobbies the Victorian and Federal governments, which saw a tremendous result last year when free water became mandatory in licensed venues.

Outstanding Community Service – Robert Pettit

Through his involvement with Ashburton United Soccer Club, Robert Pettit strives to provide locals with the chance to keep active and healthy, as well as get involved with the local community.

As the club's coach and committee member, Robert organised the inaugural Community Fun Day 2010, which attracted 300 people including representatives from Melbourne Heart Football Club, local health and community services, and Victoria Police.

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Council meetings

For up-to-date information regarding meetings or to obtain copies of agendas, minutes and councillor assignments, visit Council's website. Meetings are held in the Council Chamber located at 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell. All welcome.

Details: 9278 4474.

Monday 7 March

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 21 March

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 28 March

6pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 4 April

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 11 April

8pm Council meeting

Front cover: (from left to right) local residents Harry Daniel, Mary Dorembus and Irene Poon at the Draft Activity Centres Strategy Community Summit.

Audio Bulletin now available on our website

You can now download selected sound files of *Boroondara Bulletin* stories from Council's website.

So, if you can't or would prefer not to read the *Bulletin*, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/bulletin to get your monthly local news in audio form.





The beautiful Alexandra Gardens will host Kew Festival's Family Fun Day on Saturday 19 March.

The carnival comes to Kew

This year's Kew Festival features more than a week of exciting activities that celebrate everything this wonderful Boroondara precinct offers.

Carnival Kew kicks off on Friday 18 March with the annual **Kew Traffic School bash**, which will include a bbq, face painting, mobile animal farm, jumping castle and kids can cycle to their heart's content.

Festivities continue on Saturday 19 March with the famous Grand

Street Parade commencing at 11.30am at the top of High Street and finishing at the picturesque Alexandra Gardens in time for the **Family Fun Day.**

This showpiece event will feature musical performances, various exhibitors, an animal farm, arts and crafts, and food from across the world.

The festival will continue throughout the week beginning Monday 21 March, with an array of local community groups hosting

special events, including choral singing, historical displays, croquet exhibitions, concerts, luncheons and more.

Carnival Kew will conclude with a concert and spectacular fireworks display in Hays Paddock on Saturday 26 March.

For more information on all of the Carnival Kew events, download a program at kewfestival.org, email info@kewfestival.org or call 9853 9576. The festival is proudly supported by the City of Boroondara.



First craft *market* for 2011

The Hawthorn Craft Market is a favourite haunt for arts and crafts lovers from across Melbourne and it's back for its 32nd year.

As a makers' market, everything has been produced by talented local stallholders, guaranteeing excellent quality and affordability.

You can chose from almost 100 stalls selling everything from award-winning

fashion and knitwear, toys, furniture, stationery, tasty treats and more, all housed in the lovely Hawthorn Town Hall.

When: 10am to 3pm, Sunday 6 March

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

For more information, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/craftmarket or call 9278 4770.



Express yourself at the Town Hall Gallery in March.

Do you
wear your
heart on
your t-shirt?

Back by popular demand, the I Wear My Heart on My Tee exhibition is on at the Town Hall Gallery this month.

The t-shirt has come a long way. While it used to be a simple undergarment, it is now an important form self-expression.

Our t-shirts tell people how we feel, what we are passionate about, where we're from and our stance on issues.

They offer endless creative opportunities, and buying and creating them can be very addictive.

This exhibition will feature hundreds of t-shirts designed by emerging artists and designers from all over Australia and the world.

All t-shirts are for sale and ready to wear, and you are sure to find one to suit you.

Exhibition dates: Wednesday 2 March to Saturday 26 March

Where: Town Hall Gallery, rear 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

For more information on talks and programs associated with this exhibition, visit townhallgallery.blogspot.com.

Kew Court House: book now!

With the Kew Court House re-opening its doors as a Community Cultural Centre in June, you now have the opportunity to book space in this great new arts venue.

The Court Room provides an intimate setting that can accommodate an audience of approximately 60 for a performance or up to 80 in a lecture style.

This room comes equipped with a basic lighting rig, audio equipment, black-out blinds and rear stage curtains. Two ancillary rooms can also

be used as dressing rooms.

The Court Room is most suitable for:

- performances
- rehearsals and workshops
- short exhibitions*
- classes
- seminars and conferences

Other available spaces include a large meeting room/workshop space, a serviced office space for casual use only and a foyer area for small exhibitions and functions.

For more information on bookings and associated costs, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/kewcourthouse or call Arts and Culture on 9278 4770.



**If the Court Room is to be used for exhibitions, portable stands must be hired externally*



Boroondara hit by unprecedented rainfall

The City of Boroondara was hit with an extraordinary amount of rain at the beginning of February, which culminated in the flooding of a number of local areas, particularly surrounding Gardiners Creek in Glen Iris and Ashburton.

Between 9am on 4 February and 9am, 5 February, Melbourne Water recorded the following astonishing rainfall measurements at their monitoring stations:

- Gardiner – 149.6mm
- Surrey Hills – 104.4mm
- Kew – 98.2mm

This is more than double the average rainfall for February, let alone for a single day. In the case of Gardiner, it is almost three times over the average monthly rainfall, and Gardiners Creek peaked at an unprecedented 5.6 metres, more than two metres above its previous high (3.1mm in April and November 2010).

This is quite incredible, especially considering the normal water level is measured as zero millimetres.

The force of the surging water was so great that it caused the Solway Bridge to collapse. While this important pedestrian and cyclist link will be out of action for several months, this event has brought forward plans to build a new bridge and re-align it with the path.

Council officers responded to this emergency in a swift and effective manner and deployed their disaster teams, which included health officers, IT teams, maintenance crews and engineers.

The municipal offices and libraries were all back in business by Monday morning but the community clean up is taking a bit longer.

There were special hard waste collections for affected properties in the week after the flood and Parks and Gardens officers worked hard to limit the damage to playgrounds across the City, open spaces bordering Gardiners Creek, as well as at the Freeway Golf Course in Balwyn North.

In the days after the flood, the contact centre was inundated with calls from residents who were particularly concerned that the build up of silt and debris in drain pits across the City had caused the flooding.

However, this was certainly not the case and Council can reassure residents that an extensive renewal program following 2004 floods vastly improved the drains, and, testament to this, the floods quickly receded once the rain had subsided.

This debris was caused by the flood itself and Council immediately had teams out emptying the pits. It was a big job, but our crews were up to the challenge and the drains were cleaned up very quickly.



Photo courtesy of John Parker.

The force of the February floods left the Solway pedestrian and cyclist bridge hanging in Gardiners Creek.

Immunisations

Upcoming March and selected April immunisation dates, times and venues are as follows:

9.30am to 11.30am

- **2 and 16 March** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room
- **7 March** – Canterbury, Conochie Hall
- **9 March** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **17 March** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services
- **23 March** – Balwyn North, Marwal Centre
- **4 April** – Canterbury, Conochie Hall

10am to 12pm

- **4, 11, 18 and 25 March** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall
- **1 and 8 April** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall

2.30pm to 4.30pm

- **21 March** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall

4.30pm to 6.30pm

- **29 March** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall (four-year-old themed immunisation party)


5.30pm to 7pm

- **1 March and 5 April** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services
- **15 March** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Council Building
- **24 March** – Balwyn North, Marwal Centre

Living for our Future workshops

Council is committed to promoting sustainable living and is conducting three informative and practical Living for our Future workshops in March and April.

Join experts in the field at one of these sessions, and learn how you can live more sustainably.



Come along on Saturday 2 April to learn more about the sustainable advantages of keeping chickens in your backyard.

Worm farming

Worm farms are easy to manage at home and dramatically reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfill.

This is good news for your garden and for the planet, so come along to find out which type of worm farm is right for you and how to get one going.

When: 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesday 15 March

Where: Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library

Home energy makeover

This popular and practical workshop introduces residents to energy and climate change issues, and offers activities and demonstrations for retrofitting your house.

Topics will include reducing phantom power use, choosing lighting, and installing solar hot water systems and photovoltaic cells.

When: 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesday 29 March

Where: Camberwell Community Centre, 33 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell

Beginners guide to backyard chooks

Learn the essentials of caring for chickens in your own backyard.

This workshop addresses set-up requirements, feeding your chickens, caring for their health and other issues. And, there will be chickens there for you to handle.

When: 1.30pm to 4.30pm, Saturday 2 April

Where: Function Room, Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills

For more information and to book, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future or call 9278 4444.

Switch to solar and save!

The Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action, which includes the City of Boroondara, has teamed up with Green Project to offer local residents great deals on solar hot water and heat pumps.

Switching to a more efficient solar system can reduce your water heating bill by up to 70 per cent and decrease your carbon emissions too.

You can find out more about this offer at Council's home energy Living for our Future workshop on Tuesday 29 March. The details of this session are listed above.

For more information, call 1800 899 330 or visit greenproject.com.au/eaga-ses.

Showcasing our City's sustainable talents

Local residents have been keen to showcase their sustainable homes and gardens, with 20 projects entered into the inaugural, 2010 Boroondara Sustainability Awards.

The entries are all of a high calibre and illustrate the ways our residents are committing to sustainable living.

Council is currently reviewing the entries and awards will be presented later this year. Keep an eye on our website and future editions of the *Bulletin* for details on the presentation ceremony.

If you would like to share your own story of sustainable design, feel free to enter this year's awards when they open on 1 July.

For more information, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-awards.



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Out and About

your guide to local events

This handy guide can be pulled out for easy reference.

Friday 4 March

Boroondara Symphonic Band rehearsals

7.30pm to 10pm, Kew East Primary School Hall, Beresford Street, Kew East. An open rehearsal for all woodwind, brass and percussion players. Bring your instrument and finish the week on a high note. Details: Justin 0410 720 560 or boroondarasymphonicband.com.au .

Tuesday 8 March

Sing Australia Camberwell

10am to 12pm, Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Community choir that sings for fun. No auditions necessary. Cost: \$5.50 per week plus annual membership. Details: Wendy 9886 9405.

Camberwell Music Society

10.30am, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Cath Connelly and Greg Hunt showcase the latest Celtic music with harp, violin, mandolin and mandola. Cost: \$18 adult, \$15 concession. Subscription (three concerts) \$36/\$30. Details: 9882 4560.

Thursday 10 March

Gentle exercise to music

12.30pm to 1.30pm, Camberwell Senior Citizens Centre, 405 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Every Thursday for senior men and women. Cost: \$5 per session. Details: Diana 9859 4978.

Friday 18 March

Men's Probus Club of Glenferrie

10am to 12pm, Kew Heights Bowling Club, 397 Barkers Road, Kew. We have interesting speakers and social events on the third Friday of each month. Cost: \$40 joining fee. Details: 0417 554 841.

Saturday 19 March

Boroondara Farmers Market

8am to 1pm, Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn East. Pick up delicious fresh produce at this monthly event. Cost: \$2 donation. Details: 9278 4444.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March

Relay for Life – Hawthorn

4pm Saturday until 10am Sunday, John Gardiner Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn East. A community fundraising festival that raises valuable money for Cancer Council Victoria. Enter a team and get involved. Cost: \$15 registration (includes polo short). Details: 1300 656 586, hawthorn@relayforlife.org.au or relayforlife.org.au .

Sunday 20 March

Camberwell Primary School Fete

10am to 4pm, 290 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Enjoy gorgeous French foodie delights at this fete with a difference. Details: 9882 4663 or camberwellps.vic.edu.au .

Friday 25 March

The Travelogue Club at Camberwell

2pm, Chambly Community Centre, 405 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Fascinating slides with guest speakers talking about featured destinations. This month: Bohemia – a road less travelled. Cost: \$20 annual membership and optional afternoon tea available, \$1 per program. Details: 9889 7509 or 9819 2741.

Sunday 27 March

Ashburton Primary School's Grand Fair

10am to 4pm, Ashburton PS, Fakenham Road, Ashburton. Come along for a fun-filled day with loads of activities and rides on offer. We'll have a reptile handler, face painting, trash and treasure, food and drink, music and more. Details: 9885 2559 or visit ashburtonps.vic.edu.au .

Good Neighbour Day

11am to 2.30pm, Myrtle/Macleay Park, Belmore Road, Balwyn North. Local residents are invited for a BBQ and fun activity day with family, friends and neighbours. Cost: free. Details: Tony 0419 594 041.

Thursday 31 March

Bao Lin Chan (Zen) Monastery

7.30pm to 9.30pm, 94a High Street, Glen Iris. Zen meditation helps to calm the mind, uncover our innate wisdom and perceive our pure nature. Cost: free. Details: 9813 8922 or baolin@mail.ctcm.org.tw .

Saturday 2 April

Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra

8pm, Elden Hogan Performing Arts Centre, Xavier College, Barkers Road, Kew. Zelman's first major concert for 2011 has a British theme focusing on the ever popular Elgar Cello Concerto. Cost: \$28 adult, \$23 concession, \$5 child. Details: 9853 1962 or zelmansymphony.org.au .

Sunday 10 April

Ashburton United Community Fun Day

1pm to 5pm, Markham Victory Reserve, Markham Avenue, Ashburton. Live local entertainment, soccer games, a BBQ, information and gardening activities. Details: 0417 546 942.

Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 April

Camberwell Rotary Art Show

10am to 10pm daily (closes 5pm Sunday), Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield. One of Australia's best known competitions, exhibitions and sales of paintings. This year's show features 2,000 pieces from emerging and established artists. Cost: \$18 adult, \$15 concession. Details: camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au or 0431 286 483.

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What's on at your local Neighbourhood House

There are 10 Neighbourhood Houses in Boroondara, each offering a variety of leisure and learning opportunities. For more information on the closest one to you, call 9278 4444 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-houses.

A-Crew

11am to 5pm, Saturdays. A-Crew is a group for young adults with a mild disability who live locally. A chance to go on enjoyable outings, build social skills and meet new people. Details: Kristina 9885 7789.

Ace space

4pm to 7pm, Thursdays at Craig Family Centre. A group for local people with a disability. Come along and meet new people, participate in activities and have fun. Details: Kristina 9885 7789.

Italian for beginners

7pm to 9pm, Mondays, at Balwyn Community Centre. Intermediate and advanced conversation also available. Cost: \$124 (eight weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Childcare

9am to 1pm, Mondays and Thursdays, 9.15am to 12.15pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Cost: \$29 per session (three hours), \$38.50 per session (four hours). Bookings: 9830 4214.

Cooking classes

10.30am to 1.30pm, Saturdays at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. One-off individual cooking sessions. 5 March: lovers of meat, poultry, fish. 19 March: pasta sauces. 26 March: dinner party for six for less than \$30. Cost: \$40 per session. Details: 9853 3126.

De-clutter and gain control

10am to 12pm, Thursday 10 March at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Strategies to de-clutter your space and give you back control in your home or office, giving you more time to do the things that are truly important. Cost: \$20. Details: 9853 3126.

eBay trading

12.30pm to 3pm, Tuesdays 22 to 29 March at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$60. Details: 9885 9074.

Felting workshops

9.30am to 3.30pm, Friday 4 March or Saturday 2 April at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$65 (one week). Details: 9882 2611.

10am to 4pm, Saturday 19 March at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Learn why wool felts and how to make it work for you. Design a wrap, scarf or wall art. Details: 9890 2467.

Graphics in Word 2007

9.30am to 12pm, Tuesdays 8 to 22 March at Alamein NLC. Create eye-catching documents. Cost: \$83. Details: 9885 9074.

Introduction to Excel

12.30pm to 2.30pm, starting 18 March and running for weeks at Bowen Street Community Centre. Details: 9836 7942.

Introduction to internet and email

10am to 12pm, starting 18 March and running for four weeks at Bowen Street Community Centre. Details: 9836 7942.

Keep your computer running smoothly

9.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday 19 March at Bowen Street Community Centre. Details: 9836 7942.

Language and literature

1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays from 2 March at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre, readings from *Antony and Cleopatra*. Cost: \$65 (four weeks). 1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays from 30 March at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. Cost: \$32.50 (two weeks). Bookings: 9830 4214.

Learn to play bridge

2pm to 4pm, Fridays starting 11 March at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$110 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Line dancing

7pm to 8pm, Wednesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$42 (seven weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Love your overlocker

9.30am to 12.30pm, starting Tuesday 22 March at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$100 (three weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Mandala workshop

9.30am to 12pm, Fridays 4 to 25 March at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$35. Details: 9885 9074.

Meditation and yoga classes

Day and evening classes available at Balwyn Community Centre. Details: 9836 7942.

Mosaics and leadlighting

10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm, Tuesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Suitable for beginners and advanced students. Cost: \$129 (nine weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Nuno Felt

10am to 4pm, Sunday 22 May at Ashburton CC. Learn how wool fibres attach themselves to silk, cotton gauze, lace or any open weave fabric. Make a silk and wool scarf, shawl or cocoon jacket. Cost: \$60. Bookings: 9885 7952.

Open work/lace effect/cutwork

10am to 4pm, Sunday 19 June at Ashburton CC. Learn how to create open work using a variety of designs. Cost: \$60. Bookings: 9885 7952.

Patchwork and quilting

6.30pm to 8.30pm, Thursdays from 3 March at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Learn cutting and machine piecing and basic machine quilting techniques. Cost: \$120 (six weeks). Details: 9853 3126.

Pottery and sculpture

10am to 12pm and 7pm to 9pm at Balwyn Community Centre. Learn various pottery techniques including hand building, wheelwork, slip casting, sculpture, decorating and glazing. Cost: \$137.50. Details: 9836 7942.

Surrey Hills Historical Society

8pm, 15 March at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre see treasures of the Surrey Hills heritage collection. April meeting will be an excursion to Mission to Seafarers. Group meets third Thursday of the month. Cost: \$3 per meeting. Details: 9890 2467.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

10.45am to 11.45am, Tuesdays in the tranquil surroundings of Balwyn Community Centre. Relieve stress and fatigue, improve concentration and flexibility. All levels. Details: 9836 7942.

Say *g'day* on Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day is happening on Sunday 27 March and it gives residents the perfect chance to welcome new neighbours and renew old acquaintances.

Hawthorn Community Chest is encouraging local residents to invite their neighbours over for a backyard barbecue, afternoon tea or have a picnic in the park together.

Simply saying hello could make a difference, especially to neighbours who are elderly, new to the street or live alone.

Australians are known for their community spirit but, sadly, it sometimes takes a disaster such as floods or bushfires to really bring a community together.

We can all benefit from knowing and helping out our neighbours – whether it's collecting the mail while someone is away, or offering to help out with shopping.

So, join in with Hawthorn Community Chest to celebrate Neighbour Day and help create a safer, more secure and happier community for everyone.

For more information, contact Janet Lowe at Hawthorn Community Chest on 9818 7950 or email hawthorncommunitychest@tpg.com.au .

Please note: see the Out and About section for details on a Neighbour Day event in Balwyn North.



Celebrating new citizens: City of Boroondara Mayor, Cr Nicholas Tragas (third from left) with brand new Australian citizens at the Australia Day citizenship ceremony.

Celebrating diversity

March is an important month for people of many cultures and faiths. The following celebrations will be taking place across Boroondara and beyond:

1 March

St David's Day – commemorates the patron saint of Wales.

5 March

Tibetan New Year (Losar) – an occasion to dispel the obstacles and negativities of the old year and is marked with activities that symbolise purification.

8 March

Shrove Tuesday – day before Lent and beginning of fasting.

9 March

Ash Wednesday – Lent begins: 40 days of fasting and reflection on the Christian calendar.

12 to 14 March

Moomba Festival – highlights include Dragon Boat races, the Birdman Rally, fireworks display, the Moomba Parade and Waterfest Carnival.

14 to 21 March

Cultural Diversity Week – a program of events highlighting Victoria's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity.

14 March

New Year: Nanakshahi (year 543) – the Sikh calendar is called the Nanakshahi Calendar and takes its name from Guru Nanak, who founded the Sikh religion.

17 March

St Patrick's Day – St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and this is their national day.

21 March

Harmony Day – celebrates Australia's inclusive nature and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity.

21 March

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – reminds us of our collective responsibility for promoting and protecting the dignity and rights of all people.

26 to 27 March

Greek Antipodes Festival – takes over Lonsdale Street in the CBD to celebrate all things Greek.

29 March

Pesach (Passover) – one of the most important Jewish festivals, which commemorates the liberation by Moses of the Jewish people from slavery.

Your say

“Tell me, and I’ll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I’ll understand” – *(Native American proverb)*

Help us make more informed decisions by sharing your thoughts on current issues, plans and projects. This page will provide you with information about past and present community consultations, as well as what’s happening next. For more information and details on consultation opportunities, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say .



KPMG demographer Bernard Salt addresses summit participants on Saturday 12 February.

Thanks for helping shape our City

At the end of last year, Boroondara residents were sent a special edition *Boroondara Bulletin* that provided an overview of our Draft Activity Centres Strategy (ACS).

This draft strategy identifies strip shopping centres, not residential streets, as the best solution to accommodate future growth within our City and last month we hosted an interactive community summit at the Hawthorn Town Hall.

The summit was a great success and brought together a cross section of residents, as well as planning and technical experts to discuss the issues surrounding the ACS.

A range of opinions were evident on the day; from Council’s position that having a plan for controlling heights in our shopping strips is responsible and necessary, to some residents’ groups view that the strategy should be put on hold until the new Victorian Government outlines its planning position.

Notes from the forum are being distributed to summit participants to ensure that all of these views have been

accurately accounted for. Video footage from the event will also be made available on our website.

The community summit has been one of several opportunities that residents have had to contribute to planning the future shape of our City.

In the lead up to the summit, we held a number of information and Community Summit registration stalls in various locations across Boroondara.

In February, Council’s planners also met with residents to discuss the ACS in detail and we are also in the process of conducting walking tours throughout some of the affected areas.

A report informed by these community engagement activities will be made available on our website towards the end of March.

Residents also have the opportunity to make a formal submission to Council during the formal exhibition process.

For more information, visit our website, jump on an eKiosk at Camberwell Customer Service or in one of our libraries (excluding Camberwell), or call 9278 4444.

Have your say!

Ashburton community consultation

Council is planning a major upgrade of the Ashburton Library and Ashburton Community Centre, which will give locals more space and improved facilities to congregate.

To assist in our planning, we want your ideas on what the redeveloped library and community centre might look like and how the additional spaces could be used.

We will be conducting interviews and surveys during March. If you would like to take part, call Fiona Brown, Senior Policy and Project officer on 9278 4476.

More Draft ACS consultation opportunities

Council’s planning officers are conducting a series of informative walking tours to guide residents through shopping strips that would be affected by the Draft Activity Centres Strategy.

The remaining walking tours are:

- Hartwell – 6pm to 8pm, Wednesday 2 March
- Maling Road – 2pm to 4pm, Saturday 5 March.

To register for a walking tour, visit our website, jump on an eKiosk at Camberwell Customer Service or in one of our libraries (excluding Camberwell), or phone 9278 4444.

Jump aboard and *improve* your practices

Community OnBoard is a networking and skill development program for local sports and community groups, clubs and not-for-profit agencies in our City.

The 2010–11 program features a variety of workshops, covering topics such as philanthropy, public speaking, marketing and applying for community grants.

Here are two sessions that are coming up in the next couple of months:

Why incorporate? Is it worth the hassle?

This session will provide information on the positives and negatives of incorporation for your not-for-profit group.

PilchConnect (a legal service set up to help Victorian not-for-profit groups) will be advising on everything you need to know about incorporating.

After this session you'll have all the information you need to make the right decision as your group grows or changes.

When: 7pm to 9pm, Thursday 17 March

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

Grant writing

This presentation will give you guidance on how to prepare a first-class grant submission.

Council's knowledgeable Community Development staff will be on hand to take you through the entire process, from developing your project idea to the nuts and bolts of completing application forms and organising your budget.

This workshop is highly recommended for groups intending to apply for the City of Boroondara's 2011 Annual Community Development Grants Program.

When: 10am to 12pm, Friday 8 April

Where: Kew Seniors Centre, 533 High Street, Kew

For more information and to book for either of these sessions, call 9278 4753 or email onboard@boroondara.vic.gov.au. You can also sign up for the Community OnBoard newsletter, *The Fuse*, at boroondara.vic.gov.au/community-onboard.



Community OnBoard
inspiring groups, inspiring people

Recharge: giving residents the power



The Recharge scheme is giving residents with limited mobility more freedom.

Last October, the City of Boroondara launched the Recharge initiative. This program provides people who travel in an electric scooter or wheelchair with recharge points for their mode of transport.

By encouraging local businesses to provide a power point, Recharge ensures that customers with limited mobility are not left stranded.

For a miniscule cost – less than 20 cents to charge an electric scooter or wheelchair for an hour – businesses can make a big difference.

It gives people more freedom and versatility knowing there is always a power point around the corner.

So far, we have had a great response to Recharge with 10 locations across the City. Each location has a Recharge sticker on their window and next to the power point.

To find your nearest Recharge location go to rechargescheme.org.au.

For more information or if you would like to add a Recharge point in your business, call David Williams, MetroAccess Project Worker, on 9278 4777 or email metroaccess@boroondara.vic.gov.au.



Older residents walking wisely

Statistics show that older people are more likely to be involved in serious pedestrian accidents and Council wants to do something about it.

That's why we're holding a free pedestrian safety presentation at the beginning of April to help aged residents stay safe on the roads.

This workshop will provide helpful new strategies to stay safe on the roads and remain independent and walking longer.

Participants will be given tips on mobility skills, trip planning and collision information, including highlighting local hotspots.

Afternoon tea will be provided and everyone will receive a free information pack.

The presentation is part of the Wisser Walkers Live Longer program conducted by RoadSafe Eastern Metropolitan and supported by the City of Boroondara.

When: 2pm to 3pm, Monday 4 April

Where: Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

For more information and to book, call Anna Haygreen, Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542. Bookings are essential.



A bustling Glenferrie Road during the street festival.

Glenferrie Road festivities

The Glenferrie Road Festival is a wonderful event that celebrates one of Boroondara's most iconic shopping strips.

This year's event is brimming with fun activities for the whole family, including:

- loads of trader specials and huge discounts
- rides and amusements
- roving entertainers, buskers and musical groups
- entertainment on the main stage throughout the day
- plaster painting
- community groups
- face painting and balloon modeling
- Hawthorn Pipe Band
- Hawthorn Band

- representatives from Hawthorn Football Club
- animal farm
- giveaways
- delicious international cuisine
- multicultural and community dancing.

This festival is proudly brought to the community by the Glenferrie Road Shopping Centre Association with the support of the City of Boroondara, Yarra Trams and various local community groups.

When: 11am to 4pm, Sunday 3 April

Where: between Burwood and Barkers roads, Hawthorn.

For more information, call 0410 504 994 or visit glenferrie.com.au .



The scene at the 2010 International Women's Day lunch.

Celebrating *women*

This year marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, a global celebration of the critical role women play in all facets of the community.

Vast improvements have been made to ensure greater equality and rights for women and they have achieved all matter of tremendous economic, political and social achievements.

Women now assume many important positions, from prime ministers,

councillors, CEOs, governor generals and secretaries of state, to name but a few.

Council is holding a celebratory lunch on Monday 7 March to mark this wonderful occasion, and, while the cut-off for RSVPs was late February, you may be able to book a spot by calling 9278 4753.

The theme will be 'women in business' and it will provide a great networking opportunity and source of inspiration

for 150 local business women, including Councillor Coral Ross and City of Boroondara CEO, Catherine Dale.

What: International Women's Day luncheon

When: 11.45am to 2.30pm, Monday 7 March

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

For more information, call 9278 4753.

Learn more about volunteering

This month's Boroondara Volunteers Expo gives you the ideal chance to learn what volunteering opportunities may suit you.

More than 40 organisations from a variety of fields will be exhibiting at the expo and you're sure to find a role that suits your lifestyle.

If you can't make it to the expo, the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre is always happy to provide free advice and referral to more than 200 community organisations.

What: Boroondara Volunteers Expo

When: 2pm to 7pm, Wednesday 9 March

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

For more information on the expo or to arrange an appointment, call 9278 4550, email bvrc@boroondara.vic.gov.au or visit bvrc.org.au .

Meet the author – Christopher Nailer

January, Melbourne, hot mid-summer

The holidays fizzle in a kind of endless dryness

A heat haze off the bitumen and the ache of the afternoon sun

A bunch of kids start grade six at Peel Street School...

How many faces and how many names can you remember from your primary school?

What exactly do you remember about them? Who were your friends with and why? What do these memories mean?

Peel Street is Christopher Nailer's collection of poems that have been inspired by

memories of fellow students in his final year at Kew Primary School in 1963.

Christopher and *Age* cartoonist Andrew Dyson will be launching the book, so come along to learn more about his memories and perhaps it will evoke some of your own.

This session is free but bookings are essential.

When: 7.30pm, Thursday 17 March

Where: Kew Library

For more information, call 9278 4666 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries .

Raise a Reader at Kew Library

Are you a new parent? Do you have pre-school or early primary-aged children? Are you interested in fostering a love of reading in your children?

Then come along to the Raise a Reader session at Kew Library. It will provide useful tips to assist you in developing your child's early literacy skills as well as encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Suitable books for different age groups will be discussed and on display, and

a copy of the library's special kit will be given to each participant.

The session is free, but bookings are essential.

When: 7pm, Thursday 24 March

Where: Kew Library

Please note: this is not a session about teaching your child how to read.

For more information, call 9278 4666 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries .

AboutTheBooks video comp

It's our 150th year of continuous library service, and our youth blog, AboutTheBooks, is running a video competition to celebrate.

The competition is open to library members aged 10 to 18 and the videos must be book related and no longer than 60 seconds.

All entries must be in by 12pm, Friday 25 March, and the winner will be

chosen on the same day by a vote on the blog. Which means you can encourage your friends and family to vote for your masterpiece.

There will be great prizes for the top three videos, along with some bonus 'librarian's choice' awards.

For more information, visit the library website or aboutthebooks.blogspot.com .

BookTalks

Need some suggestions for new authors and good books? Our library staff are keen to introduce you to new titles, and review some old ones too.

So, come along to a session. It's free and no bookings are required.

When: 2pm, Thursday 10 March

Where: Hawthorn Library

When: 2pm, Wednesday 23 March

Where: Kew Library

Click goes the Library – introduction to eBay

This workshop, for absolute beginners, will teach you how to browse, bid, buy and sell online.

When: 2pm, Monday 4 April

Where: Ashburton Library

Ashburton Library turns 31

This year marks Ashburton Library's 31st birthday and we're celebrating with a morning tea.

This event also marks the culmination of the popular Summer Reading Program and there will be a special lucky prize draw on the day.

There is no need to book, just come along. Cake, tea and coffee will be provided.

When: 10am, Tuesday 15 March

Where: Ashburton Library

For more information on these events, call 9278 4666 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries .



Get your mates together and enter our youth blog's video competition.

Boroondara Library Service

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Balwyn 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

Camberwell 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Hawthorn 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Kew corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew

Enquiries and bookings:

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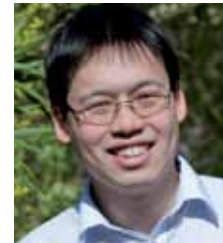
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