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alive in
Boroondara



Message from the Mayor

There are many areas where residents can observe or participate in the arts in Boroondara, from the annual Eisteddfod and literary awards, to the monthly exhibitions at the Town Hall Gallery.

The Kew Court House initiative is a perfect example of how we are supporting the arts and it will act as a hub for grassroots arts and culture.

In 2006, as Mayor I signed the contract to purchase the heritage-listed Kew Court House and Police Station buildings.

As run down as it was, we knew it could be transformed into a great cultural

space. Now, after five years we are on the threshold of delivering a great arts space for Boroondara in 2011.

Not everyone at the time thought spending a lot of money on Kew Court House was a good idea, but we believe that it is just as important to sustain the spirit as it is the body. That's what arts and culture does.

Enjoy this month's *Bulletin* and have a great month.

**Councillor Jack Wegman
Mayor of Boroondara**

Lots of people think councils are all about roads, rates and rubbish, but, while we do provide these services, there are more strings to Council's bow.

In addition to looking after Council assets and infrastructure, we are keen to provide the community with opportunities to experience arts and culture.

Every little bit counts

Last financial year, Council collected over 78,000 tonnes of waste, 52 per cent of which was diverted from landfill to recycling.

While it is satisfying that Boroondara residents are heeding the recycling message, we still sent over 38,000 tonnes of waste to landfill.

There are many recyclable items that we discard as general waste, which means valuable resources are lost to landfill and these have a negative impact on the environment by generating excessive amounts of methane gas.

Recycling more will also help reduce your rates bill as the Victorian Government recently increased the waste landfill levy to \$30 per tonne.

Here are a few tips to reduce the waste you send to landfill:

- Compost fruit and vegetable matter at home using a compost bin or worm farm.

- Maximise the use of the recycling facilities available at the Riversdale Transfer Station, such as kerbside recyclables, green waste, mattresses, metals, computers and other electrical equipment, paint, light globes, batteries, oils, tyres and gas cylinders.
- Check the Council provided A-Z Guide for additional recycling opportunities.

Council's recently revamped waste collection trucks now carry sustainable messages (see right), so keep an eye out for them and try to act on their advice.

For more information, please call 9278 4444 or visit Council's website.

Please note: fluorescent and compact light globes contain harmful chemicals and should not be placed in general waste or recycling bins. They can be recycled for free at the Transfer Station.





Explore Maranoa Gardens

This year's Walk and Talk series and Spring Planting Festival will kick off with the popular Maranoa Gardens Open Day on Saturday 14 August.

Maranoa is one of the few public gardens in Victoria dedicated to native botanical plants and this will be a day to savour for local residents, park users and native plant enthusiasts.

Join us to celebrate the coming of spring with fun activities for the whole family, including:

- native plant sales
- gardening displays
- talks and presentations

- music
- fairy story telling
- face painting
- free sausage sizzle
- meet Council's Eco Gecko
- native animal displays.

When: 10am to 3pm, Saturday 14 August

Where: Maranoa Gardens, Parring Road, Balwyn North

For more information, please call Parks and Gardens on 9278 4595 or visit Council's website.

Talking parks and gardens

The 2010 Walk and Talk series and Spring Planting Festival will continue throughout August and September, and here are some notable events that will be taking place in Boroondara's signature parks and gardens:

Re-establishing Ashburton Forest

Much of Boroondara was once covered by dense forest and at this session you will learn about projects and methods being used to re-establish sections of the Ashburton Forest.

When: 7.30pm to 9.30pm,
Tuesday 24 August

Where: Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Bedford Avenue, Surrey Hills

Community Planting Day

Join other local residents planting a variety of indigenous flora and learn a little more about local vegetation and animal biodiversity. A free BBQ lunch will also be provided, so you have no excuses!

When: 10am to 12.30pm,
Sunday 29 August

Where: Summerhill Linear Park,
Florizel Street entrance, Glen Iris

Alexandra Gardens Heritage Tour

Held during Heritage Week, this tour will give you the chance to discover the history and floral delights of an outstanding Federation garden.

When: 10.30am to 11.30am,
Tuesday 14 September

Where: Alexandra Gardens,
Cotham Road, Kew

For more information, please call Parks and Gardens on 9278 4595 or visit Council's website.

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Council meetings

For up-to-date information regarding meetings visit Council's website. Meetings are held in the Council Chamber located at 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell. All welcome.

Details: 9278 4474.

Monday 2 August

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 16 August

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Wednesday 18 August

6pm Audit Committee*

Monday 23 August

6pm Council Meeting

**It is proposed that the Audit Committee Meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 89(2) of the Local Government Act.*

Early rates payment reminder

If you pay your rates in one lump sum by Tuesday 31 August, you will receive a 2.5% discount on your total bill. Full rates are due on 15 February 2011 and for more payment options, please visit Council's website or call 9278 4325.

A cultured city takes shape



Former president of the Kew Historical Society, Dione McIntyre, with Boroondara Mayor, Councillor Jack Wegman and Studley Ward Councillor Phillip Healey signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in front of the Kew Court House and Police Station in 2006. The MOU stated that any money collected by the Kew Court House Restoration Appeal would go towards the restoration of the heritage-listed buildings.

The community's *arts hub*

The redevelopment of the former Kew Court House and Police Station is underway with the venue to be transformed into a community cultural centre.

It will serve as an intimate venue for performances, presentations and displays, and, following a great deal of community input, Council decided to rename the facility and it will now simply be known as Kew Court House.

The local community's ability to raise funds for the redevelopment, was a key

factor in Council's decision to purchase the Kew Court House and Police Station in 2006.

The Kew Court House Restoration Appeal, coordinated by the Kew Historical Society, has raised more than \$500,000 for the redevelopment of the historic building into a community arts hub.

The appeal, which has been running since 2006, was established by the significant efforts of many local residents.

The Kew Court House Arts Association has also been particularly active raising awareness and developing fundraising activities to support the restoration appeal.

We extend our upmost appreciation and congratulations to everyone who has generously given their time, money and services towards this exciting new community facility.

Kew Court House will open in 2011.



Madeleine Preston, *Willow Pattern Gold Anniversary*, vinyl on vinyl

Re-invent, re-interpret, re-make

The artists at this month's Town Hall Gallery exhibition have either paid homage to iconic artworks and re-interpreted them in a modern way or have taken traditional artisan skills and re-invented them to use in works that will challenge how you see arts and crafts.

The lines between what is old and familiar will be blurred by modern ideas.

Artists exhibiting include: Adrian Conti, Jasmin Coleman, Natalie Kosnar, Marija Patterson, Madeleine Preston, Elizabeth Nelson and Erin Riley.

In Conversation: visitors can join curator Mardi Nowak and selected artists as they discuss the exhibition's themes, from 2pm to 3pm on Saturday 7 August.

Exhibition dates: Wednesday 4 August to Saturday 28 August

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

Need to know more? Visit townhallgallery.blogspot.com or call 9278 4626.

Improving our art collections

The City of Boroondara recently completed two strategies regarding the Town Hall Gallery and Public art collections, and we are now seeking community feedback.

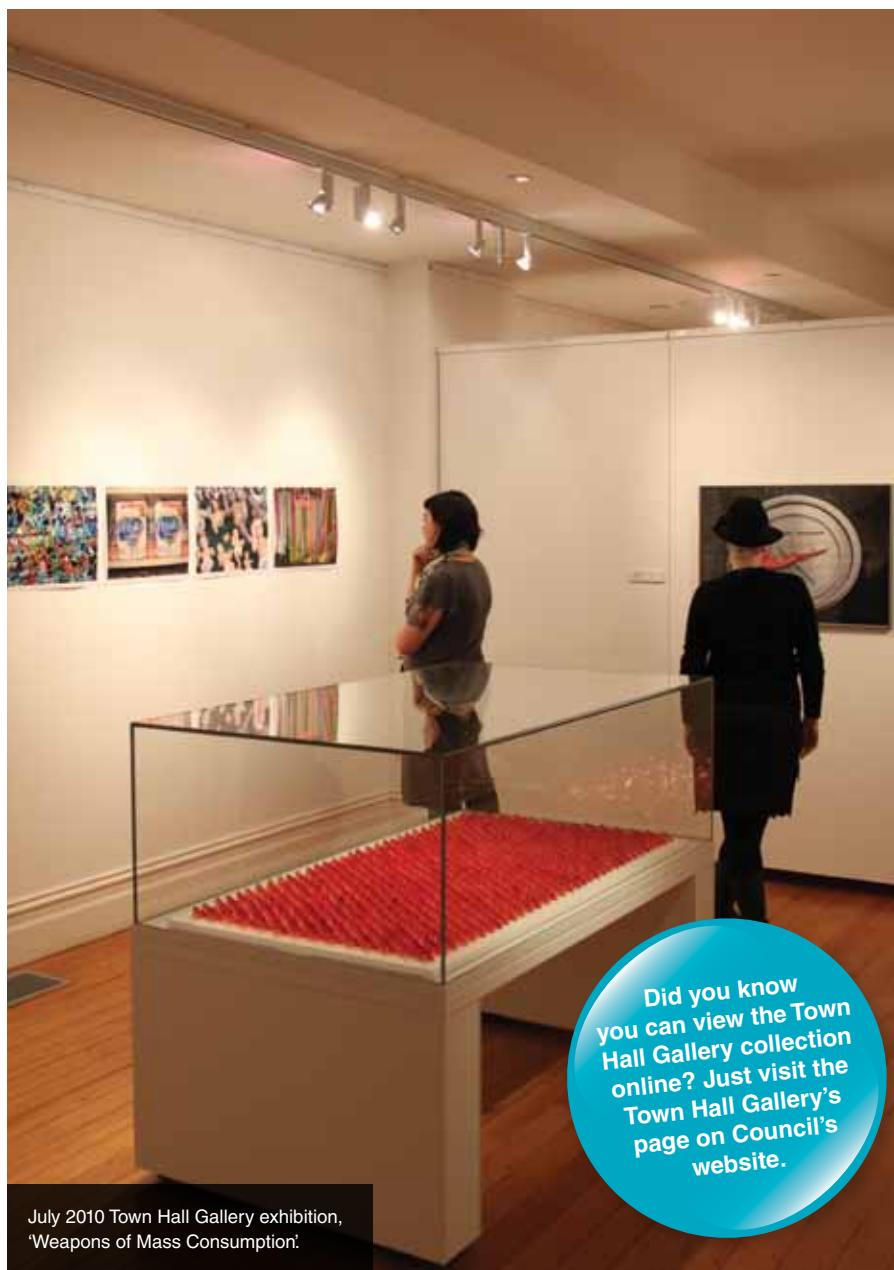
The Public Art Collection vision is to collect and display innovative, high-quality works in public and civic spaces through the integration of art, design and architectural elements.

The collected artworks are expected to be engaging and accessible, while

thought provoking and creating a sense of community belonging.

The Town Hall Gallery Art Collection vision is to collect contemporary art that reflects our diverse community, as well as pieces by significant Australian artists who have lived or worked in the City.

If you would like to provide some feedback on these strategies, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say before 30 August.



July 2010 Town Hall Gallery exhibition, 'Weapons of Mass Consumption'.

Did you know you can view the Town Hall Gallery collection online? Just visit the Town Hall Gallery's page on Council's website.

Free fitness testing

In October, Boroondara's recreation centres will be conducting free lifestyle testing, which you can register for now.

Fitness assessments will include the following tests:

- blood pressure
- cholesterol (including HDL)
- blood glucose
- waist/hip measurements.

Fact sheets providing information on bone density and the benefits of exercise will also be provided, as will additional information on the diabetes education programs offered by the Inner East Community Health Service.

For more information, please call Rosemary Brett at the YMCA on 8862 9100 or email rosemary.brett@ymca.org.au .



Council calls for kinder reform funding

The Federal Government's recent kindergarten reforms (through the Council of Australian Governments) will have a lasting impact on each of Boroondara's 61 kindergarten services.

The most critical elements are the following:

- Universal Access to 15 hours of kindergarten – by 2013 all children will have access to a 15-hour kindergarten program for 40 weeks prior to entering primary school.
- The ratio for children three years and over to teachers will become 1:11, compared to the current ratio of 1:15.

Council supports these changes and

believes it is absolutely vital that every kinder-aged child between the ages of three and four has access to quality education.

However, the reforms will require significant staffing and infrastructure investment and Council believes the Commonwealth and State governments are yet to take this into consideration.

Unless funding is provided to expand existing or build new kindergartens, as well as employ more teachers, these reforms will lead to the loss of four-year-old and three-year-old kindergarten places throughout our City.

At this stage the Victorian Government has not committed to increasing funding, but Council will continue to advocate on the community's behalf.



New health club at BSC

Boroondara Sports Complex (BSC) is now home to a temporary gymnasium, which features a range of cardio equipment, circuit machines and free weights.

The health club, which was funded from Council's 2009–10 capital works program and is located next to the main entry will complement the outdoor 50-metre heated pool and

basketball courts.

The new facility will give members and the general public more options when it comes to exercising at the centre.

Planning for a permanent new gym commences this year, with construction scheduled to commence after 2012.

For more information or if you would like to join, please call BSC on 9851 0444.

Solway Primary reaching for the *stars*

Council congratulates Ashburton's Solway Primary School on receiving their first Green Star as part of Australia's leading sustainability framework for schools.

The school's celebration of this significant achievement coincided with World Environment Day, and they held a special green assembly on Monday 7 June.

Jenny Bicknell, Council's Sustainability Education Officer, helped the school achieve their rating and was the school's guest of honour at the event.

The school's principal, Julie Wilkinson paid tribute to Council's partnership with Solway Primary, particularly Jenny's hard work.

Solway Primary is part of a growing movement of local schools that are transforming their school grounds into demonstration centres for sustainable living.

These schools are also adapting their curriculum and the way they engage with the broader community to help promote sustainability.

Solway Primary School has worked with Council to engage their community in a range of activities including creating an on-school wildlife corridor, establishing a three-bin waste station, hosting a *Living for our Future* workshop for the broader community and promoting local sustainability events in their newsletter.

Solway Primary School will now continue on its quest to earn more green stars.



A Solway Primary student watering the school's vegie patch.

Swap your old showerhead now

If you would like to save money and water, come into the Camberwell or Hawthorn council offices and swap your old showerhead for a new water-efficient one.*

It's simple: bring in your current showerhead, a water bill and you'll be well on your way to saving approximately 13,500 litres per year.

For more information, please call Council's Customer Service team on 9278 4444.



* Yarra Valley Water advises that water-efficient showerheads are not suitable for gravity fed hot water systems and they only come in chrome.



GIVE OUR STREETS THE GREEN LIGHT

City streets get the green light

As part of the 'Our Low Carbon Future Strategy', Council will replace the ageing street lighting with new energy-efficient technology.

This program offers a great opportunity to deliver social benefits and significantly reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Council will purchase 7,370 energy efficient lights and change all residential street lighting over the next three years.

Once fully implemented, the project will save more than 16,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide over 10 years and reduce electricity costs by almost 30 per cent per year.

The City of Boroondara has also joined the Municipal Association of Victoria and 43 other municipalities to call on the Victorian and Federal governments to help fund the switch to new energy-efficient lights.

For more information, and to lend your support to the campaign, visit the 'Give Our Streets the Green Light' campaign website, at greenlightourstreets.org.au .

Out and about

Thursday 5 August

Men's Probus Club – Surrey Hills

10am to 12pm, St Aidan's Church Hall, Duggan Street, Balwyn North. Gentlemen, especially recent retirees, join us on the first Thursday of every month for excellent speakers, friendship, activities and various outings, many with partners. Cost: \$35 per year. Details: Julian Nance 9898 8931.

Friday 6 August

No strings attached

Renaissance Theatre, Kew High School, High Street, Kew East. Camberwell Showtime's latest production is a musical comedy about what happens when a local community college runs school captain elections. It includes great music, lots of laughs and some lessons in life. This great introduction to live theatre is on at various times until 14 August. Cost: \$15 to \$25. Details: 0418 226 151 or camberwellshowtime.com .

Saturday 7 August

Winter bowls at Auburn Bowls Club

12pm, 2b Munro Street, Hawthorn East. Don't let the cold weather deter you from rolling up for a roll. Our synthetic Green can withstand all seasons, and games are organised for learners and experienced bowlers. Cost: \$3, includes soup at mid-game break. Details: 9882 2138 or secretary@auburnbowls.org.au .

Sunday 8 August

Camberwell Scrabble Club

2pm to 6pm, The William Tresize Centre, corner Bowler and Munro streets, Hawthorn East. Suitable for all ages and abilities, indulge your passion for words and scrabble every Saturday afternoon. Cost: \$4 a day, with tea and coffee available. Details: Meg 9850 1013.

Tuesday 10 August

Balwyn Life Activities Club

7.30pm, Baptist Church Hall, 136 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North. This month author Goldie Alexander will be talking to the group about a book she's writing about the Anzacs. New members are welcome. Details: Robyn 9857 7128.

Wednesday 11 August

Apple User Society of Melbourne – retirees and others meeting

10am to 12pm, Balwyn Baptist Church, corner Whitehorse and Parring roads, Balwyn. Getting the best out of your Apple Mac, iPod and iPhone. Cost: free. Details: Greg Davies 9569 9248.

Glen Iris Toastmasters Club

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Glen Iris Community Centre, 200 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris. Come and attend a free information and entertainment evening, and experience our communication and leadership program. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Details: Melissa 0448 002 887.

Thursday 19 August

Probus Club of Balwyn Central (Men's club)

9.45am to 12pm, St Barnabas Church Hall, 86 Balwyn Road, Balwyn. This month's guest speaker is Judge David Jones from the AFL Tribunal. Details: Rex Heading 9830 1464.

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 August

Track Youth Theatre presents *Cleopatra*

7.30pm (Friday and Saturday) and 2pm (Saturday), Renaissance Theatre, Kew High School, High Street, Kew East. Youth Track Theatre presents its

31st production: *Cleopatra*, a sparkling musical comedy performed by young people aged from nine to 16 years. Cost: \$15 adult and \$10 concession. Details: Ed Bailey 9818 3811.

Saturday 21 August

Treasures @ Trinity Craft Market

10am to 1pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, corner Union Road and Montrose Street, Surrey Hills. Indoor stalls with lovely handcrafted items, cakes, preserves, wine, fresh produce and plants. Details: 9808 0323.

Boroondara Farmers Market

8am to 1pm, Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn. This popular monthly market sells the finest selection of delicious, farm-fresh produce and gourmet delicacies. Cost: \$2 donation. Details: 9278 4814.

Wednesday 25 August

Kew Ladies Probus Club

10am, Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew. We are a club promoting social activities and fellowship for retired and semi-retired women. Please join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month with a view to becoming a member. Cost: \$30 per year. Details: 9853 9395.

Thursday 26 August

Victorian Orchid Club

8pm, St Mary's Church Hall, 99 Bowen Street, Camberwell South. This month's illustrated talk is on Australia's best orchids of 2009. Details: Di or John 9478 9764.

Camcare is moving

Camcare is a not-for-profit community organisation and is moving its Camberwell office in early August 2010. The new premises will provide exciting new opportunities for Camcare to extend its existing programs to assist a wider client base. The new address will be 51 St John's Avenue, Camberwell. Further information can be found at camcare.org.au .



This handy guide can be pulled out for easy reference.

What's on at your local Neighbourhood House

The new edition of the *Short Course, Activity and Social Guide, July to December 2010* is now available from local libraries, Boroondara Council offices, your local neighbourhood and community centres and selected newsagencies. The guide outlines over 200 courses and activities available for the whole community at your local neighbourhood centre.

Acrylic painting

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Learn to explore the richness and texture of acrylic painting. Cost: \$143 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Bike ride in company

10am, second Wednesday of the month. Next ride 11 August. 20 to 30 km via bike paths and lanes. Meet at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Details: 9853 3126.

Book group

Monthly crime fiction lunches at Hawthorn Community House. Cost: \$10. Details: 9819 2629.

Chinese playgroup

1.30pm to 3pm, Thursdays at Craig Family Centre. Promoting Mandarin and English language development. Cost: \$60 per family per term. Details: 9885 7789.

Classic lecture series

1pm to 3pm, Thursdays from 12 August at Ashburton Community Centre. Study the Olympian Gods, the characters and relationships of each of the 12 major deities of the Olympian family. Cost: \$45 (three weeks) or \$25 single session. Details: 9885 7952.

Community lunches

12.30pm to 2pm, second Wednesday of the month at Alamein NLC. Bookings essential. Cost: \$5. Details: 9885 9074.

Connect with a healthy life

10am to 11am, Tuesdays at Alamein NLC. Cost: Free. Details: 9885 9074.

Digital cameras

2pm to 4pm, Wednesday 4, 11, 18 and 25 August at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Gain confidence with your digital camera. BYO camera or purchase after first session. Cost: \$72. Bookings: 9890 2467.

Digital photos and your computer

9.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday 7 August at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$64. Bookings: 9889 0791.

Dressmaking workshop

9.30am to 12pm Saturdays from 14 August at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$88 (two weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Excel

12.30pm to 2.30pm, Fridays from 20 August at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$137 (four weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Felted fingerless gloves

9.30am to 3.30pm, Saturday 14 August or Friday 20 August at Camberwell Community Centre. Or felted jewellery, scarf, beret or bag. Cost: \$60 (per day). Details: 9882 2611.

French classes

Mondays at Ashburton Community Centre. 6pm to 7pm for beginners, 7pm to 8pm for intermediate. Cost: \$82 (eight weeks). 8pm to 9.30pm for advanced. Cost: \$110 (8 weeks). Bookings: 9885 7952.

Grow perfect tomatoes and vegies

12.30pm to 3pm, Tuesdays from 17 August at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Learn to grow perfect tomatoes and delicious, healthy vegetables. Cost: \$86 (five weeks). Bookings: 9830 4214.

Hawthorn Community House Choir

6pm to 7.30pm, Thursdays at Hawthorn Community House. If you enjoy singing or want to learn, come and join us. All levels welcome. Cost: \$5 per week. Details: 9819 2629.

Introduction to Power Point

9.30am to 12pm, Tuesdays from 26 August at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$143. Details: 9885 9074.

Japanese Ikebana

2pm to 4pm, Fridays at Hawthorn Community House. Cost: \$15 per class. Details: 9819 2629

Knitting refresher class

1pm to 3pm, Tuesday 10 August at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Bring unfinished projects, any knitting problems and questions. Learn to become a more confident knitter. Cost: \$25. Bookings: 9830 4214.

Mahjong

1.30pm to 4.30pm, Thursdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Join a friendly group, free tuition. Cost: \$3 a week. Details: 9882 2611.

Making friends and finding love online

6pm to 8pm, Wednesdays from 10 August

at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Suitable for all age groups. Learn about two different sites and the tips and tricks for making successful connections. Cost: \$90. Details: 9853 3126.

Meatless Indian dishes

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Thursdays from 5 August at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$111 (four weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Meditation and relaxation

1pm to 2pm, Tuesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$80 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Oil painting

10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm, Fridays at Balwyn Community Centre. All levels. Cost: \$143 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Pilates

9.30am to 10.30am, Tuesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. For flexibility and strength. Cost: \$126.50 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Relax, breathe and de-stress

10.30am to 11.30am, Thursdays from 5 August at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Feel more relaxed, energised and healthier. Cost: \$72 (six weeks). Details: 9830 4214.

Songwriting for everyone

6pm to 8pm, Tuesdays from 10 August at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. All levels. Cost: \$80. Details: 9853 3126.

The computer and your camera

6.30pm to 9pm, Mondays from 2 August at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$83. Details: 9885 9074.

Walking for fitness

10am to 11am, Wednesdays at Ashburton Community Centre. Cost: \$1 per session. Details: 9885 7952.



Celebrating diversity

Boroondara is home to people from a range of backgrounds, many of whom will celebrate significant cultural dates during August.

- 6 August** Garma Festival (Northern Territory) – a celebration of the cultural inheritance of the Yolngu people of Northeast Arnhem Land.
- 11 August** Ramadan begins (Islamic)
- 14 August** Pakistan Independence Day
- 15 August** India Independence Day
- 24 August** Raksha Bandhan – a Hindu festival that honours the love between brothers and sisters (the term means bond and protection).
- 31 August** Malaysia Independence Day



Major projects update



New leisure centre

The current Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC) is set to be replaced with a new purpose-built facility.

The current centre is Boroondara's oldest recreational facility and the new one will better cater for the community's interest in broader health opportunities.

It is proposed that the new HALC will be home to a variety of fitness classes, as well as a new and wider 50-metre pool.

To canvas community's views on the new centre, Council consulted HALC users, neighbouring residents and traders, and people with a particular interest in the project in special sessions and conducted broad community consultation on the architectural concept plans.

The consensus among those consulted was that the new HALC should maximise the use of space and feature

a view of the oval and parklands from Glenferrie Road.

The favourite aspects of the concept plan were the indoor and outdoor pools, and current HALC users liked the idea of a larger gym and program room.

Council would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the consultation process for their passionate interest in this exciting project.

You can view the full community consultation results at boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say.

Construction on this project should begin in 2012 and be completed in the following year.

For more information, please visit our website, call Paul Bennett, Leisure Facilities Development Officer, on 9278 4774, or email Paul. Bennett@boroondara.vic.gov.au .

You can also register your interest to receive project bulletins online, or call Council's Customer Service team on 9278 4444.



Have your say on Boroondara's open spaces.

Community consultations – at a glance

“Your idea and my idea. Make them as one” - Martin Japanangka Johnson, Lajamanu community Aboriginal elder.

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. Watch this space for updates on what you've said and interesting tips on actively engaging with Council. For more information and details on consultation opportunities, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say.

Have your say!

Minifie Park

In consultation with the Minifie Park Child Care Centre Committee of Management, we have developed a concept plan for the redevelopment of the existing children's service at 290 Belmore Road, Balwyn. It is proposed a new building with a consultation room will replace the current facility. A key benefit for Boroondara families will be increased access to complimentary early years education and care services. Public consultation on the concept design will take place this month. For more information, please visit our website.

Open space survey

How do you use open spaces? You have the opportunity to contribute to the future direction of public open spaces in our City. Your feedback will inform the development of an open space strategy to guide the provision, design and management of Boroondara's public open spaces over the next 15 years. The survey remains open until Monday 9 August. If you haven't received your open space survey, please visit our website to download a copy or call Madeleine Cheah in our Strategic Planning Department on 9278 4819.

See page 5 to have your say on Boroondara's art collections.

What's been happening?

Camberwell Library development

The second stage of community consultation has been completed. The full community consultation report is now available online.

Hawthorn Library Precinct naming project

During May and June, those connected to the precinct were invited to participate in art activities to produce words and artworks reflecting what the new community precinct meant to them. Thank you to those who contributed to this innovative project and stay tuned, because this month the information will be used to assist Council decide on the precinct's name.

MetroAccess project

We are seeking feedback about the types of issues people with disabilities and their families face in Boroondara.

Our community consultation process is aimed at ensuring we capture diverse conversations between people with disabilities, local service providers and Council staff.

This month, a selection of those individuals and groups connected to people with a disability are invited to participate in consultation sessions to help us gain further insight.

Council will be consulting service

providers and community service organisations on 4 and 18 August, while 'Accessible Community' workshops for people with disabilities, carers and families will also take place in August, and continue in September and October.

With a Federal election this month and a State poll imminent, 'Accessible Voting' workshops will follow each 'Accessible Community' workshop.

For more information and to book, please call David Williams, MetroAccess Project Officer, on 9278 4722.





Cr Dick Menting with Holmesglen Institute teachers and apprentices who worked on the new cubby house.

Traffic school in cubby house coup

A cubby house designed and built by Holmesglen Institute students has been donated to Kew Traffic School.

More than 100 apprentices worked on the Victorian-style cubby house for many hours over two years, and in the process learnt many valuable carpentry, painting and tiling skills.

This particular project gave students an invaluable opportunity to develop their heritage restoration skills, which may one day be used on houses in Boroondara.

Rather than demolishing the structure and wasting their hard work, Holmesglen carpentry teacher and

Boroondara resident Neil Roney, who coordinated the project, wanted the cubby house to go to the community.

Once built, Neil contacted Council, and Councillor Dick Menting suggested it be placed at Kew Traffic School, where it was delivered in June.

Cotham Ward Councillor David Bloom thanked Cr Menting for suggesting Kew Traffic School to Holmesglen Institute, saying it was a great addition to an excellent facility.

The City of Boroondara and Holmesglen are looking into the possibility of collaborating on similarly exciting projects in the future, which

benefit both the local community and eager apprentices.

Kew Traffic School offers a safe environment for children to learn road safety, and the new cubby house will be enjoyed by the 20,000 children who visit the centre each year.

For more information on Kew Traffic School, please call 9278 4770 or visit Council's website. Holmesglen Institute has an open day at their Chadstone, Moorabbin and Waverley campuses on Saturday 21 August.

Final chance for writing glory

Budding writers have until 5pm on Friday 27 August to submit their entries to the 2010 Boroondara Literary Awards.

Each winner will receive feedback from highly acclaimed judges James Phelan (Youth Prose), Adam Ford (Youth Poetry) or Max Berry (Open Short Story), and also published in an anthology, with selected entries in the *Progress Leader*.

The Young Writers section includes categories for poetry and prose for students from years Seven to Nine, as well as 10 to 12, and is open to young people living, working or studying in Boroondara.

The Open Short Story section is a national competition that invites literary works between 1500 and 3000 words from writers across the country.

A prize pool of up to \$1,100 is on offer for the Young Writers section, and \$2,750 is to be won in the Open Short Story category.

The awards are being conducted in partnership with Leader Community Newspapers and the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

For more information and an entry form, please call 9278 4444, email bla@boroondara.vic.gov.au or visit Council's website.



Planning fact sheets

To help residents develop land for a variety of uses, Council has produced three important fact sheets on tree selection, disability access and designing for safety.

Tree selection is always an important decision as an inappropriate tree placement can cause many problems. The fact sheet will help people make informed decisions on suitable trees for their gardens.

The *Universal Access* fact sheet

provides information on providing disability access to new and existing buildings, to ensure the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* are met.

Finally, *Safer By Design* highlights a number of simple safety measures that can be employed when designing any new development.

These fact sheets are available at the Camberwell and Hawthorn council offices and on Council's website.

Crafty start to the month

As a makers market, all Hawthorn Craft Market stallholders make and sell their own products.

The market, which runs on the first Sunday of each month, offers a variety of goods, from homemade produce such as cakes and jams, to baby goods and children's wear, and products for the home and garden.

So come along to the next market, between 10am and 3pm on Sunday 5 September at Hawthorn Town Hall. Free entry and parking off Kent Street, Hawthorn.

For more information, please call 9278 4444 or visit Council's website.

Immunisations

Upcoming August immunisation dates, times and venues are as follows:

9.30am to 11.30am

- **2 August** – Canterbury, Conochie Hall
- **11 August** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **25 August** – Balwyn North, Marwal Centre
- **4 and 18 August** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room
- **12 August** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services

10am to 12pm

- **6, 13, 20 and 27 August** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall
- **31 August** – Camberwell, Frog Hollow Reserve (appointment only session)

2.30pm to 4.30pm

- **23 August** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall

5.30pm – 7pm

- **3 August** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services
- **10 August** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **17 August** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Council Building
- **26 August** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room

Volunteer your time

Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week, held between 30 August and 5 September, brings attention to eating disorders and body image issues.

Eating Disorders Victoria (EDV) was established almost 25 years ago to provide support, information and referral services for people with eating disorders or body image problems and their families, friends, partners and the wider community.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of EDV and can provide assistance as helpline consultants, support group convenors, chat room moderators, as well as part of the speakers' bank or administration.

If you would like to put your hand up to volunteer for EDV, or if you want to find out more information, please call the Volunteer Services Coordinator on 9885 6563 or visit eatingdisorders.org.au.

For more information about body image or eating disorders, please call 1300 550 236 or visit the website.

If you would like to volunteer in another capacity, opportunities exist across the City. For more information, please call the **Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC) on 9278 4550 to arrange an interview or visit bvrc.org.au. The BVRC provides information and referral services to assist people to find volunteer work in a diverse range of fields across the community.**



Tackling homelessness among older women

National Homeless Persons' Week seeks to illuminate the plight of homeless Australians and help us realise it is a social issue that affects many people.

Boroondara is generally regarded as an affluent community, however, the 'Counting the Homeless 2006' report found the rate of homeless persons in our City was 32 per 10,000 residents.

In the Eastern Metropolitan Region there has been an increase in the number of older women seeking housing assistance, particularly in the City of Boroondara.

There has also been an increase in the number of referrals for women over 60 from culturally and linguistically diverse

backgrounds who need to immediately vacate their homes.

A number of factors contribute towards older women experiencing homelessness including abuse, the lack of appropriate and affordable housing, limited finances following the death of a partner and lack of financial expertise.

To help address this alarming development, Council sponsored a research project, held a forum in June to discuss homelessness among older women and is working with several organisations to develop a further response.

The literature review and forum reports are available on Council's website.

Welcome to Deepdene

After a long campaign by residents and Council, Deepdene has officially become Boroondara's newest and smallest suburb.

The community profiles on Council's website have been now been updated to reflect this long-awaited development.

Here are some interesting Deepdene statistics, according to the 2006 census:

- 1,567 people reside in 594 dwellings.
- Along with Balwyn North, it had the highest rate of outright home ownership in Boroondara (51%).
- 24.3% of the population was 17 years-old or younger, and 19.9% were 60 years and over – a similar age breakdown to the rest of Boroondara.
- 26.9% of residents were born overseas, with the dominant non-English speaking country of birth being China, where 2.7% of the population were born.

For more information on Deepdene, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/research-statistics.



Whitehorse Road, Deepdene

Last chance to meet renowned author

This will be the final 'About the Boys and Girls' session featuring well known children's author John Heffernan.

John's main audience is 10 to 14 year-olds and he has written many titles for children, from picture books through to young adult novels. Several of his books have been shortlisted and some have won awards, including *My dog*, which was awarded Book of the Year by the Children's Book Council of Australia in 2002, as well as being

short-listed for the NSW Premier's Literary Award.

This will be a combined session and boys and girls over 10, along with their dads and mums, are invited to listen to John talk about his love of writing and his life on the land.

When: 7pm, Tuesday 17 August

Where: Kew Library

This session is free, however bookings are essential.

Bedtime stories during Children's Book Week

During Children's Book Week, which runs from 21 to 27 August, the Children's Book Council of Australia will announce the winners of this year's children's book awards.

To celebrate this special week, two Boroondara libraries will be holding a 'Bedtime Storytime' session.

So make a date to come along with the whole family, and remember to wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite teddy!

When: 7pm, Wednesday 25 August

Where: Balwyn Library

When: 7pm, Thursday 26 August

Where: Hawthorn Library

These sessions are free and there is no need to book.

Click goes the Library – family history

Have you always wanted to trace your family history but don't know where to start? Are you interested in finding out what genealogy resources are available online?

National Family History Week falls in August – between 30 July and 8 August – and we encourage residents to join library staff at a one-hour information session that will teach you how to use the internet to research your family's past.

This session is aimed at the novice genealogist and will cover getting started, popular websites, handy hints and more.

When: 7.30pm, Wednesday 4 August

Where: Balwyn Library

This session is free, however bookings are essential.

Visit familyhistoryweek.org.au for other events around Victoria.



BookTalks

Unsure what to read and need some suggestions? Our library staff have lots of great ideas and want to spread the word on their favourite titles and new additions to the collection.

When: 11am, Wednesday 11 August

Where: Ashburton Library

When: 2pm, Thursday 26 August

Where: Hawthorn Library

This session is free and there is no need to book.

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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