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Message from the Mayor

Most people would say they don't know anyone who suffers from or perpetrates domestic violence, but the statistics don't bear that out. The truth is you probably do know someone at either end of the spectrum.

If you fear for the safety of a friend or family member, please call the Boroondara Police or one of the other numbers provided on page 4 of this edition.

Our City's police do a great job protecting us from danger and Council shares a great working relationship with them.

On another note, it was great to see so many local residents at last month's Democracy Forum at the Hawthorn Town Hall.

Local democracy is a vital component of our political system and it is important that state and federal levels of government recognise this.

Enjoy this month's *Bulletin*.

Councillor Jack Wegman
Mayor of Boroondara

When people talk to me about community safety, they usually think of home invasion and street assaults. In Boroondara, that type of crime is far less prevalent than in other parts of Melbourne.

However, we are not immune from a more insidious form of violence, which is far more harmful to the fabric of our community, and that is domestic violence.

Clearways update

Earlier this year, the City of Boroondara launched a campaign to overturn the Victorian Government's extended clearway policy.

Council organised a rally in High Street, Kew which received widespread media coverage and launched the 'Clearways – No Way' postcard campaign.

We would like to thank all residents who supported local traders by sending a protest postcard to the Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas. If you haven't done so yet, many traders still have the cards so it's not too late.

In an effort to overturn extended clearways, the adjoining cities of Yarra and Stonnington have taken Supreme Court action and a determination is expected in November.

Council is committed to advocating on behalf of local traders that are affected by extended clearways and is planning the campaign's second phase.

This second phase will include a 'shop local' campaign to assist our local strip shopping centres remain vibrant community hubs.

More information will be published in future editions of the *Boroondara Bulletin*.



Freeway noise update

Following a feature in the July Boroondara Bulletin on our residents' opposition to freeway noise, Council has continued to advocate for an increase in state funding to address noise attenuation on the M1 and Eastern freeways.

The 2010–11 State Budget provided for \$8.4 million to be spent on noise wall treatments and noise reduction technologies along the Monash Freeway from Solway Street to Ashburn Grove in Ashburton, and from Estella Street to Saxby Road in Glen Iris.

While this was seen as a positive step, it does not cover the Monash Freeway going towards the city, nor any part of the Eastern Freeway.

Residents in Glen Iris, Kew and Balwyn North are understandably unhappy about the Victorian Government's lack of action in their areas.

Council is currently exploring further options for its advocacy campaign, including the prospect of a community rally.

We know it is an issue that is important to residents and will keep you posted on key developments.



Rewarding sustainable commuters

Want to save money, help the environment and get your daily exercise? How about a free hot breakfast, fruit, coffee, smoothies, a five-minute massage, great music, prize draws and more?

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, you should participate in National Ride to Work Day on Wednesday 13 October.

To celebrate the occasion and encourage locals to commute sustainably, Council is cooking up a special community breakfast.

The brekky will run between 7am and 8.30am in front of the Camberwell Civic Centre at 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell.

So come on down and enjoy the food and drink in the company of fellow cyclists.

Spread the word and try and get your workplace to sign up at ride2work.com.au.

For more information on Ride to Work Day and Council's community breakfast, please call Anna Haygreen, Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542.

Please note: the breakfast being provided is to encourage and reward those who cycle.

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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 4 October

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 18 October

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 25 October

6pm Council Meeting (the Annual Report 2009–10 will be presented to the community at this meeting)



The importance of community safety



Considering the safety of others

Peter Edwards (pictured above), a long-time Bororoondara resident who lost his sight in his early 20s, knows a thing or two about navigating our City's streets.

Now 44, he says the main hazards for vision impaired residents are traffic, overhanging vegetation and anything obstructing footpaths.

Dangerous and selfish drivers racing around in peak hour concern all vision impaired people, and Peter urges them to consider others' safety before they dash to beat the lights.

Peter's loyal dog Barry, a three-year-old Labrador/Golden Retriever cross from Guide Dogs Victoria, helps him negotiate Bororoondara's streets and detect obstacles such as overgrown shrubs.

However, Peter says overgrown vegetation is particularly dangerous for cane users, who rely on a completely clear footpath to help them get around.

So it is very important that local residents are aware of this and trim shrubs and trees that are close to their fence or on the nature strip.

"So many people have never met anyone who is vision impaired, so they don't worry about it", Peter said.

"Most people in the community think it's not a big deal for something to grow over their fence, but it is a big deal for the vision impaired."

All vegetation is growing very quickly at the moment so residents need to be particularly vigilant of protruding branches or shrubs, especially fast-growing agapanthus.

Next time you're out the front of your property, make sure there isn't anything obstructing the footpath.

If you notice any shrubs or trees that are growing out of control and over the footpath, please call Council's Local Laws Department on 9278 4444.

Stand up against domestic violence

Domestic violence is a serious issue in our community and it is important that any person who is affected feels supported.

If you or somebody you know is being subjected to abusive behaviour by a family member or partner, you do have options and there is a way out.

The following services specialise in helping people who are experiencing domestic violence:

- **Emergency services:** 000 (24 hours)
- **Eastern Domestic Violence Service:** 9259 4200 (during business hours)
- **Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria:** 1800 015 188 (24 hours)
- **Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Service:** 8413 6800 (BH)
- **Kids Help Line:** 1800 551 800 (24 hours)
- **Eastern Community Legal Centre:** 9285 4822 (BH)
- **Relationships Australia, Kew:** 9261 8700 (BH)
- **Camcare:** 9809 9100 (Ashburton) 9831 1900 (Camberwell) (BH)
- **Inner East Community Health:** 9818 6703 (Hawthorn) 9885 6822 (Ashburton) (BH)

Please call any of these services or confide in a friend if you are the victim of domestic violence.

You are not alone, help is available and it's only a phone call away.

Community partnership protecting Boroondara

Senior Constable Carolyn Pethick is Boroondara Police's Community Liaison Officer and she helps residents and community groups who are looking for advice or remedies to local safety issues.

Victoria Police is committed to their Local Priority Policing (LPP) program, which promotes a partnership between local communities and their police to identify concerning issues.

In consultation with local residents, Carolyn is responsible for developing and implementing programs to reduce crime and the fear of crime within Boroondara Police's area.

The LPP program offers the following services:

- consultation with local communities
- analysis of crime trends and statistics
- problem solving approach to crime reduction
- thorough knowledge of available options and strategies and their appropriate implementation.

Carolyn is also trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, a process that recognises that the community has the ability to design public and private places in ways to deter criminal activity.



VICTORIA POLICE

Fireproof your property

In preparation for summer and the forthcoming fire season, Council will be conducting fire hazard inspections from mid October until February.

The recent spring rains and warmer weather has helped grass grow across the City, but the longer the grass the more likely it is to cause fires.

It is important that grass and weeds are kept under 150mm in height and flammable materials are stored safely.

Fires not only pose a threat to your property, but also neighbouring houses, especially if the grass runs along fences.

In the interests of community safety it is important that residents clear

all combustible material from their properties and clear vacant land.

Over the next few months Council will be conducting inspections and alerting any residents whose properties do not comply with safety regulations.

For more information, please call Council's Local Laws Department on 9278 4444.



Long grass is potentially hazardous and helps fire spread quickly.



A sporty City

Our City is a haven for sports lovers. More than 30,000 people are part of 300 sporting clubs and they have access to some of the best facilities in Melbourne.

These clubs compete on 56 well maintained sportsgrounds and a further 46 leased facilities, catering to 23 sporting codes.

Tennis has the highest number of participants, closely followed by basketball, cricket, golf and netball.

Australian Rules Football is another of Boroondara's most popular sports, and, according to a 2005 audit, nearly 5000 people participate in senior, junior or Auskick teams.

As a result of the demands of compulsory private school sport, Boroondara's junior football clubs have found it challenging to retain players once they reach their teenage years.

This can result in players reaching senior football level but choosing to play for clubs that are outside our City.

Recognising this issue, young players from the Balwyn, Canterbury and Hawthorn Citizens junior football clubs decided to join forces last winter and form the Boroondara Hawks Junior Football Club.

Following a slower start in 2009 the Hawks now have three Under 15 teams



and two Under 17 teams registered.

One team from each age group made their grand final at the end of August and the Under 15 team won the premiership!

Not only have the Boroondara Hawks been successful, they have ensured that junior footballers in the community are provided with a direct pathway to local senior football and will continue to be active after they leave school.

For more information on Boroondara sportsgrounds and clubs, please visit Council's website.

Keeping older drivers safe and mobile

This month, Council is conducting a Keeping Safe and Mobile seminar to help older drivers stay safe on the road for as long as possible.

Giving older residents the opportunity to stay mobile not only helps their own sense of independence, but also means they can continue to contribute to our City's economic and social prosperity.

A number of topics will be covered on the day, including road rules, vehicle safety, health and mobility issues, driver assessments and using alternative transport.

Participants will also get the latest news on relevant Council services and there will be an opportunity to talk with a qualified occupational therapist.

The seminar will be held between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Wednesday 27 October in the Boroondara Room at the Council offices in Camberwell (8 Inglesby Road).

Refreshments will be provided and no tests are involved. Bookings are essential.

The seminar is organised and funded by Roadsafes, TAC and RACV in partnership with the City of Boroondara.

For more information or to make a booking, please call Anna Haygreen, Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542.

Keep the kids safe around water

With summer approaching now is the perfect time to enrol your child in swimming lessons.

The Boroondara Sports Complex (BSC) conducts aquatic education lessons for young children, from infants to school-aged.

Classes are conveniently held during the week and on weekends.

For more information, please visit bsc.ymca.org.au or call BSC on 9851 0444.





Catch the B Sharp Big Band at the Hawthorn Town Hall this month.

Town Hall Overtures concert series

The Town Hall Overtures series winds up this month with two wonderful concerts, featuring swing and classical music.

One of Melbourne's favourite big bands, the B Sharp Big Band will perform at 1pm on Thursday 7 October, as part of Victorian Seniors Festival celebrations.

The Town Hall will be buzzing like never before with the sounds of 30s, 40s and 50s swing, so bring your dancing shoes and get involved.

There will also be dance demonstrations and the highly informative Come-and-Try Expo, which brings together a range of leisure, recreation and arts activity groups that will be of interest to local seniors.

The concert and expo are free to attend and bookings are essential, so please call 9278 4722.

The final concert in the series, at 2pm on Sunday 24 October, is a choral event celebrating the music of renowned Melbourne-born composer and virtuoso pianist, Percy Grainger.

The program will include a selection of Grainger's popular and rarely heard compositions, performed by the Consort of Melbourne and a selection of Boroondara's best local choirs.

Both concerts will take place at the Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

For more information, please call Arts and Cultural Services on 9278 4444, email events@boroondara.vic.gov.au or visit Council's website.

Kew Court House

The Kew Court House, Boroondara's exciting new cultural hub will be opening in the middle of 2011.

Applications are now being accepted from non-profit community, arts and cultural groups interested in becoming resident groups.

The spaces available include the court room and ancillary rooms, and three rooms on the first floor of the former police station residence. These three rooms would be best suited to meeting or administration offices.

The Kew Court House promises to be an important venue for local arts groups and applications must be in by 5pm on Friday 22 October.

For more information, please call Arts and Cultural Services on 9278 4770.

Beyond the covers

This month's Town Hall Gallery exhibition, *Between the Covers*, challenges the way we look at books by presenting them in abstract ways.

Books will be hanging on walls, rolled up, opening the wrong way and organised in an unusual fashion.

All books are handmade by their authors and accompanying illustrations will tell their stories.

The exhibition is presented with the support of the Evergreen Centre, Boroondara Writers' Group and local residents and artists.

In Conversation: project creator Caroline Carruthers and gallery curator Mardi Nowak will discuss the exhibition with visitors. From 2pm to 3pm on Saturday 9 October.

Exhibition dates: until Saturday 23 October, Town Hall Gallery, rear 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

For more information, please call 9278 4626 or visit townhallgallery.blogspot.com.

Out and about

your guide to local events

This handy guide can be pulled out for easy reference.

Sunday 3 October

Hawthorn Craft Market

10am to 3pm, Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. This makers' market is home to a huge range of talented artisans producing a variety of traditional and innovative arts and crafts. Details: 9278 4444.

Tuesday 5 October

Eastern Central Amnesty International

8pm, Camberwell Community Centre, 33 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell. Amnesty International has formed a new group covering Boroondara and we meet on the first Tuesday of every month. New members welcome. Details: Rolf Sorensen 9809 2067 or 0434407519.

Thursday 7 October

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 8 October

Introduction to the Baha'i faith

8pm, Hidden Words bookshop, 351 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Come along for a relaxing Friday evening and learn more about various topics of the Baha'i faith. This week: Advancement of women in health and ethical issues. Details: 9815 2020.

Saturday 9 October

Camberwell Music Society

7.30pm, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. The Melbourne Guitar Quartet will perform works by Bach, Vivaldi, William Walton and Nigel Westlake. Cost: \$23 adult, \$20 concession. Details: 9882 4560.

Sunday 10 October

St Aidan's Music Society

2.30pm, St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street, Balwyn North. This month we have Marek Bakowski on piano and Diane Bakowski on cello. Cost: \$20 includes refreshments. Details: Maurice Mathers 9890 8322.

Monday 11 October

Audiology Ultra Hearing Services

9am to 5pm, 87 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn and 330 High Street, Ashburton. Free adult hearing assessments with qualified audiologist. Also available 18 and 25 October. Details: 9885 8001.

Wednesday 13 October

Apple Users 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.

Friday 15 October

My Fair Lady

Geoffrey McComas Theatre, Scotch College, 1 Morrison Street, Hawthorn. The Old Scotch Music and Drama Club will stage Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* from Friday 15 to Saturday 30 October. Cost: \$45 adult, \$40 concession, \$30 school students. Details: 1300 039 685.

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 October

Australia's Open Garden Scheme

10am to 4.30pm, Hawthorn Community Gardens, 351 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn East. The Open Garden Scheme comes to Hawthorn, with talks by ABC Gardening Australia's John Patrick at 11am and 3pm daily. Cost: \$6 adult, children free. Details: Annette Schaub 9813 3970.

Saturday 16 October

Boroondara Farmers Market

8am to 1pm, Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn East. This market gives visitors the perfect chance to stock up on farm-fresh supplies and delicious treats. Entry: \$2 donation. Details: 9278 4444.

Treasures @ Trinity Craft Market

10am to 1pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, corner Union Road and Montrose Street, Surrey Hills. Boutique market with lovely hand crafted goods, cakes, preserves, wine, fresh produce and a large variety of plants. Details: 9808 0323.

Wednesday 20 October

Camberwell Film Society

7.30pm, Camberwell Community Centre, 33 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell. Screening and discussing classics of cinema, as well as recent local and international releases. This month's film: *The Bank Job*. Cost: annual subscriptions are \$35 for single and \$65 for double. Details: Bill Kerr 9347 6969.

Saturday 23 October

Strawberry Fair

9am to 2pm, St Paul's Anglican Church, corner Hale Street and Windella Avenue, Kew East. Details: Anne Leeds 9859 2177.

Monday 25 October

Camberwell Parkinson's Disease Support Group

10am to 12pm, St Mark's Church Hall, corner Burke and Canterbury roads, Camberwell. Information, support and morning tea. Cost: \$2. Details: Ruth Harrop 9889 3499.

Thursday 28 October

Victorian Orchid Club

8pm, St Mary's Church Hall, 99 Bowen Street, Camberwell South. Display of orchids and friendly advice. This month's illustrated talk is on our terrestrial orchids. Details: Di or John 9478 9764.

Friday 29 October

Camberwell Afternoon Slide Group

2pm, Chambly Community Centre, 405 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Fascinating slides with guest speakers talking about featured destinations. This month: parts of United Kingdom. Cost: \$20 annual membership and optional afternoon tea available, \$1 per program. Details: 9889 7509 or 9882 8383.

Sunday 31 October

Camberwell Chorale

2.30pm, Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Camberwell Chorale, together with the Camerata Orchestra and guest soloists, presents Verdi's dramatic *Requiem*. Cost: \$30 adult, \$25 concession. Details: Margaret Keighley 9561 2531 or email camberwell_chorale@bigpond.com .

What's on at your local Neighbourhood House

Pick up your free copy of the *Short Course, Activity and Social Guide, July to December 2010* available now 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.

Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass

1pm to 3pm, Thursdays from 28 October. Journey into Lewis Carroll's worlds of paradox and fantasy. Cost: \$58 (four weeks). Bookings: 9830 4214.

Beginning computers for seniors

1pm to 3pm from Wednesday 13 October, or 10am to 12pm, Thursday 14 October at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Cost \$165 (eight weeks). Details: 9853 3126.

Belly dancing for fun

6.45pm to 8pm, Wednesdays from 11 October at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$80 adult, \$60 concession. Details: 9885 9401.

Bollywood dance

6pm to 7pm, Wednesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Fun and fitness for all ages. Cost: \$80 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Bridge

7.15pm to 11pm, Mondays and 12.15pm to 4pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Duplicate partner required. Cost: \$4.50 per session or \$40 for 10 tickets. Details: 9836 7942.

Children's yoga

4pm to 5pm, Wednesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Cost: \$90 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Creative writing

9.30am to 11.30am, Wednesdays at Ashburton Community Centre. Encourage your imagination or maybe write your family history. Cost: \$99 (eight sessions). Bookings: 9885 7952.

Crime fiction lunches

Monthly lunches at Hawthorn Community House. Cost: \$10 includes food. Details: 9819 2629.

eBay trading

10.30am to 12pm, Tuesdays starting 12 October at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$60 (three weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Thursdays, starting 14 October at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$105 (three weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Finding love online

6pm to 8pm from Monday 11 October at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. The modern way of meeting new people over the internet. Suitable for all age groups. Cost: \$90 (five weeks). Details: 9853 3126.

French polishing

1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays and 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Thursdays at Ashburton Community Centre. Cost: \$115 (eight sessions). Bookings: 9885 7952.

10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Cost: \$148.50 (ten weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Keep your computer running smoothly

9.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday 16 October at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$64. Bookings: 9889 0791.

Felting workshop

9.30am to 3.30pm, Saturday 23 October at Camberwell Community Centre. Make felted jewellery, scarves, berets or bags. Cost: \$60. Details: 9882 2611.

iPod training

9.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday 23 October at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$64. Bookings: 9889 0791.

Indian vegetarian cooking

1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays starting 6 October at Hawthorn Community House. Cost: \$75 (four sessions). Bookings: 9819 2629.

Meatless Indian dishes

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Thursdays from 21 October at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$111 (four weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Relax, breathe and de-stress

10.30am to 11.30am, Thursdays 21 October to 25 November. Feel more relaxed, energised, inspired, joyful, healthy and happy. Cost: \$72 (six weeks). Bookings: 9830 4214.

Short course in Office skills

9am to 3.30pm from Monday 11 October at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Understand the office environment and Microsoft Word fundamentals. Cost: \$90 (eight weeks) includes manual. Details: 9853 3126.

Strength training

Classes each weekday at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Cost: \$60 (10 weeks). Details: 9890 2467.

Sustainable neighbourhoods

The Craig Family Centre is working with low income households in the Ashburton Neighbourhood Renewal Area who want to improve sustainability at home and in the neighbourhood. Details: 9885 7789.

Systemise yourself

10am to 12.30pm, Tuesday 12 October at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Have a productive day every day. Cost: \$30. Bookings: 9830 4214.

The artist's way for writers

10am to 12pm, Fridays at Hawthorn Community House. Increase your creative writing skills and nurture your imagination. Details: 9819 2629.

The computer and your camera

12.30pm to 3pm, Tuesdays 12 to 26 October at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$83. Details: 9885 9074.

Upgrading to Word 2007

12.30pm to 3pm, Wednesdays 13 and 20 October at Alamein NLC. Learn the differences between Word 2003 and 2007. Cost: \$55. Details: 9885 9074.

Watercolour

1pm to 3pm, Tuesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$135 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Watercolour painting

9.30am to 11.30am, Saturdays from 16 October with realist artist Raymond Kenyon at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Cost: \$84 (six sessions). Details: 9890 2467.

Youth leadership

Calling all young people between the ages of 12 and 25 who are making a difference in Ashburton, Ashwood and Chadstone. Join a group which will give you leadership opportunities and a chance to make a real difference, while having fun. Details: 9885 7789.



Major projects

Hawthorn community precinct construction commencing

Council is building a multipurpose, two-level facility adjacent to the Hawthorn Library that will provide a range of services for children, families and the older community.

Work on this new facility has led to the relocation of a number of important community services.

Groups operating out of the Hawthorn Town Hall temporary facilities include the Peppercorn and Italian seniors clubs, the Hawthorn Community Education Centre, Maternal and Child Health Services and community groups which previously used the library meeting rooms.

In November, the Glenferrie Early Childhood Centre will move into temporary accommodation on the site.

The old Scout Hall building and the Senior Citizens Peppercorn Club have been demolished and Hawthorn Tennis Club fencing has also been moved to facilitate the relocation of the public walkway.

On-site work will begin in late 2010 and the new facility should be ready for occupation in early 2012.

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



Concept drawing of Hawthorn Library Precinct courtesy of FJMT Architects.

Celebrating diversity

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

- 1 October** China National Day
- 3 October** Germany National Day
- Korea – National Foundation Day
- 12 October** Spain National Day
- 17 October** Vijay Dashami – Hindu festival that marks the triumph of good over evil
- 26 October** Austria National Day
- 28 October** Turkey National Day

Major projects update:

Kew Recreation Centre – preparing for construction contractor tender. Construction: December 2010 to August 2011.

Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre – reviewing concept design. Construction: 2012–13.

Camberwell Library and Office – preparing for managing contractor tender for detailed design phase. Construction: March 2011 to March 2012.

Hawthorn Town Hall Arts Precinct – continuing concept design phase. Construction: 2012–13.

You can also register your interest to receive project bulletins online at boroondara.vic.gov.au/major-projects, or call Council's Communications and Engagement team on 9278 4444.



Your say

Help us make more informed decisions by sharing your thoughts on current issues, plans and projects. This page provides 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 better community outcomes. For more information and details on consultation opportunities, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say.

Have your say!

Revised draft Residential Parking Permit Policy for comment

Last year we asked for your feedback on the draft Residential Parking Policy, and have now made some changes that impact permit numbers for multi-unit sites. The policy's purpose is to provide fair and equitable use of on-street parking. Let us know what you think about the proposed changes by completing the survey on our website, or collect a hard copy from libraries and customer service centres. The survey closes on Friday 8 October.

Draft Activity Centres Strategy

Boroondara property owners will shortly receive a special edition of the *Boroondara Bulletin* explaining Council's draft Activity Centres Strategy (ACS) and how to have a say on the future shape of our strip shopping centres. This draft strategy has come about in response to the Victorian Government's policies that identify inner-city shopping strips as the key places to accommodate growth. The special edition *Boroondara Bulletin* gives local residents the opportunity to have a say on the future face of our City. So have a good read of it, visit our website for details on your local shopping strips and the bigger issue of how we can best accommodate growth and protect our leafy suburbs. For more information and to request a special edition *Boroondara Bulletin*, please call 9278 4534.

What's been happening?

Kew Court House

After consulting the community on possible venue names for the Kew Court House and Police Station, a shortlist was presented to Council in June. To continue the community's connection with the building and its heritage, the facility will officially be known as the Kew Court House, with the sub-line Community Cultural Centre. Thank you to those who contributed to naming the vibrant new community arts hub. Further community feedback relating to fees and charges for the hire of spaces, the frequency and intended use of the spaces and desired equipment needs can now be downloaded from Council's website.

Hays Paddock Plan

In May, you provided feedback on the current and future uses of Hays Paddock, Kew East. Since then, we have gathered your suggestions, held information sessions and facilitated the formation of a steering committee. Community meetings were held in July, August and September, and the next one will be held on Wednesday 20 October at the Parks and Gardens Depot, 31 Hutchinson Drive, Kew. Observers are welcome. For more information, please call Parks and Gardens on 9278 4595 or visit Council's website.

North East Precinct Project

A community audit, demographic research and extensive community consultations provided Council with a range of information on issues affecting residents in the City's north east. The feedback has been used to formulate recommendations to strengthen Council's community service planning and development in the north-east precinct. A final report and action plan was adopted by Council in July. For more information or a copy of the report, please call Fiona Brown, Senior Policy Advisor on 9278 4476 or email fiona.brown@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Boroondara Netball Centre Pavilion extension

After receiving the community's support, Council has endorsed concept plans to extend the Boroondara Netball Centre Pavilion. The original concept design was amended to include separate male amenities. Council also resolved to investigate the provision of separate public toilets in Macleay Park and potential sound reduction measures. Independent of the project, Council will undertake a comprehensive review of traffic management and car parking in the vicinity. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during the consultation process.



Dreaming of a greener Christmas?

In the lead up to Christmas, Council is offering two new Living for our Future workshops.

Food that's good for you and the planet

It can be difficult to know whether the food we buy and eat is really sustainable.

Are you confused by different food accreditation labels? Would you like to know what foods are best enjoyed in different seasons? Would you like to know more about where your food comes from?

Come along to a free workshop presented by Sam Lynch, founder of sustainable catering company Original Foods.

- 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Thursday 21 October, Council's Camberwell offices, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Sustainable gift ideas

The upcoming festive season can seem a bit like a shopping frenzy and we often don't think about how our purchases impact on the environment or other societies.

This Christmas why not celebrate with family and friends by starting some sustainable giving traditions that care for people and the planet.

Come along to a free workshop presented by Nick Ray from the Ethical Consumer Group.

- 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesday 16 November, Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

For more information and to book, please call 9278 4011 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future. Bookings are essential.

Helping residents recharge

The Recharge Scheme is a simple and effective program to ensure that people who use an electric scooter or wheelchair can travel without the fear of being stranded with a flat battery.

Council is encouraging local businesses to provide a power point so that customers can conveniently recharge their batteries.

The scheme was developed in response to the increasing number of people with restricted mobility using electric scooters or wheelchairs as a means of transportation.

The cost to recharge an electric scooter or wheelchair for up to an hour is less than 20 cents. So, for a small cost, businesses can make a big

difference to people with limited mobility, giving them more versatility and freedom.

Participating businesses have Recharge stickers (pictured above) on their windows and next to power points so that users can easily find them.

The Recharge Scheme will be launched during the Victorian Seniors Festival, which runs from 3 to 10 October.

For more information, please call David Williams, MetroAccess Project Officer, on 9278 4722 or email david.williams@boroondara.vic.gov.au.



Habitat gardening

Join Council staff and Sustainable Gardening Australia's Helen Tuton for an enjoyable evening focusing on wildlife-friendly gardens.

We will firstly be taking a twilight walk through Maranoa Gardens before settling in for an informative session on how to create a habitat garden at home.

This event will start at 5.45pm on Tuesday 26 October at Maranoa Gardens, Parring Road, Balwyn.

For more information and to book, please call 9278 4889 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future. The workshop is free but bookings are essential.

Please note: this is an outdoor session and you will need to bring your own chair.

Adapting our waste habits

In August, Sustainability Victoria (SV) presented the City of Boroondara with an award in recognition of Council's efforts to integrate sustainable practice into the workplace.

The award was accepted by Councillor Heinz Kreutz (Chair of the Metropolitan Waste Management Board) and Sam Di Giovanni, Council's Acting Manager of Infrastructure Services.

Council officers have demonstrated their commitment to responsible waste management practices by taking the following measures since joining SV's Waste Wise program in 2006:

- installed recycling bins in all major shopping centres and public places
- developed an internal *Green Events Guide* which promotes waste minimisation and recycling at Council events
- cut paper usage by 25 per cent
- exceeded the target of 25 per cent reduction in waste sent to landfill
- tripled procurement of recycled and green products
- established a Green Office team to help minimise waste
- established awards for staff contributing to a green office beyond their core job, and undertook eco-buy training.

We encourage Boroondara residents to follow Council's lead and strive to reduce waste and recycle more.

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 for waste going to landfill.

For more information on what you can and can't recycle, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/transfer-station.



Did you know you can recycle your old television at the Boroondara Transfer Station?

Grants benefiting your community

Council is now offering three-year Operational Grants to local organisations that deliver community and cultural services through the following funding streams:

- Community Support and Wellbeing
- Community Festivals and Events
- Municipal Performing Groups.

The Community Support and Wellbeing stream is for organisations that provide services for disadvantaged residents in Boroondara that address Council's

major strategic objectives identified through *Our Boroondara* and the Council Plan 2010–15.

The Community Festival and Events grants funding stream helps management committees to conduct community-based celebrations.

The Municipal Performing Groups stream supports local performing arts groups, including bands, choirs, orchestras, dance troupes, theatre or new media companies.

Program guidelines and application forms are available on Council's website, at Customer Service centres and libraries.

Applications for the 2011–14 Boroondara Operational Community Grants Program close at 5pm, Friday 29 October.

For more information, please call the Community Planning Department on 9278 4753 or email communitygrants@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Immunisations

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

9.30am to 11.30am

- **4 October** – Canterbury, Conochie Hall
- **13 October** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **27 October** – Balwyn North, Marwal Centre
- **6 and 20 October** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room
- **14 October** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services

10am to 12pm

- **1, 8, 15 and 22 October** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall
- **26 October** – Camberwell, Frog Hollow Reserve (appointment only session)

2.30pm to 4.30pm

- **25 October** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall

5.30pm to 7pm

- **5 October** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services
- **12 October** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **19 October** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Council Building
- **28 October** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room



Mental health awareness

One in five people will experience mental health issues in their lives and it will directly or indirectly affect most members of the Boroondara community.

Mental Health Week will be held between 10 and 16 October and it gives everyone a chance to educate themselves and promote social and emotional wellbeing.

The Mental Illness Fellowship provides people suffering from emotional difficulties – or family and friends – with information and support.

Volunteers can help on the helpline, work in the op-shop and trained volunteers can undertake home visits.

For more information and to get involved, please call the Volunteer Coordinator on 8486 4200.

Join the BVRC

The Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre provides information and referral services to help people find volunteer work in a diverse range of fields.

If you would like to use volunteers in your not-for-profit organisation, you may be eligible for free membership of the BVRC.

The centre offers a range of services to support you, including volunteer referrals to your organisation.

If you are interested in volunteering or joining the BVRC, please call 9278 4550 or visit bvrc.org.au.

Mental health and wellbeing in Boroondara

Mental health and wellbeing – it's about you, your family and your community.

Commencing in Mental Health Week, Council will seek your feedback over October and November to help inform our role in planning and supporting mental health and wellbeing.

Consultations will include group discussions, a telephone survey, an online survey and eKiosks in Boroondara libraries.

If you would like more information on how you can take part, please call the Community Planning Department on 9278 4444 or visit Council's website.

Carers workshops

In October and December, the City of Boroondara and Carers Victoria will be conducting two important workshops for local carers.

The sessions, which are open to any carer in a paid or voluntary position, will be held on the following days:

- **Caring for yourself:** 10am to 1pm, Friday 15 October.

- **Planning for the future including legal considerations:** 1pm to 3pm, Thursday 9 December.

All workshops will be held at the Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available and bookings are essential.

For more information and to register, please call 9278 4722 or email david.williams@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Parenting talks in October

This month, Boroondara libraries will be conducting a series of educational talks for parents. The following important issues will be discussed:

Internet safety

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative that aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and while using mobile phones.

This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and eSecurity.

When: 7.30pm,
Tuesday 5 October

Where: Kew Library

Hot tips for parents

Catherine Warnock's book, *Hot tips for cool parents: the key to raising awesome kids* looks at parenting across all ages and explores a parent's role in shaping their child's life.

Catherine will talk about a range of topics including discipline, manners, school, friendships, healthy eating and more.

When: 11am,
Wednesday 13 October

Where: Ashburton Library

Setting children up for success

This session, conducted by regular *Age* and ABC Radio contributor Kathy Walker, considers the complexities of life and what contributes to success.

Kathy will provide you with practical ideas and strategies, such as the importance of self expression, reaching out when you need to, taking on challenges and effective communication.

When: 2pm,
Thursday 21 October

Where: Kew Library

Creative discipline for toddlers and preschool kids

Lou Harvey-Zahra's book, *Turning tears into laughter* explains how to use rhythms, play and food choices to establish positive behaviours and she will discuss these strategies on the night.

When: 7.30pm,
Wednesday 27 October

Where: Balwyn Library



Mad about...science

Calling all budding Einsteins. Come and have an eye-popping experience at Hawthorn Library and be prepared to experiment and discover all manner of strange and exciting things.

When: 4.30pm to 5.30pm, Tuesday 19 October

Where: Hawthorn Library

The session is free and no bookings are required. Just come along and be prepared to be amazed!

Raise a Reader

Are you a new parent or have young children and want to encourage them to read?

If so, this month's Raise a Reader session will provide useful tips to help develop your child's literacy skills and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Suitable books for a range of age groups will be discussed and on display, and a copy of the library's special kit will be given to each participant.

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

When: 10.30am, Friday 22 October

Where: Balwyn Library

BookTalks

Boroondara's library staff want to spread the word on their favourite books and authors, so come along to one of the below sessions and get some great reading ideas.

When: 11am, Monday 11 October

Where: Balwyn Library

When: 11am, Wednesday 27 October

Where: Ashburton Library

These sessions are free and you don't need to book.

Boroondara Library Service

Ashburton 154 High Street, Ashburton
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:

9278 4666 or visit www.boroondaralibraryevents.eventbrite.com

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