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Message from the Mayor

This is the final message for my 2009–2010 Mayoral term, and what a year we have had listening and giving a voice to the citizens of Boroondara.

Council has advocated on clearways and freeway noise, hosted a statewide forum on local democracy and developed a policy framework for community engagement.

Our major projects have been guided by excellent input from our community and I thank all those involved for taking the time to assist us to make these facilities the very best they can be for current and future generations.

We have also delivered on the commitments made in the Council Plan and I am very proud to share that the City of Boroondara Annual Report 2009–2010 won a Gold Award at the Australasian Reporting Awards.

Earlier this year we released the draft Activity Centres Strategy, which outlines how we might accommodate 60 to 80 per cent of planned growth in our strip shopping centres.

This area represents less than three per cent of our total land area, and it

would lead to minimal higher density developments in our residential areas.

I ask you to seriously consider participating in the community summit on Saturday 12 February 2011 as it will be a great opportunity to represent your neighbourhood in guiding where growth in Boroondara should occur.

You will find more information on this summit and the draft strategy on page three of this edition of the *Bulletin*.

Thank you for your support over the last year and have a great month.

**Councillor Jack Wegman
Mayor of Boroondara**

Nurturing local democracy

The Local Democracy Forum in September was a great success, with more than 50 passionate people from all over Melbourne coming together at the Hawthorn Town Hall.

The forum gave participants representing a variety of groups and points-of-view an opportunity to discuss what local democracy means to them and where they think it is heading.

It featured representatives from the Victorian Local Governance Association and Coalition of Concerned Councillors, as well as academics, chief executive officers, community groups and public policy experts.

A report on the Local Democracy Forum is available on Council's website and a video will be broadcast on YouTube.

Stay tuned for our next Boroondara Conversations event in March/April 2011, when we will be exploring the population debate.

Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Jack Wegman is committed to local democracy and delivered a stirring speech at the Local Democracy Forum. Here are a selection of excerpts from it:

"You may well ask why a metropolitan local government would find it necessary to put on such a forum.

The answer is simple. There can be little doubt that there is a growing number of people across the geopolitical spectrum who are becoming very concerned that the interests of democracy are no longer being well served in Victoria.

We are progressively losing more of the grass roots control of our collective destinies to centralised control, which seems to have become more responsive to economic imperatives and less responsive to democratic imperatives.

There is something very wrong when about one-in-six local government councillors across the state feels the need to join an organisation with a name like 'the Coalition of Concerned Councillors', and when a local government feels the need to put on a function called a Local Democracy Forum.

The community is being denied opportunities for input into charting the course of its own destiny.

It is time that local government was once again allowed to engage in a mature discussion with the state government about the future of our City. After all, our community, through councils, knows what is important to it; knows what it wants; and knows what it doesn't want. And most importantly, it is our community which will have to live with the consequences.

And so we hope today will be the start of the discussion."



Deepdene Shopping Centre is part of the draft Activity Centres Strategy.

Help shape our City

Council's draft Activity Centres Strategy establishes a planning framework to guide retail, commercial and residential land use and development in 48 shopping strips.

It will help Council advise developers where growth is and isn't acceptable, and what form it can take.

Growth is going to happen and we want to guide where that growth should occur and to what extent, so that the character of the City is not lost and the natural advantages offered by activity centres are the main focus of growth.

In February next year we will be holding a community summit to give residents a clearer picture of what this strategy is all about.

Council's planners will be involved in facilitated conversations about the bigger picture and the trade-offs that might have to be made to strategically accommodate growth in Boroondara.

We guarantee that the summit will allow for your views to be expressed, respected and recorded.

When: 10am to 1pm, Saturday
12 February 2011

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall,
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

How to register:

- visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/activity-centres
- visit an eKiosk at Balwyn, Hawthorn, Kew or Ashburton libraries, or at Council's Camberwell offices
- call us on 9278 4444 from 8.30am to 5.15pm on weekdays and we'll register you over the phone.

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Council meetings

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

Details: 9278 4474

Monday 15 November

6pm Services Special Committee

8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 22 November

6pm Council Meeting

Monday 29 November

6pm Services Special Committee

8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Maranoa Ward meeting

Councillor Nicholas Tragas is conducting a ward meeting and is inviting Maranoa Ward residents and other stakeholders to attend.

Local issues will be discussed and the meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 16 November at Balwyn Library. For more information, call 9278 4473.

If you're not sure which ward you reside in, view the map at boroondara.vic.gov.au/ward-map.



A & L Artistic Framers, 2010, photograph by Lisa Shulman.

Celebrating local traders

This month at Town Hall Gallery, local artist Lisa Shulman is celebrating Hawthorn traders in a special photographic exhibition, Shopfront.

By photographing local communities, Shulman aims to record not just disappearing technologies, but to respectfully acknowledge and preserve the culture of one-to-one customer service and the important role such businesses provide within the fabric of society.

In Conversation: Lisa Shulman will be discussing this project and her work from 2pm to 3pm, Saturday 6 November.

Exhibition dates: until Saturday 20 November, Town Hall Gallery, rear 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

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

Do you wear your heart on your T?

Town Hall Gallery is once again calling for artists to submit t-shirts for the I Wear My Heart on my Tee exhibition, which will take place in March 2011.

It is an exhibition that celebrates young designers and has proved to be one of the gallery's most popular shows.

To obtain an application form, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/t-shirt or call 9278 4775.

Submissions for this exhibition close on 12 January 2011.





Hawthorn Craft Market

A trip to the Hawthorn Craft Market is a great way to spend a relaxing Sunday.

At this month's market our green-thumbed vendors will have a terrific range of exotic plants, flowers, succulents and herbs for sale.

In addition to this, an array of handmade arts, crafts, curios and delicious treats are on offer, so you're bound to leave with something special.

When: 10am to 3pm, Sunday
7 November

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall,
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn
(free parking off Kent Street)

**For more information, call
9278 4444 or visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/craft-market.**

Reaching our goals

The Annual Report 2009–10, Council's key document for reporting on achievements, was presented to the community at the end of October.

A significant number of Council's objectives were achieved in 2009–10, including:

- strong progress on the following major infrastructure projects: Hawthorn Community Precinct, Camberwell Library and Office Precinct, Kew Recreation Centre, Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre and Hawthorn Town Hall Arts Precinct
- development of the Boroondara Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009–13

- publication of the *Backyard Biodiversity* booklet
- site for Eco Living Centre selected at 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell
- launched the Online Planning Register in October 2009
- adoption of the Kew Junction and Balwyn structure plans
- launch of new-look website, including a new search engine, events calendar and news centre
- the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, A.C. and Mrs Jan de Kretser toured our City in May 2010.

The full Annual Report 2009–10 is now available on Council's website, and a summary copy can be collected from all customer service locations and libraries.



A great humanitarian stands among us

Many Boroondara residents may not be aware that Kew Junction is home to a garden and statue dedicated to an incredible humanitarian – former Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

In 1944, Wallenberg visited Budapest as part of a Swedish delegation and saved 100,000 Jewish lives from the Nazis.

He did so by issuing 'special' Swedish protective passports, establishing protective housing, soup kitchens, hospitals, orphanages and schools.

Russian troops arrested Raoul Wallenberg in January 1945 and his whereabouts have remained a mystery ever since.

Long-time Hawthorn resident Professor Frank Vajda and his late mother, Maria, were saved by Raoul Wallenberg in October 1944.

In the early 1980s, Professor Vajda wanted to honour Wallenberg in some way and asked Kew City Council if they would consider naming a street after him.

"I owe a debt to this man. I owe my life to this man. I owe my mother's life to this man," Professor Vajda said.

"I honour him. How can you honour

him other than making people think, ask questions and remember.

"He's probably the most famous humanitarian since the beginning of modern times."

Kew mayor of the time, Councillor Jill O'Brien was sympathetic to Professor Vajda's cause and offered to dedicate a garden to Wallenberg's memory.

In 1982, the garden on the corner of Studley Park Road and Denmark Street, Kew became the Raoul Wallenberg Garden, and a monument followed in 1985.

At the time it was the first monument dedicated to Wallenberg outside Budapest – more than 20 now stand across the world.

In fact, there is a Raoul Wallenberg Walk and monument opposite the United Nations headquarters in New York.

The memory of Wallenberg's astounding humanitarian feats has been further preserved by B'nai B'rith Australia, who have created a special edition stamp sheet.

The commemorative sheet features a photograph of the Kew monument and is the first of its kind in the world.



The Raoul Wallenberg statue and garden in Kew.

Recognising exceptional citizens

Do you know someone who is an active member of our community and demonstrates a commitment towards making Boroondara a better place to live?

Council is calling for nominations for the 2011 Boroondara Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

Both awards are open to Australian citizens working, studying or living in

Boroondara, while the Young Citizen Award is restricted to people under 26 years-of-age (as at 26 January 2011).

In selecting the winners, the panel will assess the nominee's passion to contribute to the betterment of the community, their commitment to civic responsibility and participation in activities that benefit the community.

Nominations must be submitted by

5pm, Friday 19 November and forms are available at boroondara.vic.gov.au/citizen-awards or can be collected from Council's offices.

The winners will be announced at Boroondara's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony in January 2011.

For more information, call Council's Governance Department on 9278 4473.

Shopping strips excel

Boroondara features an array of wonderful strip shopping centres, and two of the jewels in our crown were recognised at the Mainstreet Awards dinner in September.

Mainstreet Australia is a not-for-profit, member-based group that supports traditional village shopping strips. The awards acknowledge the committed

leaders and supporters of these strips that help them remain economically, socially and environmentally viable.

In a tremendous achievement for our shopping strips, the Glenferrie Road Shopping Centre and Maling Road each had two nominations in a field of 35 nominees for the seven awards.

The picturesque Maling Road took

away the first award of the evening, with centre coordinator Maria Abadilla being named the Manager/Coordinator of the Year (with a marketing budget of less than \$100,000).

Maria said she was honoured to receive an award for promoting Maling Road and playing some part in developing the centre into a popular destination.

"Maling Road is an iconic destination and has become that through the joint innovation with our traders, who continue to provide amazing customer service and stores," Maria said.

"The retail industry is one of Boroondara's largest industries. To promote its economic and sustainable development, we need to support it both at Council and local level."

While Maling and Glenferrie have been recognised at these awards, traders associations across our City, with the assistance of Council's Economic Development team, are doing a great job promoting a 'shop local' culture.

So, before you make the trip across town to a large shopping centre, have a look in your backyard first and support committed local traders in the lead up to Christmas.

The December/January *Boroondara Bulletin* will feature more information on Christmas at local shopping centres.



From left to right: Maling Road Business Association President Sue-Ann Scott with Mainstreet Award recipient Maria Abadilla.

Measuring community wellbeing

We all have a vision of where we are going and where we want to be.

Council has Our Boroondara – Our City Our Future, a 20-year vision statement that documents the community's aspirations for our City.

The Our Boroondara vision, which was adopted in 2008, was developed after extensive consultations across

the City with more than 1,800 people of all ages and backgrounds.

But the work did not stop there. It is important that we continue to chart our progress in achieving the vision's objectives, and Council is currently consulting with the community on its key aspects.

Consultations will include group

discussions, telephone and online surveys and eKiosks in Boroondara libraries.

For more information and if you would like to take part, please call the Community Planning Department on 9278 4753 or visit Council's website.

Please note: there is more community consultation information on page 11.

Out and about

your guide to local events

This handy guide can be pulled out for easy reference.

Wednesday 3 November

Probus Club of Chatham

10am to 12pm, Salvation Army Citadel, Bowen Street, Camberwell. This month's guest speakers will be Tom and Margo Hartley from Mercy Ships of Australia – the world's largest non-government hospital ship. Details: 9885 2309.

Thursday 4 November

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 8959 4978.

Boroondara Stroke Support Group

10am to 12pm, Boroondara Community Health Centre, 378 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month for stroke survivors, their carers and friends. Cost: \$10 annual membership. Details: Jenny 0413 181 790 or coordinator@bssg.org.au.

Women's support and dream group

6.30pm, Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre, 171 Canterbury Road, Canterbury. For women who have experienced any form of child abuse. Cost: \$5. Details: 0422 646 021.

Friday 5 November

Holy Trinity Spring Fair

5pm to 8pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, corner Union Road and Montrose Street, Surrey Hills. This spring fair will have trash and treasure, furniture, books, CDs, clothes and much more. The fair continues from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 6 November. Details: 9808 0390.

Saturday 6 November

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 every Saturday afternoon. Cost: \$4 a day, with tea and coffee available. Details: Meg 9850 1013.

Sunday 7 November

Come and try bowls

11am to 3pm, North Balwyn Bowls Club, 60 Buchanan Avenue, Balwyn North. Give lawn bowls a go. Details: 0417 062 091.

Wednesday 10 November

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.

Saturday 13 November

Camberwell Chorale

6.30pm, St John's Anglican Church, Burke Road, Camberwell. This month, the choir will perform Handel's *Messiah*. Cost: \$35 adult, \$30 concession. Details: 9561 2531 or email camberwell_chorale@bigpond.com.

Saturday 13 and

Sunday 14 November

Open garden weekend

10am to 4.30pm. Visit more than 25 professionally designed private gardens open across Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula. Cost: \$25 all gardens and \$5 per garden, all proceeds donated to charity. Details and tickets: Jill Forsyth 0412 171 353 or visit gardendesignfest.com.

Sunday 14 November

Founders Day Fair

10.30am to 4.30pm, Trinity Grammar, corner Wellington and Charles streets, Kew. This annual fair will feature heaps of fun activities and stalls for people of all ages. Details: Rohan Brown 9854 3600.

Wednesday 17 November

Foundation Boroondara Annual General Meeting

6pm to 8pm, Chandelier Room, Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Guest speaker Associate Professor David MacKenzie of Swinburne University Social Research Institute will present: 'Who is homeless in Boroondara?'. Details and bookings: 9278 4941 or admin@foundationboroondara.org.au.

Saturday 20 November

Zelman Symphony Orchestra

8pm, James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Road, Kew. Come along to Zelman's final performance of 2010. The program will include Strauss' *Four Last Songs*, Tenace's *Symphonic Dance for Orchestra* and Mahler's *Symphony No. 4*. Cost: \$25 adult, \$20 concession, \$5 child. Details and bookings: 9853 1962.

The Great Fete

1pm to 8pm, Hartwell Primary School, Milverton Street, Camberwell. Mark this in your diary and come and enjoy the great sense of community spirit and fun at Hartwell Primary School's renowned annual fete. Details: 9889 4012.

Treasures @ Trinity Market

10am to 1pm, Trinity Hall, 175 Union Road, Surrey Hills. Many of the handcrafted items, including cakes and preserves, will have a Christmas theme, and plants and fresh produce will feature outside. Details: 9808 0323.

Camberwell Music Society

7.30pm, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Igor Machlak and Olga Kharitonova perform a dazzling concert featuring highlights from the piano duo's repertoire. Cost: \$23 adult, \$20 concession.

Thursday 25 November

Victorian Orchid Club

8pm, St Mary's Anglican Church Hall, 99 Bowen Street, Camberwell South. This month's talk: beautiful Phragmipediums. Details: Di or John 9478 9764.

Sunday 28 November

St Aidan's Music Society

2.30pm, St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street, Balwyn North. This month the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir will be performing. Cost: \$25, includes refreshments. Details: Maurice Mathers 9890 8322.

Monday 29 November

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.

What's on at your local Neighbourhood House

Book club

1.30pm to 3pm, Mondays, monthly at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$3 per meeting. Enjoy lively discussions on books and movies. Details: 9882 2611.

Childcare

Bookings for 2011 now open for short and all-day sessions at Balwyn Community Centre. Details: 9836 7833.

Chinese painting

9.30am to 11.30am and 7pm to 9pm, Wednesdays at Ashburton Community Centre. Learn basic techniques, traditional brush strokes and the use of Chinese inks and colour. Suitable for all skill levels. Materials kit can be purchased from tutor. Cost: \$90 (eight sessions). Bookings: 9885 7952.

Christmas Twilight Market

6pm to 9pm, Friday 26 November at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Live music, Christmas gift stalls, free children's entertainment and Father Christmas will be there too. Details: 9890 2467.

Climate change and you

The Sustainable Neighbourhoods project aims to understand what would make a difference for residents tackling the many challenges that climate change presents. We are looking for residents in Ashburton to participate in a short interview about climate change and sustainable living. Participants will receive a free water-efficient shower head. If you are interested please contact Shau at Craig Family Centre on 9885 7789.

Crime fiction lunches

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

Desktop publishing (introduction to Publisher)

12.30pm to 2.30pm, Fridays from 26 November at Bowen Street Community Centre. Design invitations, newsletters, cards. Cost: \$137 (four weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

eBay trading

9.30am to 12.30pm, 16 to 23 November at Alamein NLC. Covers buying and selling. Cost: \$55. Details: 9885 9074.

Floral art

10am to 12pm, Thursdays and Fridays at Ashburton Community Centre. All styles of floral arrangement are covered. All levels welcome. Flowers not included. Cost: \$90 (eight sessions). Bookings: 9885 7952.

French

4.30pm to 6.30pm (intermediate) and 6.30pm to 7.30pm (beginners), Tuesdays. 4.30pm to 6.30pm, Wednesdays (VCE conversation level). Classes at Hawthorn Community House. Cost: on enquiry. Bookings: 9819 2629.

French polishing

A number of classes are available daytime and in the evening at Balwyn Community Centre. Cost: \$148.50 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

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

Intermediate Excel

3.15pm to 5.45pm, 15 to 29 November at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$88. Details: 9885 9074.

Learn to play solo

11.45am to 1.45pm, Wednesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$70 (five weeks) includes training book. Details: 9882 2611.

Mahjong

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

Occasional childcare for 2011

Bookings for Term 1, 2011 at Bowen Street Community Centre are available from 3 to 17 November. Residents of Boroondara without other regular care such as kinder or childcare are eligible. Details: 9889 0791.

Office skills

Learn skills to enable you to work in an administrative/reception role. At Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Cost: \$90 (eight weeks). Details: 9853 3126.

Riding for fitness and fun

Mondays and Wednesdays at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Details: 9890 2467.

Room hire

Room available for community groups at Bowen Street Community Centre. Details: 9889 0791.

Solo

12.30pm to 3.30pm, Tuesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$3 per week. Details: 9882 2611.

Tennis courts

Three plexi-paved courts available for social tennis. Casual hire weekdays, \$20 per hour or become a member and enjoy access on weekdays and weekends. Details: 9836 7942.

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.

Three-year-old learning program

12.30pm to 3pm, Mondays and Wednesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Qualified staff facilitate an afternoon of stimulating learning. Cost: on enquiry. Details: 9835 7833.

Visionary mindfulness program

12.30pm to 2.30pm, twice per month at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Shift your perception from surviving stroke to thriving. Refreshments provided. No cost. Details: 9890 2467.

Walking groups

9.30am, Wednesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Get fit while enjoying the company of others. Details: 9836 7942.
9.30am to 10.30am, Tuesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Details: 9882 2611.

Watercolor

10am to 12pm, Mondays at Balwyn Community Centre. Suitable for beginners and advanced painters. Cost: \$143 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Yoga

12pm to 1pm, Mondays at Ashburton Baptist Church Hall. Cost: \$105 adult, \$95 concession (eight weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Zumba

1.30pm to 2.30pm, Mondays, or 10am to 11am, Wednesdays at Alamein NLC. Cost: \$85 (eight weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Art makers

Tuesdays at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Join this small group while exploring a variety of techniques and mediums. Details: 9853 3126.

Computers for seniors

At Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Small groups with patient and friendly teachers. Details: 9853 3126.



Safety around inflatable pools

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner, which means hotter weather and buying presents.

Many parents will be considering buying an inflatable pool for their children, and, while they can be a source of hours of fun, safety precautions must be taken.

Pools that hold more than 300mm of water must have a barrier that complies with Victorian building regulations.

Whether the pool is used all summer or just for one day, it must have some form

of barrier. And, the construction of a barrier requires a Building Permit.

You may think these rules are excessive but they are absolutely necessary to ensure your child's safety around water.

Remember, as well as installing a barrier it is important that you supervise your children when they're in the water.

For more information on pool barriers, call Building Services on 9278 4999.

Celebrating diversity

November is an important month for people of many cultures and faiths, and the following celebrations will be taking place across Boroondara and beyond:

- 1 November** All Saints Day (Christian)
- 11 November** Remembrance Day
- 15 November** Hajj (Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca)
- 16 November** International Day of Tolerance (United Nations)
- 21 November** Birth of Guru Nanak Sahib – founder of Sikh religion
- 25 November** Thanksgiving (USA)
- 30 November** St Andrews Day (Scotland)





Your say

Help us make more informed decisions by sharing your thoughts on current issues, plans and projects. Watch this space for updates on what you've said and interesting tips on actively engaging with Council on issues of interest to you.

Have your say!

Hays Paddock

After seeking your input mid-year, we have gathered your Hays Paddock usage suggestions, held information sessions and conducted pavilion tours. After the formation of a steering committee, community meetings have been held each month from July to October, with the next meeting to be held at 3.30pm on Saturday 20 November at Hays Paddock, east side of the pavilion (carpark off Longstaff Street, Kew East). Observers are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Parks and Gardens on 9278 4595 or visit the Your Say website.

What's been happening?

Open space survey

Thank you to all residents who completed an open space survey. We received your responses and are considering your feedback. Your responses 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. You will be provided with a further opportunity for comment next year when the draft strategy is available for consultation.

For more information and details on consultation opportunities, visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say .

Please note: there is another community consultation story on page 7.

Empowering the community

The City of Boroondara makes many important decisions that affect the social, environmental and economical face of our City.

As the closest level of government to the people, Council acknowledges that it is absolutely vital that local residents are involved in decisions that affect them.

It is for this reason that Council handed a group of locals the responsibility of devising the Community Engagement Policy.

The Community Engagement Committee did a wonderful job building the policy, and Council would like to thank the following people for all of their work: Barry Durham, Mary Harnan, Susie Bunn, June MacDonald, Lona Parry, Laura Spelbrink, Helen Consta and Rob Webb.

The policy was adopted by Council in September and provides Council officers with a range of guidelines and strategies on how to involve the

community in decision making.

Barry Durham and Susie Bunn presented the policy to Council in September and were pleased that they were given the chance to develop a policy for the community.

"It (the City of Boroondara) was allowing people to actually represent Council," Susie said.

"Local councils need to understand their community if they are going to represent it and I thought that this policy was the best way forward,"

"It will not only benefit those who seek to engage Council but ultimately there is an even bigger benefit to Council workers to think of themselves as working in the community."

Barry Durham has lived in Hawthorn for 15 years and found the process "quite absorbing".

"Council worked very hard to make sure it was our input that was

reflected rather than their ideas," Barry said.

"It's a much more democratic way for Council to operate and I have a personal conviction that it will provide better decisions, because they will be better informed when they're made."



Susie Bunn and Barry Durham were part of the community team that developed the Community Engagement Policy.



Walking wisely

Older people are the victim of a large number of serious pedestrian accidents within Boroondara.

Council is holding a Wiser Walkers pedestrian safety presentation to help residents stay safe on the streets.

Participants will be given all the facts on how to be a wiser walker, including mobility skills, trip planning and collision information, including local hotspots to look out for.

The presentation is part of the Wiser Walkers Live Longer

program run by RoadSafe Inner Eastern and supported by Council.

This program encourages older pedestrians to use roads safely and wisely while enjoying their independence.

When: 2pm, Wednesday
17 November

Where: Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell

For more information and to book, call Council's Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542.

Free bicycle skills training

Do you want to become a more confident and skilful cyclist? If so, Council is offering Boroondara residents aged 12 and over the opportunity to participate in a free bicycle skills training course.

The full day course will be facilitated by Wilcare Services and include theory and practical components to make you a safer rider.

You will learn safety checks, road rules, techniques for dealing with traffic, starting and stopping, braking, gears, hazard recognition and basic puncture repair.

When: 9.30am to 4pm, Saturday 13 November

Where: Camberwell Council offices and car park, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

For more information and to book, call Council's Sustainable Transport Officer, Anna Haygreen on 9278 4542 or email anna.haygreen@boroondara.vic.gov.au . Places are limited and bookings essential.

Please note: you will need to bring a bicycle and helmet.

Improve your driving

Council's Wiser Driver course gives older drivers the opportunity to upgrade their knowledge and improve confidence on the road.

Taking place in November and December, this program is a refresher course for drivers over 55-years-of-age, facilitated by the Hawthorn Community Education Centre.

The following topics will be covered:

- road safety
- car roadworthiness
- road rules
- the impact of ageing
- handling difficult driving situations
- trip planning
- retaining your licence
- driver wellbeing.

The course consists of four, two-hour sessions in consecutive weeks. Places are limited and bookings essential.

When: 10am to 12pm, Mondays, 29 November and 6, 13 and 20 December

Where: Council's Camberwell offices, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

For more information and to book, call Council's Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542.

Celebrating volunteers

Volunteers make a vital contribution in a variety of roles in our community and International Volunteer Day – on 5 December – is a day to recognise their achievements.

The Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC) would like to recognise and extend their warmest appreciation to everyone who selflessly gives their time to help others.

Volunteers contribute their time and skills in schools, churches, community centres, community groups, parks, gardens and their local neighbourhoods in so many ways to help meet our City's needs.

The BVRC provides information and referral services to assist people to find volunteer work in a diverse range of fields within our community.

For more information about volunteering, please call the BVRC on 9278 4550 to arrange an appointment with one of our volunteer information officers.



Fresh food paradise

The Boroondara Farmers Market gives local residents the perfect chances to stock up on fresh and delicious supplies.

On the third Saturday of each month there are masses of farm fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables, cheeses, olive oils, smoked goods, breads, free-range chickens and more.

When: 8am to 1pm, Saturday 20 November

Where: Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn East

Cost: \$2 donation for adults, helps fund Rotary and Foundation Boroondara projects.



Immunisations

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

9.30am to 11.30am

- **8 November** – Conochie Hall, Canterbury
- **10 November** – Balwyn Community Centre, Balwyn
- **24 November** – Marwal Centre, Balwyn North
- **3 and 17 November** – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew
- **18 November** – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton

10am to 12pm

- **5, 12, 19 and 26 November** – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn

2.30pm to 4.30pm

- **22 November** – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn

4.30pm to 6.30pm

- **24 November** – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn (four-year-old themed immunisation party)

5.30pm to 7pm

- **9 November** – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton
- **16 November** – Hawthorn Council Building, Hawthorn
- **25 November** – Marwal Centre, Balwyn North



Contact and care

It is important that all residents remain vigilant of the wellbeing of vulnerable residents, particularly as the weather begins to heat up.

This task has become easier with the new Contact and Care @ Boroondara register for local residents who are older or have a disability.

This joint initiative between Council, Victoria Police and the Victorian Government was launched earlier this year.

The register is managed by the City of Boroondara and gives us the opportunity

to monitor vulnerable residents in times of extreme weather and emergency events. It also provides Victoria Police with a point of contact.

Residents must consent to being listed on the register and will be asked to provide basic demographic details and emergency contacts.

For more information and if you would like to have your details included, call Health, Ageing and Disability Services on 9278 4722.

Sustainable living workshops

If living sustainably is important to you, please consider attending the following Living for our Future workshops:

Food that's good for you and for the planet

It is hard to know whether the food we buy and eat is sustainable, but there are ways to find out.

This session will teach you how to decipher food accreditation labels, find out where your food comes from and what is best enjoyed in what season.

The free workshop will be presented by Giselle Wilkinson, author of *The Conscious Cook*.

When: 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Wednesday 3 November

Where: Council's Camberwell offices, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Sustainable giving this Christmas

We often don't think about how our buying habits can affect the environment and other societies.

At this workshop, Nick Ray from the Ethical Consumer Group will share creative options and ideas for sustainable giving over the festive season.

When: 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesday 16 November

Where: Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

Bookings are essential.

To register, call 9278 4011 or visit our boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future .

Follow your waste

Have you ever wondered where your waste goes once it leaves the kerbside? Well, the City of Boroondara is giving you a chance to find out.

Residents are invited to take part in a free Follow Your Waste Tour, between 8.30am and 2.30pm on Wednesday 24 November.

The tour will begin and finish at Council's Camberwell offices, visiting the Boroondara Transfer Station, Clayton Landfill and Banyule Rethink Centre in between.

This is a unique opportunity to see these sites first hand, talk to experts and gain an insight into where your rubbish goes.

Places are limited and bookings

essential so get in quick. Registrations close on Friday 19 November.

For more information and to book, call Christine Hou at VISY on 0457 794 926 or email christine.hou@visy.com.au .



Local schools leading the way in sustainability

In a trend that bodes well for the future of our environment, local schools have shown their support for collaborating on sustainability by participating in the recently formed Teacher Environment Network.

The network, facilitated by the City of Boroondara, has been established to give schools the opportunity to share ideas and teaching methods.

Schools can become demonstration centres of sustainable living by adapting their curriculums, operations and the way they engage with the community.

Many schools are already active in this area and the network will build on their great work and hope it inspires other schools to take similarly sustainable measures.

In September, the network – in conjunction with the City of Monash – conducted a tour of sustainable schools, including Hawthorn West and Solway primary schools and Bialik College.

This tour gave teachers the opportunity to learn about the exciting sustainability initiatives other schools are implementing.

For more information on the Boroondara Teacher Environment Network visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/environment/schools or call Council's Sustainability Education Officer on 9278 4444.



Members of the Teachers Environment Network are shown around Hawthorn West Primary School.

Become part of a living library

Boroondara libraries turned 150 this year and as part of the celebrations will be holding a Living Library.

In a Living Library, people are substituted for books and listed in 'catalogues' for a 20-minute loan.

This special community project offers a light-hearted, fun approach to serious issues, giving people the chance to listen to one another.

Have you ever wondered what life is like for people from backgrounds, lifestyles or occupations different from your own? This program will give you the chance to find out.

Come have a chat with Senior Police Constable Lombardi, local crime writer PD Martin, barrister and human rights advocate Julian Burnside and many other intriguing people.

When: 10am to 1pm, Wednesday
10 November

Where: Ashburton Library

When: 6pm to 8.30pm, Thursday
11 November

Where: Hawthorn Library

These sessions are free and bookings essential.

Click Goes the Library – travel

Join library staff to learn more about using the internet to help you plan and book your next trip.

It will cover a variety of sites for all aspects of travel, such as comparing flight prices, booking flights and accommodation and offer some safety tips regarding buying online.

When: 2pm, Tuesday
16 November

Where: Balwyn Library

This session is free and bookings essential.



Meet the author – PD Martin

Phillippa Martin has written five crime novels featuring her popular character, the Australian FBI profiler Sophie Anderson, and you can meet her at Balwyn Library.

A local author, Philippa developed a passion for crime fiction and storytelling at an early age, starting with Nancy Drew and the Famous Five, before graduating to Agatha Christie at the tender age of eight.

Her first novel was *Body Count*, and she has now written five books

featuring Sophie Anderson.

Her sixth novel in this series, *Coming Home*, has recently been released as an interactive eBook, which is now available as a free PDF or EPUB download from her website: pdmartin.com.au.

When: 7.30pm, Wednesday
17 November

Where: Balwyn Library

This session is free and bookings essential.

Australian Poetry Slam

The search is on for Victoria's best spoken-word poet. Speak, scream, howl, whisper or sing your original poem at the Australian Poetry Slam, an electric live event where the audience is the judge.

Heat winners will compete in the Victorian final at the State Library

on 19 November and Victoria's top two slam poets will compete for the coveted title of Australian Slam Poet 2010 at the national finals in Sydney in December.

The details for the Boroondara heat are as follows:

When: 7pm, Wednesday
10 November

Where: Balwyn Library

Admission is free.

For more information, visit slv.vic.gov.au/poetry-slam or call Boroondara libraries.

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:

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