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Message from the Mayor

With spring upon us, many locals will be taking to our City's shared paths to cycle and walk in the sunshine.

In the Gardiners Creek and Anniversary/Outer Circle trails we have two of Melbourne's most delightful shared paths.

Many residents enjoy using this network of paths to explore Boroondara and beyond, but it is important that we don't take our safety for granted.

One of the best ways for cyclists to alert walkers that you are approaching is to ring your bell.

It's such an easy thing to do and walkers are sure to be thankful – it's much better than speeding past without giving notice. Turn to page six for a few more helpful tips on shared-path safety.

October is community safety month and an important subject we should all be aware of is bullying.

Bullying is primitive behaviour that we need to keep out of our workplaces, homes and schools, and we must be vigilant if we are to prevent and combat this insidious practice.

If you notice a friend, relative or stranger being bullied, have a chat to them or bring it to the attention of the relevant authority.

Boroondara Police do a wonderful job keeping our community safe and I would like to welcome their new Inspector, Peter Seiz, to our City.

Peter joined Boroondara Police in April and has had a distinguished 25-year career in the force. Turn to page five to read more about him, including his goals for keeping us safe.

Have a safe October and enjoy this month's edition.

**Councillor Nicholas Tragas
Mayor of Boroondara**

Open day at Kew Recreation Centre

The popular Kew Recreation Centre has undergone an impressive renovation and a free fun-filled open day is being held on Sunday 23 October to celebrate.

Visitors will be able to take their pick from a range of activities, including the opportunity to try out some of the new exercise equipment, a sausage sizzle and there will be plenty for kids to do, too.

The improved centre has some terrific new features, including the following:

- expanded gym with more exercise equipment
- new cardio room with electronic exercise equipment (treadmills, bikes, steppers and cross trainers)
- enlarged program room
- new refreshment and seating area
- new expanded crèche/multi-purpose program room and outdoor play area
- new entry/reception area



The redeveloped Kew Recreation Centre in the middle of September. It will be fully operational and on show for all to see at an open day on Sunday 23 October.

- self-serve ticketing system for classes
- new audio-visual system.

The rejuvenated Kew Recreation Centre will also be the temporary home to many Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure

Centre users who choose to relocate early next year while that facility is being redeveloped.

For more information on the open day, phone the centre on 9853 6177 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/krc-project.

Last call for Walk and Talk

The Walk and Talk Series concludes in October with interesting sessions at a variety of Boroondara's popular parks.

Here's a selection of the events happening this month:

School holiday fun

Participants will be getting their hands dirty with lots of fun activities, including planting trees, testing water and searching for bugs.

When: 11am to 2.30pm, Tuesday 4 October

Where: Hays Paddock, Lennox Street, Kew

Maranoa in flower

Spring will be well and truly upon us and we're giving you the chance to experience the beauty of this historic native garden in flower.

When: 11am to 12pm, Tuesday 11 October

Where: Maranoa Gardens, Parring Road, Balwyn (meet at main gate from Beckett Park)

Billabong walk

Come along to Willsmere Park and get a valuable insight into one of the most intact billabongs on the lower Yarra.

When: 2pm to 3pm, Wednesday 12 October

Where: Willsmere Park, meet at Jack O'Toole car park, Kilby Road, Kew

Alexandra Gardens heritage tour

Discover the history and floral delights of this iconic Federation garden.

When: 10.30am to 11.30am, Tuesday 18 October

Where: Alexandra Gardens, rear of Kew Library, Cotham Road, Kew

Canterbury Gardens heritage tour

Learn more about the history and floral delights of this much-loved garden, which is undoubtedly one of our City's favourites.

When: 10.30am to 11.30am, Wednesday 26 October

Where: Canterbury Gardens, Canterbury

For more information on these events, as well as others on during October, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/walk-and-talk.



Councillors Phil Meggs (left) and Nicholas Tragas (right) celebrate the West Hawthorn height limit decision with local residents Alan and Bernadette Funnell.

West Hawthorn height controls approved

After a seven-year campaign, Council has finally secured height limits for West Hawthorn.

The first of their kind to be granted in Boroondara, the Victorian Government's decision gives all members of the community – residents, developers and Council – certainty on what development is appropriate in the area.

Mandatory overall building heights of between 16 and 18 metres – about five storeys – have been imposed in various parts of West Hawthorn, specifically along Power Street, Glenferrie Road, Lynch Street and other areas surrounding the West Hawthorn Shopping Centre and Hawthorn Station.

This successful height-control plan, along with the recently-adopted Activity Centres Strategy and other planning strategies in the pipeline, illustrate our commitment to maintaining and protecting the City's unique urban character.

The Victorian Government has incorporated the mandatory controls into the Boroondara Planning Scheme on an interim basis until 31 January 2013, but Council is hopeful they will be made permanent after that.

For a map outlining the affected areas, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/west-hawthorn-height-controls.

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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 3 October

6pm Services Special Committee

8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 17 October

6pm Services Special Committee

8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 24 October

6pm Council meeting (Annual Report 2010–11 will be presented to the community at this meeting)



Boroondara centenarians – with Lotana Motuku, Social Support Officer – from left to right: Molley Maley (102 years old), Pearl Callick (102), Mary Sadler (103) and Nancy Evans (102).

Celebrating our City's centenarians

This month, the City of Boroondara is hosting the 13th Centenarians Luncheon to celebrate local residents who have turned 100.

Over their lifetimes, Boroondara's centenarians have seen our nation survive poverty and prosperity, peace and war, and each year Council holds a luncheon to recognise the

valuable contribution they make to our community.

The luncheon will be held during the Victorian Seniors Festival and residents can still register to attend the event.

When: 12pm to 2.30pm,
Tuesday 4 October

Where: Mayor's Room, Hawthorn Town Hall, 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

For more information, or if you know someone in Boroondara who has reached 100, phone 9278 4777 or email ageing.disabilityservices@boroondara.vic.gov.au and we will send them a formal invitation.

Break the silence on family violence

When people think about family violence, they tend to have a narrow definition that it is limited to physical violence between family members.

But family violence isn't limited to this; it can include any form of intimidation or oppressive behaviour, including emotional, sexual and financial control.

Camcare is a Boroondara-based community service and the Manager of Counselling and Family Services, Helen Consta, said that her team estimates that up to 80 per cent of the families they work with either have a history of, or are currently the victim, of family violence.

"If you have to account for every cent you spend and if you have to account for every minute of your day, if you fear the consequence if you don't account for those things, that's a form of violence," Helen continued, "it's not just physical violence, words can hurt too."

So, what advice would Helen give to residents who are having these problems at home?

"Start talking to someone; whether it's picking up the phone and making an anonymous call to a crisis line or talking to a GP or your best friend," Helen advised.

"It is important that people don't blame themselves for the position they find themselves in, and realise that other people are not going to blame them for being in that position.

"Break the silence and start talking to someone; it's about acting protectively on behalf of yourself and your family."

While close friends do need to be sensitive, it is important that those suffering have a supportive confidant who can help them make sense of what they're going through.

The Boroondara Family Violence Network – a local group that incorporates the police and a range of community service groups such as Inner East Community Health, Relationships Australia and chaired by Camcare – aims to raise awareness and understanding of the issue.

Council and Camcare also run school programs that help young people understand what a healthy relationship looks like and how to identify manipulative and unwanted behaviour.

"Prevention and early intervention means education for young people and education for adults as well, because culturally some people may still think family violence is 'family business' and don't want to intervene," Helen said.

"There is that culture of silence around family violence (but) people need to understand that it's not OK to ignore.

"We're trying to transform culture and change attitudes through education and advocacy."

For 35 years, Camcare has been providing counselling, family services, emergency relief, financial counselling and community support to Boroondara residents. If you think you would benefit from a helping hand, phone 9831 1900 to arrange an appointment.



Safety first for new Inspector

After 25 years spent serving Victoria Police in a variety of roles and parts of Melbourne, from Collingwood and Brunswick to Mill Park and Thomastown, Peter Seiz (pictured above) recently became Inspector of Boroondara Police.

While Peter has managed Crime Investigation Units and local stations – he was head of Transit CIU and has also been in charge of Collingwood Police Station – this is his first role as a Local Area Commander of a metropolitan policing region.

With 146 officers under his command, it is certainly the most challenging role Peter has taken on during his extensive career.

“It’s a jack-of-all-trades job; one minute you’re dealing with issues in the uniform area and then there’s a major crime to deal with,” Peter said.

There are many community safety issues facing our community and Peter feels road safety is the most crucial, claiming it has been a “major thorn” in the side of policing and government in recent times.

Peter is often shocked by the irresponsible behaviour he sees on Melbourne’s roads, particularly mobile phone use while driving.

“We front a couple of (mobile phone) operations in Boroondara where 20 to 30 penalty notices are handed out a day,” Peter said.

“You’d like to think that passengers in the car are telling the driver not to speak on the phone (but) the younger generation probably see it as a natural reaction to answer the phone while driving.”

The new Inspector said that anyone who talks on a mobile phone while driving is increasing their risk of causing a serious accident.

“Everyone thinks they’re untouchable and that it’s not going to happen to them, until it does,” Peter said.

“I bet 100 per cent of people (who are involved in accidents) would love to go back in time.”

While these road laws are enforced to protect our safety, Peter hopes that the community addresses the issues and adopts safer driving practices themselves before it gets to the enforcement stage.

Community cooperation is absolutely vital if Boroondara Police are to keep our streets and homes safe.

In the case of burglaries, Peter said that the community’s recollections can be the difference between apprehending and prosecuting a criminal, or them going free.

“We are all about providing the best service to the community (but) we can only do that if we receive information,” Peter said.

“If you see something out of the ordinary, ring 000. Don’t wait two or three days down the track.

“I always tell the guys (at Boroondara Police) that I’d rather they go to a call where there’s no issue, than someone from the community not ringing up and an incident occurs.”

If you notice anything suspicious when out and about in Boroondara, take Peter’s advice and call 000 or Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000).

Celebrating diversity

The City of Boroondara is home to people of many faiths and backgrounds, and this month we celebrate the following significant dates:

Religious observances

6 October

Thu Vijay Dashami – This Hindu festival marks the triumph of good over evil.

8 October

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – This holiest day of the Jewish year is observed with fasting and repentance. Many Jews will refrain from work and attend synagogue services.

13 October

Thu Sukkot – Commemorates the 40-year period during which the Jewish people were wandering in the desert. Sukkot were the huts in which they lived during this time.

20 October

Birth of the Báb – Baha’i followers celebrate the birth of the Báb on this day, a prophet and forerunner of their faith.

20 October

Inauguration (Gurgadi) of Guru Granth Sahib – This day commemorates the eternal installation of the Sikh holy book, Guru Granth Sahib.

26 October

Deepavali (Festival of Lights) – Australians of Hindu, Sikh, and Jain faiths celebrate Deepavali (Diwali), or the Festival of Lights. This is a very popular festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

Special dates and celebrations

1 October

AFL Grand Final – The Australian Rules Grand Final (known as ‘The Grannie’) has become Australia’s most important sporting event. It is held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (aka the ‘G’) and is shown on the big screen at Federation Square.

31 October

Halloween – Has its origins in ancient pagan, Celtic harvest and Christian festivals. Children dress up as witches, devils, ghosts and skeletons and seek small treats from neighbours.



Ring your bell

With the lovely spring weather improving by the day, residents will be flocking to Boroondara's network of shared paths for casual bike rides, or commuting to and from work.

The Gardiners Creek and Anniversary/Outer Circle trails are two particularly popular and prominent local shared paths, which provide a gateway to adjoining municipalities and the CBD.

The Gardiners Creek Trail traverses Boroondara's southern border, from Warrigal Road in Ashburton to Glenferrie Road in Hawthorn, where it connects with the Main Yarra Trail.

The Anniversary/Outer Circle Trail provides a north-south link through Boroondara, from Kew to Ashburton, and meets the Gardiners Creek Trail at Solway Street in Ashburton and the Yarra Trail in Kew.

These are picturesque, leisurely and well-maintained shared paths that offer great connections to all parts of Melbourne. However, with more people on the paths as summer approaches, it is important that we all remain vigilant

and respect each other on the trails.

As their name suggests, shared paths are for everyone; cyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers, joggers and so on. No one group has more of a right to them than another.

As a cyclist, you have the ability to travel at greater speeds than anyone else on the path, which means there is an inherent responsibility to be sensible and considerate at all times.

One of the most important safety measures at a cyclist's disposal is to ensure you ring your bell 10 to 15 metres before you overtake a pedestrian.

By ringing your bell, you alert walkers that you are about to pass them and indicate that they should stay on the left-hand side of the path.

If you don't ring your bell, any move to the right by a pedestrian could result in a serious and avoidable accident.

Don't be shy to ring your bell as pedestrians are usually thankful to be given notice of your presence.

Put yourself in their shoes – would you rather hear a short, sharp “ring, ring”, or be given a nasty shock by a cyclist whizzing past without notice.

So, slow down around walkers and remember to ring your bell. Following this tip will lead to a safer and more enjoyable shared path experience for all.

Here are more helpful tips to help you stay safe on our shared paths:

- Reduce speed and be extra vigilant around pedestrians, particularly those with children and/or walking dogs.
- Reduce speed when approaching pedestrian/zebra crossings as cars need to be given notice to stop for crossing cyclists.
- Stay to the left-hand side of the path.
- Take care when it's raining, particularly around corners.
- Make sure you have a white light on the front of your bike and red light at the back.

Be rewarded for riding to work

National Ride to Work Day is on this month and Council is cooking up a delicious breakfast to celebrate.

There will be heaps to eat, drink and talk about, with coffee vans, muffins, prizes, bike checks and engraving, and a variety of bikes to test ride.

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or have been waiting for a good excuse to dust off the pedals, ride along to the Hawthorn Velodrome on Wednesday 12 October.

Riding to work is a great way to get outdoors, get fit and have a more relaxing and rewarding commute.

This is a great opportunity to ride to work for the first time and get some valuable advice on routes, equipment and safety. But, remember to take care in traffic.

What: Ride to Work Day breakfast

When: 6.30am to 9am, Wednesday 12 October

Where: Hawthorn Velodrome, Gardiners Creek Trail near Robinson Road, Hawthorn

For more information, phone the Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/ride-to-work-day .



Flagging mental health awareness

Mental Health Week happens this month between 9 and 15 October, and a special exhibition – Flying the Flag – is taking place at Kew Court House to mark this occasion.

Local residents have used their artistic talents to create an array of thought-provoking, inspiring and colourful flags, with each piece symbolising their experience with and interpretation of mental health.

Come along to learn more about mental health and take in some wonderfully creative art.

When: Exhibition runs from Monday 10 to Friday 14 October. Hours are 11am to 2pm (daily) and 4.30pm to 6.30pm, 11 October (opening night) and 13 October.

Where: Kew Court House Access Gallery, 188 High Street, Kew

For more information, phone Laurel Gorman on 0411 817 304.



An artist from CROP prepares their art work for the Flying the Flag exhibition.

Help just a phone call away

Mental illness has a debilitating impact on many people in the community. In fact, one in five adults will be diagnosed with a mental illness and one in four young people is affected.

It is important we all look after our physical and emotional health, and there are many local services that are very helpful if you feel unwell or are suddenly placed under excessive stress.

Here is a list of services that can help people on their road to recovery:

- clinical support – St Vincent's Mental Health Service, 9882 9299
- case management/outreach – Neami, Kew, 9855 1421
- housing/respite – ARAFEMI, 9810 9300
- recreation options – CROP (Community Recreation Outreach Project), 8862 9100; Kew

Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 9853 3126; Hawthorn Community House, 9819 2629

- Personal Helpers and Mentors, 8809 1100
- Salvation Army Eastcare, 9851 7800
- Inner East Community Health Services, 9818 6703

For more information on local mental health services, phone Neami on 9855 1421.

Buddy up for Down Syndrome

National Down Syndrome Awareness Week is on this month and the annual Buddy Walk is one of the worthwhile events taking place.

This international, walk-a-thon-style event at Carlton's Princes Park on Sunday 16 October sees people with Down Syndrome join up with their buddies to raise funds for essential education, support and advocacy programs provided by Down Syndrome Victoria.

If you are interested in taking part, registrations open from 8.30am on the day and the walk starts at 10am. For more information on Buddy Walk, phone 1300 658 873 or visit www.dsav.asn.au.

Walking not your thing? Not a problem – the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC) can connect you with a number of community organisations that provide programs and support to people with Down Syndrome.

Volunteering is one of many ways to

remain active, healthy and participate more fully in the life of the community, and the BVRC provides referral services to help people find all kinds of volunteer work.

To find out about the many opportunities that exist across the community, phone the BVRC on 9278 4550 to make an appointment, or visit www.bvrc.org.au.

Out and About

your guide to local events

This handy guide can be pulled out for easy reference.

Contact us If you have a community, not-for-profit event that you would like to promote in Out and About, complete a form at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bulletin, call 9278 4015 or email bulletin@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Sunday 2 October

Hawthorn Craft Market

10am to 3pm, Hawthorn Town Hall, 358 Burwood Road. With more than 100 stalls of hand-made quality products, you are sure to find something special. Cost: free entry. Details: 9278 4444 or www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/craftmarket.

Tuesday 4 October and Friday 14 October

Living Well seminars

10.30am to 12.30pm, The Sefton Club, 93 Elgin Street, Hawthorn. Seminar on 4 October will discuss how to get a good night's sleep and the 14 October session will be all about managing money. Cost: gold coin donation welcome. Details: RSVP to Mark on 9815 0155 or Helen 9809 9103.

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 October

Flare Dance Company

8pm (Friday and Saturday) and 3pm (Saturday), Renaissance Theatre, Kew High School, 826 High Street, Kew East. A collection of short works inspired by the emotive world of news and journalism. Supporting Alzheimer's Australia Vic. Cost: \$20 adult, \$15 concession. Details: www.flaredancecompany.com.

Saturday 8 October

Camberwell Music Society

7.30pm, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. The Exaudi Youth Choir, which recently returned from a festival in Canada, will perform inspiring music from their latest CD. Directed by Claire Preston. Cost: \$25 adult, \$20 concession or \$40 subscription for three concerts. Details: 9882 4560.

Sunday 9 October

Blessing of the animals at Holy Trinity

11.30am, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, corner Union Road and Montrose Street, Surrey Hills. Bring your pets for a blessing and enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards in the Carter courtyard and vicarage garden. Details: 0433 304 444.

Monday 10 October

The Lions Club of Boroondara – Gardiners Creek

8pm to 10pm, Craig Family Centre, Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton. Join this small but active club that meets on the second Monday of each month. This is a great chance to meet like-minded locals who are committed to helping the local

community. Cost: no fee to attend meeting, but there is a yearly membership fee should you wish to join. Details: Joseph 9885 2682.

Tuesday 11 October

Life Activities Club Balwyn

7.30pm, Baptist Church Hall, 136 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North. At this bi-monthly meeting, a presenter will talk about and demonstrate the Japanese art of ikebana. Details: 9857 7128.

Wednesday 12 October

Fibromalgia Support Group

7.30pm to 9pm, Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton. Come along to this meeting (held on the second Wednesday of each month) and share/hear how others are managing their condition. Details: Peggy 0400 885 592 and fribo.melbourne@gmail.com.

BASS Care craft group

1pm, BASS Care, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury. A craft group for seniors meets every Wednesday. Cost: \$6, includes afternoon tea. Details: 9880 4709.

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, iPad and iPhone. Cost: free. Details: Greg Davies 9569 9248.

Probus Club of Maling Combined

9.40am, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury. This mixed group meets on the second Wednesday of each month to enjoy speakers, outings and interest groups. New members welcome. Details: Lyn 9890 1518 www.probusouthpacific.org/pcmaling.

Friday 14 October

Boroondara Symphonic Band rehearsals

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

Saturday 15 October

Treasures and Tastes @ Trinity Market

9am to 1pm, Trinity Hall, 175 Union Road, Surrey Hills. A variety of lovely handcrafted items, cakes, jams and preserves, and wine. Plants and fruit and vegetables will feature outside. Details: 9038 8306.

Monday 17 October

Australian Breastfeeding Association

10am to 12pm, Mayflower Meeting Room, Burwood Uniting Church, corner Hyslop Street and Warrigal Road, Glen Iris. Join us for an informal discussion on when things don't go to plan, information sharing and mother-to-mother support. Details: Angela 0411 702 513.

Wednesday 19 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 Reader*. Cost: annual subscriptions \$50 for single, \$95 for double, \$15 for three-screening pass. Details: Bill Kerr 9347 6969.

Friday 21 October

Men's Probus Club of Glenferrie

10am to 12pm, Kew Heights Sports Club, 397 Barkers Road, Kew. On the third Friday of each month. Interesting speakers and many activities with like-minded members. New members welcome. Cost: joining fee \$40. Details: Peter 0417 554 841.

Sunday 23 October

St Aidan's Music Society

2.30pm, St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street, Balwyn North. Pianist Victoria Bilogan and cellist Viatcheslav Iourgaev will perform at this month's concert. Cost: \$20 includes refreshments. Details: Maurice Mathers 9890 8322 or mmathers@netspace.net.au.

Thursday 27 October

Victorian Orchid Club

8pm, St Mary's Anglican Church Hall, 99 Bowen Street, Camberwell South. Display of orchids and friendly advice. This month's talk: Preparations for summer. Details: Di or John 9478 9764.

Friday 28 October

The Travelogue Club at Camberwell

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

What's on at your local Neighbourhood House

There are 10 neighbourhood houses in Boroondara and here are some examples of the programs on offer. For more information on the closest one to you, call 9278 4444 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-houses.

Basic word processing

Bowen Street Community Centre

10am to 12pm, Fridays 21 October to 18 November. Cost: \$147. Details: 9889 0791.

Belly dancing

Alamein NLC

6.30pm to 7.30pm, Wednesdays starting 19 October. Cost: \$85 (eight weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Bookkeeping level one

Bowen Street Community Centre

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesdays 18 October to 29 November. Cost: \$114. Details: 9889 0791.

Childcare

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

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

Chinese language and culture

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre

6.30pm to 8.30pm, Wednesdays starting 19 October. Introduction to Mandarin. Cost: free, funded by Kew East Bendigo Bank. Details: 9853 3126.

Computers

Hawthorn Community House

Introduction courses, website design, Facebook, Twitter. Details: 9819 2629.

Cooking and chat for blokes

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Light hearted group led by volunteer. Learn new skills to impress your friends and family while enjoying company and lunch. Details: 9890 2467.

Deep River, Daily Life workshops

Balwyn Community Centre

7pm to 9.15pm, Mondays starting 10 October. Explore ways to restore yourself, gain control of your to-do list and find your own sense of wisdom and purpose. Cost: \$150 (seven weeks) plus \$25 for text book. Details: 9836 7942.

Felt a gift

Camberwell Community Centre

9.30am to 3.30pm, Saturday 29 October. Learn how to make jewellery, a felt scarf or wrap. Cost: \$65. Details: 9882 2611.

French classes

Bowen Street Community Centre

Tuesdays 25 October to 13 December. Classes for all levels. Cost: \$126 includes text. Details: 9889 0791.

French beginners

Camberwell Community Centre

10am to 12pm or 7pm to 9pm (new class), Mondays starting 10 October. For beginners and those with some basic knowledge of French. Cost: \$140 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Golf for beginners

Ashburton Community Centre

Beginners classes at Riversdale Golf Club, equipment and information booklet provided. Details: 9885 7952.

Google adventures

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre

1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays, starting 12 October. Includes searches, language tools, maps, websites, images and much more. Cost: \$175 (eight weeks). Details: 9853 3126.

Grow sensational vegies

Balwyn Community Centre

12.30pm to 3pm, Thursdays starting 20 October. Hands-on workshop on how to grow sensational tomatoes and other vegetables. Cost: \$100 (five weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

iAnything

Bowen Street Community Centre

9.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday 29 October. Your questions answered about iPods, iPhones, iPads. Cost: \$64. Details: 9889 0791.

Introduction to Excel

Alamein NLC

9.30am to 3pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 October to 20 October. Cost: \$165 includes manual. Details: 9885 9401.

Introduction to MYOB

Alamein NLC

12.30pm to 2.30pm, Fridays starting 14 October. Cost: \$185 includes manual (five sessions). Details: 9885 9401.

Italian

Hawthorn Community House

8pm to 9.30pm, Wednesdays. Conversation for beginners. Cost: \$180 per term. Details: 9819 2629.

Kids art workshops

Hawthorn Community House

4pm to 6pm, Mondays. Cost: \$80 (five weeks). Details: 9819 2629.

Knitting and crocheting class

Ashburton Community Centre

For beginners and advanced students. Learn stitches, patterns and textures. Details: 9885 7952.

Mahjong

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre

1pm to 3pm, Fridays starting 14 October. Suit beginners. Cost: \$5 per session. Details: 9853 3126.

Men in the kitchen

Balwyn Community Centre

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesdays, 11 and 25 October. Cooking fundamentals and take home recipes. Enjoy a meal at the end of your class. Cost: \$40 per session includes meal ingredients. Details: 9836 7942.

Occasional care

Craig Family Centre

9.15am to 12.15pm, Monday to Friday. Suitable for two to five-year olds. Cost: \$26 (three hours). Details: 9885 7789.

Out and about

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Small group excursion held third Tuesday of the month. Details: 9890 2467.

Pasta sauces

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre

11am to 2pm, Saturday 22 October. Learn to make delicious pasta sauces. Cost: \$40. Details: 9853 3126.

Philosophy seminars

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

A study of the classics. Cost: \$60 (four sessions) Details: 9890 2467.

Playgroups

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

9.30am to 11.30am, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. 9.45am to 11.45am, Wednesdays. Structured activities, parents in attendance. Cost: \$75 per term (10 weeks). Details: 9830 4214.

Relaxation therapy program

Alamein NLC

2pm to 3pm, Wednesdays starting 18 October. Learn relaxation therapies. Cost: \$70 (eight weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

The evolution of fashion

Camberwell Community Centre

1pm to 3pm, Thursdays starting 20 October. A focus on French fashion throughout Europe over the centuries. Cost: \$130 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Three-year-old kinder 2012

Craig Family Centre

Group 1 – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm. Group 2 – Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cost: \$320 per term. Details: 9885 7789.

Upholstery workshops

Balwyn Community Centre

10am to 4pm, Saturday 8 and 15 October. Cost: \$65 per session. Bookings: 9836 7942.

Guest curator Feyza Yazar (right) with Town Hall Gallery curator Mardi Nowak.



Emerging curator explores *foodie* culture

Each year, Town Hall Gallery gives an emerging curator the opportunity to create an exhibition, and this year Feyza Yazar has put together *Gluttony and Gourmand*.

Inspired by our obsession with food, this exhibition uses various art works to probe the complex terrain that foodies navigate, which is heavily reliant on branding and marketing, and culturally-loaded notions of status, celebrity and health.

Feyza has been mentored by Town Hall Gallery curator Mardi Nowak, who has given valuable advice on the many skills required to conduct an exhibition.

Come along to see how Feyza has applied this advice to create a fascinating show.

Exhibition dates: running until Saturday 22 October

In Conversation: Join Feyza and exhibiting artists in conversation about the project. From 2pm to 3pm, Saturday 8 October.

Town Hall Gallery is open 12pm to 5pm, Wednesday to Saturday. For more information, visit www.townhallgallery.blogspot.com.



Celebrating community through music

With more than 30 shows and 300 performers, the Surrey Hills Music Festival is back in a big way.

With evening concerts on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 October, and a jam-packed Saturday afternoon program, there will be tunes to fit everyone's taste.

Seven stages in and around the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre will host concerts, workshops, dancing and demonstrations.

The eclectic program will showcase a range of genres including classical, folk, blues, country, jazz, world, singing and open mic.

The Festival's headline acts include:

- iconic Australian blues group, Backsliders (pictured above)

- Kelly Auty and her Wild Women Show, which pays homage to great female singers from the 1920s to 1970s
- Tom Richardson Project with their infectious roots music
- King Marong and Afro Mandinko, a high-energy and visually dynamic afrobeat-jazz-reggae fusion
- Tarnation: bluegrass at its very best
- Looking for Scarlett playing alternative indie music laced with elements of blues and progressive rock.

For more information, phone Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre on 9890 2467 or visit www.surreyhillsnc.org.au.

Prodigious classical talents come to Boroondara

A selection of Australia's finest musical talents will be performing at this month's Classical Afternoons in the Court House concert.

The Australian National Academy of Music develops the country's finest young musicians and some of their brightest soloists will be holding court at the recently revamped Kew Court House at the beginning of October.

Tickets are now on sale via www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/classicalafternoons or by calling 8683 5500.

When: 2pm, Sunday 9 October

Where: Kew Court House, 188 High Street, Kew

Stay tuned for the final concert of this popular new series, which will feature jazz vocalist Ali McGregor and take place on 13 November.

For more information, phone Arts and Culture on 9278 4770.



Your say

“The best way to understand people is to listen to them.” – Ralph Nichols

Council makes decisions on issues, plans and projects that affect residents and we want you to be a central cog in the process. If we ask you to have your say, please take the time to respond because your opinion will lead to a better outcome. This page provides you with information on a selection of past and present community consultations, as well as what's happening next. For more information on consultation opportunities, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say or follow us on twitter @Boroondara.

Have your say

Our Neighbourhood

The Our Neighbourhood Character Study will assist Council establish design guidelines to protect our City's unique neighbourhoods, complement the Our Boroondara community plan and feed into an overarching housing strategy.

Last month, Council conducted the first round of community consultations and we are now reviewing the feedback to incorporate into draft neighbourhood character profiles.

Further consultation opportunities are scheduled for early next year.

For more information, phone Juliana Aya, Senior Strategic Planner on 9278 4987.

Eco-living Centre

We are building an Eco-living Centre in the heart of Camberwell, at 25 Inglesby Road (currently the temporary home of the Camberwell Library).

Council believes the Centre will set a standard in sustainable design and encourage Boroondara residents to

embrace similarly 'green' measures.

If you would like to contribute to this exciting project, we would like your help in planning the overall operation of the new centre. How would you use the Eco-living Centre? What programs, events or workshops would interest you?

For more information on how you can get involved, phone Environment and Sustainable Living on 9287 4444 or email ecolivingcentre@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Doncaster rail study

The Victorian Government's 2011–12 Budget made a significant commitment over two years to a planning study for a Doncaster rail link. The study will examine various train line routes that would link Doncaster to the CBD, including station locations and how best to connect communities. It will also investigate potential alignments through the northern part of Boroondara.

Commencing in October, the study will be led by independent consultants and include public consultations together with an informative and interactive online forum.

For more information, phone 1800 078 387 or email doncasterrail@transport.vic.gov.au.

Traffic and parking review for Macleay and Myrtle parks

Council has been following up concerns about traffic congestion and parking in and around Macleay and Myrtle parks during peak activity times.

In July and August this year, we asked for your feedback on six key traffic management issues and shared our proposed solutions to alleviate them. Thank you to all who completed the survey, your comments were fed into a report that went to Council last month.

For more information on current recommendations, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say.

Sustainable living tips

Living for our Future workshops provide participants with lots of simple advice on how you can live more sustainably.

Here's some information on this month's sessions:

Create a cool house for summer

If you are looking for practical and low-cost ways to keep cool this summer and avoid high electricity bills, this workshop is for you.

Participants will be taught new skills – like draught proofing and secondary window glazing – which you can apply at home to help save energy and money.

When: 2pm to 4pm, Saturday 22 October

Where: Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre, 49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton

Tour Maranoa Gardens and learn how to create a habitat garden

Join Parks and Gardens staff to explore Maranoa Gardens' native wonder and then stick around for a Sustainable Gardening Australia workshop on how to create a garden that will attract native fauna. Please bring your own chair and supper.

When: 5.45pm to 8.30pm, Tuesday 25 October

Where: Maranoa Gardens, Parring Road, Balwyn (meet at main gate from Beckett Park)

Bookings are essential for both of these sessions. For more information and to book, phone 9278 4873 or register at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future.

In focus: Joely Taylor's sustainable garden



The Boroondara Sustainability Awards 2010 unearthed inspiring examples of residents committed to fostering a healthier natural environment.

The award winners made changes to their homes, gardens and everyday behaviour, which often led to dollar savings, improvement in wellbeing, and a reduction in energy and water use.

In the fourth of our profiles on the award winners, we speak to Camberwell resident Joely Taylor (pictured above with her family) about her peaceful and sustainable garden.

We hope that Joely's story encourages you to think about your own homes and gardens.

What do you most appreciate about the area?

We appreciate the leafy, suburban feel, quiet local streets and easy access to schools and local shopping centres.

For how long have you been taking action to live more sustainably?

I was brought up to be thrifty and to reduce waste – as a necessity rather than a choice. As for gardening, I grew up with gardening playing an active part in my life.

What environmental or social issues most concern you?

Current levels of consumption and the concurrent and future effects of global population growth. There are many problems that arise due to our actions and population size. But the question of how to resolve those problems is complex and issues of economic equity and free choice confound the solutions.

What was your priority for making sustainable changes at home?

To live healthier lives, to reduce our environmental footprint and to instill in our daughter the basics of environmental stewardship and the origin of the food that we eat.

What do you most enjoy about the changes that you have made?

Our garden is a peaceful, productive place to relax and potter about.

What is the next change that you are working towards?

To expand the veggie patch, so that we can grow even more veggies and so that my husband and I can stop arguing about whether we plant corn or tomatoes during the summer ... we'll plant both!

Sustainability features of Joely Taylor's silver award-winning garden include:

- extensive use of local recycled materials (fencing and bricks)
- specially built water tanks and irrigation system
- an entertaining brood of chickens.

To find out more about sustainability at home, or to enter the Boroondara Sustainability Awards 2011, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-awards or call 9278 4011.



A couple of stallholders at the Boroondara Farmers Market.

Fabulous farmers market

Having celebrated the 100th market earlier in the year, the Boroondara Farmers Market continues to provide the community with a great source of fresh produce.

Held on the third Saturday of each month (and fifth where applicable), the market sells fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and lots of other home-produced items.

Due to overwhelming demand, an extra four markets were scheduled in 2011.

So get down to Patterson Reserve this month to see what all the fuss is about.

When: 8am to 1pm,
Saturday 15 and 29 October

Where: Patterson Reserve,
Auburn Road, Hawthorn East

Cost: \$2 donation to Rotary Club of Glenferrie and Foundation Boroondara

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



Fresh opportunities *this spring*

The growing popularity of domestic veggie patches, chicken coops and even bee-keeping is turning local backyards into thriving sources of fresh food.

It is great that so many Boroondara residents have the desire to grow their own food, but unfortunately not all have the means to do so.

Landshare Australia has just started a great initiative that caters for people who either don't have a backyard or are unable to care for their own garden.

Landshare Australia is a community program that links landowners with keen green thumbs looking for a space to cultivate vegetables.

If this program sounds like something that you or a friend would benefit from, register at www.landshare.com.au and you'll be linked with a local landowner.

Once you've been paired, all you need to do is agree on how the garden will be cared for and how to share the delicious fruits (and veggies) of your labour.

This rewarding arrangement gives people who are not able to maintain a vegetable garden the chance to have fresh produce in their backyard and gardeners the pleasure and satisfaction of producing home-grown food.

For more information, visit www.landshare.com.au.

Celebrate Children's Week

There are a host of exciting activities planned for this year's Children's Week celebrations.

Local kids are invited to come along to take part in badge-making and craft activities, special storytime sessions with our librarians, and music and singing from local schools.

There will also be lots for parents to do too, with Family Services staff on-hand to let you know about the many services Council and other support organisations can provide a helping hand.

Showbags filled with important information, samples and goodies for the children will be handed out on the day and, judging by last year's turnout, there will be lots of people attending.

Please make it to one, or all, of these events to celebrate the joys of childhood.

What: City of Boroondara Children's Week celebrations

When/where: All events run from 10am to 2pm. Canterbury Gardens, Tuesday 25 October; Ferndale Park, Wednesday 26 October; Central Park, Thursday 27 October; Hays Paddock, Saturday 29 October.

For more information, phone Family Services on 9278 4444.



Come in for a catch-up vaccine

This month, there are two additional immunisation sessions to give families the chance to catch up on the Prevenar 13[®] vaccine.

Prevenar 13[®] protects against pneumococcal disease, which can cause blood and brain infections such as meningitis.

Since 1 July this year, this new vaccine has been given routinely at two, four and six months of age, and a single free supplementary dose will be provided to children aged between 12 and 35 months.

The catch-up program will be available from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 and this month catch-up sessions will be happening at the following locations and times:

- 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Thursday 6 October – Ashburton Support Services, 296 High Street, Ashburton
- 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Monday 10 October, Hawthorn Town Hall, 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

Council will notify eligible families by mail in the coming weeks and bookings are not necessary.

Please remember to bring along your child's Blue Health Record Book and read the Pre-Immunisation Checklist before you attend.

For more information on Council's other immunisation sessions, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/immunisations or phone 9278 4711.

Immunisations

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

9.30am to 11.30am

- **3 October** – Conochie Hall, Canterbury
- **5 and 19 October** – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew
- **12 October** – Balwyn Community Centre, Balwyn
- **20 October** – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton
- **26 October** – Marwal Centre, Balwyn North

10am to 12pm

- **7, 14, 21 and 28 October** – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn

- **25 October** – Camberwell, Frog Hollow Reserve, Camberwell (appointment-only session)

2.30pm to 4.30pm

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

5.30pm to 7pm

- **4 October** – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton
- **11 October** – Balwyn Community Centre, Balwyn
- **18 October** – Hawthorn Council Building, Hawthorn
- **27 October** – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew



Everything old is new again

This new series at Boroondara libraries features authors talking about their passionate pastimes. This month it's op-shopping with Kelly Lainson.

Kelly Lainson has used her resourceful and enthusiastic bargain hunting skills to piece together *The Op Shop Guide – Victoria*.

This practical and easy-to-use reference dictionary is the perfect companion for amateur and experienced op-shoppers, giving you the location of scores of economical outlets.

At this session, Kelly will talk about her research and share observations and tips on this increasingly popular shopping trend.

When: 7.30pm, Wednesday 12 October

Where: Hawthorn Library meeting room, Council offices, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn (eastern side of Town Hall precinct)

Another session – Knitting Know-how with Valerie Elliot – is happening at Balwyn Library on Wednesday 26 October. Keep an eye out for the November *Bulletin* for information on next month's fascinating instalment.



Experienced op-shopper Kelly Lainson is coming to Kew Library to talk about her new book.

The power of three

Carolyn Angelin had always wanted a quiet life; a husband, a couple of kids, a house in the suburbs and a dog.

When Carolyn found herself pregnant for a second time, she and her husband were excited by the prospect of having a playmate for their first son.

However, they got a little more than they bargained for, when not one, not two, but three baby boys joined their family.

From day one, the triplets proved to be a handful, and their unruly behaviour

gathered momentum as they grew older.

Carolyn wondered what had happened. Was there something wrong with the boys or was she just a bad mother?

ADHD to the Power of Three is Carolyn's compelling tale of her triumph over adversity as her children's condition threatened to derail her family.

Admission is free, however bookings are essential.

When: 7.30pm, Thursday 20 October

Where: Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library

Make travel plans *online*

The internet is such a valuable resource for many reasons, including giving you the opportunity to plan and book travel at the drop of a hat.

This session will canvass a variety of applicable websites for all aspects of travel, including comparing flight prices,

booking flights and accommodation, and safety tips on buying online.

The session is free, but bookings are essential.

When: 2pm, Monday 10 October

Where: Balwyn Library

Mad about ... Halloween

Witches, ghosts, black cats and vampire bats – look out for them all as you join us for a Halloween treat (or trick) at Ashburton Library. For children aged seven and upwards.

When: 4.30pm to 5.30pm, Wednesday 26 October

Where: Ashburton Library

Mad about ... spies

When: 4.30pm, Thursday 10 November

Where: Balwyn Library

All sessions are free and bookings are not required. Just come along prepared to be creative, and enjoy yourself.

Raise a reader for life

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

This month's Raise a Reader session will give you useful tips to assist in developing your child's early literacy skills and present suitable books for different age groups.

Each participant will also receive a copy of the library's special Raise a Reader kit.

The session is free, but bookings are essential.

When: 10.30am, Tuesday 11 October

Where: Ashburton Library

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

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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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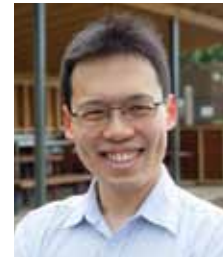
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