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Celebrate sustainability in February

Are you keen to make healthier and more sustainable choices at home but not sure where to start?

Come along to the Boroondara Sustainability Festival on Saturday 18 February 2012 and get expert advice, hands-on experience and a range of freebies to get started.

Here's what will be happening on the day:

- Chris Humfrey of ABC1's *Wild Life* series will bring his amazing collection of native animals, including koalas, gliders, kookaburras, snakes, frogs and lizards
- sustainability experts will conduct sessions on growing your own food, keeping backyard bees and chooks, solar power at home, habitat gardening, green cleaning, e-waste and recycling, worm farming and more

- hands-on demonstrations including beekeeping, chooks, worm farming and productive gardening
- free herb and veggie seedlings, and indigenous plant tubestock
- big discounts on worm farm kits bought on the day
- try out the latest in electric bikes
- the delicious food, fresh produce and atmosphere of the Boroondara Farmers Market.

The Boroondara Sustainability Festival is one of the local events that are part of the Sustainable Living Festival fortnight.

For more information on the Sustainability Festival, phone 9278 4444 or go to www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-festival. The February 2012 Boroondara Bulletin will feature more on the Sustainable Living Festival.



Chris Humfrey will be bringing an array of furry friends to the Boroondara Sustainability Festival.

Leisure centre redevelopment to begin in January



Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC) will be closing for redevelopment on 3 January 2012 and is expected to reopen in the summer of 2013–2014.

This exciting project will see the current HALC building demolished and redeveloped into a two-level centre with a 50-metre outdoor pool, a warm water program pool, large fitness program rooms, an expanded gym, crèche and a cafe with WiFi access.

HALC is a popular facility that has many regular users and while the closure will be inconvenient, the new centre will serve the community for the next 40 years.

Boroondara has four other recreational facilities that are well equipped to cater for relocated HALC users and current members will have their membership automatically transferred to a local aquatic and leisure centre of their choice.

Following a recent \$4.7 million improvement,

Kew Recreation Centre is well placed to cater for relocated HALC members. The Boroondara Sports Complex also features an outdoor 50-metre pool and gymnasium.

For an idea of what the new HALC will look like, view a specially designed flythrough at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/halc-project. You can also stay up-to-date with the project's progress by registering to receive project bulletins at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/halc-project.

For more information on membership matters, phone Andrew Hamer, YMCA HALC Redevelopment Manager on 8862 9100 or email Andrew.Hamer@ymca.org.au. For specific project information, phone Paul Bennett, Leisure Facilities Development Officer on 9278 4774 or email Paul.Bennett@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Doncaster Rail Link plans now on track

A long-discussed initiative to link Doncaster to the metropolitan rail network has been given a boost after the Victorian Government committed \$6.5 million to a planning project.

The study, led by engineering firm URS Australia, will include extensive public consultation and look into various routes, including station locations that include the northern part of Boroondara.

Maranoa Ward and Bellevue Ward councillors, Nicholas Tragas and Brad Miles are representing the City of Boroondara on the Doncaster Rail Study Local Government Group, which also includes the cities of Manningham, Melbourne, Banyule and Yarra.

Council is very much aware of the cherished parks and community spaces like Koonung Creek Reserve that may be impacted and will keep a watching brief to ensure these open spaces are not compromised.

In addition to regular meetings with affected councils, the Department of Transport will be conducting community and technical workshops, targeted interviews, public submissions and an interactive online forum.

The Department of Transport has identified the following timelines:

Phase 1

An investigation into the needs



and interests of stakeholders and the community, engineering and operations options to accommodate a high capacity heavy rail link, station locations, land use and transport integration opportunities and patronage demands. This phase will be completed in 2012.

Phase 2

Detailed development of the preferred options. It is anticipated that this phase of work would commence in mid-2012 and take 12 months.

Council will keep you up-to-date as the Doncaster Rail Link plans progress.

For more information, visit www.doncasterrailstudy.com or phone the Department of Transport on 1800 078 387.

Beat the heat

It's always great to see the sun shining as the weather heats up, but it can also cause unwanted effects to people of all ages.

Searing temperatures can cause a number of conditions including heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and dehydration, each of which can be fatal if not treated properly.

Here is a collection of tips you can follow to prepare for the hot weather:

- drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty
- keep yourself cool by using wet towels, putting your feet in cool water and taking cool (not cold) showers
- spend as much time as possible in cool or air-conditioned buildings (shopping centres, libraries, cinemas or community centres)
- block out the sun at home during the day by closing curtains and blinds, and open the windows when there is a cool breeze
- don't leave children, adults or animals in parked vehicles
- stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day and, if you must go out, stay in the shade and take plenty of water with you
- avoid strenuous activity like sport, home improvements and gardening
- watch or listen to news reports that provide information during hot weather.

For more information on dealing with hot weather, visit www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/heatwave or phone Health Ageing and Disability Services on 9278 4777.

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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 19 December

6pm Services Special Committee

8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Editor's note:

A Council meeting to elect the next Mayor of Boroondara took place on Monday 5 December. The new Mayor was not known when the December 2011–January 2012 *Boroondara Bulletin* went to print.

To find out more about the new Mayor, please refer to Council's page 13 advertisement in the Tuesday 13 December edition of the *Progress Leader*, or visit our website.

Celebrating local traders

With the festive season well and truly underway, many local residents will be visiting Boroondara's shopping precincts to pick up Christmas gifts, have a bite to eat or quick coffee and cake. And why wouldn't they?

Our City is home to more than 2,000 unique traders offering a wealth of knowledge and first-class customer service.

For this special *Boroondara Bulletin* article we have featured a collection of traders from a number of local shopping areas. These photographs illustrate that our many traders have all corners of Boroondara covered.

From Kew Junction in the north, to Ashburton in the south, you are sure to be only a short stroll away from a host of stores that cater to a shopper's every whim.

Our friendly and knowledgeable traders are also experts in their respective fields, offering the type of personalised advice that will help you find exactly what you're after, whether it's a Christmas gift or something special for yourself.

Wherever you are in Boroondara over the holiday period and beyond, make sure to get along to your local strip shopping centre and support your local traders.



Clockwise from top left: Ken and Michelle Buckley at Buckley's IGA (Maling Road), Jan Mathers at Red Ginger Decor (Balwyn), Melinda and Adam at Eco Toys (Auburn Village) and Rick Molino at The Garden Platform (Ashburton).



Victor Zhang at Riversdale Cellars (Through Road), Christine at Scarlet Finch (Camberwell), Sam at Cannings Free Range Butchers (Hawthorn West), Dominic at Toscano's (Kew Junction) and Danny at Danny Lee Designs (North Balwyn Village)

Let's get festive!

This festive season, the City of Boroondara and local traders have worked together to transform our local shopping strips into lively and colourful Christmas-themed precincts.

But don't just take our word for it, get down to your local shopping strip and see for yourself.

Not only can you get involved in all of the seasonal cheer, but you might just find that perfect Christmas gift too.

Here's what's happening at a handful of local shopping areas in the lead-up to Christmas:

Ashburton Shopping Centre (High Street, Ashburton)

What: roving Christmas tree and Santa on High Street

When: 10am to 1pm, Saturday 17 December

What: free vintage fire engine rides, Santa on High Street and roving Christmas elves

When: 10am to 12pm, Saturday 24 December

Balwyn Shopping Centre (Whitehorse Road, Balwyn)

What: live music and Santa will be visiting

When: 11am to 2pm, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 24 December

Camberwell Shopping Centre (Burke Road, Camberwell)

What: Camberwell Family Day featuring entertainment and activities along Burke Road, in The Well and around the Junction.

When: 11am to 2pm, Saturday 17 December

Glenferrie Road Shopping Centre (Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn)

What: Salvation Army Band playing live each Saturday before Christmas

When: Saturday 10, 17 and 24 December

For more information on what's happening at your local centre, visit www.itsyourplace.com.au.

Last chance to enter Sustainability Awards

Local people who want to share their sustainability story have until Saturday 31 December to enter the **Boroondara Sustainability Awards 2011**.

The awards are open to owner/occupiers, tenants, landlords or design industry professionals who have embraced sustainability in their home and/or garden.

So, if you or someone you know is taking decisive design action that will improve our environment by saving energy and/or reducing waste, nominate for the Sustainability Awards.

All entries that show examples of sustainability (beyond minimum regulatory requirements) will receive a free one-year subscription to a green living magazine.

To enter, download an entry form at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-awards, email sustainability.awards@boroondara.vic.gov.au, phone 9278 4011 or visit Council's Customer Service Centres in Hawthorn or Camberwell. Entries close at 5pm on Saturday 31 December.

Crawling along Gardiners Creek

The first Living for our Future session for 2012 gives residents the opportunity to cycle along Gardiners Creek and learn more about the natural water cycle.

The "Catchment Crawl" will take participants to various locations along this much-loved creek, which makes up Boroondara's southern border.

You will be able to see how we affect the natural water cycle and learn how to foster healthy waterways.

Activities include water sampling to identify pollution and a trip to the Glen Iris Wetland.

When: 9.30am to 1.30pm,
Thursday 19 January

Where: starting from HA Smith Reserve, corner Glenferrie and Gardiner roads, Hawthorn.

Bookings are essential. Register online at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future or phone 9278 4873.

In focus: Russel Chesler and Vivienne Eager's sustainable home



Vivienne Eager in front of her sustainable home.

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 sixth and final profile on the 2010 award winners, we speak to Glen Iris residents Russel Chesler and Vivienne Eager about their award-winning home.

What do you most appreciate about the area?

We've come to appreciate the open spaces, trees and access to services.

Why did you decide to enter the Sustainability Awards?

We've been taking action to live more sustainably for about seven years and we wanted to support Council's sustainability initiatives.

What environmental or social issues most concern you?

Dependence on cars as our main form of transport, climate change and wanting to leave the world in a better position for future generations.

What were your priorities for making sustainable changes at home?

To reduce our energy consumption, to lower the embedded energy in the construction of our home and to create a home that was comfortable to live in.

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

Having created an environment that enhances our family life.

What is the next change that you are working towards?

Creation of a productive vegetable garden.

Sustainability features of Russel and Vivienne's bronze award-winning home include:

- maximisation of north-facing light, protection from the western sun and large eaves
- incorporation of cross-flow ventilation and energy-efficient design
- rainwater harvesting systems
- use of sustainable materials, including locally-manufactured materials where feasible
- strong links between the house and garden.

Entries for the Boroondara Sustainability Awards 2011 close on 31 December. Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-awards or phone 9278 4011 for an entry form.



Town Hall Gallery will be closing on Sunday 18 December until the first half of 2014 due to the redevelopment of Hawthorn Town Hall.

Final exhibition for 2011

Town Hall Gallery's final exhibition for 2011, Pre-fab highlights creative processes that re-purpose manufactured and mass-produced objects into works of contemporary art.

Artists have long been seduced by the shiny plastic and metal associated with industrial factories and are now claiming these materials as their own.

Exhibition dates: until 17 December
Town Hall Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday midday to 5pm.
Hawthorn Town Hall is being

redeveloped into a dynamic cultural centre and, consequently, Town Hall Gallery will be closing its doors on Sunday 18 December until the first half of 2014.

Expect to see an even more fabulous art gallery at the heart of the refurbished Hawthorn Town Hall when the building reopens in 2014.

The Town Hall Gallery blog will continue throughout this period and you can stay in touch at www.townhallgallery.blogspot.com.

The sounds of summer

The Summer Music Series is returning to a park near you in February 2012 with a triple-treat of music and fun for the whole family.

This series includes a selection of the most popular events on our City's events calendar, so be sure to save the following dates:

- Jazz at Caterbury Gardens – 4pm to 7pm, Sunday 5 February
- Kids Concert at Victoria Park, Kew – 11am to 2pm, Sunday 12 February
- Jhanker – A Taste of India, Anderson Park, Hawthorn East – 4pm to 7pm, Sunday 19 February

Full program details are available at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summer-music-series.

For more information, phone Arts and Culture on 9278 4770 or email events@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Tackling homelessness among older women

The City of Boroondara, with the support of Monash University, is undertaking a research project that aims to examine the experiences, health and social issues that place older women at risk of homelessness.

The catalyst for the project was anecdotal reports of an increase in the number of older women seeking housing assistance in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, particularly in Boroondara.

As part of this research we will be seeking information from women who are at risk of homelessness, as well as local services and community organisations.

If you would like to find out more about the project and how you can participate, phone Katherine Wright, Social Planning Officer on 9278 4940 or visit Council's website.

Out and About

your guide to local events

This handy guide can be pulled out for easy reference.



First farmers market for 2012

The Boroondara Farmers Market has become one of the City's most popular attractions, offering a variety of fresh produce each month.

The first market for 2012 will be on Saturday 21 January, where you will be able to choose from a variety of produce including eggs, fruit and vegetables, preserves, cakes, pasta and biscuits.

So come down to Patterson Reserve to enjoy the pleasant summer weather and friendly atmosphere.

Our market is accredited by the Victorian Farmers' Market Association, which

means you can be assured that at least 90 per cent of the stallholders are genuine farmers selling their own produce.

When: 8am to 1pm, Saturday 21 January

Where: Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn East

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

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

Saturday 17 December

Treasures and Tastes @ Trinity Market

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

Sunday 18 December

Swinburne Chorale

5pm, St Joseph's Church, corner of Denham and Power streets, Hawthorn. Swinburne Chorale present "Only our voices" concert of a cappella soul, rhythm and folk. Cost: \$5. Details: 9815 0560.

Tuesday 20 December

Little Creatures Open Day

10am to 2pm, Little Creatures Indoor Play Centre, 323 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn. Little Creatures is an indoor play centre set up for young children. On this open day your child will have the chance to try out nine play zones including a library, grocery store, kitchen, florist shop, carpenter's work area, fire station, dress-ups, Lego and drawing. Cost: free. Details: 9077 2364 or visit www.little-creatures.com.au.

Saturday 24 December

Christmas Tableau

5pm, The Christian Community, 319 Auburn Road, Hawthorn. A re-enactment in song and story of the journey of Joseph and Mary. Cost: donations appreciated. Details: Veronika 9029 7812.

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.



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 literacy and numeracy for adults

Alamein NLC 9.30am to 12pm, Mondays starting 13 February. Cost: \$83 (one semester). Details: 9885 9074.

Beginner's writing workshop

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre 10am to 12pm, Thursdays fortnightly starting 2 February. Guidance and support for getting started with the writing process. Details: 9830 4214.

Certificate III in

Children's Services

Hawthorn Community House

9.15am to 3pm. Accredited training, part-time childcare course. Details: 9819 2629.

Childcare

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

9am to 1pm, Mondays and Thursdays, 9.15am to 12.15pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost: \$30 per session (three hours), \$39.50 per session (four hours). Details: 9830 4214.

Children's activities in 2012

Balwyn Community Centre

Art, pottery, yoga, cooking and gardening classes for primary and early secondary students. Details: 9836 7942.

Chinese playgroup

Bowen Street Community Centre

1.30pm to 3.30pm, Mondays. Details: 9889 0791.

Click On Computers for beginners

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre

9am to 11am starting Thursday 16 February. Particularly suitable for seniors. Learn how to use a mouse, practice keyboard skills, discover the internet and Google, set up and use email. Cost: \$155 (seven sessions). Details: 9853 3126.

Confidence and life skills

Alamein NLC 12.30 pm to 3pm, Tuesdays starting 14 February. Cost: \$83. Details: 9885 9074.

Creative dance

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

10am to 10.45am, Fridays. Creative expression through music for three-to five-year-olds. Cost: \$117 (nine weeks). Details: 9890 2467.

Cushion making

Ashburton Community Centre

10am to 12pm, Tuesdays. Learn to make beautiful, quality cushions in shapes and finishes that suit your decor. This class covers a variety of techniques including choosing the right fabric, matching stripes, piping and frills. BYO sewing machine. Cost: \$150 (eight weeks). Details: 9885 7952.

Dial-a-bus

Alamein NLC Mondays to Forest Hill or The Glen and Fridays to Chadstone. Service commences 20 February. For Ashburton residents over 55-years-old. Cost: \$3 per trip. Details: 9885 9401.

English conversation classes

Bowen Street Community Centre

Thursday mornings. Cost: gold coin donation. Details: 9889 0791.

Floral art

Ashburton Community Centre

10am to 12pm, Thursdays. All styles of floral arrangements taught. Produce stunning arrangements like a professional. All levels welcome, flowers not included. Cost: \$130 (eight weeks). Details: 9885 7952.

Hatha yoga

Camberwell Community Centre

8am to 9.15am, Saturdays. Suitable for men and women. Cost: \$100 (seven weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

International Women's Friendship Group

Hawthorn Community House

10am to 12pm, Tuesdays. Cost: \$5, \$3 concession. Details: 9819 2629.

Kinder program

Craig Family Centre For children from three years of age. A safe and healthy environment providing the opportunity for physical, social and cognitive development. Details: 9885 7789.

Language classes

Camberwell Community Centre

Spanish, German, Italian and French for beginners. Details: 9882 2611.

Medical reception course

Bowen Street Community Centre

9.30am to 12.30pm, Wednesdays 8 to 28 February. Ideal training for work in a medical office. Cost: \$280 (13 weeks). Details: 9889 0791.

Men's discussion group

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

10am to 12pm, Fridays. Share views on current affairs over morning tea. Cost: \$3 per session. Details: 9890 2467.

Monday night bridge

Balwyn Community Centre

7pm to 10.30pm, Mondays. Cost: \$4.50 per session. Details: Eril 9898 3080.

Occasional care service

Craig Family Centre For children two-to-five years old. A high-quality service that prioritises childrens' and families' needs. Details: 9885 7789.

Occasional childcare

Hawthorn Community House

9.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday two-to three-year-old group, 1.30pm to 4pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, three-to four-year-old group. Details: 9819 2629.

Parent-led playgroups

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesdays and Thursdays. A great way for local families to meet. Cost: \$36 (nine weeks). Details: 9890 2467.

Sewing summer school

Camberwell Community Centre

9.30am to 12.30pm, Monday 16 January to Friday 20 January. Learn the basics of sewing machine use, cutting patterns and sewing clothes. Cost: \$135 (five days). Details: 9882 2611.

Structured playgroups

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

9.30am to 11.30am, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.45am to 11.45am, Wednesdays. Structured activities with parents in attendance. Cost: \$77 per term (ten weeks). Details: 9830 4214.

Veggie swap

Balwyn Community Centre

9am, third Sunday of the month. Swap produce from your garden, including herbs, eggs, fruit, vegetables, honey and compost. Details: Anja 0479 170 483.

Website design

Bowen Street Community Centre

1.30pm to 3.30pm, 9 February to 1 March. Learn how to build a website. Cost: \$220. Details: 9889 0791.

Zumba

Camberwell Community Centre

5.45pm to 6.45pm, Wednesdays. Details: 9882 2611.

Fireproof your property

Fire prevention is a year-round responsibility and, with summer on our doorstep, residents should do all they can to fireproof their properties.

While fire danger season tends to run between late November and the end of April, these dates can change depending on seasonal conditions and it is important to note that fire poses a serious risk to all parts of Melbourne, not just rural areas.

An unsafe property not only poses a risk to those residents living in it, but also to neighbouring houses, especially if the long grass or vegetation runs along fences.

Here is a collection of basic tips that will help you be more prepared this summer:

- clear overgrown dry grass on vacant blocks
- keep grass and weeds under 150mm in height
- ensure flammable materials are stored safely
- clean up fuels such as leaves, twigs and flammable mulch.

Over the coming months, Council officers will conduct inspections and alert any residents of properties that do not comply with safety regulations.

Should a property be deemed a fire risk, Council will issue a Fire Prevention Notice to the owner. Residents can ensure their property is safe by following the guidelines listed above.

Residents who notice a property that does not comply with fire safety regulations can phone Local Laws on 9278 4949.



Practise pool safety this summer

Pools and summer are synonymous. There's no better way to cool off than jumping in the pool for a quick dip.

However, swimming is not without its dangers and it is particularly important that young children are supervised while having fun in the pool or at the beach.

Around eight Victorian children under five-years-of-age drown every year and half of these deaths occur in backyard swimming pools and spas.

Kidsafe Victoria research also indicates that for every young child who drowns, another three or four will be admitted to hospital after being involved in a near-drowning incident.

One of the most tragic aspects of a drowning is that it is often preventable if you exercise caution. With that in mind, please keep an eye on your children while

Did you know?

Inflatable pools are a popular gift at Christmas time, but it is important to note they are still subject to Victorian building regulations.

Any pool that is capable of holding more than 300mm of water is required to have some form of barrier around it.

It is possible for accidents to occur in relatively small amounts of water and these regulations help to protect your child against a potentially tragic accident.

For more information, phone Building Services on 9278 4999.

they are playing in and around water this summer.

One way to help your children stay safe is to make sure you have a sufficient barrier around your pool.

If you're not sure whether your barrier complies with legal requirements, Council's Building Services can inspect it and let you know. This service is provided on a user pays basis.

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



Your say

Council makes decisions on issues, plans and projects that affect residents and we want you to be a central cog in the process. We ask you to please take the time to have your say because your opinion will inform better decisions. 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 **Open Space Strategy**

The Boroondara Open Space Strategy (BOSS) is all about the future of our City's parks, gardens and sporting fields, and Council wants to know what you think.

The provision of adequate open space in Boroondara is essential and we believe the draft BOSS will go a long way to retaining, improving and planning for future community needs.

Local residents regularly use Boroondara's network of open spaces to keep fit, socialise, play and watch sport, observe native flora and fauna, and take part in many other recreational activities.

If growth is to occur, Council wants to ensure it does not come at the cost of these highly-valued parks, gardens and sporting fields.

The draft BOSS recommends the following:

- introducing an open space contribution rate as part of the planning scheme
- identifying opportunities to provide additional open space
- preparing plans to guide future upgrades of selected open space
- improving park features such as shelters, seating areas, BBQs, play areas and paths
- protecting and enhancing biodiversity values
- continuing sustainable water use and measures that assist in mitigating climate change
- protecting heritage values in open space.

At the end of November, all households were sent an information leaflet/feedback form regarding the draft BOSS, so please take the time to look through that package and let us know your thoughts. An electronic version can also be downloaded from www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say.

We will also be conducting three information sessions in February across the City, when Council officers will share their thoughts on the draft strategy.

For more information on these sessions and other details regarding the draft BOSS, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say or phone 9278 4534.

Glenferrie Water Management Plan

The Glenferrie Water Management Plan proposes to harvest and clean stormwater through a wetland, and store water within underground tanks.

This treated water will be used to irrigate Grace Park and Glenferrie Oval, water tennis courts, and flush toilets at the Michael Tuck Stand and the Victorian Weightlifting Centre.

Council is also looking into the possibility of this water being collected and transported to other parks and streetscapes within Boroondara during periods of water restrictions.

If it proceeds, this project will lead to water saving of approximately 37 megalitres per annum, which is equivalent to 15 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Residents surrounding the Glenferrie Oval, Grace Park and LE Bray Reserve area have been sent a feedback form to gauge their thoughts on this project.

For further information or to provide feedback, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say or phone Environment and Sustainable Living on 9278 4060.

Editor's note

A map legend in the printed version of the November Boroondara Bulletin contained an error. It referred to Neighbourhood Activity Centres Level 2 (red spot) and Neighbourhood Activity Centre Level 3 (yellow spot). In the printed version, these spots were the wrong way round in the map legend on page 5. This has now been corrected on the online version at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bulletin.



Celebrating *diversity*

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

Religious observances

20 December – Chanukah (Festival of Lights)

A sacred period for Jewish people, Chanukah (Hanukkah) commemorates the recapture and rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. It lasts for eight days and nights, and each night an additional candle is lit.

25 December – Christmas Day

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, peace on earth and good will. Christmas lights and trees are displayed, carols sung and children eagerly await the arrival of Santa Claus and gifts.

15 January – World Religion Day

Observed in more than 80 countries, the aim of World Religion Day is to foster interfaith understanding and harmony by emphasising the common elements underlying all religions.

Special dates and celebrations

24 December – Carols By Candlelight on Christmas Eve

Carols By Candlelight is a community event especially for children. Pack a picnic dinner, bring a rug, light a candle and join in singing Christmas carols in the season of peace and goodwill.

26 December – Boxing Day

Two important sporting events are held on this day: the start of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race and the Boxing Day test match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, this year between Australia and India.

31 December – New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is a time for communities, families and friends to celebrate the year past and the year to come. Look out for the spectacular fireworks show that is sure to light up Melbourne's skyline.

26 January – Australia Day

On this day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. Australia Day celebrations are held in communities across the country and the City of Boroondara will be conducting a citizenship ceremony on the day.

Occasional care program changes

During the school term, Kew Occasional Care provides a safe and nurturing environment to children aged between six weeks and five years.

To ensure we continue to offer a high-quality service that responds to the needs of families and complies with the new Australian Government legislation, a revised program has been developed.

Commencing at the beginning of Term 1, 2012, the new hours of operation will be 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday, with limited four-hour sessions (9am to 1pm) Monday to Thursday.

The sessions will provide programs for children of all ages with the exception of Fridays which will specifically provide an activity group for children three years old and over.

Kew Occasional Care's program caters for each child's individual needs and interests and offers all children the opportunity to play and interact with others in a group setting.

If you are interested in a place for 2012 and would like to come and meet the staff, phone 9859 6459 to arrange a time. Sibling and concession rates are available.





Cycle with more *confidence*

Many of us have enduring memories of learning to ride a bike and it's a skill that stays with you for life.

However, cycling is about more than just peddling from A to B, and Council is running two courses to cater to cyclists of all standards.

Cyclewise

This intermediate course is aimed at cyclists who regularly ride on the road.

Participants will learn strategies, tips and tricks for riding on the road including positioning and how to deal with tricky intersections.

You will be able to use these skills to cycle safely on the roads with newfound confidence, whether you are on a quiet neighbourhood street or bustling main road.

When: 10am to 3pm, Saturday 21 January (lunch provided)

Where: Council's Camberwell office car park, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Back on your bike

This session is for beginners who have just started or haven't ridden for a numbers of years.

We'll be teaching you the basic cycling skills including turning, braking, balancing, starting and stopping effectively, and gears. Come along, master the basics and then move on to the more intermediate skills.

When: 9am to 1pm, Saturday 3 March (morning tea provided)

Where: Council's Camberwell office car park, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

For more information and to book, phone Council's Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4515 or email chris.hui@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Please note: these courses are available to residents 12 years old and over.

Refresh your driving skills

The City of Boroondara, in conjunction with Hawthorn Community Education and Bowen Street Community Centre, is conducting a road safety course to help older drivers stay on the road for longer.

The Wiser Driver course covers a range of road safety topics including car

roadworthiness, road rules, the impact of ageing, handling difficult driving situations, trip planning, retaining your licence and driver wellbeing.

These popular courses help drivers over 55 refresh their driving skills and knowledge, and stay safe and confident on the road for years to come.

The course begins in early February

and consists of four, two-hour workshops.

When: 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 February, and 1 March

Where: Bowen Street Community Centre, 102 Bowen Street, Camberwell.

For more information and to make a booking, phone Bowen Street Community Centre on 9889 0791.

Council's Christmas service hours

Customer Service

Council's contact centre will be open its usual business hours, between 8am and 5.15pm on weekdays. Camberwell reception will be open from 8am to 6pm weekdays and Hawthorn reception from 8.30am to 5pm. Camberwell and Hawthorn cashiers will be open from 8.30am to 5pm on weekdays, while the Kew cashier will be open the same hours as Kew Library (see below). All of these services will be closed on the public holidays.

Boroondara Youth Resource Centre

Will be open its usual hours during the holiday period. However, it will be closed on weekends and public holidays.

Health, Ageing and Disability Services

Normal operating hours but office will be closed on public holidays. Reduced service for essential personal care provided on public holidays. For more information, phone 9278 4777.

Immunisations

The final session for 2011 is on Thursday 22 December, and the first of 2012 will be Monday 16 January.

Kew Occasional Care

The final day of Term 4 will be Friday 23 December and the first term of 2012 will commence on Thursday 2 February. For session times and bookings, phone 9859 6459.

Maternal and Child Health Services

This service will continue to see all families who require an appointment and home-visit all new babies. All visits will be by appointment only. Families who wish to make an appointment can do so by phoning 9278 4606.



Meals on Wheels

Where meal delivery falls on a public holiday, meals will be delivered prior to that date. For more information, phone 9278 4743.

Neighbourhood houses

These opening hours will vary, please contact the individual centres for more information.

Town Hall Gallery

The gallery will close on Sunday 18 December until the first half of 2014 due to the redevelopment of Hawthorn Town Hall.

Waste and recycling

Collections for waste, recycling and green waste will take place as normal during the Christmas and New Year period, including those due for Monday 26 December and 2 January. The Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre and Kew Depot will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Libraries	Ashburton	Balwyn	Camberwell	Hawthorn	Kew
Saturday 24 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 25 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 26 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 27 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wednesday 28 December	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm	9am to 5pm	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm
Thursday 29 December	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm	9am to 5pm	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm
Friday 30 December	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm	9am to 5pm	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm
Saturday 31 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 1 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 2 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Aquatic and leisure centres	Ashburton Pool & Recreation Centre	Balwyn Leisure Centre	Boroondara Sports Complex	Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre	Kew Recreation Centre
Saturday 24 December	8am to 4pm	Closed	5.30am to 4pm	6am to 4pm	6am to 4pm
Sunday 25 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am to 12pm (pool only)	Closed
Monday 26 December	8am to 8pm	Closed	8am to 8pm	8am to 8pm	8am to 8pm
Tuesday 27 December	8am to 8pm	Closed	8am to 8pm	8am to 8pm	8am to 8pm
Wednesday 28 December	5.30am to 9pm	Closed	5.30am to 9pm	5.30am to 9pm	5.30am to 9pm
Thursday 29 December	5.30am to 9pm	Closed	5.30am to 9pm	5.30am to 9pm	5.30am to 9pm
Friday 30 December	5.30am to 9pm	Closed	5.30am to 9pm	5.30am to 9pm	5.30am to 9pm
Saturday 31 December	8am to 4pm	Closed	6am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm
Sunday 1 January	12pm to 8pm	Closed	12pm to 8pm	12pm to 8pm	12pm to 8pm
Monday 2 January	8am to 8pm	Closed	8am to 8pm	8am to 8pm	8am to 8pm

Summer holidays at Boroondara libraries

This summer's school holiday program at Boroondara Libraries has a mysterious theme.

Running between 9 and 20 January, all five of our libraries will be conducting mysterious activities that are sure to excite local school children.

Programs are now available and online bookings open at 10am on Monday 19 December.

Check session times and descriptions of all activities at each of our libraries and at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries.

All sessions are free but online bookings are required (except for Family Storytimes). Computers are available in all libraries for bookings.

When: Monday 9 to Friday 20 January

Where: all five libraries

Immunisation catch-up for secondary students

Each year, Council conducts a free immunisation program for secondary students to protect them from the following diseases:

- Year 7 girls only – human papillomavirus
- Year 7 boys and girls – chickenpox and hepatitis B
- Year 10 boys and girls – diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

While we have concluded our visits to Boroondara secondary schools for 2011, we are offering catch-up vaccinations to students who were not immunised during the year.

If your son or daughter was absent or missed out on one of the vaccinations listed above, please come along to one of the public immunisation sessions listed below. No need to book an appointment, just turn up on the day.

For more information, phone 9278 4711.

Immunisations

Upcoming December 2011 and January 2012 immunisation dates, times and venues are as follows:

December 2011

9.30am to 11.30am	14 December – Balwyn Community Centre, Balwyn 15 December – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton 21 December – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew
10am to 12pm	16 December – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn 20 December – Frog Hollow Reserve, Camberwell (appointment-only session)
2.30pm to 4.30pm	19 December – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn
5.30pm to 7pm	13 December – Balwyn Community Centre, Balwyn 20 December – Hawthorn Council Building, Hawthorn 22 December – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew

January 2012

9.30am to 11.30am	18 January – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew 19 January – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton 25 January – Marwal Centre, Balwyn North
10am to 12pm	16, 20 and 27 January – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn
2.30pm to 4.30pm	23 January – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew
5.30pm to 7pm	24 January – Hawthorn Council Building, Hawthorn

Our Story: National Year of Reading

In 2012, the nation will be celebrating the National Year of Reading and Boroondara libraries will be giving you many opportunities to get involved.

As part of this year-long festival of reading, you can choose which book represents Victoria. Here are the short-listed books:

- Robyn Annear, *Bearbrass*
- Brendan Gullifer, *Sold*
- Barry Heard, *Well Done Those Men*
- Alice Pung, *Unpolished Gem*
- Jeff and Jill Sparrow, *Radical Melbourne*.
- Maya Ward, *The Comfort of Water*

Come into your local library to borrow any of these books and place your vote for which one you feel defines our state. You can also vote at www.abc.net.au/yearofreading. The closing date is 6 January 2012.

The winning Victorian book will join those winners from the other states and territories on the national recommended reading list for 2012.

Keep an eye on this page in future *Boroondara Bulletins* to see exciting events we have planned for the National Year of Reading.

Boroondara Library Service

Ashburton	154 High Street, Ashburton
Balwyn	336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn
Camberwell	25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell
Hawthorn	584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
Kew	corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew

Enquiries and bookings:

9278 4666 or visit www.boroondaralibraryevents.eventbrite.com

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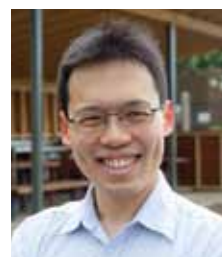
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