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Message from the Mayor

As Chair of the Creating an Age-Friendly Boroondara Group, I am particularly pleased that we are about to become the first Victorian council to sign up to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities Program.

The program provides a framework for what an age-friendly city looks like, targeting the environmental, social and economic factors that influence the health and wellbeing of older adults. Considering such factors in Boroondara is particularly important as almost 20 per cent of our population is over 60. I am hopeful that the prescribed WHO framework will permeate Council's

thinking on the wide range of issues that concern us. For example, when a planner assesses the suitability of a new development, they may start to think of its affect on older residents, as well as environmental implications.

Another issue I am particularly passionate about is environmental sustainability and one of the key goals of my Mayoral term is to continue the great work Council is doing in this area.

In December I officially opened our first cogeneration power plant at the Ashburton Pool and Recreation Centre. The cogenerator is the final aspect of a larger project including energy efficiency and renewable energy works at buildings within the Ashburton community precinct.

The project is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the centre by up to 40 per cent*. Considering the Ashburton pool is Council's largest energy-using site, this is a very significant achievement.

This month, all residents have the opportunity to learn more about adopting a 'greener' lifestyle at our Sustainable Living Festival.

Held at the popular Boroondara Farmers Market, the festival is all about learning how subtle changes in everyday habits can have a significant impact on the environment. I hope to see many of you down at Patterson Reserve on Saturday 18 February.

Have a great month, enjoy this edition of the *Boroondara Bulletin* and I look forward to working with you all during my Mayoral term.

**Councillor Heinz Kreutz
Mayor of Boroondara**

*Based on feasibility study conducted by Enman Energy Management Consultants.



Handy information for Chinese residents

Council has released a Chinese Residents' Information Kit featuring helpful information cards about important services and relevant community groups.

The kit – printed on one side in English and the other in Chinese – contains advice on obtaining permits for building works, installing satellite dishes and tree removal.

There are also important contact details for free interpreter services, childcare and family services, and a quick-guide for new residents.

The City of Boroondara has the fourth largest Chinese-speaking community in Victoria and the kit also offers a list of community organisations that promote Chinese culture, arts and leisure activities.

This information kit is the next step in helping culturally and linguistically diverse communities better understand the many Council services available to them.

If you know somebody who would benefit from a free Chinese Residents' Information Kit, they can be collected from any Boroondara library.

For more information, phone Council's Customer Service team on 9278 4444. Council also provides a free, easy to use Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS). To use the TIS, phone 13 14 50.



Hays Paddock: a great community park

In November 2011, Council adopted a plan for the popular Hays Paddock parkland in Kew East.

Hays Paddock is a beloved local park with a beautiful natural environment. This plan aims to maintain the park as a retreat offering a blend of rural and natural landscapes with a balanced mix of informal leisure activities and organised sporting activities.

Vigorous research, debate, and many diverging opinions were considered before the final plan was approved and the community-based steering committee should be commended for

its tireless efforts to produce the best possible compromise.

In early 2012 Council will begin an upgrade of the pavilion that will improve the comfort of players, patrons and park users and include specific design elements to cater for the needs of hearing impaired groups through special sound attenuation treatments and the location of sound systems.

The pavilion will also provide separate gender change rooms, public toilets – including a disabled toilet – baby change facilities and space for meetings.

In another recent development at Hays Paddock, a new footbridge (see above) has just been completed that will provide a much more comfortable passage for park users.

The former link was very narrow and people using it couldn't see approaching pedestrians, joggers or cyclists around the corner. The new steel and timber bridge is much safer and will serve the community for many years to come.

For more information on the Hays Paddock Plan, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/hays-paddock-plan or phone 9278 4595.

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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 6 February

6pm Council meeting

Monday 13 February

6.30pm Services Special Committee

Monday 20 February

6.30pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 27 February

6.30pm Council meeting



The sights, sounds

The much-loved Summer Music Series returns in February with a spectacular array of sights and sounds.

This celebration of community and music will feature three concerts, including the annual Jazz at Canterbury Gardens and a fun-filled children's concert at Victoria Park.

In an exciting first, this year's Summer Music Series will also feature an Indian cultural concert where visitors can immerse themselves in the delights of traditional (and not-so-traditional) music and dance presented by members of the local Indian community.

Each concert in this series is free to attend and they will be held over three consecutive Sundays in February in Canterbury Gardens, Victoria Park and Anderson Park.

So come on down, pack a picnic or visit one of the food vendors on site and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Boroondara's parks as they buzz with the excitement and fervour that is the Summer Music Series.



Jazz at Canterbury Gardens

Canterbury Gardens will come alive with the velvety vocals of Ali McGregor (pictured above), accompanied by her vibrant three-piece band.

Ali traverses the worlds of opera and popular culture like no other, either as an award-winning principal soprano with Opera Australia or as internationally-renowned jazz and cabaret artist.

The onsite dance floor will be at your disposal as your feet start tapping to the glorious mix of classical and contemporary jazz numbers during an afternoon sure to be brimming with great music.

There will also be a drumming workshop and face painters to keep the kids entertained.

When: 4pm to 6.30pm, Sunday 5 February

Where: Canterbury Gardens, Canterbury Road, Canterbury

For more information, phone Arts and Culture on 9278 4770 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summer-music.

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Kids at Victoria Park

Get ready for all the laughter and excitement that Stewie Koala, Ellie Emu, Suzie Roo and their friends from the Magical Mountains will bring to this day of music, dance and inspiring activities for young ones aged from one to eight years.

As well as the concert, there will be the chance to get up close and personal with a selection of indigenous animals when Wild Action, the travelling interactive animal show, bring out some of their furry friends including kolas and fairy penguins.

With the Tree House Art Workshop, face painters and Danny the Clown also close by, this event promises to be a great day out for the whole family.

When: 11am to 1.30pm, Sunday 12 February

Where: Victoria Park, High Street, Kew

Jhankar: A taste of India

Come and see Anderson Park transform into a cultural wonderland with Jhankar.

Jhankar translates to 'musical chime' and the park will be positively chiming to the sounds of traditional Indian music and dance, along with contemporary Bollywood performances.

Concert goers are invited to soak up all that this fantastic afternoon has to offer. Take part in a dance workshop, watch the kids play a traditional Indian game and get your very own temporary henna tattoo.

Be swept away by the rhythmic melodies, colour and atmosphere of this spectacular event.

The City of Boroondara would like to thank the Rajasthani Kutumb of Victoria, who helped plan what promises to be a wonderful celebration of Indian tradition and culture.

When: 4pm to 7pm, Sunday 19 February

Where: Anderson Park, Anderson Road, Hawthorn East

Learn to travel with confidence

Council is running a new course to help older residents remain safe and confident travellers.

Facilitated by the Hawthorn Community Education Centre for residents aged 55 and over, this comprehensive course will help participants stay independent and connected in the community.

The course consists of four, two-hour sessions run over consecutive weeks and will cover the following topics:

- walking and bicycle routes
- travelling on public transport including routes, tickets and fares
- using taxis and motorised mobility scooters
- community transport services
- discount travel passes
- mobility maps and trip planning
- safe travel.

When: 10am to 12pm,
1, 8 15 and 22 March

Where: Camberwell Council Offices,
8 Inglesby Road Camberwell.
Places are limited and bookings essential.

For more information or to book, phone 9278 4542. Morning tea will be provided at each session.



Cycling is a great way to get around town.



Left to right: Andrea Kreutz, newly-elected Mayor Cr Heinz Kreutz, 2010–11 Mayor Cr Nicholas Tragas, and his partner Eve Emetlis.

New Mayor for Boroondara

It is testament to the changing face of our City that the 11th Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Heinz Kreutz, becomes the first one born in a non-English speaking country.

Cr Kreutz moved to Melbourne from Monchengladbach in Germany with his wife more than 30 years ago, at a time when Australia recruited many skilled migrants.

“As a young man I wanted to do something else and Australia was looking for skilled workers,” Cr Kreutz said.

“I migrated as a fitter and welder and did that for a number of years across Melbourne and Western Australia.”

However, Cr Kreutz soon realised he had other ambitions and decided to enrol at Monash University, where he has remained ever since as both a student and academic. His PhD in linguistics and language studies led to him becoming a senior lecturer in that field, a position he continues to hold.

The new Mayor noted that Boroondara has a very diverse community – 25 per cent of residents were born overseas – and believes his interest in communication studies and linguistics will assist Council interact with a changing community.

“I’m fascinated by the way people communicate and how we make communication effective and successful; not just within one language, but across different languages and cultures,” Cr Kreutz said.

“Diversity is becoming a more significant factor in our community and how we communicate and engage with diverse communities is very important.”

Described as a values-driven person by those closest to him, maintaining equity and access is one of the three key goals for Cr Kreutz’s mayoral term. His other primary concerns are waste management and environmental sustainability.

“Fairness and equity is very important, but with so many different people, groups and mentalities in the community, this can be difficult to achieve,” Cr Kreutz said.

“Some people are more dominant, and some are more resourceful, and our role is to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to air their opinion, regardless of their circumstances.

“We all have equal rights and Council is here to help people articulate their needs. The challenge is to elicit responses from the quiet majority.”

When his time isn’t taken up by Council, his role as Vice President of the Victorian Local Governance Association or Chair of the Metropolitan Waste Management Group Board, Cr Kreutz values spending time with his wife of 35 years, Andrea.

“Whether it’s cycling, cooking, reading a book together or watching movies; spending time with Andrea helps me achieve a much-needed balance and switch off,” Cr Kreutz said.

BOROONDARA SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

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This month, the Boroondara Sustainable Living Festival is your one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about embracing a 'greener' lifestyle.

There will be heaps of fun, hands-on activities for the whole family, so come along and get started on your sustainable journey.

**When 8am to 1pm,
Saturday 18 February**

Where Boroondara Farmers Market, Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn

Cost \$2

Wondrous worm farms

Expert advice, worm farm demonstrations, dig for worms, feed them and take home some natural fertiliser for the garden. A huge 50 per cent discount on worm farms and worms purchased at the festival. Please note: cash only and pick up from the Boroondara Transfer Station.

Backyard chooks

Learn what it might be like to keep your own chooks, ask questions, pat some hens and enter the raffle to win a Book-A-Chook home trial.

All abuzz about bees

Learn what's involved with backyard beekeeping and why these insects are so important to our food supply. You'll have the chance to see a beehive and honey harvesting in action, and yummy local honey will also be on sale. Please note: all bees will be contained.

Grow your own produce

Take in some expert advice and demonstrations that will help you grow your own fruit and vegetables, even in small spaces. Pick up some free seedlings and seeds.

Wild native animal shows

Chris Humfrey and his Wild Action crew are bringing their amazing collection of native animals for all to see. This is a rare chance to get up close and personal with an abundance of Australian animals, including koalas, gliders, kookaburras, snakes, frogs and lizards.

Biodiversity starts in the backyard

The habitat garden display is sure to inspire great ideas for your garden, so visit the Parks and Gardens staff to get some vital tips and free indigenous seedlings to plant in your garden.

Festival banner competition

A group of local school children have put together a number of creative and colourful banners that champion sustainability ideals, and the prize for the winning banner will be awarded at the festival.

Farm-fresh goodies

Visit all the regular Boroondara Farmers Market stalls for local and fresh fruit, veggies, cheese, jams and much more.

Not enough, how about more?

- Recycling and eWaste – girls and boys can have their photo taken with Sam and Rob with a side loader rubbish truck. Also, pick up a voucher for a free TV drop-off at the Boroondara Transfer Station.
- All about ... electric bikes – check out the latest in electric bikes and maybe take one for a test ride.
- Want to go solar? – get expert advice from the Alternative Technology Association.
- Extraordinary face painters – see kids transformed into wild and wonderful creatures.

For more information, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainable-living-festival or phone 9278 4444.



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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.

Monday 6 February

Seniors Fitness Classes

11am to 12pm, private address in Kew. Join a small group of over 50's and improve your core strength, balance and energy. Cost: \$10 per week plus annual fee. Details: Anna 9853 0701 (address provided upon request).

Wednesday 8 February

Probus Club of Maling

9.40am, Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury. Come along for friendship, intellectual stimulation, outings and more. The club meets on the second Wednesday of every month and meetings include morning tea and a guest speaker. Optional lunch at different venues. Details: Dawn Whitworth 9890 5454.

Apple Users Society of Melbourne – retirees and others meeting

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

Friday 10 February

Boroondara Symphonic Band open rehearsals

7.30pm to 10pm, Kew East Primary multi-purpose building, Beresford Street, Kew East. Join the band for open rehearsals on Friday evenings. A full set of percussion instruments will be available. BYO woodwind or brass instruments. Come along and finish the week on a high note. Details: Justin 0410 720 560 or www.boroondarasymphonicband.com.au.

Wednesday 15 February

Boroondara Bushwalkers

7.30pm, Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew. Held on the third Wednesday of every month, we are a local community group that organises interesting walks in the local area, throughout Victoria, as well as interstate and overseas. This month's meeting will include a short presentation by two members on their recent bushwalk in Swedish Lapland. Details: 0403 721 451.

Thursday 16 February

A focus on finance

10am to 12.30pm, Mayor's Room, Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. This session will help keep your organisation's finances on track by clarifying some key accounting concepts. Sue Clarke from Pivot

Accounting will help you make sense of financial statements, cash flow and taxes, and managing donations and bequests. Cost: free. Details: 9278 4753 or email onboard@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Camberwell and District Branch of National Seniors

10am, Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew. Come along and enjoy a morning tea, interesting speakers, and the company of friendly members. Meet on the third Thursday of every month. Cost: \$4. Details: Don 9833 4514 or ttrremdy@gmail.com.

Friday 17 February

Men's Probus Club of Glenferrie

10am to 12pm, Kew Heights Sports Club, 397 Barkers Road, Kew. Club meetings are held on the third Friday of each month and feature interesting speakers followed by a light lunch. The club offers a variety of interesting activities including outings, walks, travel, social functions, bridge, painting groups and more. Details: Peter 0417 554 841.

Saturday 18 February

Glen Iris Dog Training Club

9am, Dorothy Laver Reserve East, Saxby Road, Glen Iris. Every Sunday, dog socialisation, obedience training and agility. All breeds and ages, puppies through to advanced/trials. Cost: \$40 per year, (\$50 joining fee). Details: Barbara 0419 654 330.

Monday 20 February

Kew Garden Club

1.30pm, Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew. Meets on the third Monday of every month and this month Keith Hutchins will talk about succulents. Details: 9859 4958.

Thursday 23 February

Victorian Orchid Club

8pm, St Mary's Anglican Church Hall, 99 Bowen Street (corner Toorak Road), Camberwell South. Display of orchids and friendly advice. Photos of the 20th World Orchid Conference. Visitors welcome free. Details: Di or John 9478 9764.

Harmony of Diversity – Boroondara Interfaith Concert

6pm to 8.30pm, Habitat Uniting Church, 2 Minona Street, Hawthorn. Join the

Boroondara Interfaith Network for this special concert of music and dance by performers from local faith and cultural communities. A vegetarian supper will be provided and the event is free of charge. If you would like to attend this event and have specific access, language, communication or dietary needs, please contact Council before 13 February and we will do our best to accommodate you. Details: book at www.harmonyofdiversity.eventbrite.com, phone 9278 4753 or email elyse.rider@boroondara.vic.gov.au. Information and updates are available at www.boroondarainterfaith.wordpress.com.

Friday 24 February

The Travelogue Club at Camberwell

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

Tuesday 28 February

Spiritual principles of abundance and prosperity

7pm to 10pm, Kew Court House, 181 High Street, Kew. In this evening workshop, learn the deeper spiritual meaning of wealth, abundance, prosperity and riches. Cost: \$25. Details: Greg Corfield. 0423 738 755 or gregory.corfield@gmail.com.

Meditation classes

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Bao Lin Chan (Zen) Monastery, 94a High Street, Glen Iris. Free weekly beginners meditation classes every Wednesday. Zen meditation is one of the Buddha's greatest teachings, and has been found to help calm the mind, reduce stress and anxiety. Details: 9813 8922 or baolin@mail.ctcm.org.tw.

Camberwell Music Society

This classical music society will hold six concerts in 2012, in March, April and November. The concerts will be held at 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell and annual subscriptions are now available. Cost: all six concerts, \$75 adult, \$65 concession; three evening concerts, \$50, \$45; three morning concerts, \$36, \$30; and individual concerts \$25, \$20 (evening) and \$18, \$15 (morning). Details: 9882 4560 or email mscamberwell@gmail.com.

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 photography for digital cameras

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre
10am to 12pm, Mondays from 13 February. Create better photos and get to know the key features of your camera. Cost: \$125 (six sessions). Details: 9853 3126.

Belly dancing

Alamein NLC 7.40pm to 8.40pm, Wednesdays from 15 February. Cost: \$75 (seven weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Body balance

Balwyn Community Centre 9.30am to 10.30am, Fridays. A dynamic class to improve flexibility and core strength. Cost: \$98 (eight weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Childcare

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

Children's pottery

Balwyn Community Centre
4.30pm to 6pm, Mondays and Tuesdays. Hand building, wheelwork and sculpture for primary school-aged children. Cost: \$115/\$125. Details: 9836 7942.

Confidence and life skills

Alamein NLC 12.30pm to 3pm, Tuesdays from 14 February. Details: 9885 9401.

Creative writing

Camberwell Community Centre
10am to 12pm, Mondays. Cost: \$90 (five weeks) Details: 9882 2611.

Cushion making

Ashburton Community Centre 10am to 12pm, Tuesdays. Make beautiful, quality cushions. BYO sewing machine. Cost: \$150 (eight weeks). Details: 9885 7952.

Drawing and acrylics

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
1.30pm to 3.30pm, Mondays. Suitable for all levels. Cost: \$112. Details: 9890 2467.

English as a Second Language

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Morning classes for permanent residents. Cost: free. Details: 9853 3126.

English conversation

Bowen Street Community Centre 9.30am to 11am, Thursdays from 9 February. Cost: gold coin donation. Details: 9889 0791.

Family history

Ashburton Community Centre
10am to 12pm, Mondays. Anne Carson is widely published, broadcasted and an

award-winning poet. Discover your own unique voice to write your family history. Cost: \$155. Details: 9885 7952.

French and Spanish for beginners

Balwyn Community Centre 10am to 12pm, Wednesdays from 8 February for French, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Tuesdays from 21 February for Spanish. Cost: \$135 (eight weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

French

Bowen Street Community Centre
Tuesdays, 7 February to 27 March. One-hour classes suitable for all levels. Cost: \$126. Details: 9889 0791.

German for beginners

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre 1pm to 3pm, Mondays, starts 7 February. Cost: \$110 (seven weeks). Details: 9830 4214.

Hobby electronics workshop

Balwyn Community Centre
1pm to 5pm, Sunday 26 February. Learn the basics of electronics and project building. Suitable for those interested in amateur radio, restoring old radio sets or creating accessories for home or car. Other workshops 18 March and 1 April. Cost: \$60 per session. Details: 9836 7942.

Italian for beginners

Bowen Street Community Centre 9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesdays 7 February to 27 March. Cost: \$180. Details: 9889 0791.

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.

Landlords and investors: understanding your rights

Bowen Street Community Centre 6pm to 7:30pm, 27 February. Free consumer affairs information. Details: 9889 0791.

Languages @ KNLC

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Learn French, Italian, Mandarin or Spanish. Details: 9853 3126

Learn to play Solo

Camberwell Community Centre
11.45am to 1.45pm, Wednesdays. Cost: \$75 (five weeks) Details: 9882 2611.

Mindfulness and meditation

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
7pm to 8pm, Thursdays. Cultivate mental and emotional balance. Cost: \$60. Details: 9890 2467.

Occasional Care Service

Craig Family Centre For children two to five years old. A high-quality service that places children's needs and their families as its first priority. Details: 9885 7789.

Playgroups

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
9.30am to 11.30am, daily except Wednesday. Details: 9890 2467.

Running your own business

Alamein NLC 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Thursdays from 9 February. Cost: \$86.60 (10 weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Short course on Office skills

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre
9.30am to 4pm, Wednesdays from 15 February. Learn Microsoft fundamentals and understand the Office environment. Cost: \$100 (eight sessions). Details: 9853 3126.

Spanish

Camberwell Community Centre 7pm to 9pm, Mondays. Cost: \$95 (five weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Strong people stay young (40+)

Camberwell Community Centre
12.30pm to 1.30pm, Tuesdays. Stretching, core strength and light cardio work. Cost: \$80 (seven weeks). 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: \$72 (nine weeks). Details: 9830 4214.

Understanding the aged care maze

Alamein NLC 6.30pm to 9pm, Tuesdays from 28 February. Comprehensive information on aged care facilities. Cost: \$35 (seven weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Wiser driver courses

Bowen Street Community Centre
Thursdays, 9 February to 1 March. Suitable for older drivers. Cost: free course (Vic Roads book \$12). Details: 9889 0791.

Zumba

Camberwell Community Centre 4.30pm to 5.30pm and 5.45pm to 6.45pm, Wednesdays. Cost: \$80 (eight weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Zumba Gold

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
1.30pm to 2.30pm, Wednesdays. "Dancercise" for beginners, seniors and mums-to-be. Cost: \$80. Details: 9890 2467.



Major Projects update

Hawthorn Town Hall Arts Precinct

Work is progressing on a project that will convert the historic Hawthorn Town Hall into a thriving arts and cultural space.

The redeveloped facility will cater for a variety of arts and cultural activities, with features including:

- redeveloped and more expansive Town Hall Gallery
- improved main hall
- restoration of the façade
- new rehearsal space.

The Hawthorn Town Hall will close in April after hosting the Camberwell Rotary Art Show and the project is expected to be completed in mid 2013.

Hawthorn Community Precinct

Construction of a first-class community facility in the heart of Boroondara is well underway, with the Hawthorn Community Precinct due to open midway through 2012.

The new two-level building, located next to the library on Glenferrie Road, will house many vital community services, including:

- an integrated Early Years Service offering long-day and occasional care for young children, as well as sessional and extended hours kindergarten
- a new home for The Peppercorn Club, Italian Senior Citizens Club and Hawthorn Community Education Centre
- a covered connection between the new building and Hawthorn Library.

Please note that the Hawthorn Library is open throughout the construction period.

Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre

The Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC) has closed for a comprehensive redevelopment and is expected to reopen in the summer of 2013–2014.

This exciting \$27 million 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.

Camberwell Library and Office Project

Construction of a new state-of-the-art Camberwell Library in the old Camberwell Centre is continuing, with the project due to be completed in August 2012.

The new library will be located on the ground floor and Council office space will occupy the first and second floors.

The project also includes significant landscaping work, which will restrict access to Council's Customer Service area in Camberwell. Those wishing to visit Customer Service will need to do so via Inglesby Road. Camberwell Road access will be restricted until the project is completed.

Celebrating diversity

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

Religious observances

- **5 February – Prophet Muhammad's Birthday**
This date marks the birthday of Muhammad, regarded by Muslims as a messenger and prophet of God.
- **15 February – Nirvana Day**
This day is an observance of the death of the Buddha (Mahayana tradition).
- **21 February – Shrove Tuesday**
Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent. Pancakes are traditionally eaten on this day.

- **22 February – Tibetan New Year (Losar)**
Losar is an occasion to dispel the obstacles and negativities of the old year and marked with activities that symbolise purification.
- **22 February – Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)**
Lent is the period of 40 days that comes before Easter in the Christian calendar, traditionally a time of fasting and reflection. It begins with Ash Wednesday.

Special dates and celebrations

- **25 and 26 February – Greek Antipodes Festival**
The Antipodes Festival takes over Lonsdale Street to celebrate all things Greek. Outside of Athens and Thessaloniki, Melbourne has the largest Greek-speaking population in the world.



Your say

Learn more about open space strategy

Our City is well known for its beautiful network of parks, gardens and sporting fields, and Council believes the draft Boroondara Open Space Strategy (BOSS) will assist and provide guidance on retaining and improving these much-loved community spaces.

To give residents a better idea of what the draft BOSS is all about, Council is conducting three information sessions this month.

Council officers will be on hand to hear your thoughts on the strategy and answer any queries you may have.

If you would like to know more about how we are planning for the future

of our open spaces, come along to one of the following sessions:

Session one

When: 6.30pm to 8pm, Wednesday 8 February (community groups)

Where: Ashburton Library, 154 High Street, Ashburton

Session two

When: 10.30am to 12pm, Saturday 11 February (general public)

Where: Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

Session three

When: 6.30 pm to 8pm, Monday 13 February

Where: Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew

To register your interest in attending, phone 9278 4534.

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

Neighbourhood Character Study

Council is working on a Neighbourhood Character Study that will identify the distinctive and valued characteristics of our City's residential areas.

The outcomes of the study will be translated into planning policies and design guidelines.

Draft Precinct Profiles have been prepared and will be on public exhibition until Wednesday 29 February.

To view your area's profile and provide feedback, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say

For more information, phone Juliana Aya, Senior Strategic Planner on 9278 1987 or email strategic.planning@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Ashburton community precinct consultation

Draft concept plans of the proposed upgrade to the Ashburton Library and Ashburton Community Centre are now available for community feedback.

Council has appointed architects and their concept design has been informed by the results of the extensive community consultation process, which was held in March and April 2011. The significant tree and playground are important features of this project and have been incorporated into the design.

Representatives of the library and community centre have had some initial input into this process and Council is now seeking your views.

The concept plans will be on display at the Ashburton Library, Ashburton Community Centre and on Council's website until Friday 17 February. These displays will also provide details on how you can provide input and feedback on the project.

For more information, phone Andrew Mitchell, Senior Project Officer, on 9278 4716 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say.

Boroondara Bulletin survey

In November last year, we asked for feedback on the *Boroondara Bulletin* format. While the majority of respondents signalled their preference to see it in print, 45 per cent of people would like to see an online version.

We have started working on a web version of the *Bulletin*, which will be available soon. This will complement, not replace the print version. In other news, Council is trialling a new delivery method over the next three months, using Australia Post posties. For more information, phone the Bulletin editor on 9278 4015 or email bulletin@boroondara.vic.gov.au.



The friendly Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre team will help you find a suitable volunteering opportunity.

Volunteer in the New Year

We may be a month or so into the New Year, but it's certainly not too late to look into a resolution for 2012.

Volunteering is a tremendously rewarding pursuit and something the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC) can help you get involved in.

There's no better place to start than venturing to the Boroondara Volunteer Expo in March.

Held on Wednesday 14 March at Hawthorn Town Hall, more than 40

not-for-profit organisations will be attending to talk about a variety of volunteering opportunities.

The expo will give you the chance to wander around, have a cup of tea or coffee and get a taste for what roles are available in the community.

When: 2pm to 7pm,
Wednesday 14 March

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 358
Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

There's no cost to attend, there will be refreshments available and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

If you can't make it to the expo, the BVRC is always available to help find an interesting volunteer role that suits your needs. All you need to do is phone 9278 4550 or email bvrc@boroondara.vic.gov.au to arrange an appointment.

Living for our Future in 2012

Council's Living for our Future workshops offer participants practical advice, demonstrations and hands-on activities that will set you on your sustainable way.

Registrations have opened for this year's sessions, which are all free and offer prizes and delicious refreshments. Here's what workshops are coming up:

Sustainable gardening snippets

Come along to a mini sustainable gardening workshop at the Ashburton Community Festival.

There will be three 20-minute presentations on the basics of worm farming, natural pest control and productive plants in pots.

When: 10am to 12pm, Sunday
26 February.

Where: look for the Living for our Future green marquee on High Street at the Ashburton Community Festival. Bookings not required.

Solar electricity and hot water for your home

Experts from the Alternative Technology Association will explain the benefits of solar energy and the choices available to you. Learn about solar hot water, heat pumps and rooftop solar PV systems.

When: 2pm to 4pm, Saturday 17 March

Where: Boroondara Council Offices, 8
Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Bookings are essential. Register online or call 9278 4011.

More workshops in the first half of 2012:

- Living for our Future at Kew Festival – Saturday 24 March, High Street
- Get ready for winter in the veggie patch – Saturday 31 March, Alamein Community Centre
- Retrofit your home for winter – Saturday 21 April, Surrey Hills Neighbourhood House
- Living for our Future at Glenferrie Festival – Sunday 22 April, Glenferrie Road
- Backyard chooks for beginners – Saturday 12 May, Kew Neighbourhood and Learning Centre
- Worm farming and composting – Monday 23 May, Camberwell Community Centre

For more information and to register, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future or phone 9278 4011.

Happy times on *High Street*



High Street comes alive at the Ashburton Festival.

Each year, the Ashburton Festival gives the the local community a day of captivating, distinctive and exciting activities, and this year's event promises to bring more of the same.

Taking place on Sunday 26 February, this year's festival also forms part of the Melbourne Sustainable Living Festival program and the Australian Year of the Farmer.

Here are some of the interesting activities happening on the day:

- steam train rides between Camberwell and Ashburton
- pony rides
- 'Using the Plot' community art project
- Australia's best animal farm
- working dog demonstrations
- great local musicians
- fabulous food.

When: 10am to 4.30pm, Sunday 26 February

Where: High Street, Ashburton

For more information and a full program of events, visit www.ashburtonshopping.com.au or phone 0417 393 897.

The festive fun continues ...

A number of other community festivals will happen in the coming months.

Kew Community Festival

Opening concert and fireworks at Hays Paddock between 6.30pm and 9.30pm on Saturday 17 March. Family Fun Day and Grand Parade at Victoria Park between 10.30am and 4.30pm on Saturday 24 March. For more information, phone 9853 9576 or visit www.kewfestival.org .

Glenferrie Road Festival

Taking place on Glenferrie Road between Burwood and Barkers roads, from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 22 April. For more information, phone 0410 504 994.

Burwood Village Autumn Festival

Variety of activities on Toorak Road, Camberwell between 10am and 3pm on Sunday 6 May. For more information, email burwoodvillage@gmail.com .

Skating to a brighter future

Since being resurfaced in July 2011, the popular Junction Skate and BMX Park has attracted two prestigious state and national competitions; the 2011 Victorian Inline Titles and the 2012 Australian Unicycle Championships.

However, you don't need to be an elite athlete to get involved at the skate park. Council offers lots of skate and BMX programs and events, including free school holiday clinics, events and the following youth development programs:

- **Skate park operations** – helps young people gain skills and knowledge about the management of Junction Skate and BMX Park. Develop skills in customer service, risk management, marketing, as well as leading other volunteers.
- **Competition laboratory** – helps young people gain qualifications and skills to develop and run events at Junction Skate and BMX Park.
- **360 Degree leadership program** – Junction staff help volunteers obtain a Certificate III in Youth Work from Swinburne University.

Schools, community groups and individuals can also book skill and safety based sessions.

For more information, phone 0459 988 125 or email junction.skatepark@ymca.org.au . Bookings are essential for any event or course run at Junction Skate and BMX Park.



Hawthorn Town Hall will be closing in early April for a significant upgrade, and an original George Dreyfus score is the centrepiece of the final concert before the temporary closure.

The renowned Australian composer (pictured above) will conduct a concert in two parts. The first half will revisit some of Dreyfus' most famous compositions including the much-loved theme from the 1974 television series, *Rush*, and a series of short pieces composed for Tim Burtstall's 1963

ABC children's television series, *The Adventures of Sebastian the Fox*.

The second half will see Dreyfus premiere his Symphony No. 3, a musical journey that will feature local choir, Camberwell Chorale and the young, award-winning pianist Margaret Kong.

Come along for a wonderful afternoon of classical music and see the Hawthorn Town Hall for the last time before it is transformed into a first-class cultural centre.

When: 2.30pm, Sunday 4 March

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Cost: gold coin donation

For more information, contact Arts and Culture on 9278 4770, events@boroondara.vic.gov.au or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture. Turn to page 10 for more information on the Hawthorn Town Hall Arts Precinct project timelines.

New home for makers' market

The popular Hawthorn Craft Market is relocating to Swinburne University's Hawthorn campus while the Town Hall is being redeveloped.

While the setting may be changing, the outstanding variety of hand-made products certainly isn't, with high-quality fashion, jewellery and home décor on offer.

Craft lovers and bargain hunters will continue to have easy access to one

of Melbourne's favourite makers' markets as the temporary new home is a matter of minutes from the Town Hall.

The Hawthorn Craft Market is held on the first Sunday of every month between March and December. Be sure to come along to the year's first market at the new location on Sunday 4 March.

When: 10am to 3pm, Sunday 4 March

Where: The Atrium, Swinburne University, Hawthorn campus, John Street, Hawthorn. The Atrium can be accessed through either William or John streets, and is within walking distance from Glenferrie Station. Street parking is also available.

For more information, phone Arts and Culture on 9278 4770 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/craft-market.



Children's programs start up for 2012

Many children's programs at Boroondara's libraries recommence in February, so come along and enjoy some stories, songs and rhymes with your toddler, preschooler or the whole family.

Here's a listing of when some of our most popular children's library sessions start up again in 2012:

Ashburton Library

- **Preschool Storytime** – 11am, Thursday 9 February
- **Tinytots Storytime** – 10.30am, Monday 27 February
- **Bedtime Storytime** – 7pm, Monday 5 March

Balwyn Library

- **Preschool Storytime** – 11am, Tuesday 7 February
- **Tinytots Storytime** – 10.30am, Thursday 23 February
- **Chinese/English Storytime** – 11am, Friday 17 February
- **Bedtime Storytime** – 7pm, Wednesday 22 February

Launch into the National Year of Reading

Council is kicking off its National Year of Reading celebrations in style with a special launch event at Kew Library.

The festivities will feature a talk by a guest author, the announcement of reading ambassadors and a sneak peek of the great events planned for the rest of the year.

Camberwell Library

- **Preschool Storytime** – 11am, Monday 6 February
- **Tinytots Storytime** – 10.30am, Friday 10 February

Hawthorn Library

- **Preschool Storytime** – 11am, Friday 10 February
- **Tinytots Storytime** – 10.30am, Wednesday 15 February
- **Bedtime Storytime** – 7pm, Thursday 23 February

Kew Library

- **Preschool Storytime** – 11am, Wednesday 8 February
- **Tinytots Storytime** – 10.30am, Tuesday 7 February
- **Bedtime Storytime** – 7pm, Tuesday 20 March

Council has put together a brochure – *What's on for children at your library in 2012?* – that provides a wealth of information on what goes on at your local library. You can pick up one of these guides at any Boroondara library.

If you are passionate about reading and would like to get involved in our National Year of Reading program, come along and get a taste of what is destined to come. This event is free, but bookings are essential.

When: 7pm, Tuesday 14 February

Where: Kew Library

Immunisations

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

February 2012

9.30am to 11am (appointments only*)

- **20 Feb** – Frog Hollow Reserve, Camberwell

9.30am to 11.30am

- **1 and 15 Feb** – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew
- **6 Feb** – Conochie Hall, Canterbury
- **8 Feb** – Balwyn Community Centre, Surrey Hills
- **16 Feb** – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton
- **22 Feb** – Marwal Centre, Balwyn North

10am to 12pm

- **3, 10, 17 and 24 Feb** – Hawthorn Town Hall, Hawthorn

2.30pm to 4.30pm

- **27 Feb** – Phyllis Hore Room, Kew

5.30pm to 7pm

- **7 Feb** – Ashburton Support Services, Ashburton
- **14 Feb** – Balwyn Community Centre, Surrey Hills
- **28 Feb** – Hawthorn Council Building, Hawthorn
- **23 Feb** – Marwal Centre, Balwyn North

*Book online at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/immunisations

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Balwyn 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

Camberwell 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Hawthorn 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Kew corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew

Enquiries and bookings:

9278 4666 or visit www.boroondaralibraryevents.eventbrite.com

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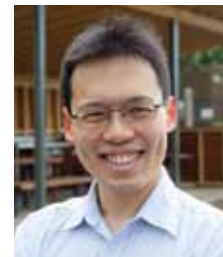
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