

Gardiner Ward update

Councillor Coral Ross | November 2010



Dear neighbour,

Welcome to the latest Gardiner Ward Update.

As I am sure you are all aware, the retail part of Tooronga Village opened recently. Construction on the residential towers continues and Council has continued to make submissions regarding various other applications for the site. Council opposed an application for extended loading hours which would have seen goods delivered at 5.30am. This was subsequently withdrawn, to the relief of surrounding residents.

The State Planning Minister still decides planning applications for Tooronga Village, and has agreed to increase the number of dwellings from 600 to 785. This update includes a story about proposed changes to Stage 2 of the development.

Further west on Toorak Road, the Planning Minister has approved a Woolworths

Hardware store on the former Gas and Fuel site. He rejected Council's submission that the hours should be the same as Bunnings Hawthorn, but agreed with a number of other concerns. Council has asked VicRoads to compulsorily acquire the bike path which currently traverses the site.

Council has completed a number of works in the local area this year. After much discussion, it was agreed that the new playground at Fairview Park would be located in the same place. Gardiners Creek Trail has been reconstructed in several places and the new boardwalk at Leonda has been completed.

Nettleton Park Pavilion has been upgraded and works are due to start at South Camberwell Tennis club pavilion. After Christmas the disused bowls green at Anderson Park will be converted for community use with an informal area and

a rebound wall plus half-basketball court.

Council also wants to know your views on our neighbourhood shopping centres, and the idea that there should be higher density development at these locations.

This will accommodate most of the housing demand the state government predicts for Boroondara. A special edition *Boroondara Bulletin* will be sent out shortly and there will be a public meeting at the Hawthorn Town Hall in February. I urge you to give your views.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful festive season and best wishes for 2011.

Best wishes,

Councillor Coral Ross

Teaching kids the value of sustainable travel

Earlier this year, Auburn South Primary School won the City of Boroondara's third Get2School Cool challenge.

Their students excelled: 478 kids took part (84 per cent of the school) and they travelled a total of 663 kilometres by walking, riding, scooting or taking public transport to school.

Auburn South was one of 12 Boroondara schools that participated in this year's challenge and a total of 3177 kilometres of sustainable travel was achieved throughout the City.

This is a wonderful achievement and means that more local children and families

are learning the environmental, health and social benefits of sustainable travel.

Council hopes that this challenge inspires more students to travel sustainably throughout the entire school year, and continue to do so during the holidays and as they grow older.

Statistics show that Auburn South PS students are continuing to lead the way when it comes to sustainable travel, and a number of other Boroondara schools are following their lead.



Auburn South Primary School also won the 2008 Boroondara Get2School Cool challenge. Here are their students celebrating that win with Councillor Coral Ross.



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Help shape our City

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

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

The draft ACS establishes a planning framework to guide retail, commercial and residential land use and development in the following Gardiner Ward strip shopping centres:

- Camberwell South, corner Burke and Toorak roads
- Riversdale Village, corner Riversdale and Auburn roads, Hawthorn
- Glenferrie Hill, corner Riversdale and Glenferrie roads, Hawthorn

- Golf Links Village, corner Camberwell and Glen Iris roads, Camberwell
- Peate Avenue, corner Toorak Road and Peate Avenue, Glen Iris
- corner Bills Street and Auburn Road, Hawthorn.

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

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

This summit will allow for your views to be expressed, respected and recorded.

ACS Community Summit

When: 10am to 1pm,

Saturday 12 February 2011

Where: Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

How to register:

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

Council is also sending residents a special *Boroondara Bulletin* that provides more detailed information on the ACS and will help you contribute to the decision making process.

Woolworths hardware plans approved

The Minister for Planning has approved plans for a new Woolworths hardware store at 740-747 Toorak Road, adjacent to the Monash Freeway.

This decision came after an Advisory Committee Panel considered the development's appropriateness during June and July.

The Advisory Committee report and the plans can be viewed at dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning.

Council will keep you up-to-date with construction timelines once we are notified.

Council objects to Tooronga Stage 2

The City of Boroondara has objected to proposed changes at Tooronga Village, which would see more than 50 extra apartments than originally approved.

Council voiced several concerns, including the number of extra apartments, the lack of a traffic study, the car parking not meeting relevant standards, and the low level of amenity due to the high number of bedrooms without a window.

"A bedroom without a window is like a prison cell. And it is impossible to increase the number of apartments without there being a knock-on traffic effect," Gardiner Ward councillor Coral Ross said.

The original Tooronga Village plans approved by Planning Minister Rob Hulls were for 600 dwellings including 405 apartments. This is the third time developer Stockland has applied to increase the number of apartments in individual stages

at Tooronga Village. The current Planning Minister has already approved an extra 101 apartments in Stage 1 – the two towers currently being built.

"It is very concerning that there are incremental increases in dwelling numbers without any proper assessment of the impact upon traffic, the provision of car parking, open space and the amenity offered to future occupants of the dwellings," Cr Ross said.

The Minister has also rubber-stamped an increase in the number of restaurant/café seats from 275 to 690.

Stage 2 was originally 110 dwellings, including nine townhouses, to be built to the south of the Coles headquarters. The revised planning

application seeks 166 apartments with 199 resident car parking spaces.

The Minister for Planning, who has taken responsibility for making planning decisions at Tooronga away from Council, also failed to notify the surrounding community of the changes.

"The form and scale of this project has changed significantly with an additional 157 units being added without any consultation with the surrounding community who objected to the original plans. The community's interests are being ignored for the sake of developer profits," Cr Ross said.

"I will keep local residents up-to-date with the latest developments and when the Minister makes a decision."

Improving your sustainable transport options

The Gardiners Creek Trail is one of Boroondara's key cycling paths and Council is in the process of making it better.

We have almost finished upgrading the trail between the Hawthorn Velodrome and Toorak Road, as well as in other locations in Ashburton.

The old path, which was old and narrow, has been widened and retaining walls have been constructed in some sections.

This project has been completed in partnership with VicRoads, which contributed \$300,000.

This particular section of the Gardiners Creek Trail is the busiest off-road bike path outside the CBD and a recent survey found that more than 900 cyclists use the path

between 7am and 9am on weekdays. That is around one cyclist every eight seconds.

Boroondara residents are provided with many choices when it comes to bike paths, with a vast 32-kilometre network at your disposal.

But cycling is far from the only sustainable transport option. Trains, trams and buses run along many of Gardiner Ward's main arteries, including Burke, Riversdale and Glenferrie roads.

So before you go to grab the car keys, think about more sustainable ways you can get to and from your destination.



Part of the upgraded Gardiners Creek Trail.

Anderson Park revamp

Since the South Hawthorn RSL and Citizens Bowling Club closed, Council has been conducting comprehensive consultation to determine what should be done with the disused bowling green.

The results from the various surveys found that park users and local residents had a preference for landscaped areas with a multi-purpose basketball court and tennis rebound wall.

Landscape plans have now been prepared and the new area will incorporate the following features:

- curved paths linking with stairs on the corner of Henham Street and Anderson Road
- a multi-purpose half basketball court and rebound wall
- informal and traditional seating
- an open, grassed area with trees and garden beds at entry points
- tennis club shelter to be installed on the northern side of the lower tennis courts
- barbecue and picnic shelter under a pergola for all park users.

Detailed design plans and specifications are being finalised and the completed plans will be displayed at Anderson Park and on Council's website.

It is expected that construction will begin towards the end of summer.



Picturesque Anderson Park is about to get a welcome addition.

Stand up against domestic violence

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

Nationally one-in-four women are affected by family violence and KPMG has estimated that the cost to our economy each year is \$13.6billion.

Violence is not just physical, it is also emotional or denying someone access to money.

Boroondara police say it is a priority issue in Boroondara and most local assaults are family violence.

Thursday 25 November was White Ribbon Day, for the elimination of domestic violence.

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

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

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

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

Improving bike access around Leonda

Council and the Boroondara Bicycle Users Group have worked together to create an improved shared trail around the Leonda Reception Centre.

The Leonda car park has been reconfigured to provide pedestrians and cyclists with a safe connection linking the Morang and Wallen Road reserves.

The path includes a boardwalk section that descends gently from the car park level to meet the existing underpass at the Wallen Road Bridge.

It also gives pedestrians and cyclists a safe alternative for crossing the busy Wallen Road, and represents a significant improvement on what was a very steep and narrow track.

We have also improved the car park and path lighting and made



The new pedestrian and cyclist boardwalk at Leonda by the Yarra.

sure path users are separated from vehicle movements.

This project provides far better access routes through a string of parks and pleasant back streets on the eastern side of the Yarra River from Hawthorn Railway Station through to Scotch College.



The site for the new Fairview Park Playground.

New playground by the Yarra

After extensive community consultation, Hawthorn's Fairview Park is finally receiving a brand new playground.

The new playground will be constructed in the same space as the old one and will feature a range of fun equipment, including a carousel, slides, swings, monkey bars and more.

Home delivered meals update

A review of Council's home delivered meal service has led to Boroondara joining 19 other councils as a shareholder in Community Chef.

Renowned local chef Gabriel Gaté is the patron of Community Chef and believes it is an incredible project.

"It will provide diversity and be both healthy and culturally relevant," Mr Gaté said.

Community Chef has begun food production in readiness for the provision of meals to residents in Hawthorn and Kew at the beginning of December.

An impressive variety of meal options are being made available, from Anglo, Mediterranean and Asian, to low fat, diabetic and texture modified meals.

Staff and volunteers will be available to assist residents with their new menu choices.

For more information about Community Chef, please call 9278 4722.

Delivered meals in Camberwell are provided by Bass Care (9880 4702), while Ashburton Support Services (9885 6443) caters for Glen Iris residents and some parts of Camberwell.