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Message from the Mayor

The theme of this month's *Boroondara Bulletin* is very close to my heart – local democracy. It is the cornerstone of our political system and society in general.

Regardless of whether we like it, recognise it, believe in it or think it is important, we all get a say in the way our local area, state and country is governed.

Many people have fought over many generations to earn you the right to participate in a democratic society, so we shouldn't remain passive and take it for granted.

Democracy is not set in stone; it is fragile and must be tended to if it is to achieve all it is capable of. As relatively unknown Irish orator and politician John Philpot

Curran said in 1790, "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance". And vigilant we must all be.

As I sit penning this month's message, we are witnessing the progressive erosion of our rights by the Victorian Government on a number of fronts.

This edition highlights the damage the government's extended clearways policy is doing to our local traders. Not only that, but the government has also taken away our checks and balances by amending the Boroondara Planning Scheme to allow for the fast-tracking of significant developments.

Political power in Victoria is becoming increasingly centralised and we are having our rights stripped away. So stand up for them, or else government will assume you don't care.

If you are to remember one thing from this article and edition of the *Bulletin*, you must speak up and put your views

clearly to Boroondara Council, to the state government and to the federal government.

In related news, I would like to congratulate councillors Heinz Kreutz and Coral Ross, who have been appointed to senior positions within the local government sector. Cr Kreutz is now President of the Victorian Local Governance Association and Cr Ross has become Vice President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association. Enjoy this month's *Bulletin* and have a great month.

**Councillor Jack Wegman
Mayor of Boroondara**



Part of the new Ashburton link in the Gardiners Creek trail.

Improving the trail

The first step to closing the gap in the Gardiners Creek Trail between Warrigal Road, Ashwood and the Solway Street Bridge in Ashburton has been completed.

In partnership with the Victorian Government, Council has extended the shared path from the north-west corner of Markham Victory Reserve and connects into the Anniversary Trail.

This project is well on the way to providing a much safer path for recreational and commuting cyclists. Connecting the gap in the Gardiners Creek Trail illustrates Council's commitment to improving

sustainability, supporting alternative transport options and enhancing the health and wellbeing of Boroondara residents.

Solway Ward Councillor Kevin Chow launched the new 400 metre extension in April with Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, and Member for Burwood, Bob Stensholt, and said the project will lead to easier access to parks, places of education, shopping centres, bus stops and train stations.

"This is a significant project as it fills a gap in an important shared path with strong links to the Anniversary Trail and the Main Yarra Trail," Cr Chow said.

Councillor Heinz Kreutz is the Chair of the Metropolitan Waste Management Board and is passionate about protecting our natural environment.

He felt compelled to speak out in support of the Victorian Government's decision in March to increase the landfill levy from \$9 to \$30 per tonne and has been advocating for this action for some time.



Waste levy for the future

We need to change our waste disposal culture and the 'out of sight, out of mind' approach to storing waste has to change. It is not about what will happen in our lifetimes but the legacy we leave behind.

You only have to look at the disastrous consequences of the 2008 methane leak from a landfill site in the City of Casey to see what damage can be done.

Continuing to rely on landfill as a waste disposal method is simply not sustainable.

Boroondara residents are excellent recyclers and among the best in Melbourne. Of all of the waste we receive at the Riversdale Transfer Station, more than half is recyclable. But we can do better.

Unfortunately we produce too much general waste, with 10.6 kilograms per household per week. The average for metropolitan councils is 9.6 kilograms per household.*

The Victorian Government took strong and decisive action in March when it introduced the new landfill levy, which will be raised from \$9 to \$30 per tonne across Melbourne. It will act as an incentive for residents to be more judicious when sorting through waste.

It will encourage you to be more conscious of what you can and can't recycle. The less you waste, the more you recycle, the less waste charges you will ultimately pay.

The levy will also bring us into line with

other states that place a higher cost on landfill, such as New South Wales, where the current charge is nearly \$60 per tonne in the metropolitan area.

The Victorian Government has also pledged to use the money raised to assist councils improve our waste management practices, increase litter prevention schemes and encourage the continued development of recycling technology.

The landfill levy is worthy of support and I believe it is a change and a commitment that had to be made and one that will benefit future generations.

**Source: Sustainability Victoria's Victorian Local Government Annual Survey 2007-2008*



[inbrief]

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 7 June

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 21 June

6pm Services Special Committee
8pm Urban Planning Special Committee

Monday 28 June

6pm Council Meeting



Supporting local traders on



Richard (left) from Convent Bakery and Craig (right) from Cotham Newsagency discuss the negative impact extended clearways are having on their Kew businesses.

In April 2008, the Premier announced that clearways within 10 kilometres of the CBD would be extended by up to three-and-a-half hours daily.

The changes, which took effect in July 2009, saw morning clearways extended to operate between 6.30am and 10am, and evening clearways between 3pm and 7pm in some locations.

The City of Boroondara opposed the Victorian Government's decision but agreed to defer an official challenge until the extended clearways had been in effect for a sustained period. This

would give Council enough time to properly assess the policy's impact on traders and residents.

Council commissioned consultants MacroPlan Australia to undertake a study on the economic impact of the clearways on Kew Junction businesses between June 2009 and March 2010.

The report clearly demonstrates that the clearway extensions are having a detrimental impact on local traders.

Richard from Convent Bakery in High Street, Kew, said his business has been losing revenue since the day extended clearways were implemented.

"We cannot afford to hire new staff or replace those we lose," Richard said.

Craig from Cotham Newsagency, Kew, believes the clearways are confusing customers and restricting them from supporting local business.

MacroPlan found that the 54 businesses across Kew Junction are likely to suffer a \$500,000 to \$700,000 drop in sales, which could result in an annual sales loss in the range of \$9,000 to \$13,000 per business.

If this proves to be the case for all affected businesses across Boroondara, it could result in an \$810,000 to \$1.17 million loss in retail revenue across our City.

extended clearways



No win for commuters either

The Victorian Government stated the objective of the clearways policy was to tackle traffic congestion and improve tram and bus services in the inner-city. However, it doesn't appear to have achieved a win for public transport users either.

A March 2010 study undertaken by the Public Transport Users Association found extended clearway times had had a negligible impact in Sydney Road, Brunswick, with tram journey times improving by only seven seconds.

Adjoining cities taking action

Last month the Cities of Yarra and Stonnington started their legal action to overturn the decision to extend clearway times and although Boroondara is not part of that action, Council will continue to argue for what's best for our local residents and traders.

With the compelling results of the Macro Plan research, the lack of evidence that residents are benefitting in better travel times and the volume of anecdotal evidence being received by local traders, Boroondara will continue its public campaign to overturn the Government's ill-founded extended clearway policy.



Clearways – no way

There was a great turnout at a community rally in Kew Junction on Sunday 23 May, where local traders united to voice their opposition to the Victorian Government's extended clearways policy.

Members of affected traders associations attended the event, as well as representatives from Stonnington and Yarra councils.

The rally also gave Council an opportunity to launch the 'Clearways – No Way' postcard campaign that gives all residents the opportunity to show their support for local traders.

All you need to do is ask a local trader whether they are affected, ask for a postcard and send your protest to the Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas.

This issue doesn't just impact upon traders; it affects our 'shop local' culture and the prosperity of our whole City.

Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Jack Wegman talking to Channel Seven News on Friday 14 May about Council's advocacy on extended clearways.



Your library, *your voice*



Proposed facade for the new Camberwell Library, which residents had the opportunity to comment on during April and May.

The Camberwell Centre has been chosen as the permanent home for the new Camberwell Library, and Council is continuing to involve the community at every juncture.

The first stage of consultations included drop-in sessions, touch screen surveys in our libraries, sessions with Boroondara library staff and an invitation-only forum for Camberwell Library users.

The feedback gathered from these sessions was used to develop concept plans, which were taken to Council to endorse for additional community comment.

To gain a thorough insight into the community's thoughts we sought further feedback on aspects of the prospective library's internal design and layout, external landscaping and the facade.

To help residents gain a better understanding of the concept plans – which are currently available for comment – a short film has also been made available online.

This unique approach to community engagement illustrates Council's commitment to setting a standard of excellence and innovation in the way we consult with our community.

The Services Special Committee Meeting on Monday 21 June will consider the developed concept design and estimated cost plans of this project, and the findings of the community consultation will be fed back to Council.

Results from the first stage of consultation are now available online and the project is due to be completed midway through 2012.

For more information or to register your interest to receive project bulletins online, please visit boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say or call Council's Customer Service team on 9278 4444.

Tennis centre revamp

One of our most popular sports facilities, the Boroondara Tennis Centre (BTC), is being renovated to improve its facilities and better cater for increasing demand.

The upgrade will bring a number of important additions to the centre, including an enlarged foyer and cafe area,

improved male change rooms, a new coaches room, additional office space, and landscaping.

Work on the redevelopment began in May and is expected to finish in August.

There will be minimal impact on existing facilities, however, the reception, cafe and

creche will be temporarily relocated.

For more information, check the Project Bulletin Board at the BTC, speak to centre staff, call Paul Bennett on 9278 4774 or email paul.bennett@boroondara.vic.gov.au.



Community consultations – at a glance

You can help us make more informed decisions by telling us your thoughts on current issues, plans and projects. This page will provide you with information about upcoming consultations and what's happening next. For full information about all of Council's consultations please visit our website.

Thank you for participating!

Council's financial year is fast coming to an end and we've had some great conversations with the community about a range of projects. Here are three we would like to share with you:

Community Engagement

Eight community members volunteered to participate in a Community Engagement Committee to help draft a policy for Council's consideration on how we should consult with the community in the future. We'd like to thank Barry Durham, Mary Harman, June MacDonald, Lona Parry, Laura Spelbrink, Helen Consta, Rob Webb, and Susie Bunn for the enormous amount of effort they put into this project. It was above and beyond.

Camberwell Library and Office

Building the new Camberwell Library within the Camberwell Civic Centre was such an important project that we asked the community to participate twice. We consulted on an initial plan before creating a new one based on feedback. Thank you to those who gave us feedback on the second plan, we're sure it will lead to the creation of a fantastic library.

Hawthorn Town Hall Arts Precinct

There was enormous enthusiasm from Boroondara's arts and culture groups and individuals who generously gave their time to help Council plan an arts precinct that will be cherished by future generations, nurture our artists and satisfy arts and culture lovers. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our survey.

Have your say!

Boroondara Netball Centre Pavilion Project

Boroondara Netball Centre, Balwyn North, comprises a series of outdoor netball courts and a small pavilion that provides toilets, a kiosk and administration facilities. Council proposes to expand these facilities to provide adequate change rooms and meeting rooms. This consultation has been extended into June.

Completed consultations

The consultation process on the following projects has recently been completed. Thank you to everyone who responded or participated. Council's website has thorough descriptions of the following projects, as well as consultation results:

- Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- Camberwell Library
- Town Hall Gallery Art Collection Strategy and Town Hall Gallery Public Art Strategy
- Shopping Centre Improvement Plan
- Community Engagement Project.

Building a community for everyone

MetroAccess is a partnership between the Department of Human Services and the City of Boroondara, with the aim of making our community more inclusive for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

Over the past three years projects

undertaken have included a community radio program, parenting programs and International Day for People with a Disability celebrations.

We are seeking community members to help us identify actions that will assist people with disabilities and their

families to access services, activities and facilities.

Consultation sessions will take place between July and October 2010, and if you would like to be involved please call David Williams on 9278 4722 or email david.williams@boroondara.vic.gov.au .



Launch of Boroondara Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009–13



The City of Boroondara has a four-year strategy for enhancing the community's health, wellbeing and safety.

The 2009–13 Public Health and Wellbeing Plan identifies directions required for Council to respond to the changing health and wellbeing needs of the Boroondara community, focussing on the following priority areas:

- social environment
- built environment
- economic environment
- natural environment.

Its development involved research into population demographics and health trends, as well as extensive consultation with residents, health and welfare agencies, community groups and Council staff. More than 550 people were consulted during this process.

Boroondara is recognised as one of the healthiest local government areas in Victoria and the community is generally aware of health and wellbeing issues.

Our City boasts a variety of health-promoting assets to keep people active and connected.

There are, however, challenges that we all face.

Enhancing health and wellbeing involves many organisations, including government, non-government, community and private services.

As the tier of government closest to the community, Council is in a position to generate environments that are supportive of good health and wellbeing.

The plan is available at Council offices and can be viewed on our website. For more information, please call 9278 4639.

Helping residents stay independent

Council provides a property maintenance service for residents who are eligible for Home and Community Care Services.

The service aims to assist people living independently with minor home repairs, including:

- installing smoke detectors and replacing batteries
- making small repairs to doors, locks, windows and gates
- replacing light globes

- installing hand-held showers and rails in bathrooms
- installing ramps and rails.

Due to licensing restrictions, this service does not cover major works requiring a plumber or electrician.

For more information on this service, or any others including home care, personal care, respite care, meals on wheels, community transport and social support, please call Health, Ageing and Disability Services on 9278 4722.



Six Degrees of Diabetes

Come along to the Hawthorn Town Hall at the end of June and learn more about diabetes in an entertaining forum.

Six Degrees of Diabetes is a play that promotes health and wellbeing for older adults by addressing the issue of diabetes.

The setting is a pub, where three journalists are talking about diabetes. Find out what they are discussing and in the process learn more about the disease.

The play was written by Alan Hopgood, features three actors, and the 45-minute performance will be followed by an

informative discussion on diabetes.

There will also be an opportunity to meet people and find out about activities in your community.

The two performances will take place at 11am on Tuesday 29 June and 1.30pm on Wednesday 30 June, at the Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

There will be limited places available, so get in quick.

To book your seat and for more information, please call Health, Ageing and Disability Services on 9278 4722.

Immunisations

Council's Health Services team administers more than 27,000 vaccinations a year. The immunisation service provides vaccinations to infants, school-aged children and some adults. June immunisation dates, times and venues are as follows:

9.30am – 11.30am

- **7 June** – Canterbury, Conochie Hall
- **9 June** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **30 June** – Balwyn North, Marwal Centre
- **2 and 16 June** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room
- **17 June** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services

10am – 12pm

- **4, 11, 18 and 25 June** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall
- **29 June** – Camberwell, Frog Hollow Reserve (appointment only)

2.30pm – 4.30pm

- **28 June** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall

5.30pm – 7pm

- **1 June** – Ashburton, Ashburton Support Services
- **8 June** – Balwyn, Balwyn Community Centre
- **15 June** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Council Building
- **24 June** – Kew, Phyllis Hore Room

4.30pm – 6.30pm

- **22 June** – Hawthorn, Hawthorn Town Hall (four-year-old themed immunisation party)



Stay warm and waste less

Wasteful heating costs money and adds to our carbon footprint. So when the cold weather hits this winter, fight the temptation to turn up the heating.

There are many practical ways you can stay comfortable at home without wasting money or energy.

Easy, inexpensive and sustainable heating tips include:

- Invest in four to six energy star rated gas heaters or ducted systems.
- Set your winter thermostat at 18-20°C and put on an extra layer of clothing. Sustainability Victoria says this can save \$139 per year and 17,800 black balloons (1 balloon = 50g of greenhouse gases).
- Turn your heaters off overnight and when you're not home.
- Check insulation is adequate.
- Fit draught proofing strips and weather sealing tape to external doors and windows.
- Close doors to rooms that don't need heating.

- Enjoy the sunshine during the day but draw curtains and blinds once it starts to get cold.
- Small electric heaters and electric radiators consume energy fast. Use them sparingly and in small spaces only. Gas heaters are much more efficient.

If you're feeling really cold, rug up and go for a walk, play with the dog or the kids. Your health, the dog or kids, and the planet, will thank you for it.



Sustainable gardening tips

Council's *Living for our Future* workshops in June include:

- **Controlling garden pests sustainably:** 7:30pm to 9:30pm, Wednesday 9 June, Hawthorn West Primary School, Wood Street, Hawthorn. Find out what solutions to use in your garden and why, while learning the natural options for pest control.
- **Habitat gardening:** 7:30pm to 9:30pm, Wednesday 23 June, Chatham Primary School, Weybridge Street, Surrey Hills. Discover Boroondara's native fauna and local plants, and learn how to create a wildlife-friendly garden.

Workshops are free and include door prizes and delicious organic refreshments. Bookings are essential, please call 9278 4889 or register at boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future.

For more information, please call Council's Environment and Sustainable Living team on 9278 4444.



Eco living centre

Boroondara's new eco living centre has found a home at 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

This site is currently being used to house the Camberwell Library, and will be vacated once the library moves across the road to the former Camberwell Centre.

Council is excited to have found such a

fantastic site in the heart of the City.

The centre is currently being designed and initial concept plans will be available for community comment later in the year.

If you're interested in receiving updates on the progress of this exciting project, please register at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/eco-living-centre.



Many species, one planet, *one future*

World Environment Day (WED), celebrated on Saturday 5 June, aims to raise awareness on issues that affect the natural world around us and how we can make a difference.

This year's theme, 'Many species, one planet, one future', focuses on biodiversity and how important retaining it is to ensuring we stop the dramatic loss of flora and fauna across the world.

WED is marked in many ways, including

street rallies, green concerts, essay competitions, tree planting, recycling efforts, clean-up campaigns and volunteering.

Conservation Volunteers is Australia's leading practical conservation organisation and conducts many projects across the country.

If you are passionate about the environment, have a little spare time and want to get involved, go to cva.org.au.

Parks Victoria also relies on volunteers to undertake much of their work, and for more information on how to support them, visit parks.vic.gov.au.

If you would like to volunteer in another capacity, opportunities exist in many areas across our City and beyond.

For more information, please call the **Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre on 9278 4550 to arrange an interview, or visit bvrc.org.au.**

Jump into gymnastics

The Balwyn Leisure Centre offers recreational gymnastics for kids of all ages, from toddlers to teenagers. Classes are held on weekdays and Saturdays, and preschool classes are available on weekday mornings.

The gymnastics and trampolining classes are conducted by qualified coaches, and beginner classes are available for all ages.

For more information, please call the **Balwyn Leisure Centre on 9857 8031 or email balwyn@ymca.org.au.**





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Celebrating diversity

Boroondara is a culturally diverse municipality and this month there are a number of significant days for people of many faiths. Here are a selection of them:

- 10 June:** Portugal Day (day for Portugese communities)
- 11 June:** National Celtic Festival (to 14 June)
- 20-26 June:** Refugee Week
- 20 June:** World Refugee Day



Writers set to shine

Entries for the 2010 Boroondara Literary Awards are now being accepted, giving writers of all ages the opportunity to win lucrative awards for their prose.

The Open Short Story section, which is offering \$3000 worth of prizes, is open to writers across the country who have unpublished literary works between 1500 and 3000 words. The best Boroondara entry will also receive \$500.

Young authors also have a chance to share in the generous cash prizes. The Young Writers category is open to secondary

students who live, work or attend school in Boroondara.

Entries close on Friday 27 August, so there's no time to waste.

The Boroondara Literary Awards are jointly sponsored by the City of Boroondara, Leader Community Newspapers and the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

For more information, or to obtain a brochure, please call Leisure and Cultural services on 9278 4444, email bla@boroondara.vic.gov.au or visit Council's website.



Lifting the veil

John Ashcroft's work, presented in June's 'Painted Veils' exhibition, expresses something of his upbringing in war-torn Europe.

Ashcroft, now in his 80s, grew up in a world in which death, poverty and suffering was a reality of life.

As a sculptor, his works go beyond the two-dimensional limits of the canvas to create a space that is physical and conceptual.

Ashcroft sources his material and concepts from the discarded garments of op-shops. This inspiration gives his work a sense of tension and foreboding, including

metaphors for suffering and the fragility of life.

In Conversation: join John Ashcroft and gallery curator Mardi Nowak in conversation about the concepts behind the exhibition, from 2pm to 3pm on Saturday 19 June.

Exhibition Dates: 2 June to 26 June

Where: Town Hall Gallery, rear 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Need to know more? Visit townhallgallery.blogspot.com or call 9278 4626.



Raise a reader

Are you a new parent or have young children and want to encourage an interest in reading? Then come along to the Raise a Reader session at Ashburton Library.

It will provide useful tips to assist you in developing your child's early literacy skills and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Suitable books for different age groups

will be discussed and on display, and a copy of the library's special kit will be given to each participant.

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

When: 10.30am, 9 June

Where: Ashburton Library

Cost: free, bookings essential

There's a scare in there . . . at the library!

Do you like being a little bit scared? Do you enjoy the odd spooky story? Then come and have a creepy time at Bororoondara libraries during the school holidays.

There will be lots of spine-tingling activities and shows that have a scary side. Carp Productions will be performing a show entitled 'Where are the wild things?', 'The ghosts and ghouls' show, and Claire Everton's 'Puppet Fairytales' will feature Beauty and the Beast.

Programs will be available from Friday 4 June and you will be able to book online from 10am, Friday 18 June.

Check session times and descriptions of all activities on our website.

When: 28 June to 9 July

Where: all Bororoondara libraries

Cost: free, online bookings essential



Click goes the library – Tech: show & tell

iPhone, Kindle, iPad, eBook reader, twitter, facebook, apple, netbook, blackberry. What does it all mean?

Join library staff as they show you the gadgets and tools that are making news today and for the future. This session is free, however bookings are essential.

When: 11am, 17 June

Where: Hawthorn Library Meeting Room, Hawthorn council offices, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

Cost: free, bookings essential

About the Boys and About the Girls

This month we are presenting a joint BookTalk event. Boys aged 10+ and their dads, and girls aged 10+ and their mums are invited to come to Hawthorn Library to hear about some great youth titles, as recommended by our knowledgeable staff. Also, find out about the library's Youth Blog and maybe even post a comment while you're there. It's sure to be a fun evening so be there to get the inside word on the best books in town.

When: 7pm, 16 June

Where: Hawthorn Library

Cost: free, places limited and bookings essential



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 boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries/events.

Thursday 3 June

Men's Probus Club – Surrey Hills

10am to 12pm, St Aidan's Church Hall, Duggan Street, Balwyn North. Gentlemen, especially recent retirees, join us for excellent speakers, friendship, activities and various outings, many with partners. Cost: \$35 per year. Details: Julian Nance 9898 8931.

Friday 4 June

Boroondara Symphonic Band - open rehearsals

7.30pm to 10pm, Kew East Primary School Hall, Beresford Street, Kew East. We are holding open rehearsals for new members every Friday night during the second school term. All woodwind, brass and percussion players are welcome to attend, so come along and finish the week on a high note! Details: Justin 0410 720 560.

Sunday 6 June

Hawthorn Craft Market

10am to 3pm, Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Winter is almost upon us, which means it's time to stock up on cozy blankets and warm knits. The craft market is home to a range of artisans producing high quality goods for winter, including felting and knits, quilts, scarves, gloves and socks. This month there will also be a yarn spinning demonstration. Details: 9278 4444 or visit Council's website.

Tuesday 8 June

Apple Users Society of Melbourne – multimedia group

7.30pm to 9.30pm, Balwyn Baptist Church, corner Whitehorse and Parring roads, Balwyn. Multimedia applications and demonstrations for Apple Mac, iPod and iPhone users. Cost: free. Details: Greg Davies 9569 9248.

Wednesday 9 June

Probus Club of Maling combined

9.40am, Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury. Held on the second Wednesday of each month, enjoy interesting speakers and outings. Details: Lyn Callaway 9890 1518.

Thursday 10 June

Smarter funding solutions for community organisations

7pm to 9pm, Mayor's Room, Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Key grant providers from the philanthropic sector will give advice on developing strategic funding partnerships in these challenging times. Presented in partnership with Swinburne University's Asia Pacific Centre for Social Investment and Philanthropy. Details: 9278 4753.

Thursday 17 June

Camberwell and District National Seniors

10am, Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew. We meet on the third Thursday of every month, so come along and hear interesting speakers and enjoy some refreshments as well. Cost: \$4. Details: Don 9833 4514.

Saturday 19 June

Treasures @ Trinity Craft Market

10am to 1pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, corner Union Road and Montrose Street, Surrey Hills. Indoor craft market with over 30 stalls of lovely handcrafted items, jams and preserves, cakes, wine and plants. Details: 9808 0323.

Boroondara Farmers' Market

1pm, Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn East. Support your local community and purchase fresh produce. Cost: \$2 and proceeds go to Foundation Boroondara and community groups supported by Glenferrie Rotary. Details: 9278 4444.

Sunday 20 June

St John's Choir and Clough Choristers

3pm, St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell. Choral and organ music performed by Jennifer Chou and the St John's Choir, with special guests Clough Choristers. Cost: \$25 adult, \$20 concession, \$10 student. Details: 0410 844 552.

Music at St Silas

2.30pm, St Silas Anglican Church, 16 Osburn Ave, Balwyn North. The Koehne String Quartet from Vienna will be performing compositions by Brahms, Schumann and other composers. Cost: \$20. Details: 9859 9974.

Friday 25 June

Camberwell Afternoon Slide Group

2pm, Chambly Community Centre, 405 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. Fascinating slides with guest speakers talking about cultural aspects of the destination(s) being featured. This month: Byways of Iberia (Spain). Cost: \$20 annual membership and optional afternoon tea available, \$1 per program. Details: 9889 7509 or 9882 8383.

Monday 28 June

Camberwell Parkinson's Disease Support Group

10am to 12pm, St Mark's Church Hall, corner Burke and Canterbury roads, Camberwell. Information, support and morning tea. Cost: \$2. Details: Ruth Harrop 9889 3499.

Ladies Probus Club of Boroondara

10am to 12pm, Baptist Church Hall, 136 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North. Join us on the fourth Monday of each month for excellent speakers, activity groups and outings. Details: Margaret Hartley 9859 8246.

Boroondara Recreation Companion Program

Blind Sports Victoria is running an initiative to give older adults with low or no vision a chance to experience the benefits of physical activity. The program will pair older residents with volunteers to accompany them and use Boroondara's recreation centres, gyms and swimming pools. Details: Maurice Gleeson or Shauna Bourbon 9822 8876 or email blindsports@netspace.net.au. This program is being conducted with the support of the City of Boroondara and the Rotary Club of Balwyn.



Look out for the *Short Course, Activity and Social Guide* that outlines over 200 courses and activities available at your local community centre. Each centre offers a wide range of activities for the whole community. Copies are also available from local libraries, Boroondara Council offices and your local neighbourhood and community centres.

Acrylics and watercolour

1.30pm to 3.30pm, Mondays, and 10am to 12pm, Wednesdays at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Cost: \$15 per session. Details: 9890 2467.

Baby watch

1.30pm to 4.30pm, June school holidays at Bowen Street Community Centre. Babysitting education for teenagers 13 years and older. Cost: \$85 (four afternoons). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Barista training

6pm to 8pm, Thursday 17 June at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Make the perfect cafe espresso at home or work. Cost: \$45. Bookings: 9853 3126.

Beginners French

6.30pm to 8.30pm, Wednesdays from 12 July at Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre. Cost: \$125, \$110 concession (eight weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

Card players

Supervised group, 9.30am to 11.30am, and unsupervised group, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, Tuesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$3 per week. Learn to play solo classes, 11.45am to 1.45pm, Wednesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$70 (five weeks includes training book). Details: 9882 2611.

Childcare

At Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Term and casual bookings available for children three months to school age. Cost: \$26.50 (three-hour session) and \$35 (four-hour session), generous discounts for siblings and concession holders. Details: 9830 4214.

Children's yoga

4pm to 5pm, Wednesdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Children can benefit from yoga in many ways including strength, flexibility and coordination.

It develops body awareness and improves focus and concentration. Cost: \$85 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Confident parenting

6pm to 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 June at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Explore what it means to be a confident parent with effective negotiation, optimism and resilience, and setting boundaries. Conducted by Helen Costa from Camcare, and Janelle Tulloch, psychologist and youth counsellor. Cost: no charge. Details: 9890 2467.

Desktop publishing (Publisher)

12.30pm to 2.30pm, Fridays from 4 June at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$137 (four weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Drawing for absolute beginners

1pm to 2.30pm, Saturdays from 17 July at Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre. Cost: \$110, \$90 concession (eight weeks). Details: 9885 9401.

French polishing

9.15am to 11.45am, Thursdays at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Suitable for beginners and advanced students. Cost: \$129 (eight weeks). Details: 9830 4214.

Hatha yoga

9.30am to 10.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, Mondays, and 7pm to 8pm, 8.15pm to 9.15pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Balwyn Community Centre. Relax and add another dimension to your life. Cost: \$100 (10 weeks). Details: 9836 7942.

Introduction to Excel (MS 2007)

9.30am to 3pm, Tuesday 29 June to Friday 2 July at Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre. Cost: \$105 (plus \$38 manual). Details: 9885 9074.

Mahjong

1.15pm to 4.15pm, Thursdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Suitable for experienced players and those wanting to learn. Cost: \$3 per week. Details: 9882 2611.

Men's shed

10am to 3pm, Thursdays at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Come and make something or share your skills. Details: Bill 9853 3126.

Sensory gardening

12.30pm to 3pm, Fridays from 16 July at Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre. Cost: \$66.50. Details: 9885 9074.

Sewing for teens (Grade Six and above)

1pm to 3.30pm, June school holidays at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$128 (four afternoons). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Southern Italian cooking

10.30am to 1.30pm, Saturday 19 June at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Learn to make a tasty, affordable nutritious three course meal based on traditional Southern Italian family recipes. Cost: \$30. Bookings: 9853 3126.

Soy candle making

12.30pm to 3.30pm, Friday 4 June at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Make tea lights, a mosaic candle and melts for the oil burner. Cost: \$48. Bookings: 9830 4214.

Systemise yourself

9.30am to 11.30 am, Tuesday 8 June at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. Learn how to have a productive day every day. Cost: \$26. Bookings: 9830 4214.

Walking group

9.30am to 10.30am, Tuesdays from Camberwell Community Centre. Details: 9882 2611.

Watercolour painting

10am to 12pm, Tuesdays from 13 July at Bowen Street Community Centre. Cost: \$149 (eight weeks). Bookings: 9889 0791.

Watercolour painting for beginners

1pm to 3pm, Tuesdays at Camberwell Community Centre. Cost: \$150 (nine weeks). Details: 9882 2611.

Walking adventures

9.30am to 12.30pm, Tuesday 15 June. Meet at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Walk to Studley Park Boathouse for coffee, and back. Bookings: 9853 3126.

Writing dialogue

9.30am to 1.30pm, Thursday 8 July at Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre. An intensive course in writing creative dialogue for fiction. Cost: \$30. Details: 9830 4214.



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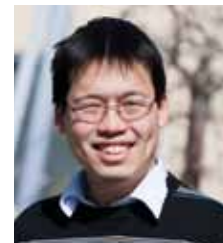
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