

# Lynden Ward update

Councillor Heinz Kreutz | December 2011



## Christmas spirit sweeps across Boroondara

Dear neighbours,

Another rewarding year on Council has come to an end and I would like to thank everyone in Lynden Ward for contributing to the continuing prosperity of our area.

There have been many highlights in 2011, including my election to Mayor of Boroondara, which came as a little bit of a surprise. I have had a particularly busy year working towards positive outcomes for our Ward on key issues including planning, local traffic management and population planning.

I am passionate about preserving our unique natural environment and Council is going to great lengths to involve residents in programs that have a positive impact on the world around us.

In late 2010, a group of Lynden Ward residents took part in the first Backyard Biodiversity program, which taught residents how to care for native flora and

fauna by creating wildlife-friendly gardens and improving biodiversity.

This particular project saw local residents improve biodiversity corridors in and around Back Creek Reserve, and the participants continue to meet up twice a year to build on their good work. Keep an eye out for other "green" Council initiatives and get involved.

If you have embraced sustainable design measures in your home and/ or garden, be sure to nominate for this year's Boroondara Sustainability Awards. You have until 31 December to enter and can find out more on Council's website or by phoning 9278 4011.

My time as Vice President of the Victorian Local Governance Association (peak body for local governments and community groups) has been enjoyable this year and I am particularly interested

in seeing that Local Government receives constitutional recognition.

I believe that the Victorian Government opposes our campaign because they wish to exercise more control over local communities.

Local government receives just three per cent of all tax revenue (by way of rates) and is not recognised in the Australian Constitution. Councils have a profound impact on local communities and I hope to see this changed soon.

I will continue to keep you up-to-date with all of the key Lynden Ward issues and wish you a very happy and safe holiday period.

Mayor of Boroondara,  
Councillor Heinz Kreutz

## Celebrate sustainability in February

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

Come along to the Boroondara Sustainability Festival on Saturday 18 February 2012 at Patterson Reserve, Hawthorn East and get expert advice, hands-on experience and a range of freebies to get started on your sustainable path.

Here's what will be happening on the day:

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

- free herb and veggie seedlings, and indigenous plant tubestock
- big discounts on worm farm kits bought on the day
- try out the latest bikes
- the delicious food, fresh produce and atmosphere of the Boroondara Farmers Market.

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

For more information on the festival, phone 9278 4444 or go to [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-festival](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-festival).



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## Residents respond to Camberwell traffic study

Council is currently processing resident responses to a Local Area Traffic Management Study that covers parts of Camberwell bounded by Riversdale, Highfield, Toorak and Warrigal roads.

Many local residents had indicated that they feel an excessive number of vehicles travel through this area, and this study aims to reduce and manage traffic flow. We are making good progress in Fordham Avenue and Morehead Street, and are currently looking at the entire precinct between Highfield and Warrigal roads.

A survey was sent to residents in October and November, and we are currently collating these responses and collecting traffic volume and through movement data as a basis to develop potential solutions.

Possible solutions include peak period turn bans to prevent cars from entering certain streets at certain times, on-street parking restrictions and traffic management devices, such as slow points and traffic islands.

This is an important project for many Lynden Ward residents and I will keep you up-to-date with the latest developments and outcomes.

For more information or if you have any questions about this traffic study, phone 9278 4444.



## Waste diversion on the rise

I would like to thank all Lynden Ward residents for your ongoing commitment to recycling.

In 2010–11, our diversion rates of material not going to landfill increased from 51 per cent to 53 per cent and this figure is likely to go up even more based on the preliminary results of this year's hard rubbish collection.

Council has also received some very constructive feedback on issues associated with recent hard rubbish collections and we are investigating further opportunities to improve this important service.

Keep an eye on future editions of the Boroondara Bulletin for more information on the hard rubbish collection service.



Rob Mellis and Sam Taufa are receiving more recycled materials at the Boroondara Transfer Station thanks to higher diversion rates throughout the City.

## Former bowls club gets a makeover

The Lynden Park Recreation Facility has been completed and will be officially opened in the new year.

Over the past 12 months, the former Camberwell Ladies Bowls Club has undergone an impressive renovation, boasting a 180-square metre multi-purpose meeting room, two offices, a kitchen, storeroom and new toilets.

Camberwell Petanque Club will be one of the centre's main tenants and a petanque piste has replaced the former bowling green.

For more information on this new facility, phone Leisure and Sport on 9278 4762.



The redeveloped Camberwell Ladies Bowls Club, now known as the Lynden Park Recreation Facility.

## The sounds of summer

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

Concerts will be taking place throughout Boroondara on three consecutive Sundays in February, so be sure to save the following dates:

- Jazz at Canterbury Gardens  
– 4pm, Sunday 5 February
- Children's Concert at Victoria Park, Kew – 11am, Sunday 12 February
- Jhankar – A Taste of India, Anderson Park, Hawthorn East  
– 4pm, Sunday 19 February

Full program details are available at [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summer-music](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summer-music).

For more information, phone Arts and Culture on 9278 4770 or email [events@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@boroondara.vic.gov.au).



Anderson Park will host a celebration of Indian music and dance on 19 February.

# Have your say on the Open Space Strategy

The City of Boroondara is working on an Open Space Strategy to plot the future of our parks, gardens and sporting fields, and I would like you to have your say.



Local fitness fanatics in Highfield Park.

Lynden Ward features a number of popular open spaces, including the expansive Highfield and Lynden parks, which residents regularly use to keep fit, socialise, play and watch sport, observe native flora and fauna, and take part in many other recreational activities.

The draft Boroondara Open Space Strategy (BOSS) recommends the following:

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

At the end of November, Council sent all households an information leaflet/feedback form regarding the draft BOSS and I encourage you all to respond. An electronic version can be downloaded from [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say).

For more information on this survey, as well as February information sessions, visit the website or phone 9278 4534.

## Planning our future neighbourhoods

Lynden Ward has a distinct look and feel and we all want it to remain that way so that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy a similarly pleasant environment.

However, development pressure has increased over the past few years and we have noticed a spike in applications for large-scale proposals involving units and apartments. In addition to this, rulings by the Victorian Civic and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and the State Government continue to ignore the needs and wishes of local communities.

Council, on the other hand, is in constant contact with the community and, while the majority of residents understand that suburbs change over time, we are

keen to see that new and sometimes inevitable development is respectful and complements the existing local environment.

In order to gauge what you value in your area, Council is undertaking a Neighbourhood Character Study that will result in Neighbourhood Character Precinct Profiles and Design Guidelines.

These profiles and design guidelines will then form the basis of a planning scheme amendment, which will give some

certainty to our neighbourhoods about the design of buildings.

Such guidelines and policies will give developers a clear direction on what is and isn't appropriate in our City, and also provide stakeholders with clarity if developments are called in to the Victorian Civic and Administrative Tribunal.

For more information on how Council is planning for our future, phone 9278 4534 or visit [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/strategic-planning](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/strategic-planning).