

LYNDEN WARD update

with Councillor Heinz Kreutz | June 2009

Welcome

Dear Lynden Ward Residents

This is my first newsletter since the local government election in November last year. I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support. I will continue to make every effort to represent our ward to the best of my abilities.

Following the many requests by our community for a greater focus on environmental issues we have been hard at work supporting a number of "green" initiatives around Lynden Ward.

The Solar Suburbs Bulk Purchase Program, Lynden Park pavilion refurbishment, Boroondara Sustainability Festival and pedestrian and cycling trail upgrades are just some of the stand out projects which are working to make our community more sustainable and more liveable.

I have featured these projects in this edition to inform you about how they are impacting us and how we as, residents, can benefit and help make a difference. In particular, the Solar Suburbs Bulk Purchase Program is a great initiative that I would urge you all to take advantage of. It is just one simple way that we can all help to create a greener community.

Our annual sustainability festival – The Living for our Future Expo in March this year – was a terrific showcase of our commitment to environmental issues. The Expo has inspired many residents to adjust their lifestyles and have a go at a more sustainable existence. You can contact Council's Environment and Sustainable Living Department to find out more, as well as get information about the wonderful workshops and seminars they have in store this year. You will not be surprised to learn

that I continue to immerse myself in environmental projects through the Boroondara Sustainability Network, at State Government level and through various Climate Action Groups. I would also like to take the opportunity to highlight the existence of this local community based environmental support network (<http://www.sustainableboroondara.org/>). Residents and interested groups are invited to contact me if they wish to learn more about the work of this inspirational group. I trust that you will enjoy this "green" edition of the Lynden News Update.

As always, please feel free to call me on 0438 006 656 or email heinz.kreutz@boroondara.vic.gov.au on any matters relating to our neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely
Cr Heinz Kreutz

Solar Suburbs Bulk Purchase Program

I attended the launch of a valuable initiative in March this year, which is set to slash household bills and help the environment.

Residents of the City of Boroondara now have the exciting opportunity to purchase discounted solar panels through the Solar Suburbs Bulk Purchase Program.

The City of Boroondara joined forces with members of the Western and Eastern Alliances on Greenhouse

Action to connect residents with a solar panel provider who will offer a bulk discount, saving participating residents between \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Homeowners can purchase a 1kW solar panel system to produce emissions free, renewable electricity for their home. Following installation, you will receive your Renewable Energy Certificates certifying the two tonnes of carbon you will save per year. You will also have lower electricity bills

as you will be generating some of your household power.

To get maximum benefit from this program, applicants should:

- be a home owner – occupier
- have eight square metres of unshaded, north-facing roof.

For more information and to register call 9095 7404, or visit: www.solarsuburbsprogram.com.au



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Modernised pavilion in Lynden Park

Lynden residents can look forward to a modernised Lynden Park pavilion in October this year with the addition of a spacious club room and viewing deck. Purpose-built change rooms will be added too. Council has been conscious to employ environmentally sustainable practices. Energy efficient lighting has been installed along with two 6,000 litre tanks to collect rain water from the roof. We are also looking at solar PV and an education display on environmentally friendly initiatives. I feel this is important because the pavilion is the sporting home of a large number of young cricketers and footballers. They are the next generation who will continue our good work. The new facilities will also be suited for community activities like tai chi, dance and exercise classes.

Boroondara Sustainability Festival



About 2,500 residents discovered tips to a more sustainable lifestyle at the annual Living for our Future Expo in March this year. Over 30 stall holders and Council specialists shared their expertise and eco-products with residents. Television personality Vasili made an appearance discussing compost and mulch recycling programs. A free recycled art workshop for the kids, entertainment and free product giveaways also featured on the day. Visitors to the Expo left the

event feeling better equipped to be more environmentally aware. Council also used the Expo to gain feedback from residents on initiatives including a feasibility study for an Eco-Living Demonstration Centre in Boroondara. The feedback will help ensure the design of the centre reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community. A series of interactive workshops and seminars on topics such as energy in the home and water smart gardens also complemented the Expo.

Upgrades to your local bike trails

Almost 1,000 cyclists now use the Anniversary Trail daily. This important cycling and walking trail not only allows many Lynden residents to exercise outdoors and enjoy their local environment but importantly connects commuters to a vital network to get to and from work easily and safely.

In the last year, the City of Boroondara has funded major upgrades to signage, safety lighting, alignment, seating and drinking facilities to provide improvements along the 32 kilometres of bike paths in Boroondara.

Excitingly, this year the Victorian Cycling Strategy (VCS) was also announced. It will complement Council's Bicycle Strategy and will endorse funding for a range of priority projects over the next

ten years under the Victoria Transport Plan including:

- a bicycle/pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Willsmere Road and the Anniversary Trail in Kew
- upgrade to the eastwest cycle routes and links to the Anniversary Trail
- on road bicycle lanes to link the Chandler Highway to Wellington Street
- trial way finding signage and guidelines, in particular, with public transport
- a new safety crossing at Culliton Road to assist cyclists crossing from the Frog Hollow Reserve.

Councillor Heinz Kreutz said that cycling and walking are becoming increasingly popular and the City

of Boroondara has supported the growth in these activities through the provision of a network of shared paths throughout the municipality.

"Hundreds of cyclists now use the Anniversary Trail to commute daily to Melbourne, saving time and accessing some of the area's finest natural environment. Residents also walk or cycle on shared path routes to access popular recreation spots like the Frog Hollow Reserve and Boroondara Park. These networks are vital."

Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au for more information on Boroondara's bicycle networks.