



Gardiner Ward

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Members of our new Friends of Nettleton Park group, Ruth Scharley and Ellen Ballam. See inside for details.



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A message from your Councillor

One of the joys of being the newly elected councillor in Gardiner Ward is having the opportunity to meet with so many of my fellow residents and hearing about the issues that are important to you and our community, particularly after the long isolation of the COVID-19 lockdowns. I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know many more of you and I encourage you to contact me. Key themes that keep being brought to my attention are the environment, our parks, gardens and streetscapes, sporting and recreational facilities and heritage.

It's early days in my term as your councillor, but I am pleased with progress to date. At the first ordinary meeting of our newly elected Council in November 2020, we took our first steps towards delivering on longstanding community requests by unanimously establishing a Climate Advisory Committee, a Cycling Advisory Committee, a Heritage Advisory Committee and a Gardiners Creek Advisory Committee. Council's challenge is to prepare a comprehensive climate

action plan that establishes us as an environmental leader, a cycling strategy that creates safe on-road cycleways and reduces pressure for pedestrians on our congested shared paths, and a masterplan for Gardiners Creek to thoughtfully guide revegetation and biodiversity works, water sensitive urban design, and shared path upgrades.

As for heritage, work is underway to progress consideration of heritage studies in Hawthorn East, Glen Iris and Ashburton. I am personally committed to seeing all these completed by Council in the next 12 months.

I am also committed to working closely with local sporting groups to ensure we have the facilities to ensure our community can stay fit, healthy and active.

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Bowen Street Community Centre upgrade

The popular community centre on the corner of Toorak Road and Bowen Street is a focal point for our community, providing programs for all ages from toddlers to seniors. To cater for the growing popularity of the centre, Council is creating a purpose-built space. The Bowen Street Community Centre has shared space in the building with South Camberwell Maternal and Child Health (SCMCH) service for many years, and with the SCMCH relocating to the new Camberwell Community Centre, this is an ideal time to undertake the works.

The opportunity to expand our current programs is very exciting," said Mary Liston, Bowen Street Community Centre manager. "The new outdoor spaces will enable us to establish community gardens, and provide a lovely place for our class and support group participants to gather for a cuppa and a chat".

The refurbishment will provide additional, more functional program spaces, including a new kitchen and outdoor areas, ensuring continued delivery of these valuable community programs, and the ability to cater to our growing population.

Construction is due to commence soon, with works expected to be completed by mid-2021.

For more information visit
www.boroondara.vic.gov.au.



Nettleton Park update

Playground works

Council is upgrading the Nettleton Park playground as part of our Playgrounds Development Strategy. Replacement works began in February, with a design reflecting the needs and wants of the community.

Through our consultation process you told us about the changes that were important to you including upgraded equipment, greater appeal to children of all ages, more climbing opportunities, nature play-based themes, and upgraded fencing.

We listened to your feedback and the new playground will cater to children of all ages, with new swings, a multi-play unit with a junior and a senior section, a single-spring rocker and multi-user rocker and a single spinner. There will also be a range of nature play opportunities including balancing and hopping among the trees, new plantings, rocks and logs.

New landscaping and enhanced park amenities will surround the playground. Altogether, it is shaping up to be a wonderful space for the community to enjoy.

For more information visit
www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/nettleton-park-playground.



Friends of Nettleton Park launch

A Friends of Nettleton Park social group has been formed by local residents to learn about our local environment and to undertake a range of activities such as collecting suitable seeds for propagating, raising seedlings, monitoring bird visits, as well as weeding, mulching and planting days.

The friends will help with the maintenance and protection of Nettleton Park and the Back Creek corridor along to Glen Iris Road. A launch event including working bee and barbecue will be held on Sunday 11 April from 10am. All are welcome.

To find out more and register your attendance email
back2nettletonfriends@gmail.com.

Lewin Reserve pavilion renewal

Lewin Reserve, formally known as Burke Road South Reserve, is located in Glen Iris, to the west of Burke Road. It can also be accessed via the Gardiner's Creek trail.

The recently renovated oval at the reserve is used by junior cricket and rugby teams.

Council is working on an updated design for the renewal of the pavilion following community feedback late last year.

Council is reviewing the design with this feedback in mind and looking at ways to respond through consideration of the location, size, facade and roof of the pavilion.

A community consultation group has been formed to help represent the various resident stakeholders and assist with providing ongoing feedback as the design is refined. Council will continue to work with this group and the sporting clubs, before presenting a revised design for broader feedback around the middle of the year.



Camberwell Sports Ground pavilions

The upgrades to the Camberwell Sports Ground pavilions, currently used for junior, senior and women's football and cricket, are now complete, offering new and improved facilities.

The ground is home to the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club, Camberwell Sharks Junior Football Club and the Old Scotch Football Club, which is celebrating its centenary this year.

Catering to the greater participation of women in sport, there are now dedicated change rooms for training and matches with improved amenities for male and female players as well as a new and improved umpire's room and first aid facilities. A new Exeloo automated public toilet facility was also installed as part of the minor pavilion renewal.

The existing external features of these historically significant buildings remaining

intact, with minor external modifications made to the 1980s additions.

Other internal refurbishments include upgrades to support the clubs and community members using the facilities: The major pavilion now has an upgraded multi-purpose room and kitchen facilities, which can be used for post-training events, on match days and for functions throughout the year.

Renewal works began in June 2020 and were completed in January this year, with the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club making use of both improved pavilions from early January.

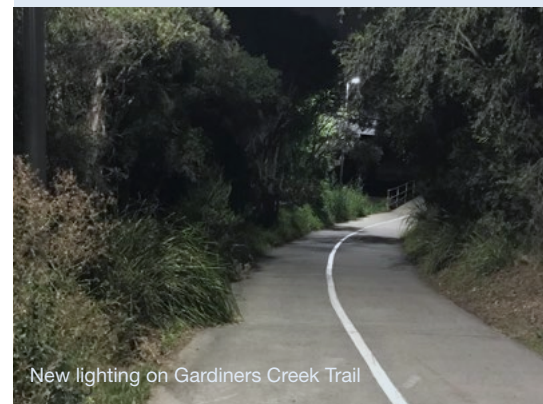
To find out more about our parks and sportsgrounds improvements visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/project-camberwell-sg or call 9278 4030.

Lighting up the Gardiners Creek Trail

In January 2021, Council installed new environmentally efficient lighting along the Gardiners Creek Trail from Burke Rd, Glen Iris to Patterson Reserve in Hawthorn.

Light poles and associated LED lamps and handrail lighting has been installed to improve the level of security and safety for pedestrians and cyclists during the hours of darkness. Four solar and 65 hardwired light poles were installed over 1500 metres, as well as handrail lighting in a 200 metre section.

For more information about cycling and walking visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/cycling-and-walking or call 9278 4091. For more information about Boroondara's waterways visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/water-and-waterways or call 9278 4636.



New lighting on Gardiners Creek Trail