

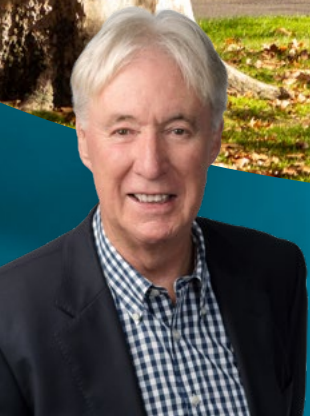


Glenferrie Ward

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Central Gardens Hawthorn



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A message from your Councillor

Business activities across Australia have started to pick up pace, as we establish some sort of control over COVID-19. This is certainly true for Council with both our formal meetings and the multitude of advisory committees now in full swing, including:

- The Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee. We have met a number of times and are starting to frame up some exciting targets for emissions reductions and the wide range of other matters that will be covered by our new Climate Action Plan, in preparation for going back out to the community for further consultation.
- The Glenferrie Precinct Development Advisory Plan Committee. The committee will provide advice and feedback on various projects in the Glenferrie Road Precinct area, including the Glenferrie Place Plan and the Grace Park Masterplan, including the redevelopment of the Tuck Stand. The committee will also support engagement with key stakeholders such as Swinburne University, the Glenferrie Traders' Association and property owners.

In the meantime, I have had the opportunity to meet with and to gain some understanding of the detailed needs of many groups that will be

affected by and, in time, will enjoy this revitalised core of our ward.

In parallel, the extensive work of reviewing our commitments and aspirations for Boroondara and preparing a draft budget for 2021-22 and beyond, is now well underway, again in preparation for public consultation.

But no report for Glenferrie Ward, or Boroondara, would be complete without mentioning the rocket. Unfortunately the draft plans prepared for public consultation on a new playground in Central Park ('Rocket Park'), Hawthorn, assumed replacement of our now aging but much loved Hawthorn icon.

Thank you to all of you who called in, wrote to us and signed the petition advising Council that you loved the rocket, one of three surviving craft from the era of our first moon landings. We are now fortunate to have secured the services of the consultant who was active in saving the other two Australian craft, to advise Council and assist in its aim to retain the rocket.

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Shaping the future of Boroondara

The Boroondara Community Plan sets out a ten-year vision for the future, guiding our decision making to ensure we deliver what you told us is most important.

Earlier this year, we heard from more than 4700 community members who participated in stage one consultation to refresh the Boroondara Community Plan, including many from Glenferrie Ward:

- 655 from Hawthorn
- 645 from Kew

Stage 2 is now underway, with a series of 'Boroondara Conversations' workshops bringing together community members from diverse backgrounds, age groups and suburbs to discuss the ways we can work together to deliver on our community priorities.

The workshops build on the findings of stage one and will help us make sure the Boroondara Community Plan continues to meet the needs and aspirations of those who live, work and study here.

You will have an opportunity to review the Boroondara Community Plan when it is presented for public exhibition in August/September this year, before it is formally presented to Council in October 2021.

To learn more about these findings and the next steps on the journey, visit engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au or call 9278 4444.



Climate Action Plan progress

The second phase of community consultation held recently enabled Council to test the key themes and ideas to shape the draft Climate Action Plan.

Recent Council initiatives, including the upgrade of street lighting to more efficient technologies, the delivery of our Sustainable Council Buildings Policy, and our participation in a Power Purchase Agreement for green renewable electricity has resulted in Council's corporate greenhouse gas emissions now measuring 70 per cent lower than they were in 2007.

Council facilities are now responsible for less than one per cent of greenhouse emissions in Boroondara. As part of the draft plan, Council has started to look at ways to further support residents, local businesses and community groups to reduce their environmental footprint.

Glenferrie precinct update

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we are making headway on the placemaking project to revitalise Glenferrie Road in Hawthorn.

Highlights of the completed building works include: the striking mural by Abbey Rich in Glenferrie Place; laneway resurfacing works to improve safety; the public toilet refurbishment near Glenferrie Station including an artistic vinyl wrap to add life to the previously dull space; and upgrades to the community noticeboard near Glenferrie Station with more artwork to improve the space.

We've also worked with traders and locals on a range of community strengthening initiatives including:

- the Park Street Fresh Food Market each Saturday morning, led by the Glenferrie Traders' Association
- Christmas Magic on Glenferrie, which saw the community come together to celebrate the festive season

- Glenferrie Urban Gardeners, an opportunity for people with a passion for greening to help renewed vegetation and previously overlooked public garden beds in the precinct
- Chalk the Walk, a two-dimensional and three-dimensional live chalk artwork installation in Railway Arcade.

This is only the beginning, with the draft Glenferrie Place Plan for public comment expected to be delivered later next month. The Place Plan outlines short- and long-term projects that aim to deliver on the community's shared vision for the precinct.

To stay up to date and join the conversation visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-placemaking or facebook.com/groups/glenferrieroadplacemaking or call 9278 4444.

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Auburn Tower restored

In Melbourne's land boom of the 1880s, the Hawthorn Wesleyans built a new church complete with a majestic red brick tower. More than 130 years later, the National Trust-classified tower has been painstakingly restored. Friends of the Tower secretary, Alan K Chuck, said: "The Friends are delighted to see the façade returned to its original condition."

Maintaining and restoring Boroondara's beautiful built heritage is a priority for Council. Through our heritage gap studies we are able to identify buildings and precincts that need to be protected.

The church and its original Fincham organ are regularly used for concerts

and community events. Next month, the church will host a free concert to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War (held over from 2020), supported by the City of Boroondara. An Auburn Tower open day is planned for later in the year.

**75 Years that changed the world,
Sunday 2 May at 2pm.
Auburn Uniting Church, Hawthorn.
Free entry.**

Bookings essential via
www.trybooking.com/BOUUD or
www.auburntowerfriends.org.au.

Rocket exploration

Following community consultation for the Central Gardens playground replacement project, there was a strong consensus that Council should consider keeping the existing rocket-shaped play equipment.

Investigation works were undertaken to better understand the structural modifications required to upgrade this piece of play equipment and ensure it meets current national safety and compliance standards.

When all these details have been finalised, Council will respond to the community with options for their consideration to help determine how this playground replacement project proceeds.

To stay up to date with the project, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/central-gardens-playground or call 9278 4444.

