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A message from your Councillor

It is an honour, a responsibility and a privilege to serve you as Councillor for Junction Ward, a place where I have lived and raised a family for more than 35 years.

The need to hit the 'pause button' on normal life to address the global pandemic has given us a unique opportunity to re-examine how and why we do things. That means everything from food and shopping (think local!) to critical environmental issues, and how we look after our Boroondara heritage. It's an opportunity we mustn't waste.

As we slowly return to normal, I'm delighted to see many positive developments in our ward. I was recently shown through the nearly completed Camberwell Community Centre in Fairholm Grove. Several user groups joined us and it was wonderful to hear how pleased they are with the new spaces.

It was also a pleasure to be involved with the annual Community

Strengthening Grants. One hundred and twenty-two community organisations received more than \$422,000 for a wide range of projects with the common goal to keep people connected, create a sense of belonging and contribute to our collective wellbeing. We also introduced COVID-19 Community Response Grants to help address the new challenges organisations are facing to stay connected and to reopen.

The Boroondara Community Plan is the 'master plan' that underpins Council's strategy. I encourage you to participate in the community consultation process. It's really important we have your input and feedback.

I encourage you to get in touch to discuss any issues of interest or concern.

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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.

We heard from more than 4700 community members during our stage one Boroondara Community Plan consultation, including many from Junction Ward:

- 383 from Hawthorn East
- 655 from Hawthorn
- 657 from Camberwell
- 252 from Canterbury.

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.



Camberwell Community Centre update

Construction is 80 per cent finished at the brand new Camberwell Community Centre, with works due for completion late March and programming set to begin in the new building in April.

The newly upgraded centre caters for school-aged children right through to adults, with the larger building configured to house the centre's many services and activities.

The South Camberwell Maternal and Child Health Centre is also operating from the new building located at Fairholm Grove.

Executive officer of Camberwell Community Centre, Liz Finucan, said: "We're delighted by the upgrade. Camberwell Community Centre classes, programs and activities will be operating under the one roof for the first time in many years.

"The new Centre with its hall, art studios, ceramics space and modern meeting rooms will bring a new dimension to Fairholm Grove and another level of community engagement to the residents of Boroondara."

The local community is invited to join us for Open House Week at Camberwell Community Centre – a series of free events starting on Tuesday 27 April. Participate in taster classes, centre tours, artist talks and other activities. Events are free and registrations are essential.

To register your interest in attending the Open House Week or to find out more about the Centre's programs and services visit camberwellcommunitycentre.org.au or call 9882 2611.

Camberwell Library reopens

It's wonderful to see people back in the Camberwell Library, enjoying the wide variety of resources on offer.

We know our libraries provide a valuable and important service for our community. Although we closed the doors for a significant period during Victoria's COVID-19 lockdowns, our librarians rallied, providing home delivery services, book collection (when allowed) and answering questions online and over the phone. During this time, more than 110,000 items were loaned to members, and we expanded our ebooks, eaudio, emagazines and online resources.

Camberwell Library is now back to pre-lockdown capacity. Our library staff are thrilled to welcome familiar and new members, and to see the return of friendly chatter and learning and reading.

For more information visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 9278 4444.





Supporting the local economy

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions, businesses in Junction Ward have managed to stand strong with the support of the local community.

Shopping locally keeps our local economy strong, allows small businesses to thrive, and has ongoing benefits for the broader community such as creating local employment opportunities, supporting local families and enabling sponsorship opportunities for community groups and clubs.

In Junction Ward, we have a diverse range of local shopping centres

and regular markets, including the Camberwell Fresh Food Market where you can purchase fresh produce, flowers and even something for your four-legged friends four days a week.

The iconic Camberwell Sunday Market, run by the Rotary Club of Balwyn, is also back every Sunday, selling second-hand goods, collectibles, vintage clothes and more.

With an array of local businesses on our doorstep, let's continue to support them now and in the future. You can discover a diverse range of businesses around

Boroondara by visiting the Love Local Life website at www.lovelocallife.com.au.

Make sure you take advantage of extended outdoor dining opportunities throughout Boroondara, including the parklet at Camberwell Junction, which will be operating until June 2021.

For more information visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/recreation-arts or call 9278 4444.



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