



Lynden Ward

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Members of Friends of South Surrey Park with Cr Hollingsworth

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A message from your Councillor

Dear Resident,

Thank you for your vote of support in the 2020 Council Election. As expressed in my campaign pledge, I am passionate about building a vibrant future for Lynden Ward and Boroondara, and as your representative I am committed to continue to deliver on the issues that are important to you and our culturally rich and diverse community.

I am an active member on several Council committees and reaffirm my support for developing programs, policy and practices that strengthen and enhance our community from combating graffiti to high-quality traffic management, heritage conservation, quality urban design, and the regeneration of canopy trees and biodiversity habitats.

I am delighted to see our local facilities being well used once again and enhancing our health, wellbeing and social participation opportunities. The launch of University of the Third Age (U3A) courses at the Frog Hollow Reserve Pavilion is a great example of how we can connect.

As we pause to reflect on the year that was and tentatively plan the year ahead, it gives me great pleasure to see our children and grandchildren back at

school, grassroots and indoor sports in action, and social activity resumed (guidelines permitting). As the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine continues, we joyfully embrace our hard-won freedoms.

I pay tribute to our compassionate and incredibly stoic local business operators that selflessly serviced our needs during what has been for many emotionally and financially challenging times. I wish to acknowledge our amazing volunteers who have worked tirelessly with Council to maintain our magnificent nature reserves and say a special thank you to the Friends of South Surrey Park and Back Creek Reserve. My saving grace during lockdown was the ability to buy a takeaway coffee and walk through our magnificent parklands, something I will always be grateful for.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Easter holiday season and hope to see you out and about at forthcoming Council events and forums, and at our activity centres supporting our highly valued traders. Please #ShopLocal

Kindest regards,

Cr Lisa Hollingsworth

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 the stage one consultation to refresh the Boroondara Community Plan, including many from Lynden Ward:

- 657 from Camberwell
- 264 from Surrey Hills
- 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.



Ellen Bowman (left) and Lyn Parer (right) from U3A with Cr Hollingsworth

Life-long learning for retirees in Frog Hollow Reserve pavilion

With many classes, groups and activities, Camberwell's newest activity hub has something for every taste and interest.

Mahjong, cryptic crosswords, chess, small instrumental groups, book groups, a patchwork and quilting class, and a visual arts course: we are delighted to announce the University of the Third Age (U3A) Hawthorn will now be running these activities and more from the function room at Frog Hollow Reserve, Camberwell. The U3A program will greatly benefit one of Lynden Ward's largest and growing demographics – people aged 65 years and older.

U3A Hawthorn course coordinator, Carol Lancashire said: "Frog Hollow Reserve is an ideal setting for U3A activities because it is in a beautiful and quiet location overlooking the park with excellent parking, perfect for older people to access and fostering a sense of group engagement.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for older people to come together, make new friends, find new interests and share skills, as well as gaining intellectual stimulation."

U3A provides an important service for seniors, enhancing their health and wellbeing by encouraging them to remain active, engaged and socially connected. U3A is a worldwide, volunteer-run organisation, providing a range of low-cost education opportunities and recreational activities for retired and semi-retired individuals. We are committed to providing residents with opportunities to participate in healthy ageing. U3A Hawthorn and U3A Deepdene already hold classes from several locations in Boroondara. Lynden Ward residents will now benefit from easier access to U3A Hawthorn's offerings with the addition of Frog Hollow Reserve as a class location.

For more about what's on offer from U3A Hawthorn visit www.u3ahawthorn.org.au or call **9821 0282**.

For more interesting ways to add life to your years, visit our Over 55s online hub www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/over-55s or call **9278 4444**.

Friends of South Surrey Park is 25

The Friends of South Surrey Park celebrated its silver jubilee in 2020. While the group couldn't hold proper celebrations due to COVID-19 restrictions, the green corridor continued to be a sanctuary for the volunteers during lockdown.

Vice president Ursula Povey said: "South Surrey Park made a lot of people happy during our lockdowns. I loved exercising there and seeing families bring their picnics."

From September 2019 to August 2020, the Friends planted more than 1500 plants. The Tuesday Toilers, a small but effective weekly working bee, volunteered more than 650 hours to maintain the park by mulching, weeding and collecting litter.

Volunteers are always welcome.

For more information visit www.southsurreypark.org or www.facebook.com/southsurreypark.



Fran Barry, member of Friends of South Surrey Park



BRONIK mural and upgrades installed at Burwood Village

A work by BRONIK, a Peruvian muralist whose street art adorns walls around the globe from Barcelona to Bristol, is now a feature of the arcade at 1324 Toorak Road in Burwood Village.

An art competition was held to coincide with the mural installation, inviting submissions from local school students within 5 km of the village.

The winning entry was submitted by Sayuren, a year 8 student from Ashwood High School last year.

Burwood Village has also been upgraded with new handrails and arcade lighting, making the area safer and more inviting.

Council co-funded the project through our Annual Community Strengthening Grants program in partnership with the arcade's property owners and the Burwood Village Traders' Association.

We encourage you to visit Burwood Village, experience the artwork and upgrades, and support local businesses by shopping at your favourite retail stores or dining at the village's restaurants and cafes.

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

Highfield Road shopping centre gets a makeover

Council will start upgrade works to the Highfield Road shopping centre in Canterbury this month as part of our Shopping Centre Improvement Plan. The works will enhance the appearance and character of the centre by creating opportunities for longer stays, with public spaces for sitting, relaxing and outdoor eating. Additional plantings will enhance the street's leafy character and offer more shade, while new footpaths and furniture will improve pedestrian access.

These improvements support local businesses by creating a more attractive space for residents and visitors to enjoy, encouraging them to spend more time in the area.

For more information about our streetscape improvements visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/improving-streetscapes or call 9278 4060.



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