

Gardiner Ward

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Members of the U3A Tuesday Riders beside the Essendon Rail Trestle Bridge on a Maribyrnong Trail ride

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Anzac Day dawn service in Great Valley Road. Credit: Mark Perraton

A message from your Councillor

Despite the challenges we've faced as a community, especially with the recent lockdown due to COVID-19, I have continued to enjoy meeting with fellow residents, getting to know you and understand what's important to you.

One topic constantly raised with me is environmental leadership and the need for effective local action on climate change. When you read this our draft Climate Action Plan will be out for community consultation and I encourage you to make a submission.

A lot has been happening in respect of heritage. The Hawthorn East Heritage Gap Study was approved by Council in May. It includes 17 individually significant heritage places, eight new heritage precincts and one extension to an existing heritage precinct. The aim is to protect approximately 1800 properties. The Glen Iris Heritage Gap Study seeks to include 15 individually significant heritage places and four heritage precincts. Council officers are reviewing submissions, and a report is expected to be presented to Council in August. All affected and adjoining property owners and residents and submitters will be notified before the meeting.

Renewal of community assets and infrastructure is vital in maintaining quality of life in Boroondara. Some local initiatives approved in our recent budget include funding to consider access improvements at South Camberwell Tennis Club, renewal of the Ferndale Park Pavilion to cater for female players, and a significant boost for cycling and walking initiatives, including funding to design a shared path link and bridge over Back Creek.

The strength and vitality of our community never ceases to amaze me. Residents in Great Valley Road recently came together to create their own local Anzac Day dawn service.

Congratulations to former Gardiner Ward councillor Coral Ross (AM) who has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours and awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for her significant service to local government and gender equality.

Finally, if you have not already done so, I urge you to arrange your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you're eligible.

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Stay active this winter


It can be hard to stay motivated to keep active during the colder months. Luckily, Boroondara provides many opportunities for you to get your fitness fix.

Have a casual hit of tennis at South Hawthorn or South Camberwell Tennis Club or take a walk in the fresh winter's air along the Gardiners Creek and Ferndale Park trails. The U3A offers options like tai chi and their new table tennis group that meets on Mondays.

If you're keen to join a local sports team, Gardiner Ward is home to many, like Alamein Football Club, Camberwell Lacrosse Club, Kiwi Hawthorn Rugby Club, Ashburton United Soccer Club and more. The options are endless.

For a full list of sports clubs, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sport-and-recreation-clubs

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Cr Victor Franco playing table tennis at U3A





New projects for Gardiner

There's a lot happening in Gardiner Ward, with many projects recently completed, under construction, or in the design, consultation or planning stages.

Gardiners Creek Master Plan

We'll be developing a Master Plan for Gardiners Creek this financial year to establish facility standards through the corridor and ensure seamless links between municipalities with community consultation on the plan and its priorities conducted later this year.

Nettleton Park playground

The Nettleton Park playground upgrade works were finished in May. Following the community's feedback during consultation, we included new swings, a multi-play unit including a junior and a senior section, a single spinner and nature play spaces. There's also new landscaping, and enhanced park amenities with upgraded footpaths to improve accessibility.

Lewin Reserve pavilion renewal


We're working with the community consultation group on an updated design for the renewal of the Lewin Reserve pavilion and we'll present a revised design to residents and the sporting clubs for broader feedback in the coming months.

Ferndale Park pavilion renewal

We're upgrading the Ferndale Park pavilion to provide a fit-for-purpose facility to better meet the needs of the sporting clubs, including catering for increased female participation in sport, and improving accessibility and amenities for the surrounding local community. We'll be working with the sporting clubs to develop a draft pavilion design that better meets their needs, and will be seeking community feedback on an early design later in 2021-22. The pavilion is scheduled for renewal in 2022-23.

For more information:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au

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Seniors Centre reopens

Come along and experience the revitalised Ashburton Seniors Centre at a community open day on Thursday 15 July at 10.30am.

The Centre has undergone a \$7 million redevelopment, with features including a large hall, dining room, activity spaces, indoor kitchen and a courtyard complete with outdoor kitchen.

Discover the various activities on offer at the centre, wander through the art exhibition, enjoy a wok cooking demonstration in the outdoor kitchen, and cheer along at the inaugural Samarinda Table Tennis competition.

Council is committed to supporting healthy ageing in Boroondara, and we're delighted to be able to welcome our community to celebrate the centre, which is modern, accessible and better suited to the needs and activities of older adults.

Registrations are essential for this event. To find out more and register, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/ashburton-seniors-open-day

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Better bike riding in Boroondara

Cycling has received a significant financial boost this financial year in Council's budget, with a range of initiatives designed to improve bike riding in Boroondara.

Council's Budget 2021-22 includes a significant investment in cycling: \$274,600 for initiatives from our Bicycle Strategy, \$445,000 for upgrading our network of shared paths, \$200,000 to improve safety for on-road bicycle lanes and intersections, \$120,000 for new shared paths, \$85,000 for a Wayfinding Strategy, \$2,396,880 to replace Council's section of the Walmer Street Bridge, \$213,300 for lighting along shared paths and \$40,000 to investigate and design a path link and bridge over Back Creek, which will provide a link through Back Creek Reserve from Denman Avenue through to Somerset Road.

We're also investing \$160,000 towards the future Box Hill to Hawthorn Strategic Cycling Corridor. The Department of Transport is developing a high-level study for this new cycleway, to deliver a high-quality, safe dedicated cycling and pedestrian link for commuting and recreational use.

In support of this, and in alignment with our Boroondara Bicycle Strategy, we

will conduct feasibility studies for two sections of the corridor:

- Elgin Street to Glenferrie Road, including an underpass at Power Street
- Burke Road to Stanhope Grove, including an underpass at Stanhope Grove.

These feasibility studies will then be submitted to the Department of Transport for their funding consideration and approval. Subject to approvals, the Department of Transport would then deliver these sections of the Box Hill to Hawthorn Strategic Cycling Corridor.

As well as Council funding, the Victorian Government has also included funding in the State Budget for a detailed design for a shared-path bridge over Toorak Road in line with the Anniversary Trail. Council officers will be working with the Department of Transport to deliver a high-quality design for this important community project.

For more information about the final Budget 2021-22, visit:

- 📍 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/budget
- ☎ **9278 4444**

Adding life to your years

The City of Boroondara is committed to providing residents with opportunities to participate in healthy ageing. The University of the Third Age (U3A) provides an important service for seniors, adding to their health and wellbeing, and encouraging seniors to remain active, engaged and socially connected.

After a difficult 2020 with many classes cancelled, U3A Hawthorn has re-opened this year with COVIDSafe protocols in place. A morning tea was recently held at the Sinclair Avenue campus where members enjoyed a mini concert and the opportunity to socialise face to face.

To find out what's on offer, and for the most up-to-date information regarding any restrictions affecting activities, visit:

- 📍 www.u3ahawthorn.org.au
- ☎ **9821 0282**

For more interesting ways to add life to your years, visit Council's Over 55s online hub:

- 📍 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/over-55s
- ☎ **9278 4444**

U3A members practise tai chi

