

Glenferrie Ward


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See inside the iconic Hawthorn Arts Centre
as part of Open House Melbourne



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A message from your Councillor

In your April Ward newsletter I shared my excitement about the establishment of several new Council committees focused on critical community issues. Since then, we've made significant progress, including:

Grace Park masterplan

Following approval of new initiatives in Council's Budget 2021-22, a number of masterplan projects are now underway:

- Installation of a continuous path on the northern edge of Grace Park this year, with new avenue planting.
- Plans to relocate the brass band practice areas from the Ferguson Stand are currently underway. Once re-homed, feasibility works will commence to prepare for the demolition of this weathered old stand.
- The Michael Tuck stand has stood dormant for almost 10 years, but we're now conducting feasibility studies to consider options for bringing this Hawthorn icon back to life. Community consultation will occur to help determine its future use.

Climate Action Plan

We have been working on a draft Climate Action Plan which has been adopted by Council. It is open for community consultation and we look forward to receiving any input you may have.

Playground upgrades

A new Yarra Bank Reserve playground is almost completed and we've installed equipment, paths and lighting in Pridmore Park. The iconic rocket from Central Gardens will soon take flight, but shall return refurbished to its launching pad later this year, together with a refreshed carousel.

A note on COVID-19

Very importantly, please arrange your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you're eligible. You can contact your local GP to arrange an appointment. If you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please get tested immediately. Our wider community relies upon all of us, now more than ever, to continue playing our part and doing the right thing for the good of everyone.

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A peek behind-the-scenes at Hawthorn Arts Centre


We are opening the doors to some of Boroondara's iconic buildings for Open House Melbourne (OHM).


Held across the weekend of 24 and 25 July, this is your chance to discover some of the community's most significant buildings including the Council's premier art venue – the Hawthorn Arts Centre, formerly known as Hawthorn Town Hall.

The Hawthorn Town Hall was built in 1888-89 and designed in Second Empire-style by architect John Beswicke. From its breathtaking front facade to the stunning Art Deco chandeliers in the Main Hall, this is one of Melbourne's most beautiful buildings.

In 2013, Peddle Thorpe Architects reimaged and redeveloped the Town Hall into the Hawthorn Arts Centre – a contemporary arts space designed for performing and visual art. It supports Boroondara's creative life with an annual arts program including community workshops, performances and events. The building is also home to the purpose-designed facility for Boroondara Youth.

For information about Open House Melbourne's Boroondara properties, including free activities, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-melbourne

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Central Gardens playground



Community playground update

Pridmore Park

Following the community's feedback during consultation, the replacement works to Pridmore Park playground were completed in May. New monkey bars, nature play, swings, and upgrades to the well-loved play unit were all included

New park infrastructure also complements the new playground, including LED lighting poles, improved play surfaces, seating and better accessibility overall with new pedestrian paths to Mason Street and the Yarra River Trail.

Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/pridmore-park-playground

Yarra Bank Reserve

Construction has almost been completed on the new Yarra Bank Reserve playground. This larger playground upgrade includes adding additional play equipment, enhancing the surrounding park amenities, improving accessibility, installing shade and nature play elements, and new landscaping overall.

A new interactive play sculpture which draws on the theme of the thriving rowing community is a key feature of the design, with the Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie,

Camberwell, Canterbury and Hawthorn funding this component to mark their 100th Anniversary this year.

Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/yarra-bank-reserve-playground

Central Gardens

During community consultation, there was strong community desire to retain the existing rocket play equipment as part of this playground renewal project.

Council has worked with independent experts to conduct additional investigations to determine what is required to feasibly keep the rocket. With some modifications to address some risks and structurally renew its lifespan, it has been confirmed the existing rocket can be retained as part of the renewed playground.

A concept design, based on community feedback and including the existing rocket, is now available for the community to view on the project webpage. Works to construct the playground are expected to commence in early 2022.

Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/central-gardens-playground


Transforming Glenferrie through placemaking

Our journey to revitalise Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, is well underway. Art activations are bringing vibrancy to the precinct, including the lights and projections festival that saw Glenferrie brought to life after dark.

You also may have spotted footpath decals installed along Glenferrie Road featuring artwork from the *Light Gestures: Samara Adamson-Pinczewski* exhibition in the adjoining Town Hall Gallery.

The placemaking team is putting the finishing touches to a visionary, comprehensive Place Plan for the Glenferrie Precinct. Your Glenferrie Place Plan brings together the vision well over 1000 community members contributed to, and outlines the initiatives set to transform Glenferrie Road into a must-visit destination. In the coming months, you will have an opportunity to comment on the draft Glenferrie Place Plan ahead of its endorsement by Council.

To stay informed about opportunities to have your say, sign up to the mailing list at:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-placemaking

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FOGO marks first anniversary

In May Boroondara Council celebrated the first anniversary of its Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service.

Since FOGO was introduced in May 2020, we've seen around 200 tonnes of food and garden waste being redirected into FOGO bins each week. That waste would have previously gone to landfill, causing harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

When added to the garden waste that was already previously being collected, Council's waste crew are now collecting more than 600 tonnes of FOGO material weekly, which is sent off to be composted for use across agriculture and horticulture businesses.


The introduction of FOGO was the biggest change to Council's waste

service in more than 30 years, and we appreciate the support you've shown while we transitioned to this new service model.

Our community has embraced the change and we now have almost 50,000 households using the service.

Having already rolled out FOGO to houses and town houses, we are currently finalising the roll-out across larger unit and apartment complexes with Council bin collections.

For more information, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/FOGO

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New pedestrian path for Hawthorn


Works will commence in July to create a new continuous path with the inclusion of avenue planting along the northern edge of Grace Park.


This new path will connect in with the existing path network and provide east-west access through to Power Street, as well as better access around Grace Park.

Creating a new pedestrian link was one of the key projects identified in the Glenferrie Oval, Grace Park and L.E. Bray Reserve Master Plan.

The path is expected to be completed in August.

For more information, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-grace-lebray-master-plan

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