

Junction Ward

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Cr Di Gillies with Costa Georgiadis from *Gardening Australia* at the celebration of one year of FOGO

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A message from your Councillor

A huge thank you to the 4000+ people who responded to refreshing the Boroondara Community Plan. This strategic document guides us now and into the future. While planning for the future is obviously complex, revisiting the Plan helps monitor whether or not we're on the right track.

Although we had to delay the official opening, I'm delighted to see the new Camberwell Community Centre operational. If you aren't aware of what our Community Centres provide, please come and have a look. There are 11 Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres in our municipality, each with an impressive range of activities and opportunities available.

We had a full (allowable numbers) audience for the First Year celebration of the introduction of FOGO. Costa Georgiadis was a very entertaining, knowledgeable guest speaker, as were the local families who shared their advice and stories. Embracing this system has reduced our landfill by about 70 per cent.

Preserving our local heritage is something I believe we must maintain an active stance on. Council has done much in the way of preservation, including the recent formation of a Heritage Advisory Committee, which I currently Chair. While it's pleasing to see the work that's been conducted on Heritage Gap Studies, we acknowledge there is more to be done. Looking at any society we can see how the preservation of historical structures represents the stories and identity of its people.

Please arrange your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you're eligible. Contact your local GP to arrange an appointment. If you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please get tested immediately. More than ever, our community relies upon all of us continuing to play our part and do the right thing.

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Behind-the-scenes of the Camberwell civic precinct and library


We are opening the doors to some of Boroondara's most 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, for the first time, the Camberwell civic precinct and library.

The civic precinct has been the home to Council services since the late 1800s, and has been redeveloped over time to better serve the Boroondara community. Today it is Council's head office, incorporating the Council Chamber, Camberwell Library and community function rooms.

For information on Open House Melbourne in Boroondara including free activities, visit:

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

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FOGO anniversary celebrations with Costa Georgiadis

On Saturday 22 May, more than 300 members of our community came together at Camberwell Primary School for a special celebration event to mark the one-year anniversary and success of Boroondara's Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service.

Guest speaker, Costa Georgiadis from the ABC's *Gardening Australia* program, spoke about the importance of the FOGO service, and the positive impact it is having and can continue to have if we all use the service correctly.

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. Waste that would have otherwise previously gone to landfill, causing harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

In total, our waste crew are now collecting more than 600 tonnes of FOGO material weekly – the equivalent to 35 large full waste trucks – which is


sent off to be composted for use across agriculture and horticulture businesses to grow more food.

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 townhouses, we are currently finalising the roll-out across larger unit and apartment complexes with Council bin collections.

For more information about the FOGO service, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/FOGO-bin

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Authors celebrate an iconic local bookshop

Writers and readers came together at the iconic Art Deco Rivoli cinema in May to celebrate 21 years of local Camberwell bookstore Dymocks. Eight acclaimed Victorian and Australian authors including Gabriel Bergmoser, Erik Jensen, Hazel Edwards, Sarah Bailey, Sofie Laguna, Kirsty Manning, Susanne Gervay and Michael McGirr read or spoke about their works. Cr Di Gillies and Henk Kelly-Kobes, owner of the Camberwell and Tooronga Dymocks stores and President of the Camberwell Traders Association, thanked the authors and customers for their continued support.

While the Dymocks Camberwell store has now closed, Henk is hopeful about the future: "We hope to open again in Camberwell soon," he said. As restrictions ease and life returns to normal, we encourage residents to continue to support the local business community.

For more information about businesses in Junction, visit the Love Local Life directory:

 lovelocallife.com.au

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Cr Di Gillies with writer Kirsty Manning





National Volunteer Week highlights

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful community of volunteers and encourage others to get involved. Throughout this year's National Volunteer Week (celebrated from 17 to 23 May), many community members participated in events and activities to mark the occasion.

Council's highlight event took place at the Hawthorn Arts Centre on Tuesday 18 May, and 25 Council volunteers from Libraries, Boroondara Cooks, Community Transport, Friends Groups and Town Hall Gallery attended. Our volunteer celebration included the service awards presentation recognising milestone service years, a wellbeing session on practising gratitude, a time capsule activity to capture each volunteer's unique story, and the formal presentation of two COVID-19 Local Hero Awards.


Yvonne Giltinan received her Local Hero award for her work as the Choral Director of the Yarra Gospel Choir. During last year's lockdowns, Yvonne mobilised the 70-strong choir to meet online and sing together, investing 500 hours of her time, and delivering 26 online rehearsals, 42

weekly tutorials, 12 new songs, and attracting up to 150 weekly YouTube video views.

Susan Laird received her Local Hero award for stepping up in her role at Servants Community Housing to manage their COVID-19 response, ensuring the organisation had a COVIDSafe Plan. Susan went to great lengths to ensure the safety of all volunteers, clients and staff throughout the pandemic.

We congratulate Susan and Yvonne on their awards and the valuable contribution they have made to their community. In National Volunteer Week we also launched the new 'Volunteering in Community Organisations' online resource to help prospective volunteers learn more about local community organisations, and held workshops and webinars for prospective volunteers.

For more information:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/volunteer-organisations

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Stay active this winter

It can be hard to stay motivated to keep active during the colder months. Luckily, Boroondara is home to a number of great locations to get your fitness fix.

If you're keen to join a local sports team, Junction Ward is home to Hawthorn Citizens Junior Football Club, Salvo Hawks, Camberwell Junction Tennis Club, Camberwell United Tennis Club and Camberwell Hockey Club.

If you're a keen bike rider or skateboarder, check out Junction Skate and BMX Park – it offers free introductory lessons for all skill levels. Or you could get your steps up by taking a walk through Fritsch Holzer Park... the options are endless.

For the full list of local sports clubs, visit:

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

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