

# Lynden Ward

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Cr Lisa Hollingsworth with the owners of Monaco's, brothers Robert and Domenic Monaco



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## Dear Resident,

As I reflect on this year so far, I have an overwhelming sense of déjà vu. As we emerge from lockdown No. 4 and navigate the months ahead with cautious optimism, I applaud your strength, courage and conviction during this time of adversity. A time that has touched us all in ways we would never have imagined.

Understandably, we are all concerned about our physical and mental health, our wellbeing, and our economic recovery. On a positive note, the rollout of the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccine has been well received by the Boroondara community, especially by our most vulnerable residents living in aged care who now have a higher level of protection against the virus.

With the recent adoption of the 2021-22 Budget, we remain committed to investing in infrastructure projects that are vital to service the needs and aspirations of our community. The advancement of these projects will stimulate our local economy and support growth in employment.

Priority projects in the Lynden Ward include:

- Highfield Road Activity Centre streetscape enhancements – complete, mural renewal pending

- Lynden Park mesh fence infill renewal / dog-friendly play area
- Lynden Park pavilion renewal
- Fordham Road (Frog Hollow) pavilion renewal
- Fordham Gardens pedestrian path renewal and landscape works
- Fordham Road Kindergarten upgrade
- Through Road Early Learning upgrade.

As we work towards building a vibrant future for Boroondara, the investment in renewal of our facilities will benefit all ages from the youngest of youth to our most senior. Our sports pavilions will become multi-purpose venues that will comfortably accommodate sports clubs and community network organisations. Our facilities will be intergenerational, all inclusive, and accessible for people of all abilities.

I wish you and those dearest to your heart the best of health and happiness.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa'.

**Cr Lisa Hollingsworth**

## Path upgrade for Fordham Gardens

Lynden Ward locals have improved and new-look paths to enjoy at Fordham Gardens.

The path network has been increased to at least two metres wide, with new concrete edging that replicates the historical path to maintain the heritage look and feel of these formal gardens, while also improving pedestrian function and flow.


A new path has also been added leading to the barbecue and picnic tables to improve access and overall enjoyment of these beautiful gardens.

Council nominated this project for funding support after receiving community feedback on the need to improve the path network, including better drainage to prevent water ponding over the path.

With support from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, a \$500,000 grant was recently awarded to make the Fordham Gardens improvements.

For more information:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/fordham-gardens](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/fordham-gardens)

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## Highfield Road Shopping Centre improvements

Council recently completed some exciting upgrade works to the Highfield Road Shopping Centre in Camberwell as part of our Shopping Centre Improvement Plan. The new centre was finished in June, with a design based on the ideas and feedback we received from the community.

Our shopping villages and strips contribute to the local economy and the vibrant atmosphere of our city. The improvement works sought to enhance the appearance and character of the Highfield Road Shopping Centre and create an attractive, pedestrian-friendly space where people want to shop, relax and spend more time.

The revitalised centre includes public spaces for relaxing and outdoor eating, creating opportunities for longer stays. Additional plantings have been provided to enhance the green, leafy character and streetscape appearance, while also offering more shade. We have also improved pedestrian amenity and access with new footpaths and street furniture.

The improvements also support local businesses by creating a more attractive space for residents and visitors to spend more time in and enjoy.

For more information about our streetscape improvements, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/improving-streetscapes](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/improving-streetscapes)

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## Improved lighting at Lynden Park

Council recently upgraded the sportsground training lights at Lynden Park West Oval to environmentally friendly LED lighting, with the local sporting clubs enjoying the new facilities from April.

As well as being energy efficient and leaving a greener environmental footprint, the improved lighting provides a safer facility for local sporting clubs training at night, as well as families and dog owners walking their pets in the evenings.

We know sport and recreation play a vital role in maintaining and improving community health and wellbeing. This upgrade ensures the facility remains fit-for-purpose and continues to meet the needs of the local community.

For more information about our parks and gardens, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/parks-and-gardens](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/parks-and-gardens)

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Upgraded lighting at Lynden Park West Oval



## Local business spotlight: Three generations of Monacos

When Rosario and Angela Rosa Monaco opened Monaco's Continental Delicatessen and Food Store at 525 Camberwell Road in 1974, it was the beginning of a Boroondara family enterprise that would be built through hard work, long hours, and a strong desire to build a future for their young family.

From a single store, the Monacos expanded into the next-door premises in 2007, and the eye-catching double-fronted shopfront with its hand-written blackboard signs, massive displays of Parmigiano-Reggiano, Grana Padano and provolone, plus rows of shelves stacked with produce emphasising the family's Italian and Calabrian heritage, is now a local shopping icon.

Many locals love to stop for an espresso before or after shopping - perhaps accompanied by a panino stuffed with polpetta or cotoletta.

"We were one of the first places in the area where customers could buy an espresso or take-away cappuccino or caffe latte after they finished shopping,"

said Robert Monaco, son of Rosario and Angela Rosa.

Almost 50 years after it first opened, Robert and his brother Domenic now run Monaco's, building on their parents' dream and the contributions of their sisters Maria, Josephine and Antonia, and encouraging the third generation of Monacos who also love to work in the store.

"Rosario started out selling goods from his station wagon, on top of his job at General Motors Holden, before he opened Monaco's," said Robert.

"The business we have today is all because of his and Angela Rosa's hard work. We hope we continue to make them proud."

It's never been more important to show support for local Boroondara businesses. To explore our Boroondara business directory, visit:

 [lovelocallife.com.au](http://lovelocallife.com.au)

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## Our caring communities


There are a number of Council services providing support and care for local residents, as well as many opportunities to get involved with your local community in Lynden Ward.

From the Surrey Hills Maternal and Child Health Centre and Glen Iris East Maternal and Child Health Centre providing health care and support for new parents and families, to U3A (University of the Third Age) at Frog Hollow Reserve offering older adults opportunities to expand their knowledge and skills, there is something for everyone.

Nearby Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre delivers programs for people of all ages. You can participate in health and wellbeing classes such as yoga; creative lessons including ukulele, cooking and jewellery making; professional development and skills training courses; and community-based activities such as men's discussion groups. Consider getting involved today.

For more information:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/MCH](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/MCH)

 [www.u3ahawthorn.org.au](http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au)

 [surreyhillssnc.org.au](http://surreyhillssnc.org.au)

Mother and baby with a Maternal and Child Health nurse

