

# Junction Ward

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We asked what you love about our Junction and you told us Camberwell Sunday Market is a favourite. Read more about placemaking inside.



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## A message from your Councillor

Here we are on the edge of summer and the gardens are flourishing with new green growth and colour. Playgrounds and parks, cafes and restaurants, shops and schools are open again and warmth is in the air.

My thanks for the many inspired suggestions we have received on our online engagement platform, Engage Boroondara, as part of the Placemaking project for our much-loved Camberwell Junction.

Placemaking is a methodology of identifying special features of a place and co-designing plans to enhance and improve it. The junction is relevant to all of Boroondara. It's a retail and commercial centre, it has markets, homes, our municipal central offices and a lot of history. Your visions will help develop its long-term potential.

We've seen a number of well-known traders relocate within the local area so please keep an eye out for new openings and give them a warm welcome back, especially as you start thinking about Christmas shopping.

In late September, Councillors were proud to unanimously approve the Boroondara Climate Action Plan. This meaningful strategy supports the implementation plan that we want everyone to get behind and deliver.

I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the community sports clubs in keeping members connected, supported and informed. With sport participation suspended for so long, it has been very challenging to maintain commitment, skill development and community connectedness. One example that stands out is the Camberwell Hockey Club's pet appreciation fence of photos (pictured above). If you haven't seen it, walk down to Matlock Street to find a beautiful tribute to pets who give so much joy and companionship.

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## Camberwell Library's top loans

We know how important our library service is to the local community, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Our click-and-collect service and digital collections have proven very popular over the past 12 months – with 1.25 million items borrowed across the Boroondara Library Service.

For summer reading inspiration, our librarians at Camberwell Library have shared the top local reads for 2021.

### **The most borrowed adult fiction books of 2021 are:**


1. *The Survivors*, Jane Harper
2. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens
3. *All Our Shimmering Skies*, Trent Dalton
4. *American Dirt*, Jeanine Cummins
5. *Shuggie Bain*, Douglas Stuart

### **The most borrowed adult non-fiction books of 2021 are:**

1. *Phosphorescence: On Awe, Wonder & Things That Sustain You When the Worlds Goes Dark*, Julia Baird
2. *Educated*, Tara Westover
3. *Becoming*, Michelle Obama
4. *A Promised Land*, Barack Obama
5. *The Happiest Man on Earth*, Eddie Jaku

Council scrapped all overdue borrowing fines earlier this year. We know our members are committed to returning books on time, and hope this encourages new members to Boroondara libraries.

To find out more, visit:

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





## Placemaking in Camberwell Junction

Your Camberwell Junction is set to transform. In September and October, our community shared their views and aspirations – telling us what they love most about Camberwell Junction and their big ideas for its future.

A number of community members expressed their desire for a town square-style space for people to gather and spend time together, enhanced greenery with more trees and open space, improved amenity, better safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as a vibrant mix of shops and recreational opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their thoughts via the online engagement platform, Engage Boroondara. Your insights are now being collated to create a shared 'Place Vision' – the first step towards the development of a comprehensive 'Place Plan' for Camberwell Junction.

You'll be invited to participate further between March and May 2022 to help

prioritise the ideas we've heard and to let us know whether the Place Vision has been captured correctly.

Council is taking a strategic approach to coordinate various initiatives being considered in the precinct.

One initiative is feasibility work on commuter car parking and improvement works to the existing multi-level Junction West car park off Harold Street, Camberwell. Council will consider the feasibility analysis for car parks, funded by the Federal Government Urban Congestion Fund, before a decision to consult more broadly.

To follow the placemaking project, visit [engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-placemaking](https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-placemaking)

For more information about the proposed car-parking spaces at the existing Junction West multi-level car park, visit



[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/commuter-car-park-projects](https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/commuter-car-park-projects)

## Summer extension for parklets

With summer upon us and COVID-19 restrictions eased, outdoor trading is here to stay.

Council has extended the outdoor trading program implemented last year to help traders get back to business by fast-tracking permits and waiving all associated fees. This allowed businesses to accommodate more customers in a COVID-safe way on footpaths, public spaces and private land (including courtyards and car parks). Parklets were also installed across Boroondara's shopping strips.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly regarding the parklets opposite the Rivoli Cinema on Camberwell Road. They have transformed the strip into a bustling outdoor dining destination, with decorative lighting and music adding to a vibrant hub of activity.

Many additional footpath trading permits have now been issued free of charge until the end of March, and we've extended a number of parklets – including those on Camberwell Road.

Let's keep supporting our local business community by dining outdoors and shopping locally. To find businesses that offer outdoor trading near you, visit [www.lovelocallife.com.au/explore](https://www.lovelocallife.com.au/explore) and filter the map using the tag 'outdoor trading'.





## What not to put in your FOGO bin

Please don't put banned items in your FOGO bin. They could put the whole truckload at risk of going to landfill. These are five of the most common 'contamination' mistakes residents make:

### **Mistake #1 Using a plastic bag to collect food waste**

Only use lime-green liners that are made from 100 per cent cornstarch and certified compostable (with AS4736 and AS5810 symbols). Visit our FOGO bin webpage for more detail.

### **Mistake #2 Binning food in plastic containers, jars and cans**

You must remove all food from wrappings, jars, bottles or cans before placing it in your FOGO bin. Put clean containers in your recycling bin, and take soft plastics to REDcycle at Coles or Woolworths, or put in your waste bin.

### **Mistake #3 Binning nappies**

Nappies should go in your waste bin.

### **Mistake #4 Binning fruit stickers**


Please remove stickers from fruit and peels before they go in your FOGO bin.

### **Mistake #5 Binning pet poo and litter**

Compost pet poo at home using a pet poo composter (Council offers these for a subsidised price) or put in your waste bin only.

Spread the word and help us keep our FOGO material contamination free.

For more information, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/FOGO-bin](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/FOGO-bin)


## Making book returns speedier than ever


Camberwell Library is now home to a new book sorting machine that will significantly reduce the time it takes to both make and process book returns.

Library members can now drop multiple books into the return chute and go, with the new machine using world-class technology to check the books back in and streamline the returns process.

Throughout 2021, libraries have remained a crucial part of the community, continuing to offer 'reserve-and-collect' services, online resources and returns. With thousands of books in high demand, the new technology means we are getting items back on the shelf faster than ever, and ready for the next reader.

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