

# Glenferrie Ward

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Glenferrie Ward Cr Wes Gault with Hawthorn resident Wendy Garrett, a participant in Council's Backyard Biodiversity program.

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## A message from your Councillor

We are all, no doubt, delighted to be emerging from the constrained life we have had to lead over the past couple of years. As we 'learn to live with' COVID and spend more time with friends and family, I am sure we will all spend more time in our local community, as we have become accustomed to doing during lockdowns.

Following is a quick update and a few things to look out for as you make your way around Glenferrie Ward.

### Climate action

Action is now well underway on most of the initiatives set out in our Climate Action Plan and implementation plan for the next 2 years. These actions include initiatives for the reduction of carbon emissions from both Council operations and the wider Boroondara community. More details follow in this newsletter and the April Bulletin.

### Glenferrie Road retail precinct planning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the community consultation processes for both the upgrading of our much-loved

shopping strip and the parking upgrade initiatives that consultants indicate would be required if Council was to proceed with the full Place Plan put out for public comment.

The Federal Government has now, however, withdrawn previously promised funding for the car park. As a result this changes the program and plans for possibly both the Placemaking project and the proposed supplementary car parking. We will advise further on this as soon as we can.

### The Rocket

By the time you read this newsletter, our creaky old Rocket will have completed its trajectory between the Central Gardens launch pad and its home for a few months in the restoration workshop. The return flight is scheduled for mid-year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wes Gault".

Cr Wes Gault

## St James Park master plan

Hawthorn's St James Park has served as a vital green space for generations, and today retains most of its 19th-century tree-lined avenues and path layout.

We are developing a master plan for the site to manage and maintain the park over coming years, to help conserve this piece of Boroondara history. The master plan will help protect the park's design and heritage, and improve its accessibility and other elements including furniture.

It will also include a tree management plan for the site, to ensure our trees continue to be carefully managed and renewed for current and future generations to enjoy. This will include maintaining the tree avenues through the replacement of declining trees. The plan will establish the short, medium and long-term needs of our park trees and tree canopy goals for the site.

We want to hear from you to help us draft this master plan to carefully and proactively conserve the heritage of St James Park.

To find out more about the master plan and community consultation, visit:



[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/st-james-master-plan](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/st-james-master-plan)





Solar Savers can help you install rooftop solar panels; indigenous plants can attract native wildlife to your garden.



## Bulk-buy solar and biodiversity help tackle climate change

Council's Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlines how we will respond to the increasing threat of climate change to our environment, and work with you – our community – to keep reducing our city's environmental footprint. To deliver on one of the many actions in the CAP, we've partnered with Solar Savers to implement a community bulk-buy solar program.

The local government-developed program will help our community access affordable, high-quality solar power. Installing rooftop solar can reduce your environmental impact, cut your energy bills, and give you greater peace of mind against future electricity price rises.

Solar Savers has chosen reliable, experienced local solar installers that can provide quality solar systems at an affordable rate. They can also give you advice on pension and healthcare card benefits, and the current State Government rebate and loan offers,

which can help reduce the up-front costs of solar installation.

On the topic of solar power in our own Glenferrie Ward, Council was pleased to switch on a new 128 kW solar PV system at Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre in December, just in time to make the most of a sun-soaked summer. Its 285 panels cover a large section of the centre's roof, and will help power its operations. The remainder of electricity used at the centre comes from our Power Purchase Agreement for Renewable Electricity, ensuring zero carbon emissions associated with electricity used on the site.

The Climate Action Plan includes an action to install two community electric-vehicle chargers at activity centres in Boroondara. Late last year, we received a Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning grant to support this action. One of the proposed locations is in

Glenferrie – the chargers will be installed in one of Council's car parks servicing the activity centre, helping to make this a destination of choice.

Another CAP action is to improve our local habitat for biodiversity, and this autumn Hawthorn residents have a local opportunity to do just that through our Backyard Biodiversity program.

Our Hawthorn Stepping Stone corridor provides an important habitat link for local wildlife. By taking part in the program, you can make a difference and help local birds and other wildlife flourish in the Hawthorn area.

The project will support you to enhance your garden to provide habitat that helps native animals thrive, through workshops, landscape gardening advice and free indigenous tubestock plants. The project workshops will start in late April and end in June.

Registrations to participate in the program close on Friday 22 April.

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## Hawthorn Arts Centre: What's on

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease across Victoria, we are delighted to welcome our community back into Hawthorn Arts Centre to enjoy the many exciting programs, events and exhibitions on offer.

On Friday 22 April from 8pm, enjoy Inventi Ensemble's *Enchanted Forest*, a multi-disciplinary music and art experience turning Hawthorn Arts Centre into a 'living' enchanted forest.

On Friday 29 April from 8pm, experience a performance by Women of Soul who are debuting at Hawthorn Arts Centre with heart-breaking ballads, empowering lyrics, soulful grooves and storytelling.

If exhibitions are more your style, visit Town Hall Gallery's major exhibition *Expanded Canvas* from 23 April to 2 July. Colour will spill, splatter, pool and stretch through the gallery space, in artworks that challenge possibilities of scale, form and gesture.

And don't forget to look out for the illustrious Boroondara Eisteddfod.

Bringing together talented musicians from across Melbourne, the Eisteddfod hosts a range of competitive and non-competitive events with a total prize pool of more than \$15,000. Whether you're a performer or just love to watch up-and-coming musicians, you'll be amazed by the immense talent in our community. Competitor registrations close on Monday 18 April and audience tickets are available from Wednesday 4 May.

We continue to put measures in place to protect the health and safety of our community, including consideration for social distancing, hand sanitiser available for use and ongoing health measures aligned with State Government directions.

For more information and to book tickets, visit:



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

## An update on your Glenferrie Place Plan

Thank you to everyone who commented on the draft Glenferrie Place Plan between 26 October and 7 December last year.

More than 300 contributions were received on Engage Boroondara, with around 5,000 visits by more than 3,100 people.

Your feedback is now being carefully analysed and will be incorporated in the final Place Plan before it goes to Council for formal endorsement this year.



For a closer look at the Glenferrie Place Plan and the initiatives it contains, visit the project page on Engage Boroondara. You can also follow the project page to receive updates:



[engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-placemaking](http://engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-placemaking)