

# Junction Ward

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The Camberwell Fresh Food Market: We are looking forward to sharing Camberwell Junction's draft Place Vision with our community.



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Summer in the Park has brought people together in our beautiful green spaces.



## A message from your Councillor

This is a very exciting year for us in Junction Ward. We are well along the track of gathering ideas and concepts from the community in the placemaking process. Out of the community engagement stage, we will develop long and short-term plans to enhance the precinct, albeit now without the grant funding for the Junction West car park and associated traffic-management measures. So, while some things have to go back to the drawing board, we are still working on plans that can add appeal, improve function and accessibility, and preserve local heritage. Sound too good to be true? It may not take place overnight, but it will happen. Please stay tuned in to the Camberwell Junction Placemaking project on [engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-placemaking](https://engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-placemaking)

The free Summer in the Park program in February and March was a roaring success, with cinema, jazz, opera, theatre, and even a mini circus. It was wonderful to see so many people out enjoying these opportunities to come together in our

beautiful parks. I do hope you had a chance to see a performance or two.

The Annual Community Strengthening Grants program will be open soon. This offers not-for-profit community organisations and groups up to \$10,000 to support new initiatives that strengthen our community. I was a community representative on the assessment panel long before becoming a Councillor, and it has been a joy getting to know many of the community organisations we have in Boroondara. Recipient organisations are from a wide range of areas, such as aged-care support, sports, social housing and childcare, to arts, events and performances, plus many more. You can tell I am a keen advocate of the program.

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## Celebrating our market value


Junction Ward is home to 2 much-loved markets that have been serving the local community for decades – the Camberwell Fresh Food Market since the 1930s, and the Camberwell Sunday Market since the 1970s. Whether you live locally or are new to the area, take some time to explore them.

The Camberwell Fresh Food Market offers all the fresh ingredients you'll ever need, including fruit and vegies, fish, poultry, meat, nuts, gourmet dog treats and flowers, along with delicatessens brimming with cheeses, antipasto, dips, breads and pastries. Here, you can also grab a coffee or lunch and relax outdoors in the shade of our verdant plaza spaces.

The iconic Camberwell Sunday Market is a Melbourne institution selling vintage items, collectibles, second-hand and hand-made goods – everything from '80s LPs to mid-century knick-knacks and fashion, alongside food vans and buskers.

Shopping at the Camberwell Sunday Market comes with the bonus of doing a little good on the side, as your gold-coin donation entry fee collected by volunteers from Balwyn Rotary is funnelled into multiple charitable projects, including our via our own Boroondara Community Strengthening Grants.

To find out more, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/markets](https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/markets)







## Kickstart your project with a Community Strengthening Grant

After a challenging 2 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing financial support to community organisations, clubs and not-for-profits through our Annual Community Strengthening Grants program has never been more important.

These grants contribute funding to support the delivery of projects, activities and initiatives that strengthen our community.

Applications for the next round of Annual Community Strengthening Grants open in late-April. So, we're encouraging local organisations with ideas to help our community bounce back to come forward and apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

Victorian YMCA Community Programming – Junction Skate was awarded \$2,600 in grant funding to support the launch of its Girl Skate learn-to-skate program.

This grant will allow YMCA to give community members free access for the first 12 weeks, offering female-only programming right here in Junction Ward at the Junction Skate and BMX Park.

The grant will create more opportunities for participation for female and LGBTIQ+ people in the community via skateboarding.

We are here to help give your grant application the best chance of success. Applicants can discuss their ideas with a Council officer and attend one of our grant-writing help sessions.

All details can be found on our website at [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/annual-community-strengthening-grants](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/annual-community-strengthening-grants).

For more information, contact [communitygrants@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@boroondara.vic.gov.au) or call 9278 4753.

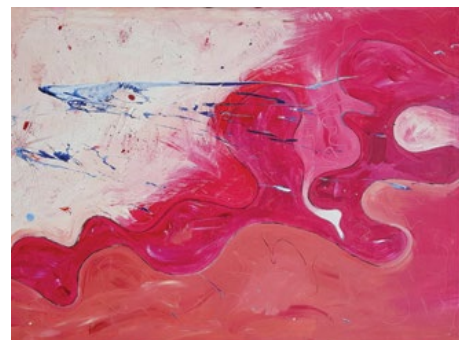
## Your invitation to exhibit

Have you ever dreamed of hosting your own art exhibition? Our Community Exhibitions Program offers opportunities for promising local artists to exhibit their work at the Town Hall Gallery free of charge.

In the past 11 years, our program has exhibited more than 2,050 artworks by more than 470 local artists. The program has also helped facilitate art sales worth more than \$98,000 for our artists.

To check your eligibility and apply to feature in our 2023 Community Exhibitions Program, visit: [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/apply-community-exhibition](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/apply-community-exhibition)

Applications open on Monday 9 May and close on Sunday 19 June.



### The Intrigue of Images: Donald Bate

Our latest community exhibition, from 12 April to 14 May, is from Donald Bate. First inspired by the Gardiners Creek bushlands as a child, he brings vibrant, high-energy paintings inspired by the beauty of the Australian landscape to the Town Hall Gallery.

To learn more, visit: [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/intrigue-images-donald-bate](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/intrigue-images-donald-bate)

Image: Donald Bate, detail from *Freedom Flow*, 2017, acrylic on stretched canvas, 203 x 99 cm. Image courtesy of the artist.



## Autumn holiday fun for all ages

The autumn holidays are finally here, and we have a range of great activities and programs for all ages to enjoy across April.

If you're looking for ways to keep the kids entertained in the lead-up to Easter and beyond, Council's school holiday program features a variety of fun, educational and interactive in-person and virtual events.

From creative arts and nature workshops, to Mario Kart tournaments and lots more, there's a range of low-cost and free options to suit all interests and abilities. The school holiday program runs from 9 to 25 April.

The Youth Hub at Hawthorn Arts Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm during the school holidays. Young people aged 10 years and over are invited to come and play Nintendo Switch, Xbox, pool or table tennis. It's a great place to meet other local young people and make new friends.

Kew Traffic School will also be open for public play-and-ride sessions to help children aged 2 to 10 develop important safety skills on their bicycle, tricycle or scooter.

Boroondara Arts has an exciting creative workshop program for children of all abilities throughout the school holidays. Discover new hobbies and make new friends while exploring sculpture, craft, cartooning and circus skills. For full program details visit [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/arts](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/arts)

And let's not leave the fun to just the young ones. We have 25 seniors' clubs throughout Boroondara that offer a fantastic range of activities and social catchups catering to different language groups and interests.

Visit [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au) and search 'school holidays' or 'seniors clubs' for more information, or call **9278 4444**.

## Revitalising the Junction

We are on track and looking forward to sharing Camberwell Junction's draft Place Vision with our community.

The draft Place Vision is the result of combining thorough technical research about the area with big ideas our community shared for the Junction's future in September and October 2021.

It lays out an overarching vision for Camberwell Junction, with key opportunities proposed to help achieve key priorities together with the community and stakeholders.

You will soon be invited to view the draft Place Vision and help prioritise the ideas and opportunities it presents. The outcomes from this stage of community consultation will form the foundation for a comprehensive Place Plan for Camberwell Junction. The Place Plan will serve as a roadmap outlining tangible short and long-term initiatives to revitalise the precinct and achieve our community's vision.

Visit [engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-placemaking](http://engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-placemaking) to learn more and follow the project for updates.

