

Lynden Ward

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Boroondara artist Donald Bate will hold a community exhibition at the Town Hall Gallery.

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Fordham Village shops and the Hartwell Station Reserve and playground.



Dear Resident,

With the warmth of summer fading and the beauty of autumn upon us, now is the perfect time of year to discover new walking routes and view the picturesque vistas of our architecturally unique residential precincts that are often obscured by vegetation during spring and summer.

Autumn is also a great time to re-engage with community. When you see your neighbours working in their garden, why not stop and say hello, and appreciate the heartfelt value of a friendly and welcome smile that has sadly often been concealed by face masks since the onset of COVID-19.

One great destination to visit while walking or cycling along the Anniversary Trail is the heritage-protected Fordham Village (adjacent to the historic Hartwell Train Station) and much-loved children's playground. The boutique shopping strip is a hive of activity, with the iconic

Fordham's Milk Bar cafe and Juliette Coffee and Bread both catering to indoor and outdoor dining.

Other unique businesses include Baran Cycleworks bicycle repairs, Own Little World gifts and homewares store, and the Hartwell on Fordham art gallery managed by Michael and Angelo, who showcase an eclectic range of paintings from renowned Australian local and listed artists including Donald Bate, John Taylor, Charles Blackman and the legendary Pro Hart.

I wish you and your family a wonderful and peaceful Easter holiday season.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Cr Lisa Hollingsworth

Renewing Fordham Avenue Kindergarten

We are planning for our community's future by renewing Fordham Avenue Kindergarten during the April school holidays.

This project is part of Council's continued plans to deliver high-quality facilities for families and better meet the needs of more than 80 children and staff.

Established in 1940, Fordham Avenue Kindergarten is a local landmark and has been serving generations of families for over 80 years.

The renewal will include new bathrooms, lighting and window upgrades, and improved access to children's spaces. The works will help create a refreshed learning environment for kindergarten groups and new modern preparation spaces for educators.

Construction will be carried out in the school holidays to avoid any disruption to programs, activities and services.



For further details on early years works, visit

www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/projects-major-works

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Cr Lisa Hollingsworth with members of the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre and Camberwell Petanque Club; (right) Lynden Park pavilion.



Kickstart your project with a Council community 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 are encouraging local organisations with ideas to help our community bounce back to come forward and apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

In the previous round, Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre received \$9,250 to support the delivery of a placemaking initiative locally at Lynden Park Reserve.

Funding will allow Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre to develop and implement a community engagement

strategy including events for the community, such as demonstrations, trial classes, and open days where staff will survey the community about what types of future activities they would like to see offered.

The findings will support the local community to connect and collectively imagine how the Lynden Park Recreation Facility could be further used to increase social connections, provide opportunities for lifelong learning, and support a healthy community.

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.

Lynden Park pavilion set for renewal

The Lynden Park pavilion is scheduled for renewal in 2023-24. This planned renewal is in line with Council's Development and Funding of Community Pavilions – Sport and Recreation Policy, and the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31.

Upgrades to the current pavilion will address the requirements of sporting clubs and potentially other community groups, and will provide exciting, vibrant and flexible spaces and facilities to support the needs of the surrounding community.

Over the coming months, a draft design will be developed and shared for wider community feedback. For more information, contact: Tom Scanlan, Planning and Facility Development Coordinator on **9278 4667**, or email: tom.scanlan@boroondara.vic.gov.au

For more information, contact



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Lynden Ward Cr Lisa Hollingsworth with Boroondara artist Donald Bate.



Your invitation to exhibit with us

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

In the past 11 years, our program has exhibited more than 2,050 artworks produced by more than 470 local artists, showcasing the diversity and depth of creative talent in Boroondara. More than 1,000 people attend exhibition openings annually, and each exhibition attracts around 800 visits on average.

The Community Exhibitions Program has also helped facilitate art sales worth more than \$98,000 – funds that go straight back into the pockets of the local artists exhibited.

We are proud to offer this program each year to help foster a thriving arts scene in Boroondara.

To check your eligibility and apply for your chance to feature in our 2023 Community Exhibitions Program, visit:
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 his vibrant, high-energy paintings inspired by the beauty of the Australian landscape and its myriad forms to the Town Hall Gallery at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.

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

To learn more, visit:

➔ **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/intrigue-images-donald-bate**

Get social with a seniors club

Did you know we have 25 seniors clubs throughout Boroondara? They offer a fantastic range of activities and social catchups for all ages, interests and cultural backgrounds.

Some of the activities you can enjoy include trips to the movies, gardening, book clubs, craft workshops, lunch and afternoon tea outings, exercise classes and lots more.

Seniors clubs provide a friendly and welcoming environment and are a great opportunity to live an active lifestyle in the community. You can take the time to learn something new and build friendships with other residents who are interested in the same activities as you.



Visit the over-55s section of our website and search 'Boroondara Seniors Clubs' to find a club that's right for you, or call **9278 4777**.