

Bellevue Ward

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Six new statues – the Faces of Greythorn – have appeared at Greythorn Central shopping centre. Look out for them on your next shopping trip.

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A message from your Councillor

Welcome to your winter ward newsletter.

As we leave the disruption of the past two years behind, it is pleasing to see our local community bounce back to life.

At Koonung Creek Reserve, young bike riders have been working with Council to design a set of authorised dirt jumps. It is heartening to see a project that sprang from COVID-19 lockdowns – when young community members built their own jumps – come to fruition with the support of the community.

Golfers have much to look forward to also, as work continues apace at our Freeway Golf Course. After closing temporarily in September last year, a new 18-hole championship course is expected to open in late-2022.

You may have read in my last newsletter that our much-loved Hays Paddock Playground is set to be revitalised. A draft concept design has been completed and you are now invited to have your say on it.

Also, 'The King' is coming to Boroondara, as Kew Seniors Centre marks the 45th anniversary of Elvis Presley's death with a performance of his favourite hits.

You will notice above, and on our cover, photos of some new arrivals at Greythorn Central. Created by chainsaw sculptor Shlomit Moria, the six Faces of Greythorn statues represent local historical figures and community members. They join the late artist Angie Polglaze's sculptures, which stand in front of the fire station on Doncaster Road. The Faces of Greythorn project was developed and largely funded by the Greythorn Traders' Association, supplemented by a City of Boroondara Community Strengthening Grant.

I do hope you have a chance this winter to enjoy all your local community has to offer.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Jim Parke'.

Cr Jim Parke

Hays Paddock playground design revealed

We are renewing the playground at Hays Paddock in Kew East due to its age and current condition. After consulting leaders and experts in the disability sector and members of the community, a draft concept design has been finalised.

It reflects a playground that will remain inclusive for people of all abilities and continue to offer 'side by side' play activities. It includes a new custom-timber play structure, a new sand-play area and water play.

You're invited to view the draft concept design and share your thoughts before midnight on Sunday 24 July. To do so, visit:

engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/hays-paddock-playground

New exercise equipment

We invited your feedback throughout March and April on the proposed installation of new exercise equipment at Hays Paddock. With strong support for the proposal, work is expected to begin in late-October or November this year.

It will include a range of strength and cardio equipment suitable for a variety of ages and abilities, and as a result of community feedback will include two separate pull-up bars at different heights. You can find out more at: **engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/outdoor-fitness-equipment**



Turf, pathways, bunkers... our Freeway Golf Course gets ready for tee-off

The redevelopment of Freeway Golf Course is progressing well, with the new course aiming to reopen in late-2022.

The course is being reconfigured due to the impacts of the North East Link, with up to four hectares of land acquired to build entry and exit ramps at Bulleen Road in Balwyn North.

Highlights of construction delivered so far include laying and growing in one hectare of turf and we will soon install new paths made from more than six tonnes of recycled tyres – thanks to a \$196,000 grant from Tyre Stewardship Australia.

The recycled tyre paths are a sustainable solution, giving old tyres new life and providing more than eight times the standard requirements for permeability.

Most significantly, construction of new timber-faced sand bunkers is almost complete – and will be the first of their kind built at any Australian golf course.

To find out more about the project, visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/freeway-golf-course

Koonung Creek Reserve/ North East Link update

In May, Spark consortium (contracted by North East Link Program) released its North East Link Tunnels Urban Design Landscape Plan (UDLP) for public exhibition. This UDLP included the western third of Koonung Creek Reserve in Balwyn North, among other areas.

Council prepared a submission to Spark's UDLP public exhibition on behalf of Boroondara residents. To ensure our community's views about the Koonung Creek Reserve were reflected in the submission, we ran our own survey between 12 and 25 May.

Thank you to everyone who shared their views and aspirations. We received feedback from more than 250 community members, which will also be used to inform a future master plan for the Koonung Creek Reserve.

To find out more about Council's submission to Spark's UDLP public exhibition, visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/north-east-link-project

Your improved Bellevue Shopping Centre

We recently completed some exciting improvements to Bellevue Shopping Centre on Bulleen Road, Balwyn North, as part of our Shopping Centre Improvement Program.

Construction began in mid-May and we are pleased to have delivered a safe, functional and pedestrian-friendly environment for the community to enjoy.

Works include new street furniture, expanded public and cafe seating areas with added greenery, and better safety and access features across the area. This incorporates improved pedestrian visibility at key crossing points, safe pedestrian crossing zones, an additional accessible car park and a regraded bus-stop ramp to comply with universal access standards.

The works, which were based on site analysis as well as community and trader feedback, are now complete. Be sure to head down to Bellevue Shopping Centre and enjoy the improvements while supporting our local businesses.

For more information about the project, visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bellevue-shopping-centre-improvements



Jump start: an update on Koonung Creek Reserve dirt jumps

We are excited to be collaborating with young people in our community to build authorised dirt jumps for riders at Koonung Creek Reserve.

We have noticed a rise in makeshift dirt jumps throughout Boroondara, which have increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. These dirt jumps can be dangerous and cause significant damage to the natural environment.

While we want young people to enjoy the dirt jumps, community safety is always our top priority.

As a result, we are working together with our community to find an alternative solution which balances the needs of dirt jump users, local residents and the environment. The Koonung Creek Reserve track area has been identified as an appropriate site for small-scale community-built dirt jumps.

In 2021, we consulted with young people, parents and the wider

community about the proposed construction at Koonung Creek Reserve. Your feedback told us that you would like improved jump tracks at the reserve.

Following a delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in March we approached the community again for feedback which helped us develop a concept design that could be shared with locals.

The design will improve the existing trail while minimising the impact on other users, to provide a solution that is safe and acceptable for everyone. The design also meets Council's guidelines to provide areas for both beginner and intermediate riders, with a dedicated space for low-level bike jumps.

This facility will be built by young people under Council's supervision, with construction starting in spring.

To stay informed about the project, please call **9278 4444** or email **boroondara@boroondara.vic.gov.au**

Author and The King take the stage

Boroondara older adults are invited to add life to their years through our musical and wellbeing event series, with the next two events, hosted at the Kew Seniors Centre, fast approaching.

- On Tuesday 2 August Melbourne storyteller, writer and novelist Arnold Zable will present The Power of Storytelling.
- On Tuesday 30 August our musical series continues as we recognise the 45th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley with a selection of the King of Rock 'n' Roll's soulful and timeless songs, performed by Mark C.

These events provide great opportunities for social connection for those aged 65 and over, along with live musical performances and informative sessions to support health and wellbeing habits.

With wellbeing topics ranging from sleep to storytelling, and musical genres from string quartets to soul, there's something for everyone in this year's program.

To register for events and to find out more, visit: **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/over-55s/2022-event-series**

