

Cotham Ward


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Cotham Ward Cr Felicity Sinfield and family at Macleay Park



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A message from your Councillor

Our beautiful streets have been looking divine with their autumn foliage, every day is different.

Frustratingly the winter brings with it common colds and flu, perhaps more prevalently than in previous years. I encourage you to have the influenza vaccination, and stay as warm and well as possible. If you do become unwell, remember the availability of 'Nurse On Call' and your GP for non-emergency matters, to keep our precious ambulances free for emergency situations.

Winter time is one of the most difficult times for the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team. With many regular donors suffering from colds, flu and sniffles, new donors are needed to help out. Lifeblood is visiting Camberwell soon. So, if you are willing and eligible, please make an appointment or simply drop in to donate blood. The pop-up

donor centre will be at the Camberwell Central Bowls Club at 14 Bowen Street, Camberwell, between 1 and 7 August. I hope to see you there.

I hear from so many how important it is for Council to protect the heritage and respect the character of the City to maintain amenity and liveability while recognising the need for appropriate, well-designed development for future generations. At a recent Council meeting I was delighted to see additional properties in Kew protected as we work towards our common goal.

The winter solstice has now passed, so we can now look forward to spring in our parks and gardens. I hope to see you out and about in Boroondara.

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New exercise equipment for Sir William Angliss Reserve

There is nothing like getting your heart pumping with an outdoor workout in one of our beautiful parks.

Consultation for our Boroondara Community Plan demonstrated that outdoor fitness equipment is highly valued by our community.


We invited your feedback throughout March and April on the proposed installation of new exercise equipment at four locations, including Sir William Angliss Reserve in Hawthorn East. With strong support for the proposal, works are expected to begin in late-October or November this year.

The charcoal and lime green-coloured equipment is designed to match the nearby playground and will include a range of strength and mobility equipment suitable for different ages and abilities.

It is planned to sit between the playground and Kildare Street to minimise impact on open space at the reserve.

Thank you to all who took the time to give their feedback to help shape the final design of this equipment for the enjoyment of all.

To find out more, visit:

 [engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/
outdoor-fitness-equipment](https://engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/outdoor-fitness-equipment)



Heritage overlay for Kew properties

Council recently submitted three Cotham Ward properties originally identified in the Kew Heritage Gap Study to the Minister for Planning for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay.

While their precincts were not supported through the amendment, the properties' architectural and aesthetic significance means Council has adopted an amendment for their individual Heritage Overlay inclusion. Skye in Argyle Road, and a property in Florence Avenue, represent the inter-war 'arts and crafts' style, while Seeger House is an example of inter-war 'old English' style.

Heritage gap study – explained

We know that preserving our city's history and protecting heritage properties and precincts is important to you, with your feedback leading to a key strategy in the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31: "Protect the heritage and respect the character of Boroondara, while facilitating appropriate, well-designed development."

In the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, a key action of our Heritage Action Plan 2016, we went street-by-street to identify properties and precincts that are not currently included in the Heritage Overlay but hold significant heritage value and are worthy of heritage protection.

The Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study has now been completed – you can read more about it in the accompanying July-August edition of the *Boroondara Bulletin*.

Council also reviewed a property in Thornton Street, Kew, which was originally considered as a non-contributory place in the Thornton Estate Residential Precinct. New information discovered through the independent panel process found that much of the original dwelling had been preserved, so the 2-storey inter-war villa has now been regraded to contributory to the precinct.

You can view all the details of the study and the features of these particular properties in the report, which is available on our website by searching 'Kew Heritage Regrading'.

What not to put in your FOGO bin

Did you know that a whole truckload of organic material can end up in landfill if just one FOGO bin contains banned items? Our latest bin audit from early-2022 shows these are the three most common 'contamination' mistakes in Boroondara:



Mistake #1 Using a plastic bag to collect food waste

Please ensure you use only lime-green liners made from 100 per cent cornstarch and certified compostable (with AS4736 and AS5810 symbols). Visit our FOGO bin webpage (below) for more details.



Mistake #2 Disposing of textiles in your FOGO bin

Textiles such as dishcloths, rags and items of clothing do not belong in your FOGO bin. Donate usable clothing to a charity shop, while textiles that are beyond reuse can go in your waste bin.



Mistake #3 Binning pet poo and pet litter

You can 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



Boroondara Bicycle Strategy

The draft Boroondara Bicycle Strategy aims to deliver a safe, connected and appealing bicycle network right across Boroondara. It was informed by research and community feedback.

More than 600 community members provided feedback during the consultation period from December 2021 to late-February 2022, and Council is grateful to all those who provided input.

We have taken our community's feedback on board and have been working hard to review and update the draft Boroondara Bicycle Strategy so that it better reflects their needs and aspirations.

The updated draft Boroondara Bicycle Strategy highlights that no new concrete cycleways are planned for recreational parkland across Kew and Balwyn, including Stradbroke Park, Myrtle/Macleay Parks, and the King Street Chain of Reserves.

Where there are gravel paths in these parks, we plan to inspect and maintain

them as required to ensure they are fit for purpose and in line with current standards. There are no plans to remove trees.

It is proposed to construct a gravel path in place of the unmade track (which extends for approximately 160 metres) in Stradbroke Park, just to the south of High Street, linking the new gravel path with the existing main central gravel path.

The recommendations for the gravel paths aim to enhance local access routes that connect nearby recreation facilities and schools and encourage walking and cycling.

At the time of writing, the updated draft Boroondara Bicycle Strategy and implementation plan was about to be presented to Council for formal consideration.

To learn about the outcome, visit:
engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bicycle-strategy

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* as the next session in our wellbeing series.
- 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' (pictured).

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**

