

Glenferrie Ward

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Central Gardens' famed rocket undergoes refurbishment to boost its lifespan before returning to a new playground setting.

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A message from your Councillor

When I put my hand up in 2020 to represent Glenferrie Ward, I was inspired by a number of challenges.

One was the wonderful old piece of 1930s architecture at the western end of Glenferrie Oval, the Michael Tuck Stand, steeped in rich history but in need of restoration. Close by lay the rusty remains of the Ferguson Stand and, behind this, a lovely piece of green open space, much loved by those who frequented the community garden on its southern side. I am therefore delighted to confirm that Council has now allocated funds to demolish the Ferguson Stand and open up Glenferrie Oval to the green wedge behind, creating an improved link through to Grace Park. Funds have also been allocated which will lead in time to the rebirth of the Tuck Stand as an invaluable resource to our community.

An even greater motivation in 2020 was the pressing need for substantially more action on climate change. Council had made remarkable strides to reduce carbon emissions from its own operations through the move to renewable power for 80%

of Council requirements and introduction of a state-of-the-art FOGO system but, over the past year, we declared a climate emergency and put in place an ambitious Climate Action Plan for Council operations and the whole Boroondara community.

Now this plan is being brought to life. In our April issue we detailed our bulk-buy solar scheme, and here you will find details of our new home energy assessments; recently Council advertised its Sustainability Leadership Course, and we will soon have in place our Community of Interest for Climate Action, which will establish a valuable bridge between Council's growing climate team, our Council Advisory Committee and the Boroondara community. All very exciting steps.

And last but not least, our famed Central Gardens rocket has taken off... temporarily! Read all about it on this page.

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Rocket Park takes shape

The playground at Central Gardens (affectionately known as 'Rocket Park') has undergone a significant transformation.

The much-loved rocket play-piece took flight from its launchpad in late-March for structural and safety works to renew its lifespan.

Construction of the wider playground area also began in late-March, and reflects a new design that centres on the rocket and uses a space exploration theme to create a playful narrative. The design was informed by feedback received from the community.

Key features of the new playground include the renewed rocket, new equipment including monkey bars and a combined play unit, a 'Mars landing terrain' exploration section with mounds, tunnels, rocks and craters for balancing, and a water-play zone.

There is a range of swings for different ages, better access for users with limited mobility, more built and natural shade canopies, and an upgraded drinking fountain.

For more information about the project, visit:



www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/central-gardens-playground-renewal



How we are tackling climate change together

Supporting you to reduce emissions is one of the actions in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) – our plan to deliver what's important to our community and keep reducing our city's environmental footprint.

We are therefore pleased to partner with the Australian Energy Foundation to offer you a quality home energy assessment for around half the regular price, with further discounts available for concession card holders.

Getting a home energy assessment will help you see:

- where you can save money on energy bills
- what upgrades could be beneficial to reduce your emissions.

The program involves the Australian Energy Foundation assessing your property using a nationally accredited tool. They will then give you tailored recommendations and an energy star rating on your home.

In other CAP news, we are working with our community to launch a Community of Interest (COI) for the CAP. The aim of the COI is to:

- share knowledge about the implementation of the CAP with the Boroondara community
- enhance the impact and extend the reach of the current CAP implementation plan
- provide a forum for the community to contribute ideas for the next CAP implementation plan.

We held a workshop in May to help shape the design and delivery of the COI, and we look forward to continuing to work with our community to reduce emissions.

To learn more about reducing your carbon footprint, including our Home Energy Assessment program and how to register your interest for an assessment, visit: **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/reducing-your-carbon-footprint**

The Michael Tuck Stand at Glenferrie Oval.



Watch this space: Glenferrie Oval precinct is set for revitalisation

We are planning some exciting improvements to the Glenferrie Oval precinct, as part of Council's commitment to delivering what's important to our community. Our recently approved Budget 2022-23 is focused on delivering key priorities and initiatives, to achieve our vision of being a sustainable and inclusive community.

Here in Glenferrie Ward, this includes improving and revitalising Glenferrie Oval precinct, to maintain and enhance this vibrant community space and enable better usage of this historic sporting facility.

Glenferrie Oval precinct is one of Boroondara's most loved sporting facilities and one that promotes health and fitness, arts and culture and sports and recreation for the Boroondara community.

The revitalisation will be a multi-year delivery project and will involve:

- Renovations to the Michael Tuck Stand, to restore and protect this iconic heritage structure – built in 1938 – and enable better usage of the facility
- Removal of the Ferguson Stand and reconfiguration of the surrounding area, increasing open space and enhancing landscape amenity.

We will be seeking community feedback, to help ensure a vibrant future for the Glenferrie Oval precinct and its spaces as both projects progress in their planning.

To stay up to date, please visit:
engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-oval-revitalisation

For questions about the Glenferrie Oval precinct revitalisation plans, please contact Michael Williams, Community Support Project Officer on **9278 4595** or **Michael.Williams@boroondara.vic.gov.au**

It's Open House so step inside

We are opening the doors to some of Boroondara's landmark buildings for Open House Melbourne weekend at the end of this month.

Held across the last weekend of July, this is your chance to step inside some of the community's most significant buildings, including 2 right here in Glenferrie Ward.

Step behind the curtain at the Hawthorn Arts Centre (pictured below) to hear how it transformed from a humble 1890 municipal office into one of Victoria's leading galleries and performance venues.

Climb the steps of Hawthorn landmark the Auburn Uniting Church tower and discover the church complex, which is one of Australia's finest examples of Lombardic Romanesque church design.

In nearby Kew, you can visit 2 of Boroondara's famous house museums and galleries: the magnificent 1880 Italianate mansion Villa Alba, which houses one of Australia's most important examples of late-19th-century decoration; and the Lyon House museum and Galleries, a unique, hybrid combination of a private residence and museum.

To find out more about Boroondara's Open House locations, visit:
www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-melbourne

