

# Junction Ward

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After 46 years offering unique retail therapy, Camberwell Sunday Market has clocked up a fund-raising milestone.

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## A message from your Councillor

Personally I find the best things about winter are boots, soup and scarves. So while the weather might be cool, there are plenty of activities and events still on to enjoy at the Camberwell Community Centre, Rivoli cinemas, local cafes, restaurants and our beautiful parks.

Winter sport is underway and the Hawthorn Citizens Junior Football Club can now settle into its first full season at the upgraded pavilion at the Victoria Road Reserve sportsgrounds. Best of luck to all the players and supporters for the season.

Boroondara has a remarkable strength within it – the positive power of volunteering. Whether it's short or longer-term projects, specific tasks, or professional mentoring, our widely acclaimed Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre has been offering skills matching and advice for 30 years. It was a pleasure to join some of those volunteers recently at a celebratory lunch to acknowledge their community spirit.

The Open House Melbourne weekend is on 30 and 31 July. This is your chance to step inside and behind the scenes of some of the community's most significant buildings, including the Camberwell Civic Precinct. Join a family-friendly 40-minute tour through the precinct's iconic buildings, dating from the 1890s. Steeped in rich architecture, heritage and social history, you'll learn how these buildings have evolved to meet our community's changing needs. To find out more, visit: [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-melbourne](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-melbourne)

There are some very exciting developments at the Fresh Food Market. After COVID-related delays, we're now close to seeing a fresh new-look interior with plants, seating, tables and, wait for this ... access to public toilets available on Sundays!

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## Shop local and plastic-free in July


Every July, millions of people around the world decide to stop using single-use plastics as part of the global Plastic Free July movement. In an effort to support this initiative, we've been working with local businesses.

We're running a pilot program with hospitality and food traders in Camberwell to help them avoid or reduce single-use plastics. We are working with the Boomerang Alliance and partnering with the Camberwell Centre Traders Association to deliver the program.

As part of the program, participating businesses will receive dedicated support to eliminate single-use plastic items, and to reduce and/or replace these items with a more sustainable alternative.

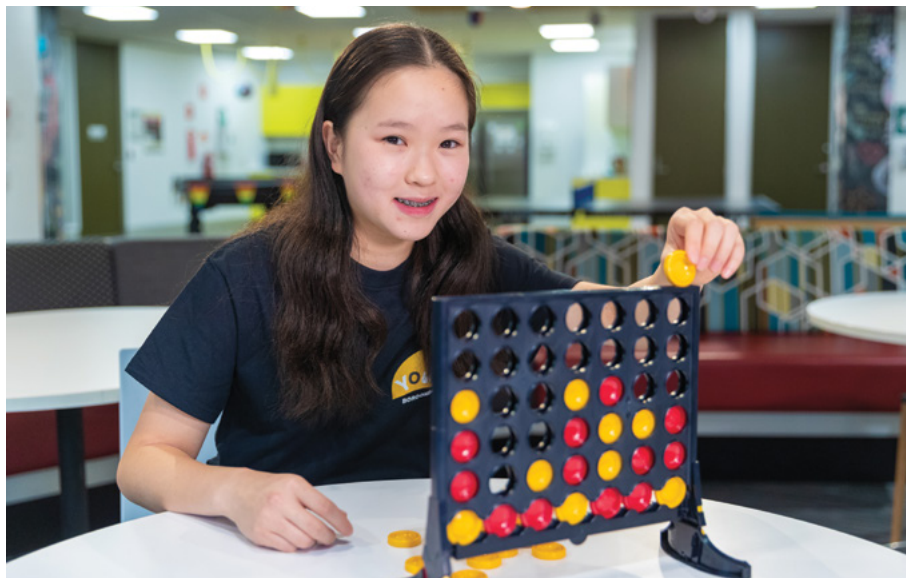
Your valuable help in supporting these local businesses by shopping locally can encourage them on their journey to reducing plastic waste.

To find out more about the program and the participating businesses, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/plastic-free-pilot](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/plastic-free-pilot)







## Volunteer gives voice to the young

This year, we are celebrating the 30-year anniversary of the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre – a remarkable milestone.

Boroondara has one of the strongest rates of volunteering in Melbourne, with more than a quarter of residents generously donating their time. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds play a vital role in our community, with many Council programs and initiatives relying on their assistance.

Rachel Lou is one of our youngest volunteers. Alongside her year 11 studies and playing soccer, cricket or tennis, Rachel generously volunteers her time to the Boroondara Youth Voice.

Boroondara Youth Voice gives young people living in Boroondara the

opportunity to contribute to, participate in and benefit from civic and social activities in the community. They actively participate in Council's planning and decision-making and ensure that young people in Boroondara are heard and valued.

Rachel enjoys volunteering as it is a way for her to give back to the community. She has a passionate interest in the environment, particularly air quality. Boroondara Youth Voice gives her the opportunity to work with other young people to drive change in this area.

"I enjoy collaborating and sharing ideas and knowledge with other young people," says Rachel. "We can take action and advocate for the young people in Boroondara, as together our voice is one."

## Placemaking update: Laneway upgrade trial to improve safety

We're continuing work on the Camberwell Junction Placemaking project as we bring together what the community said is important in the area. Then, we'll take a deep-dive into the results to really understand this, with an extensive demographic and socio-economic analysis. From there, we can look forward to sharing your ambitious vision to guide Camberwell Junction into the future.

As part of this project, we have the opportunity to trial a laneway upgrade near Camberwell Primary School in mid to late-2022. The temporary closure of the laneway to through-traffic will test how we can improve safety for local schoolchildren, as well as creating a pedestrian-friendly space for the community to connect.

The temporary change aims to create a safer pedestrian link between Butler Street carpark and the Camberwell Road street crossing to Camberwell Primary and Boroondara's Civic Centre. Council will create this space by installing safety bollards, painting the road vibrant colours and adding seating – great for waiting for school pick-ups and for lunch breaks at work.

This temporary laneway upgrade and closure is an opportunity to test ideas for improving the safety and inclusiveness of this local place. It also gives you, the community, a taste of what's possible in Camberwell Junction's placemaking project.

To find out more about volunteering and to view current opportunities, visit:

 [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bvrc](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bvrc)



## Sunday best: Camberwell institution makes a fund-raising milestone

Our iconic Camberwell Sunday Market has clocked up 46 years of Sunday-morning treasure-hunting fun for locals and the wider Melbourne community alike.

Visiting the market is a tradition that has always come with a side serve of feel-good fund-raising, and the Rotary Club of Balwyn recently celebrated an exciting milestone, reaching the \$20 million mark for funds raised through the market. Since it opened in 1976, the funds taken through gate and site fees at the much-loved market have contributed towards community and humanitarian ventures.

Thirty per cent of the funds raised have contributed directly to Council's Annual Community Strengthening Grants program, which provides support for new, one-off projects and activities that strengthen the Boroondara community.

In 2021, 137 programs and initiatives across Boroondara received funding. Grant recipients included Probus clubs, toy libraries, senior citizens clubs, community and neighbourhood houses, kindergartens, playgroups and sporting clubs, which shows the huge breadth of initiatives that the market supports, benefiting the entire community.

Over almost half a century, the market has seen a lot of change within Camberwell and weathered an ever-shifting landscape, including the recent periods of closure during COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions.

The market is now back and buzzing, ready to celebrate 50 years in operation in 2026. Thanks must go to the commitment of the Rotary Club and in particular the volunteers who deliver great outcomes for our communities.

## Camberwell Fresh Food Market upgrades

The Camberwell Fresh Food Market is getting an exciting new look and feel, with new dining spaces for everyone to enjoy. The upgrades will enhance the shopping experience and support the future of the market, while helping to preserve the iconic heritage building.

A new accessible indoor dining space is being added to give shoppers a place to dine and catch up with friends and family. It includes mobile device charge stations. There are also future plans to add new wooden outdoor dining tables and benches near the northern entrance of the market building.

To help improve the visitor experience at the popular Camberwell Sunday Market, the public toilets will now be open on Sundays when the Fresh Food Market building is typically closed.

The project will come to life over the next few months. For more information and to sign up for project updates, visit: [engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/cffm](https://engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/cffm)



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