

# Lynden Ward

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Aboriginal consultant and Yorta Yorta woman Karen Milward (front) with Crs Wes Gault, Lisa Hollingsworth, Nick Stavrou, Victor Franco and Garry Thompson at the launch of the Boroondara Reconciliation Strategy.

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Lynden Ward Cr Lisa Hollingsworth at the Lynden Park pavilion.



## Dear Resident,

With a cold, wet and windy start to winter we are finding the flu season is very active in Boroondara following 2 years of intermittent periods of isolation due to COVID-19 restrictions.

As we adjust to 'normality' an increasing number of pre-school, primary and secondary students are suffering the effects of colds and flu that are more pronounced than before the pandemic, causing concern in our community. For many, the free flu vaccine has been a welcome relief to help navigate the chilly months ahead.

On a positive note, it is wonderful to see the return of in-person attendance at classrooms, workplaces, sports fields and social centres, as we move freely indoors and outdoors, and Council can host community events such as the recent launch of the Boroondara Reconciliation Strategy held on 2 June during National Reconciliation Week.

As we embark on a new financial year, I am delighted to report that the

2022-23 Council Budget will provide vital infrastructure upgrades, such as the Lynden Park sports pavilion, which will be enhanced to accommodate the needs of sporting clubs and community organisations.

I am pleased to advise the pavilion will include accessible ramps for people of all abilities, providing ease of access for people using mobility aids such as wheelchairs and for parents with prams. The upgrade will also provide long-awaited public toilets, located close to the playground and accessible to the public 7 days a week.

Wishing you and those dearest to your heart all the best of good health and happiness.

Kind regards,

Cr Lisa Hollingsworth

## Through Road Early Learning upgrade

We are pleased to be delivering what is important to our community by upgrading Through Road Early Learning, as part of Council's commitment to improving early childhood services and facilities.

Improvements include upgrades to teaching and learning spaces to ensure an inclusive and high-quality experience for all current and future children of the centre, as well as centre educators and staff.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all parents, carers and staff – as well as the surrounding community – for their patience and flexibility since the commencement of the building works.

Construction was paused due to the following unforeseen challenges:

- Structural issues affecting the flooring, which required attention from an engineer
- The identification of tree roots from an adjacent nature-strip extending into the construction zone. An arborist was required to investigate to protect the tree from damage.

These issues have been resolved and we are pleased to report that the builder is working towards a September date for construction completion.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Suzanne Jervies, Acting Early and Middle Years Lead on **9278 4698** or email [suzanne.jervies@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:suzanne.jervies@boroondara.vic.gov.au)



## Update: Lynden Park pavilion renewal

We are excited to deliver what is important to you in our recently approved Budget 2022-23. Our budget priorities reflect our community's vision, laid out in the inaugural Boroondara Community Plan 2017-27, and refreshed in the current Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31. Council engaged with a total of 17,000 community members whose views shaped the plan's priority themes. It is our guiding strategic document for everything we prioritise and deliver.

We are striving towards a sustainable and inclusive community and are committed to providing facilities and sporting precincts that support participation and access.

That is why we are renewing Lynden Park pavilion, to provide inclusive spaces.

Renewal works are due to begin in 2023 and will include upgrades to sport facilities, such as new toilets, a first aid room, umpire room, storage and more changerooms, encouraging participation in community-level sport.

The pavilion renewal concept design includes possible future works to refurbish and expand the social space. These possible future works would require additional funding from the Victorian or Australian government and/or sporting clubs.

We are excited to be improving this important sportsground pavilion and have invited the community to have their say on this project.

### Why renewing community facilities is a high priority

We know that community facilities like pavilions are important to you.

They fall under the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31 theme of 'Community, Services and Facilities'.

Of the plan's 7 themes, it rated second-highest in importance (after 'Parks and Green Spaces') when we consulted our community in both 2017 and 2021, rising from 44% of respondents ranking it in their top 3 in 2017, to 49% in 2021.



Members of the Djirri Djirri Dance Group perform at the launch.



## Launching our reconciliation strategy

Council officially launched the Boroondara Reconciliation Strategy 2022-26 at a special event held during National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June) – a significant milestone.

The event, held at the Balwyn Community Centre, was opened with a Welcome to Country conducted by a Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder. Guests enjoyed performances by the Djirri Djirri Dance Group and Yeng Gali Mullum, a singing and storytelling choir with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members. They were also treated to food provided by Mabu Mabu, an Indigenous-owned and run business that specialises in native ingredients.

It was the first time our community saw the designed version of the strategy, which features artwork by local artist Lewis Wandin-Bursill. Lewis is a proud young Wurundjeri man of the Woi-wurrung group. As an emerging artist, Lewis' recent works have been informed by his interest in the traditional ways of his ancestors.

The strategy speaks to our broader vision of creating a community where the histories, cultures, knowledge,

achievements and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are acknowledged, respected, considered and celebrated.

To develop the strategy, we worked collaboratively and consulted with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations, including Boroondara's Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. This helped us understand the role Council and our community can play in the reconciliation process.

The strategy outlines a clear, 4-year roadmap for implementing reconciliation initiatives and contains a number of actions that will be undertaken in response to findings from the consultation and research. It also details actions Council is already undertaking to progress reconciliation, ensuring these continue to be prioritised and built upon.

We look forward to continuing to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the broader Boroondara community as we progress reconciliation together.

## New exercise equipment on its way for Highfield Park

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 4 locations, including the north-east end of Highfield Park. With strong support for the proposal, works are expected to begin in late-October or November this year.

The green and charcoal-coloured equipment is designed to blend in with the natural surroundings and will include a range of strength and cardio equipment suitable for different ages and abilities.

Following feedback from those who participated in the consultation, a combined pull-up and leg-raise station will also be provided.

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)**

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