

Maling Ward

December 2022



Celebrating our local achievers

In Maling Ward we have many residents whose achievements form an important part of our history.

Those who watched our national memorial service to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II may have noticed the portrait that took pride of place at the ceremony. Titled *Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Second 1954: William Dargie*, it is often referred to as the “wattle portrait”. In it she wears a gown embellished with golden wattle flowers, Australia’s floral emblem. It was painted by Canterbury’s Sir William Dargie in 1954, shortly before her triumphant tour of Australia. This was the first time a reigning monarch had visited, and it is estimated that 75% of the Australian population saw the Queen on that tour. The National Museum of Australia, which holds the painting in its collections, describes it as “one of the most recognisable and treasured examples of 20th-century Australian portraiture”. Dargie, whose primary residence from the 1950s was in Canterbury, was well practised in the art of portraiture. He won the Archibald Prize 8 times, beginning in 1941 when he was serving as a war artist with Australian forces in World War II.

In a different field and era of achievement, my congratulations go to Canterbury Primary School’s girls’ football team, named 2022 Australian Football primary girls state champions in August. Made up of girls from years 5 and 6, they came together as a team for the first time in June and advanced undefeated through the competition on the strength of a single lunchtime training session each week. Coach Adam Kelly said the secret to their success was hard work, resilience, teamwork and understanding each other’s role, “but mostly, always having fun throughout the journey”. “All of the girls have a bright future,” says Adam, “I wouldn’t be surprised if I see them running around for AFLW teams or shining brightly in other team sports of their choice.”

I hope you enjoy this summer edition of the Maling Ward newsletter, and I wish you a happy Christmas with loved ones, and a relaxing summer break.

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Second 1954: William Dargie. Image courtesy of the National Museum of Australia



Canterbury Primary School's girls' football team's trophy.

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Upgrades at Surrey Hills playgrounds

We know our community value high-quality, inclusive community facilities, as well as enhanced, safe and engaging open spaces and playgrounds. We also know that older and younger children favour different play experiences.

Following multiple rounds of community consultation in 2021 and 2022, the playgrounds at Grovedale Park and Mary MacKillop Reserve in Surrey Hills are to be renewed this financial year.

The new design for Grovedale Park playground features equipment our community told us they love most, including a new play structure and climbing cube, monkey bars, a new seating area, basket swings, trees and

plants chosen for their connection to the area, and an accessible path into the playground. The much-loved blueberry spinner and the existing swings will also be restored.

At Mary MacKillop playground, our community expressed a strong desire to keep the castle theme, so the new playground will include an accessible castle play unit (pictured), refurbished swings, tree plantings, paths and seating.

In both new playgrounds the aim has been to include equipment to be enjoyed by younger and older children, and construction at each playground is expected to begin in 2023.

With a little help from our Friends

The public garden beds and planter boxes around Maling Road are trim, tidy and blooming with the help of the volunteer group Canterbury Friends. The Friends conduct regular working bees in the area, with recent improvements including renovating the Theatre Place garden, planting West Bryson car park gardens with roses, star jasmine and a crepe myrtle, beginning a renovation of the East Bryson car park garden, and rejuvenating and re-planting Maling Road's planter boxes.

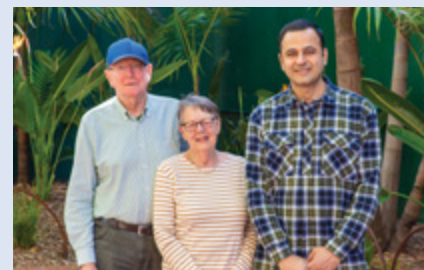
Council supports the group by providing guidance, along with plants, materials and tools to aid the working bees. Coordinator Tim Wilkinson says volunteers enjoy working with other community members and seeing the fruits of their labours in the form of thriving gardens that add to the ambience of the precinct.

The small group of volunteers welcomes new members. If you would like to take part, contact one of the following:

John Constable: 0407 553 663
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To find out more and receive updates about each project, visit these pages on Engage Boroondara and select 'Follow' at the top of the page:



www.engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/mary-mackillop-playground



www.engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/grovedale-park-playground-renewal

Maling Ward Cr Jane Addis (second from left) unveils the Canterbury Community Precinct plaque with fellow City of Boroondara councillors.



Canterbury Community Precinct

We will soon be opening the new Canterbury Community Precinct, located in Canterbury Gardens. This major new facility and fit-for-purpose group of buildings will provide a range of services and programs for all our community.

Canterbury Community Precinct will be an accessible, convenient, and centralised location for important community services and community groups, including:

- Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre, including Canterbury Community Gardens
- Canterbury Maternal and Child Health
- Canterbury Gardens Kindergarten
- Playstation Occasional Care
- Canterbury Toy Library
- Interchange Inner East
- Canterbury History Group
- Surrey Hills Historical Society.

Featuring new underground parking and providing better links to the broader precinct surroundings, including Canterbury Gardens and the Canterbury train station, the precinct also gives long-term security and permanent homes to local service providers by co-locating them in a shared space.

Council acknowledges the Victorian Government for its contribution of

\$1.6 million, through the Children's Facilities Capital Program. The Victorian Government has also contributed an additional grant of \$110,000, as part of its Changing Places funding initiative. We are grateful for this support, which enables us to provide this valuable community asset.

The new stage 1 building is due to open in early-2023. Stage 2 of the project – the original library building on Canterbury Road – is due for completion in mid-2023. It is a great achievement to be bringing so many service providers and community groups together in one location to provide a facility for all of us to use and enjoy.

We thank the community, precinct service providers and community groups for your patience and support throughout this development journey and we look forward to welcoming you all to this vibrant new facility.

For information about opening dates, please visit: **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/canterbury-community-precinct**

To receive progress updates and precinct announcements via email, select the sign-up button at the top of the webpage. Or you can contact Council on **9278 4444**, or email: **boroondara@boroondara.vic.gov.au**



Top books at Balwyn Library

Whether you are looking for a murder mystery or youth illustrated fiction, find inspiration in the books that kept local borrowers turning the pages this year. Balwyn Library's most borrowed books of 2022 to date, are:

1. *Apples Never Fall*, Liane Moriarty
2. *Survivors*, Jane Harper
3. *The Lincoln Highway*, Amor Towles
4. *The Thursday Murder Club*, Richard Osman
5. *The Man Who Died Twice*, Richard Osman
6. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens
7. *Beautiful World, Where Are You*, Sally Rooney
8. *Snow time!*, Anh Do
9. *The Paper Palace*, Miranda Cowley Heller
10. *When You Are Mine*, Michael Robotham

You can join the Boroondara Library Service in person at any branch or sign up online to access the digital collection. Find out more at:



www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries



How to reduce waste

Everyone has an important role to play in reducing waste sent to landfill. Here are some tips to help you reduce, reuse and recycle more:



Before buying something new, consider whether you could borrow or rent the items instead.



Consider buying second-hand. You can also sell, share, swap or donate unwanted items to stop them going to landfill.



Remember to bring your reusable bags, coffee cups, water bottles and cutlery when heading out.



Before disposing of broken items, see if they can be fixed. Why not take them to the North Balwyn Repair Cafe at the Greythorn Community Hub, which operates Bring, Learn and Mend sessions on the third Sunday of every month from February to November.



We can't always avoid creating waste, so try to choose products in recyclable packaging.



Always place loose recyclables in your yellow-lidded recycling bin. In Boroondara, the recyclables we accept include plastic bottles (with lids on), hard plastic containers, glass jars and bottles (with lids removed), paper, newspapers and magazines, cardboard and cereal boxes, steel tins, aluminium cans and foil, and aerosol cans.



If you're not sure how to correctly dispose of an item, check out our A to Z recycling and waste guide on Council's website.

Events in Maling Ward

Surrey Hills Music Festival

Celebrate music, culture and community at the Surrey Hills Music Festival this summer. From 3 pm to 10 pm on 25 February, Surrey Hills Village on Union Road will transform with live performances, food trucks, a bar, and market stalls for everyone to enjoy.

This free, inclusive music event is run by the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre and supported by the City of Boroondara. The festival involves many volunteers, local artists and businesses, and is a much-loved community event not to be missed.

For more information and to book, visit: surreyhillsmusicfestival.com

Balwyn Community Centre

Thinking about learning a new skill or trying a new hobby in 2023? Balwyn Community Centre, on Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills, offers a range of programs in a friendly, supportive and welcoming environment.

There are courses to suit everyone, including:

- arts and crafts
- computers
- cooking
- health and fitness
- house and garden
- languages
- special interest.

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For more information about what's on, visit: balwyncc.org.au