

Glenferrie Ward

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Glenferrie Ward Cr Wes Gault with his grandson at the opening of the space-themed playground at Central Gardens.



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Every move towards a more sustainable lifestyle contributes to climate action.



A message from your Councillor

Another year has passed and Christmas is fast approaching, so I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable festive season. Of course no festive season would be complete without a few presents and I believe some of the following updates fit that category.

As many of you will already know, especially if you have children or grandchildren, the rocket has returned to Central Gardens, and since its return has been a very popular destination. For more about its departure, repair journey and return, take a look at our potted history at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/central-gardens-playground

Removal of the Ferguson Stand, at the south-western corner of Glenferrie Oval, has moved one step closer with the closing of tenders for its demolition. Once removed, the oval will be linked by green open space to the seldom-visited treed open space beyond, then on to Grace Park.

For those of us who are concerned about our environment, progress on Boroondara's Climate Action Plan is indeed a present. In this newsletter we provide an update but, as 98 to 99% of our municipal emissions are generated by we, the residents, like many others I am putting my money where my convictions are and investing to reduce my carbon footprint.

After a long wait, our fully electric car arrived in October. This is being charged primarily from solar panels on our roof, arranged through Council's sponsored Solar Savers scheme. We are gradually working our way towards an all-electric house, powered from renewable sources, of course – a small gift to our environment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Wes Gault'.

Cr Wes Gault

Top tips to reduce your 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.



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



Before disposing of broken or damaged items, including furniture, electrical goods or clothing, see if they can be fixed. You could take them to the North Balwyn Repair Cafe at the Greythorn Community Hub, which operates on the third Sunday of every month, from February to November.



Always place loose recyclable items in your yellow-lidded recycling bin.



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.

To view our A to Z recycling and waste guide, visit: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/waste-guide



Working together to deliver on our Climate Action Plan

It has been a year since Boroondara's Climate Action Plan was adopted by Council and launched to help deliver what you have told us is important to our community.

Over the past year, we've implemented and achieved several actions with our community to respond to environmental sustainability and tackle climate change together. These include:

- buying green electricity for Council's small sites, so that all Council electricity is now renewable
- holding a Sustainable Living Festival in November to engage with the community and offer advice about practical steps to live more sustainably
- releasing the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy to set a framework for advancing cycling infrastructure across our municipality

- running the Backyard Biodiversity Project, which supported residents in learning how to help local birds and wildlife journey safely through Hawthorn to local creeks and the Yarra River.

Many more actions will be coming up over the next year, including the development of a Circular Economy Strategy, an Urban Greening Strategy including assessment of the performance of our trees, and renewal and planting of 1,000 street trees each year.

Here in Glenferrie Ward, electric-vehicle chargers will be installed in the car park beside the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre next year. This will include one dual-port charger, and one Australian-made dual-port fast charger, encouraging uptake of low-emission vehicles and helping to make Glenferrie Road shopping strip a destination of choice.

Council also launched the Solar Savers program earlier this year for homes and businesses in Boroondara, and due to its success has extended the program into 2023.

The local-government program has given community members advice about solar power, and supported them in getting affordable, quality rooftop solar. This can help cut energy bills, reduce environmental impact, and give greater peace of mind against future power price rises.

You can read more about a successful Hawthorn example in the accompanying December/January issue of the *Boroondara Bulletin*.

If you're thinking about installing solar or would like to find out more, contact the Solar Savers team at solarsavers.org.au or call **1300 548 598**.



It's summertime, and you can celebrate close to home

Glenferrie Ward is a prime location for summertime fun.

One of our Boroondara event highlights is the Summer in the Park series. This season, our local St James Park is playing a starring role on the program's opening day. Save the date for Saturday 4 February for an afternoon of Family Fun in the Park, followed by an evening of live jazz. Children's favourite Bluey will headline the festivities in the afternoon and Fem Belling will keep the party going in the evening.

The Summer in the Park series will be appearing at parks and gardens right across Boroondara, including highlight events Family Fun, Opera and Cinema in the Park, as well as a number of musical pop-ups. You can check our website for all the details: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summer-park

Here are a few more local summer favourites:

- When picnic time calls, try St James Park, Grace Park or Central Gardens for a cool catch-up under a shady tree.
- For a refreshing dip or a set of laps, Hawthorn Aquatic Centre is on your doorstep.
- To escape the heat for a festive-season or new-year catch-up, visit a favourite local restaurant, cafe or bar.

To close off the summer, annual favourite the Glenferrie Festival will take over Glenferrie Road on Sunday 5 March. Get ready for a day of live music, community stalls and entertainment.

Revitalised Rocket Park takes off

It has been a pleasure to welcome our community back to the new space-themed playground at Central Gardens, Hawthorn. After construction was completed in mid-September, the new playground opened to the public just in time for the school holidays.

Many hundreds of children returned to play on the restored rocket play piece and surrounding equipment. An official opening event also took place on 16 October, with the local community gathering to celebrate completion of the redevelopment. The event involved speeches, counting down to the cutting of the ribbon, and a face painter for children to enjoy.

We thank our community for their ongoing support throughout this project and trust that you will enjoy the new 'Rocket Park' for many years to come.

Be sure to view our video of the rocket's comprehensive restoration on our website:

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

