

Lynden Ward

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Warwick Ball and Colin Denovan were instrumental in helping Council to gain heritage protection for Camberwell's Golf Links Estate.

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Middle Camberwell Shopping Centre gains a mural.



Dear Resident,

Following a brisk and wet spring it is wonderful to finally feel warmth in the air as we begin preparations for the festive season. Summer is spectacular in Boroondara, with households and shopfronts displaying beautifully decorated Christmas trees, ornately adorned with tinsel, stars, baubles, bows and fairy lights bringing joy and good will to all. This year, more than ever, we are thankful to be able to spend precious time with family and friends.

As we celebrate the summer season filled with hope for the future, we welcome the renewal of infrastructure at our local activity centres, as Council works closely with traders' associations to ensure long-term sustainability by catering to the needs and aspirations of current and future community members.

Recent civil works commissioned at Burwood Village are now complete, with the installation of removable steel bollards and electronic signage ready to enable an attractive pop-up destination at Melton Avenue, perfectly positioned to host family-friendly outdoor events on Saturday 10 and 17 December and 14 and 21 January. Find out more at: burwoodvillage.com.au

I am also delighted to advise the Middle Camberwell Shopping Centre is the beneficiary of a mural installation that pays homage to the precinct's architectural heritage and respectfully captures the environs' connection to local flora, fauna, and sense of community. The mural is located on the Golden Bell Kitchen Restaurant Building, directly opposite Our Little Secret Cafe on the corner of Riversdale and Cooloongatta Roads.

When planning summer activities, do keep in mind Cinema in the Park, which will return to Riversdale Park on 11 February. Find out more at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summer-park

I wish you and those dearest to your heart the best of good health, happiness, and prosperity as we venture into the 2023 New Year.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa'.

Cr Lisa Hollingsworth

Top tips to care for your street trees

We are aiming to plant 2,000 new trees in Boroondara this financial year, and with summer upon us our new street trees could benefit from a little extra attention.

Water it: We water new trees weekly over summer, however pouring an extra bucket of water around young and mature trees once or twice a week in warmer months will help keep them healthy. To check whether your new trees need watering, feel the soil just below the layer of mulch – if it's dry, the tree should be watered.

Mind the bark: When mowing and using line trimmers, avoid contact with a tree's bark. Bark helps protect trees from pests and diseases, and damaging it can cause serious harm, especially to young trees. Also, please don't pile lawn clippings up close to the tree's trunk. Lawn clippings can heat up as they break down which can be a problem if sitting close to young bark.



Give it space: Avoid parking cars too close to a tree or storing heavy machinery or materials beneath the canopy to ensure the soil doesn't compact and oxygen can reach the roots. For young trees, try to leave 2 metres of clear space around them.

Report it: Help us care for our street trees by letting us know if there are issues with a tree's health and reporting any acts of vandalism via our easy online form at: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/report-an-issue

Preserving our history: Champions for heritage

Understanding and preserving the history and heritage of our municipality is an important function of Council, as well as a passion for many members of our community.

Our Local and Family History team recently used heritage studies, letters and library resources available through our Boroondara Library Service to revisit the history of Camberwell's Golf Links Estate.

The estate was first identified as having heritage significance back in 1991, in the former City of Camberwell Council's Camberwell Conservation Study.

In recent months our history team interviewed Warwick Ball and Colin Denovan who were instrumental in championing the protection of the precinct's heritage to have it included on the Heritage Overlay register; as residents for more than 30 years, they both shared stories of their passion to help Council protect the unique interwar character of the area.

Golf Links Estate residents Colin Denovan and Warwick Ball with Lynden Ward Cr Lisa Hollingsworth.



In September 1997, the estate was officially added to the Heritage Overlay gazetted as HO1, providing important protection so current and future residents can enjoy the history of the area. Warwick and Colin say that hard work and the media interest garnered at the time helped inspire this success.

"[*The Age*] had us all over the front page ... we were on talkback radio, television – it got a lot of coverage at the time, and we just had this groundswell going," says Colin.

The feel of the Golf Links Estate has always been clear upon arrival. "As soon as you drive into the Golf Links Estate, from any of the entrances, you can tell you have moved into something different," he says.

Since that time, Council has completed more than 20 heritage studies throughout

Boroondara, and we have strong planning policy in place to ensure heritage protection remains.

Most recently, Council completed the comprehensive Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, with more than 5,000 additional properties protected. We now have more than 15,000 – placing Boroondara in the top 3 Councils in Victoria for Heritage Overlay protection.

Just like residents Warwick and Colin, who continue to show a passionate interest in heritage protection, Council continues to identify places of heritage significance, preparing studies and seeking protection where justified.

If you'd like to learn more about heritage protection, visit our website:

www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/heritage



Take a walk around Golf Links Estate

Camberwell's Golf Links Estate sits between Camberwell Road and the Alamein rail line, bounded by Lansell Crescent in the north and Fairmont Avenue in the south. It occupies the former Riversdale Golf Club, and was subdivided in 1927.

According to Council's statement of significance for the estate, it boasts "an intact and notable collection of vernacular housing styles of the late 1920s to the early

1940s, including interwar Mediterranean, Old English and Californian bungalow".

But what makes it so distinctive? "It is as it was when they started building the first houses in 1928," says Colin Denovan.

"The concrete roads are distinctive, the street furniture, the lamps, the names of streets embedded in the concrete in the footpath. Then just the general layout. There's a sameness about it, and you can see it's a special area."

Cr Lisa Hollingsworth with (left) parent and committee of management member Sophie Finemore, and manager Jackie Brodie.



Through Road Early Learning upgrade ensures a bright future

The upgrade to Through Road Early Learning is now complete and the childcare and kindergarten programs have resumed on site.

- The building has been refreshed throughout, including a new kitchen and a dedicated sleep area for the babies' room.
- Internal modifications have improved access throughout the building, ensuring the facility is accessible for children and families of all abilities.
- The 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten room has been rejuvenated, with a striking ceiling-height window facing Through Road.

We worked closely with the kindergarten committee of

management to design a concept plan based on their feedback. We thank them for the important role they played to help Council achieve this outcome, which will greatly benefit the community.

The centre has been a much-loved and valuable service for children and families in Boroondara for more than 35 years. These upgrades will ensure Through Road Early Learning can continue to deliver childcare and kindergarten for our community for many years to come.

The upgrade has been supported by the Victorian Government through its Building Blocks Early Learning Facility Upgrade grants program.

Delivering on climate action

It's been a year since Boroondara's Climate Action Plan was adopted by Council and launched to help deliver what's important to our community. In that time, we've achieved several actions to tackle climate change together with our community. These include:

- buying green electricity for Council's small sites, so that all Council electricity is now renewable
- holding a Sustainable Living Festival to engage with the community
- releasing the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy to set a framework for advancing cycling infrastructure across our municipality
- running a plastic-free pilot program with 18 Camberwell-based businesses.

Council also expanded its log hollow program – which aims to enhance habitat for sugar gliders – to local birds. Here in Lynden Ward, log hollows were installed in South Surrey Park for pardalotes.

We will also install electric-vehicle chargers in Burwood Village next year. A dual-port charger and an Australian-made dual-port fast charger will be located in a Council car park and have capacity to provide charging at up to 4 parking bays.

For more information, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/CAP

