

Lynden Ward

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Cr Lisa Hollingsworth with (from left) Camberwell Junior Football Club's Shane Myers, and Burwood Uniting Canterbury Cricket Club's Alex Barr and Nick Hooper.



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Dear Resident,

It is wonderful to see our community engaged in a hive of activity as we venture out this brisk winter season. Joining our colleagues, friends and family in work, sport and social gatherings helps support our local economy, while using our parks, reserves and walking paths keeps us on track for good health and wellbeing.

You have told us through the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31 that our public spaces and facilities are a major priority for you. They provide vital local infrastructure where people of all ages, abilities and diverse backgrounds can interact, learn and be active – stimulating community connection and harmony across all stages of life.

In support of community expectation, I am delighted to advise several Lynden Ward infrastructure projects are funded in the Budget 2023-24 to undergo renewal, ensuring they will cater to all our collective needs. Work has recently begun on the Lynden Park pavilion, and the concept designs for the Frog Hollow Reserve pavilion are due to be released for consultation. Once complete both pavilions will provide extra space for

community organisations and groups to deliver programs and activities.

One recently completed project is the long-awaited footpath upgrade on the southern side of Riversdale Road in the Middle Camberwell activity centre. It is a fine example of a project that respects the existing streetscape character and integrity of the precinct while using recycled materials to support circular-economy sustainability ideals and objectives.

And, it was with great pleasure I joined Mayor Sinfield at the official opening celebration for the renewed Through Road Early Learning Centre recently. It is a beautiful facility that has been well received by parents, staff and – most importantly – the children who play, laugh, learn and grow there.

I wish you and those dearest to your heart the best of good health and happiness.

Cr Lisa Hollingsworth

New footpath for Lynden Street

We have built a footpath along Lynden Street to improve safety and pedestrian access. The works respond to feedback raised by local residents.

The works included installing a new footpath along the east side of Lynden Street adjacent to the playground and providing pram ramps at the car park access road.

Because of the exposed tree roots on the Lynden Street nature strip, we have used a permeable paving material to minimise the impact on street and park trees. The permeable paving contains recycled tyre particles, making it resilient enough to tolerate deformations near trees and strong enough for pedestrian traffic. The sustainable pavement contains more than 50% recycled material.

We are also investigating constructing a new footpath along the south side of the car park access road adjacent to the oval and a link with the existing gravel path in Lynden Park by the end of 2023.

For more information, contact our Traffic and Transport Department at **boroondara@boroondara.vic.gov.au**





Work is set to begin for a renewed Lynden Park pavilion

Council is making a range of improvements at Lynden Park to provide high-quality facilities for our community.

Plans to upgrade the pavilion are progressing well, with construction starting in June this year.

We asked our community to provide feedback on a draft concept design. We received feedback in support of providing female-friendly facilities and greater accessibility around the pavilion.

The pavilion will feature new and upgraded change rooms with female-friendly facilities, as well as a new unisex toilet that can be accessed from the outside of the building 7 days a week.

The social space will be refurbished to improve the functionality of the space and will include an upgraded kitchen, servery and toilets. Other upgrades include:

- upgrades to the first aid room
- an additional umpires room
- upgrades to the existing umpires room
- improvements to building access and signage
- increased storage space
- new rooftop solar panels.

All the upgrade works are expected to be completed by mid-2024.

Improvements extend beyond the pavilion

The works at Lynden Park pavilion will create improved access to both ovals, both car parks and the pathways to the pavilion, and families using the playground will be able to access the pavilion's accessible public toilet.

Upgrades to Lynden Park East Oval will start from October. Works will include new irrigation and drainage, new turf, new synthetic cricket nets and synthetic wicket surrounds, new player benches (relocated to the western side of the oval), new AFL goal posts and new cricket nets.



Working together to keep our community safe

Community safety influences many aspects of everyday life, from crime prevention to building personal resilience and maintaining the amenity of our facilities and streets.

Based on crime statistics, Boroondara is one of the safest local government areas in Victoria.

During the community consultation for the renewal of the Boroondara Community Plan 2021–2031, one in 5 participants cited personal safety and security when asked ‘What’s important to you in Boroondara?’.

Council’s Community Safety Advisory Committee consists of key community and crime prevention stakeholders and is part of our commitment to a healthy and safe community. Alongside our Mayor, Cr Felicity Sinfield, and Cr Lisa Hollingsworth, representatives include Victoria Police, Boroondara Neighbourhood Watch, Metro Trains and Swinburne University of Technology.

Its purpose is to provide feedback to Council about local community safety needs that relate to our policies, programs and services, as well as providing a forum to work together to identify and respond to new and emerging issues.

Recently, Council partnered with Swinburne University of Technology and specialist family violence services to deliver training to student leaders in our community to learn about respectful relationships and challenge attitudes and behaviours that contribute to violence against women.

Each year in October, the committee partners recognise Community Safety Month by hosting activities such as community safety pop-ups and our Emergency Services Family Fun Day, and sharing important safety information with our community.

Playing our part

We can all work to keep our neighbourhood safe, including by:

- keeping an eye out for suspicious activity and reporting issues to Crime Stoppers or the police
- if you have CCTV on your property, submitting footage of suspicious behaviour to Crime Stoppers to help prevent theft
- following the Boroondara Eyewatch Facebook page for local updates from Victoria Police
- getting involved with your local Neighbourhood Watch group
- reporting graffiti and maintenance issues by contacting Council at **service.boroondara.vic.gov.au/report-an-issue** or calling **9278 4444**.

Image above: Boroondara Community Safety Advisory Committee members Desma Smith from Swinburne University, Joseph Lerm from Metro Trains, Cr Felicity Sinfield, Acting Senior Sergeant Ben Howie of Victoria Police, and Cr Lisa Hollingsworth.