

Glenferrie Ward

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Glenferrie Ward Cr Wes Gault charges up his electric vehicle at Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

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A message from your Councillor

A very belated happy new year to you all – a year in which it is hoped many of the new ward and Council initiatives established in recent years can be significantly progressed.

First, I am delighted to confirm that Council's first EV charging station, located on the south side of the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre, is now up and running. As you will see from our cover photo I have tried it out myself, and was pleased to see steady demand for the new offering. It will help us support the uptake of EVs in Boroondara – which as you will read in the accompanying article is a hot spot for electric vehicle ownership. A second charging point at Burwood Village in Camberwell is also now in use.

Further, as many of you will already know, after many years of discussion we now have an agreed plan for the upgrading of the Glenferrie Road shopping precinct. It's one that retains all the existing Liddiard Street car park, a vital amenity on the east side of our

much-loved shopping area. I look forward to seeing exciting changes to Glenferrie Road.

I am also delighted to confirm that work has begun on the landscaping of the old Ferguson Stand site at Glenferrie Oval. When completed this year, it will provide us with a green park link and pedestrian paths between Glenferrie Oval and Grace Park. Also with the Vision and Design Brief now adopted by councillors in December for the Tuck Stand and Glenferrie Oval, much more is now in play to revitalise this vital sports and community asset.

And finally, you are cordially invited to attend a Glenferrie Ward meeting on Thursday 18 April. You will find details in the adjacent notice. All are welcome and I hope to see some of you there.

Cr Wes Gault

Charge up at HALC

We're supporting our community's transition to electric vehicles (EVs) by installing EV fast-charging stations. And now they're in your neighbourhood.

A new charging station at the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre car park is just a short walk from Glenferrie Road. It can provide fast and reliable charging for residents and visitors who shop, dine, exercise or attend events in the area. We have also installed a charging station at the Burwood Village shops in Camberwell.

We're proud to be delivering this project through our Climate Action Plan, which commits us to making charging stations available within a 2 km radius of major activity centres by 2030. The EV chargers are powered by 100% renewable electricity.

EVs are increasingly popular in our community. Boroondara has the highest number of registered EVs across all local government areas in Victoria and ranks among the top 5 in Australia.

You can access the EV charger stations through the Chargefox app. All EV types can charge at the stations. For more information on our EV chargers, visit:

www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/ev-chargers

Glenferrie Ward meeting

A Glenferrie Ward meeting will be held at 7 pm on **Thursday 18 April** in the Mayor's Room at Hawthorn Arts Centre (360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn). Community members will be updated on developments in the ward throughout 2023 and what is anticipated for 2024. All are welcome to attend.



St James Park Master Plan update

Thank you to those who had their say on the draft master plan for our historic St James Park in Hawthorn.

St James Park has been a valued green space for more than 160 years. The master plan will help us:

- protect the park's character, history, trees, design and heritage
- improve furniture, signage and the cenotaph (memorial monument)
- preserve the Anzac Day memorial site
- maintain the park for organised sport and casual uses, such as dog walking
- find a suitable way to use the former petanque green area that meets our community's expectations.

For the first stage of consultation, our community shared what they love about St James Park and what they'd like to see improved. This feedback, along with heritage research, helped us develop the draft master plan.

As part of the second stage of consultation in February, we invited you to have your say on proposed actions in the draft master plan, including:

- ways we can redevelop the former petanque green area to complement the park's historic character and provide a new green space
- featuring artworks and signage to highlight the park's history
- developing a tree management plan to protect heritage trees and make sure new trees are resilient to climate change
- restricting the construction of new structures or buildings in the park.

We're currently reviewing your feedback, which we'll use to refine the final plan and present to our community later in the year.

To stay up to date, visit:
engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/st-james-park-master-plan

Thinking of solar? We can help

We've partnered with 2 local government programs to help you access affordable solar panels and energy-saving upgrades for your home or business.

When you register your interest with Energy Savers or Solar Savers, you'll get free quotes and advice that's tailored to your needs. You'll find out about your eligibility for government rebates, estimated energy and cost savings, and recommendations for reliable local installers and suppliers.

For businesses

Energy Savers helps small businesses use Victorian Government initiatives to improve their energy efficiency. The program supports upgrades for items such as reverse-cycle air-conditioners, hot water systems, LED lighting and energy-efficient refrigerated cabinets and fridges. Find more at: businessenergysavers.org

For residents

Since 2022, many residents in Boroondara have had solar systems installed in their home or business through Solar Savers, saving an average \$1,073 on energy bills. For a limited time, Solar Savers is offering households a \$500 discount off the price of solar systems or battery installation. Find out more about the discount and program at: solarsavers.org.au





Glenferrie Oval precinct revitalisation

Early works and discussions with key stakeholders are underway as a revitalised Glenferrie Oval starts to come to life.

Councillors adopted the Vision and Design Brief for the Michael Tuck Stand and Glenferrie Oval at a Services Delegated Committee meeting in December. This brief will inform decision-making on the design, development and ongoing programming for the space.

Options for the allocation model of the sports ground and facilities (hub or tenant model) are being explored, which will help establish how the ground will be used for cricket and Australian rules football. We're consulting with stakeholders – including leagues, local community clubs, Cricket Victoria and AFL Victoria – to ensure all options are considered.

In coming months we'll invite expressions of interest to help decide community tenants for the shared spaces in the Michael Tuck Stand. We'll give priority to local historical societies and community bands.

On the ground, early structural works on the Michael Tuck Stand are underway. Works have started at the site of the demolished Ferguson Stand to create a new open space where visitors can watch sports on the oval and socialise.

Key features include:

- kids' play equipment
- picnic table and benches
- an accessible pathway with solar lighting, connecting Grace Park to Glenferrie Oval, and the train underpass to Lynch Street
- new native plants and trees
- bicycle parking
- salvaged steel beams from the Ferguson Stand, as a reference to the past.

The new open space is expected to be ready for our community to enjoy by mid 2024.

For more information, visit:
engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-oval-precinct

Go-ahead for Glenferrie Place Plan

Our neighbourhood's Glenferrie Place Plan has now been adopted.

It brings together 9 priorities that are set to revitalise the area. This includes upgrading the Glenferrie Road streetscape – while keeping the Liddiard Street car park as is. In the future, more parking may be provided at this location – subject to further analysis and consideration by Council.

Adopting the Place Plan means we can move ahead with improvements that create:

- streets and public spaces with more greenery
- more places for people to meet, shop, relax and learn
- a flourishing and diverse local economy and community
- a place where everyone feels welcome.

For a closer look at the Glenferrie Place Plan and the initiatives it contains, visit the project page on Engage Boroondara. You can also follow the project page to receive updates: **engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-placemaking**

