



Lynden Ward

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Be prepared for new adventures

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Cr Lisa Hollingsworth, Tracey Vaafusu of Flowers Upon Flowers and Tiger, hope you'll get into the spirit of Christmas and shop locally.

A message from your Councillor

Dear Residents,

With the festive season fast approaching and the warmth of summer in the air, we busily plan for Christmas celebrations and end of year holidays. Daylight savings brings the opportunity to get out and about and enjoy Boroondara's beautiful surrounds. This is a great time of year to enjoy the great Aussie barbecue and frequent our favourite alfresco dining venues.

With the wonder of summer comes hot conditions and the need to be conscious of the effects heat has on our family and four legged friends. Fatigue and dehydration can be an issue, so please drink plenty of water and leave shaded water out for pets. Fireworks displays are frequent in summer and while these events may be enjoyed by people, the noise can terrify our furry friends. Please be mindful to keep your beloved pets safe and secure.

As 2018 fast approaches, our calendars are filling up with special events such as the celebration of Australia Day on the 26 January and proudly commemorated with the traditional Australian Citizenship Ceremony held at Boroondara's Hawthorn Arts Centre.

I am pleased to report several projects were actioned in the Lynden Ward this calendar year including:

- Completion of stage one streetscape improvement works in Hartwell Shopping Centre, including installation of the artist's mural. Stage two works are scheduled for completion by mid-2018.
- A new sports ground drainage system at Highfield Park South, along with turf upgrade works.
- Renewal of the Willison Park Playground consultation is now complete and the installation of new play equipment and landscape works is scheduled for mid-2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and happy New Year. I look forward to providing continued professional representation for the benefit of Lynden Ward's prosperous future.

Kindest regards,

Lisa Hollingsworth

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Combatting graffiti

Graffiti severely impacts the charm and character of our local surrounds and properties. Not only is it illegal, it is an eyesore and can reduce the value of our precincts.

Cleaning up graffiti takes up precious resources, time and money. We have a policy of removing graffiti from Council property within 24 hours but if your residential or commercial property has been damaged or defaced you should report it to the Police, ideally with a photo. Please remove the graffiti as a means to deter future acts of vandalism.

Council can help you by providing a voucher for up to four litres of free paint to cover graffiti on painted surfaces. In addition, we can provide a free biodegradable graffiti removal kit for non-painted surfaces.

Graffiti crime is punishable and the penalties can depend on the extent of the damage and the number of times someone has offended. Unauthorised tagging and marking publicly visible graffiti or offensive graffiti on private property can result in up to two years prison and a maximum fine of \$38,057.

Possessing a spray paint can while on or adjacent to public transport property or infrastructure or where the person is trespassing on private property, can result in

a maximum fine of \$3,964 or an on-the-spot fine of \$793. Possessing an implement with the intention of marking graffiti can lead to a maximum fine of \$3,964.

Other punishments include the cost recovery to clean or repair graffiti damage. If an offender is caught re-offending, they can get charged with criminal damage and receive jail time. Offenders can also be ordered to undertake 200 hours of community service work cleaning graffiti for eight hours a day.



Graffiti is a whole-of-community issue, not just a Council or Victoria Police issue. To find out more about Council's Graffiti Management Strategy, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/graffiti-strategy or phone **9278 4444** and request a copy.

Be Prepared for New Adventures

Lynden Park Scout Group (LPSG) has been serving Camberwell, Glen Iris and Burwood since 1915.

LPSG has a proud history of providing opportunities for young people to take part in fun activities, learn leadership skills, participate in community service and make long-lasting friendships.

As with other community organisations, the success and longevity of any Scout group is dependent on enthusiastic and committed volunteer Scout leaders who have a vision to continue to lead and empower the scouts, making a difference to the lives of young people.

LPSG is currently in need of parents and other adults to become leaders. The skills and life experiences passed onto the youth of the Scouting movement by Scout Leaders provide a valuable legacy. Leaders and members together partake in adventurous activities, with fun, excitement and extra time shared with youth of all ages to further enhance their social development, health and wellbeing.

The group comprises more than 80 young people between the ages of 7 to 25. Camping and outdoor activities are an essential aspect of the Scouting experience. Scouts also participate in activities related to creativity, first aid and safety, cooking, nature, science, leadership, community engagement and a myriad of practical life skills.

In joining a Scout Group, a young person becomes part of a worldwide youth organisation. Recently youth and leaders of LPSG attended events in Iceland and Mongolia – celebrating scouting's international community.

Boroondara residents have a terrific record of volunteering in the local community. If you are interested in becoming a Scout leader contact the Group Leader at LPSG at www.lpscouts.info or via Scouts Victoria.



Amanda Giannaros of Essjai Accessories shows there's plenty of reason to shop locally this Christmas.

The place to shop for Christmas

A local gem close to the intersection of Toorak and Warrigal Roads, Burwood Village is the place to get your Christmas shopping done without the crowds that come with large shopping centres.

While you're enjoying the absence of crowded shops, take advantage of Burwood Village's fabulous 'Spend in November & December and Save in January & February' promotion. Keep an eye on the Burwood Village website www.burwoodvillage.com.au for details of the promotion and participating retailers.

Treat yourself this Christmas by shopping locally for everything from clothing, accessories and jewellery, to shoes, homewares, flowers, skincare and cosmetics.

And while you're supporting your local community, take in the Christmas window displays put together by traders

participating in Boroondara's inaugural Christmas window display competition. Visit www.facebook.com/boroondaralife and like and share your favourite festive shop window for a chance to win one of ten, \$100 shopping vouchers.



Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/christmas for more information on Christmas in Boroondara, including market dates and events.

Update on the Boroondara Community Plan

We're almost there! Our draft community plan is due to be endorsed by Council in December 2017.

The journey to discover what is important to our community began in November 2016, where councillors and teams across Council conducted an extensive engagement program and received 11,845 responses over six months.

From this, seven priority themes emerged. These priorities now form the basis of the Boroondara Community Plan, which will be Council's key strategic document for the next 10 years.

We are listening to you, we have heard you and we are looking forward to working with you on the priorities you have identified.

For more information about the community plan and to keep informed on the upcoming launch of the plan, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/community-plan



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