

Project Bulletin Fact Sheet

January 2019

Balwyn Community Centre Upgrade: Construction commencing

Site: 408-418 Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills, 3127



Artist impression

Project overview:

The Balwyn Community Centre (BCC) was established in 1976 and is widely used for community programs, recreation and occasional childcare.

The site is being upgraded in line with community feedback to ensure it meets the needs of Boroondara's growing population now and in the future. The Balwyn Maternal and Child Health Centre, based at 1 Cherry Road, Balwyn, will be relocated to the Balwyn Community Centre and expanded to a two-nurse unit as part of the redevelopment.

The redeveloped centre will benefit the health and wellbeing of the local community by providing maternal and child health services, recreational activities and learning programs. It will be a convenient one-stop 'hub' for all ages in a beautiful parkland setting.

What's been happening?

Balwyn Community Centre has temporarily relocated to **230 Balwyn Road, Balwyn North**. Activities and programs are continuing at this location throughout construction.

Term 1 starts Monday 4 February and bookings are now open; contact the Balwyn Community Centre for more information on **9836 7942** or www.balwyncc.org.au.

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Access to the community garden will be maintained during the redevelopment works, via a walkway from Como Avenue.

The tennis courts at Balwyn Community Centre are closed for construction, but if you wish to play tennis the nearest courts are a short distance away at Balwyn Park (Cherry Road). For court hire, phone Ravi at the Balwyn Park Tennis Club on **0435 967 708**.

Balwyn Maternal and Child Health Centre will continue to provide services for young families from its current location at 1 Cherry Road, Balwyn, until the new facility is completed. For appointments, phone **9278 4606**.

What's next?

Construction for the Balwyn Community Centre Upgrade has commenced, and is expected to be completed in 2020.

Site establishment works

- Site fencing to ensure site security and to maintain safe access to the community garden during construction
- Establishment of onsite amenities and office for building contractors

Demolition works

- Partial demolition of the original Balwyn Community Centre building, retaining the heritage character of the façade
- Full demolition of the child care building to the rear of the site

Project timelines

- **January 2019** - Construction commences with site establishment and demolition works
- **Monday 4 February 2019** - Term 1 commences, with all BCC activities and programs at the temporary facility at 230 Balwyn Road, Balwyn North
- **2020** - Construction of the BCC upgrade is completed, relocation of the BCC and Balwyn Maternal and Child Health Centre into the new building

Keep informed:

- Sign up for project updates: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/balwyn-cc-upgrade
- Contact Kate McClure, Planner Community Strengthening on **9278 4573** or email kate.mcclure@boroondara.vic.gov.au