

Junction Ward

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At the official opening of *Light Years* – Camberwell Camera Club's community exhibition at Town Hall Gallery. Image: ImagePlay



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A message from your Councillor

National Volunteer week in May gave us an opportunity to highlight the benefits and thank the many members of our community who engage in formal volunteering roles. I'd like to reinforce those thanks long after the official week has passed, as the contribution to society and a better place for all is worthy of more than a single week. Most volunteers will tell you the benefits are mutual and wide ranging, can involve a few hours from time to time or be regular and structured. Whatever form it takes, it brings purpose, friendship, community spirit and goodwill.

If you'd like to investigate opportunities (with no obligation), please contact the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC) on **9278 4550** or at **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/volunteering-opportunities**

While you're on the Council website you can register to stay tuned into all community consultation opportunities. The platform is Engage Boroondara (**engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au**) and invites you to have a say in whatever projects or plans are open for consultation. We value feedback

and listening to different perspectives helps our decision making.

I very much enjoyed opening the Camberwell Camera Club's *Light Years* exhibition at Town Hall Gallery in April. So much talent on display, as you can see above and in our cover image.

Now that we're in the cooler months, you may find it useful to check your home for drafts and heating efficiency. You can book a thermal camera from our libraries to help detect the cold spots. We sought out and insulated quite a few drafts at our place and it has made a difference. Book online on **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/save-home-energy** or phone the customer service line **9278 4444**.

Wishing you warmth and good health over winter, and a little reminder that those flu and COVID shots are worth it.

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Open House: what to see near you

Open House Melbourne (29 and 30 July) invites you to step inside some of Boroondara's most iconic buildings to explore something old, learn something new and discover the possibilities of our city's urban fabric as it continues to evolve.

Explore some of Boroondara's architectural gems to find out fascinating facts about your municipality's history and plans for the future.

Discover more near you

City of Boroondara is hosting several Open House Melbourne events this year, with 11 venues for you to explore.

Council is opening up the Camberwell Civic Precinct here in Junction Ward. Hawthorn Arts Centre and Kew Court House will open too, with all 3 buildings hosting tours, exhibits and discussions about how they have been reinvented, repurposed and adapted to suit the community's evolving needs over time.

Access the full program

Further information about the full range of Boroondara buildings and activities featuring in this year's Open House Melbourne is available on the City of Boroondara website. Visit: **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/open-house-2023**

**Locations listed are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change.*





Planting trees to reduce our emissions

We planted around 2,000 new trees in Boroondara in the 2022-23 financial year. This included the 1,000 trees we commit to planting every year, as well as an additional 1,000 trees we promised to plant in the last financial year as an action of our Climate Action Plan.

Here in Junction Ward and surrounds, this included:

- around 200 new trees in Hawthorn
- around 110 new trees in Hawthorn East
- around 200 new trees in Camberwell
- around 110 new trees in Canterbury.

Young trees, whether planted on your nature strip by Council, or in your own backyard, will always benefit from a little extra attention.

Water it: We water new trees in public spaces to help them get established in their new home. To check whether your new trees need watering, feel the

soil just below the layer of mulch – if the soil is 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.

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: [service.boroondara.vic.gov.au/report-an-issue](https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/report-an-issue)

Cosy up locally this winter

It might be cold outside but we're lucky in our neighbourhood to have many winter hotspots to enjoy while staying warm.

Try these winter favourites:

- A shopping trip to Camberwell Fresh Food Market to stock up on fresh produce for a winter cook-up. And of course, a pitstop to enjoy a coffee and a bite at the market's new indoor seating area.
- A cinema outing to the beautiful Rivoli, taking in its unique art deco architecture, enjoying a great film, followed by a meal at one of many dining options nearby.
- Rugging up on a crisp but sunny day and grabbing a hot drink from your local cafe before a stroll through dog-friendly Boroondara Park, soaking up some vitamin D while enjoying the native and exotic plant surrounds, and the great playground for the children.
- An early-morning wander through the Camberwell Sunday Market before browsing the Camberwell Junction shops to support local businesses.

If you're new to the neighbourhood, visit the Camberwell Junction website for more information about your local shopping centre: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/camberwell-junction



To find out more about our tree renewal program, visit:

 www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/tree-renewal



Don't let your recycling go to waste

Using your bins correctly means valuable resources can be recovered. When the wrong items go into your kerbside bins, this contaminated waste ends up in landfill. Read on for some tips on what can and can't go in each of your bins.

What can go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin

- aluminium cans, trays and foil (roll foil into a loose ball)
- steel cans
- glass bottles and jars
- paper and cardboard (flattened is best)
- rigid household plastic bottles and containers, including milk bottles, detergent bottles and yoghurt tubs.

Top tip: you can leave lids and labels on all bottles and jars.

What can go in your lime green-lidded FOGO bin

- all food waste (except teabags, many of which have plastic linings)
- garden waste
- AS4736 certified compostable liners
- paper towel and tissues.

Top tip: be sure to remove all stickers and rubber bands from fruit and vegetables.

What can go in your dark green or red-lidded household waste bin

- nappies (including compostable and biodegradable nappies)
- vacuum dust
- broken glassware and crockery
- compostable and biodegradable packaging.

There are some items that can't go in any bin. These can be disposed of at Council's waste facilities.

- E-waste (anything with a battery, cord or plug) and building or renovation materials can be taken to the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre.
- Paint and chemicals can be disposed of via Sustainability Victoria's 'Detox Your Home' program.
- Medical waste like sharps can be disposed of in sharps containers collected from Council's Camberwell Office.

For more information about which items go in which bin, search our comprehensive A to Z recycling and waste guide online at: **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/recycling-waste-guide**

Mowing our open spaces

With spring fast approaching, we'd like to remind community members about our mowing schedule for Council-managed land in Boroondara.

Between September and April, our team mows more than 470 sites every week or fortnight. These range from parks, reserves, gardens and sportsgrounds, through to traffic islands and some car parks.

Please be aware that wet weather may impact this schedule, as it can result in:

- grass growing faster than usual
- open spaces becoming too wet to mow safely
- a backlog of locations we need to mow once the weather improves.

Mowing large areas of open space also requires heavy mowing equipment which can damage surfaces if used on wet ground.

If we have not mown a site due to these conditions, we will continue to check it until it is dry and stable enough for our staff to safely proceed.

For information about our mowing schedule, visit: **www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/maintenance-grass**

