

Bellevue Ward update

Councillor Jim Parke | May 2013



Dear neighbour,

My sincere thanks for electing me as your councillor at the elections last October. It has been a privilege representing my community for the past six months and I look forward to the many challenges brought by the role of councillor.

To keep my constituents informed about my work on Council, I have established a website, www.parke.net, and will circulate three editions of the *Bellevue Ward Update* each year.

Bellevue Ward has more than 6,300 households and, as you know, is a magnificent place in which to live. The community spirit is great and the inclusiveness gives us a vibrant and safe community.

I live in Bellevue Ward in Balwyn North and work locally at my legal practice in Hawthorn. On Council, my colleagues have appointed me as a member of the Audit Committee, the Management Performance Review Committee, the Boroondara Sports Complex Steering Committee, the Boroondara Community

Safety Advisory Committee, the Town Hall Gallery Collection Advisory Committee, the Boroondara-Swinburne University of Technology Steering Committee and the Kew Court House Community Advisory Committee.

Earlier this year, with Josh Frydenberg MP, the Federal Member for Kooyong, I attended the opening of the inaugural Multicultural Festival at North Balwyn Village. The festival celebrated our diverse community and featured Greek dancing, the Men in Suits choir and Chinese ribbon dancing.

In March, the 10-day Kew Community Festival featured more than 25 events including *Kewcommunity* day parade, where local community groups marched from Harp Junction to Victoria Park. See page 3 for a selection of photos from both of these popular local festivals.

Over the past few months, councillors and Council officers have spent many hours working on the 2013-14 draft Budget, which is now available

for community comment. Visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say to find out more.

In other news, we will shortly have an important update regarding our long-running campaign to reduce freeway noise impacting upon homes adjacent to the Eastern Freeway. Keep an eye out on the *Boroondara Bulletin* and my August newsletter for more on this significant local issue.

Finally, I urge you to support our local strip shopping centres. With North Balwyn Village, Greythorn and Bellevue shopping centres, and Harp Village all on our doorstep, we have many great shops, cafes and restaurants in Bellevue Ward. They provide a great shopping experience and deserve our support.

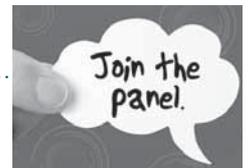
If I may assist you with any Council-related matter, feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Best regards

Cr Jim Parke

Add your voice to community panel

Have your say on the hard waste collection trial by joining our new online panel, the Boroondara Community Voice.



Launched late last year, this community panel is for people who live, work or study in Boroondara and who are keen to have a say on important local issues.

The panel now has more than 350 members, who have recently provided feedback on volunteering, the draft Urban

Biodiversity Strategy and the Victorian Government's urban planning blueprint.

In the months ahead, panel members will be surveyed on the booked hard waste collection trial, the Balwyn Park Concept Master Plan and a number of other important local issues.

The feedback gathered from panel surveys helps Council make decisions that reflect the community's views, so get involved.

If you would like to join the panel, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say or phone 9278 4444.



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Marvellous Hays Paddock pavilion now open

In March, a community celebration attended by Cr Jim Parke, Cr Jack Wegman (Mayor of Boroondara) and the State Member for Kew, Andrew McIntosh marked the opening of the new and improved pavilion at Hays Paddock.

With unique facilities for hearing impaired users and well-equipped community areas, the pavilion will serve a variety of groups for many years to come and is a tremendous addition to the exceptionally popular Hays Paddock precinct.

It is highly accessible, offering state-of-the-art features for hearing impaired community members and sporting groups, and rooms that are fully equipped to cater for disability needs.

The new \$2 million Hays Paddock pavilion features:

- an array of specific design elements to cater for hearing impaired community and sporting groups, including a deaf hearing loop device, curved cornices, skirting boards and special sound attenuation systems
- disability toilet and baby change facilities
- change rooms to cater for two sporting grounds
- multipurpose rooms that can be used by the wider community
- Exeloo public toilets next to the playground area, in addition to pavilion amenities that can be opened during peak periods.

The new pavilion houses a number of multipurpose rooms which can be booked by the community by phoning Council's Parks and Gardens team on 9278 4745.



Members of the Deepdene Uniting and Melbourne Deaf cricket clubs will benefit from the fabulous new Hays Paddock pavilion.

The current Hays Paddock tenants are Deepdene Uniting Cricket Club, Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club, Kew

Junior Cricket Club, Old Xaverians Soccer Club and Kew Deaf Soccer Club.

Childcare centre upgrade nears completion

Council has almost completed the upgrade of the Belford Oaks Community Childrens Centre and it's looking better than ever.

The improvements made over the past few months include:

- replacing the roof
- upgrading light fittings
- repainting the centre
- new floor coverings
- new accessible toilet
- upgrade of the kitchen and joinery.

The purpose-built, non-profit centre was established in 1988 and offers long day care for children aged six months to five years.

The Belford Oaks Community Childrens Centre is located at 3 Belford Road, Kew and can be contacted on 9859 7148.

Festivals celebrate diverse community

In February and March, scores of local residents gathered for two colourful community festivals in Balwyn North and Kew.



Kew Community Festival



North Balwyn Multicultural Festival



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Study group seeks public comment on Eastern Freeway rail route

The Doncaster Rail Study has released a report that recommends a rail alignment that follows the Eastern Freeway from the Doncaster Park-and-Ride to the existing Hurstbridge line and into the city.

As a result of capacity constraints, the report also suggests that the South Morang rail line receive its own dedicated corridor towards the city running through Fitzroy, connecting at Flagstaff Station.

Both of these potential rail lines are outlined in the Doncaster Rail Study

Phase One Draft Recommendations Report, which is now available at www.doncasterrailstudy.com.

This study has the potential to transform public transport use in northern Boroondara and can only be improved by more

people getting involved and voicing their opinion.

To read the report and watch a video that presents a visual of the potential rail route, visit www.doncasterrailstudy.com.

On the front foot with graffiti removal

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Graffiti destroys the appearance and character of properties and buildings around Bellevue Ward.
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Research suggests that to reduce any given amount of graffiti, a coordinated approach is required by all members of the community.

As part of the approach, the City of Boroondara removes graffiti from Council properties, usually within 24 hours of it being reported. It can also be removed after hours if required.

Council properties include:

- Council buildings
- public toilets
- parks and reserves
- street furniture such as litter bins and seats
- playground and equipment
- Council signs
- fire hydrants.

We also give residents the means to remove graffiti from private property through issuing up to four litres of free paint to cover graffiti on painted surfaces.

Once reported, Council officers will inspect the graffiti and issue residents with a signed letter that can be presented to the Dulux Australia Paint Store located at 95 Camberwell Road, Camberwell.

For non-painted surfaces, a free environmentally-friendly and biodegradable graffiti removal kit will be issued. Council officers will inspect the graffiti and issue residents with a signed letter that can be presented at the Boroondara Transfer Station in exchange for the kit.

To report graffiti in your area, phone the 24-hour Graffiti Hotline on 9278 4444.



Council works with residents to swiftly remove graffiti.

Interactive local cycling map now available



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Council has created a brand new interactive app to help cyclists navigate Boroondara's multiple shared paths.
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The Boroondara Recreational Cycling Map plots the four major shared paths that traverse the City – the Outer Circle/Anniversary Trail, Gardiners Creek Trail, Yarra Trail and Koonung Trail.

Bellevue Ward is blessed with exceptional links for cyclists. The Koonung and Yarra trails run along our northern boundary, while the Outer Circle/Anniversary Trail can be accessed to the ward's west. Each of these shared paths connect with Melbourne's vast network of bike trails.

The new map is GPS-enabled on iPhones and iPads, allowing riders to pinpoint their precise location. It also identifies important amenities, such as water fountains, public toilets, libraries and recreation centres.

For more information use your iPhone to scan the QR code above or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/where-to-ride.

Alternatively, contact Chris Hui, Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4515 or chris.hui@boroondara.vic.gov.au.



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