

# Bellevue Ward update

Councillor Jim Parke | December 2014



## Planning begins for North-East Community Hub

Initial concept plans for the exciting new North-East Community Hub are currently being developed and will be presented to the community for feedback next year.

This feedback will inform the detailed design stage for the project.

The project, which is due for completion in mid-2018, has been made possible by the North Balwyn RSL's generous decision to negotiate a long-term lease with Council for its site at 2 Centre Way, Balwyn North.

The RSL building and the adjacent Greythorn Early Childhood Centre will be demolished and consolidated with the vacant site on the corner of Trentwood Avenue and Centre Way to form the site for the community hub.

Council has been working closely with organisations that will offer community services and programs in the new hub.

Community ambassadors, many of whom represent local community organisations, have volunteered to

provide information to local residents. They will encourage residents to become involved in the community consultation process and have their say on how the hub should be developed.

The North Balwyn RSL and an enlarged Greythorn Early Childhood Centre along with the Greythorn Maternal and Child Health Centre will be located in the hub.

In addition to early years and children's services, health and counselling may also be offered in the new hub.

There will be a library lounge where books can be collected and dropped off, community information and newspapers and magazines will be available, and library programs such as children's story telling will be offered.

A range of programs and activities for different age groups including younger people is planned, and there will be community meeting spaces for hire.

The hub will also feature a park with a war memorial and playground, and underground car parking.

A community day onsite on 21 February next year will inform residents about the services, activities and programs that may be provided in the hub. Details will be available at the Council's website in January.

For more information about the North East Community Hub project, and to register for project updates, visit [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/ne-hub](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/ne-hub) or phone Fiona Brown, Senior Policy and Project Officer on 9278 4476.

## Volunteer at the Kew Community Festival

The 2015 Kew Community Festival, themed "Raise the Rhythm" will take place between Friday 6 and Sunday 22 March.

The organising committee is looking for volunteers to assist at all kinds of fun events at the festival, with tasks including assistance with staging, marshalling, administration, communication, traffic and event management and more.

If you would like to volunteer and help make the 2015 festival an outstanding success, submit an application to:

- By post: Kew Community Festival Inc., PO Box 715, Kew, 3101
- Email: [info@kewfestival.org](mailto:info@kewfestival.org).
- Website: complete an application form at [www.kewfestival.org](http://www.kewfestival.org).

Kew Community Festival is a highly-anticipated two-week celebration when the local community comes together to celebrate all things Kew.

For the second year, the Wings of Change Dance Parade will be held on Saturday 21 March 2015, as part of Kewcommunity Day. This exciting day will

culminate with an evening concert and fireworks in Victoria Park.

Other confirmed events include a Choral Concert at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday 13 March and the Boroondara Symphonic Band at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Sunday 15 March.

Stay tuned to the Kew Festival website to read the entire two-week program when it is released in late January.

For more information, phone 9853 9576 or visit the website.



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Dear neighbour,

Last month councillors re-elected Cr Coral Ross to a second consecutive term as Mayor of the City of Boroondara for the next 12 months. My colleagues elected me as Chair of the Urban Planning Special Committee and re-elected me to serve on the Audit Committee, among other roles. Cr Steve Hurd was elected as Chair of the Services Special Committee.

November also saw the election of a new Victorian Government. My congratulations and best wishes go to our new Premier, the Honourable Daniel Andrews MP and his team. I also take the opportunity to congratulate Mr Tim Smith MP on his election as the Member for Kew and Mr John Pesutto MP on his election as the Member for Hawthorn. I've already had discussions with both new members and look forward to working closely with them to advance the interests of the Boroondara community.

The election also marked the retirement of the former Member for Hawthorn and former Premier, the Honourable Ted Baillieu. The contribution made by Mr Baillieu to the City of Boroondara and to the State of Victoria, was very significant. His integrity, commitment, considered approach and sense of humour will be missed.

Former Member for Kew, the Honourable Andrew McIntosh also retired at the election.

In August, following meetings with traders, Mr McIntosh raised in parliament trader and community concerns about the need for a 40 km/hr zone on Doncaster Road at the Greythorn Shopping Centre.

The issue remains of pressing concern and it is to be hoped that new Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Honourable Luke Donnellan MP will move swiftly to address the problem.

This month we've seen some magnificent local Carols by Candlelight events. Council's continuing investment in Christmas decorations has helped promote the festive season. I extend my best wishes to you for a joyous and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

Cr Jim Parke

## Three times a Mayor for Cr Ross

Councillor Coral Ross has been re-elected Mayor of Boroondara for 2014–15, her second consecutive term at the helm.

She was elected by her fellow Councillors at a meeting of Council in early November.

At the same meeting, Councillor Jim Parke of Bellevue Ward was appointed Chair of the Urban Planning Special Committee for 2014–15 and Councillor Steve Hurd of Glenferrie Ward was appointed to chair the Services Special Committee.

The 2014–15 term will be Cr Ross's third stint as Mayor, following 2013–14 and her first term in 2007–08.

"It's a privilege and an honour to be the Mayor of the City of Boroondara and I thank my fellow councillors for their confidence and trust in electing me for the forthcoming year," Cr Ross said.

"As Mayor I am no more than a figurehead; it is the Council making decisions, not me. I may have particular interests, which will be taken into



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consideration with the interests and views of my nine colleagues on Council."

On being appointed to chair the Urban Planning Special Committee, Cr Parke acknowledged the great work done by outgoing chair, Cr Phillip Healey of Studley Ward.

"I look forward to the added challenges offered by the role and thank my colleagues for the opportunity," Cr Parke said.

"Planning issues are of very great interest to the entire Boroondara community.

"Councillors take very seriously their role to preserve the elements of our city that make it so special."

## Christmas holiday waste collection

Waste collections scheduled for Christmas Day (Thursday 25 December) and New Year's Day (Thursday 1 January) will instead take place on Saturday 27 December and Saturday 3 January 2015.

This is due to the closure of the Boroondara Waste and Recycling Centre during the public holidays and collections will return to normal on Monday 5 January 2015.

A letter has been sent to residents affected by the changes.



# Decorations evoke the spirit of Christmas

Visitors to local shopping strips this Christmas have been able to enjoy a personalised and relaxed shopping experience, and have kept our trading strips humming by supporting the local business community.

In Bellevue ward, Christmas decorations have been installed at shopping strips including those in Greythorn and at North Balwyn Village. While Christmas decorations have been installed across the City of Boroondara, the centrepiece of this year's display has been installed in front of Camberwell Library. The striking book installation, entitled *Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Boroondara Christmas Tale*, celebrates a local Christmas story. It reflects the sense of feverish excitement, enthusiasm and anticipation that thousands of children across our City feel in the lead up to Christmas Day. Christmas is an exciting and highly-cherished time of year for people of all

ages, and Council is helping residents get into the spirit with decorations at all corners of Boroondara. Complementing the striking centrepiece on the promenade in front of Camberwell Library are decorations at our beloved strip shopping centres, and poinsettia garlands festooning historic buildings in Camberwell, Kew and Hawthorn. *Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Boroondara Christmas Tale* is an internally illuminated installation that will be in place until the middle of January. Across the City, 54 shopping strips have been decorated with spiral "pole" trees, Christmas-patterned tree and bin guards, and pavement graphics.



# The best noticeboard for Greythorn

The world of digital media is constantly changing and offers some exciting possibilities for the local area.

The Greythorn Traders Association has embraced the idea of a digital noticeboard at the Greythorn shopping strip and is further exploring a number of creative uses for this new communication channel.

A steering group was formed earlier this year to investigate the feasibility of a digital noticeboard at the popular shopping strip.

Initial plans were to have a noticeboard in place in November but issues around property ownership, power supply and an appropriate governance structure for the management of this new resource need to be decided first.

The steering group and local traders have agreed to take some more time to explore the possibilities and resolve these issues so that the best model is developed to meet local community needs.

It is expected that the new noticeboard will be installed next year.

# Cr Parke appointed to Adult Parole Board

Bellevue Ward Councillor Jim Parke, a lawyer by profession, has been appointed to Victoria's Adult Parole Board.

Cr Parke is one of 12 new community members appointed to the board as part of sweeping reforms recommended in a review by former High Court Justice Ian Callinan AC in 2013.

Former Minister for Corrections, Edward O'Donoghue, said that the new appointees came from different walks of life and would bring diverse experiences and expertise to the reformed board.



Boroondara Sports Complex is undergoing a \$13.3 million renewal.

## Boroondara Sports Complex design finalised

Following community consultation, the plans for the Boroondara Sports Complex (BSC) have now been finalised.

Key features of the new centre will include new fitness gym and program rooms, an additional basketball/netball court, a crèche, dedicated gymnastics space, general amenity improvements including change rooms and car park improvements.

During construction, it is anticipated that the BSC will remain open, however as with other major projects of this nature there may be some temporary interruption to services during works to ensure the safety of patrons.

Council and the YMCA will liaise with BSC users and the community as the project evolves, and information will be made available on both the Council and YMCA Boroondara Sports Complex websites during the construction period.

Work has already commenced on a new southern car park for the complex. Construction on the Boroondara Sports Complex proper is expected to begin in early 2015.

For more information and to register for project updates, visit [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/major-projects](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/major-projects).

## Construction commences at Greythorn Park Tennis Club

Work has started on the renewal of the Greythorn Park Tennis Club pavilion.

The new pavilion has been designed to provide a quality facility not only for the Greythorn Park Tennis Club but also for other groups within the community.

The new facility includes a social space, kitchen, changing facilities, disabled toilets and court viewing.

It also provides for improved access into Greythorn Park, which surrounds the tennis club.

The final design responds to feedback received at community consultation sessions held earlier this year where community members were asked to comment on draft concept plans.

Work on the new pavilion is expected to be complete in June next year.

Powerful thoughts...

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

Alexander Smith