

Bellevue Ward update

Councillor Jim Parke | June 2015



Record turnout at Dawn Service

The Dawn Service at North Balwyn RSL on Anzac Day was a very memorable occasion, with more than 1,000 attending to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country in armed conflict.

Given this year's event was marking the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, it was a particularly special Dawn Service.

It was great to see a record number of people at the moving service, with the crowd including Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Coral Ross, Maranoa Ward Councillor Philip Mallis, the Federal Member for Kooyong and Assistant

Treasurer, Josh Frydenberg and State Member for Kew, Tim Smith.

Congratulations to the North Balwyn RSL for putting on such a fitting tribute to the ANZACs. The contribution of the North Balwyn RSL President, Graham Foard, and Secretary, Gwenda Foard was especially significant, with both putting in a magnificent effort to coordinate the event.



From left to right: Graham Foard, Col Hamley, Cr Jim Parke and Gwenda Foard.

Have your say on North East Community Hub concept plan

The draft plan for the North East Community Hub has been developed and we would like the community to tell us what you think.

Commencing this month, there will be a number of opportunities for residents to view the draft plan, learn more about this exciting project, and make comments.

The Community Hub will provide a range of services and programs for all age groups in this part of the City.

The following information sessions will take place in mid to late June:

- 9.30am to 11.30am, Friday 19 June at Greythorn Shopping Centre (near the arcade)
- 11am to 1pm, Saturday 20 June at the North Balwyn RSL, 2 Centre Way, Balwyn North

- 1pm to 3pm, Wednesday 24 June at Greythorn Maternal and Child Health Centre.

Council staff and the architects will be available to answer questions at each of these consultation sessions. Your feedback will help Council refine the draft plan.

The plan will also be available online, and there will be online and hard copy surveys.

The North Balwyn RSL has made this project possible by allowing Council to use its site for the hub.

The plans involve demolishing the RSL building, the Greythorn Early Childhood Centre and Maternal and

Child Health Centre, and using the vacant site on the corner of Trentwood Avenue and Centre Way.

The end result will be a new community facility with open space, a playground, a memorial and underground parking. The hub will have a strong link to the RSL's history at the site.

Council has committed \$17.3 million to the development of the North East Community Hub, and the planned opening is mid-2018.

More information on the project and the community consultation is available at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/north-east-community-hub or by phoning Fiona Brown, Senior Policy and Project Officer, on 9278 4476.



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New and improved community centre reopens

The Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre was officially reopened in late March following a \$1 million renovation.

The centre, in Derby Street Kew, provides a range of programs, activities and services, including health and wellbeing classes, an occasional care service and playgroups.

As part of the renovations, the centre's layout has been reconfigured, enabling a more functional arrangement of the class rooms, the administration area and the café's kitchen. Classrooms have been amalgamated to provide larger and more flexible spaces for programs that can meet the needs of a variety of groups.

The SpareChair Café has been completely refurbished, and the kitchen, which is now semi-commercial and able to produce a wide range of dishes, has been relocated from the back of the centre to the front, to be closer to the café.

A larger Men's Shed has been rebuilt and an outdoor sitting area created at

the rear of the centre. There has also been a general upgrade of lighting and plumbing fixtures throughout the centre, consistent with the City of Boroondara's environmental guidelines. These inclusions will reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

Residents are welcome to pop in to the neighbourhood centre and view the renovations, which have given the centre a much-needed facelift. Pick up a centre program and grab a coffee from the café while you are there!

The upgrade will see the Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre serving the local community for many years to come.

To find out more about the centre, including what classes and courses they offer, visit www.kewnlc.org.au or phone the centre on 9853 3126.

Liquor polling scrapped

The Victorian Government recently announced that residents will no longer have to vote on restaurant and cafe liquor licence applications in the dry area boundaries of Balwyn North, Balwyn, Canterbury, Camberwell, Glen Iris and Ashburton.

Council has lobbied successive Victorian governments for the change since 1999.

Thousands of dollars have been spent needlessly by successive governments and local café and restaurant owners to conduct these polls, which was an unnecessary expense considering no polls were refused in the past decade.

The rule had been in place for more than 90 years and will remove the burden of voting for residents and

remove the financial impost for small businesses.

The change will simplify the process of establishing a licensed café or restaurant, which could potentially generate further economic growth within Boroondara.

The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation and Victorian Electoral Commission will continue to poll affected dry areas for general (hotel and bar), on-premises and club liquor licence applications.

Have your say on green waste calendars



Council has traditionally provided residents with an annual printed green waste calendar that is distributed to all 70,000 residences within the City.

We are interested in the community's views on the ongoing need for a paper-based calendar versus the variety of online options that are now available.

The green waste calendar is also available via a pdf download from the City of Boroondara's website and you can also use the MyWaste app for android or iPhone. It provides regular updates tailored to your waste collection schedule.

To have your say, complete a survey at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-say or email your thoughts to Boroondara@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

Greythorn digital noticeboard update

The Greythorn Traders Association continues work on the development of a digital noticeboard.

A range of noticeboard models have been considered and assessed for suitability to meet the local needs.

The most important features include durability of the hardware and flexibility of the software. Traders will soon trial a selection of software options before making a choice about the best package.

Work is ongoing to address issues around power supply and governance structure for the management of the new digital noticeboard.