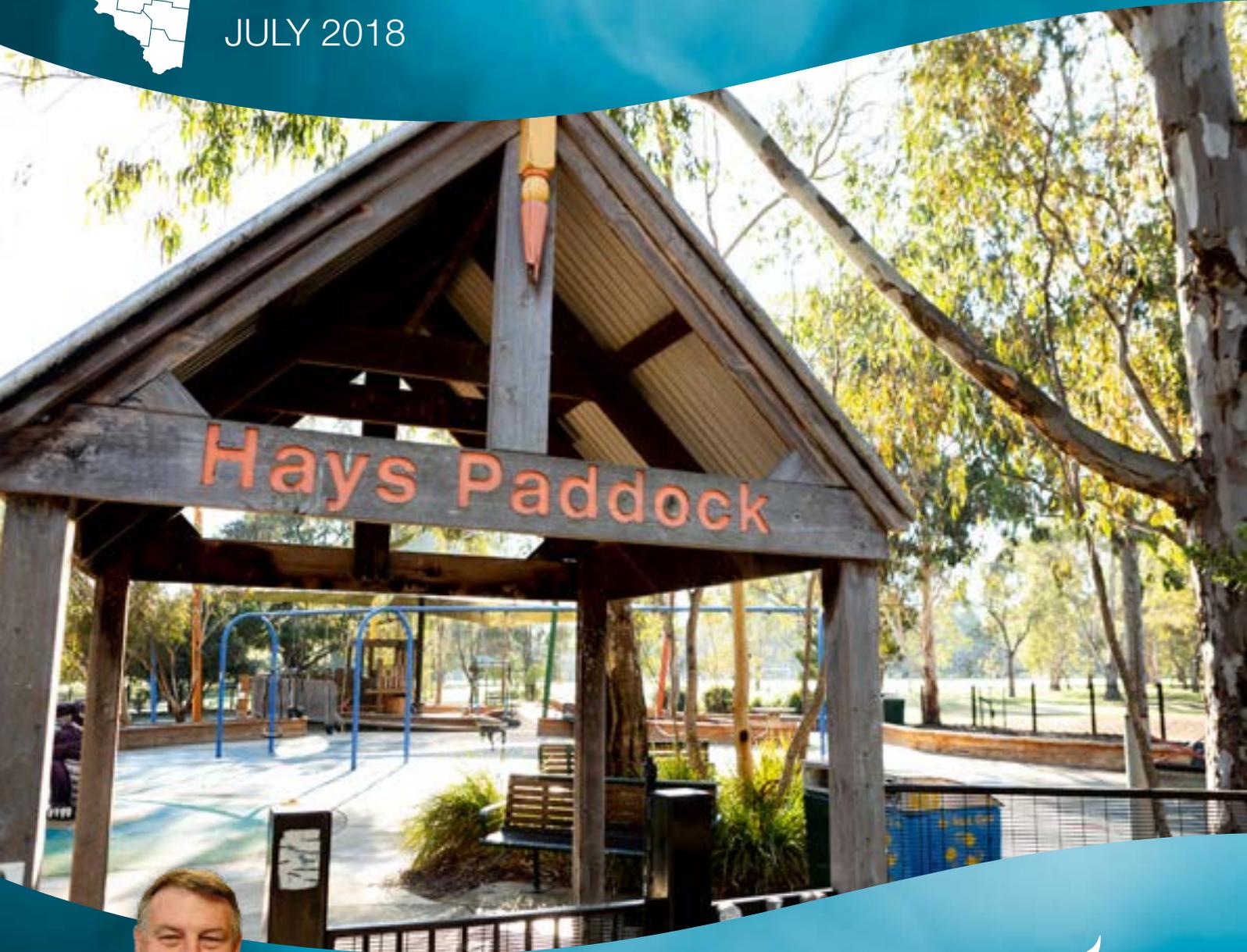




# Bellevue Ward

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## A message from Councillor Jim Parke

**The 2018-19 Budget has been adopted, with some exciting projects earmarked for the Bellevue ward.**

Council has committed \$58 million to the renewal of Kew Recreation Centre, to ensure this facility meets the needs of our community for many years to come.

We will be seeking community input in the coming months, so you can contribute your ideas and aspirations for the new centre. You can sign up for updates on the project at [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/new-kew-rec](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/new-kew-rec).

The newly completed Greythorn Community Hub will open this month, with a range of community services conveniently located in the one place. We would like to thank you for your support and patience throughout the construction process.

'Greythorn Community Hub' was selected as the official name for the Hub, as our local community strongly identifies with the name Greythorn, which dates back to the 1920s.

If you would like to know more about the services available, come along to the Community Open Day celebration on Saturday 1 September 2018 at 10am. There will be free entertainment, activities, music and fun to officially launch this exciting new facility.

In order to protect our precious trees in Boroondara, Council has been advocating for the Victorian Government to increase the maximum penalty for illegal tree removal from \$2000. You can report any suspect tree removals in your neighbourhood by calling Council on 9278 4888. This number is monitored both during business hours and after hours.

**Cr Jim Parke  
Mayor and Councillor for  
Bellevue Ward**

## Greythorn Community Hub

The much-anticipated Greythorn Community Hub at 2 Centre Way, Balwyn North is complete and open for business this month.

The hub is a convenient destination where local residents can access much-needed community services, programs and activities including Trentwood at the Hub; a new neighbourhood house for Balwyn North. Multi-purpose meeting spaces and a function room are also available for community access. Council has invested \$17.2 million in creating this space for the community to address a longstanding gap in service provision in this part of the municipality.

Be sure to check out the services on offer including:

- North Balwyn RSL and the memorabilia collection
- Greythorn Maternal and Child Health Centre
- Greythorn Early Childhood Centre and Kindergarten, and a new occasional care service
- Community support and wellbeing services
- Greythorn Library Lounge for book pick-ups and drop-offs, access to computers, WiFi, community information and library programs.

The brand new open space at the corner of Trentwood Avenue and Centre Way has been landscaped with Australian indigenous flora and is a great place to read a book, practise tai chi, or relax with family and friends. Log in to the library's WiFi and study outdoors, or pick up some take away from the nearby shops for an easy picnic.

Parking is available on site for cars and bikes, and the hub is a short walk from the bus stop on routes 207, 285 and 966.



## Improvements at Greythorn Shopping Centre

**As part of Council's 2018-19 Budget delivery, Council has allocated \$1.77 million for shopping centre improvements across Boroondara. Included is the Greythorn Shopping Centre, where we plan to create safe, functional and pedestrian-friendly environments.**

The improvement works will showcase the character of Greythorn by using attractive and appropriate signage, materials, furniture and plants.

The first component of these works was recently completed with the installation of a mural by Melbourne artist James Voller on the side of the toilet at Centre Way. The mural celebrates suburban architecture and is inspired by the many cream brick mid-century villas found throughout Balwyn North.

Other planned works include modifying the angled parking along Doncaster Road to improve access and enable widening of the adjacent footpath, as well as the creation of raised pedestrian crossings at side streets to increase safety.

During the consultation phase of the project, the community raised concerns about the speed limit on Greythorn Road. We will continue to advocate to VicRoads to lower the speed limit to 40km per hour.

We are also encouraging residents to advocate for this reduced speed limit by contacting VicRoads Regional Director Metro South East, Mr Aidan McGann at **MSE\_Transport.SafeRoadUser@roads.vic.gov.au**



For more information, visit [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/improving-streetscapes](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/improving-streetscapes) or call 9278 4060

## North East Link update

Following the announcement of the Victorian Government's preferred corridor option in November 2017, the North East Link Authority (NELA) has been focusing on design work and preparing for the Environment Effects Statement (EES). In April 2018, NELA released project designs for public feedback and hosted a series of information sessions for the community.

NELA requested access to several Boroondara sites to undertake testing for the EES. Following extensive discussion, we have permitted access to our land for testing, surveying and investigation purposes. All other councils directly impacted by the North East Link project have provided access to NELA.

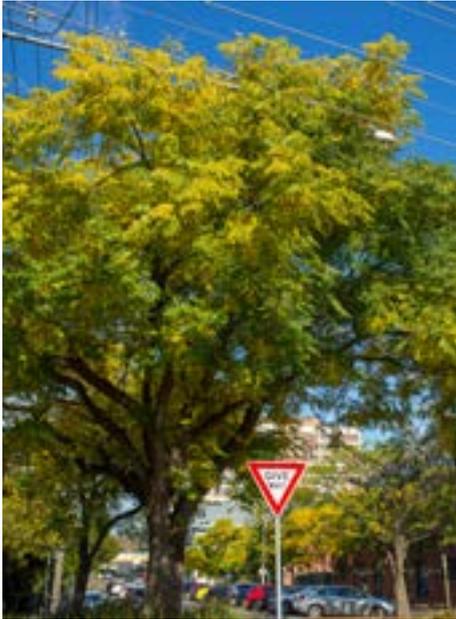
In order to access our land, NELA must abide by a series of conditions, including sharing all information collected with Council, providing notice to nearby properties and reinstatement of any and all damage to Council assets to our satisfaction and at their cost.

Providing access in this way ensures Council retains operational control of our sites and facilities when the testing and surveying is undertaken. The information collected will allow for a full and proper assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on Boroondara.

NELA will use the information gathered from our land in the development of their EES. The completed EES is expected to be put on public exhibition for review by the community in early 2019.

In January 2018, NELA referred the project to the Federal Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE) for assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* (EPBC). A delegate for the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, determined the project would likely have an impact on matters of national environmental significance and a public environment report (PER) was required under the EPBC to assess the impacts. NELA is responsible for preparing the PER and the DoEE is responsible for managing the PER process.

We continue to strongly oppose Corridor Option A and support our community in their opposition to this option.



## Tree life in Boroondara

Boroondara's stunning leafy streets and parks are central to our City's character. As part of our commitment to protecting trees, we recently adopted a 10-year Tree Strategy. Informed by feedback from our community, the strategy will ensure all decisions we make regarding trees in public spaces preserve our City's liveability, while creating a sustainable urban forest for current and future generations.

Stay tuned for more updates as we roll out our Tree Strategy Action Plan.

More information:  
[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/tree-strategy](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/tree-strategy)

## New Kew Recreation Centre confirmed

**Kew Recreation Centre is set to undergo a major transformation, with funding set aside in the 2018-19 Budget to commence planning for a new, contemporary facility.**

The centre is the oldest aquatic facility in Boroondara. It is in poor condition and no longer meets community needs in terms of quality, functionality and the range and/or size of facilities provided. The centre will be rebuilt to meet the needs of the community now and into the future, and will deliver modern fitness and aquatic facilities.

Council is investing \$58 million to the rebuild, which will feature dedicated learn-to-swim and warm-water pools,

a child-friendly indoor aqua play area, a café, indoor sports courts, a new open space area, an enlarged gym and underground parking.

We will be working closely with the community throughout this project.

For more information and to have your say, please visit  
[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/new-kew-rec](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/new-kew-rec)

More women are taking part in traditionally male-dominated sports in Boroondara.



## Supporting women's sport

A number of pavilions at Boroondara sports grounds will be updated to include female-friendly change rooms and facilities, making it easier for women to participate in what have traditionally been male-dominated sports. For this, we have committed a total of \$9.3 million over four years, with \$300,000 in 2018-19 for planning and design.

With female football, soccer and cricket teams becoming increasingly popular across Boroondara, this is a timely initiative and aligns with our commitment to supporting a vibrant and inclusive community.

More information:  
[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/budget-initiatives](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/budget-initiatives)



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