



GLENFERRIE PLACE PLAN
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100 YEARS OF ROTARY AUSTRALIA

More Time for the Great Outdoors

Lockdown 6.0 saw a major increase in visitors to Boroondara's open spaces, parks, and trails. Restrictions forced many of us to reconnect with our nearby outdoor surroundings, and engage in outdoor recreational activities in a new way.

In anticipation of increased foot traffic during lockdown, Boroondara council encouraged residents to use the local trails within 5km for exercise instead of flocking to parks and ovals en masse. The two trails accessible to Glenferrie Hawthorn users are the Anniversary Trail and a section of the Main Yarra Trail. Council explained that their request was to ensure the upkeep and presentation of local parks and ovals, which were heavily used during previous lockdowns.

While many enjoyed opportunities for an invigorating walk on the trails and streets, others were challenged to find alternatives with sporting club activities and some park facilities closed temporarily.

To practice tennis, play basketball, utilise public fitness equipment or skate facilities, the only parks to offer some of these amenities within Glenferrie Hawthorn's 5km radius are; Anderson Park, Dean Avenue Reserve, Grace Park, H.A. Smith Reserve, and Junction Skate & BMX Park. In accordance with Victorian Government Health orders during lockdown 6.0, many of these park facilities (as well as playgrounds) were closed off for some period to discourage people from gathering. Due to these restrictions and limitations, Glenferrie Hawthorn residents took it upon themselves (DIY-style) to creatively use spaces for games and sport.

Children in the area could be spotted using empty carparks as bicycle circuits. Dirt jumps were built, bike tracks were carved out, and creative skateboard ramps constructed. Expansive brick walls in carparks became hit-up walls, and in one instance a tennis net was rigged up. Carless carparks were used as a place to meet and where there was a good vantage point, a scenic lookout.

Of those who had memberships to a Hawthorn sporting club, many kept connected through Zoom catch-ups. Some even participated in 'virtual' competitions. Hawthorn Cycling Club is one of the top teams from Australia's locked down cities to compete across various virtual race categories. The Swinburne Razorbacks (Swinburne Amateur Football Club), noticed the influx of people going for a kick at their home base in St James Park, and look forward to more women joining their club. In fact, many clubs anticipate an increase in membership enquiries after lockdown. Chris Webster, Swinburne Razorbacks secretary, noted that "since missing out



BIKE RIDING AND SCOOTERING AT LOCAL CARPARK

on sport in 2020, people are more keen than ever to participate". Amy Thompson, Hawthorn Cycling Club secretary, noted the huge increase in people riding their bikes, commenting that it is "great to see more people experience the joy of being on a bike". Amy also described the trend of "burbing" that became popular during lockdown; an attempt to ride all the streets of a suburb in a single trip. It's a "great challenge" and made the most of the 5km radius limit from home.

Boroondara's open spaces make up 10.3% of the municipality, according to a 2017 Victorian Planning Authority report, just above the average of 9.3% across Victorian municipalities. However, as the long and tiring lockdown ends, does our recent experience suggest the need for an increase in local sporting facilities in these open spaces, such as; BMX tracks, mountain bike jumps, more hit-up walls, or a fixed public tennis net?

When contacted regarding the possibility of further

utilising open space, council emphasised the value of Boroondara's open spaces and parks, and the high standard of presentation and maintenance required by the Boroondara Open Space Strategy (BOSS). They admitted that the installation of new facilities and assets requires rigorous planning and "robust" community consultation, but the Glenferrie Placemaking Project is looking into opportunities to repurpose some shared spaces. Council said that they had "received significant community feedback, both in support of and strongly against DIY facilities" that popped up over lockdown.

Post-lockdown, Hawthorn clubs and facilities will welcome back existing members as well as many new and diverse members and users. Our relationship with the outdoors evolved through lockdowns and it is clear that the public treasured being outside and utilising Boroondara's open spaces and parks as a place to go, get out of the house, be active, and reflect. ■



TABLE TENNIS AT SWINBURN UNIVERSITY



SHOOTING HOOPS AT GRACE PARK



HIT-UP WALL IN GRACE PARK

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Glenferrie Place Plan

Two years since the Glenferrie Placemaking Project first began, the ‘Place Plan’, originally scheduled for release in March 2021, was finally released on 25 October.

The ‘Place Plan’ comes after the ‘Place Vision’ (released in August 2020) and aims to outline specific projects and initiatives that will help achieve the vision and revitalisation of Glenferrie Hawthorn. The next and final stage will be ‘Transforming Space’, making the plans a reality.

The ‘Place Plan’ is a long-term plan with nine proposed initiatives based on principles that emerged from the ‘Place Vision’. The nine proposed initiatives have been grouped for completion in the short term (1-3 years), medium term (4-10 years), long term (10+ years), or ongoing. The three short term initiatives are; ‘retail vibrancy’, ‘station laneways’, and ‘Glenferrie mews’. The ‘Glenferrie mews’ initiative includes the construction of a carpark, which was slated by the federal government in the 2019 Urban Congestion Fund.

Of the remaining initiatives, ‘sports and recreation’, which includes the restoration of the Michael Tuck Stand, will take place over the short to medium term. The ‘Glenferrie streetscape’ will be completed in the medium term and ‘cultural quarter’ will take place over the medium to long term. The ‘sustainable access’, ‘creative community’, and ‘innovation spine’ initiatives will be ongoing projects.

The overall budget for the Glenferrie Road Placemaking Project, introduced in 2019-20, is a total of \$2.6 million. There is currently no mention of a budget for the implementation of the major projects from the ‘Place Plan’.

This year, as a part of ‘creative community’, the Placemaking Project has implemented a mural in the Glenferrie Place laneway as well as ‘yarn bombing’ on Glenferrie Road where a number of benches, bike racks, and poles were covered in yarn. Council has



YARN BOMBING OUTSIDE HAWTHORN ARTS CENTRE

explained that the Placemaking team have a number of other events and projects planned before the end of the year including “paste-ups, a ground mural on Railway Arcade, and a post-lockdown event ‘Christmas Magic on Glenferrie’”.

To view the ‘Place Plan’ and provide community feedback by 6 December 2021, visit engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/glenferrie-placemaking ■

Petitioning for Change

Organising a petition to submit to the City of Boroondara can be an effective way for council to hear from the community, as well as facilitate local change.

A petition is a collection of signatures supporting a formal request for a particular cause made to a regulatory body or authority. There are a number of guidelines to create a petition for the City of Boroondara. The petition must be; typed or written legibly in ink, relate to matters in council’s control or can be advocated by council to other levels of government, include name, address and signature of all signatories, and outline the request and expected action. Council offers a petition template or alternative resources like change.org provide online petitions to be completely accessed and signed online. Final petitions can then be submitted to council via email, mail, fax, or in person.

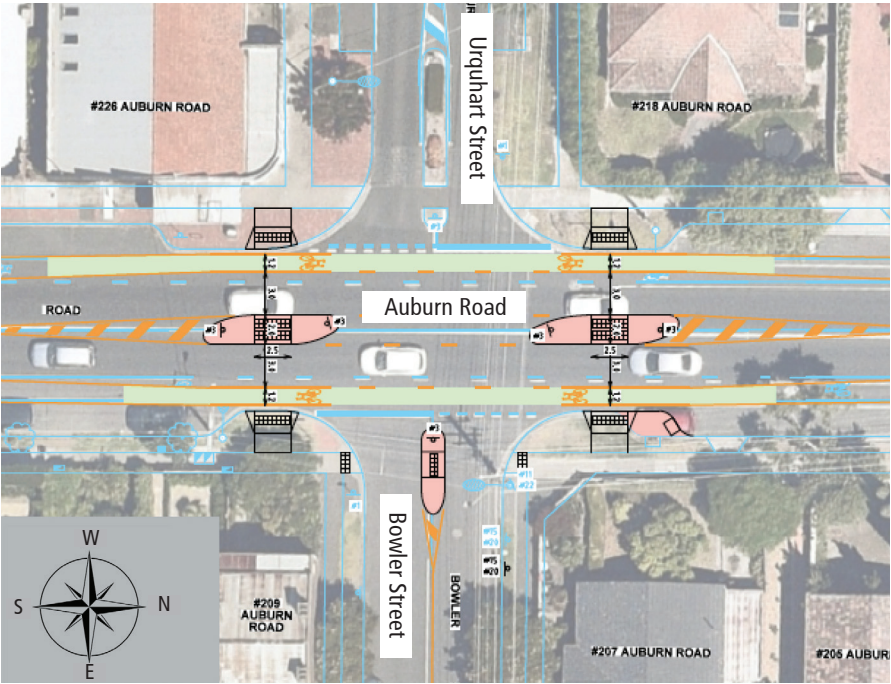
This year, as of October 2021, 17 petitions have been presented at council meetings. Ranging from heritage protection to safer public spaces, most petitions were initiated from local concerns or observations.

Riversdale local, Kirsten Paulsen petitioned for “safer opportunities for pedestrians crossing in Auburn Road, specifically the intersection of Auburn Road and Bowler/Urquhart Street” after realising she “wasn’t

the only person who felt safety could be improved here”. Glenferrie local, Emily Lile petitioned for “safer pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Glenferrie Road and Oxley/Manningtree Road” due to safety concerns for her children, who attend the nearby **Glenferrie Primary School**. Emily was inspired by hearing about another local petition and starting one online through change.org “made the process quite easy”.

Spreading the word is the most important element to ensure a high number of signatures. Emily notes that a “QR code makes it really easy now [that] everyone knows how to use one”, being the same technology used for Service Victoria’s COVID check-ins. For Kirsten’s petition, she displayed posters around the Auburn Road and Bowler/Urquhart Street area with QR codes that linked to the change.org petition as well as having “500 flyers printed and personally dropped ... into mailboxes in the area”.

Simon Gannon on the other hand had his petition to ‘Save Rocket Park’ picked up by major state news networks, spreading the word outside of the local area. The ‘Save Rocket Park’ petition from February 2021, called for council to keep the historical rocket located at Central Gardens after a playground upgrade called for its removal. After a huge campaign, reaching out to news outlets and local representatives, the petition was presented to council in March with over 11,000 signatures. By June, council announced the rocket would remain.



CONCEPT DESIGN FOR REFUGE ISLAND ON AUBURN ROAD
SOURCE: CITY OF BOROONDARA



EMILY AT THE GLENFERRIE AND MANNINGTREE ROAD INTERSECTION



SAVE THE ROCKET AT CENTRAL GARDENS

100 Years of Rotary Australia

2021 marks the 100 year anniversary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. It was in 1921 that the first rotary clubs were started in Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, and Wellington.

Rotary International was founded in Chicago in 1905 as “a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships”. The name rotary came from the club's early days when the procedure was to rotate meeting places among the offices of each member. Rotary has now grown to a global network, based in over 200 countries with up to 1.2 million Rotarians throughout 36,000 Rotary Clubs. Rotarians today “take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”. City of Boroondara is home to seven clubs including our very own Hawthorn Rotary Club and Glenferrie Rotary Club.

Hawthorn Rotary Club was founded in 1953 and sponsored the creation of three local clubs; Camberwell, Kew, and Glenferrie. In the early years, Hawthorn Rotary mentored the other clubs and its office bearers. Richard Blakeman, Communications & Public Image for Glenferrie Rotary, explains that “the clubs are now fully self-sufficient, with separate boards, but there is still a special closeness with Hawthorn”.

Glenferrie Rotary Club was granted a charter in October 1975 and the first meeting was held at Hawthorn Town Hall (now **Hawthorn Arts Centre**). Over the 46 years of Glenferrie Rotary, the club has met at various venues, some of which are the Hawthorn Football Club Social Club, the former Manresa Function Centre (now **Billy Lids**), and since 2010 the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. When not in lockdowns, both the Glenferrie and Hawthorn clubs hold their meetings on Tuesdays at the tennis club, Hawthorn meets at lunchtime and Glenferrie in the evenings. Preferred meeting time is often a deciding factor as to which club to join.

Richard explains, “the [Glenferrie] club is thriving. It currently has 43 active members and nine honorary members. Last year it inducted six new members and currently has 22 prospective new members on its



ROTARIANS TIM AND MIFFY AT THE BOROONDARA FARMERS MARKET

list”. There is no geographic limit on membership, many live and work in the surrounding suburbs but oftentimes joined whilst living in the area and have retained their membership despite relocating. Rotary members range in age and background, “diversity is a key objective”, mainly looking for “people of good character who have initiative and who want to make a positive contribution to the community”. The club encourages those interested to attend at least three meetings to see if Rotary and in particular the Glenferrie Club is the right fit. Anyone can attend a meeting by invitation of a member or by contacting the club. A typical meeting will feature a guest speaker on a topic of interest to Rotarians, the local area, or general subjects, and members must attend at least 50% of meetings held.

Although Glenferrie and Hawthorn clubs collaborate on many projects, the main difference between the

atmosphere at each club is the projects that they engage in. Over the 46 years of Glenferrie Rotary, the club has implemented and been a part of many community service projects on a local, state, national and international level. Ongoing projects include Sumba Eye Program, CHANCES Scholarship Program, and the Boroondara Farmers’ Market which is the club's major fundraiser held on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month.

On 21 November 2021, in celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia, Glenferrie Rotary in association with the clubs of Camberwell, Canterbury, and Hawthorn will host a Family Fun Day at Yarra Bank Reserve (44 Creswick Street, Hawthorn). The free event will include live music, face painting, a sausage sizzle, and the opening of an interactive playground and sculpture, a “gift to the community from Rotary to mark the 100th anniversary”.■

Boroondara’s Reconciliation Strategy

In the Boroondara Bulletin - July/August 2021, council announced that it was “time for a reconciliation strategy”. The four-year reconciliation strategy will strengthen relationships and connections with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) peoples, and formalise Boroondara’s commitment to reconciliation.

Reconciliation Australia explains that “reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance; race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity and unity”. They provide framework and materials for organisations in their development of reconciliation action plans (RAP) which the City of Boroondara refers to as a reconciliation strategy. There is a fee for using RAP resources, which is scaled according to organisation size. Reconciliation Australia describes that each phase of an action plan intends to “close the gap” by promoting and supporting the equity, equality, and health of ATSI’s.



AUNTY DOT PETERS AM FLOWERING GRASSLANDS AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY (NEAR WAKEFILED STREET ENTRANCE)

Another essential part of an action plan is educating the public on the history of Australia’s Indigenous people and eradicating outdated, racist attitudes. Reconciliation Australia offers the free learning resource, Narrangunnawali, to assist schools and early learning centres in developing RAPs and provide material for their curriculum development. So far 300+ schools and early learning centres in Victoria have developed RAPs, seven of which are in Boroondara.

Boroondara council explained that this is their “second formal response to reconciliation”. To develop the reconciliation strategy they are working closely with key ATSI stakeholders; those who have a personal, professional and community interest in the project. One such stakeholder is local artist Rev Glenn Loughrey of St Oswald’s Anglican Church in Glen Iris, who confirms that the council is working closely with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people (the traditional owners of Boroondara) and other ATSI peoples.

Community consultation to inform the Boroondara Reconciliation Strategy closed on 31 July 2021. Still in its early stages, the basic framework and processes are currently being agreed upon by all stakeholders, before key discussions regarding what will be included in the strategy will take place. Council has not provided any comment on exactly what the strategy will include. The draft Boroondara Reconciliation Strategy will be presented for public comment in November 2021, with the anticipation that it will be ready for adoption in early 2022. ■

Glenferrie Traders Association 2021 AGM

On Monday 18 October, the Glenferrie Traders Association (GTA) held their 2020/21 Annual General Meeting (AGM) via Zoom.

The GTA receives funding from the City of Boroondara through a special rate and charge scheme for marketing and business development. The scheme is paid by at least 600 levied commercial properties on Glenferrie Road and Burwood Road through the annual council rates and collects a total of approximately \$200,000.00 per annum.

The GTA, through the engagement of a marketing coordinator, organise the Glenferrie Festival, Park Street Market, and first initiated the planter boxes along Glenferrie Road. The new management committee for 2021/22 are:

President - Wendy Fantasia (**Jetts Fitness**)
Vice President - Neville Lee (**Kiora Skin Clinic & Spa**)
Treasurer - Marc Brown (**Osteria 20**)
Secretary - Sam Aldemir (**El Churro Cafe**)

General Committee Members: Bruno (**Glenferrie Shoe Repairs**), Gary (**Bay City Burrito**), Kim (**The Painted Pony**), Leon (**The Leaf Store**), Lisa (**Gentle Dental**), Lucas (**Mind Games**), Machaela (**F45**), Matthew Phillips (**Grill'd**), Montserrat (**Motticella P/L**), Nick (**First Product**), Olga (**99 Pancakes**), Steph (**Boost Juice**), and Tracy (**Callipso One**). ■

Rescheduled Glenferrie Ward Meeting

Glenferrie Ward's Cr Wes Gault has invited the community to his first Glenferrie Ward Meeting since being elected. Rescheduled from October due to lockdown.

All are welcome, no RSVP necessary. There will be opportunities for questions and answers throughout and at the end of the meeting.

**25 November, 5:00 - 6:30pm
 @ Zelman Room
 Hawthorn Arts Centre
 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn**

Cr Wes Gault will provide updates on:

- Climate Action Plan
- Glenferrie Placemaking including the proposed revitalisation of Glenferrie Road shopping precinct and associated parking
- Glenferrie Oval including progress with plans for the Tuck and Ferguson stands and progress towards the Grace Park Masterplan
- Upgraded playgrounds at Central Gardens including updated rocket details, Yarra Bank Reserve and Pridmore Park

TRADER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Christine Harding
Hargan Psychology
Level 1/838 Glenferrie Road,
Hawthorn



To become the best psychologist she could be, Christine Harding has not just applied what she read “out of a book.” She has also drawn from her own life experiences; being married, divorced, having three children, and seeing her own therapists. For her, these are the things that “define you and your practice”.

Growing up in Mooroolbark, Christine experienced many of her own struggles as a teenager and young adult. Despite leaving school early, Christine returned to study as a mature age student and enrolled in Human Movement at Victoria University, South Melbourne. After completing these studies in 2002, she worked for many years with jockeys at Racing Victoria and was also employed as a personal trainer at Crown Towers.

Eventually, Christine began to reflect inward and question who she was and what she wanted to do. She had always been fascinated with people and

their life journeys, so in 2008 she began a Bachelor of Social Science at **Swinburne University**, with the goal of becoming a registered psychologist. She went on to complete a postgraduate at the University of Ballarat and finally a Masters of Professional Psychology at Australian Catholic University. By 2012, she was provisionally registered. During and post-study, Christine worked at Careconnect in the disability sector, had a short term role at Odyssey House, and completed an internship at Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre. Once fully registered, she contracted at Launch Housing and conducted youth justice outreach.

When she was attending Swinburne University, Christine loved the Glenferrie Hawthorn shops and atmosphere. When an office on Glenferrie Road became available in 2019, she jumped at the chance to return to the area and founded Hargan Psychology’s “forever home”. ‘Hargan’ comes from combining the last names of her and her partner, Michael, who contributes to the maintenance of the practice.

At Hargan Psychology, Christine has worked to create a welcoming and comfortable environment. She hopes that clients feel like they are “sitting on a couch in someone’s lounge room”, instead of “going to the dentist”. Christine opened Hargan Psychology to put into action her belief that “it takes a village to raise a child”. She saw the need for a more collaborative practice, and is hoping to bring onboard more psychologists with varying specialities.

Clients are referred or find Hargan Psychology via word-of-mouth. Christine is anticipating an increase in education and cognitive assessments in the new

year due to the gaps in learning from Melbourne’s lockdowns. The practice also facilitates group programs, including B.E.S.T kids, and offers therapy for a range of relationship dynamics and people of all ages.

Hargan Psychology’s philosophy is ‘encouraging clients to LIVE their BEST life’, and Christine’s favourite part of her job are the ‘client gains’. These gains are especially rewarding when her young clients begin to feel hope for the future and make positive changes in their life trajectory. She not only aims to foster a supportive space for her clients, but her psychologists as well. She encourages the psychologists at the practice to choose their hours and have their own perfect work life balance.

Christine and her partner live in Essendon and she enjoys the commute to Hawthorn during which she catches up on podcasts. Her other passions are reading and cooking and she has a “small but interesting cottage garden at home”. Christine is thankful there are “so many constants” in Glenferrie and ever since her university days has enjoyed getting a baguette and chatting to Chris at **Continental Deli**. If not there, she has lunch from **Marci**, coffee from **Four Kilo Fish**, dinner at **Lulo**, **Vaporetto**, or **Osteria 20**, and has her dry cleaning done at **Tom McDo Dry Cleaners**.

Christine appreciates the diverse background of her clients and believes it is important to break down barriers between people. She encourages people to be mindful that we are all out in the world together and we each face our own challenges. Christine expresses that before being a psychologist, before being anything, “I am human”. ■



CUSTOMER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ron Courtney



Ron Courtney has lived in Hawthorn for 50 years. In this time, he has seen many changes in the Glenferrie Hawthorn shopping precinct. Even so, he still enjoys the many resources that the area has to offer.

Ron grew up in East Camberwell and attended Kilmora Primary School in Hawthorn (now Erasmus

Primary School) before transferring to St Kevin’s College in Toorak where he completed primary and secondary school. After graduating, Ron was employed as a public servant in the Titles Office, where he became interested in property and valuation. Subsequently, Ron trained and worked as a real estate agent and valuer, managing the Kay & Burton South Yarra office for several years before branching out in a specialised practice as an independent valuer. He also lectured in property valuation at RMIT.

While raising his family of six children, with his late wife Anne, they lived on Glenferrie Road near H.A. Smith Reserve. His wife was very involved in the community through their children’s schools. Ron himself, at a busy stage of his life, had little time for too many activities outside his work and family but he did enjoy the occasional social game of tennis.

Three of their children started at St Joseph’s Primary School in Hawthorn, and later his daughters went to Genazzano College in Kew and his sons attended St Kevins College, as he did. As a parent, Ron was glad that there were so many excellent schools in the area, and especially that the trams largely spared them the dreaded school runs. The tram routes were also very handy for shopping and socialising.

Ron appreciates the quality and variety of the shops on Glenferrie Road, “the butcher [**Glenferrie Gourmet Meats**], the baker [**Bakers Delight**] and even the candlestick maker [**Southern Cross Church Supplies**]!”. He values the “village atmosphere”, enjoying the personal relationships, being recognised as a regular in many shops, and chatting with fellow locals and traders. There is Josh at the butcher, Chris at **Continental Deli**, Bruno at **Glenferrie Shoe Repairs**, and Charles at **Poloman Menswear**.

Over the decades, Ron has observed the growth and changes in the shopping precinct, remembering the opening of the very first shops in the franchise of Bakers Delight and Grill’d on Glenferrie Road. He notes that with the influx of students from Swinburne University, there has been an increase in coffee shops and fast food outlets in the area.

Ron has been disappointed at the more recent withdrawal of some bank branches and believes they could have prospered by leveraging the opportunities the **Swinburne University** international students provide as customers. While he enjoys dining at **Tao Tao** and **Osteria 20**, Ron would also like to see more fine dining options on Glenferrie Road.

After 35 years of living on Glenferrie Road, Ron’s home is now in a quieter suburban street of Hawthorn. He has reduced his heavy work load and now has time for gardening, reading, and spending time with his now grown up children and seven grandchildren. After all the changes over the years, Ron is still glad to have Glenferrie Road and all of its amenities to make shopping a pleasant experience. ■



The Glenferrie Times special Christmas edition will be available in early December 2021.