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OSCAR AND MIKA

## Traders Talk Christmas

### Roy Barber

#### Rear, 715 Glenferrie Road

This year, barber and manager Mika plans to go back to his home city of Sydney to celebrate Christmas and New Year. Christmas is rooted in his Christian beliefs, and is a “wholesome way to celebrate with family and friends”. Mika has observed that Christmas in Glenferrie is always quite festive, and he values Glenferrie’s unique and strong sense of “community engagement”, especially over the past two years. Mika is looking forward to having a break, and hopes that the fireworks in Sydney and in Melbourne go ahead. ★

### Supernova Coffee

#### 1/701 Glenferrie Road

For business owner Patrick, Christmas is “mainly a family thing” and the day is a “big one” with lots of the family getting together to exchange gifts. Along with Christmas being for family, Patrick also sees it as “being a part of society” as many people are celebrating and doing similar activities. Patrick always treats the staff at Supernova to a dinner out, to celebrate Christmas and the end of the year. For their last dinner they enjoyed a meal at Colourful Yunnan. Patrick is yet to decide which one of the many great local restaurants to attend for this year’s celebration. ★



EBBY AND PATRICK

## Shoppers India

### 493 Burwood Road

“In India there is commercialisation of all holidays” explains Indu who is originally from Delhi and now runs Shoppers India and lives locally. In India the people love to “celebrate every holiday” including Christmas. She and her family enjoy the festive season and traditionally go out for meals during this time - especially for Christmas dinner. Favourite places to eat at include Rococo and Osteria 20. Around the holiday season many people come to Shoppers India for their copper items such as bowls, cups and utensils, fresh Indian sweets, and a variety of Sri Lankan and Indian food. They also have decorations for holidays like Diwali, items for prayer, wellness teas, and spices. ★



INDU



JAMES

## Glenferrie Gourmet Meats

### 720 Glenferrie Road

Team member James says that the holiday season at Glenferrie Gourmet Meats is “manic” from Grand Final Day right up until Christmas. A Hawthorn local, James “lives for Christmas,” and has “an awesome family” he spends Christmas Day with. It is a big party for the family, they even have cocktails named after family members. James usually does his Christmas shopping along Glenferrie Road, claiming that Homing Instincts is the “one stop shop for Christmas gifts”. The staff at Glenferrie Gourmet Meats always have a Christmas Eve party and in February when things slow down a bit, James will take some time off to go to Yarrowonga. ★

## Harper and Hayes

### 755 Glenferrie Road

Growing up in Tasmania as a child, business owner Rose always had a “real Christmas tree, decorated with pine cones and a couple of heirloom decoration pieces”. Nowadays Christmas has been about catching up with family, “I always look forward to a relaxing day, shared with the family, after the last gift hamper has left the store on Christmas Eve”. Each year, Rose and her husband alternate Christmas Day between their two families, “one year in Melbourne, the other in country Victoria”. Rose does not celebrate the New Year, “it really is just another day for me”, but she is looking forward to 2022 when she plans to travel to Europe to source more “quality, affordable homewares” for Harper and Hayes. ★



ROSE

## About

The Glenferrie Times is an independent publication for the traders, residents, and visitors of the Glenferrie precinct in Hawthorn.

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## End of Year Celebration

Seasons greetings to all. The Glenferrie Times invites Glenferrie Hawthorn locals and traders for a casual celebration of Christmas, the end of 2021, and to have a chat.

16 December, from 4:00 - 5:30pm

@ Osteria 20, 818 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn  
 No RSVP, just pop in for a drink, snack, and a chat.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



HAWTHORN ARTS CENTRE

## Glenferrie's Christmas Events

### Magic on Glenferrie

@ Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn and Beswick Square, corner of Glenferrie and Burwood Roads

#### Friday 10 December, 5pm to 9pm

Free activities and entertainment including live music by Boroondara Brass, neon light art by Carla O'Brien, gallery exhibitions at the Town Hall Gallery, and purchase gelato and pizza in Beswick Square.

### Park Street Market

@ Park Street, Hawthorn

#### Saturday 11 & 18 December, 10am - 2pm

The Park Street Market returns to 2021, with market stalls selling fresh produce and Christmas gifts. There will be live music, activities for children, and an appearance from Santa.

### St Columb's Anglican Church

@ 5 St Columbs Street, Hawthorn

#### Sunday 19 December, 3:30pm

Kids carols and free animal petting farmyard

#### Friday 24 December, 7pm

Christmas Carols

#### Saturday 25 December, 10am

Christmas Day Communion

### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

@ 345 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

#### Friday 24 December, 4:30pm, 6:30pm, & 8:45pm

#### Saturday 25 December, 9:30am, & 11am

Carols will be incorporated into masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Children re-enact the nativity story at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve.

Attendees at these events must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, as per government health orders. ★

## Celebrations of Different Religions

**Christmas is a celebration originating from the Christian religion and is widely celebrated locally despite only 38.3% of people in Hawthorn being Christian. According to the 2016 census, 61.8% of Hawthorn residents are either; not religious or did not state a religion (49.7%); or are non-Christian or have a non-classified religious belief (12.1%). Following Christianity other religions practised locally are Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Sikhism, and Judaism.**

If not celebrated for its religious origins, Christmas and the holiday season surrounding the day is an opportunity for family and friends to connect. Many religions have various significant celebrations that bring families together, often to share a meal. These celebrations are either on the same date each year and based on the standard Gregorian calendar used worldwide, or follow a calendar that is different, such as the lunisolar calendar, and the date is different each year.

In the Christian faith Christmas symbolises the birth of Jesus. Jesus was said to be God's greatest gift to mankind, which is why presents are exchanged on Christmas Day. Gifts, like Jesus, symbolise love, kindness and the gift of eternal life that Jesus gave. Christmas Eve and Day are both of significance and celebrated on 24 and 25 December.

Amongst other religious events, one of the biggest Holy days celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists is Diwali, also called 'festival of lights'. Diwali symbolises the spiritual triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. The festival lasts for five days and takes place in the Hindu Lunisolar month of Kartika, which is mid October to November in the Gregorian calendar.

Hanukkah is similarly referred to as 'the festival of lights' by the Jewish faith and celebrates the recovery of Jerusalem in 2 BCE. Over eight days and eight nights, one candle of the menorah, representing each day of the festival, is lit until all eight candles burn brightly. Hanukkah, one of multiple Jewish festivals and holy days, takes place on the 25th day of the Hebrew calendar month of Kislev, which falls in the



ST COLUMB'S CHURCH

Gregorian December each year, although the exact dates differ.

For followers of Islam one religious observation is Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayer and reflection, celebrating the first revelation of the prophet Muhammad. Observers fast until sundown, then break their fast with a nightly feast called Iftar. Ramadan falls on the ninth month of the Islamic Lunar Hijri calendar, which lands around the Gregorian months of March or April. In Islamic countries, cities come alive at night and shops stay open until 3am.

Rohatsu, or 'Bodhi Day' is celebrated by Buddhists, particularly Japanese Zen Buddhism. Rohatsu takes place on the eighth day of the twelfth month, 8 December, and celebrates the awakening and enlightenment of the Buddha.

Despite different religions, faiths, ancestry, and languages among the residents of Boroondara, many celebrations generally have something in common. They represent an opportunity to connect with family, friends and loved ones, and often share a meal and rejoice together. ★

## Seasons Greetings From...

### Hon. Josh Frydenberg

**“Wishing Kooyong residents a wonderful and joyous Christmas and New Year. After a very challenging few years for families and businesses, our community has continued to show incredible and inspiring resilience, strength, and spirit. I hope the holiday break is restful and is spent with family and friends. I wish everyone the very best for 2022.”**

*What are some holiday traditions you and your family have?*

Since 2012, our local community has raised money and donated gifts through the Kooyong Giving Tree to give to Servants Community Housing. It’s always one of the highlights of my year to be able to visit Servants before Christmas and present them with the generosity of our community.

My family and I often head down to Lorne over the Christmas and New Year break. It’s a great opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends and unwind.

*What hobbies or habits have you maintained during the last year?*

One of the most important habits I have tried to keep up with during the pandemic has been trying to do some form of exercise every day. Usually, I hop on my stationary bike in the morning (including when in Parliament). ★



### Glenferrie Ward’s Councillor Wes Gault

**“As we emerge from the challenges of the past two years and move into a new era, still challenging, of opening up and living with COVID, it is reassuring to know that Christmas can still be a time of PEACE and GOOD WILL. As we see new international alliances grow to balance aggressive and expansionary positions being adopted by a number of ‘strong man’ leaders in the world, we have cause to believe that the natural disposition of human kind is towards PEACE. As we witness serious local, state and international commitments being made to decarbonise our way of life and, for instance, pledging to end the devastation of our forests, the lungs of the world, steps that will more directly benefit our children and grandchildren, we realise that GOOD WILL is still alive and well. Happy Christmas.”**

*Which parks or outdoor spaces in Boroondara have you visited the most during lockdowns?*

During lockdowns we have greatly enjoyed picking up a sandwich and coffee from Bartons (39 Barton Street, Hawthorn) then strolling down to the Yarra Bank Reserve and along the Yarra bank trail.

*What are your go-to shops in Glenferrie Hawthorn for holiday preparation and gifts?*

For gifts (for others and ourselves) who could go past Readings, Haigh's Chocolates, and the many other stores in Glenferrie Road.

*What has changed most for you over the past year?*

I have been delighted to witness, particularly over the past year, the strong growth in our community of climate change awareness and a real commitment to taking action. ★



### John Kennedy MP

**“I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas, a pleasant summer holiday, and all the best for 2022. As we move on from the pandemic rest assured that the Government will remain focused on recovery and supporting businesses to get back on their feet. Thank you to everyone who got vaccinated as soon as possible. Our best defence against the health and economic impacts of COVID is vaccination. Thanks to your hard work, Victoria is steadily but assuredly returning to “normal” as we enjoy time with friends and family over this festive season. Have a great break!”**

*What does a typical Christmas Day look like for you and your family?*

After Christmas Mass at our parish, Immaculate Conception Church in Hawthorn, me and my wife Bronwyn gather with our children Fionnuala and Patrick, son-in-law Dominic and, star of the show, two-year-old granddaughter Elsie.

*Do you buy your gifts in advance or are you a last minute shopper?*

I rely on Bronwyn who always seems to know what is best for all recipients!

*What is most enjoyable about being in Boroondara during the holiday season?*

Local restaurants and cafes, parks, catching up with fellow residents in our residential village, some reading. ★



### Riversdale Ward’s Councillor Susan Biggar

**“As this long and winding year draws to a close, I find myself grateful. I feel gratitude that we’re putting a deeply challenging year behind us! But also that, despite the adversity, we have seen heartening kindness and generosity across our community. Memorable examples include ‘street libraries’ popping up, neighbours going out of their way to help one another, mini-Spoonvilles bursting out of the ground, and the faithful commitment to our local traders when that support has been vital. The kindness has made me grateful to be going through a pandemic with my community. May the holiday season be a time of celebration and renewal for you and those you love.”**

*Is there a traditional meal or dish that you have during Christmas/the holiday season?*

I was raised in San Francisco and one of the American recipes our Australian family has adopted is decadent, super-goopy, pecan cinnamon rolls on Christmas mornings. It’s not even a Christmas recipe in the US – and they’re more of a wintry treat, but it’s now a family tradition and I think there would be a barrage of complaints if they didn’t make the morning menu.

*What have you learned over the past year?*

Patience. Taking life one day at a time—sometimes one hour at a time. Gratitude and appreciation for what is good in my life and our community. In terms of skills, I am now more knowledgeable about Boroondara’s trees and plants. We walk every morning and part of that daily routine has involved identifying trees (and, more recently, bushes and flowers). I started from a very low base but am proud of my improvement. I’m also much better at crosswords and homemade muesli. Also, earlier this year I bought a fully electric scooter (like a Vespa, but an Australian brand) and had to get a motorcycle licence to do it. So, I am now handy on a two-wheeler. ★



## Traders Talk Christmas



JULIA, MENEKA, AND HAYLEY

### The Common Good 394 Burwood Road

Business owner Meneka's Christmas Day starts at 5am when the kids "go a bit psycho", but once they have finished opening presents, the family attends mass. For Meneka and her family, the importance of Christmas is based on their Christian beliefs which are also reflected in the open door policy they have on Christmas Day. Instead of a sit down dinner, throughout the day there is a huge east meets west buffet - playing homage to traditional Australian Christmas dishes, like barbecue prawns, and Meneka's own Sri Lankan heritage. Friends, family, and even customers from The Common Good come in and out over the day. "It's a big open house" she says, and especially welcomes those who do not have anyone to celebrate with or anywhere to go over the holidays. Meneka has a strong vision for Hawthorn, which is to contribute to the "village feel" and re-engage the public with "brick and mortar shopping...and the food we eat. There is sustenance in making sure where one works and lives, thrives". ★

### Buywell Dumpling 3/862 Glenferrie Road

One year since owner Dora Min Zhang opened Buywell Dumpling, manager Ziu is excited that this holiday season will mean welcoming more customers for sit-down meals over the holidays and in the new year. The majority of the staff will work on and around Christmas Day, as they prepare and serve the Buywell Dumpling Christmas banquet. For the occasion, the entire restaurant is decorated with lights, baubles and a trimmed Christmas tree. The atmosphere and anticipation has Ziu feeling excited to "celebrate [Christmas] with all the customers". ★



ZIU, AH DEE, FOO ZHI PING, AND WINNIE



JUDY, RICHARD, JENNY, AND ALBA

### Panache Flowers 712 Glenferrie Road

Since Panache Flowers moved to their new location closer to Glenferrie Station, things have been "a bit crazy" says team member Judy. Since November, Panache Flowers has sold an array of Christmas items including LED Christmas trees and Christmas themed carousels, and their own Panache candles which have been launched just this year. Judy's own Christmas is very "traditional... all the family comes together". She makes a point of supporting local businesses during the holidays including Readings, Glenferrie Gourmet Meats, and the gift stores Homing Instincts and Blackbird and Fox. The Panache staff always go out for Christmas dinner along the street. Their previous location at 749 Glenferrie Road has been relaunched as an indoor pot and plants store - just in time for Christmas. ★



WOZ AND BRUNO

### Glenferrie Shoe Repairs 673 Glenferrie Road

Cobbler and business owner Bruno and his colleague, known by friends as Woz, are looking forward to "regaining a sense of normality in 2022". Glenferrie Shoe Repairs will not be closing over the holiday period, having lost nearly two years worth of business due to lockdowns during their busiest periods; winter and the Spring Racing Carnival. Instead, Bruno and Woz will alternate time off to spend with their respective families - Bruno with his grandchildren and Woz with his young children. Bruno's European background anchors his Christmas in religious tradition, and he and his family attend church on Christmas Day. It is, of course, also about "getting together with family". Bruno and Woz bring their families together for a Christmas lunch at the pub, and give each other presents. Bruno comments that for Woz, a good gift is typically "tools from Bunnings". ★

### Sofas Direct 283 Burwood Road

Team member Ella, from Sofas Direct, is looking forward to getting together with family for Christmas and "having a big meal in the sunshine". "Boxing day is a curry meal with mum's side of the family" where everyone brings their signature curry and there is a competition to decide who made the best one. For Sofas Direct, orders increase around August with many people ordering their new sofas for pre-Christmas delivery in time to host any holiday get-togethers. Luckily, for anyone who might have missed the cut-off date to order their custom, Melbourne-made sofa, can go in-store for the current floor stock sale. ★



ELLA



INGGRID, RICK, AND SPENCER

### Dux Coffee Don Arcade 672H Glenferrie Road

For Ingrid, Christmas is quintessentially about "lots of good food, and good company". For her and her family, Christmas is not a religious celebration but more about "participating in the holiday season" and "celebrating the end of the year". Ingrid says that this is a good enough reason to get together with family and friends. Due to Dux Coffee's proximity to Swinburne University, the summer holidays are a quiet time for the cafe. She and the staff definitely take advantage of the "opportunity to take a break". Ingrid is planning to go away with her family to the Mornington Peninsula and spend a lot of time at the beach. ★