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## **OUR STREETS SAVE 482,652 BLACK BALLOONS**

The City of Boroondara is doing its bit to save the planet, one street at a time. During December and January lower emission Greenpave will be laid in suburban streets across the municipality. City contractor, Citywide, will undertake the paving.

Boroondara has trialled the use of warm asphalt mixes, which are 60 degrees cooler than the hot alternative and reduce fume emissions by 30 per cent during production.

"The City of Boroondara has 1735 Council-managed roads and resurfaces 21 kilometres of roads per year, which amounts to 12,500 tonnes of asphalt, and so this project represents another important step in reducing our carbon footprint,' said Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Jack Wegman.

"This program will help save energy and reduce greenhouse gases by 30 per cent."

Two roads, in Camberwell and Balwyn, have been resurfaced using this technology. The trial roads have been successful and the City of Boroondara aims to resurface additional roads in the 2010 resurfacing program with warm asphalt.

"Boroondara has made the switch to lower carbon roads, saving 24 tonnes of carbon emissions in just two months," said Citywide Managing Director, Kerry Osborne.

"The savings equate to 482,652 black balloons, a fantastic outcome of which Boroondara rate payers can be very proud."

Greenpave has been produced in Australia since February 2008 by Citywide and Shell Bitumen at Citywide's state of the art North Melbourne facility, the most environmentally sensitive in the southern hemisphere.

"While carmakers re-engineer their vehicles, Citywide chose to look beneath the chassis to the nation's roads."

Greenpave is produced at significantly lower temperatures than standard hot mix asphalt and offers a range of performance, safety and environmental benefits. Specifically it achieves up to:

- 30 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases
- 30 per cent reduction in fume emissions
- 55 per cent reduction in fine dust

The advanced asphalt is also safer for road works crews, previously subject to extreme temperatures and higher levels of noxious fumes.

Mr Osborne said Boroondara Council was leading local responses to climate change.

"People want action on climate change. Boroondara is literally on the road to climate recovery," he said.

During December 1,414 tonnes of Greenpave will be laid at: Meldreth St, Suffolk St, Arundel Ave and Kingston Rd, Surrey Hills as well as Chatham Rd, Canterbury. In January 2010 a further 800 Tonnes will be paved.

Greenpave is currently laid on roads managed by Victorian councils and state government road authority, VicRoads.

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