

Maroondah news

Your community newsletter



Summer 2022/2023



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Mayor, Councillor Rob Steane

Mayor's message

Welcome to the summer edition of Maroondah news, and my first as the newly elected Mayor of Maroondah for 2022/2023.

I am immensely proud to be leading our Council in my third term as Mayor. With the support of our Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tasa Damante and my fellow Councillors, I look forward to serving the Maroondah community with energy, passion, commitment and integrity.

At the heart of our role is representing our community and advocating for your interests and needs. This is a privilege and an exciting opportunity to make decisions that have a positive impact on our city's future. So, if you have any ideas or issues to discuss, please get in touch with us – we are here to listen and help our community. You can find more information about each Ward Councillor on pages 6, 14 and 18. Alternatively, our contact details are on Council's website.

There are some fantastic events, initiatives and projects on the horizon as we enter 2023. A key priority will be the continued implementation of the actions identified in the Council Plan, which is the blueprint for the four-year Council Term and underpinned by the community vision *Maroondah 2040 – Our future together*.

In this edition of Maroondah news, you will find key health and safety messaging around the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System and how to play it safe around water.

I encourage you to familiarise yourself with this important information.

You can also find some great ideas to keep the family entertained, along with the 2023 Maroondah Waste and Recycling Guide. The guide has helpful hints about recycling and a handy waste calendar and waste collection schedule – you can find it in the centre pages. It is designed so that you can pull out and keep the information for future reference.

Also in this edition are updates on capital works projects underway, such as the indoor cricket training centre at Jubilee Park, new soccer facilities at Dorset Recreation Reserve and the JW Manson Reserve pavilion redevelopment, as well as recently completed projects, including pavilion upgrades at Ainslie Park and Cheong Park.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I wish you and your families a very safe and happy 2023.

Regards,

Cr Rob Steane
Mayor of Maroondah

Council meetings

Council meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month from 7.30pm in the Council Chamber at Realm and are live-streamed via Council's website.

Upcoming dates for 2023 are:

- Monday 20 February**
- Monday 20 March**
- Monday 17 April**
- Monday 15 May**

Council meetings are open to the public and are promoted across a range of channels, with an open invitation to attend. Agendas are made available on our website the Friday before the meeting date.

Council opening hours over summer

Our customer service centres are here to help.

Realm Service Centre

Ringwood Town Square
179 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood (opposite Ringwood Station)

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm.
Open Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm. Open most public holidays.

Thursday 26 January 10am to 5pm

Croydon Service Centre

Croydon Library, 5 Civic Square, Croydon

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Closed on all public holidays.

Get in contact with us

- phone 1300 88 22 33 or 9298 4598
- email maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au
- SMS 0480 020 200
- live chat via our website www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Front page: Children chasing bubbles at Maroondah Festival 2022.

Stay in contact with us

Do you have Council business, but not sure how best to get in contact with us?

Our Customer Service team is available to chat over the phone on 1300 88 22 33, on 'live chat' via our website or you can send us a text message to 0480 020 200 or email us at maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au.

Our website also has several ways you can stay in contact, make a request and report matters to Council.

To make sure you're keeping up with the latest news and activities in Maroondah, why not subscribe to our fortnightly Maroondah News e-newsletter. It includes the latest Council news – delivered straight to your inbox! To subscribe for the e-newsletter, visit our website and fill in your details – it's that easy.

While you're there, why not subscribe for Council's other e-newsletters? These newsletters provide news and

updates from our Children's Services, Waste, Bushland and Arts teams, plus Maroondah Leisure, Karralya, Wyreena Community Arts Centre and more.

You can also stay in touch and interact with Council on a range of social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), as well as have your say about projects on our Your Say Maroondah consultation website.



The information provided in this newsletter was accurate at the time of print. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, a delay in delivery may have occurred. We apologise for any inconvenience. For the latest information, visit Council's website.

Geoffrey Moss honoured with 2022 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award

A passion for volleyball and helping others has seen Geoff dedicate 45 years of service to Maroondah Volleyball.

Geoff has spent nearly 10,000 hours refereeing more than 9,000 local league matches of volleyball, along with mentoring, court managing, providing secretarial assistance, advocating for Maroondah Volleyball's all-abilities program, VolleyAll, and supporting local school and charity match events. He is renowned for his knowledge of the sport and for mentoring younger referees and committee members, which has sparked new interest in the sport and inspired others to volunteer.

In addition to receiving the Bill Wilkins Award, Geoff has been acknowledged by Volleyball Victoria as Volunteer of the Year 2019, and he was also a Finalist for the Michael Sukkar MP Deakin Awards in 2022. He was made a Life Member of Maroondah Volleyball in 1985 and received the prestigious President's Award in 2017 – an honour only awarded to two members to date.

Council's Bill Wilkins Award, named in honour of community stalwart and Freeman

of the City, Bill Wilkins, is presented annually to recognise those volunteers who inspire and embody the spirit of volunteering through their exemplary contribution to the community.

The award was presented as part of our annual Volunteer Recognition Function held in early December at Karralyka.

Learn more about the Bill Wilkins Award on Council's website.

A big 'thank you' to our wonderful volunteers

Volunteers in Maroondah come from all walks of life, yet they share a common goal – to make a difference in the lives of others.

Council recently acknowledged our wonderful volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Function held in early December at Karralyka. This event is just one of the many ways we thank and celebrate our volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the Maroondah community.

Special milestone awards were presented to those who have volunteered with Council for 10 years through to 35 years. Those recognised included Willy Van Ravesteijn, for 35 years of service as a Meals on Wheels volunteer, and

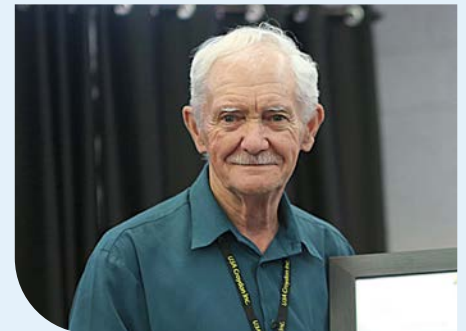
Paul Chenery, Ian Game and Annette O'Sullivan, who have each volunteered for 25 years.

Together, special milestone award winners have clocked up around 475 years of volunteering with Council!

Whether it's delivering a meal, helping isolated residents get out and about, working with young people, or helping to care for our bushland reserves, Maroondah volunteers provide their service for no reward other than knowing they are helping someone.



Willy Van Ravesteijn has clocked up 35 years of volunteering.



Ian Game was one of three recognised for 25 years of volunteering.

Did you know?

Council's volunteers come from all walks of life and range in age from 15 to 98 years old! To find out more about volunteering opportunities in Maroondah, visit our website.



Family fun this Australia Day

Join us at Ringwood Lake Park on 26 January 2023 as we celebrate the Australian spirit.

Our annual event is an opportunity for the community to get together and enjoy free family-friendly activities including children's entertainment, rides and face painting.

Recipients of the Maroondah Australia Day awards will also be announced, including our 2023 Citizen of the Year, and you can watch our newest community members

take the pledge or oath to become Australian citizens.

Enjoy the festivities from 9am to 2.30pm at Ringwood Lake Park, corner of Maroondah Highway and Mount Dandenong Road, Ringwood.

For more information, visit the event page on Council's website.

Australia Day is a popular day for people to take the oath to become an Australian Citizen.

Summer holiday fun

With the summer holidays upon us, here are some great ideas to keep the family entertained.

The Rings – school holiday program



Don't miss our popular junior basketball holiday program for children aged 5 to 12. The program is being offered daily from 18 to 25 January (excluding weekends) with experienced coaches in an air-conditioned and safe environment. Your child will learn to play in a team, develop aerobic fitness, learn basketball skills and, of course, have fun!

There is also a one-day netball program on 17 January, where your child can improve strength, speed, agility and balance through skills sessions and match play with high-level coaches.

The full netball holiday program will return to Maroondah Nets in April, with sessions over multiple days.

Places for the summer holiday program are limited, so visit www.maroondahleisure.com.au to book.

Take the plunge at our aquatic facilities



Aquanation at Ringwood offers opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, with lap swimming, children's splash play, diving platform, waterslides, a learn to swim pool and a warm water pool.

Aquahub in Croydon is a year-round facility for water sport and recreation. The play area is a great option for families, while the leisure pool offers a variety of programs including swim lessons. Did we mention the beach-style entry pool?

The outdoor Croydon Memorial Pool is the perfect spot to cool off on those extra hot days. Grab your picnic rug and swimming gear and enjoy lap swimming, leisure and toddler pools.

For timetables and bookings, visit www.maroondahleisure.com.au or phone 1300 88 22 33.

Coaching at Ringwood Golf



Whether you're just getting started or an experienced player looking to improve specific aspects of your game, golf lessons are a great way to ensure you achieve your goals.

PGA Professional Darren Rowland has over 20 years' experience in coaching golf and enjoys working with players of all ages and abilities.

Ringwood Golf offers private golf lessons as well as group clinics, where you can book in to improve your swing technique or to tidy up your short game. They also provide correction with video analysis and golf simulator/ball flight data. The right club is essential, so ask for a club fitting to ensure your golf clubs are suitable for your needs.

Call 9298 4500 to book your next lesson or visit www.maroondahleisure.com.au

Council's Vacation Care

Council runs a Vacation Care program for primary school-aged children every school holidays, with activities between 8am and 6pm weekdays.

Bookings have closed for the summer holidays, so visit our School Holiday Program – Primary School webpage,

complete an online enrolment and subscribe to our mailing list for updates about future programs for 2023.



Set yourself up to achieve your 2023 goals with Maroondah Leisure!



From Monday 16 January, save \$99 with no joining fee and no commitment on Maroondah Leisure's Fitness Plus and Swim Plus Memberships!

Kickstart your 2023 with a Fitness Plus membership for access to the gym, group fitness and aquatics across Aquahub, Aquanation and Croydon Memorial Pool (seasonal). Let us help you achieve your goals with included consultations and the development of a personalised program from one of our accredited trainers, plus exclusive member discounts on retail and personal training.

Or try a Swim Plus membership for access to aquatic facilities and aqua aerobics classes at Aquahub, Aquanation and Croydon Memorial Pool (seasonal).

Offer is valid from Monday 16 January until Sunday 5 February 2023.

Visit www.maroondahleisure.com.au for more information, full terms and conditions or phone 9298 4600.

Play it safe around water

Between July 2021 and June 2022, 339 people lost their lives in drowning incidents across Australia and an estimated 686 others experienced a non-fatal drowning incident. Sadly, this highlights the importance of being safe around water.

Maroondah Leisure offers programs to help residents of all ages and abilities improve their water safety skills and knowledge, including:

- Learn to Swim programs at Aquanation in Ringwood and Aquahub in Croydon, with lessons available from infants to adults
- Access for All Abilities swimming programs for children and adults with a disability or with additional learning needs
- Aquabuddies in the Warm Water Pool (Thursday evenings) at Aquahub for adults with disabilities
- Aquatic Playgroup at Aquahub (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings) for parents with babies under 12 months of age
- Holiday Intensive Swim Programs, with the next program running from 9 to 13 January

- Age-friendly warm water classes at Aquanation

Top tips for playing it safe around water:

- Never swim alone
- Always supervise children attentively around water
- Enrol children into swimming lessons and have them attend regularly.
- Take your children to the pool or beach often so they can practice the skills learnt during their lessons
- Have discussions with children about how to be safe around water
- Check the weather, as strong winds, hail and lightning can create dangerous conditions
- Know the conditions and only swim where permitted
- Always wear a life jacket when on a boat or jet ski, including as a driver or passenger



- Ensure barriers around bodies of water are secure, as per Victorian Government laws. Visit Council's website to learn more about your responsibilities.
- Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults, and refresh your skills every 12 months
- Don't take risks around water, including swimming in flood water or near waterfalls; cliff jumping or diving off piers
- Don't rely on personal floatation devices, such as arm floaties or inflatable pool toys

For more tips on water safety, visit Council's website.

Make a splash at Croydon Memorial Pool

There's no better place to cool off this summer than at Croydon Memorial Pool, with its pool season now open until 2 April 2023.

The 50-metre outdoor pool, which is heated to a balmy 27 degrees, offers flexible, casual entry and season passes for unlimited pool access and to low-impact aqua aerobics classes on Saturdays.

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website or call 9294 5630 for details and operating hours.



New mural along Maroondah Highway

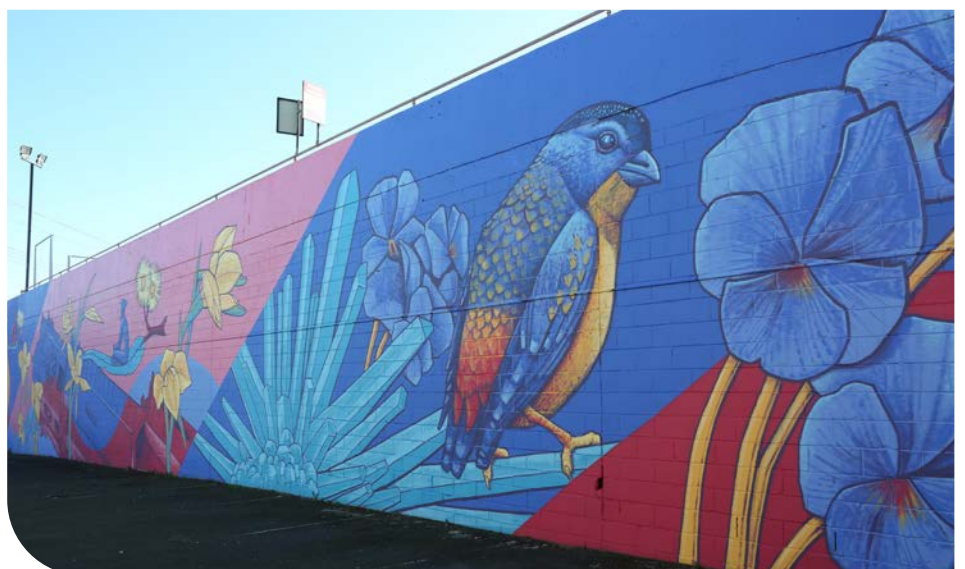
Look out for a new mural along Maroondah Highway over the holidays! The colourful addition is located at 85 Maroondah Highway, near key landmarks including Ringwood Clocktower, Realm and Eastland.

Artist Hayden Dewar designed and created the mural – titled Time and Place – by drawing on inspiration from pop surrealism, comic books, graffiti artists and children's literature.

The piece features native flora and fauna along with symbolic Maroondah icons, including Ringwood Clocktower, a train, antimony crystals, an apple and a pear, representing key elements of our city's recent history and heritage.

The project was developed in partnership with GloBird Energy and Maroondah City Council, and is one of several high-quality, vibrant public artworks within the Ringwood Arts Precinct.

You can learn more about public art in Maroondah on Council's website.



Reducing our carbon footprint

Maroondah is leading the way when it comes to protecting our environment, as part of our partnership with the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA).

The alliance is made up of eight Councils in the region, who are all working towards the same goal of facilitating the region's transition to zero net emissions by 2030.

The 2021/22 EAGA Annual Report shows that the alliance has successfully reduced our emissions by 57,000 tonnes – a reduction that has tripled in the past 12 months. This was achieved through various partnership energy projects, which have also resulted in a joint saving for all participating Councils of more than \$4.8M. This includes a 25 per cent reduction in the delivered cost of electricity as part of the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO). The VECO project involves 51 Councils from across Victoria working together to source 100 per cent renewable energy for their operations.

In addition to this, more than 700kW of residential solar has been installed and we have supported more than 1,560 businesses as part of EAGA's outreach programs.

Maroondah is also one of the first councils to be certified as carbon neutral – another

exciting step towards further protecting our environment.

To find out more about our work in this space, or our renewable energy collaboration, please visit www.eaga.com.au/



Barneong Ward

Your Councillors



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I'm excited that Maroondah is introducing a new Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service in May. This means we will be able to put food waste in our organics bin and it will be sent to an organics processing facility to become compost for Victorian farms, parks and gardens. This will help to reduce carbon emissions, support sustainable food production and achieve our strategic aim of halving waste to landfill by 2030.

To introduce the FOGO service, Council will begin switching over maroon-coloured bin lids in mid-January to a new lime green bin lid. While bins will look a little different, there won't be any changes to the frequency or day of waste collections. Residents will receive more information in the mail about this switch over.

Find out more on Council's website.

Bungalook Ward



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Council's 2023 FReeZA program is once again providing a fantastic chance for young people to get involved in learning new skills while supporting the local entertainment industry.

As part of the Victorian Government funded program, participants will learn about event management while delivering music, cultural and recreational events for local young people aged 12 to 25.

Participants will be leading the planning, development and delivery of local events while developing connections and practical skills across sound and lighting production, event management, risk assessment, first aid and more.

FReeZA also provides a great opportunity for local musicians and emerging artists to gain experience performing for local audiences.

Applications are closing soon for the 2023 FReeZA program, so visit the Maroondah Youth website www.maroondahyouth.com.au for more information and to apply.

Jubilee Ward



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It's terrific to see that works on the new five lane indoor cricket training centre at Jubilee Park are taking shape.

The roof of the building has been constructed, with framing and civil works continuing over the next few months before the internal fit out continues in early 2023.

With the project expected to be completed in April/May, I am very excited to see the complex add to the existing offerings of the incredible sporting and leisure precinct that we have in Jubilee Park.

This new regional facility will cater for both male and female cricketers, with a key focus being the expansion of female participation in the sport.

Maroondah is a big supporter of grassroots sports, so it's a great result to deliver yet another first-class sporting facility for our community. For more information, please visit Council's website.

Exciting times for Maroondah projects

Projects in Maroondah are progressing well, with some major upgrades recently completed as part of Council's \$51.69 million Capital Works Program.

Ainslie Park Pavilion



Ainslie Park Pavilion redevelopment has been completed. The upgraded facilities in Croydon include accessible amenities, four female friendly change rooms as well as a kitchen and kiosk space and large multipurpose room. The covered viewing area and improved façade round out the new facility that is home to local football and cricket clubs. This project has been funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government.

Dorset Recreation Reserve redevelopment

The brand-new first-class soccer facilities at Dorset Recreation Reserve in Croydon are nearing completion. The precinct boasts two full-size soccer pitches, one synthetic and one grass, multipurpose courts and a large double story pavilion with viewing platform, multipurpose space, change rooms and accessible amenities. This project has been funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government and Victorian Government.

JW Manson Reserve pavilion redevelopment



JW Manson pavilion in Wantirna, owned and operated by Maroondah City Council, will be redeveloped in 2023. Demolition of the existing building and site preparation is currently underway. The building modules are being built off site and will then be delivered and installed on site, reducing construction time and disruption to facility users. The new pavilion will include female friendly player and accessible facilities, a first-aid room, a multipurpose room, kitchen, bar and kiosk, balcony, and covered veranda. This project is funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Cheong Park Pavilion



The redevelopment of Cheong Park pavilion in Croydon South is now complete. The new facility includes a modern social space, large kitchen, bar and kiosk, as well as female friendly and accessible facilities. The covered spectator viewing area will be completed shortly and will provide enhanced viewing of the recently upgraded oval and lighting works for cricket and football spectators, complementing the recently upgraded lighting and oval upgrades. This project is funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government and Victorian Government.

Indoor cricket training centre at Jubilee Park



The construction of the new five-lane indoor cricket training centre at Jubilee Park in Ringwood is taking shape.

The steel structure and roof are now in place, with works on the framing well underway. Expected to be completed in April/May 2023, the centre will be a state-of-the-art indoor cricket training facility for the East and will complement the recently upgraded pavilion and lighting of Russell Lucas Oval.

This project is funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Engineering works update



Council is continually improving Maroondah's roads, drains and footpaths to ensure safety and accessibility of residents and visitors.

Check out the works that have recently been completed in your area:

- Paxton Street, Ringwood East footpath construction
- Kathleen Close, Bayswater North local area traffic management improvements
- Lavender Street, Pearwood Street and Belle Vue Avenue, Ringwood footpath construction
- Kent Avenue, Croydon road resurfacing
- Angus Avenue, Ringwood East roadside erosion stabilisation

The following works are currently underway or expected to start shortly:

- Eastfield Road, Ringwood East infrastructure enhancement works
- Ainslie Park, Croydon carpark construction
- Devon Avenue, Dresden Avenue, Erica Crescent, Heathmont footpath construction
- Tintern Avenue, Ringwood East pedestrian, bicycle and road safety improvements
- Eastfield Road, Croydon South footpath construction
- Jubilee Park, Ringwood access improvements
- Gardini Avenue, Ringwood shared user path construction
- Yarra Road, Croydon road renewal and footpath construction final stage
- Scenic Avenue, Ringwood East Stage 4 Flood Mitigation



Visit the Projects page on our website to find out more and see other projects in progress.

Celebrating Maroondah's post-World War II heritage

Did you know that most of Maroondah's suburban development took place after World War II?

Although these developments are an important part of our history and character, they are not typically associated with the term 'heritage' – something Council hopes to change!

While the term 'heritage' is traditionally associated with buildings constructed before the 1940s, developments from 1945 onwards – after World War II – can now also be included, as understandings around what heritage means continue to evolve over time.

With this in mind, Council recently completed the Maroondah Thematic Environmental History (TEH), as part of a municipal-wide heritage study with a focus on post-World War II.

The study provided a snapshot of how different themes have shaped our city's physical environment over time.



Source: Picture Collection, State Library of Victoria (H32492/8682)

This revealed that while suburban development in Maroondah began around the 1870s to 1880s, most of our city's unique character stems from twentieth century developments – particularly those built after WWII in the areas of Heathmont, Bayswater North, Warranwood and Croydon Hills.

The TEH, which was recently endorsed, will help Council to ensure these developments can continue to be enjoyed

and appreciated by future generations. It's also a great way for our community to learn more about our heritage and why it is important to protect it.

If you're interested in learning more, visit the Explore tab on Council's website to read about Maroondah's cultural heritage and the Maroondah Thematic Environmental History.

FAQs about our new-look garden organics bins

As part of our transition to the new food organics and garden organics (FOGO) service, during January and February we're changing maroon-coloured bin lids to lime green lids. Keep an eye on your letterbox for more information about when to place your bin out for the lid changeover.

I'll be away on holidays in January. What should I do?

Council contractors will be changing bin lids over several collection cycles. When you return from your holiday, place your garden bin out on your regular collection day, even if it's empty, and our contractors will change it over. Continue to place it out for fortnightly collection until the lid is changed over. If it hasn't been changed over by 25 February, call our Customer Service team on 1300 88 22 33

Why is Council changing the garden organics bin lids to lime green?

It is a Victorian Government requirement that all Councils standardise their bin lid colours. This means that mixed recycling bins must have yellow lids, organics bins must have lime green lids and general waste must have red lids.

As we're changing what can go in the maroon-lidded garden service, now is the best time to update the information on the lid whilst meeting our Victorian Government requirements to change the lid to lime green.

I share a garden bin with other households. What should we do?

Please talk to your neighbours to ensure the shared bin is placed out to be changed over, even if it's empty.

What will happen to the old maroon lids?

To reduce plastic waste, all old lids will be recycled via a plastics processor and turned in to new products.

I need assistance to put my bin out for collection. Do I need to do anything differently?

You do not need to do anything different – our contractors will retrieve your bin and change your bin lid over for you.



Visit Council's website to learn more about the food organics and garden organics (FOGO) service.

2023 Maroondah Waste and Recycling Guide

This guide includes information on how to use your waste services, including:

- Your 2023 waste collection schedule
- Information on where you can take items for safe recycling and disposal, such as paint, chemicals and electronic waste
- Waste and recycling education program events

Recycle right in Maroondah

Yes! We can go in your recycling bin!

 Hard plastic bottles and containers	 Steel cans
 Glass bottles and jars	 Aerosols
 Paper and cardboard	 Aluminium cans and foil

No! We can't go in your recycling bin!

 Recycling in plastic bags	 Plastic bags and soft plastic packaging
 Textiles	 Drinking glasses, window glass
 Batteries	 Pyrex and ceramics

Recycling tips:

- Place items loosely into your bin, not in plastic bags
- Leave plastic lids on your plastic bottles and containers
- Leave steel and aluminium lids on your glass bottles and jars
- Make sure there is no food or liquid in your containers or packaging
- Flatten and break up your cardboard into smaller pieces

For more recycling tips, visit our waste and rubbish web pages

It is important to sort your recycling correctly and make sure the right materials go into your bin. Putting the wrong things in your bin can not only be harmful to the environment but also for the workers that collect and sort our waste.

To find out more about what can and can't go into all of your bins at home, visit our waste and rubbish webpages.

For a detailed list of items that can go in your recycling bin visit

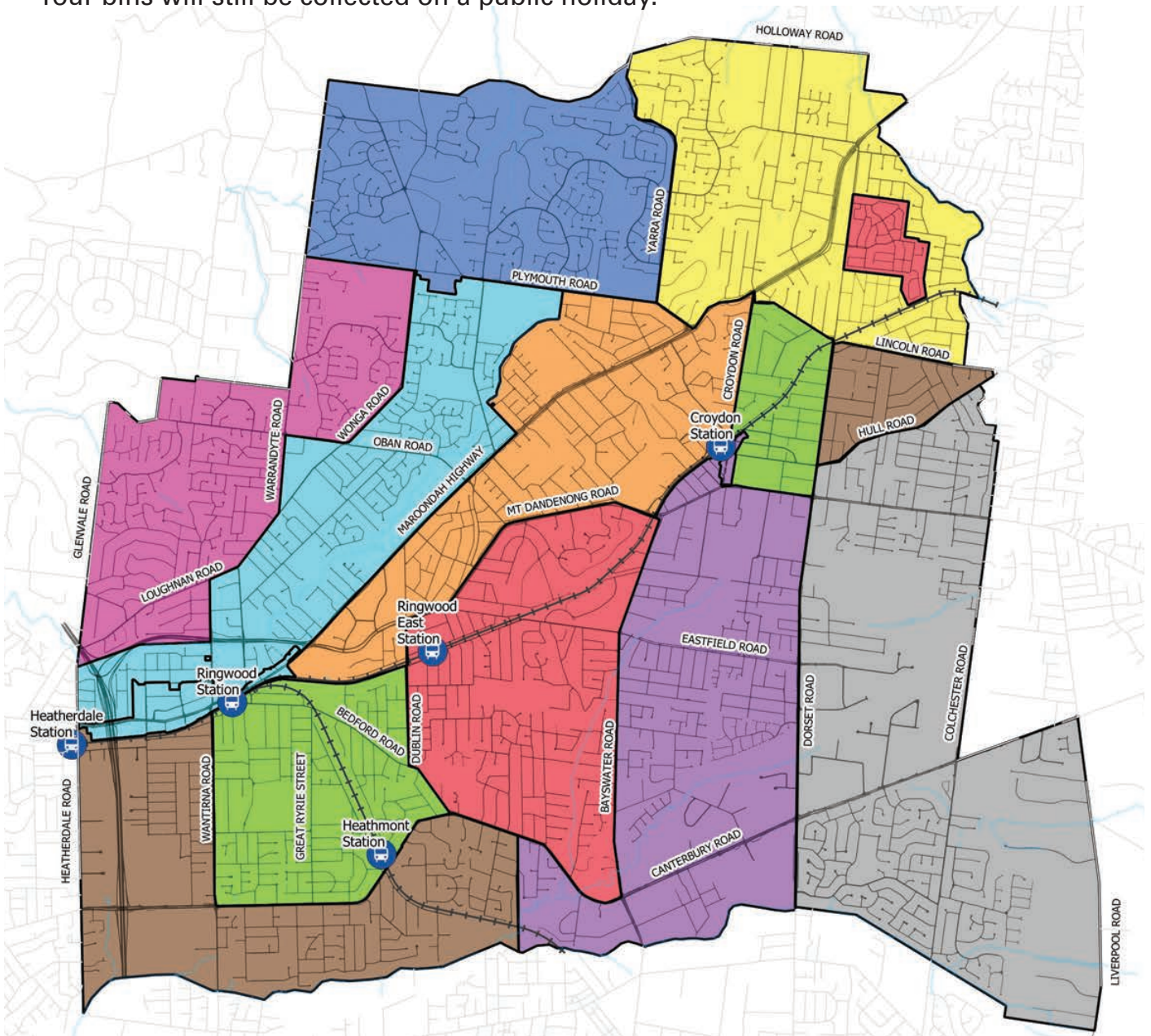


For more information on where you can safely and responsibly dispose of items go to Council's A-Z of waste disposal guide



2023 WASTE MAP

Collections occur on the day of the week shown on your area of the map below. Your bins will still be collected on a public holiday.



How to use the waste calendar map

Find your street on the map to see your collection day and area. Once you know your Area, refer to the calendar on the next page and see which week you should put out your bin.

Scan the QR code to find out more about your collection days and what can go into your kerbside bins.



Legend

Waste collection

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2023 WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

Garden Organics **Recycling** **Food Organics and Garden Organics – starting May 2023**

Keep the calendar on your fridge for a quick reference guide on which bin night it is.

Area A

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Collection guidelines

- Place the correct bins out by 6am and bring them in within 24 hours of collection.
- Check your bin weight. If you can't easily wheel your bin to the kerb, or it weighs more than 40kg, then it's probably too heavy to be collected.
- Your bin lid must be fully closed. Don't overfill your bin as extra bags of rubbish will not be collected and you will be required to pick up any litter created due to the lid not being closed.

What to do with household waste

Did you know that there are a number of options to reduce your waste and dispose of household items? Read on to learn how to dispose of your household waste.

Household chemical collection



The 'Detox your Home' mobile collection service is administered by Sustainability Victoria. It allows you to dispose of unwanted household chemicals for free.

The collected items are recycled and do not go to landfill. Events are held all across Melbourne throughout the year. You can attend as many events as you like, at any location. You must register for these collections online at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome or call 1300 363 744.

Join the Compost Revolution



Composting is a great way to keep food waste out of your landfill bin while also producing a rich fertiliser for your garden and pot plants. We are offering residents up to 60% off a range of home composting and worm farming systems through Council's Compost Revolution program.

Each Maroondah residential property is eligible for one subsidised system per year. To access the discount, visit www.compostrevolution.com.au/maroondah.

So, start today and join the Compost Revolution.



Recycling your electronic waste safely



Electronic items in working condition can be donated or re-gifted. If you have broken electronic items, such as Christmas lights or appliances, they can be recycled— just not in any of your bins at home. Electronic items contain valuable non-renewable materials such as tin, nickel, zinc, aluminium, copper and small amounts of precious metals. These items also contain hazardous materials which, if not disposed of properly, pose considerable environmental and health risks. That is why it is important to dispose of these items correctly. To find out how, visit our electronic waste collection webpage.

Waste Education Program



Learn something new in 2023 and come along to one of our community waste education events or see how we can help your school to become more waste wise. To stay up to date with upcoming waste webinars, workshops, events and for some great waste tips, scan the QR code to sign up for our monthly waste education e-newsletter.



A-Z of waste disposal



Our online A-Z of waste disposal guide is a great way to find out how to dispose of some of those more difficult items you might have around the house. Whether it be anti-freeze, paint, zip lock bags or anything in between, it is there to help. Check it out by following the QR code on the front page of this waste and recycling guide or visit our waste and rubbish webpage.

Avoid food waste



Did you know that Victorian households throw away a total of 250,000 tonnes of food, costing them over \$2,000 each year? Almost two thirds of this food could have been eaten.

Reducing your food waste is as easy as following a few simple steps:

- Plan your meals and write a shopping list
- Only buy what you need
- Store your food correctly
- Use up your leftovers

For more information on how you can reduce food waste at home, visit the Sustainability Victoria webpage.

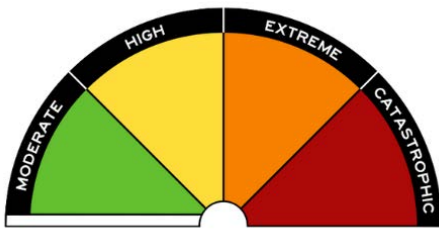
New Australian Fire Danger Rating System

Look out for the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS), which was introduced on 1 September, 2022.

The new Fire Danger Rating System will be nationally consistent and uses the latest technology and research, greatly improving the ability to accurately predict fire behaviour and the potential threat. This will help emergency services be better prepared, make improved decisions, and provide better advice to the community.

The four new AFDRS levels and messages are:

- **Moderate:** Plan and prepare
- **High:** Prepare to act
- **Extreme:** Take action now to protect your life and property
- **Catastrophic:** For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas



Importantly, the highest level is now 'catastrophic', replacing 'code red' in Victoria, so all fire danger rating signs in Victoria are being replaced.

Fire danger ratings describe the potential level of danger if a bushfire starts, rather than the chance of a fire occurring. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions are and the greater the impact will be if a fire starts.

It's important to understand the new ratings and know what your fire risk is. Council encourages everyone to use the VicEmergency website emergency.vic.gov.au or app to monitor conditions, especially before travelling, or use the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au for daily fire danger ratings.

Catastrophic For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas	Extreme Take action now to protect your life and property
High Be ready to act	Moderate Plan and prepare

Creative courses and classes at Wyreena

Are you looking for a new interest or to pursue your creative calling? Why not look for inspiration at Wyreena Community Arts Centre?

Each term, Wyreena offers a range of workshops as well as short and ongoing courses in the creative arts. Courses cater for people of all ages and abilities in a variety of art forms, including painting and drawing, pottery, sculpture, mosaics, relaxation classes, and much more.

New courses for 2023 include a nature drawing class focusing on botany and wildlife, digital painting using iPads, and oil painting.

Term 1 starts on 30 January, so visit Wyreena at Hull Road, Croydon, to pick up a copy of the Term 1 brochure or download it from www.artsinmaroondah.com.au



An oil painting by Swathi Madike

Include a visit to the Wyreena Arts Lounge, a vibrant exhibition space featuring 2D and 3D works in a relaxed setting. You can also grab a bite to eat or a coffee at the Conservatory Café.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Watch out for the Fire Danger Period



The CFA declares the Fire Danger Period (FDP) by municipality during periods of increased fire risk – usually from December through to April each year.

The Fire Danger Period is dependent on rainfall, grassland curing rate and other local conditions.

Keep an eye on the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au for updates about the dates for the declaration of the Fire Danger Period and for advice on how to prepare for bushfire season, including how to develop a Bushfire Survival Plan.

Waste collection continues over holidays



Did you know that Council's waste collection service continues all year round, even if your waste collection day falls on a public holiday?

Check which bin to put out by using the Waste Collection Map and Schedule on pages 10 and 11 or on Council's website.

Caring for pets and wildlife



With warmer days upon us, take extra care of pets and wildlife.

On hot days, remember to keep pets indoors and well-hydrated. Don't take them for a walk, as the ground can burn their paws.

Placing water out for wildlife can be a lifesaver during heatwaves. Visit the Victorian Government's wildlife website for more on caring for wildlife, such as providing alternative habitat and shelter.

Waste not, want not: Maroondah's waste set to fuel energy for paper mill



An artist's impression of the new Energy from Waste facility

Maroondah City Council will be the first Council to supply solid waste to the new Maryvale Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in the Latrobe Valley, reducing waste to landfill by powering the Opal Australian Paper Mill at Maryvale.

The state-of-the-art Energy from Waste facility will be constructed at Opal Australian Paper's Maryvale Mill in the Latrobe Valley, with Maroondah's waste producing steam and electricity to supply the Mill.

Maroondah is anticipated to supply the Maryvale EfW facility with around 20,000 tonnes of non-recyclable household general waste each year, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill and aligning with our goal to focus on more sustainable waste and recycling methods, as identified in Council's Waste, Litter and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020-2030.

Up to 325,000 tonnes of non-recyclable residual waste from Maroondah, other municipalities and businesses will be used to produce energy for the Maryvale Mill. Together, this will reduce approximately 270,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases each year, which is equal to removing about 50,000 cars from the road!

The project is just one of the ways Council is thinking creatively to build a more sustainable future for our community. You can learn more on our website or in Council's Waste, Litter and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020-2030.

McAlpin Ward

Your Councillors



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Preventing gender-based violence is a key priority for Council. We recently displayed billboards supporting our 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence to raise awareness of the prevalence of this in our society and what drives it.

This type of violence is driven by gender inequality, and made worse by ableism, racism, homophobia, transphobia and ageism, which Council is actively tackling. The most common forms of gender-based violence in our community are psychological and verbal abuse, which many people don't realise are forms of violence.

By raising awareness, speaking out and generating change, we can prevent this negative behaviour. You can find out more about Council's action in this space on our website, along with support services and resources available in our community.

Tarralla Ward



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It's exciting to see the refurbished pavilion at Cheong Park is nearing completion. The upgrades include a new social space, enhanced change rooms, bar, kitchen, kiosks and accessible amenities. The rooms are also home to the U3A who use the pavilion during the week and now have much needed storage and space for their ever-increasing numbers.

Thank you to those who provided their feedback during the consultation on the Bayswater Road proposed improvements. Your feedback is vital in helping Council to advocate for funding from the Victorian and Australian Governments.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who planted 4,500 indigenous plants on 'National Tree Day' recently at Tarralla Creek. Visit Council's website to find out more about Maroondah's projects, engagement opportunities and our natural environment.

Wicklów Ward



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The Victorian Government has funded three level crossing removal projects in Maroondah along both the Lilydale and Belgrave lines. In the Wicklow Ward, planning is well underway for the removal of the level crossing at Coolstore Road and the new Croydon Station.

The construction of the rail bridge will pave the way for improved road connections and better pedestrian and bicycle linkages between the shopping precincts.

To ensure we achieve a good outcome for our community, Council is working closely with the Level Crossing Removal Project Authority and the Victorian Government.

Visit the LXP website to see the concept designs, or for more information on this or any other Level Crossing Removal Project

Share your thoughts and help shape Maroondah



Norwood Reserve draft enhancement plan

In late 2020/early 2021, Council consulted with the community on the future of Norwood Reserve. This followed an assessment that determined mature pine trees in the reserve were at the end of their useful life expectancy and should be removed. A draft enhancement plan has now been prepared based on your feedback, so please share your thoughts.

The draft enhancement plan focuses on:

- Strong understory planting as habitat for native small mammals and birds

- Replacement of indigenous canopy trees
 - Children's garden and play elements
- Your feedback will help shape the final plan and inform future works in the area.

Visit the Your Say Maroondah website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/norwood-reserve-enhancement-plan to view the draft enhancement plan and provide your feedback before consultation closes on Sunday 29 January 2023.



Woodland Park draft enhancement plan

In December 2021, Council consulted with the community and key stakeholders on how they use the existing Woodland Park in Croydon South and what they would like to see in the southern part of the Council-owned section of the former Croydon South Primary School land.

From the feedback provided, a draft enhancement plan has been developed and includes:

- Enhancement and preservation of the environmental values

- Improved connections for walkers
- Enhanced play and gathering spaces

The draft enhancement plan aims to ensure the reserve continues to meet the needs of the community and we are calling on those who use the space to share their thoughts.

View the draft enhancement plan and provide feedback via Council's Your Say Maroondah website www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au Consultation will close at 5pm on Sunday 29 January 2023.

Dates for your diary

For more information about these and other events, please visit Council's website.



Ringwood Urban Art Tour

Friday 3 and Sunday 5 February
11am to 12.30pm
Realm, Ringwood

Developed in partnership with Eastland, this 90-minute guided tour showcases some of the diverse and ground-breaking public art in the Ringwood arts precinct, including works at Ringwood Station, along Maroondah Highway, in the Eastland carpark, and The Backyard, a unique outdoor art venue.

Tours run from 11.00am to 12.30pm and cost \$10 per person, including the guided tour and a complimentary coffee from Caffe Stazione. Visit Council's website to book.



International Women's Day Breakfast 2023

Wednesday 8 March
7am to 9am
Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East

Council is proud to be hosting its annual International Women's Day Breakfast event, which celebrates the contribution women make to workplaces, families and their communities. Bring a friend, make up a table or simply come along to hear from inspiring guest speakers and enjoy a wonderful morning amongst friends.

Look out for booking details on Council's website closer to the date or call 1300 88 22 33 for more information.



City Nature Challenge

Friday 28 April to 1 May
Throughout Maroondah

Join us in this annual global citizen science event to show the world how incredible our diversity is! Help us compete with cities around the world by taking photos of wild plants and animals in your local area – a nearby creek or reserve, or even your own backyard – during the four-day challenge and log your observations using iNaturalist.

Keep an eye on Council's website for details closer to the date.

Supporting young people over the holiday break

Council's Youth Services team will continue to support Maroondah's young people and their families throughout much of the summer school holiday break, excluding public holidays.

Our qualified youth workers can help Maroondah's young people aged 10 to 25 with a range of things, like becoming employment ready, family issues, getting involved in the community, connecting with mental health services, life skills, or if you're just having a hard time.

Young people are also welcome to visit EV's Hangout, located at EV's Youth Centre in Croydon. EV's is a free drop-in centre that provides a relaxed space where young people can meet up with friends, access a quiet study area or enjoy youth-friendly activities every Thursday afternoon, recommencing on 12 January following the Christmas closure.

EV's has a variety of information and resources for people aged 12 to 25 – whether it's music and event management training, opportunities to connect with the LGBTIQ+ youth community, or assistance with getting their driver's licence. The space is fully supervised by our team of qualified youth workers, who are available to speak with young people about what's on their mind.

EV's is located at 212 Mt Dandenong Road, Croydon – just a short walk from Croydon Station. EV's is also wheelchair accessible.



For details, contact our Youth Services team on 9294 5704, email youth@maroondah.vic.gov.au or visit their website www.maroondahyouth.com.au or Facebook page www.facebook.com/maroondahyouth/

Pet registrations for 2023

Did you know that pet owners can receive their pet registration reminders by email instead of by mail? Change your preferences on Council's website and opt for a paper free option before renewals are sent out over the coming months.

Pet owners are also encouraged to let Council know if they've had a change of circumstances in the past year. This could be if you've moved house, welcomed any new pets to the family or if you need to cancel a pet registration.

For more information and to opt-in to email pet registration renewals, search 'pet registration' on Council's website.



Challenge yourself with FReeZA



Looking for an opportunity to grow your skills and connect with a team of like-minded people?

FReeZA is a free event management program for people aged 15 to 25 that sees participants challenge themselves, grow their skills and connect with like-minded people while contributing to their community.

Participants are professionally supported to plan and run six live music and cultural events throughout the year, gaining practical experience in organising events, including booking performers, promotion and risk management, and staffing them, such as setting up, packing down, door sales, café and stage management.

The program offers participants a range of volunteering opportunities and free training, including:

- Audiovisual (AV) basics with a professional technician
- Music industry knowledge
- Practical life skills, such as email writing, chairing a meeting, minute-taking, teamwork and planning

Participants also receive a letter of reference for future job and education applications, as well as ongoing support for future pathways.

Applications are closing soon, so visit Council's Youth Services website www.maroondahyouth.com.au for more information and to apply.

Karralyka seating upgrade

2023 is going to look a little different at Karralyka, with the theatre undergoing some maintenance works, including a full seating refurbishment!

The works are scheduled to take place in January and February, which will mean a later start for the 2023 theatre season, so visit the Karralyka website for updates about the theatre season launch.

Some terrific shows have already been confirmed for May and June, including the Comedy Festival Roadshow and

amateur performances of *The Sound of Music* by Mountain District Musical Society and *All Shook Up* by Babirra Music Theatre. Keep an eye on the Karralyka website for dates and details about how to secure your seats.

We can't wait to see Karralyka's new look!



The seating in the internal theatre at Karralyka will soon be refurbished

Green light for Greening the Greyfields

Council is excited to announce that Amendments C134maro and C136maro to the Maroondah Planning Scheme have been approved by the Minister for Planning!

The Greening the Greyfields project is a long-standing Council commitment, and these approvals follow from a positive Planning Panel Report highlighting the benefits of this work. Approval and gazettal of the amendments is an important milestone towards implementing an improved approach to residential redevelopment, including better-designed homes, increased canopy tree planting and open space, less hard surface treatments (such as concrete) and better walking and cycling connections.

The amendments apply to the Croydon South Greyfield Precinct – bordered by Bayswater Road, Eastfield Road, Thomas Street and Blazey Street – and the

Ringwood Greyfield Precinct between Loughnan Road, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood Street and the Ringwood Bypass. The amendments introduced a new zone (General Residential Zone) to the Ringwood Greyfield Precinct and new overlays to both precincts, including a Development Plan Overlay and Development Contributions Plan Overlay.

This Planning Institute of Australia award-winning project has received ongoing community support. Now, with the introduction of these new planning controls, landowners within the first Greening the Greyfields precincts can work together with neighbours, investors, or developers to positively transform the

area. The new planning controls incentivise lot amalgamation, while requiring improved site and precinct-level outcomes.

Through collaboration, larger lots can be formed and developed according to these new rules.

The amendment approvals allow for greyfield precincts to be redeveloped for existing and future generations while maintaining and improving on the leafy greenness we love about Maroondah.



Visit Council's website for details or scan the QR code to watch our video about Greening the Greyfields.

GenConnect celebrated in the Victorian Early Years Awards

Council was delighted to receive the Creating Collaborative Community Partnerships category award for our GenConnect Program in the Victorian Early Years Awards in November.

The Department of Education and Training Victorian Early Years Awards celebrate leadership, outstanding achievement, exceptional dedication and innovation in improving outcomes for children aged birth to eight years and their families.

GenConnect is Council's intergenerational program run in partnership with Maroondah Occasional Care and the Kerrabee Centre. The program brings together children and senior residents of Maroondah to build family-like connections through interactive activities that develop their social, language and relationship skills through conversation, play and intentional teaching.

By regularly connecting children and senior residents, GenConnect has boosted social and

emotional wellbeing and has created a sense of friendship, purpose and connection across the generations – so much so that participants

even exchanged artwork, photos and letters to stay in touch when connecting in person was not possible due to COVID-19 lockdowns.



Did you know?

Council's Kerrabee social inclusion and wellbeing team offers programs, including GenConnect, to help residents receive the support they need to remain independent and participate fully in the community. Learn more on Council's website or call 1300 88 22 33.

Healthy Street Project a winner!

Maroondah has won a 2022 Victorian Award for Planning Excellence for our work with the Healthy Street Project.

Presented by the Planning Institute Australia, the project won the Stakeholder Engagement category, in recognition of our work with local community members to undertake walkability assessments of the precincts surrounding Bedford Road Shopping Centre and McAdam Square Shopping Centre.

A number of volunteers of all ages and abilities were recruited as part of the project. They were provided with training on the Healthy Street Framework and how to undertake walkability assessments.



The walkability study focused on McAdam Square Shopping Centre.

They then walked throughout the precinct and worked with Council to identify any concerns or areas for improvement. This data provided valuable insights that will be used to inform future works in the precincts.

As part of the judging, the project was commended for its approach to community capacity building, as our participants were empowered with the knowledge and tools needed to generate positive changes in their neighbourhoods.

Wombolano Ward

Wonga Ward

Yarrunga Ward

Your Councillors



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It was wonderful to see our community enjoying our Christmas events and activations last month.

Each year, Council helps residents get into the festive spirit with Christmas decorations in our local shopping centres. But this time, we did things a little differently!

We had 3-metre Christmas trees, solar lights and designer pole toppers at Heathmont and Burnt Bridge shopping centres.

We were trialling the new decorations in these two high-profile centres with the view to roll them out in other areas in Maroondah over time.

We would love to know what you thought, so please let us know at maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au or call 1300 88 22 33.



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It's important to keep ourselves, our accounts and our properties safe.

If shopping online, make sure you protect yourself from fraud and have a plan B if you won't be home to accept a delivery. Scams can often look authentic but remember – if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. To report a scam or find out more, visit the Scamwatch website.

If heading away for the holidays, prepare your property to deter potential thieves and ask your neighbours to clear your letterbox and bring in your bins.

You can also let your local police station know you will be away, and they can contact you if there's any suspicious activity. Complete an 'Absence from residence form' at your local station or online via the Victoria Police website.



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It's the perfect time of year to get out and about with the family and enjoy Maroondah's bicycle and walking shared paths.

We are lucky to have part of the popular Mullum Mullum Creek Trail running through the Yarrunga Ward. Whether for exercise or leisure, it's a shared path that is much-loved by walkers and cyclists.

Remember to keep to the left of the path so that others can overtake you safely. If you wear headphones, make sure you are still aware of your surroundings. If you're riding, it's important to wear appropriate safety gear – especially a helmet, which is a legal requirement.

Cyclists should also remember to ring their bell before overtaking others, to ensure everyone's safety. To find out more about shared paths, parks and reserves in Maroondah, visit Council's website.

Congratulations to all Maroondah Business Excellence Awards winners!

The best in business have been celebrated as part of the 2022 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards.

Hosted by Council, the awards highlight the achievements of Maroondah businesses across key industry sectors while providing an opportunity for businesses of all sizes and types to be recognised for their efforts, commitment and success.

This year's awards were met with strong interest, with over 75 businesses nominated for the five award categories, from which 20 were shortlisted as finalists.

Coy's Constructions was awarded the prestigious Maroondah Business of the Year title during a gala evening held at Karralyka on 27 October. The business impressed the judges with their automated processes, assisting them to achieve high-quality outcomes, as well as their passion for passive homes that are healthier and more comfortable for their occupants. Coy's Constructions was also announced as the winner in the Construction, Trade and Related Supply Chain award category.



Other category winners were:

- Environmental Sustainability – Total Solar Solutions
- Innovation and Technology – Braille Tactile Signs
- Service Excellence – The True Fairies Company
- Retail and Hospitality – Your Very Best

The Maroondah Business Excellence Awards aim to enhance businesses throughout the award process, from nominations through to finalists and winners. All participating businesses were offered mentoring and development workshops and matched with other stakeholders that could provide business support and enhancement.

Jessica Shaw, Director of The True Fairies Company, said the awards process encouraged her to look at her business "methodically" while connecting her with a range of resources and support in a "like-minded community that cares."

Congratulations to all winners and finalists in this year's Maroondah Business Excellence Awards.

Sign up to the BizHub Newsletter to get updates on business offerings, including grants, events and workshops, as well as updates on the next Maroondah BizWeek and Maroondah Business Excellence Awards. Visit www.bizhubmaroondah.com.au.

Did you know?

Maroondah is home to more than 9,500 businesses that provide employment to more than 44,000 people.

Shop locally and support the Maroondah community

Maroondah has more than 40 local shopping centres and retail precincts that rely on the support of the local community – perhaps now more than ever before, as they continue to rebuild in the post-COVID economy.

When you purchase from a retailer or service provider in your neighbourhood, you're not only supporting local jobs, but also your local community, with the character of your neighbourhood often influenced by local businesses.

With more businesses moving online, it's also an opportunity for consumers to make a conscious effort to 'buy locally' or support a local business by eating locally and visiting local attractions.

Why not explore one of Maroondah's shopping precincts this summer? Whether it's clothing, homewares, a greengrocer, a beautician or a quick pick-me-up at a local café, you'll be amazed at what you discover!

To find your nearest shopping precincts, visit www.bizhubmaroondah.com.au



Do you run a small business in Maroondah? Why not register your business on our free online Business Directory. It's a quick, easy way to get your business online. Visit the Maroondah BizHub website to register www.bizhubmaroondah.com.au.

Celebrate Maroondah with us!

Save
the date!

Join us in celebrating all that's great in the City of Maroondah. The events are fun, family-friendly opportunities to get together as a community and celebrate our city. You can also meet your local Ward Councillors and find out what's happening in your area. Entry is free and no bookings are required.



Movie night – Clifford the Big Red Dog^(PG)

Saturday 11 February | BJ Hubbard Reserve, Ringwood North

Bring the family along for a free screening of Clifford the Big Red Dog – a story about a young girl and her ten-foot-tall dog!

Come along and meet your Wonga Ward Councillor and enjoy pre-show entertainment from 6.30pm for an 8.15pm movie start. There will be a free sausage sizzle and popcorn and you can also purchase a coffee or ice cream from the onsite vendors to enjoy during the movie.




Heathmont's 100th Birthday

Sunday 26 February
HE Parker Reserve, Heathmont

Heathmont is turning 100! Join your Jubilee Ward Councillor for a family fun day as we celebrate this special milestone with our community and local organisations.

There will be free rides, face painting, sausage sizzle and entertainment to enjoy!

Keep an eye on Council's website for details closer to the date.



Ride Yarrunga

Sunday 5 March | Yarrunga Reserve, Croydon Hills

Hop on your bike and enjoy a fun day at Yarrunga Reserve!

Meet your local Yarrunga Ward Councillor and check out Council's improvements to the Reserve, including the high-quality, purpose-built bike jumps that were designed in consultation with our community, which were formally opened in September 2022.

More information will be shared on Council's website closer to the date.

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