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Mayor, Councillor Kylie Spears, with artist Alistair Fowler at the Mayoral Art Exhibition.

Mayor's message

Welcome to the Winter edition of Maroondah news.

As you may be aware, the Victorian Government is developing a new Plan for Victoria, which will set the framework for what the state will look like over the coming decades.

The plan will focus on delivering more homes near transport, job opportunities and providing essential services in vibrant, sustainable neighbourhoods.

While this long-term planning is important, by focusing on Victoria overall, there is a potential impact to key planning measures we have in place for Maroondah.

The Victorian Government has set a target to build 800,000 homes in Victoria over the next decade, including a target for 70 percent of new homes to be built in established areas, while making sure new suburbs deliver 30 percent of new homes. Our vision is to cater for the majority of these additional homes within our designated Activity Centres in Ringwood and Croydon, to ensure we can maintain the key attributes of our other neighbourhood areas.

Over the past two decades, Council has worked hard to maintain a careful, sustainable balance between urban convenience, the needs of our community and Maroondah's much-loved leafy greenness.

We know that this balance of urban and green is why our residents choose to call Maroondah home. In our recent Maroondah 2050 community consultation, our community told us that they most highly value our natural environment, particularly Maroondah's green, leafy nature; flora and fauna; parks; tree canopies and green spaces. This was closely followed by the location, proximity and accessibility of Maroondah, including the City's location within greater Melbourne; ease of access to local services and facilities; and transport options.

Without this local lens and careful planning, the Plan for Victoria could alter some of the planning controls that allow the City of Maroondah to be so unique.

To ensure our local voice is heard, Maroondah is collaborating with fellow members of the Eastern Region Group of Councils to advocate to the Victorian Government about priorities for the Eastern region.

You can read more about these on page 13 of this newsletter.

Part of our advocacy includes preparing a response based on feedback received from our community during our recent pop-ups and community consultation. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

The Eastern Region Group of Councils (Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges) will soon submit this response to the Victorian Government on behalf of the East. For updates on this advocacy, visit the Your Say Maroondah website.

While Council's community consultation is now complete, it is vital that the community shares their thoughts and provides feedback directly to the Victorian Government to ensure the voice of the East is heard. You can do this via the Victorian Government Engage Victoria website engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria

Statewide consultation is open until Sunday 30 June, so I strongly encourage you to add your feedback and ideas.

Now is an important time to speak up and have your voice heard, to ensure that the Plan for Victoria reflects the views and needs of our region and that what you love most about Maroondah can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

Regards,

Cr Kylie Spears
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:

Monday 24 June (includes adoption of the Annual Budget and Council Plan)

Monday 22 July

Monday 19 August

Council meetings are open to the public and are promoted across a range of channels, with an open invitation to attend. **If attending in person, please arrive on time for the start of the meeting.** Agendas are made available online on the Friday before the meeting date.

Council opening hours

Our Customer Service team is here to help. Visit:

Realm

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 King's Birthday, 10am to 5pm.

Croydon Service Centre

Croydon Library, Civic Square, Croydon

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

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Front page: Millie, Harry and Penny celebrating after completing Maroondah Night Run.

The information provided in this newsletter was accurate at the time of print. For the latest information, visit Council's website.

Discover Maroondah with the Events Calendar and Community Directory

Looking for exciting events and activities in Maroondah? Our much-loved online and printed Events Calendar is the ultimate guide to Council and community events happening in and around Maroondah.

From festivals and workshops to sports events and cultural celebrations, find activities for every interest and age group. You can even add your community events to the calendar by using the online "Your Maroondah" portal.

Printed booklets with all Council, Karralyka, and community events are available monthly at Council Service Centres and facilities across Maroondah.

To find out more, visit the 'Events calendar' on Council's website.

Join our Community Directory

Are you a community or not-for-profit organisation looking to reach Maroondah residents? You can showcase your services and offerings in Council's Community Directory.

This valuable resource, available online and in print every two years, connects you with the community and helps ensure everyone finds the support, services, and activities they need.

Visit the 'Community Directory' page or the 'Events calendar' on Council's website to learn more.



Responsible dog ownership

It's important for dog owners to practice responsible on-leash and off-leash etiquette when out with their dog.



Dogs may be on a leash for various reasons such as training, reactive behaviour, nervousness or health reasons. Your dog should only be off-leash in a dedicated off-leash area and should be under effective control and recall.

How you should approach a dog depends on the situation. You should always respect how both the dog and owner may feel in any situation.

Things can escalate very quickly, so ensuring you practice responsible on/off-leash dog etiquette will reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring.

For more information on responsible pet ownership, including a series of helpful videos to guide you through different on-leash and off-leash dog experiences, scan the QR code.



Stay well this winter

Stay well this winter and protect yourself against the flu and COVID-19 by receiving your flu vaccine and staying up to date with your COVID vaccine.

Influenza and COVID-19 are very contagious viral infections that can cause severe illness and life-threatening complications. Vaccination protects you from serious illness caused by the flu and COVID-19.

You can receive the flu vaccine for free if you are:

- aged 65 years and over
- pregnant
- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander over 6 months old
- a person with medical conditions that put you at increased risk of severe flu.

The free flu vaccine is also available for children and babies aged six months to under 5 years.



Flu vaccines

Council offers free flu vaccines to eligible persons through the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Payable flu vaccines are also available for those who are not eligible for the free flu vaccine.

Dedicated flu vaccination sessions are available at venues across Maroondah.

Visit the 'Immunisation' page on Council's website to check eligibility criteria and to make a booking.



COVID-19 vaccines

Council does not offer COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccines can be co-administered with a flu vaccine.

You can find your nearest COVID-19 vaccination provider on the Health Direct website, www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19

For more information, visit the Better Health Victoria website: betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter



Help shape the future of Maroondah

We are planning for the future of Maroondah. You can help by sharing your thoughts on a range of consultations currently open for feedback from our community.



Communicating and connecting with our community

It's your last chance to help shape our Communications Strategy and Customer Service Strategy!

Council is developing two strategies to establish a framework to ensure we provide effective and accessible communications and customer service to our community. With your feedback and input, these strategies will help ensure

our communications and customer service initiatives continue to be inclusive, effective, and responsive to our community's needs.

Consultation closes on Sunday 9 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to learn more and share your thoughts.



Improving road safety and traffic flow

Council is improving safety and optimising traffic flow at Ringwood Street and Loughnan Road, Ringwood.

The proposed changes reflect a balanced approach toward traffic management. Council aims to improve traffic flow whilst giving priority to community safety.

Some of the proposed changes include:

- Changing the layout of Ringwood Street and Loughnan Road line marking to improve safety and optimise traffic flow

- Installing pedestrian refuges on Ringwood Street to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians
- Improving traffic capacity at the Ringwood Street and Loughnan Road intersection, to make it easier to turn.

Consultation closes on Wednesday 12 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to learn more and share your thoughts.



Physical Activity Strategy

Thanks to those who provided feedback in 2023 to help inform our Physical Activity Strategy.

The draft strategy is now available to view online and focuses on ways that Council and other organisations can help promote moving more often and the benefits of physical activity.

There are four key outcome areas: increasing active travel, spaces and places that encourage physical activity, supporting diversity in sport, and connecting with our least active residents.

Consultation closes on Friday 14 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to view the draft strategy and share your thoughts.



The future of Grayswood Reserve skate precinct

Do you skate, scoot or blade? The skate precinct at Grayswood Reserve is being renewed to ensure it meets the needs of the community into the future.

Council is creating opportunities for more wheels users, like bike riders, skateboarders and roller-skaters.

Consultation closes on Friday 28 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to share your thoughts and learn more.

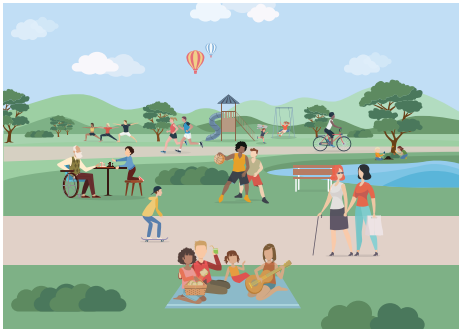
Local Government elections

With the next Local Government elections coming up in October 2024, Council will enter an unofficial election period from 1 July 2024. During the election period, community consultation will be placed on hold until after the election of our next Council, to ensure Council remains politically neutral in the lead up to the election.



Help shape the future of Maroondah

Don't miss your chance to provide feedback on these consultations!



Draft Play and Gathering Places Strategy

Last year, we asked the community to tell us how they play and gather in Maroondah. This feedback helped develop the draft Play and Gathering Places strategy.

Council now invites the community to view the draft strategy and share their feedback to ensure the strategy will meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

Consultation closes on Friday 7 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website to provide your feedback yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/play-and-gathering-places



Public Toilet Policy

Public toilets play an important role in a wide range of community activities outside of our homes. The availability of modern, clean, safe and accessible public toilets can have a positive influence on the way community spaces are utilised throughout the municipality.

The draft Public Toilet Policy has been developed based on the feedback that was received during consultation late last

year. You can now provide your feedback on the draft policy before it is officially endorsed by Council.

Consultation closes on Friday 7 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website to provide your feedback yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/public-toilet-policy

Winter holiday fun

Keep the family entertained during the school holidays!

School holiday programs at The Rings and Maroondah Nets

No matter the weather, school holiday programs at Maroondah Leisure's stadiums are a fun way to keep your child active, entertained and social as they enjoy activities led by experienced coaches.

The programs are tailored to children aged 5 to 14 years, with basketball, volleyball, netball, Futsal (indoor soccer), multi-sports and tennis all on offer.

Each session runs for six hours, and activities vary to keep children engaged. Families can book for individual or multiple days.

Registrations are now open for each holiday program, but get in quickly – the programs are popular! To book, visit the 'School Holiday Programs' page on the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au



Wyreena Community Arts Centre

Wyreena Community Arts Centre offers a school holiday program featuring a great range of creative and fun activities.

With guidance from Wyreena's experienced artists, children can learn new skills and techniques while creating masterpieces to display at home.

Visit the 'Wyreena School Holiday Program' page on Council's website to view programs for the winter school holidays and to book.

Get into golf

Whether you're picking up a club for the first time or brushing up on your skills, Dorset Golf and Ringwood Golf offer a clinic to suit your needs.

Each 18-hole course is owned and operated by Council and has experienced community coaches and PGA professionals who run individual lessons as well as adults, women's and junior clinics. The clinics cover chipping, putting, pitching, bunkers, full swing and more. Golf carts are available to hire, for a modest fee.

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au to book or find out more. You can also call Ringwood Golf on 9298 4500 or Dorset Golf on 9294 5555.

Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Programs

Council's Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Programs now include more activities at more locations.

Council's Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Programs ensure older people with a support need, who have a disability, or who are socially isolated receive support to remain independent and continue to participate in their community.

We offer a range of activities at Kerrabee in Croydon, which are chosen by participants and can include gardening, exercise and wellbeing, games and quizzes, guest speakers, entertainers, activities with younger generations, craft and creating, and community outings and events. Mature Rainbows, a peer social support group for people aged 50 and above who identify as part of Maroondah's LGBTI+ community, and their allies, gather monthly.



In addition to these social support groups, participants can now enjoy more activities at various locations in Croydon, Heathmont and Ringwood as well.

Programs include:

- Golf clinics
- Tai chi
- Choir
- Art
- She Shed
- Craft
- Pottery
- Men's, women's and all-gender groups
- Exercise
- Outings
- Talking café
- Walk and talk

Prices start from \$5.50 per session, though costs vary depending on eligibility for individual funding through a My Aged Care referral for Social Support Group to Maroondah City Council. Programs are available for residents aged 65 years and above (50 years and above for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity).

Find out more



Call Maroondah's Social Inclusion and Wellbeing team on 1300 88 22 33 or 9294 5531 or email kerrabee@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Scan the QR code for program details.

Supporting community wellbeing

Council promotes the wellbeing of our community by offering a wide range of informative sessions, programs and activities catering to different life stages.

From mental health and parenting advice to practical skills and financial guidance, these sessions address the diverse needs across our community.

Activities are free or with a minimal charge, with many sessions available online, ensuring everyone can find valuable resources to enhance their overall wellbeing.

In the past, attendees have found the sessions to be practical and effective.

"It was informative, positive and backed up with statistics and real methods to increase resilience and find our own happiness," expressed a participant at The Resilience Project.

An attendee of The Lift Project said information was "easy to understand and could be applied to my lifestyle straight away" - a recurring theme among many participants across various wellbeing information sessions.

Council often collaborates with other local Councils and partners with local organisations, sharing resources and expertise to deliver more sessions to a wider audience. This ensures costs are kept down, making the sessions

accessible to individuals from all walks of life.

To view upcoming wellbeing information sessions and programs, visit the 'Wellbeing programs and activities' page on Council's website.

Community members are encouraged to provide suggestions for future sessions, to ensure Council continues to deliver relevant, impactful activities. To provide your suggestions, please contact Council's Community Wellbeing Facilitator on 1300 88 22 33.



Win an Animal Aid Pawsome Prize pack!

Show off your outdoor cat enclosure to go into the draw.

Did you know the oldest indoor cat in the world lived to be 38? Keeping cats indoors prolongs their life, prevents them from being hit by a car, getting into fights, picking up a disease or getting lost. Plus, it helps to protect local wildlife.

Submit a photo of your outdoor cat enclosure to go in the running to win an Animal Aid Pawsome Prize pack. Maybe you have bought an outdoor cat mansion or built your own cat-io from recycled materials? We want to see it.

As part of a Council order, cats must be confined to an owner's property from sunset to sunrise each day.

Submissions close at 11.59pm on Wednesday 19 June and the winner will be announced on Monday 1 July, T&Cs apply.

Submit your entry online via the 'Cat ownership' page on Council's website.

Dates for your diary

Visit Council's website for more information about these and other events.

Are you hosting a community event? Visit our website and add your event to our online 'Events calendar'.



Artbreakers

Fortnightly on Wednesdays from 12 June, 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Maroondah Federation Estate, Ringwood

Artbreakers is a free fortnightly art program for young people aged 18 to 25 years. Explore new ways of creating art, access artist supplies, and connect with other young people in a safe and supported environment.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to register or find out more.



AJ Leonard and Jenny Rowlands at Wyreena Music Café

Friday 26 July, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Wyreena Conservatory Café
13-23 Hull Road, Croydon

Ukelele virtuoso AJ Leonard and classically trained cellist Jenny Rowlands cover a dazzling cross-section of styles, eras and cultures. Tickets are \$43 per person and include entertainment and supper.



To book or find out more, scan the QR code or call Wyreena on 9294 5590.



The Songs of Shirley Bassey

Tuesday 27 August, 10.30am

Karralyka, Ringwood East

Join award-winning songstress Danielle Matthews for this wonderfully powerful celebration of the music and the life of the one and only Dame Shirley Bassey. Tickets are \$25 per person and include tea, coffee and delicious treats from 9.30am, as part of the Morning Music program.



To book or find out more, scan the QR code or call Karralyka on 9870 2888.



What's age got to do with it?

Friday 14 June, 10am start

Realm, Ringwood Town Square

Council is recognising World Elder Abuse Awareness Day with an information session and workshop to help local community leaders and health professionals understand what ageism is, the signs of elder abuse and what supports are available.

Scan the QR code to visit Council's website to learn more and register.



Choir for older adults

Wednesdays, 10am to 12noon

Bill Wilkins Lodge
Rosewarne Lane, Ringwood

Facilitated by an experienced choir master, this is a great way to connect, have fun and give your soul a lift. Beginners welcome, and you will be in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Starting from \$5.50 per session per person (Fee may vary depending on eligibility for individual funding).

Scan the QR code to visit Council's website or call 9294 5531 to learn more.



Environmental volunteer group events

With the cooler weather bringing ideal planting conditions, now is the perfect time to join an environmental volunteer group.

Groups are made up of dedicated volunteers who often host planting events and weed control working bees to help preserve our natural environment.

Scan the QR code or visit the 'Environmental events calendar' page on Council's website to learn more about these events.



Plastic Free July is almost here

Plastic Free July® is a global movement to help millions around the world reduce their plastic use and help combat plastic pollution.

This year, Maroondah residents are encouraged to take the Plastic Free July challenge.

The challenge is open to all residents, including those who have never participated before. Sign-up is free and you receive tips and resources to help you during the Challenge.

For the month of July, you can choose to:

- Avoid single-use plastic packaging
- Target a particular takeaway item (eg bags, bottles, straws and cups)
- Go completely plastic-free

Visit Council's website to learn how you can get involved.



Waste education workshops



Council hosts a range of community waste education workshops throughout the year to help our residents learn more about a variety of topics, including:

- recycling correctly
- composting and worm farming at home
- reducing food waste
- reducing waste at home.

Sessions are often presented by guest speakers and AUSLAN interpreters are available for all workshops.

Presentations can also be run for community groups on request.

Scan the QR code to visit the 'Community waste education and workshops' page on Council's website and find out more.



2025 waste collection calendar coming soon

Council will be publishing your 2025 waste collection calendar and map a little earlier this year. You will find the lift-out in the Spring edition of Maroondah news.

Look out for your calendar and map when the Spring edition arrives in your letterbox in early September. Copies will also be available from Council's Customer Service Centres at Realm and Croydon Library.

You can find more waste news and tips in your Maroondah news, on Council's website or by signing up to the Waste and Sustainability newsletter.



Learn more

While you're there, why not subscribe to the Waste and Sustainability e-newsletter to stay updated on upcoming workshops, events and waste news.

Enhancing liveability and active transport for children and families

The Council-led Schools First Street Tree Planting project uses innovative, climate-focused thinking to better support health outcomes for children and families using walk and ride to school routes.



The Schools First Street Tree Planting program has reshaped Council's street tree planting program and canopy renewal planning across the municipality. By 2026, the 11 identified school routes will be fully planted out.

In the coming decade, the safe walk and ride to school routes of all 33 schools across the municipality will be identified and prioritised for planting.

Local kindergartens, health precincts, community hubs and signed walking trails are also being prioritised for planting as part of a liveability-driven prioritisation of planting opportunities.

The program was shaped in 2017 when a 1km radius of safe walk and ride to school routes were identified around 17 participating Maroondah schools.

Council is making these routes safer and more appealing by adding trees for shade, shelter, greenery and a physical barrier between pedestrians and the roadway.

To understand how to best prioritise the tree planting, Council's Strategic Environment Planner developed a desktop analysis tool.

Eleven schools were identified by applying a combination of data on tree canopy and foliage cover, high heat vulnerability, a range of socio-economic data and the number of primary school aged children within walking distance of each school's catchment area.

It's clear to see the short-term benefits, with more school children choosing active transport options to travel to school, like walking and cycling, and families enjoying greener, more shaded streets.



[Learn more](#) To learn more about Maroondah City Council's Trees for School Routes project, visit Council's website.

Winter weeds in focus

As we enter the cooler months, plant growth slows down. This makes it a great time to control environmental weeds before rampant growth begins in spring.

Most weed species' peak germination begins with the first drenching autumn rains. Unfortunately, they usually don't flower until late winter, and this makes identification more difficult.

Learning to identify weeds when immature is a useful skill, as they are easy to remove and have not yet produced seed. Controlling them at this stage can help to break the weed cycle.

There are a few tricks we can use to help identify a weed without knowing the species:

- If a plant is very easy to pull out by the roots, it is likely a weed.
- Anything germinating en masse is likely to be a weed.

- Grass-like plants with foliage that smells strongly of onions are likely Angled Onion, which is a weed and can be dug out. Make sure to include the bulb.
- Sweet Vernal (a weed) has roots that have a very distinctive smell, somewhat like sweet hay. These are easily pulled out.
- Common weeds like Ivy and Cotoneaster are spread by birds into bushland areas, where they can cause havoc to indigenous vegetation. Winter is the perfect time to remove them.

It is not recommended to remove vegetation in bushland areas, whether it looks like a weed or not.

Join your local 'Friends of' group to learn more about local environmental weeds and how to control them.

You can also take photos and email us if you're unsure! Email Council's Bushland team at bushland@maroondah.vic.gov.au for advice.



Reigniting Croydon's creative spirit

Get ready to experience Croydon in a whole new light!

The Reignite Croydon – Laneway Lights project is set to illuminate three laneways adjacent to Main Street, Croydon with captivating artwork, showcasing the talent and creativity of local artists.

Local talent Jasmine Grace will present an interactive installation that reflects the pulse of life through illuminated convex mirrors. As pedestrians pass by, the mirrors will animate with dynamic patterns, engaging viewers in a dance of light and motion.

Melbourne-based artist Alexander Knox will bring a touch of mystery to the laneway with a kinetic neon light piece. Inspired by the area's rich natural history, Knox's artwork will capture the swaying motion of Wallaby Grass, creating a mesmerising visual experience.

Collaborating on a celebration of Indigenous flora, artists Kirsten Baade and Alinta Koehrer (Wurundjeri/Yorta-Yorta) weave together traditional craft and modern technology.

Adorned with local floral motifs, their four lightboxes will illuminate the laneway with vibrant colours and captivating designs.

Sam Songailo's steel archway artwork will stand as a beacon of renewal and transition. Through intricate patterns and LED lighting, Songailo's creation will transform the laneway, offering both visual delight and a sense of safe passage for pedestrians.

Reignite Croydon, a collaborative effort between Maroondah City Council and the Victorian Government, is set to shine a light on Croydon's laneways in winter 2024.



Alexander Knox, *Whisperer* 2024
(render for proposed artwork)

Stay tuned for updates on this illuminating project!

Barneong Ward

Your Councillors



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Walking to school will soon be more enjoyable and safer, thanks to Council's Schools First Street Tree Planting project.

This project supports healthy outcomes for local families and is guided by data on existing tree canopy cover and student populations to prioritise where we plant the street trees to create safer walk and ride to school routes.

Eleven school routes have been planted out so far, adding shelter, greenery and a barrier between pedestrians and the road. In the coming decade, all 33 schools in Maroondah will be prioritised for planting.

Council is also co-hosting a free planting day for National Tree Day on Sunday 28 July. Visit our website soon for details and to register.

Bungalook Ward



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We are fortunate to have two 18-hole golf courses in Maroondah, including Dorset Golf in Croydon. With a backdrop of the Dandenong Ranges and surrounded by greenery, its fairways and greens are a great place to stay active.

Winter playing conditions at Dorset Golf will now be even more enjoyable, following recent improvement works through Council's Capital Works program. The back nine holes now have improved drainage, sand capping and cart path extensions, which will mean less surface water on the fairways, improved drainage in flood prone areas and easier navigation around the course.

Why not book a round of golf and see for yourself. To book, call Dorset Golf on 9294 5555 or visit the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au

Jubilee Ward



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It was exciting to see Bedford Road reopen in late March following works as part of the Victorian Government's Level Crossing Removal Project. With the previously congested level crossing gone, safety and traffic flow in the area has greatly improved. Visit Victoria's Big Build website www.bigbuild.vic.gov.au to learn more.

Nearby, construction is continuing on the Ringwood Activity Centre car park. The Blood Brothers heritage section of the building has retained its prominent corner store significance after being relocated to the south-east corner of the site.

In other Ward news, footpath improvement works along Canterbury Road in Ringwood are now complete, improving safety for pedestrians in the area. Visit Council's website to learn more.

Arts in Maroondah

What's happening across Maroondah's arts sector, including exhibitions and theatre shows for all ages.



KARRALYKA

Scan the QR code for more information or to book, visit the Karralyka website at www.karralyka.com.au or call 9870 2888.



Phantom of the Opera, presented by Mountain District Musical Society

Friday 14 to Sunday 23 June
Various times

\$55 per adult, \$50 for concession, \$45 per child (2 to 15 years old)

Based on a 1910 novel by Gaston Leroux, *The Phantom of the Opera* tells the tale of a disfigured musical genius who haunts the Paris Opera House.

Mesmerised by the talents and beauty of the young soprano Christine Daaé, the Phantom lures her as his protégé and falls fiercely in love with her.



David Campbell Presents Good Lovin' & More

Saturday 6 July, 8pm

\$92 per adult

David Campbell is back with a new show celebrating songs of soul, swing and the 1960s.

Tracks like *1, 2 3, Now That I've Found You, You've Lost That Loving Feeling, Devil In A Blue Dress* and *Good Lovin'* are brought to the stage with David's larrikin charm and incredible voice.

For a show full of classic hits and superb showmanship, don't miss *David Campbell's Good Lovin' & More*.



Children are Stinky (school holiday performance)

Tuesday 9 July, 11am & 2pm

\$25 per person or \$88 for a family pass (two adults and two children)

Children are Stinky challenges children to step on stage and prove themselves worthy, smart, coordinated and imaginative against these ridiculous circus performers, resulting in a wonderful interaction and an audience of proud kids and delighted parents.

The show is packed with lots of fun, lightning-fast hula hooping, dare devil balances, astounding strength, incredible acrobatics and loads of comedy.



What's On

Don't miss these exciting exhibitions! Scan the QR code or visit the 'Exhibitions and arts events' page on Council's website to learn more about these and other exhibitions.



Grounding and Connecting

Until 14 July

ArtSpace at Realm,
Ringwood Town Square

Immerse yourself in a world of First Nations creativity and storytelling in *Grounding and Connecting: Indigenous Trees and the Dreaming*, a tribute to the profound bond between First Nations communities and the earth.

This exhibition is presented by Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place, and features artworks by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.



Twisted Fate: Tara Denny

Until 14 July

Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery,
Ringwood

Tara Denny's new sculptures explore the garden as a site of passion and delight.

A backyard space yearning for love and a place of poetic self-reflection.



Boundless Threads

22 July to 6 September

Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery,
Ringwood

The Gifford Arts Project has been a laboratory for art workshops and self-development in Croydon North for the past 18 years.

This exhibition showcases diverse perspectives of participants that emphasise individuality through drawings, sketches, and painting.

Help prevent house fires this winter

Winter brings an increased risk of preventable house fires as we use electric, gas and wood heaters and electric blankets to stay warm.

Victoria's fire services respond to more than 3,000 house fires across the state each year. Many of these are caused by heating systems, appliances and equipment. You can help prevent accidents like these by taking simple precautions.

Smoke alarms

Ensure you have enough suitable smoke alarms installed in your home and test them regularly. If your smoke alarms are battery operated, don't forget to change the battery each year.

Heaters

Always check your heater is safe to use. Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended. Ensure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving your house or going to bed. Gas heaters should be professionally serviced at least every two years by a licenced or registered gasfitter.

Electric blankets

Check your blanket carefully before plugging it in. Look for tears, exposed fibres or scorch marks, and discard the blanket if you see any signs of damage. Faulty electric blankets



can overheat, cause an electric shock, spark, and potentially cause a fire. Always turn off electric blankets before going to bed or leaving the house.

Drying clothes

Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes. Keep clothing, curtains or toys one metre away from heaters.

Children's clothing with a 'low fire danger' label is still flammable, so always keep children and children's clothes away from open heat sources.

Use the 'Home Fire Safety Checklist' on the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au and the 'Home Fire Safety Booklet' on the FRV website www.frv.vic.gov.au for tips on preventing fires in the home.

Use your wood heater correctly

Using wood heaters incorrectly can impact air quality and potentially our health.

Buying the right wood heater, using it correctly and maintaining it properly can help reduce pollution caused by wood heaters. This can help protect people's health, including older residents, pregnant people, children and babies, and those with compromised respiratory systems such as asthmatics.

Regularly check your chimney to see how well your fire is burning. The fire should only smoke when you first light it or when you add extra fuel, so increase the air supply to the fire if you notice smoke coming from the chimney at other times.

To minimise risks caused by smoke from wood heaters, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recommends:

- regularly cleaning and maintaining your wood heater
- burning dry seasoned wood with a bright flame
- not overloading the firebox
- not allowing the fire to smoulder overnight
- never burning rubbish or treated wood.

If you are buying a wood heater, make sure it has a compliance plate showing that it meets Australian Standards.

If you are concerned about smoke from a neighbour's wood heater, try talking to them first, as they may not know there is a problem.

You can also call Council's Environmental Health Unit on 1300 88 22 33 to report your concern.

Learn more

For more tips to reduce smoke from wood heaters, visit the EPA website www.epa.vic.gov.au

Keeping our paths safe

Ensure the footpath out the front of your house is clear of overhanging branches, shrubs or plants to help everyone move around our streets safely.

While it might not appear to be a big issue, having overhanging branches or shrubs encroaching the footpath can be extremely dangerous. If footpaths are blocked, pedestrians, people with a vision impairment, people who rely on mobility aids and parents with prams can be injured or forced onto unsteady ground or the road.

You can help prevent this by regularly checking that your garden plants, trees and bushes are clear of the footpath and that

any overhanging vegetation and branches are cut back to at least three metres in height above the footpath area.

If you see branches or vegetation overhanging or blocking a footpath from a private property, you can let us know via the 'Request a service or report an issue' page on our website or by contacting Council's Local Laws team on 1300 88 22 33.

Visit the 'Overhanging branches' page on Council's website for more information.



Leave wild wood in the wild

Living and dead wood play a vital role in healthy ecosystem functioning, so leave fallen wood in place.

Dead wood, whether on the ground or still standing, provides essential habitat and resources for a wide range of species.

It's essential to leave dead wood in place because native birds and mammals rely on tree hollows and dead wood for shelter from predators and for breeding and perching.

Trees with hollows provide housing and shelter for native wildlife. Hollows often form when the centre of a tree limb rots away. This is more common in old or dead trees and the process can take many hundreds of years, so hollow bearing trees are especially valuable to local wildlife – particularly in urban areas.

Insects such as the stag beetle also rely on dead wood as a food source and other insects rely on the protective cover of fallen branches for nesting and shelter. In turn, birds, reptiles and mammals rely on these insects for survival.

Decomposing wood plays an important role in nutrient cycling in ecosystems which is important for growth of flora and fungal species.

Council encourages leaving fallen wood in place to provide habitat for indigenous wildlife, especially in urban areas where habitat is limited. It is illegal to remove wood from bushland reserves without permission from Council. Council will remove dead wood or trees that have been assessed as dangerous.



To report dangerous dead wood or trees, please contact Council's Tree Maintenance team on 9298 4598.

Planning for the future in the East

The Victorian Government is developing a new Plan for Victoria to set into action what the state will look like over the coming decades.

It will focus on delivering more homes near transport, job opportunities and essential services in vibrant, sustainable neighbourhoods.

As a member of the Eastern Region Group of Councils, Council is advocating to the Victorian Government on behalf of the Eastern region about priorities for our region, including:

- Community access and productivity, with increased sustainable transport options to reduce car dependency
- Infrastructure to support sustainable growth, such as drainage, recreation, social and community infrastructure, while protecting amenity and the environment
- Protecting our region's natural assets, such as quality open space and the urban tree canopy, to build climate and community resilience
- Managing housing growth, to deliver diverse and affordable housing.

This advocacy includes a response that Council is preparing based on community feedback received. The Eastern Region Group of Councils (Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges) will submit this response to the Victorian Government on behalf of the East, to ensure that residents in the Eastern region have their voices heard.

Community consultation is also open, so Council is encouraging our community to share ideas and provide feedback directly to the Victorian Government.

Add your voice to help ensure that the Plan for Victoria reflects the views and needs of our region, so that we can continue to be a great place to live, work and play.

You can find out more or share your feedback via the Victorian Government Engage Victoria website engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria

Consultation closes on Sunday 30 June.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Extended lighting is back!



Lights will be on at Town Park athletics track in Croydon on Thursdays between 5.30pm and 8.30pm from 6 June, making it safer and easier to exercise outdoors.

The track is flat, making it ideal for walking and running, with pram and wheelchair access. Walking an average of 30 minutes or more per day can lower your risk of heart disease, stroke and Type 2 diabetes, while helping you reduce stress, increase alertness and boost social connections. Visit the 'Walking in Maroondah' page on Council's website to learn more about the benefits of walking.

National Tree Day

Save the date to get involved in National Tree Day this year to help plant 4,000 plants to enhance the biodiversity of Tarralla Creek.

Council is once again supporting the day by co-hosting a free planting day at Eastfield Park in Croydon with Friends of Tarralla Creek and the First Friends of Dandenong Creek. The event will be held on Sunday 28 July at 10am. Save the date and check our website for more information in the coming weeks.

Poisonous mushrooms



Beware of poisonous mushrooms, including Death Cap mushrooms and Yellow-staining mushrooms.

Consuming a Death Cap mushroom may result in death. Cooking, peeling or drying these mushrooms does not remove or inactivate the poison and there is no home test to distinguish safe and edible mushrooms from poisonous mushrooms.

You should remove any mushrooms from your garden to prevent young children and pets from eating them. Learn more on the Department of Health website www.health.vic.gov.au

What's on at your local library



Visit Realm and Croydon libraries this winter for some great events!



Seniors' wellness

Join occupational therapists Paula and Nantzee at Croydon and Realm libraries for a series of workshops designed to help you live the life you want. Gain strategies to improve independence and learn about equipment and tools that can enhance your way of life.

Topics include practical design features to consider when deciding whether to downsize, living life to the full, tips for modifying your home to make it more accessible, reducing risk of falls, and living a life less cluttered.



Billibellary's Different Courage

**Wednesday 24 July
2pm to 3pm, Croydon Library**

Richard Broome AM, president of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, presents the story of Billibellary; a Wurundjeri Elder of the 1830 and 1840s, and an influential and important ngurungaeta, or spokesman, for the Wurundjeri-willum people at the time of the first European settlement of Melbourne.



Winter at Realm

Nurture yourself in June with Winter Wellness events, including tips on how to turn sleep into wellbeing, reduce inflammation, or beat the winter blues.

Get cosy with Hygge Bookchat, a movie matinee or crafty Christmas in July.

In August, learn amazing Life Hacks to organise your home, plan your next trip, or reduce energy costs.

Visit the Your Library website www.yourlibrary.com.au or call Croydon Library on 9800 6448 or Realm Library on 9800 6430 to register or find out more.

McAlpin Ward

Tarralla Ward

Wicklow Ward

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Council hosts or supports free and low-cost events and programs to support our community all year round. These include affordable courses and employment pathways at Maroondah's community centres, plus our Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Programs, which now include more activities at more locations.

Children can enjoy various programs at Maroondah Leisure venues and Wyreena Community Arts Centre, or make friends at Maroondah's parks and playgrounds. Council offers programs and information sessions to support families, while Croydon and Realm Libraries offer events for all ages, including book clubs, author talks, technology help, board game events and more.

Visit the 'Events calendar' on Council's website to learn more and subscribe to our eNewsletters for updates on events near you.



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Did you know Council has a community engagement platform designed specifically for consultation and engagement on important issues and projects that directly impact our community?

By registering your details with Your Say Maroondah, you become part of our online community where we are committed to working with you to understand and use your views, concerns, aspirations and knowledge to help shape the City of Maroondah now and into the future.

There's currently a range of consultations open to provide your feedback on, including the draft Play and Gathering Places Strategy, Public Toilet Policy, Communications Strategy and Customer Service Strategy.

I encourage you to visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website to subscribe for updates and have your say.



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From major roads to your street, Maroondah's roads are all important for helping us move safely around the municipality and beyond. Council maintains close to 487 kilometres of local roads to ensure the safety and accessibility of residents and visitors. VicRoads maintains Maroondah's major arterial roads.

To learn more, view the 'Register of public roads' on Council's website. It lists public roads in Maroondah that Council inspects, maintains and repairs, in line with our Road Management Plan.

Council's Tree Maintenance team will be planting approximately 1,500 trees and shrubs this winter through our street tree renewal program, which also helps improve Maroondah's streets and maintain the green, leafy character. Visit Council's website to learn more.

Calling Meals on Wheels volunteers

If you enjoy helping others and are looking for a flexible volunteering opportunity, becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer may be the perfect role for you.

Council is seeking volunteers to help us provide the Meals on Wheels service to Maroondah residents.

The Meals on Wheels service provides essential support to Maroondah residents, with volunteers delivering nutritionally balanced meals and 'safe and well' checks to those in the community who are experiencing difficulties preparing their own meals.



Meals on Wheels volunteers Mirielle and Andrew.

As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you can enjoy some great benefits, including:

- The flexibility to volunteer as many days and shifts as you like that fit into your schedule. Plus, no weekend or after hours shifts.
- Shifts are short, mainly from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
- The ability to work close to home.
- A modest contribution towards the cost of travel in delivering meals, to support you in supporting others
- The opportunity to reduce social isolation and make genuine connections in the Maroondah community.

"The clients are so appreciative of what we do. I would recommend to anyone to be a part of this service, as there are so many people out there in the community who have no one and we may be the only face they see," one Meals on Wheels volunteer said.

"The staff are amazing, and you get to make some wonderful friendships with other volunteers," said another volunteer.

Our Meals on Wheels volunteers come from all walks of life and include individuals, couples, people who are supported by their carer, a group from a Special Developmental School and more. All offers of assistance are welcome, whether you can spare a few hours each month or you are able to volunteer each week.

Visit the 'Volunteering' page on Council's website or call us on 1300 88 22 33 to find out more.



Scan the QR code to watch our Meals on Wheels service in action.

Recognise inspiring residents

Nominations are open for the 2025 Maroondah Australia Day Awards.

These awards celebrate outstanding community service at a local level – either a significant contribution or achievement – over the past year.

2024 Maroondah Young Citizen of the Year, Satria Arbai, was recognised for his passion and dedication towards advocating for disability rights.

"At school, I had the opportunity to run a workshop on how to interact with someone with a disability and I also ran a project with the Ringwood Activists for Disability there. It made me feel really happy that I got to do something for the community," Satria said.

There are three award categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year or Community Event of the Year. Nominations are open until Sunday 1 September.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to nominate or to learn more about this year's recipients.

Nominate a remarkable volunteer

Don't miss your chance to nominate a long-serving volunteer for the 2024 Bill Wilkins Volunteer of the Year Award!

The annual award recognises long-serving volunteers for their significant contributions to community or sporting groups in Maroondah.



2023 Bill Wilkins Volunteer of the Year Award recipient Terri Verberne.

2023 Bill Wilkins Volunteer of the Year Award recipient Terri Verberne was celebrated for her profound impact on Scouts communities across Maroondah and the wider region.

Her dedication has seen countless children engage in inclusive, adventurous activities that foster leadership and life skills, while also inspiring others to become leaders and volunteers.

"The benefit of watching people grow and develop is just awe-inspiring... it's like watching a flower bloom," Terri said.

"Volunteering is such an important thing in our community. We all benefit as a community and what you put in as a volunteer, we all get back tenfold."

Nominations close on Sunday 25 August, with the winner to be announced in December.



Learn more

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for more details and to nominate a volunteer.



Kilsyth to Croydon water mains renewal update

Melbourne Water's work to replace the water mains in Croydon and Kilsyth is on track, with the recent completion of the major road crossing at Mt Dandenong Road.

The remaining roads to be crossed are at Parris Road, Bennison Street and Norton Road.

Once this is completed in August, work will then start on the reinstatement of the pipe track, which will include a new shared user path from Tarralla Creek to Bayswater Road.

To find out more about the project, scan the QR code or visit the Melbourne Water website www.melbournewater.com.au/services/projects/kilsyth-croydon-water-main-renewal



Bedford Road reopens to traffic



Bedford Road opened early to vehicles and pedestrians in late March, marking it the 75th level crossing removed as part of the Victorian Government's Level Crossing Removal Project.

Works on the Ringwood and Croydon level crossing removals are progressing, with the level crossing at Bedford Road, Ringwood now removed and trains running through the new rail trench under the road.

Major construction continues at Dublin Road, Ringwood East to dig the new 650 metre rail trench and remove the level crossing. The new Ringwood East Station is taking shape and will open in early July, with better facilities for

passengers, including more lighting and CCTV.

Major works are underway at Coolstore Road, Croydon to remove the level crossing and to build the new elevated rail bridge and new road connections. The new Croydon Station will open to passengers in late July, with works on the station and transport hub continuing into spring. When works are complete, the Lilydale Line will be level crossing free in 2024.

Revisiting history

Did you know the Ringwood Memorial Clocktower was originally located within the intersection of Maroondah Highway and Warrandyte Road?



Conceived as a War Memorial after World War I, the clocktower became an icon and, increasingly, a traffic hazard, so it was moved in the 1960s to the corner of Wantirna Road and Maroondah Highway to ease traffic congestion.

It was re-dedicated in December 1967. Council recently uncovered an archival video of the move, which involved the clocktower being rebuilt brick by brick!



Scan the QR code to watch the video on our website.



For more information, visit Victoria's Big Build website bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/level-crossing-removal-project

Making progress in Maroondah

As part of Council's \$65.77 million Capital Works Program, projects are continuing to take shape.

Facilities

Lighting upgrades at North Ringwood Reserve oval



Lighting upgrades at the North Ringwood Reserve oval are underway. The new light poles and LED lights will provide a safer and more enjoyable experience for users. The works are due for completion at the end of the year. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/North-Ringwood-Reserve-oval-lighting-upgrades

Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park



Construction continues at Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park this month. The relocation of the heritage section of the building is now complete, with the original Blood Brothers storefront retaining its prominent corner store significance at its new home on the south-east corner of the site. The next stage of works includes ground work for the main carpark construction. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Ringwood-Activity-Centre-Carpark

Pathways

Footpath improvement works



Footpath improvement works along Canterbury Road in Ringwood are now complete. Improvements include the construction of the missing link of footpath within the Canterbury Road service lane, between Wantirna Road and 307 Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on the north side of the road. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/newfootpaths

Drainage

Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrades



Stage 4 of the Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrades is halfway complete. The works include the installation of 280 metres of reinforced concrete drainage pipes at depths ranging from 2 to 4 metres, plus the construction of 16 new drainage pits. The works are due to finish by August. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/RMAC-drainage-upgrade

Roads

Victoria Street road upgrade



Council is upgrading Victoria Street, between Knaith Road and Railway Avenue and at the intersection of Victoria Street and Railway Avenue in Ringwood East. Consultation with the community has wrapped up and the design phase is now underway. These works will address the deteriorated condition of the road, enhance pedestrian connectivity and improve the operation and safety of the Victoria Street and Railway Avenue intersection. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Victoria-St-Ringwood-East-road-upgrade

Open space

Bungalook Reserve playspace



The construction of the playspace at Bungalook Reserve in Bayswater North is almost complete. The new playspace will include a multi-age play unit, slides, climbing wall, monkey bars, balancing and agility elements, a spinner, a double rocker and swings. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Bungalook-Reserve-playspace-renewal

Little John Reserve playspace



Construction of the playspace at Little John Reserve in Warranwood is underway. The new playspace will feature a main play unit, which will include three slides and an assortment of elements suitable for junior and teenage play. These include monkey bars, a track slide, a spinner, a rocker, climbing poles and two swings. As part of these works, the basketball court will also be renewed, and a new picnic table and bench seat will be installed. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Little-John-Reserve-Playspace-Renewal



Learn more

Scan the QR code to visit the 'Projects' page on Council's website. Find out more and see other projects in progress.

Celebrating 50 years of birdies and bogeys at Ringwood Golf

For half a century, golfers of all ages have stepped onto the greens of Ringwood Golf, nestled in the heart of our community.

Originally starting as a modest nine-hole course in March 1974, the club quickly expanded to 18 holes just two years later.

Today, it stands as a bustling 18-hole destination, complete with a fully stocked pro shop and licensed café.

Ringwood Golf Club Life Member Bruce Smith reflects on nearly five decades spent on the course. "People come from everywhere to play here," Bruce shares.

"The main reason golfers play at a particular course is primarily the way it is presented and maintained, and whether it is easy or hard to play a reasonable game of golf."

Bruce's dedication to the sport extends beyond mere rounds. During his tenure on the Ringwood Golf Club committee, including two terms as club president, Bruce championed initiatives like the annual Ringwood Pro Am tournaments. "We started off with \$5,000 prizemoney and ended up at about \$18,000," Bruce recalls. "So, it just grew and grew."

Over the years, these tournaments not only attracted professionals and amateurs but

also supported local charities with funds raised. Bruce's commitment to the game and the community shines through as he continues to see Ringwood Golf thrive, welcoming golfers of all levels to enjoy its scenic greens and camaraderie.

With golf carts available and clinics offered, Ringwood Golf remains a beloved destination for seasoned players and newcomers alike, promising a memorable experience for all.



Archival image of the 1st tee being built at Ringwood Golf, around 1974.
Source: Ringwood and District Historical Society.

For more about Ringwood Golf, including lessons, green fees and membership, visit www.maroondahleisure.com.au/Our-venues/Ringwood-Golf
Ringwood Golf is located at 352 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

Wombolano Ward

Wonga Ward

Yarrunga Ward

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Maroondah is fortunate to be home to Croydon Library and Realm Library in Ringwood Town Square. As Council's representative for Your Library, I encourage you to see what they have to offer.

Both offer free access to a vast collection of print and digital resources, historical information and research tools, including free WiFi and computer access.

As well as being a hub for knowledge and learning, the libraries also host a wide range of events for our community, such as storytime sessions for children, school holiday activities, author talks, social programs, board game events, information sessions and workshops on computer essentials.

Visit Council's website to find out more or to view upcoming events at a library near you.



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Council is actively working towards reducing barriers so that people of all abilities, along with their families and carers, can participate in community life, access equitable opportunities, and feel connected and included.

As an example, in 2023, Council supported award-winning artist and resident Chloe to host an exhibition at Maroondah Federation Estate. The exhibition showcased Chloe's handmade jewellery, keyrings, pottery and crafts, with works influenced by her experiences as a person with disability. As Council's representative on the Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee, I was proud to see Chloe's work recognised and celebrated by our community.

I encourage you to visit Council's website to learn more about our work on inclusion, belonging and disability.



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If you're looking for some entertainment this winter, why not check out upcoming shows at Karralyka. From *The Phantom of the Opera* to *Children are Stinky* or Morning Music sessions, there's something for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy. Visit the Karralyka website to view the *2024 Theatre Season Brochure* and book your tickets.

You can also experience some fantastic exhibitions at Council's art venues, including Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery, the gallery at Wyreena Community Arts Centre, and ArtSpace at Realm.

Visit Council's website to subscribe to our Arts in Maroondah and Karralyka e-newsletters for the latest news on a range of arts and cultural events and activities in Maroondah.

Visit your local community centre

Maroondah's local community centres offer a range of affordable programs, courses and activities in a supportive, friendly environment. Whether you're looking for a new hobby or to study something new, why not visit your local community centre and find out what's on offer?

Arrabri Community House



Talking Café

Come together with other people aged 60 years and above from your community and enjoy casual conversation and a cup of tea or coffee.

When: Every Thursday from 2pm to 3pm

Cost: Free social event (café purchases not included)

Contact: 9720 0877 or visit www.arrabri.org

Central Ringwood Community Centre



Rainbow Walk

Introducing Rainbow Walk! Join us in partnership with Glen Park Community Centre and Central Ringwood Community Centre for a biweekly LGBTQIA+ and allies gathering under Maroondah Pride – From the Ground Up, a grassroots venture.

Experience leisurely strolls, engaging conversations, and a mid-walk cuppa, fostering connections and inclusivity. Whether you identify as LGBTQIA+ or stand as an ally, you're warmly welcomed.

Contact: Glen Park Community Centre, email office@glenparkcc.com.au or call 9720 5097

Central Ringwood Community Centre, visit www.crcinc.org.au or call 9870 2602

Glen Park Community Centre



Art with Gabriele

Explore your art journey. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, this is your time to create and immerse yourself within a friendly and supportive group of people who wish to do the same.

When: Wednesdays 17 July to 18 September, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: \$277.70 for the term (concession rates available)

Contact: To enrol, call 9720 5097 or office@glenparkcc.com.au

Yarrunga Community Centre



Wills and Power of Attorney information session

This free session, hosted by Eastern Community Legal Centre and Yarrunga Community Centre, will focus on planning for your future, including Wills and Power of Attorney processes.

When: Thursday 31 October, 10.30am to 12noon

Cost: Free, bookings are essential.

Contact: To book, call Eastern Community Legal Centre on 1300 32 52 00, email education@eclc.org.au or visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/WillsAndPowerOfAttorney

To find out more about Yarrunga Community Centre, call 9722 8942 or visit www.yarrunga.org.au

North Ringwood Community House



Strong People Stay Young – Beginner sessions

A strength training exercise program ideal for people aged 50 years and above, with a relaxed atmosphere and a class of friendly peers. The program aids in body toning, strength, weight loss, and helps to retain strong bones and prevent osteoporosis. Participants will need to supply their own yoga mat.

When: Thursdays, 10.30am to 11.30am

Cost: \$14.50 per session. Bookings by the term

Contact: 9876 3421 to enrol or visit www.nrch.org.au

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP)

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MMIGP supports and facilitates a variety of cultural activities and programs that incorporate art, music, language and storytelling, providing a culturally safe and inclusive space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to feel connected and empowered.

Contact: 9725 2166 or visit mmigp.org.au

Learn more

For more information on these activities and many more, visit the 'Community centres' page on Council's website. You can also find links to each community centre website.

Maroondah Eco Gathering

Find your people

Saturday 6 July | 10am to 3pm | Karralyka

Do you want to create positive environmental change in your community? Join us to be inspired by champion change makers and connect with like-minded locals.

Featuring: Hannah Moloney, host for ABC TV's *Gardening Australia*, permaculture educator, community champion and best-selling author of *The Good Life*.

Event MC: Gilbert Rochecouste, expert Placemaker and founder of Village Well.

- Guest speakers
- Group activities to find your people
- Case studies
- Q&A with community leaders

Registrations essential



www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/ecogathering or scan the QR code



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Realm
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(opposite Ringwood Station)

