



Events like our Celebrate Maroondah series are part of Council's initiatives and programs to support the wellbeing of our community.

Help champion mental health

Maroondah residents can help champion mental health by taking part in events, programs and initiatives to improve mental wellbeing, including Council's Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training sessions.

The sessions help participants increase their knowledge of mental health first aid, including recognising the signs and symptoms of mental health concerns, possible causes or risk factors, and how to give appropriate initial help and support.

By raising awareness about mental health and promoting honest, meaningful conversations, the training helps to reduce stigma, creating a ripple effect in the community as participants share and apply their knowledge.

"This is only my second day and I have already used the first day's information many times with scout leaders and family," one participant said.

"I can help others by speaking up and showing concern, and helping link others to the appropriate information," another participant said.

"With a little further information and resources, as provided in the course material, we can help support others without having to be 'the fixer' of the issue or situation," a third participant said.

Council has offered MHFA training sessions since 2015, with a focus on community volunteers and carers.

The training was expanded in 2019 to offer subsidised sessions for local service providers and organisational representatives.

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Welcome to Maroondah news

Hello and welcome to the April edition of Maroondah news.

This is one of many ways that you can keep informed and engaged with the range of Council's services, events and programs.

We also provide other digital and print news publications, including our quarterly Maroondah news magazine, our eNewsletter and regular updates via our website and social media.

If you haven't already, visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au and subscribe to our regular eNewsletters, or keep up to date on our social media channels.

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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 Council meeting dates are:

Monday 17 April

Monday 15 May

Monday 19 June (includes adoption of Annual Budget and Council Plan)

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 in time for the start of the meeting. Agendas are made available on the Friday before the meeting date.

Council opening hours

Our customer service centres are 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 most Victorian public holidays.

Open Easter Monday 10am to 5pm
Closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday
and Anzac Day.

Croydon Library

5 Civic Square, Croydon.
Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.
Closed on all public holidays.

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The sessions are part of Council's dedication to improving mental health and wellbeing in Maroondah, which was recently recognised in the Mental Health First Aid Champions Community program with Mental Health First Aid Australia.

Visit the 'Mental Health First Aid Champions Community program' page on Council's website to learn more.

Upcoming MFHA course

Council is hosting a free MHFA training course in May for people over 18 years of age who are Maroondah carers.

Participants who complete both sessions will receive a 3-year Mental Health First Aid certificate from Mental Health First Aid Australia.

Places are limited, so visit Council's website and book early to avoid disappointment.

Happy Easter!

On behalf of Council and our Councillors, we wish all Maroondah residents a safe and happy Easter.

If you are travelling over the Easter break, please take care and stay safe on the roads.



Help us recognise a remarkable volunteer

Maroondah residents are encouraged to nominate an exceptional volunteer for the Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award.

The annual award is named in honour of community stalwart Bill Wilkins OAM and recognises those in our community who inspire and embody the spirit of volunteerism through their positive contributions to Maroondah.

Nominations close 5pm, Sunday 22 October 2023. The winner will be announced at a special volunteer awards function in December.



Geoff Moss was named recipient of the 2022 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award in recognition of his 45 years of service to Maroondah Volleyball.

Visit Council's website to learn more and to nominate a volunteer.

Become a volunteer

Council offers a range of volunteering opportunities with Home and Community Care, Social Support Programs, Youth, Bushland Care, Meals on Wheels and more. Visit the 'Volunteering' page on Council's website or call us on 1300 88 22 33 to find out more.

Tell us what you think!

Do you have a topic that you'd like to see covered in Maroondah news? Email us at news@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Help shape Maroondah's future

Council is calling on residents to share their thoughts in the Australian Liveability Census – the largest social research project in Australia!

The survey invites residents in communities across the nation to share their thoughts on the things they value, need and experience within their local neighbourhoods.

By sharing feedback in the survey, which takes less than 15 minutes to complete, you can provide a wealth of knowledge about what matters

most to Maroondah residents and help ensure Council can consider the needs, values and goals of our residents when planning future programs, initiatives, facilities and more.

Visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to share your thoughts or to learn more about the Australian Liveability Census.



Anzac Day services

This 25 April, we reflect on the sacrifices of those who have bravely served our nation in wartime, and to the men and women who continue to serve in military conflict and peacekeeping operations around the world. Council is presenting a wreath to commemorate the day.

Anzac marches and commemorative services

Ringwood RSL Sunday 23 April, 9.30am to 11am

Assemble at Ringwood Square (New/Seymour Street), Ringwood.

Croydon RSL Sunday 23 April, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

March starts at the corner of Hewish Road and Main Street, Croydon and heads to the James N Stevens Memorial Lawn, where the Service will be held.

Anzac dawn services

Ringwood RSL Tuesday 25 April, 5.30am start

Ringwood Clocktower
Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Croydon RSL Tuesday 25 April, 5.45am to 6.30am

Croydon War Memorial
Corner Kent Avenue and Croydon Road roundabout. Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Sub Branch afterwards.

Local Law review

In mid-2022, you provided feedback on what matters to you regarding safety and local amenity, and how important it is for Council to monitor those activities. This feedback has helped us prepare our Draft Community Local Law 2023.

Many clauses in the Draft Community Local Law 2023 have been retained from the current Local Law No. 11. There have been some new provisions added to address current issues impacting the community. We have created a summary document that points out the proposed changes and what they mean.

Learn more by visiting Council's Your Say Maroondah website, where you can find the Draft documents. Have your say from 13 April to 10 May.

Share your vision for Staley Gardens Ringwood

Staley Gardens is a highly valuable green space located in the heart of the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre (RMAC).

Council would like to know how current visitors to Staley Gardens use the area, and how the wider community may use the space in the future.

Your feedback will help shape the creation of a Landscape Masterplan for Staley Gardens to ensure that it meets the needs of residents, businesses and visitors.

Provide your feedback via Council's Your Say Maroondah website between 11 April and 16 May for your chance to win one of ten \$50 Eastland vouchers.



Visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website to share your thoughts www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Discover nature in Maroondah with these great events in April!

City Nature Challenge

This four-day event challenges residents to become citizen scientists by observing and documenting Maroondah's natural flora and fauna on the iNaturalist citizen science platform.

Maroondah is teaming up with 26 other metropolitan councils to represent Greater Melbourne and compete against over 450 cities in this global citizen science event, so your observations will count!

In 2023, the **City Nature Challenge runs from Friday 28 April to Monday 1 May.**

During this time, Council will be offering free Nature Discovery activities led by people with local knowledge and expertise on different aspects of nature. Visit the 'Discovering nature' page on Council's website to learn more.

Nature Play

With Nature Play Week coming up from 17 to 30 April, it's the perfect time to visit one of Maroondah's 400-plus parks and reserves. Visit the Interactive Transport Map on Council's website to find one near you.

You can also take part in Council's **Nature Ninjas' Play Day on Friday 21 April from 11am to 2pm at Bargeong Reserve, Croydon.**

Use your Nature Ninja skills at the nature-inspired creative activities, including:

- Sensory nature treasure hunt
- Discovery bush walk
- Story book nature trail
- Various interactive activities

You can also make a Nature Ninja mask to take home too!

This event is a partnership between Council, Nurture in Nature and Eastern Regional Libraries.

Keep an eye on Council's website for more information, or visit the 'Nature play in Maroondah' page for more great ideas to inspire your nature play.

FOGO kits now being delivered

Council's transition to the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service continues this month, with FOGO kits being delivered until the end of April.

From Monday 1 May, Maroondah households with a Council waste collection service will be able to put their food waste to good use by adding their food scraps to their existing garden organics bin.

Council is supplying Maroondah households with a FOGO kit, which includes a kitchen caddy, a roll of 150 compostable liners and an information pack with tips and tricks on how to use the kit.

If you told Council you did not want to receive a FOGO kit, but would still like to use liners or a kitchen caddy, you can collect these from our Croydon and Realm customer service centres from Monday 1 May.

What can go in your FOGO bin?

- Fruit and vegetable scraps including garlic, onion and citrus
- Leftovers and plate scrapings
- Rice, grains, cereals and bread
- Meat, seafood, poultry and bones (raw and cooked)

- Dairy products, eggs and eggshells
- Tea leaves and coffee grounds
- Mouldy or expired foods
- Pastries, cakes and desserts

Visit Council's website for more information on the FOGO service.



E-waste + more collection day

**Saturday 6 May
8am to 2pm**

**Maroondah City Council
Operations Centre
24-28 Lincoln Road, Croydon**

Council is hosting a free collection day to help Maroondah residents recycle their electronic waste (e-waste) and other 'hard-to-recycle' items.

Acceptable items include any item with a battery or cord (excluding whitegoods or items that two people cannot pick up), fluorescent light globes, including compact and tubes, household batteries and car batteries, gas bottles up to 9kg.

We can also accept clean polystyrene, flattened cardboard, and clean textiles.

Registration is essential and bookings are limited. Only residential quantities can be accepted. Visit Council's website to view the full list of acceptable items, to secure your booking and to find how your waste will be recycled.



Did you know?



Council runs regular community waste education workshops on a variety of topics. Sessions can be run for community groups on request. Scan the QR code to find out more or subscribe to the Waste and Sustainability newsletter for updates.

Safe, reliable vaccination service

Council offers a safe, reliable immunisation service for Maroondah residents and the wider community.

Flu vaccines available soon

Council offers free flu vaccines to eligible persons through the National Immunisation Program (NIP). For eligibility criteria please refer to the Immunisation page on Council's website. Payable flu vaccine is also available for \$28 for those not eligible for the free flu vaccine.

Dedicated Flu session appointments will be available from May at venues across Maroondah. Keep an eye on Council's 'Immunisation' webpage www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/immunisation in April to make a booking.

HPV vaccine schedule change

In February this year, the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine schedule changed from two doses to one dose for most people. The eligibility age for free catch up vaccinations has also increased from 19 to 25 years of age.

People aged 10 to 25 years are eligible for the HPV vaccine, with Council also administering vaccines to students in Year 7 (12 to 13 years) at school.

Anyone who is eligible and has not had a single dose of HPV vaccine or who missed their school dose can attend Council's public immunisation sessions to be vaccinated.

Visit the 'Immunisation' page on Council's website to book and visit the Better Health Victoria website to learn about the HPV vaccine and how it is reducing HPV related cancers.

Vaccines for babies, children and adolescents

Families in Maroondah can access vaccines on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) at no cost to protect babies and children against infectious diseases, especially during their most vulnerable years of life.

Council's free public immunisation sessions are offered at various locations in Maroondah. The sessions cover the immunisation schedule for babies and children aged between six weeks and four years, as well as for adolescents and adults. Council also provides a catch up schedule for missed vaccinations.

Victorian Government legislation (No Jab, No Play) requires all children to be fully vaccinated to be enrolled for childcare and kindergarten, unless they have a medical exemption.

Immunisation is the best defence against the return of highly contagious diseases such as polio, rubella and whooping cough, which has shown a resurgence in recent years.

Visit the 'Immunisation' page on Council's website to learn more or to book.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pet registration renewals due soon



All dogs and cats three months of age and over must be registered with Council. Registrations are annual and are renewed on 10 April each year.

Registering your pet has many benefits, including making it easier for Council to return your pet if it happens to become lost.

Did you know you can receive your renewal notice via email? Visit the 'Pet registration and renewal' page on Council's website to register to receive emails or create an account to manage and access your registration renewals at any time.

If you have moved or no longer have your pet, please contact Council on 1300 88 22 33 or visit our website to update your pet registration details.

Funding applications closing soon

Applications for Council's 2023/24 Community Grants funding program and the 2023/24 Arts and Cultural Grants will close at 4pm on Friday 28 April 2023.

Visit Council's website or call 1300 88 22 33 for information on eligibility, application guidelines and assessment criteria.

2024 Maroondah Australia Day Awards – nominations open



Nominations are now open for the 2024 Maroondah Australia Day Awards.

Presented annually at Council's Australia Day event, these awards honour some of Maroondah's most outstanding residents for their contributions to the lives of others.

Visit Council's website to nominate for the 2024 Australia Day Awards or to learn more about the 2023 award recipients.

Did you know?



Young people who have missed important vaccinations at school can book into Council's immunisation sessions to catch up. Scan the QR code to visit the 'Immunisation' page on Council's website, find out more information or make a booking.

Get moving with our Movement Expo

Tuesday 2 May, 9am to 12noon

Maroondah Nets – 154 Heathmont Road, Heathmont

Council is hosting a Movement Expo to encourage older residents to come and see the diverse range of activities available within Maroondah.

You can also visit stallholders to speak to representatives from local organisations, such as U3A and Probus clubs, or watch demonstrations of activities and sports.

The expo will also showcase a range of walking or modified sports, making it a great way for community members of all ages to discover all kinds of physical activities on offer in Maroondah.

Visit Council's website to learn more or register for the expo.

What's On

To view more events and activities in Maroondah, visit the [What's On in Maroondah](#) section of Council's website.



Stephen K Amos: Before and Laughter

Tuesday 18 April
7.30pm to 8.45pm

Karralyka
Mines Road, Ringwood East

Stephen K Amos returns to Australia due to overwhelming popular demand. Join Stephen as he muses over the extraordinary events the world has faced over the last couple of years. How did you get through it all? Stephen's solution... find the funny.

Visit the Karralyka website www.karralyka.com.au to book or find out more.



Bohemian Nights at Wyreena Music Café

Friday 28 April
7.30pm to 9.30pm

Wyreena Conservatory Café
13-23 Hull Road, Croydon

Enjoy a night of vibrant live music at the Wyreena Music Café as Bohemian Nights play Gypsy, Klezmer, Turkish, French, Italian, Russian, jazz and tango music, ranging from soulful to wild.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include entertainment and supper. Bookings are essential.

Visit Council's website to book or find out more.



Maroondah Night Run

Friday 28 April
6pm start

Ringwood Golf
352 Canterbury Road, Ringwood

Join us for Maroondah Night Run, a 5km run or walk around the 18 holes of Ringwood Golf course. Come along and dress in your brightest activewear for a fun-filled evening. The event is timed, so you can try for a personal best or simply enjoy the beautiful views on offer. Bring your own glow sticks and lights to really stand out from the crowd! All ages and athletic abilities are welcome.

Visit Council's website to register or find out more.

School holiday activities

Looking for ideas to keep the family entertained these school holidays? Look no further!

Wyreena Community Arts Centre

Wyreena Community Arts Centre is hosting creative activities for children to enjoy these school holidays:

- Draw and paint reptiles and amphibians
- Create a paper collage
- Pop art
- Make your own ceramic bird

Visit the 'Wyreena School Holiday Program' page on Council's website to view the Autumn brochure and to enrol in program sessions.

Maroondah Leisure

The Rings and Maroondah Nets offer a range of holiday programs for children aged 5 to 14.

School holiday programs are available for basketball, netball, volleyball, tennis, Futsal (indoor soccer) and multi-sports.

The programs are a fun way to keep active and social during the school holidays.

To find out more and book, visit the 'School Holiday Programs' page on the Maroondah Leisure website, www.maroondahleisure.com.au

Community Centres

Whether you're trying something new or taking up an old hobby, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Maroondah's Central Ringwood, Glen Park, North Ringwood and Yarrunga Community Centres, and Arrabri Community House.

Classes and courses include practical computer skills, arts and crafts, woodworking, writing, indoor bowls, book clubs, independent living skills, meditation, yoga, Pilates, Auslan and much more! Visit the 'Courses and classes' page on Council's website, via the 'What's On in Maroondah' page.



Make a ceramic bird with Brigida Alberti



The Rings, Basketball programs



Community Centre, Craft Classes

Progress on projects in your area

As part of Council's \$51.69 million Capital Works Program, progress on major projects is taking shape.

JW Manson Reserve pavilion redevelopment



Redevelopment of JW Manson Pavilion in Wantirna, owned by Maroondah City Council, is progressing well. The building modules have been built off site and installed in the reserve, reducing construction time and disruption to the area. Once complete, the pavilion will be home to local soccer, AFL and cricket clubs and will feature female-friendly and accessible facilities, large multipurpose space, kitchen, bar and kiosk. The cricket nets are also being upgraded as part of this redevelopment. Both projects have been funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Tarralla Creek Stormwater Harvesting System

Forming part of the Reimagining Tarralla Creek Project, the Tarralla Creek Stormwater Harvesting project has recently been completed. This system will now capture, treat and re-use stormwater to irrigate the following four surrounding sportsfields in Croydon – Fred Geale Oval, Croydon Oval, Springfield Park and Town Park sportsfield. This investment will save approximately 13 million litres (5 Olympic sized swimming pools) of drinking water per year.

This project is funded by Council and in partnership with the Victorian Government, Yarra Valley Water and Melbourne Water.

Town Park sportsfield redevelopment

Following the works to install the Tarralla Creek stormwater harvesting system, the sportsfield that sits within the athletics track at Town Park is being upgraded. Drainage and irrigation have been installed, while 2,000 tonnes of sand have been spread over the soccer pitch with the drought tolerant couch grass turf recently laid. This project is funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Dorset Golf course improvement works



Winter playing conditions at Dorset Golf will be more enjoyable for golfers following recent improvement works. As part of Council's capital works program, the front nine holes now have improved drainage, sand capping and cart path extensions. Golfers will benefit from the upgrades with less surface water on the fairways, improved drainage in flood prone areas and easier navigation around the course. Further improvement works to the back nine holes are scheduled to be undertaken in 2024.

Engineering works update

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

Check out works recently completed in your area:

- Parsons Street, Croydon – parking improvements and footpath construction
- Eastfield Road, Ringwood East – infrastructure enhancement works
- Alexandra Road and Scenic Avenue, Ringwood East – flood mitigation works
- Ainslie Park Carpark, Croydon – carpark construction
- Anzac Street, Croydon – footpath construction
- Gardini Avenue, Ringwood – shared user path construction
- New Street, Ringwood – pedestrian safety improvements

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

- Dorset Recreation Reserve, Croydon South – carpark improvements
- New Street, Ringwood – RMAC Sherbrook Catchment Stage 3 drainage upgrades
- Yarra Road, Croydon – road renewal and footpath construction works
- Hendra Grove, Sunhill Road, Sang Court, Ambrie Avenue, Ringwood – footpath construction
- Jubilee Park Carpark, Ringwood – carpark improvement works
- Eastfield Road, Croydon South – footpath construction and pedestrian refuge
- Churchill Way, Kilsyth – disabled bay parking improvement
- Sonia Street, Ringwood – drainage improvement works
- Stirling Rd and Toorak Avenue Intersection, Croydon – waste vehicle turning improvements

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

Indoor cricket training centre at Jubilee Park taking shape



Construction of the five-lane indoor cricket training centre at Jubilee Park is nearing completion. The facility, proposed to be named Maroondah Edge, has entered the internal fit out stage of the project, with fittings and fixtures currently being installed. Overlooking the Premier Grade Russell Lucas Oval in the Jubilee Park sporting precinct, the centre will be one of four indoor cricket training hubs in the Melbourne metropolitan area, and a one-of-a-kind facility in the Eastern

Region. Once complete, the state-of-the-art facility will boast five lanes for indoor cricket training and will become a regional women's centre of excellence for cricket, as well as being used by the premier grade Ringwood Cricket Club, Cricket Victoria and the Ringwood District Cricket Association (RDCA). Expected to be completed by May/June this year, the facility will be a welcome addition to Jubilee Park sporting precinct.



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