



Mr Bernie Capicchiano and Dr Graeme Lorimer were conferred at an event last month.

Maroondah's highest honour

Mr Bernie Capicchiano and Dr Graeme Lorimer have been conferred as Honorary Freeman of the City, in recognition of their outstanding achievements and service to the community.

Bernie's contributions to music in Maroondah and the wider community were recognised. These include founding Bernies Music Land and being a longstanding major sponsor and President of The Ringwood Eisteddfod.

He has also held roles as a member and event sponsor of the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce, President and Treasurer of the Australian Music Association, and Board Member of Australian New Zealand Cultural Arts (ANZCA), among others.

"Helping people make music and sharing music is what it's about. I'm blessed to do what I do and honoured to receive this award," Bernie said.

Graeme's conservation, research, education and volunteering were recognised, with achievements including the protection of the rare

Kilsyth South Spider-orchid. His *Sites of Biological Significance in Maroondah 1995 to 1997* and *Biodiversity in Maroondah (2020) Volumes 1 and 2* have helped inform local biodiversity management.

Graeme has held various local, state and national roles, including Convenor of the Friends of Bungalook Conservation Reserve, Fellow of the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand, and Honorary Research Associate of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

"I'm honoured to receive this award. Making a difference for the local community is something I value," Graeme said.

Visit Council's website to learn more about Maroondah's Freeman of the City.

Welcome to Maroondah news

Hello and welcome to the October 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 dates:

Monday 23 October

Wednesday 8 November

(election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

Monday 20 November

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 Council's website on the Friday before the meeting date.

Council customer service opening hours

Our Customer Service team is here to help. Visit us at:

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

Croydon Library

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

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Scan the QR code to subscribe to Maroondah eNews, our digital community newsletter that features a range of news, consultations and events to keep you connected with what's happening in and around Maroondah.

The information provided in this newsletter was accurate at the time of print. Visit Council's website for the latest information.



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Have your say

Shaping Maroondah's future together



Council is working with our community to create Maroondah 2050, our next Community Vision.

If you live, work or play in Maroondah, we would like to hear your vision for the future. By sharing your thoughts, you can help ensure that the next Community Vision reflects our community's values, aspirations and priorities.

There are many ways for you to get involved. You can take our quick online poll, or complete our survey for your chance to win one of 10 \$100 Eastland vouchers.

You can also share your ideas on our interactive ideas board, provide feedback at an upcoming pop-up

consultation, or express your interest in joining the Maroondah 2050 Community Panel.

Visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website to learn more and share your vision for Maroondah towards the year 2050.

Consultation is open until Wednesday 6 December.

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

Draft Croydon Major Activity Centre Structure Plan

Following community consultation over the past 18 months about what Croydon means to you, Council has prepared a draft Croydon Major Activity Centre (MAC) Structure Plan.

The draft Croydon MAC Structure Plan outlines a shared vision for the area's future to help guide land use and development in suitable areas and ensure growth contributes to our high-quality streets, laneways, public open space, heritage character, amenity, creek and wetland.

Visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website to complete our survey to share your thoughts on the draft Croydon MAC Structure Plan.

Consultation closes on Friday 13 October.



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

Supporting older LGBTI+ residents

Kerrabee has become a space where members of the LGBTI+ community can be their authentic selves.

The LGBTI+ Peer Social Support Group at Kerrabee is a welcoming environment for people aged 50 years and over who identify as part of the LGBTI+ community, as well as their friends and allies, to connect in a safe space.

Naming themselves *Mature Rainbows*, the group provides opportunities to reduce social isolation and loneliness, build friendships, share stories and information, and provide education.

One founding member reflected on the group's growth and its impact on the community.

"We started with a group of three people handing out leaflets and distributing information, and it's grown to the group it is now, which is just under 20 people.

I think it's a great idea for people who are on their own and have a lot in common to share their happiness and enjoy their life together," they said.

"The group has brought so many different people together who accept each other, who can be genuine with each other, who care about each other," said Tracy, another *Mature Rainbows* member.

"Being your authentic self has been the most important thing, and to not be judged has been amazing."

The *Mature Rainbows* group meets on the last Friday of each month at Kerrabee in Croydon. It is free to attend meetings.

Visit Council's website or call Kerrabee on 9294 5531 to find out more about the LGBTI+ Peer Social Support Group and other support services and programs.



Celebrating young artists

Maroondah residents aged 10 to 25 years who have an eye for the visual arts have been celebrated in Council's 2023 Youth Art Competition.

Council was one of more than one hundred organisations across Victoria to receive funding from the Victorian Youth Fest to host an event that highlights the contributions and achievements of young people in their communities.

The competition invited young artists to submit artworks inspired by themes of Diversity, Strength and Belonging to showcase the unique talents and perspectives of young people in Maroondah. The categories were open to broad artistic interpretation and could be approached from a personal, social or cultural perspective. Artists were able to use a range of various media.

Prizes were awarded to the best works in each category, with selection criteria including how well the work addressed the theme, how well the chosen materials were used, creativity and originality.

All artwork was digitised and exhibited at EV's Youth Centre in Croydon on Thursday 28 September and will be displayed during future youth events to ensure Maroondah's young people feel seen, heard and celebrated within the wider community.

To keep up to date with future youth events, visit Council's Youth Services website, www.maroondahyouth.com.au

NEWS IN BRIEF

Municipal Emergency Management Plan endorsed



The *Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2023-2026* for Maroondah has been endorsed by the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee. The plan addresses the prevention of, response to and recovery from emergencies within the municipality of Maroondah. It is updated every three years and reflects shared responsibilities across government, emergency management agencies and communities.

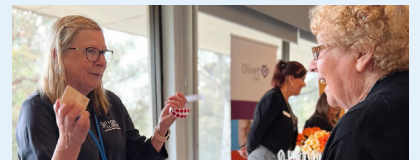
Visit Council's website to learn more about planning for emergencies.

2024 Maroondah Australia Day Awards

Do you know someone who has contributed to the Maroondah community as an individual or in a community group, professionally or as a volunteer? Nominate them for Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year! If you've organised or attended a great community event, nominate it for the Community Event of the Year.

Nominations for the 2024 Maroondah Australia Day Awards close on Sunday 19 November. Visit Council's website to learn more or submit a nomination.

Seniors Festival



Maroondah residents 60 years and over are invited to attend a range of events and activities this month. With arts and crafts, 'come and try' sports sessions, guided walking tours of Wyreena, library events and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Residents are also invited to Council's free Seniors Wellbeing Expo on Tuesday 24 October from 9.30am to 12noon at Karralyka in Ringwood East.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the range of events and activities on offer.



Sunday 12 November
10am to 4pm
Town Park, Croydon

**Maroondah Festival has something for everyone.
Here's a snippet of what to expect:**

Fun and Fitness

A range of local business and sporting clubs showcasing:

- Fitness activities
- Fitness related programs and products
- Come and try activities

Café Consult

Have your say on Council projects and activities, including:

- Maroondah 2050 Community Vision
- Communicating with the community
- Mullum Mullum Creek Biolink

Complete three consultations to receive a free coffee or cold drink!

Kids Kingdom

A full day of fun for the kids, including:

- Free kids rides
- Stage entertainment
- Water play
- Craft activities including nature craft

Stage entertainment

A jam packed schedule of entertainment across three stages:

- Main stage
- Community stage
- Kids stage
- Home grown cooking stage

Other activities

Explore and interact with other activities on offer:

- Artisan market
- Eco village
- Youth area
- Amusements and rides

Plus, much more to see and do!

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Keep up to date with all things Maroondah Festival!

Subscribe to *Maroondah eNews* to receive Maroondah Festival information straight to your inbox before the big day on Sunday 12 November.



Festival hotline 9294 5604 | #maroondahfestival2023
www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Festival

Maroondah Festival 2023 Event Map





What's On

Scan the QR code to visit Council's website for more information about these and other events. Hosting a community event? Visit our website and add your event to our online 'Events calendar'.



E-waste + More Collection Day

Saturday 21 October
8am to 2pm

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

Council's free collection day to help Maroondah residents recycle electronic waste (e-waste) and additional 'hard to recycle' items, including clean polystyrene, cardboard, textiles, vapes and e-cigarettes. Acceptable e-waste items include any item with a battery or cord (excluding whitegoods or items that two people cannot pick up) and fluorescent light globes, including compact and tubes. Household batteries, car batteries and gas bottles (up to 9kg) are also acceptable.

Registration is essential and bookings are limited. Only residential quantities can be accepted. Visit Council's website to view acceptable items and book.



Heathmont Centenary Celebration at Heathmont Village

Saturday 21 October
10am to 12noon

Heathmont Village Shopping Centre

Join this celebration of the centenary since the naming of Heathmont. The event will include face painting, entertainment, a sausage sizzle, historical Heathmont photos, time capsule viewing and more.

You can also take part in the passport activity. Make five \$10 purchases from participating retailers and collect passport stamps in the two weeks leading up to the event for your chance to win a lucky prize. There will also be a 5 percent discount from participating retailers during the passport activity from Saturday 7 October.

Visit Council's website for more information.



The Hidden Orchard

Production in October
Installation until Sunday 5 November

ArtSpace at Realm
Ringwood Town Square

Share a glimpse into the fascinating orchard history of Maroondah with this new theatre production and video installation that draws on the narratives of local orchardists, their impact on Maroondah and subsequent suburban expansion.

The production, available on various dates in October, is an intimate look at the local history of the City of Maroondah, both recent and ancient. To book production tickets, visit www.freshtheatre.org/box-office

The video installation can be viewed during Realm opening hours, except when the theatre production is on.

Visit Council's website for opening hours and to learn more.

James N Stevens Scholarship applications open

Applications close on
Sunday 5 November.

This scholarship aims to provide a local tertiary student with development opportunities, practical work experience and insights into a career in local government by partaking in a practical placement between November 2023 and February 2024.

Previous recipient Ethan said the program was a great experience. "I'd encourage future students to apply. The program gives you a taste of what your career could be like," Ethan said.

Applications are open to students who have successfully completed at least the first year of a tertiary course and are undertaking, or about to undertake, their second year of tertiary studies in selected areas. Visit Council's website for full details and to apply.

Make the switch to reusable nappies



Council is offering free workshops in October and November to help new families and caregivers switch to reusable nappies. Workshop attendees will receive the tools and support needed to switch to reusable nappies.

Learn about modern reusable options and how to save over \$2,000 per child in disposable nappies.

The workshops will include hands-on activities and cover different types of reusable nappies, how to get the right fit through different stages of your baby's growth, how to store and wash dirty nappies, and health and waste benefits of reusable nappies.

Maroondah residents who attend will receive a reusable nappy pack containing three reusable nappies, two reusable wipes and a reusable wet bag to trial at home.

This project is supported by the Circular Economy Councils Fund. The Fund is delivered by Sustainability Victoria under the Victorian Government's circular economy policy, *Recycling Victoria: a new economy*.

**Spaces are limited and registrations are essential.
For dates and to book your spot, visit Council's website.**

Progress on projects in your area

As part of Council's \$65.77 million Capital Works Program, progress on projects is taking shape.

Sherbrook Catchment Sewer relocation – Stage 3



Stage 3 of the Sherbrook catchment drainage upgrade in New Street, Ringwood is underway, with early works to relocate and deepen a sewer main complete.

The drainage upgrade component of the works has commenced and is scheduled to be completed by December 2023.

Danielle Reserve Playspace Renewal



This project includes the renewal of equipment, pathways and furniture as well as soft landscaping.

The replacement of ageing assets will enhance the nature play of the area and make the playground safer and more accessible for all users.

This upgrade is due to be completed in October 2023.

Asset projects update



Council's Capital Works Program ensures our assets meet the needs of our community now and into the future.

Recently completed works:

- Laura Court, Bayswater North – playspace renewal
- Longview Reserve, Croydon South – playspace and court renewal

Keep an eye out for works underway or starting shortly:

- 1st Croydon Hills Scout Hall, Croydon North – room extension
- Croydon Oval, Croydon – sportsfield LED lighting upgrade
- Wyreena, Croydon – outdoor furniture replacement
- Cantala Reserve, Ringwood North – playspace renewal
- Chandra Reserve, Kilsyth South – playspace renewal
- St Johns Ambulance Hall, Croydon – accessible ramp
- Solar Power Systems – Ainslie Park, Proclamation Park and Kevin Pratt Pavilions

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:

- Sonia Street and Mullum Mullum Road, Ringwood – drainage improvement works
- Bond Street, Ringwood – footpath construction
- Churchill Way, Kilsyth – accessible parking improvements
- Todd Court, Croydon – drainage improvement works
- Yanggai Barring Reserve, Warranwood – pedestrian bridge replacement
- Exeter Road and Nangathan Way intersection – accessibility improvements
- Eastfield Road, Croydon South – footpath construction
- Towerhill Drive and Wonga Road intersection – accessibility improvements

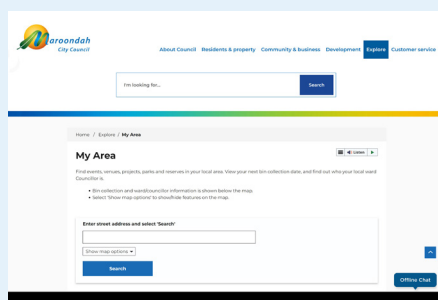
The following works are currently underway or expected to start shortly:

- Charles Street and Kemps Street, Ringwood East – footpath construction
- Fairview Avenue, Ringwood East – footpath construction
- Morinda Street, Ringwood East – footpath construction
- Campbell Street, Heathmont – pedestrian crossing improvements
- Central Avenue, Bayswater North – road improvement works
- Starcross Avenue, Croydon – drainage upgrades

Do you want to know what is happening in your area?

Council's website offers new mapping options which mean you can search your address and see what is happening around you – including capital works, public art and events.

To find out more, visit the My Area section of the website.



Learn more

Scan the QR code to visit the 'Projects' page on Council's website to find out more.

MAROONDAH CAROLS 2023

Saturday 2 December
6pm to 10pm
Town Park, Croydon

Pre-show entertainment from 6pm, including children's rides, face painting, craft activities, roving performers and an ugly sweater photo booth.

Main show from 7.30pm, including Amore Duet, Jonathan Guthrie-Jones, Sarah Stone and Manesha Jayasuriya, plus Celia Wordsworth, Frosty the Snowman and friends. There will also be a special visit from Santa!



Scan the QR code or visit
www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/carols
to find out more.



Your Councillors

Barnggeong Ward (vacant)

Following the resignation of former Councillor Marijke Graham, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will be managing a by-election for the Barnggeong Ward on Saturday 2 December. Visit www.vec.vic.gov.au to stay up to date.

Bungalook Ward



Cr Tony Dib OAM JP
0438 515 089

Jubilee Ward



Cr Mike Symon
0436 002 080

McAlpin Ward



Cr Suzy Stojanovic
0429 916 094

Tarralla Ward



Cr Paul Macdonald
0436 001 760

Wicklow Ward



Cr Tasa Damante
Deputy Mayor
0438 704 819

Wombolano Ward



Cr Kylie Spears
0436 003 660

Wonga Ward



Cr Linda Hancock
0473 194 871

Yarrunga Ward



Cr Rob Steane OAM
Mayor
0407 519 986

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