

Maroondah news

Your community newsletter



April 2024



Whether you walk, cycle, scoot, catch public transport or drive, the draft strategy aims to keep us all moving.

Shaping transport in Maroondah

Council is calling on our community to help shape the Draft Maroondah Transport Strategy.

The strategy focuses on addressing the transport challenges, opportunities and needs of our diverse community while delivering on the accessible, connected community vision of *Maroondah 2040 – Our future together*. It is about more than just streets and transport; it's about people, communities and the environment.

The strategy includes a 10-year action plan and emphasises six key focus areas to deliver important transport infrastructure, services and programs. These focus areas are:

- Incentives for sustainable transport options.
- Advocating for investment in public transport systems and road upgrades to make them safer and usable for all road users.
- Enhancing key transport routes through Maroondah to better cater for a range of transport options.

- Using data and technology to better manage streets, trails, pathways and car parking.
- Implementing footpath and bicycle upgrades through large infrastructure projects.
- Considering alternative shared transport options.

No matter how you get around – walk, cycle, scoot, catch public transport or drive – this Strategy strives to deliver a transport network and services that work for everyone and, importantly, that keep us moving.

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

Consultation closes on Sunday 21 April.



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 dates are:

Monday 22 April

Monday 27 May

Monday 24 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 on time for the start of the meeting.** Agendas are made available 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.
Closed on Anzac Day.

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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Celebrate an exceptional volunteer

Do you know a long-serving volunteer who has contributed to a community or sporting group in Maroondah? Nominate them for the 2024 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award!

The annual Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award recognises the outstanding contribution made by Maroondah's long-serving volunteers.

Terri Verberne received the 2023 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award in recognition of her profound impact on Scouts communities across Maroondah and the wider region.

"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," Terri said.

Nominations close on Sunday 25 August. The winner will be announced at a volunteers recognition event in December.

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for more details and to submit your nomination.



2023 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award recipient Terri Verberne

Visit the 'Volunteering' page on Council's website or call us on 1300 88 22 33 to learn more about a range of volunteering opportunities with Council.

Nominate an inspiring citizen

Nominations are open for the 2025 Maroondah Australia Day Awards.

Maroondah's Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding community service at a local level – either a significant contribution or achievement.

2024 Maroondah Citizen of the Year, Catherine Gordon, was recognised for her long-serving commitment to the Maroondah Volleyball Association and wider community, which has seen her involved in many programs, activities and fundraisers, while also being instrumental in ensuring the sport is equally accessible for all.

"I started our first-ever VolleyAll program, a full inclusion program for volleyball that can be played at the grassroots, everyday level for a child who has a disability, whether it's physical or mental. That's been a great program. I'm very passionate

about getting all kids in our community involved," Catherine 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 the 2024 award recipients.



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

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

Calling community groups

Community groups and organisations in Maroondah are encouraged to apply for Council's 2024/25 Community Grants funding program by Sunday 14 April.

Funding is available for not-for-profit, incorporated groups to assist with projects or programs that make a positive contribution to the Maroondah community.

The funding program has supported Croydon-based food relief agency Hope City Mission with various programs, including an emergency relief community food garden, a food relief delivery program and a financial literacy program.

Hope City Mission Emergency Relief Manager, Josh, said Council's support has been "invaluable".



"The Community Grants funding program has been a big part of Hope City Mission being able to improve and increase our services as the community's needs have increased."

For more information about the Community Grants funding program, contact Council's Community Development Officer on 1300 88 22 33 or email grants@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Anzac Day services

This 25 April, we reflect on the sacrifices of those who have bravely served our nation in wartime, and of those who continue to serve in military conflict and peacekeeping operations throughout the world.

Anzac marches and commemorative services

Ringwood RSL

Sunday 21 April, 9.30am to 11am

Assemble at Ringwood Square (New/Seymour Street), Ringwood. Service at Ringwood Clocktower, Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Croydon RSL

Sunday 21 April, 10am to 10.45am
March followed by a service from 11am.

Assemble at the intersection of Mt Dandenong Road and Civic Square (near the skate park), Croydon. Service at Croydon War Memorial, James N Stevens Memorial Lawn, Civic Square, Croydon.

Anzac dawn services

Ringwood RSL

Thursday 25 April, 5.30am start

Ringwood Clocktower
Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Croydon RSL

Thursday 25 April, 5.45am start

Croydon War Memorial,
James N Stevens Memorial Lawn
at Civic Square, Croydon.



Scan the QR code to watch videos featuring some of our previous Community Grants funding program recipients.

Supporting arts and culture

If you have a project or program that could boost Maroondah's arts and cultural scene, you may be eligible for Council's 2024/25 Arts and Cultural Grants funding program. Applications close on Sunday 14 April.

The grants are part of Council's Community Grants funding program for community-driven projects, initiatives and events.

The funds can be used for a variety of projects to boost Maroondah's arts and cultural profile or encourage the community to take part in our local arts and cultural scene.

U3A Croydon received an Arts and Cultural Grant in 2023/24 to support its free Musical Instrument Lending Library, which encourages members to trial and learn a new instrument for free. The members then perform at community facilities and events.



Along with encouraging members to learn and perform a musical instrument, U3A Croydon Secretary Peter McErlain said the Musical Instrument Lending Library provides a sense of connection and "shared purpose".

"With a music group of quite a few people – 45 in several groups – there is a huge sense of support, a real shared interest in each other. A strong resilience is fostered; hard to measure, but huge," Peter said.

For more information about the Arts and Cultural Grants funding program, contact Council's Community Cultural Development Officer on 9298 4533 or email arts@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Scan the QR code to watch a video of Peter in the Musical Instrument Lending Library.



Get moving with our Movement Expo

Join us on Tuesday 23 April from 10am to 1pm at Maroondah Nets, Heathmont, for our free Movement Expo!

The activities on offer can cater to a range of abilities and include golf, pickleball, cricket, table tennis, martial arts and other walking and low-impact activities.

Enjoy free skills sessions as well as game demonstrations and information sessions.

Walking sports are a great opportunity for older adults of all abilities to get moving. Enjoy a friendly, non-competitive environment that emphasises participation and fun.

Bookings are essential and close at 5pm on Sunday 21 April. Scan the QR code or visit the 'Movement Expo' event page Council's website to register or find out more.

For more information, call Council's Active and Healthy Ageing Coordinator on 1300 88 22 33 or email maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au



Register your pet

Pet registrations are due on 10 April. New pet owners can register their pet online at any time.

Dogs and cats in Maroondah must be registered with Council by three months of age. Once your pet has been registered, you will be issued with a lifetime tag to place on your pet's collar. This helps us to reunite you and your pet if they go missing. Your pet is required to wear its tag at all times.

Registering your pet also means Council can provide community education programs on responsible pet ownership, attend to nuisance animal complaints and maintain dog parks.

You can register your pet by Wednesday 10 April and sign up to receive email renewals online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/PetRegistration or contact Council's Local Laws team on 1300 88 22 33 for more information. Penalties may apply for not registering your pet.



Take part in Nature Play Day

Children and their families are invited to Council's free event to celebrate Nature Play Week.

Join us on Wednesday 10 April from 10am to 1pm at Cheong Park, Croydon, for free interactive, creative activities for children 2 to 10 years old.

Bring a picnic and join in the fun with your children. Don't forget to dress suitably for the weather and the range of activities on offer.

Activities will include:

- Roberto from The Connies
- A nature hunt
- Nature craft and games
- Stories
- Water bugs discovery
- Fun with worms
- Take photos and be a citizen scientist.

Families with younger children, older children and all abilities are welcome.

Parents/carers are required to stay with their children at the event.

The event will be held during the school holidays and encourages families to get outdoors in a local park, connect with

nature, learn something new and develop good physical activity habits to improve their wellbeing and healthy development.



Registrations are essential. Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to register.

This event is a partnership between Maroondah City Council, Your Library and Kids in Nature Network.

Planning Scheme Review endorsed

Council recently endorsed a range of recommendations following a review of the Maroondah Planning Scheme.

The review recommended a range of changes to the Maroondah Planning Scheme, with the changes proposed to form two new amendments, Amendments C153maro and C155maro.

The review also recommended future strategic work, advocacy and process improvement actions, with recurring themes including:

- Setting the vision, to ensure planning reflects Council's strategic directions and policies
- Planning for local places, to support activity and employment centres
- Ensuring heritage assets are identified and protected

- Planning for the environment and environmental risks
- Planning for the residential framework
- Planning for current and future transport needs.

Council will provide the Minister for Planning with a copy of the Maroondah Planning Scheme Review and then prepare the two proposed planning scheme amendments, with community consultation to follow.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the Maroondah Planning Scheme Review.



Recycle your electronic waste and more

Saturday 4 May, from 8am to 2pm

Council's Operations Centre, 24-28 Lincoln Road, Croydon

Council's e-waste events have grown, and we are now accepting clean polystyrene, cardboard and textiles, vapes and e-cigarettes.

Council is hosting a free E-waste + More collection event next month to help Maroondah residents recycle their electronic waste (e-waste) and these additional 'hard to recycle' items.

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 and car batteries, and gas bottles up to 9kg are also accepted.

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 out how your waste will be recycled.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FOGO liners are being delivered

An annual supply of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kitchen caddy liners is currently being delivered to Maroondah residents who didn't previously decline to receive them.

Contact Council's Customer Service team if you have not received your liners by Thursday 18 April or if you no longer want to receive your annual supply from next year.

To learn more about what can and can't go in your FOGO bin, visit Council's website.

School Crossing Supervisor of the Year



Nominate a spectacular school crossing supervisor for School Crossing Supervisor of the Year 2023/24!

School crossing supervisors brave all kinds of weather to supervise children and their families to ensure their safety when crossing local roads, making a valuable contribution to our community. Help recognise Maroondah's wonderful school crossing supervisors by nominating them!

To nominate a school crossing supervisor, visit the School Crossings Victoria website www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au/supervisor-year-awards. Nominations close on Friday 31 May.

Flu vaccines available

Have you booked your flu vaccine? Council offers free flu vaccines to eligible persons through the National Immunisation Program (NIP). Payable flu vaccines are also available for those not eligible for the free flu vaccine.

Dedicated flu vaccine sessions are available from May onwards at venues across Maroondah.

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

What's On

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'.



Maroondah Night Run

Ringwood Golf, Ringwood
Friday 19 April
6pm start

Join us for Maroondah Night Run, a glow-filled 5km run or walk around Ringwood Golf course.

Try for a personal best or simply enjoy the beautiful views on offer. Dress in your brightest activewear or bring your own glow sticks to stand out from the crowd! All ages and athletic abilities are welcome.

Registration costs \$26 per person, \$20 for concession, or \$57 for a family of up to four participants, with additional family members \$10 per person. Registrations close on Friday 12 April.

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



City Nature Challenge

Throughout Maroondah
Friday 26 April to Monday 29 April

Discover Maroondah's remarkable urban biodiversity during this four-day challenge!

Simply download the free iNaturalist app, check out our many natural reserves, parks and trails, and document your observations of wild plants and animals.

Participating is a great way to learn more about nature in your local area while also helping to make Maroondah an even better place to live – for you and other species.

Register now to attend one or more of the nature discovery activities being run during the challenge.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit Council's website.



Ask. Listen. Believe.

Online webinar
Thursday 9 May
7.30pm to 8.30pm

Join journalist and author Jess Hill for information about recognising signs of family violence and coercive control.

This webinar is part of a campaign to acknowledge 'Are You Safe at Home?' Day and to help community members start a conversation to end family violence and to equip them with tools to provide support.

This webinar is hosted by Maroondah City Council in partnership with Safe and Equal, and Monash and Knox City Councils. Jess Hill appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau.

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



Take charge of your financial future with Victoria Devine

Thursday 2 May, 7pm to 9pm

Karralyka, Ringwood East | Also available online

\$10 per person, \$5 for concession | \$10 for livestream booking

With 50 percent of Australians struggling with the current costs of living, this session will provide practical strategies to help you take charge of your financial future.

Join Victoria Devine, 'She's on the money' podcaster, best-selling author and former financial advisor, to learn ways through the money minefield to give you more financial freedom for the things you want to do in your life.

Victoria will share tips and provide practical information to help you feel confident in being more financially independent.

Those who attend the presentation in person will also have the opportunity to talk to representatives from a selection of support organisations at our mini expo.

This session can also be attended via livestream, starting at 7.30pm for one hour.

Victoria Devine appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau.

This event is supported by EACH, Your Library, City of Boroondara, City of Kingston, and Manningham, Monash and Whitehorse City Councils.



Find out more

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to learn more and register. Registrations close on Tuesday 30 April.

Making progress in Maroondah

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

Works at Aquahub



Improvement works continue at Aquahub this month. The roof that extends over the health club and group fitness studios is being replaced. These works also include heating and cooling upgrades.

The gymnastics redevelopment works are also continuing, with much of the works completed already. The new floor surface has been installed and new gymnastics equipment is being added soon, including a Ninja Frame, Ninja Wall and a Fitness Wheel.

Some areas of Aquahub are closed while works continue. Find out more at www.maroondahleisure.com.au/Contact-us/Projects

Pathways



Colchester Road footpath and lighting works

The construction of a new footpath along Colchester Road in Kilsyth is now complete.

The new footpaths will be complemented by new lighting also installed along the road.

The new lighting and footpath will allow pedestrians and motorists to move through the area more safely, particularly at night.

Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Colchester-Road-Lighting-Improvements

Roads



Road resurfacing works at Seymour and Market Streets

Road resurfacing works at Seymour Street and Market Street in Ringwood have recently been completed. These works will enhance the longevity of the road pavement and provide a smoother trafficable surface. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Seymour-St-and-Market-St-Ringwood-road-resurfacing

Drainage

Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrades

Stage 4 of the Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrade continues this month. This project forms Stage 4 of the broader Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre (RMAC) project. Works for this round of construction are from 38 New Street, crossing diagonally over the Charter Street intersection and along the southern side of Charter Street ending at the Market Street intersection. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/RMAC-drainage-upgrade

Open space



San Martin playspace renewal

A new playspace is coming to Croydon North. Construction on San Martin playspace will begin this month. This includes renewal of the ageing assets, enhancing the natural assets and making the playspace safer and more accessible for all users. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/San-Martin-Reserve-Playspace

Facilities

Roof replacement at Gracedale Park Tennis Club

Works are underway at Gracedale Park Tennis Club to replace the existing roof. New roof trusses, roof sheeting and gutters are being installed. The works are due to be completed in June. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/gracedale-park-tennis-club-roof-works

LED lighting at Burnt Bridge Tennis Club

Burnt Bridge Tennis Club is also undergoing improvement works, with new LED lighting being installed over two courts. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/burnt-bridge-tennis-club-lighting

Ringwood Lake Park bridge maintenance

Essential maintenance is currently underway on the Ringwood Lake bridge. The bridge has been closed during maintenance and is due to reopen to the community in early April. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/ringwood-lake-bridge



Ringwood Activity Centre Carpark

Major construction has kicked off at Ringwood Activity Centre Carpark, with site hoarding now in place. The footpath that surrounds the site is closed off, with pedestrian detours in place. The next stage of works includes the demolition of the non-heritage elements of the building. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Ringwood-Activity-Centre-Carpark

Changing Places Facility at Jubilee Park

The new Changing Places facility is now open at Jubilee Park. The facility provides more support for people with high support needs and disability to access amenities. Find locations of all Changing Places in Maroondah at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Changing-Places-accessible-toilet



Find out more

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

Maroondah Business Excellence Awards

2024

Nominations opening soon



Award categories include:

- Manufacturing and Technology
- Construction, Trades and Related Supply Chain
- Retail and Hospitality
- Professional Services
- Innovation and Sustainability
- Education, Training, Health and Lifestyle

For more information and to view the nomination forms, scan the QR code or visit www.bizhubmaroondah.com.au

Nominate. Participate. Celebrate.

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