



Community members enjoying an evening match under the new lights at Heathmont Tennis Club.

Bright future for tennis in Heathmont

New lighting upgrades at Heathmont Tennis Club are providing better visibility, safer conditions and more opportunities for training, competitions and social play after dark.

The project included the installation of new LED lights on all seven courts, in line with Australian Standards for Tennis Lighting.

Court fencing was also upgraded and a new court irrigation system was installed, with support from Tennis Australia and Heathmont Tennis Club.

"The new LED lighting has significantly improved the playing experience for our members and casual users," said Heathmont Tennis Club President, Simon O'Callaghan.

"The quality and consistency of the lighting provides much better visibility across the courts, making evening play safer and more enjoyable for players of all ages and skill levels.

"It has also enhanced accessibility for community members who rely on after-hours participation due to work, school or family commitments.

"Investments like this make a real difference to community sport by improving participation opportunities, supporting healthier and more active lifestyles, and ensuring local clubs can continue to thrive for years to come."

This project was funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government through the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund, under the Community Sports Lighting program, with contributions from Tennis Australia and Heathmont Tennis Club.

Visit Council's website to find out more about the project.



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Welcome to the July edition of Maroondah news

In this edition, read about a range of community news, updates and events.

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Bin lid colours changing to statewide standard

From August 2026, Council will replace green general waste bin lids with red lids, and blue recycling bin lids with yellow lids.

This change is required to align with Victorian Government policy to standardise bin lid colours, making it easier for everyone to use their bins correctly through consistent education and messaging.

During August, September and October, we will be asking residents to put their general waste and recycling bins out on each recycling collection day and leave them out until 5pm (even if they are empty).

Continue placing your bins out on your recycling collection day until the lids are changed.

Your food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection will continue as normal.

We will only change lids on your recycling collection week.

Please keep an eye on your letterbox, as a letter with more instructions and information will be sent to all households with a Council kerbside waste collection later this month.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 20 July, 7.30pm

Monday 24 August, 7.30pm

Monday 21 September, 7.30pm

Where: Council Chamber,
Realm, Ringwood Town Square

Join online:
[www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/
Council-meetings](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Council-meetings)

If attending in person, please arrive on time for the start of the meeting.

Share your thoughts on street activities

Council's current *Street Activities Policy* is due for renewal, so we want to hear from traders, shoppers and the community about your experience with street activities in Maroondah.

The *Street Activities Policy* outlines when and how to trade, and the types of activity permitted and not permitted on Council land.

Activities covered in the policy include the use of tables, chairs, shade shelters, umbrellas, free-standing barrier screens, pot plants, planter boxes and A-frame signs, goods on display, street performance (busking), and fundraising.



Visit Council's Your Say website yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to complete our survey by Monday 13 July and help shape the updated *Street Activities Policy*.



Small swaps, big impact

Plastic Free July is a global movement encouraging people to cut down on single-use plastics, and there are plenty of simple ways to get started.

Packing your own lunch, buying in bulk, and swapping disposables for reusable bottles, bags and coffee cups are small daily changes that can save you money and significantly shrink your environmental footprint.

Council has a program of events throughout July to help you learn more and take action. You can also take the Plastic Free Pledge and commit to lasting change.

Visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/plasticfreejuly to find out more.

Family fun day at Aquanation

Visit Aquanation on Sunday 2 August from 12.30pm to 3.30pm for fun for the whole family at our Go for Gold event!

Dress up as your favourite athlete for a fun afternoon of games, activities and food, with lots of prizes to be won.

All are welcome at this family-friendly event, which will feature pool inflatables, a free barbecue and fruit cups, a kids' space, a DJ and live Dive Club demonstrations.

Enjoy free entry for Maroondah Leisure members and discounted entry for casuals and guests.

Everyone can also enjoy 30 per cent off retail merchandise between Monday 20 July and Sunday 2 August.

Keep an eye on the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au for more information closer to the event.



What's On

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



Jul-Oct

**WALKING AT NIGHT –
EXTENDED LIGHTING**

Thursdays, 5.30pm to 8.30pm
**Athletics track at Town Park,
Croydon**

Until Thursday 1 October, the lights will be turned on each Thursday evening at the Town Park athletics track to provide an opportunity to exercise after hours. The track is flat, so it's perfect for walking and running, and also suitable for pram and wheelchair users. With weekly soccer training happening on the pitch in the centre of the track, individuals who are exercising alone may notice an extra sense of community.



25 Jul

**REDUCE WASTE AND STRETCH YOUR BUDGET
WITH MAROONDAH TOY LIBRARY**

Saturday 25 July, 10.30am
Croydon Library, Croydon

Discover how a Maroondah Toy Library membership can provide a smarter, more sustainable way to keep playtime fresh and exciting, without the clutter or constant expense of buying new toys. Find out more or register via the Your Library events website, events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au

20 Jul

**PARENTING AFTER
SEPARATION WEBINAR**

**Monday 20 July,
7.30pm to 9pm**
Online



This free webinar is for parents and carers who want to create a positive and supportive environment for their children after separation. Learn how separation and related conflict can impact children, and practical ways to support your child as you move from being former partners to effective co-parents. Registrations essential.



5 Aug

**ECO-FRIENDLY PERIODS: REUSABLE MENSTRUAL
PRODUCTS WEBINAR**

Wednesday 5 August, 7.30pm to 9pm
Online

This free webinar suits those who want zero-waste periods but are unsure how to take the next step. Everyone is welcome. The presentation will comprehensively cover different types of products, how to wash and care for them, and which product might suit your needs. Registrations essential. Maroondah attendees may receive a voucher to purchase their own reusable menstrual product.



21 Jul

**WILLS AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
INFORMATION SESSION**

Tuesday 21 July, 10am to 12.30pm
**Norwood Family and Children's
Centre, Ringwood**

Join Council's Positive Ageing Team and Eastern Community Legal Centre for this free session, which will introduce important documents and how to plan for the future, covering rights, family care arrangements, Wills, challenges with deceased estates, and substitute decision-making. Registrations essential.

News in Brief

DO YOU KNOW A REMARKABLE VOLUNTEER? HELP US RECOGNISE THEM!

Nominations are open for the 2026 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award.

This annual award celebrates outstanding contributions made by long-serving volunteers, in honour of the late Bill Wilkins OAM, Freeman of the City of Maroondah, who volunteered for 75-plus years!

Nominations close on Sunday 4 October, so if you know someone that you think deserves to be recognised, visit Council's website to nominate them.

REDUCING GAMBLING-RELATED HARM

Council has adopted the *Gambling Harm Prevention and Minimisation Policy 2026*.

The policy informs the gambling industry, the community, peak bodies, statutory authorities, Victorian local governments and other relevant stakeholders about our position, priorities and strategic objectives for preventing and minimising the social, health and economic harms that can impact people who gamble, as well as their family, friends and community.

WORKING TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE, RECONCILED FUTURE

Council has adopted the *Maroondah Reconciliation Plan 2026-2030*.

The plan reflects Council's ongoing commitment to reconciliation and to building respectful, meaningful relationships with Australia's First Peoples communities, with a practical framework for continuing this work through Council's existing systems, partnerships and services.

It also builds on the progress already made, positioning Council to continue working alongside Australia's First Peoples, community partners and the broader Maroondah community towards a more inclusive, respectful and reconciled future.

Visit Council's website to learn more
www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Catch-up immunisations for adolescents

Have you missed a school or adolescent vaccination? Why not make an appointment at one of Council's public immunisation sessions.

Students in Years 7 and 10 receive free vaccinations through the National Immunisation Program (NIP), with Council coordinating and administering these vaccinations in collaboration with schools in Maroondah.

Adolescents up to 20 years old (or 25 years old for human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine) who are not attending secondary school are also eligible for these vaccinations.

If you missed an adolescent or school vaccination, you can have the missed vaccine at one of Council's public immunisation sessions or by visiting your GP or pharmacy.

Visit the 'School and adolescent immunisations' page on Council's website for more information and to book an appointment.



Not sure if your vaccinations are up to date? Scan the QR code or visit the Services Australia website to check your Immunisation History Statement.



Save the date for Maroondah Carols!

Join us on Saturday 5 December at Town Park in Croydon, with fun for the whole family from 6pm to 10pm.

This much-loved event is back once again in 2026, providing the perfect opportunity to get together and celebrate the festive season as a community.

Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from potential sponsors, performers, food vendors and Christmas market stallholders for Maroondah Carols 2026. If you are keen to get involved, visit Council's website to find out more or express your interest by Friday 31 July.

Keep an eye on Council's website for more information closer to the event.

Making progress in Maroondah

As part of Council's \$72.32 million Capital Works Program, projects are continuing to take shape.

PATHWAYS

Milton Street and Pleasant Drive footpath works, Heathmont



New footpath works along Milton Street and Pleasant Drive in Heathmont have commenced. The project will improve pedestrian connections between Armstrong Road and Allens Road, making it easier to access local shops, public transport and nearby schools.

Bedford Road bicycle path construction, Ringwood

Construction of the new bicycle path along Bedford Road is continuing. Once complete, the path will improve connections for cyclists and support safer active transport in the area.

DRAINAGE

San Remo Road and Through Road flood mitigation works, Ringwood North

Flood mitigation works are underway to improve stormwater drainage in San Remo Road and Through Road. The project will also see road levels altered to improve stormwater flow and new footpath connections linking Evelyn Road Reserve to John Street.

FACILITIES

Hughes Park Pavilion redevelopment, Croydon North

Major pavilion upgrades at Hughes Park are due for completion this month. The redevelopment includes new changerooms designed to meet AFL and Cricket Australia requirements, including female-friendly facilities, along with roof reconstruction and accessibility improvements.

Wyreena Conservatory renewal

Renewal works are continuing at Wyreena Community Arts Centre in Croydon this month, as Council builds a new conservatory to replace the existing cafe building. The project also includes pathway and car park improvements to support accessibility and access across the site.

Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct, Croydon



Works underway at the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct.

Works are continuing at the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct, with the first stage of above-ground works now underway on the cultural hub. In July, preliminary ground works are also expected to commence on the precinct's multipurpose hub, which will be home to community and sporting groups including Croydon Bowls Club and the Croydon RSL.

ROADS – BLACK SPOT PROJECTS

An Australian Government initiative, the Black Spot program provides funding for traffic safety improvement works, reducing the risk of crashes and serious injuries on our roads.

Yarra Road and Nangathan Way safety improvements, Croydon North

Safety improvement works at Yarra Road and Nangathan Way will start this month.

These works will improve traffic safety for all road users, with speed cushions being installed on the approach to the intersection. Pathway and pedestrian ramp improvements are also planned.

Eastfield Road, Railway Avenue and Morinda Street safety improvements, Ringwood East

Traffic improvement works at the Eastfield Road, Railway Avenue and Morinda Street intersection are nearing completion, with the traffic signals expected to commence operation in the coming months.

This project includes changes to the intersection alignment, new pedestrian footpath and kerb ramp connections, traffic signal infrastructure and street lighting to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Oban Road and Wonga Road safety improvements, Ringwood North

Works at the Oban Road and Wonga Road intersection will occur later in the year. The project will install speed cushions on each approach to the roundabout and raise existing traffic islands to improve lane definition and reduce vehicle speeds through the intersection.



Learn more

Scan the QR code to visit the 'Maroondah projects' page on Council's website to find out more and see other projects in progress. Enter your location to find projects near you.

Do you visit our parks, reserves or sporting grounds?

Did you know that under Council's Community Local Law 2023, leaving your vehicle in areas not designated for parking, whether signs exist or not, may be in breach of the Local Law?

Fines may apply for parking on grassed areas, reserves, garden beds or in other open spaces where the area is not specifically designated for vehicles.

It might be a convenient option to park on open grass during busy sporting events or community activities, but parking in these areas can cause lasting damage. Vehicles can compact soil, damage turf, harm tree roots and destroy important habitat for local plants and animals.

Maroondah's parks, reserves and open spaces are there for everyone to enjoy – for sport, recreation, community gatherings and connecting with nature. By planning

ahead and using designated parking areas, you can help protect these spaces for the whole community.



Quick Response Grants now available

Council's Quick Response Grants are now available to support not-for-profit organisations and individual residents.

Available throughout the year, these grants are assessed on a bi-monthly basis, and provide funding to support individuals to develop skills and to support not-for-profit organisations with delivering smaller-scale, community-led activities.

Applications can be made in two categories: Small Community Grants and Individual Development Grants.

To find out whether these grants are suitable for you or to apply, visit Council's website.

You can also use the SmartySearch national grants database on the 'Find a grant' page on our website to find other funding opportunities.

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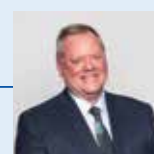
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Help us celebrate young people

Nominations are open for the 2026 Maroondah Youth Awards.

These annual awards recognise the diverse strengths, resilience and achievements of young people aged 10 to 25 years across four categories: Leadership, Creativity, Perseverance and Teamwork. Nominees must live, work, study, or play within Maroondah.

Junia Paro received Perseverance and Teamwork awards in 2025, in recognition of her navigating challenging systems to secure housing, enrol in education, gain her driver's licence and participate in community activities after moving to Melbourne in early 2025.

She has also demonstrated courage by stepping out of her comfort zone to seek support as needed, and to learn new things that she hopes to share with others one day.

"My community doesn't really verbalise their struggles, so it was really hard for me to go to [Council's] Youth team and tell them about my needs," Junia said.

"One of my goals is to learn all the opportunities that we refugees have. Then, if somebody in my community needs certain support or help, I can say, 'If you ring Maroondah [City Council] or

go to a support service [organisation], they can help you with that'. I hope it helps them."

Junia encouraged community members to nominate young people.

"[The awards] recognise their hard work. It's a way to stop for a moment and recognise that we achieved this with our power.

"When I received the awards, I saw some of my church members there. It was kind of surreal seeing them.

"I was like, 'I really am part of a community'. I was proud and thought 'Someone in our community will know that I did something'."

If you know a young person whose efforts and endeavours you believe deserve to be celebrated, nominate them by Sunday 30 August.



Scan the QR code or visit the 'Youth Awards' page on Council's website to learn more about the awards and to nominate.



2025 Maroondah Youth Award recipient Junia Paro.

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