



As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you could help support Maroondah residents by delivering meals with a smile and a quick chat.

Seeking Meals on Wheels volunteers

Have you been thinking about volunteering? Volunteering with Council has a lasting impact on our community and also offers some great benefits for your own wellbeing.

With nutritionally balanced meals and 'safe and well' checks, Council's Meals on Wheels service provides essential support to those in the community who are experiencing difficulties preparing their own meals.

Being a Meals on Wheels volunteer has 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 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.

"Meals on Wheels is a fantastic service. It is a privilege to be a part of something that is so essential to local residents," one Meals on Wheels volunteer said.

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

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer position, 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.



Welcome to Maroondah news

Hello and welcome to the May 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 27 May

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

Monday 22 July

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.

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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Maroondah City Council is certified for its organisational operations.

The best in business!

Nominations are closing soon for the 2024 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards.

Community members can nominate an outstanding business in Maroondah until Sunday 5 May.

Maroondah business owners and operators can nominate their business until Friday 31 May.

Hosted annually by Council's BizHub Maroondah team, the awards recognise and celebrate the winners; however, the program also enhances the journey towards excellence for all participants.

All entrants are provided an opportunity to reflect on their business with a tailored report that highlights their business strengths and areas for suggested improvement, along with options for future development.

Business achievements are celebrated across key industry sectors, including:

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



Visit www.bizhubmaroondah.com.au to learn more about the award categories and for details on how to enter.

Thank your local school crossing supervisor

Is your local school crossing supervisor the best? Nominate them for School Crossing Supervisor of the Year!

Hosted by School Crossings Victoria, these awards acknowledge the important contribution that school crossing supervisors make by providing a safe and enjoyable journey to and from school for students and their families.

Rima (pictured top right), one of Maroondah's school crossing supervisors, finds the role rewarding.

"The safety of my pedestrians, especially children, is very important to me. I enjoy working outside and putting my observation skills to good use, and being a visible part of my community.



"My community is so supportive and friendly. I enjoy seeing the kids happy every day and when people wave to me and give me a big smile.

"I would highly recommend this role. It's the most worthwhile job that I have done for a long, long time."

Encourage your school community to support your supervisor by nominating them for School Crossing Supervisor of the Year and let them know how valued they are!

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

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.

Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct makes progress

Early works are underway to prepare for the next stage of the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct that will create opportunities for social connection, improved health and wellbeing, and linkages to Croydon’s cultural heritage.

With the completion of Stage 1 at 7 Civic Square, now home to various community groups including U3A, Croydon Senior Citizens Centre, Croydon Central Kindergarten, Maroondah Community Assist and Croydon Maternal and Child Health Service, our focus shifts to the development of a new hub that will bring together a range of community services, programs and activities for people of all ages, in an accessible and integrated community hub.



Artist impression

With construction due to begin in 2025, the space will serve as a key hub for numerous community groups, offering amenities such as a new library, café, multipurpose spaces, meeting rooms, performance and event space, and customer service centre.

The heritage frontage of EV’s will be retained to reflect the character and history of Croydon, while ensuring the new spaces are accessible, modern and fit-for-purpose.

The precinct will be transformed in stages into a place that will focus on delivering enhanced and effective spaces for the whole community to enjoy. Council will continue to provide updates to all relevant and interested community groups in the area as the project progresses.

To stay up-to-date with project works, please visit our website.

From the archives

Did you know the Ringwood Memorial Clocktower was moved in 1967?



Conceived as a War Memorial after World War I, the clocktower’s original location was within the intersection of Maroondah Highway and Warrandyte Road.

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.

National Reconciliation Week

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week, Council and Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP) are presenting a special Reconciliation Week event on Tuesday 28 May, supported by Eastland.

Join us in Ringwood Town Square at 11am for a Traditional Wurundjeri Welcome to Country Ceremony and performances, followed by a MMIGP ‘Mullum Market’ which will run until 4pm and offer a range of First Nations arts, crafts and delicious bush tucker for sale.

Wander inside Realm ArtSpace to explore the *Grounding and Connecting: Indigenous trees and the Dreaming* exhibition, presented by Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place. Your Library will host special Indigenous themed Storytime and family craft sessions throughout the day at Realm Library.

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated from 27 May and 3 June. It is an opportunity to learn about Australia’s shared histories, and to recognise and celebrate our First Nations people, culture, and reconciliation achievements to date.

Visit Council’s website to learn more.

**Mullum Mullum
Indigenous Gathering Place**



Grounding and Connecting



Jemma Rose, Grounded on the earth and soaring through the skies, 2023

Presented by Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place, *Grounding and Connecting: Indigenous trees and the Dreaming* will run in ArtSpace at Realm, Ringwood, until 5pm on Sunday 14 July.

The exhibition includes newly commissioned works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and a photographic rendition of a recently commissioned mural by Thulli Mara.

Mayoral Art Exhibition acquisitions announced

The 29th annual Mayoral Art Exhibition acquisitions were announced at the launch of *Tangent* on Thursday 4 April.

Congratulations to Claire Bridge, Alistair Fowler, and Katherine Masiulanis, whose pieces will become part of Council's permanent art collection.

The Mayoral Art Exhibition is an annual fundraiser for the Bone Marrow Donor Institute and is supported by Maroondah City Council and the Ringwood East and Croydon Community Bendigo Bank.



Claire Bridge said *Grenade* employs humour and satire, and "speaks to important issues of gender, violence and the objectification of women" while also celebrating "the dynamic force of our creativity and resilience."

Alistair Fowler said *The Tan-Gent* and *The Tan-Gents Best Mate* have been exhibited "in loving memory of my sister, Jill Kellett – a long-standing supporter of the arts and resident of Maroondah".

Katherine Masiulanis said *Heathmont Artist Book* combines plants from the local area with "historical documents, hanko stamps for different parts of Heathmont, and depictions of some of the places, fauna and flora that make it special".

The exhibition is at Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery, Ringwood, until Saturday 4 May – don't miss out!

Visit Council's website to learn more about the Mayoral Art Exhibition.

FOGO turns one. It's all thanks to Maroondah residents



Council's Food and Garden Organics service (FOGO) started on Monday 1 May last year. Since then, Maroondah residents have embraced the service and have diverted tonnes of their food and garden organic waste from landfill. The compost that the waste has been turned into has been sent to Victorian farmers to grow your food.

Council has received a lot of positive feedback, including from one local who has been enjoying the benefits of FOGO since the service was introduced:

"It is clearly a very successful program and will help enormously in both reducing waste to landfill and increasing the community's awareness of the

need for recycling waste material. I am very pleased to be able to send excess organic material off for further use elsewhere," the resident said.

Later this month, Council will be sharing more updates from your FOGO efforts. Visit Council's website and social media channels to stay up to date with the latest FOGO news and tips.



Supporting mental health

Council is hosting a free Mental Health First Aid (MFHA) training course in June for Maroondah carers over 18 years of age. The training will help residents support their own mental health and that of others.

The training is facilitated by a qualified instructor from Mental Health First Aid Australia. 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 provide initial support.

Participants who complete both sessions, on 21 and 28 June, 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.

Scan the QR code to hear from the presenter.



Have your say



We're planning for the future and want to hear from you!

Communicating and connecting with our community

Help shape our Communications Strategy and Customer Service Strategy!

As part of our commitment to provide engaging, timely and accessible communications and customer service to the Maroondah community, we are developing two strategies.

These strategies aim 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 is open from Monday 6 May to Sunday 9 June.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website to take our survey or find out more.



Help guide the future of Staley Gardens

Thank you to those who shared thoughts in April 2023 about their vision for Staley Gardens in Ringwood.

We would like to know if you support the design principles that have been developed, which will guide the creation of a Staley Gardens landscape masterplan for the open space and future upgrades to the area.

Consultation closes on Sunday 19 May.



Scan the QR code or visit the Your Say Maroondah website www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au to learn more and share your thoughts on the landscape masterplan design principles.



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.



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

Consultation is open from Wednesday 15 May to Wednesday 12 June.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Book 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 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.

Celebrate an inspiring citizen



Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community? Nominate them for a 2025 Maroondah Australia Day Award by Sunday 1 September.

The awards recognise outstanding contributions to the community. Nominations can be made for an individual or young person, as well as for a community group, for their contribution to the Maroondah community in either a professional or volunteer capacity.

Visit Council's website to nominate someone for the 2025 Maroondah Australia Day Awards or to learn more about the 2024 award recipients.

Recognise a remarkable volunteer

If you know a long-serving volunteer, why not consider nominating them for the 2024 Bill Wilkins Volunteer of the Year Award.

Presented annually, the award is named in honour of Bill Wilkins OAM and it recognises the outstanding contribution made by long-serving volunteers in the Maroondah community.

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

For more information, to learn about previous winners, or to submit your nomination, visit Council's website or call 1300 88 22 33.

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'.



6
May

Crafternoon for older adults

Mondays, starting Monday 6 May
1pm to 3pm
Maroondah Nets
154 Heathmont Road, Heathmont

Learn a new skill from scratch or put your skills to the test as you craft unique and fun decorations. All supplies provided and beginners are welcome. 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.



14
May

Talking to young people about gaming

Tuesday 14 May
7.30pm to 8.45pm
Online

Join this free information session to understand how the blurred line between gambling and gaming is placing young people at risk of harm. This session is hosted by Maroondah City Council in partnership with EACH and Knox, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges Councils.



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



17
May

Victorian State Ballet – The Little Mermaid

Friday 17 May
7.30pm to 9pm
Karralyka, Ringwood East

The Little Mermaid is a widely known and well-loved story, immersing the audience in the Hans Christian Anderson fairytale classic with an exhilarating and visually inspiring experience. Tickets are \$49 per adult, \$44 for concession, \$39 per child (2 to 15 years old).



To book, scan the QR code or visit the Karralyka website www.karralyka.com.au or call 9870 2888.



26
May

Jubilee Park planting day

Sunday 26 May
10am start
Jubilee Park, Ringwood

Roll up your sleeves and join us for a free planting day! The planting kicks off at 10am, with a sausage sizzle from 11am.

There will be a free barista coffee cart onsite to fuel those green thumbs.



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



27
May

Navigating the Aged Care System with Care Finder

Monday 27 May
10am to 11am
Realm Library, Ringwood

Learn how to navigate the aged care system with Care Finder – a free service for people who don't have a support person to assist them with applying for support services through a funded aged care package.



Visit www.yourlibrary.com.au to book or call 9800 6430.



31
May

Morrigan and Wilding at Wyreena Music Café

Friday 31 May
7.30pm to 9pm
Wyreena Conservatory Café, Croydon

Carly Wilding and Kylie Morrigan bring together a slightly mystical, slightly Celtic, slightly gothic, and unique blending of voice and multi-instrumentation.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include entertainment and a light supper.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to book.

Contribute to your community #StandforCouncil in Maroondah

Stand for Council this year and be a voice for change in your community.

The Municipal Association of Victoria is encouraging people to 'Stand for Council' at the next Local Government elections in October 2024. MAV is hosting regional-based information sessions to provide information and inspiration.

The Metropolitan East session will be hosted by Yarra Ranges Council on Thursday 9 May at the Yarra Ranges Council Civic Centre, 15 Anderson Street, Lilydale.

Register or find out more on the Municipal Association Victoria website www.mav.asn.au/stand-for-council-2024

Making progress in Maroondah

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

Works at Aquahub



Aquahub roof replacement works are in the final stages of completion, with the gym re-opening in May. The works include roof replacement and upgrades to the air handling, heating, and air conditioning system, along with additional maintenance. The gym will reopen upon the completion of the roof replacement.

Also happening at Aquahub are gymnastics redevelopment works. The final stages of works are underway, with works scheduled for completion in May.

To find out more about these projects, visit the 'Projects' page on the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au

Facilities

Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park



Construction continues at Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park this month. The next stage of works includes the relocation of the heritage part of the building. The remaining portion of the original Blood Brothers storefront will retain its prominent corner store significance when it is moved to the south-east corner of the site.

Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Ringwood-Activity-Centre-Carpark

Drainage

Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrades



Stage 4 of the Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrade is progressing. 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

Roads

Emerald Street road improvements

The next stage of road improvement works will begin shortly at Emerald Street in Ringwood. With the underground drainage and kerb works now complete, the remaining road pavement reconstruction is ready to commence.

Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/emerald-street-works

Pathways

Pathway construction

Pathway construction along Maroondah Highway in front of Hughes Park will start this month. The shared user path will be continued to connect pedestrians and cyclists to the rest of the pathway network.

Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/newfootpaths

Open space

Bungalook Reserve playspace



Construction of the playspace at Bungalook Reserve in Bayswater North is about to kick off. This includes renewal of the ageing assets, enhancing the natural assets and making the playspace safer and more accessible for all users. The works are proposed to include furniture and equipment renewal. 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 due to begin this month. The new playspace will provide inclusive structural play elements that promote physical activity, social interactions, problem solving, risk taking, lead and follow, inclusion, cooperation and sharing. Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Little-John-Reserve-Playspace-Renewal

San Martin Reserve playspace



The playspace renewal in San Martin Reserve, Croydon North is due for completion this month. The new playspace will feature a multi-age play unit including slides, climbing wall, monkey bar, Spider Climber and two bay swing unit.

Find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/San-Martin-Reserve-playspace



Learn more

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

Find the right composting system

International Compost Awareness Week runs from Sunday 5 May to Saturday 11 May. This is the perfect time to start composting if you have never tried it.

Compost is considered nature's champion and there are many benefits to composting, including that it:

- Creates a rich fertiliser for your garden
- Adds important minerals, nutrients, bacteria and micro-organisms to your soil
- Increases the water retention of your soil
- Makes more space in your bins.

Unsure about the right compost system for you? Visit Council's composting display at Realm Customer Service in



Ringwood and discover your perfect composting match. Or register for one of Council's free upcoming composting workshops this month, including our family event on Saturday 4 May.

Are you already a keen composter? Refine your skills and learn more about other types of composting systems.

Upcoming events

Council's Waste team starts International Compost Awareness Week with a family event at Central Ringwood Community Centre on Saturday 4 May.

Learn how to make the perfect compost recipe and discover fun facts about compost critters. Or join the Compost Revolution for an informative composting webinar.

Visit the 'Community Waste Education' page on Council's website or sign up to the Waste and Sustainability e-newsletter for upcoming workshop announcements.

Maroondah residents can receive up to 60 percent off the purchase of a system via the Compost Revolution program. Visit Council's website to find out more.

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