

Maroondah news

Your community newsletter



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Mayor, Councillor Kylie Spears

Mayor's message

Welcome to the Summer edition of Maroondah news, and my first as the newly elected Mayor of Maroondah for 2023/24.

I am proud to be leading Council in the fourth year of this current term. With the support of our Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Macdonald and my fellow Councillors, I look forward to serving the community with energy, passion, commitment and integrity.

By the time you read this, Maroondah will have a new Councillor for the Barneong Ward, following the by-election held in December 2023. You can learn more about the by-election on Council's website.

Key to our role as Councillors is the privilege of representing our community and advocating for your interests and needs. We value your ideas and input, so please get in touch with us if you have any ideas to share or issues to discuss. You can find Councillor details on pages 6, 14 and 18 or on Council's website.

My fellow Councillors and I are looking forward to a productive and exciting year ahead. There are some great community events coming up, including the presentation of our Maroondah Australia Day Awards, and our Celebrate Maroondah events in February and March. You can learn more about these on our website.

Throughout the second half of 2023, Council invited our community to share their vision for the future of Maroondah as part of Maroondah 2050, our next Community Vision. Thank you to everyone who provided ideas and feedback.

Council will now work with a Maroondah 2050 Community Panel and key stakeholders to consolidate the feedback

and determine the next steps. We look forward to sharing further updates as this important project progresses.

In this edition of Maroondah news, you will find key health and safety information for summer, including what to do if a bushfire, heatwave, storm or power outage should occur. I encourage you to familiarise yourself with this important information on pages 4 and 5.

This edition also includes the 2024 Waste and Recycling Guide, with helpful hints about recycling and using the Food Organics and Garden Organics service, plus a handy waste calendar and collection schedule. You can find this on pages 9 to 12. The guide has been designed so that you can pull the pages out and keep them for future reference.

Also in this edition are updates on capital works projects. These include the playspace renewal in Chandra Reserve, Kilsyth South; the construction of a new access ramp at St John Ambulance Hall in Croydon; and a new Changing Places facility at Jubilee Park in Ringwood. You can read more on page 15.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I wish you and your families a safe and happy 2024. I look forward to seeing you out and about in the community!

Regards,
Cr Kylie Spears
Mayor of Maroondah

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.

Proposed dates for 2024 are:

Monday 19 February

Monday 18 March

Monday 22 April

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 the Friday before the meeting date.

Council opening hours

Our Customer Service team is 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 public holidays, including Australia Day, 10am to 5pm.

Croydon Library

5 Civic Square, Croydon
Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Closed all weekends and public holidays, including Australia Day.

Get in contact with us

- phone 1300 88 22 33 or 9298 4598
- email maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au
- SMS 0480 020 200
- live chat via our website www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Front page: Nick, Jordan and Steph enjoying the sunshine at Maroondah Festival 2023.

Stay in touch with us

Do you have Council business, but not sure how best to contact us?

Our Customer Service team is available to chat over the phone on 1300 88 22 33, on 'live chat' via our website or you can send us a text message to 0480 020 200 or email us at maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Our website also has several ways you can stay in touch, make a request and report matters to Council.

To make sure you're keeping up with the latest news and activities in Maroondah, why not subscribe to our fortnightly Maroondah News e-newsletter. It includes the latest Council news – delivered straight to your inbox! To subscribe for

the e-newsletter, visit our website and fill in your details – it's that easy.

While you're there, why not subscribe to Council's other e-newsletters? These provide news and updates from our Children's Services, Waste, Bushland and Arts teams, plus Maroondah Leisure, Karralyka, Wyreena Community Arts Centre and more.

You can also stay in touch and interact with Council on a range of social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), as well as have your say about projects on our Your Say Maroondah consultation website, yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au

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

Thanking our wonderful volunteers

Council acknowledged our volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Function in December at Karralyka.

This annual event is one of the ways we thank and celebrate volunteers for their dedication and wide-reaching contributions throughout the Maroondah community. Many of our volunteers also help to enhance and improve our natural environment, making Maroondah an even more enjoyable place for everyone.

Council was pleased to present special milestone awards to those who have volunteered with Council for 10 years through to 40 years. These include Penelope Willey for 40 years of service as a Meals on Wheels volunteer, and Fiona Sutton, who has volunteered for 20 years as a Friend of Bungalook Conservation Reserve.

Fiona credits her longevity to the "important" friendships she has developed over the years and to the feeling of "custodianship" she has gained.

"Joining this group has been one of the best things I have done to boost my career, improve my ecological understanding, find a fantastic mentor and give me a place to feel that I have custodianship over – to leave it in better condition than when I arrived. It's beautiful," Fiona said.

"I enjoy knowing that my work is making a difference to the plants and animals that live in or visit the reserve."

Together, special milestone award winners have volunteered for an incredible 312 years with Council – what a remarkable effort!

Every day, Maroondah's dedicated volunteers make a difference in the lives of others.

Whether it's delivering a meal, helping young people get their drivers licence, caring for our bushland reserves or assisting isolated residents to get out and about in the community, volunteers generously give their time to help others.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

Council's volunteers come from all walks of life, and volunteering is a great way to build strong connections in the community. To find out more about volunteering opportunities in Maroondah, visit Council's website.

Community Local Law updated

The Maroondah City Council Community Local Law 2023 came into effect on 1 November 2023.



The Community Local Law 2023 is in place to:

- protect the health and safety of persons;
- provide for the equitable, orderly and enjoyable use of Council land, roads and Council assets;
- protect, maintain and enhance the natural environment;
- provide for the peace, order and good governance of the Municipal District;

- regulate the management of animals on land and on Council land;
- and provide uniform and fair administration of the local law within the Municipal District of Maroondah.

The new Local Law is written in a more user-friendly way and also includes new Waste Services Guidelines.

Visit the 'Local laws' page on Council's website to learn more.

Terri Verberne honoured with the 2023 Bill Wilkins Award

Having volunteered for 35 years, Terri has had a remarkable impact on Scouts communities across Maroondah and the wider region.

As the Maroondah District Commissioner and Group Leader at the 3rd Ringwood East for the last 23 years, Terri oversees the largest Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer program in Maroondah.

The Regional Commissioner for Mount Dandenong, Terri is also responsible for the largest Scouts region in Victoria, overseeing more than 80 Scout groups across Maroondah, Yarra Ranges, Knox, Manningham, Monash, Cardinia and Whitehorse Council areas.

A much-loved and highly respected volunteer, she was recently awarded the Silver Koala by Scouts Victoria

– an extremely rare achievement – and was also named the 2022 Maroondah Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Terri's commitment and passion has seen countless children engage in inclusive, adventurous activities that foster leadership and life skills. She has also inspired others to become leaders and volunteers, causing a ripple effect throughout Maroondah and beyond.

Terri also volunteers with the Heathmont Bowls Club – another fantastic example of her commitment to the local community.

The Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award is named in honour of community stalwart and Freeman of the City, Bill Wilkins.

Presented annually, it recognises volunteers in our community who inspire others while embodying the spirit of volunteering through exemplary contributions to the community.

The award was presented as part of Council's annual Volunteer Recognition Function in December at Karralyka.

Visit Council's website to learn more.

Stay safe this summer

Plan, prepare and play it safe during the warmer months.



Heatwaves

Heat-related illness can affect anybody. Those most at risk include people over 65 years of age, those with certain medical conditions, people who have a disability, people who are pregnant or breastfeeding, babies and young children.

During extreme heat, drink plenty of water, take it easy, stay indoors or, if you need to go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and stay in the shade. Never leave children, older people or pets in cars, as cars can heat to dangerous temperatures quickly.

Council's website provides more information and resources on how to cope with extreme heat and heat-related illness. Visit the 'Heatwaves' page to find out more.

If you are experiencing a heat-related illness emergency, call 000 for life-threatening emergencies or NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24 for 24-hour health advice.

Council services and appointments

If the Chief Health Officer issues a Heat Health Warning, Council's Heatwave Plan will be activated, and some regular services may be reduced or cancelled to protect vulnerable members of the community. Some of these services could include Maternal and Child Health appointments, immunisation sessions or other community events.

Council will advertise any changes or contact those who are impacted. You can also call us on 1300 88 22 33 if you are unsure about your service being available.

Power outages

If your power goes out, contact your electricity distributor and use the AusNet Services Outage Tracker www.outagetracker.com.au to stay up to date.

Visit the Energy Victoria website www.energy.vic.gov.au for more information on power outages.

Power outages and food safety

The most important thing during a power outage is to try to keep cold or frozen food cold. If food is still cold to the touch (less than 5°C), it is safe to use.

Before and after a power failure:

- Once cold or frozen food is no longer cold to the touch, it can be kept and eaten for up to four hours and then it must be thrown away. If it is raw meat, it should be cooked and eaten.
- Eat hot food within four hours of it being heated or throw it away.
- If power is restored when frozen food is still frozen solid, the food is safe.

During a power failure, you can keep frozen and cold food frozen or chilled for longer by:

- Moving food from the fridge to the freezer.
- Putting bagged ice, if available, under food packages and trays stored in freezers and fridges if power failure is likely to last more than one hour.
- Placing an insulating blanket over cold or frozen food, where possible.
- Only opening fridge and freezer doors when absolutely necessary.

For more information, visit the 'Food safety during power outages' page on the Department of Health website www.health.vic.gov.au

Bushfires and grassfires

All property owners should ensure their homes and properties are fire ready in the lead up to the Fire Danger Period. This includes regularly maintaining your property to ensure fine fuels – such as branches, twigs, bark and leaves that have dropped to the ground – and potential fire hazards are removed. You can place small branches, leaves, twigs and bark in your Food Organics and Garden Organics bin.

Visit the 'Fire ready in Maroondah' page on Council's website for more information.

Fire Danger Period

The CFA has declared the Fire Danger Period (FDP) for Maroondah. Visit the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au for advice on what this means for you.



Scan the QR code to watch our video with the CFA on the Fire Danger Period and Fire Danger Ratings.

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is now in place. Fire danger ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one started, rather than the likelihood of a fire starting. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions are and the greater the impact will be if a fire starts.

There are four levels of fire danger in this system:

- **Moderate:** Plan and prepare
- **High:** Prepare to act
- **Extreme:** Take action now to protect your life and property
- **Catastrophic:** For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Council encourages everyone to use the VicEmergency website emergency.vic.gov.au or app to monitor conditions, especially before travelling, or use the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au for daily fire danger ratings.

Total fire ban days

Fires in the open air are legally restricted on CFA-declared total fire ban days, when the fire danger is extreme.

Visit the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au to learn more and to find out what you can and can't do on days of total fire ban.

Storms and floods

Maroondah is a storm-prone area and experiences severe storm events year round that can lead to property damage, flooding and injury. Visit the 'StormSafe' page on Council's website to learn about planning for extreme weather events and how to be prepared.

The State Emergency Service (SES) has developed local flood guides to explain local flood risks. View the Maroondah flood guide on the SES website www.ses.vic.gov.au

Thunderstorm asthma

Thunderstorm asthma can be triggered by high amounts of grass pollen in the air and a certain type of thunderstorm. It can cause sudden, serious and even life-threatening symptoms and can affect anyone if there is a severe thunderstorm warning – not just people with a history of asthma or hay fever.

You can use the Vic Emergency website or app to monitor the daily epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecast during grass pollen season.

Visit the Better Health website www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au to learn how to protect yourself and others.

How to stay informed

Get up-to-date information from:

- **The VicEmergency website:** emergency.vic.gov.au/respond, which includes a real-time Google Map display with emergency events
- **The VicEmergency app:** which is the official Victorian Government app with fire warnings, information on planned burns and other types of incidents
- **The VicEmergency Hotline:** 1800 226 226
- **ABC local radio:** 3LO 774 AM
- **Eastern FM radio:** 98.1 FM
- **The Ausnet Power Outages tracker:** www.outagetracker.com.au
- **Alerts from the Chief Health Officer on the Department of Health website:** www.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/chief-health-officer
- **MaroondahConnect:** 1300 88 22 33



What you can do now

- Download the VicEmergency app on your smart phone and electronic devices.
- Save important contact numbers into your phone such as family and friends, Council 1300 88 22 33 and the VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226.
- Make sure your house number is clearly visible and your driveway is accessible for emergency service vehicles.
- Write an emergency plan. You can find templates and more information on Council's website.
- If you have animals, make sure they are part of your emergency plan and consider where you will relocate them to, if needed.
- If you have special medical needs for continuous power supply, discuss this with your energy retailer.
- Practice your emergency plan with the whole family, including pets.
- Make copies of important documents such as passports, insurance papers and medical scripts. Save these electronically and ensure you back them up securely.
- Get insurance and review what it covers. Consider household, business and income protection insurance
- Pack an emergency kit and keep it somewhere easily accessible. See the *Are you prepared for an emergency?* booklet on Council's website for ideas.
- Practice packing your car so you know how long it will take you in an actual emergency.
- Build connections in your local street and community. Talk to your neighbours about your emergency plans and see if there are ways you can assist each other. Look for local volunteering opportunities or other community groups you can get involved in.



Learn more

Visit the 'Preparing for emergencies' page on Council's website to download a copy of the *Are you prepared for an emergency?*



Support for young people

Council's Youth Services team will continue to support Maroondah's young people and their families over much of the summer school holidays, with support available Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Council's youth workers can help young people aged 10 to 25 with a variety of things, such as becoming employment ready, getting involved in the community, connecting with mental health services, life skills and more.

Young people can also visit EV's Hangout, a free drop-in centre located at EV's Youth Centre in Croydon. The drop-in centre provides a relaxed environment where young people can meet up with their peers, play games, access resources and enjoy free snacks.

EV's also offers activities every Thursday afternoon, which will start again on 11 January following the Christmas closure.

The space is fully supervised by Council's qualified youth workers, who are available to speak with young people about what's on their mind.

For details, contact our Youth Services team on 9294 5704, email youth@maroondah.vic.gov.au or visit the Youth Services website www.maroondahyouth.com.au or Facebook page www.facebook.com/maroondahyouth

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Barneong Ward

Your Councillors



Barneong Ward

Following the resignation of former Councillor Marijke Graham, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) held a by-election for the Barneong Ward on Saturday 2 December 2023.

The VEC declared the outcome of the by-election in mid-December, after this edition of Maroondah news was finalised for print and delivery.

Visit Council's website or the Victorian Electoral Commission website, www.vec.vic.gov.au, to learn more about the outcome of the by-election.

Bungalook Ward



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The Bungalook Ward is home to parts of the Bayswater Business Precinct (BBP). With over 5,000 businesses and employing more than 30,000 people, it is the second largest employment precinct in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. Businesses in this precinct are diverse, ranging from small to medium-sized family businesses to multinationals.

It's been great to see Council working with our neighbouring Councils at Knox and Yarra Ranges to ensure the precinct continues to grow. In 2023, all three Councils endorsed the *Bayswater Business Precinct Transformation Strategy*. I'm keen to see how this helps grow jobs, improve infrastructure and attract further investment in the area.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the BBP and the BBP Transformation Strategy.

Jubilee Ward



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In exciting news for the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre, a new carpark will be built on the corner of Bedford and Warrandyte roads and adjacent to Ringwood Station.

The carpark will provide additional parking for commuters, residents and visitors to the area. It will also reduce parking congestion on local roads and improve the connectivity at Ringwood train station and bus interchange.

To ensure the corner store significance is retained, the original portion of the Blood Brothers storefront will be relocated to a more prominent position on the site.

Visit the 'Projects' page on Council's website to find out more about the project and view the draft designs.

Heartwarming 'Happy Days' program uniting generations

A heartwarming initiative is forging a connection between adults with disabilities and the children at Maroondah Occasional Care.

Monkami's 'Happy Days' program not only promotes inclusivity but also fosters a unique intergenerational bond.

Each Friday morning, Happy Days brings together adults with disabilities to connect and socialise with children in creative art activities, sensory play, music and movement, and outdoor physical play.

Through collaborative learning, young children and Happy Days participants learn new things from one another.

For the adults, the program represents an opportunity to share their unique perspectives, build life skills and develop their sense of self.

For the children at Maroondah Occasional Care, it's a chance to learn about diversity, empathy, and acceptance from an early age.

Monkami is a not-for-profit community organisation dedicated to providing support and opportunities for adults with disabilities across various day programs and residential services in Melbourne's outer east.



Staff as well as parents have observed rich and authentic relationships between Happy Days participants and the children who attend Maroondah Occasional Care.

"I love coming here," Happy Days participant Stevie said. "I can teach the children and they listen to me. I can help them do things. The children yell out hello and come up to me to show me what they are making," Stevie said.

Local parent Anna said Happy Days is "a wonderful program" that provides her three-year-old daughter with "the joy of interacting with people from all walks of life" while teaching children to "appreciate that everyone is different and that difference is a good thing".

Learn more [To learn more about Maroondah Occasional Care, visit Council's website.](#)

Championing student wellbeing

Do you know a Year 10 Maroondah student who displays interest in the wellbeing of themselves and others? Do they express a curiosity for change? Then they may be a perfect fit for Council's Student Wellbeing Action Teams (SWAT) program.



SWAT offers a selection of Year 10 students an immersive opportunity to discover their strengths by partaking in a variety of skill-building activities, while encouraging the creation of positive change in the community.

Past participant Paige only had positive feedback about her experience and said it was an honour to be recognised.

"I met so many people and managed to build off them and learn.

"We were in a scout camp and there were so many different people with different personalities – it was so good.

"The people who ran it were so understanding and you get so much out of it," Paige said.

Applications will open in the coming months, so keep an eye on Council's Maroondah Youth website www.maroondahyouth.com.au for more information.

Recognising outstanding community contributions

Join us on Friday 26 January at Ringwood Lake Park and watch as Maroondah's Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year are announced.



Presented annually, the Maroondah Australia Day Awards recognise residents for outstanding community service, achievements and contribution to the local community.

The event provides an opportunity for the community to get together and enjoy free family-friendly activities including children's entertainment, rides and face painting.

You can also watch as some of our newest community members take the pledge or oath to become Australian citizens.

Join us from 9am to 2.30pm at Ringwood Lake Park, corner of Maroondah Highway and Mount Dandenong Road, Ringwood.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the event and the Maroondah Australia Day Awards.

Building healthier club cultures



Knox and Maroondah City Councils have wrapped up a two-year pilot project to trial strategies for building healthier club cultures in community sports.

With funding from VicHealth and working in partnership with Norwood Football Club and Knox Football Netball Club, the Raise the Bar project explored factors that shape club culture and what steps can be taken to foster friendly, safe and welcoming club environments.

Project partner clubs were selected in consultation with the Eastern Football Netball League for their demonstrated commitment to good governance and a desire for continuous improvement.

Initiatives trialed through the project have focused on the role of alcohol in club settings, strengthening club governance and the creation of sound strategies to move clubs towards their identified goals.

The project has also provided tools to help communicate each club's goals with its members, supporters and visitors.

Norwood Football Club President, Mark Etherington, said the program has been a great success.

"The Raise the Bar program has been an overwhelming success for our club. It has allowed the Norwood Football Club to not only enhance its operational governance and compliance, but also take the next step in our journey as one of the most respected community organisations in our league."

Dig a little deeper

The warmer months are a great time to garden, but do you know much about the quality of the soil in your backyard?

Waste and chemicals that have entered the environment can contaminate backyard soil, impacting soil quality and how vegetables grow. This can also have health impacts if garden produce is eaten.

EPA Victoria's GardenSafe program helps you dig a little deeper into your backyard soil by analysing your soil for common contaminants and helping you understand how to minimise any potential risks and use your garden for optimal results.

Simply send three garden soil samples to EPA Victoria for screening. EPA will assess the samples for trace elements such as lead and arsenic, as well as soil

quality indicators including soil composition, organic carbon, and soil nutrients such as phosphorus and potassium.

Once the screening is complete, you will receive a report with detailed results and advice on how to interpret them. If you would like further advice or information about your soil sample results, please visit the EPA website or call them 1300 372 842.



Visit the EPA Victoria website www.epa.vic.gov.au/gardensafe to find out more about how you can garden safely.



Protect local biodiversity

Look after Maroondah's bushland reserves to help protect and preserve local biodiversity.

Did you know that walking through bushland areas can have negative impacts on the environment?

This can damage sensitive vegetation, suppress the germination of seedlings, compact and erode soil, and bring in and spread invasive weed species, pathogens and disease.

Unauthorised dumping of green waste, such as lawn clippings, branches, weeds, leaves, soil and mulch, can also harm our bushland areas. Green waste dumping:

- introduces weeds and non-indigenous species that can smother and out-compete indigenous species, impacting wildlife and natural ecosystem processes
- increases soil nutrients that indigenous plants do not like or need
- can contaminate waterways, cause algal blooms, and affect aquatic life
- introduces disease, pathogens, and pests into sensitive environments
- can increase fuel load and fire risk.

You can help by sticking to designated paths when walking in Maroondah's reserves and by ensuring you place green waste in your food organics and garden organics waste bin at home.

Visit the 'Bushland' page on Council's website to learn more.

Have you seen unauthorised green waste dumping?

You can report unauthorised green waste dumping to Council – if you see something, say something. Report via Council's website, in Customer Service Centres, call us on 1300 88 22 33 or text us on 0408 020 200.

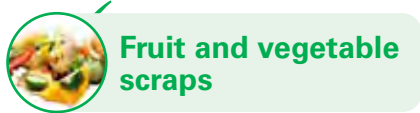
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An annual supply of FOGO caddy liners will be delivered to households during March and April 2024.

2024 年3 月和 4 月将向家庭提供本年度的 FOGO 堆肥垃圾袋。

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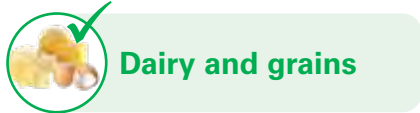
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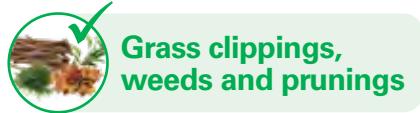
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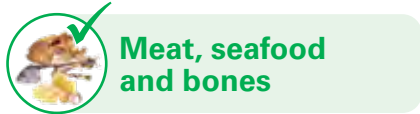
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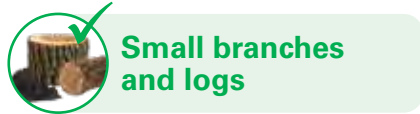
Dairy and grains



Grass clippings, weeds and prunings



Meat, seafood and bones



Small branches and logs

(up to 10cm in diameter and 40cm in length)

ONLY use Council-supplied compostable liners.

If you run out of liners before March, visit one of Council's Customer Service Centres to pick up a free top-up pack.



Tips for your FOGO bin:

- Place garden material loosely into your FOGO bin
- Do not use any plastic bags, wrapping or string to bundle your garden waste material
- Remove all fruit stickers/rubber bands
- No animal waste or kitty litter.

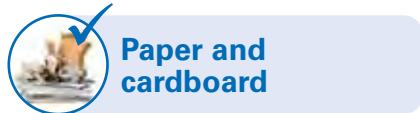
Yes! We can go in your recycling bin!



Hard plastic bottles and containers



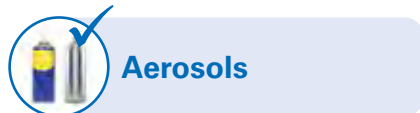
Steel cans



Paper and cardboard



Glass bottles and jars



Aerosols



Aluminium cans and foil

Tips for your recycling bin:

- Place items loosely into your recycling bin
- No plastic bags
- Remove food and liquid from containers and packaging
- Flatten and break up cardboard into smaller pieces
- Leave plastic lids on your plastic bottles and jars
- Leave steel and aluminium lids on your glass bottles and jars.



Scan the QR code to learn more about what can and can't go into your bins.



For more information on where you can safely and responsibly dispose of items, visit Council's A-Z of waste disposal guide.

2024 WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

 Recycling Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO)

Keep the calendar on your fridge for a quick reference guide on which bin night it is.

Area A

JANUARY 2024							FEBRUARY 2024							MARCH 2024							APRIL 2024						
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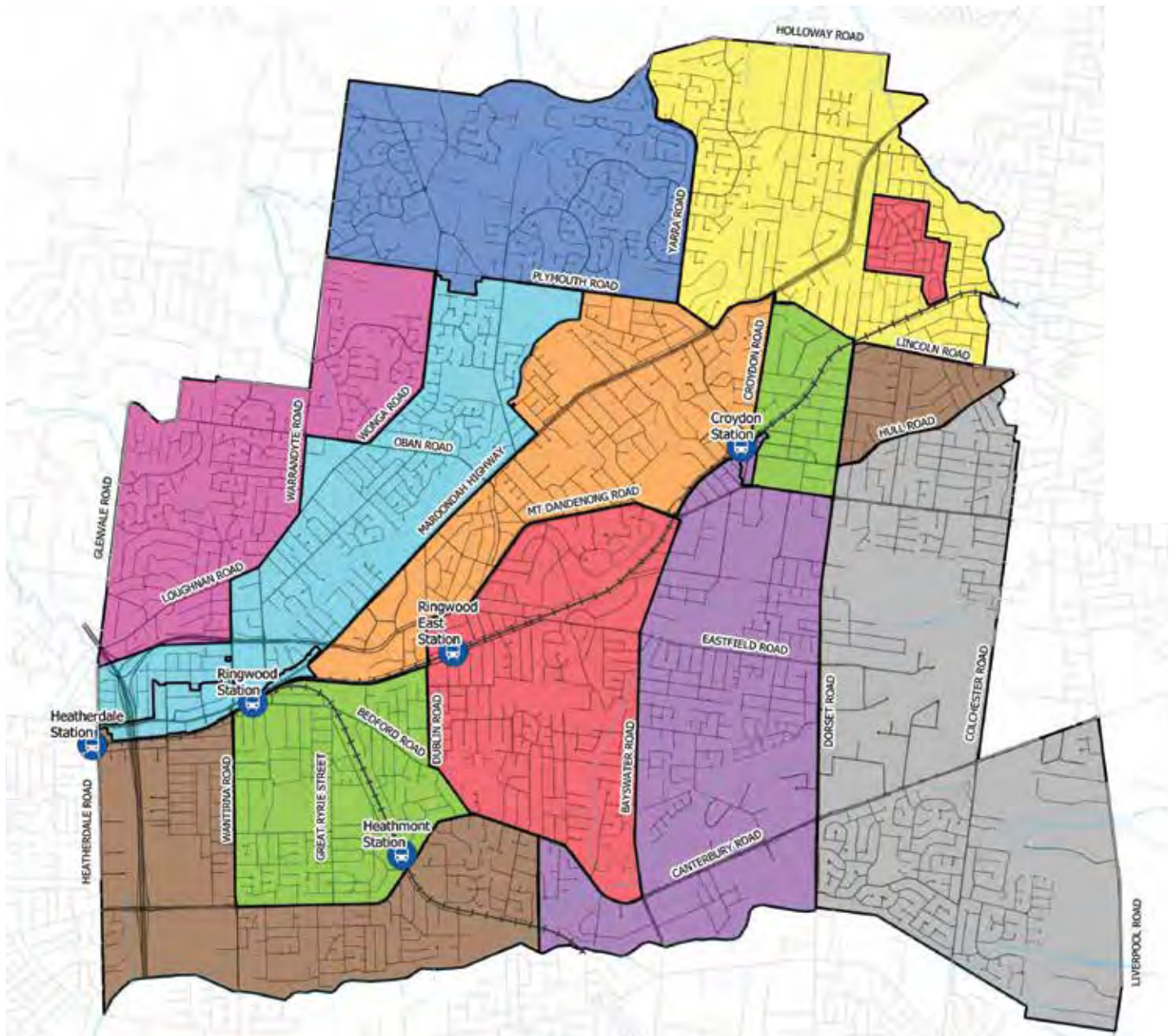
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Collection guidelines

- Place the correct bins out by 6am and bring them in within 24 hours of collection.
- Check your bin weight. If you can't easily wheel your bin to the kerb, or it weighs more than 40kg, then it's probably too heavy to be collected.
- Your bin lid must be fully closed. Don't overfill your bin as extra bags of rubbish will not be collected and you will be required to pick up any litter created due to the lid not being closed.

2024 WASTE MAP

Collections occur on the day of the week shown on your area of the map below. Your bins will still be collected on a public holiday - even Christmas Day!



How to use the waste calendar map

Find your street on the map to see your collection day and area. Once you know your Area, refer to the calendar on the next page and see which week you should put out your bin.

Scan the QR code to find out more about your collection days and what can go into your kerbside bins.



Legend

Waste collection

 Monday - Area A	 Wednesday - Area B
 Monday - Area B	 Thursday - Area A
 Tuesday - Area A	 Thursday - Area B
 Tuesday - Area B	 Friday - Area A
 Wednesday - Area A	 Friday - Area B

Make FOGO work for you this summer



Here are some handy tips to help you make the most of your FOGO bin in the coming months:

- Store your FOGO bin in a shaded area and try to avoid the full afternoon sun.
- Keep your bin near your house to make it easier to empty your caddy.
- Keep garden clippings near your bin and place a thick layer of garden clippings at the bottom of the bin to stop food waste from sticking to the bottom.
- Layer garden and food waste as you go, to prevent food scraps sticking to the bin, help absorb moisture from the food waste and prevent flies and other bugs from getting to your food waste.
- Make sure your bin lid can close properly, otherwise it can attract birds and litter can spill out. If you see some smaller insects like ants in your bin, don't worry! They are nature's composters and they don't pose a health or safety issue.
- Start a conversation with your household members and divide up the steps involved. One person could empty the kitchen caddy, another can make sure there is a pile of garden clippings for layering, and so forth. Do what works for you and your household.



What to do with household waste

Did you know that there are a number of options to reduce your waste and dispose of household items? Read on to learn how to dispose of your household waste or get handy tips at one of our workshops.

Detox your Home – Household chemical collection



Sustainability Victoria, in partnership with local government, host Detox your Home collection events so that households can safely dispose of chemicals such as cleaning products, fertiliser and used cooking oil. The Detox your Home mobile collection service allows you to dispose of unwanted household chemicals for free. The collected items are recycled and do not go to landfill. Events are held across Melbourne throughout the year. You can attend as many events as you like, at any location.

The next Detox Your Home event in Maroondah is on Saturday 23 March.

Register at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome or call 1300 363 744.



A-Z of waste disposal

Council's online A-Z of waste disposal guide is a useful guide on how to dispose of some of those more difficult items you might have around the house, such as anti-freeze, car batteries and X-rays.

Scan the QR code on the front page of this Waste and Recycling Guide or visit the 'Waste and Rubbish' page on Council's website.

Join the Compost Revolution

Composting is a great way to keep food waste out of your landfill bin while also producing a rich fertiliser for your garden. Council offers residents up to 60 percent off a range of home composting and worm farming systems through our Compost Revolution program.

Each Maroondah residential property is eligible for one subsidised system per year.

To access the discount and free tutorials, visit www.compostrevolution.com.au/maroondah



Waste Education Program



Council offers a range of free waste education initiatives including e-waste + more collection days, waste minimisation, recycling and composting workshops, webinars and presentations for schools and community groups.

Scan the QR code to find out more and sign up for our monthly waste education e-newsletter.



Wild wood is not free firewood

Leave fallen wood in place to provide habitat for indigenous wildlife.

Living and dead wood plays a vital role in healthy ecosystem functioning. Dead wood, whether on the ground or still standing, provides essential habitat and nutrition for a multitude of species.

- Many native birds and mammals rely on tree hollows and dead wood for shelter from predators and for breeding and perching.
- Insects such as the stag beetle rely on dead wood as a food source and many rely on the protective cover of fallen branches for nesting and shelter. In turn, birds, reptiles and mammals rely on these insects for survival.
- Many fungi and all plants rely on decomposed wood to contribute to growth and nutrient cycles.



Hollow-bearing trees provide a refuge for much of our local native wildlife. Hollows often form when the centre of a tree limb rots away due to fungal or termite activity – this is more common in old or dead trees and the process can take many hundreds of years. This makes hollow bearing trees especially valuable to local wildlife due to their rarity, particularly in urban areas.

Due to the limited habitat available for wildlife in urban areas, we encourage leaving fallen wood in place to provide habitat for indigenous wildlife in the area. It is in fact illegal to remove wood from bushland reserves without permission from Council. Council will remove dead wood or trees that have been assessed as dangerous.

To report dangerous dead wood or trees, please contact our Tree Maintenance team on (03) 9298 4598.

Stay safe around water



Maroondah Leisure offers programs to help residents of all ages and abilities improve their water safety skills and knowledge.

Programs on offer include:

- Learn to Swim programs at Aquanation and Aquahub, with lessons available from infants to adults.
- Access for All Abilities swimming programs for children and adults with a disability or with additional learning needs.
- Aquabuddies in the Warm Water Pool (Thursday evenings) at Aquahub for adults with disabilities.
- Aquatic Playgroup at Aquahub (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings) and at Aquanation (Tuesday mornings) for parents with babies under 12 months of age.
- Holiday Intensive Swim Programs.
- Age-friendly warm water classes at Aquanation.

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website to find out more.

Top water safety tips:

- Never swim alone.
- Always supervise children around water.
- Enrol children into swimming lessons and have them attend regularly.
- Check the weather, as strong winds, hail and lightning can create dangerous conditions.
- Know the conditions and only swim where permitted.
- Always wear a life jacket when on a boat or jet ski, including as a driver or passenger.
- Don't rely on water toys such as noodles, arm floaties or inflatable pool beds.

Visit Council's website to read more water safety tips to keep you and your family safe this summer.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pet registrations for 2024



Would you like to receive your pet registration renewals by email instead of by mail?

You can change your preferences on Council's website and opt for a paper-free option before renewals are sent out over the coming months.

Pet owners are also encouraged to let Council know if they have had a change of circumstances in the past year. This could be moving house, welcoming new pets to the family or the need to cancel a pet registration.

Visit the 'Pet registration and renewal' page on Council's website for more information and to sign up for email pet registration renewals.

Public immunisation sessions

Council provides vaccinations to babies, young children, adolescents and adults at public immunisation sessions held under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and the Immunisation Schedule Victoria.

Sessions are held at Maroondah Federation Estate, Ringwood; Keystone Hall, Croydon; North Ringwood Community House, Ringwood North; and Arrabri Community Centre, Bayswater North.

Visit the 'Public immunisation sessions' page on Council's website to learn more or book.

Rapid Antigen Tests still available

The Victorian Government is providing free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) to our community. These are available at Council's Realm and Croydon Customer Service Centres. Visit Council's website for details.

If it's been six months since your last COVID-19 vaccination or COVID-19 infection, you may be able to receive a booster.

Visit the Department of Health website www.health.vic.gov.au to learn more or the Health Direct website www.healthdirect.gov.au to find your nearest vaccination provider.

Help prevent theft from motor vehicles

Council is encouraging our community to take some important steps to help prevent theft from motor vehicles.

Top tips to prevent theft:

- Remove all valuable items when you leave your car, including wallets, electronic devices, documents, house keys and garage door remotes. If you must leave valuables in your car, secure them out of sight in the boot or a locked glove box
- Remove GPS and dash cam units and wipe the suction mark off the window
- Lock your car, even when parking at home or leaving your car for a moment, and close all windows, including the sunroof
- Install a car alarm
- Install anti-theft screws on your number plates

- Lock external toolboxes and equipment if these can't be removed
- Park off the street in a well-lit and secure area – ideally a locked garage or a driveway
- If you usually park in your driveway, consider installing a sensor light and CCTV
- If you need to park on the street, park in a well-lit area

If your car has been broken into:

- Do not confront the thief – your safety is more important
- Do not touch anything
- Call your insurance company



Reporting

- For emergencies, to report a crime in progress, or for immediate police attendance, call Triple Zero (000)
- For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or report online at www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting
- Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au

For more information, visit the Victoria Police website www.police.vic.gov.au/your-safety

McAlpin Ward

Your Councillors



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Council is dedicated to creating a sustainable, climate-resilient city and it's heartening to see our community working to protect our environment. Our Solar Savers program continues to support households and businesses to harness clean energy through the installation of solar panels. The program also provides technical guidance and advice, information on available rebates, and financial support.

As one of only 10 Carbon Neutral councils in Australia, I'm proud of our work to reduce and offset carbon emissions through sustainable energy practices.

Over the summer, we will also be increasing our efforts to reduce water consumption by using only recycled water to water our trees under a joint trial with Yarra Valley Water. Visit Council's website to learn more about these projects.

Tarralla Ward



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Look out for more trees in the Tarralla Ward this summer, thanks to recent planting events held at Cheong Park and Eastfield Park. Thank you to everyone who took part. The new trees and plants will help make these areas even more enjoyable for all who use them.

In other news, Council's 'Re-imagining Tarralla Creek' project won the 2023 National Landscape Architecture Award for Infrastructure. This collaborative project has transformed part of the Tarralla Creek and the Croydon Wetlands into a revitalised open space and waterway that provides more habitat for local wildlife.

And finally, I'm excited to welcome our community to Gracedale Park on Friday 15 March for our Celebrate Maroondah movie night. Visit Council's website to learn more.

Wicklow Ward



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Summer brings warm days, but also an increased risk of severe weather events and emergencies. As a representative on the Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Committee, I encourage you to visit Council's website and view important information to help you plan and prepare.

I also encourage you to check with your family, friends and neighbours about their plans, and to use the VicEmergency website or app to stay up to date with fire warnings, planned burns and other incidents – especially if you're travelling.

We are also thankful for the volunteers in the Maroondah State Emergency Services, who provide this vital service for our community.

Visit the Victorian SES website to learn more about their work.

Progress on projects in your area

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

Facilities



Improvements to the accessibility of Maroondah's facilities are continuing.

Access ramp at St John Ambulance Hall

Construction of a new access ramp at St John Ambulance Hall in Croydon has recently been completed.

This improvement will provide access to the building for those in wheelchairs or with walking aids and prams.



Changing Places Facility at Jubilee Park

Construction of a new Changing Places Facility at Jubilee Park, Ringwood is underway.

This new facility provides amenities for those in the community with high access needs.



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

Drainage



Major Activity Centre drainage upgrade

In November 2023, the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre (RMAC) Sherbrook Catchment Stage 3 drainage improvement project in New Street, Ringwood was successfully completed ahead of schedule.

The installation of large pipes and pits will enhance the drainage system and provide effective flood mitigation to the local area.

Find out more by searching for 'RMAC drainage upgrade' on our 'Maroondah projects' page.

Roads



Emerald Street road rehabilitation

Road rehabilitation works are set to begin in early 2024 in Emerald Street, Ringwood.

The project will involve reconstructing the kerb and channel, repairing the failed road pavement, and installing new drainage infrastructure.

Find out more by searching for 'Emerald' on our 'Maroondah projects' page.

Open space



Local Playspace renewals are continuing throughout Maroondah.

Chandra Reserve Playspace Renewal

Chandra Reserve Playspace Renewal in Kilsyth South has recently been completed, with a new play unit and swing set for kids to enjoy.

Cantala Reserve Playspace Renewal

Cantala Reserve Playspace Renewal in Ringwood North is also complete, featuring a new play unit and swing set.

Pathways



Colchester Road footpath works

The ongoing footpath works on Colchester Road, between Canterbury Road and Collier Road, are expected to extend into early 2024.

So far, 1100m of new footpath has been completed, with only 200m remaining.

Find out more by searching for 'Colchester' on our 'Maroondah projects' page.

Level crossing removal update

Works are continuing as part of the Victorian Government's Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP), with more boom gates set to be removed on the Belgrave line and the Lilydale line to be level crossing free.



In Ringwood East, major excavation is underway to remove the bulk of the dirt and build the new rail trench. Sections of the new station concourse are also taking shape, with the delivery of super T-beams, modular station buildings and lift shafts.

At nearby Bedford Road, excavation is set to begin on the 380-metre rail trench in early 2024.

Works to remove the Coolstore Road boom gates and build the new Croydon Transport Hub are on track to be completed by 2025.

Crews have been busy on site in Croydon, with the delivery and installation of station buildings marking a major milestone for the project. Works to pour the large concrete columns and crossheads that will support the elevated bridge structure are continuing.

As works continue across the projects throughout 2024, there will be road and rail disruptions. The LXRP team will provide further updates as the works progress.

Visit www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au for more information about the works and upcoming disruptions in your area.

Pick up after your dog – our environment depends on it

Dog poo is damaging to the environment. It is high in nutrients that pollute the environment, negatively impacting indigenous plants and wildlife.

Council employees work hard to maintain reserves and conserve biodiversity, and often encounter dog poo when working.

Picking up after your dog helps ensure children can play safely in reserves and our community can enjoy using sportsfields. Do the right thing, pick up after your dog. Our natural environment and our community depend on it.

Find out more www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Pick-up-after-your-dog



Kilsyth to Croydon water mains project update

Melbourne Water is on track to replace the water mains between Croydon and Kilsyth, with 4.5 kilometres of temporary pipeline laid and three road crossings completed with the new water mains.



The temporary pipeline was commissioned in September 2023, ensuring residents maintain access to water throughout the project. The old water mains, which are between 80 and 100 years old, are being replaced with two new 1350mm wide pipes.

Ten road closures will take place over the coming months to allow for further old water mains to be replaced.

Once complete, this project will ensure a safe and reliable water supply for decades to come. For project updates and information on road closures, visit www.melbournewater.com.au/M55

What's on at your local library



Visit Realm and Croydon Libraries for fun this summer and beyond.

School holiday program

Join in the fun from 15 to 25 January with a jam-packed school holiday program.

There will be plenty of events to keep the kids entertained, including robotics at Croydon Library, a Pokemon Kids' Zone at Realm, and the chance to make a dinosaur fossil.

Bookings open on Saturday 6 January.

Storytime is back from Term 1

Storytime sessions for children aged 0 to 5 years will recommence at Croydon and Realm Libraries in February!

Visit the Your Library website to view session times and details.

Events for adults recommencing soon

Get ready for the return of a plethora of ongoing events this February at the Croydon and Realm Libraries. Get involved with book chats and board games, origami and colouring in, meditation and yoga, or an English Conversation group.

Whatever your interests, there is something for everyone at Your Library!

Learn more

Visit the Your Library website www.yourlibrary.com.au or call Croydon Library on 9800 6448 or Realm Library on 9800 6430 to find out more.



Dates for your diary

Scan the QR code to visit Council's website for more information about these and other events.



Ben's Beeswax Wrap Workshop

Wednesday 14 February
12.30pm to 2.30pm
Glen Park Community Centre,
Bayswater North

Want a reusable alternative to using plastic wrap?

In this workshop, Ben shows you how simple it is to make your own beeswax wraps at home. You will learn about bees and their by-products. Plus, you will leave the workshop with your very own wrap that's ready to use.

Spaces are limited and registrations essential. Visit Council's website to book.

Music Legends

The Paul McCartney Story



Music Legends: The Paul McCartney Story

Saturday 17 February, 7.30pm
Karralyka, Ringwood East

The Music Legends team are back with their most ambitious show yet, The Paul McCartney Story. Undoubtedly the most successful and influential songwriter of all time, Paul McCartney's music and stories are an essential part of our lives.

Come and celebrate his incredible journey, from his humble beginnings in Liverpool, through world conquering adventures with The Beatles, to recreating himself anew in his incredible solo career.

This will be an incredibly joyful event, and one not to be missed. Tickets are \$65 per adult or \$55 for concession. Visit the Karralyka website www.karralyka.com.au or call 9870 2888 to book.



Ross Wilson and The Peaceniks present 50 Years of Hits

Friday 1 March, 8pm
Karralyka, Ringwood East

Ross Wilson is hitting the road with his all-star band The Peaceniks to celebrate over 50 years of hits, including all the Daddy Cool and Mondo Rock favourites you would expect, along with the latest offering from an almost six-decade career, tracks from his latest EP on Bloodlines Records, *She's Stuck On Facebook All The Time*, and everything in between.

Twice inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame, Wilson's live performances are legendary.

Tickets are \$69 per adult. Visit the Karralyka website www.karralyka.com.au or call 9870 2888 to book.

Did you know?

Are you hosting a community event? Visit our website and add your event to our online 'Events calendar'.



Dive into healthier delights at Croydon Memorial Pool

With the Croydon Memorial Pool season now in full swing, dive in and discover a new range of deliciously healthy food snacks and drinks now available at our pool kiosk.

A day at the pool can work up an appetite. After a swim or day by the pool, satisfy your appetite with crisp fruit salads, wholesome wraps and sandwiches, juices, and nutritious snacks, alongside some pool favourites.

These new choices are designed to keep you refreshed and energised during your time at the pool. So, whether you're there for a leisurely day relaxing poolside or a more active visit, we're committed

to making it easier for you to make healthier choices.

Our new menu items follow the Healthy Choices guidelines, with options suited to both children and adults.

We have also added a new range of drinks to our menu, with hot drinks including tea and coffee.

Find out more

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website at www.maroondahleisure.com.au

Wombolano Ward

Your Councillors



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With ongoing works to remove the level crossings at Dublin Road in Ringwood East and Bedford Road in Ringwood, as part of the Victorian Government's Level Crossing Removal Project, it's essential that we continue to support Ringwood East traders in our Wombolano Ward.

Ringwood East has many shops and traders providing a range of services, so whether you're looking for clothing, homewares, groceries or a quick coffee, I encourage you to shop locally to support local jobs and the local economy.

In other Ward news, I'm excited for our Music in the Park event at Ringwood Lake Park on Saturday 24 February. It's set to be a wonderful evening of music for everyone. Visit Council's website to learn more.

Wonga Ward



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With the new year upon us, now is the perfect time for small and emerging local business owners to plan and prepare for success in 2024. Council's BizHub team is dedicated to supporting small businesses, providing regular training workshops, one-on-one mentoring sessions, networking opportunities and development programs.

With increasing online options and competition from bigger organisations, it's important to give local businesses an opportunity to grow and, in doing so, strengthen our city's business sector.

Local businesses create local jobs which leads to a strong economy and vibrant communities, so I encourage everyone to shop locally whenever they can and support our Maroondah business community.

Visit the BizHub Maroondah website www.bizhubmaroondah.com.au for details or call 9298 4679.

Yarrunga Ward



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As a Councillor, one of the most rewarding aspects of my role is acknowledging individuals who consistently go the extra mile to help others in their community. I recently had the pleasure of attending Council's annual Volunteer Recognition Function, where we celebrated our long-serving volunteers.

As most volunteers will tell you, they get so much more out of volunteering than they give. And it's thanks to our 400-plus volunteers that a range of individual Council-run services and projects are offered to our community, such as Meals on Wheels, bushland renewal projects, social support, and youth initiatives such as the L2P driver mentoring program.

I encourage anyone considering volunteering to get involved by visiting www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Explore your local community centre

Whether you're seeking a new hobby or to further your studies, Maroondah's local community centres offer a range of affordable programs, courses and activities that bring people together in a friendly, supportive environment. Why not visit your local community centre and try something new?



Arrabri Community House

Mat Pilates

Build a strong core with weekly Pilates classes.

When: 5.45pm to 6.45pm each Wednesday from 7 February to 27 March (eight sessions)

Cost: \$112 full fee or \$100.80 concession

Contact: call 9720 0877 or visit www.arrabri.org

Central Ringwood Community Centre

2024 Sustainability Fair

Save the date for the Sustainability Fair! Visit the recently expanded Bedford Park Community Garden and take part in activities, listen to guest speakers or enjoy market stalls, kids' programs and food vans. Don't forget to bring your reusable coffee cups and shopping bags.

When: Sunday 17 March

Cost: Free

Contact: call 9870 2602 or visit www.ccccinc.org.au



Glen Park Community Centre

Woodwork

Learn how to use manual and power tools to create amazing projects.

When: 9.30am to 1.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays or 1pm to 5pm on Wednesdays

Cost: Ranges from \$69 to \$89, depending on class activities

Contact: call 9720 5097 or office@glenparkcc.com.au

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP)

MMIGP supports and facilitates a variety of cultural activities and programs that incorporate art, music, language and storytelling, providing a culturally safe and inclusive space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to feel connected and empowered.

Contact: call 9725 2166 or visit mmigp.org.au

North Ringwood Community House

Watercolour for Beginners

A beginner's look into the exquisite world of painting with watercolour.

Learn brush stroke tips to create soft shapes along with hints on blending and shading.

When: 10am to 12noon on Thursdays

Cost: \$19.00 per session. Bookings by the term

Contact: call 9876 3421 or visit www.nrch.org.au

Yarrunga Community Centre

Living Longer Living Stronger

Exercise classes specifically designed for people over 50 years of age.

Stay mobile enough to keep up with your grandchildren and do all your other favourite activities!

When: Classes are run every weekday

Cost: \$92.50 for 10 weeks

Contact: call 9722 8942 or visit www.yarrunga.org.au

Learn Locals

Maroondah has many pathways for adults looking to pursue further learning, including community centres and U3A.

Maroondah's Learn Locals offer pre-accredited and accredited vocational education and training (VET) courses in a friendly environment to help people in their career pathways and to gain employment.

Local community centres offer a wide range of educational programs, courses and classes that encourage personal and artistic development – often for a lower cost than alternative options and sometimes for free.

Visit the 'Community centres' page on Council's website to learn more.

Learn more

For more information on these activities and many more, visit the 'Community centres' page on Council's website. You can also find links to each community centre website.

Celebrate Maroondah with us!

Save the date to join us and celebrate everything great about the City of Maroondah. These events are filled with fun for the whole family and provide an opportunity to get together as a community, meet your local Ward Councillor and find out what's happening in your area. Entry is free and no bookings are required.



Raya and the Last Dragon (PG)

Saturday 10 February

Wyreena Community Arts Centre, Croydon

Bring your family and a picnic to Wyreena for this free screening of Raya and the Last Dragon and celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Meet your Wicklow Ward Councillor and join us from 6.30pm to enjoy children's craft, a Chinese double lion dance and face painting before the movie begins at 8.15pm. You can also purchase coffee and ice cream from onsite vendors to enjoy during the movie.



Music in the Park

Saturday 24 February | Ringwood Lake Park

Join us from 4pm to 8pm for a wonderful evening of music from a variety of genres that the whole family can enjoy!

There will be face painting and roving entertainment, with ice cream and coffee available to purchase onsite, and you can meet your Wombolano Ward Councillor.

Visit Council's website for more information closer to the date.



Movie night at Gracedale Park

Friday 15 March | Gracedale Park, Ringwood East

Save the date for a night of family fun at Gracedale Park!

Join us from 6.30pm and bring a picnic to share with your family as you enjoy crafts, face painting and roving entertainment. You can also purchase coffee and ice cream from onsite vendors to snack on during the movie, which will start at 8.15pm.

Scan the QR code to visit Council's website and discover which movie will be showing, and to find out more about the Celebrate Maroondah events.



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