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Celebrating Maroondah's best businesses

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Maroondah Business Excellence Awards!

Kilsyth South's Boss Aluminium was announced Maroondah's 2026 Business of the Year.

Boss Aluminium Founder and Owner, Dave Whitehead, and wife and All-Rounder, Maria Whitehead, accepted the award at the Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner last month.

"It's a huge honour to receive this award.

"We've been in this area for a long time and it's good to be part of the community, so thank you, we really appreciate the support," Dave said.

"Being in business is a great challenge and a great reward at the same time. We started in 2000, just myself and a couple of guys. We grew from strength to strength and we built one hell of a team.

"Boss Aluminium is a proud Australian-made family business with around 55 staff. There have been many challenges over the years and it's been an exciting adventure."

This year's category awards were presented to Field of View Sports Photography, Sustainnovate, Mindful Living Counselling and Psychology, Boss Aluminium, Pinchapoo, LJ Hooker Home Loans – Melbourne East, Essential Catering and Events, DSI Autobody Maroondah and Eastside Plumbing and Gasfitting.

The annual awards recognise businesses that demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, service and impact in the Maroondah community.

This year's winners were selected through a rigorous and independent judging process, from more than 200 nominations.

Congratulations to all winners and finalists. You can read more on Council's website.



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Welcome to the October edition of Maroondah news

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

Council Customer Service opening hours

Our Customer Service team is here to help. Visit us at one of our Service Centres:

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Realm, Ringwood Town Square
179 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood
(opposite Ringwood Station)

Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm
Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm

Public holidays, 10am to 5pm
Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 3 November

Croydon

Croydon Library, Civic Square, Croydon

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Closed on weekends and public holidays.

Read online

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CONNECT WITH US



Don't miss the 31st Annual Mayoral Art Exhibition

Experience the exhibition at Maroondah Federation Estate in Ringwood until Saturday 24 October.

Now in its 31st year, this exhibition is an annual fundraiser for the Croydon Branch of the Bone Marrow Donor Institute, as part of Fight Cancer.

It is supported by Council and Community Bank Ringwood East and Croydon, with both supporters choosing artworks to acquire. The Mayoral Acquisition will become part of the Maroondah City Council Art Collection.

This year's exhibition focuses on 'Sense of Place', with artists of all ages invited to explore the people, spaces, memories and connections that shape where

we belong, using mediums such as photography, sculpture, drawing, painting, printmaking and ceramics.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the exhibition, including this year's Mayoral Acquisition and the Community Bank Ringwood East and Croydon Acquisition.



Shopping trolleys don't belong on the street

Did you know removing a shopping trolley from its designated collection area may be an offence under the Maroondah Community Local Law?

Leaving a trolley in a street, park, reserve, waterway, on a footpath, or in another public place is not permitted and fines may apply.

Shopping trolleys that have been abandoned can harm waterways, trap wildlife, block footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists, and create dangerous road hazards. They are also an eyesore in our community.

By returning trolleys and reporting abandoned ones, residents can help keep

Maroondah's streets, parks and waterways safe, accessible and attractive for everyone.

Abandoned shopping trolleys should be reported directly to the business that owns them. Council's website lists reporting information for most local businesses that offer shopping trolleys.

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



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 19 October, 7.30pm

Wednesday 11 November, 7pm

Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Monday 23 November, 7.30pm

Where: Council Chamber, Realm, Ringwood Town Square

Join online:

www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Council-meetings

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

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'.



Oct–Nov

TAPE REALM

Now until Sunday 1 November
ArtSpace at Realm,
Ringwood Town Square

Join us to create a huge collaborative drawing with coloured tape all over the walls of ArtSpace at Realm! Inspired by the geometric forms in and around Council's Realm building, *Tape Realm* by artist Briony Barr is a colourful, fun and accessible project that will change the way you think about patterns. Drop in anytime during Realm opening hours or book in for a community workshop.

23 Oct

SCAM SAFETY: BECOMING A SCAM DETECTIVE

Friday 23 October, 2pm to 3pm
Croydon Library, Croydon



Join us for this interactive and informative session, where you will learn how to recognise and respond to scams, and gain confidence to stay safe online. Visit the Your Library events website events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au or call Croydon Library on 9800 6448 to book.



24 Oct

E-WASTE + MORE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday 24 October,
8am to 2pm
Council Operations Centre,
Croydon

This event is a great opportunity for Maroondah residents to dispose of harder-to-recycle items for free! Acceptable items include electronic waste (e-waste), clean polystyrene, cardboard, vapes, e-cigarettes and clean textiles. View the full list of acceptable items on Council's website. Residential quantities only. Registrations essential and limited to Maroondah residents only.



5 Nov

OPENING DOORS TO INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT FORUM

Thursday 5 November, 9.15am to 12.30pm
Karralyka, Ringwood East

In recognition of International Day of People with Disability, join experts who are leading the way in inclusive employment and learn more about how having a diverse workplace can be rewarding for everyone. We also welcome job seekers who can speak to a range of local employers. The event will feature presentations, a panel discussion and mini expo of supportive organisations.



28 Nov

WYREENA MAKERS MARKET

Saturday 28 November, 9am to 2pm
Wyreena Community Arts Centre, Croydon

Start your Christmas shopping at Wyreena this November. Visit artists and makers to discover unique, hand-crafted gifts or find something special for yourself. Make a day of wandering through the gardens as well as enjoying this creative shopping experience.



Sunday 8 November, 10am to 4pm Town Park, Croydon

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

Main Stage

Enjoy a full day of live, local talent and vibrant entertainment bringing the Maroondah Festival to life.

Goodstart Kids Stage

Packed with colourful performances, interactive shows, music, dancing and fun, keeping little festivalgoers entertained all day.

Youth Stage

Showcases Maroondah's emerging talent, with young musicians, performers and creatives taking centre stage.

Community Stage

Celebrate Maroondah's incredible community spirit with local schools, dance groups, musicians and performers taking centre stage throughout the festival day.

Cooking Stage

Discover delicious flavours, clever cooking tips and inspiring recipes as local groups cook live throughout the festival day.

Cultural Demo Space

Experience Maroondah's cultural diversity through demonstrations, activities, storytelling and performances shared by community cultural organisations.

Sporting Demo Space

Get active with energetic sporting demonstrations, come-and-try activities and local clubs showcasing skills, teamwork and community participation.



Keep up to date with Council's eNews to win!

Subscribe to Maroondah eNews to receive the latest Festival information straight to your inbox and you could win a 12-month Maroondah Leisure Fitness Plus membership, valued at up to \$1,537.

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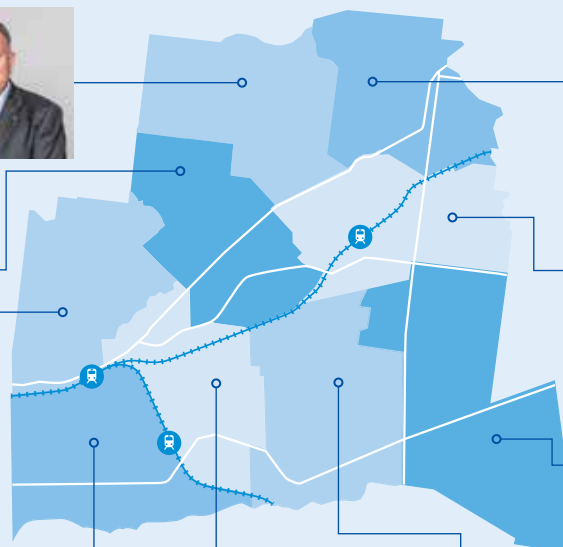
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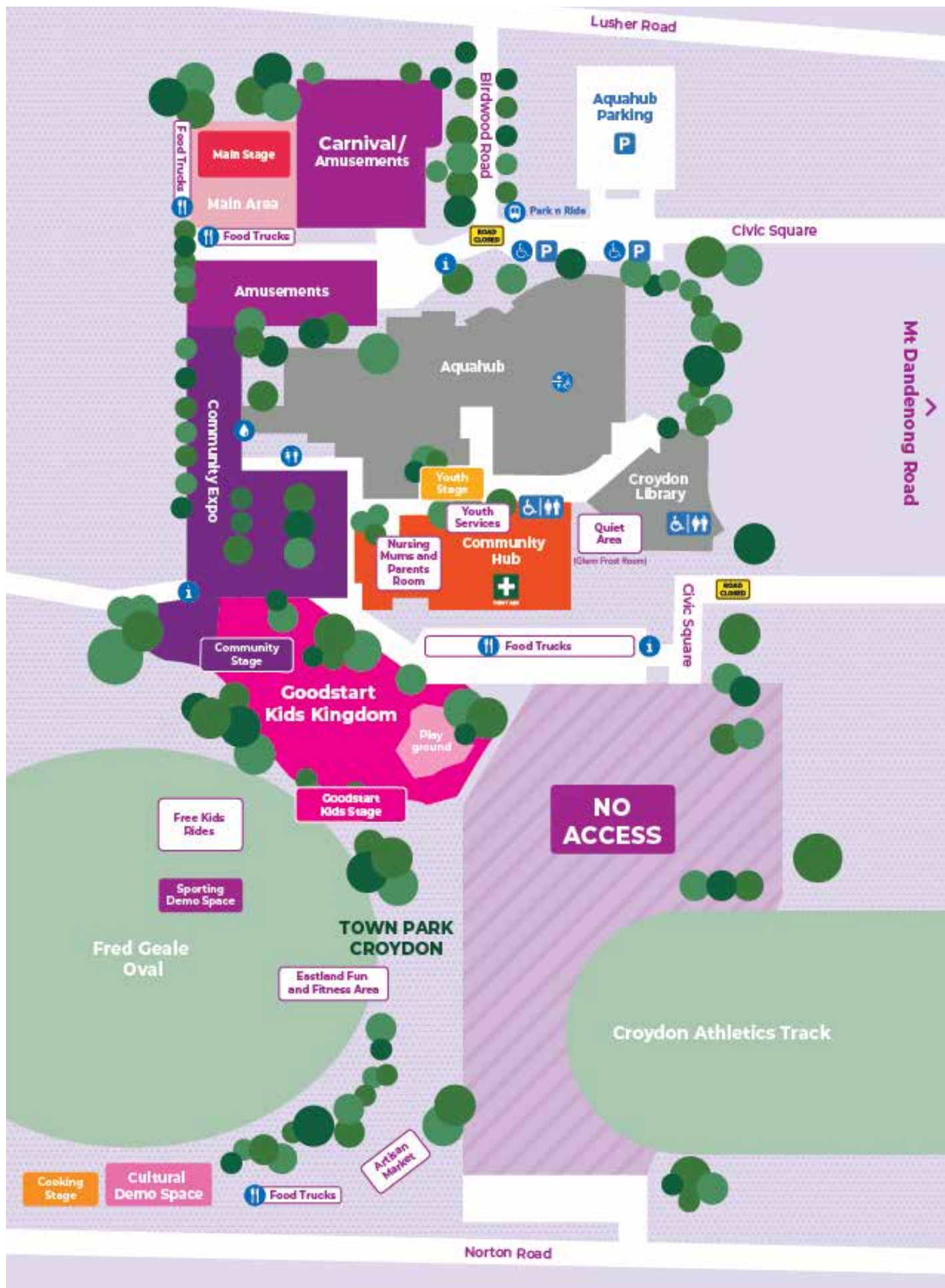
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Maroondah Festival 2026 Event Map

Map is subject to change. Visit Council's website to check for updates or pick up a copy on the day.



Making progress in Maroondah

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

ROADS AND DRAINAGE

Oban Road and Wonga Road safety improvements

Council is improving safety at the Oban Road and Wonga Road roundabout in Ringwood North following several reported crashes.

Supported by Australian Government Black Spot Program funding, the project will install six speed cushions, one on each approach lane, to slow vehicles entering and travelling through the intersection. Existing traffic islands in the slip lanes from Wonga Road into Oban Road will also be raised to provide clearer lane definition.

Minor traffic impacts are expected during construction, with traffic management and controllers helping road users move safely through the area. Once complete, the improvements will provide a safer intersection for all road users.

Ruthven Way sealing works, Ringwood East

Road sealing works have commenced along Ruthven Way in Ringwood East, between Velma Grove and Angus Avenue.

The project will replace the existing crushed rock surface with asphalt, providing a smoother, more durable road for our community.

An asphalt spoon drain will be installed to help direct water, supported by new underground stormwater drainage pits and pipes. Vehicle crossovers will also be reconstructed to match the new road level.

Norton Road improvements, Croydon

Works are underway to construct a new off-road shared user path beside Town Park, improve crossings to Swinburne University and the Carrum to Warburton Trail, and formalise parking arrangements.

Works also include road narrowing, replacement speed cushions, an on-road bus stop, kerb and channel reconstruction, vehicle crossover upgrades, additional drainage and road pavement renewal.

Tree protection has been incorporated into the design, alongside upgraded signage and line marking.

The improvements will support safer, more accessible travel for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and motorists.

FACILITIES

Wyreena Conservatory renewal, Croydon



Construction of the new conservatory building at Wyreena Community Arts Centre is progressing and is due for completion by the end of the year. The impressive steel beam structure has been built and the rest of the construction is taking place.

It continues to be business as usual for Silver Birches, the community radio, Catomore Hall, art studios and other tenants whilst works are underway. The playspace also remains open for the duration of the project.

PATHWAYS

Wyreena Reserve improvements, Croydon

Works are wrapping up at Wyreena to improve access, safety and movement through the reserve area and the northern car park.

The project includes upgraded footpaths, a safer pick-up and drop-off area, landscaping, and improved connections between buildings. Existing brick paths will be replaced with exposed concrete to reduce slippery surfaces.

The car park will receive formalised parking, line marking, directional signage, lighting, renewed edging and an upgraded entrance.

Works at the Alwyn and Beryl Streets intersection include resurfacing, drainage improvements, landscaping, a retaining wall and a new pedestrian entry. Tree protection measures and replacement planting will help preserve the reserve's landscaped character.

These works complete key elements of the Wyreena Masterplan (endorsed in 2019) and are being undertaken alongside the Conservatory renewal works.

Greenwood Avenue shared user path

Works will soon begin to build an off-road shared user path along Greenwood Avenue in Ringwood, between Bedford Road and Reilly Street.

Funded by the Australian Government's Active Transport Fund, the project will improve cycling connections to the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre, nearby community facilities and other significant cycling paths.

Community consultation helped shape the detailed design and supported advocacy for funding. The design plans can be viewed online and more information will be provided as the project progresses.



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.

News in Brief

HAVE YOUR BIN LIDS BEEN CHANGED YET?

If your general waste and recycling bin lids are still green and blue, remember to leave both your general waste and recycling bins out until 5pm – even if they are empty – on your normal recycling collection days in October so we can change your lids. If your lids have not been changed by Monday 26 October, please contact Council.

Council is changing Maroondah's bin lids as part of a Victorian Government requirement to standardise bin lid colours throughout Victoria, with green general waste bin lids changing to red and blue recycling bin lids changing to yellow.

Visit Council's website to find out more or to view answers to frequently asked questions.

LAST CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Don't miss your chance to nominate for the 2027 Maroondah Australia Day Awards!

Presented each year, these awards recognise community service at a local level – either a significant contribution or achievement – over the past year.

You can nominate in one of three award categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year.

Nominate by Sunday 18 October via Council's website.

GOLF IN MAROONDAH GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Results from the 2025/26 financial year show that golf is continuing to thrive in Maroondah, with Ringwood Golf and Dorset Golf both recording their highest annual attendance records since record-keeping began in 1993.

Ringwood Golf celebrated a record 104,888 rounds in 2025/26, while Dorset Golf reported 92,102 rounds.

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au to book a round or a lesson.



Visit Croydon Memorial Pool while Aquanation works are underway

Significant infrastructure renewal works are now underway at Aquanation in Ringwood, with staged reopenings to commence from 1 February 2027.

Works include refurbishing pool balance tanks, repairing gutters and drainage, renewing waterproofing and protective coatings, and upgrading water treatment, filtration, electrical, mechanical and ventilation systems.

While most of the work will occur behind the scenes, these significant renewal works will involve replacing and upgrading critical infrastructure that is essential to the safe and reliable operation of our aquatic facilities.

During this time, there will be no access to the pools, spa, sauna, steam room or waterslide. The Health Club and Group Fitness studios will remain open and operate as usual.

If you're still keen to make a splash, members and guests can access Aquahub in Croydon and Croydon Memorial Pool, with both venues providing extended opening hours to help accommodate as many people as possible.

The heated 50-metre pool at Croydon Memorial Pool is now open for the 2026/27 season, and the toddler and leisure pools will reopen on Monday 30 November. The venue also features a snack-filled kiosk and lush lawns, so it's the perfect place to visit as the weather warms up!

Staged reopenings at Aquanation will start on Monday 1 February, with the leisure pool, warm water pool, spa and sauna returning first. The 50-metre pool and waterslide will reopen on Thursday 25 February.

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au to plan your visit to Croydon Memorial Pool or to view answers to frequently asked questions about the Aquanation works.

Join us for Children's Week

Take part in a range of free activities for children and their families this October.

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

It will be held from Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November this year, focusing on the theme 'Children have the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion'.

Just some of the events on offer include an interactive drumming workshop for primary school aged children, a small bushland play event, a webinar on supporting bilingual children, and an exhibition showcasing play, learning and nurture.

Plus, visit the Maroondah Education and Care Open Day on Saturday 24 October. Come along to the centre in

Civic Square, Croydon, for a tour and chat about how the centre provides quality child care for children from six weeks of age.

You can also take part in Your Library events including a mega blocks construction session, special storytime sessions with grandparents, a Halloween movie night, and more!

Did you know that Your Library membership is free? Enquire at Croydon or Realm libraries, or join online at www.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au

Children's Week activities are presented by Maroondah City Council in partnership with Your Library and the Victorian Government.



Save the date for Maroondah Carols!

Join us on Saturday 5 December, 6pm to 10pm, at Town Park in Croydon.

A community highlight for more than 25 years, this free event brings community members, groups and local businesses together in celebration of the festive season.

There will be pre-show entertainment from 6pm followed by a magical night of entertainment where you can sing along to all of your festive favourites.

You can purchase delicious food to enjoy from the available food trucks, or visit the free kids' activity zone for amusement rides and plenty of other games and fun.

Don't miss the spectacular fireworks display at approximately 9.30pm!

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for more details closer to the event.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to view the full range of events and activities on offer.



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