

**Item 3161: Further information on collection of photos (SC0138a-x) from opening of school Music Centre by Mrs E. Pullin, Ringwood Historical Reserve Group, 1983.**

Question was posted on Facebook 30/11/2017 – Which school is this? (no school name on the photos). First suggestion was Parkwood. However Russ Haines identified it as Maroondah High School:

*Parkwood started in 1979, ended 2012. A possibility. But it was totally built using those concrete blocks not bricks (as in the photo SC0138I)). Also the guy in the photos doesn't look like the first principal of Parkwood (forgot his name but the gym was named after him). The garden beds are sort of Parkwood-style but a lot more scrappy. So, when in doubt, get a second reference. So I looked in the local paper and, bingo, Croydon West/Maroondah High, with Harry Fletcher.*

This article taken from Ringwood-Croydon Mail, 20<sup>th</sup> July 1983, p.11



● Principal of Maroondah High School, Mr Harry Fletcher, is seen in front of the school's new music centre. To the right is a cart from Echuca which forms a part of the pioneer atmosphere.

## A DAY TO SING ABOUT

Maroondah High School's new music centre was officially opened on Wednesday, July 20, by the president of the Ringwood Historical Reserve Group, Mrs E. Pullin.

The centre was established in an area at the back of the school, which was unattractive and undeveloped.

Pioneer Place by the school council.

Students and teachers dressed up in pioneer garb. Tents, a campfire and a special old cart from Echuca all added to the pioneer atmosphere.

It has been named The Education De-

partment in the Maroondah region provided funds totalling \$4000 for the development of the centre.

It features floor to ceiling windows overlooking the gardens, and has soundproof classrooms.