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Cr Nora Lamont signing the pledge for preventing violence against women.

Mayor's message

Welcome to the September edition of Maroondah in Focus, my last edition as Mayor of Maroondah.

My term as Mayor has seen Maroondah continue to thrive, and I am extremely pleased that I have achieved everything I hoped for during this term.

Following the announcement that the Federal Government would contribute \$10 million towards the construction of Aquanation, Council was able to ensure that works on the major regional project started within weeks. Heavy machinery is now preparing the site, with a particular focus on creating the pool basins. I am also delighted to announce that Council will also be adding two exciting new water slides to Aquanation.

This construction is the largest project Council has ever undertaken, so I hope you will continue to follow the project with interest.

One of my major focuses as Mayor has been to raise the profile of Council in our community. The monthly Meet your Councillors and Meet your Mayor sessions have been a huge success, with people taking the opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas on Maroondah with us.

Raising the profile of violence against women in our community has also been a major project of mine. The high proportion of violence is a concern for our society and one that I believe can be alleviated if we work together and take a stand. I encourage you all to sign the pledge for the prevention of violence against women. For more information see page 10.

Tickets are also on sale until the end of October for the annual Mayoral Charity Raffle which is raising money for EACH. All money raised will assist in the creation of a Maroondah Youth Health Precinct which will provide youth focused health services in a youth friendly environment.

By purchasing a ticket, you will not only be supporting a worthwhile local project you will also go in the draw to win more than \$28,000 worth of prizes, including a \$10,000 Eastland voucher; a seven night holiday to Vanuatu and a one year Gold Class cinema package.

Best wishes,

Nora Lamont
Mayor, Cr Nora Lamont

Time to give thanks

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised for the work they do in the local community? Or have you been to an event that you think captures the true spirit of Maroondah?

Then why not consider nominating them in the 2014 Maroondah Australia Day Awards?

There are so many ways in which people can make a difference in their community, and these awards are a wonderful opportunity to say thank you and let them know their efforts are appreciated.

The categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

For more information on the awards visit a Council Service Centre or Council's website.

Nominations for the 2014 Australia Day Awards close at 5pm, Friday 15 November.



Maroondah Relay for Life, organised by Paul Foley and Veronica Williams won the 2013 Maroondah Australia Day Event of the Year.

Looking towards



How do you see Maroondah in 2040? Get involved in the Maroondah 2040 consultation and help Council to develop a community vision that will shape our future together.

Since June, Council has been asking the community what they see as the main priorities and vision for life in 2040.

The consultation kicked off at the Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together forum, with community and business leaders and representatives from various health, community and service providers sharing their future aspirations for Maroondah.



Nigel and Tizia had their say on Maroondah in 2040 as part of the face to face consultation.

Over the past few months Council officers have been hitting the streets asking people what they love about Maroondah, what they would change about Maroondah and what challenges they see Maroondah facing.

We thank everyone who has had their say so far, but there's still more opportunities to get involved.

To stay up to date with the 2040 project, register for the newsletter by emailing the word 'subscribe' to 2040@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Come along to a 2040 community forum on:

Saturday 12 October, 10.30am to 2.30pm, at Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood.

This community forum is an opportunity to generate more conversations around the key themes and to identify new ideas. The event will include a range of presentations and discussion workshops. Children will also be encouraged to have their say on the future of our city, with lots of fun children's activities available. Visitors will also be treated to a free sausage sizzle.



Ian visited the pop-up lounge in Main Street, Croydon, to complete the 2040 survey.

The feedback collated during this extensive consultation process will be used to develop a strategic document outlining a vision for Maroondah's future which will articulate the aspirations and goals of the community looking ahead to 2040.

To find out more about Maroondah 2040 visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

What are the major themes to emerge so far?:

Improvements to transport: people would like to see improved public transport networks in Maroondah as well as less congestion on the roads.

Maintaining our green surrounds: People love Maroondah's leafy streetscapes and wish to see this maintained for future generations.

Places of interest: people would like to see more destination spots in Maroondah such as fine dining restaurants and entertainment venues.

Your Councillors...

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As one of Council's representatives on the Maroondah Partners in Community Wellbeing Committee, it has been great to see so many members of our community participate in the development of the 2013-17 Community Wellbeing Plan.

I thank everyone who shared their views with Council during the various consultation phases. The feedback and ideas Council received has played a vital role in ensuring the Plan identifies the health and wellbeing priorities of Maroondah.

The Plan will consider issues that impact the whole community as well as those related to social and economic disadvantage that result in poor health outcomes for particular groups, which is why it is important that everyone has a chance to provide their input.

To view the Community Wellbeing Plan visit Council's website.

Ringwood Update

Ringwood is designated by the State Government as a Central Activities Area. One of only six key regional centres in metropolitan Melbourne – it will bring together transport, a vibrant city centre, active local economy and lifestyle options to meet community needs as we move towards the year 2030.

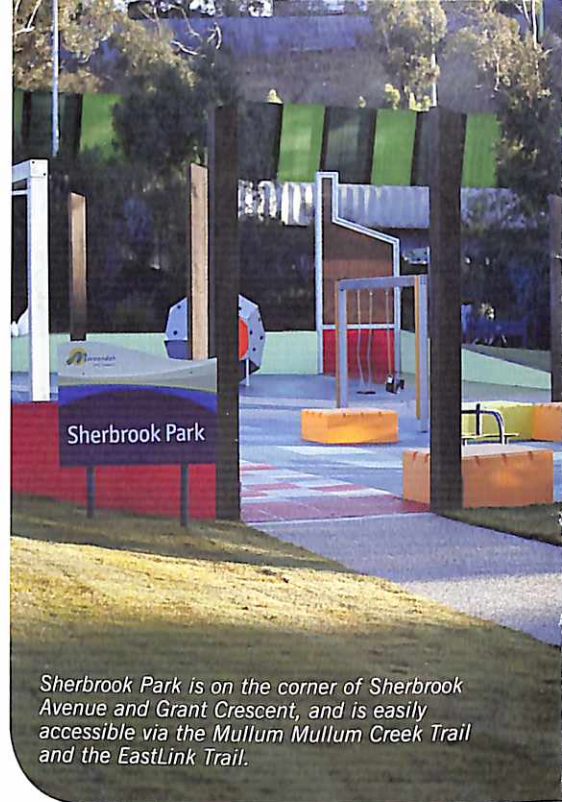
Sherbrook Park a hit for all ages

Sherbrook Park has become the place to be in Ringwood, with people of all ages taking advantage of the new playspace.

With extensive development occurring within the Central Activities Area, the opening of Sherbrook Park means that local residents continue to have access to about 3000m² of open space to enjoy.

The all-ages playspace features swings, a carousel, jumping and balancing play equipment, a grassed multipurpose area, barbecues, sheltered dining areas, drinking fountains and seating.

The \$450,000 project was a partnership between Council, the State Government, ConnectEast and Yarra Valley Water.



Sherbrook Park is on the corner of Sherbrook Avenue and Grant Crescent, and is easily accessible via the Mullum Mullum Creek Trail and the EastLink Trail.

Costco set for opening

Preparation for the opening of Costco's Ringwood store is progressing rapidly.

The finishing touches are now being undertaken on the exterior and the interior fit out is underway.

Behind the scenes, following an extensive recruitment process which attracted thousands of applications, Costco has hired 390 employees who will be based at the Ringwood warehouse.

The store is expected to be open in mid-November.

For more information on the opening visit www.costco.com.au

To find out more about Ringwood Activities Area initiatives visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au



More than 30 per cent of employees based at Costco's Ringwood store are Maroondah residents.

Library sets up new home

Ringwood Library is moving to a new temporary home to make way for the \$575m expansion of Eastland, including the development of the new Town Square and Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre.

Ringwood Library will close at 5pm, Friday 4 October and will reopen at 28 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood, on Monday 14 October.

Visitors to the temporary library will have access to the full range of library services

including book, DVD and CD borrowing, computers, wifi and activities such as children's story time.

The new Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre and Town Square are anticipated to open in 2016.

For more information on the library move visit the Eastern Regional Libraries website, www.erl.vic.gov.au

Eastland early works continue

The extensive preliminary works are continuing at Eastland with QIC Global Real Estate preparing to undertake a transformational \$575 million redevelopment of the shopping precinct.

The Stage 5 permit allows for an additional 58,600sqm of retail floor space; 12,600sqm of office space; a 15,500sqm

hotel, 9,000sqm of public space and an additional 2302 parking spaces.

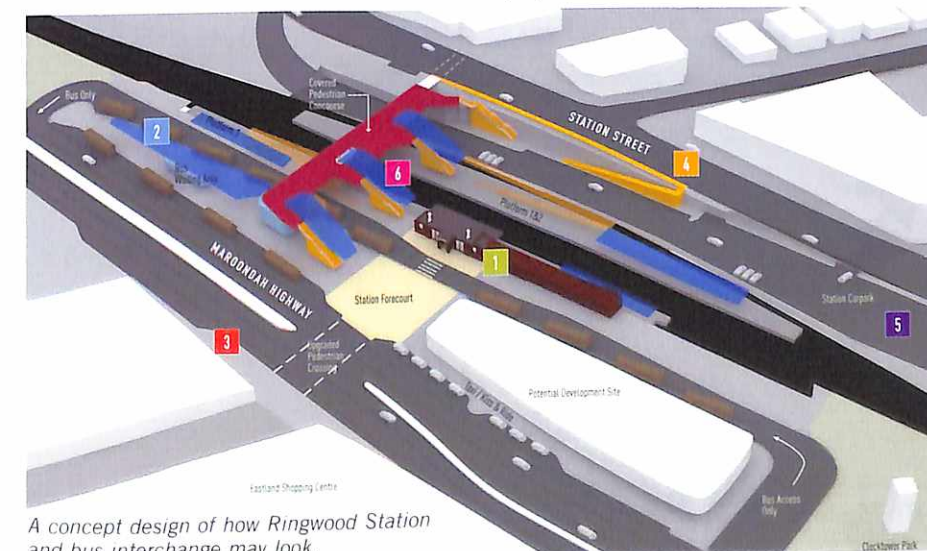
The early works have included upgrades to the entry ramps along Warrandyte Road and adjoining car parks, relocation of utilities and the establishment of perimeter site fencing part-way along Maroondah Highway.

Station redevelopment on track

The redevelopment of Ringwood Station and bus interchange is on schedule, with detailed design to begin in the coming months in preparation for the issuing of construction tenders.

It is anticipated that construction of the main station redevelopment works will start in the second half of 2014, with completion in 2016.

VicRoads is managing the redevelopment project on behalf of Public Transport Victoria.



A concept design of how Ringwood Station and bus interchange may look.

From consultation to concept

Plans are progressing for the development of the new state of the art Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre in the heart of Ringwood.

Earlier this year Council undertook an extensive consultation program to find out what the community would like to see included in the new facility.

Council thanks the more than 1400 community members who shared their

thoughts and aspirations on the Centre. This valuable community feedback will assist Council to identify the priorities, functionality, interior design and layout of the state-of-the-art Centre.

The new Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre is expected to open by early 2016.

To view the full community consultation report visit Council's website.

Works begin at Staley Gardens

With Costco site fencing now removed, Council is undertaking a makeover of Staley Gardens.

The works are focused on improving accessibility between the gardens and surrounding streets as well as providing more spaces for people to sit and

enjoy the open space and park facilities.

The garden beds will also be revitalised with more plants and the introduction of landscape design features.

For more information on the works, visit Council's website.

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Your Councillors...

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Works have started on the construction of a \$300,000 toilet building in Ringwood Lake Park. It will include four unisex toilets – two fully accessible with baby changing facilities – as well as Maroondah's first permanent Changing Places facility catering for people with a severe disability. This builds on Maroondah's world first initiative to construct a mobile Changing Places facility, Marveloo.

The Changing Places concept includes a height adjustable, adult-sized changing bench; ceiling hoist to help lift the person out of their wheelchair; extra space for carers and screens for privacy.

It is wonderful to know that Maroondah will soon have its first permanent Changing Places facility. People who have a severe disability will now be able to visit or attend events at the park knowing that their needs will be catered for.

Don't put up with arson

Maroondah has joined forces with local emergency services to help stamp out arson.

Statistics show that in Maroondah more than a quarter of fires attended by the CFA and Metropolitan Fire Brigade are deliberately lit.

The Don't Put up with Arson campaign calls on the community to be the eyes and ears on the ground and report all fires, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

Picking up the phone and reporting arson will help police to target areas of concern and increase the number of people apprehended for committing arson.



In 2009 the Maroondah Miners Cottage, a reproduction of one that stood at 367 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood in the 1880s, was burnt down following an arson attack.

The Don't Put up with Arson campaign is supported by MFB, CFA, Crime Stoppers, Victoria Police and Knox City Council.

If you have information about a suspicious fire, or who lit it, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit www.crimestoppers.com.au

Your Councillors...

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Watching the football just got a whole lot easier at a number of sporting grounds in Maroondah with Council constructing new scoreboards.

Council has recently completed new scoreboards at Benson Oval, HE Parker Reserve and East Ringwood Reserve.

Thanks to a generous donation from Bendigo Bank and IGA Heathmont and Ringwood East the scoreboards at HE Parker and East Ringwood reserves also feature new LED screens.

The support that the clubs have received from Bendigo Bank and IGA is a great example of what can be achieved when local businesses work with Council to support the development of our local sporting clubs.

Council will also soon be constructing new scoreboards at Cheong Park and Quambée Reserve.

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Be prepared, be StormSafe

Maroondah is known to be a storm prone area, with severe storms occurring on a regular basis between October and March.

In the lead up to storm season Council is working with the SES to ensure the community is well prepared.

Unfortunately many of the storms can result in property damage and flooding, but often damage can be avoided by ensuring your property is protected before the storms hit.

Top tips for being StormSafe:

- Clean out your gutters, downpipes and drains
- Trim any branches overhanging your property
- Make sure your roof is in good repair
- If weather warnings are issued, move outdoor furniture and play equipment into the garage/shed
- Ensure you have an up to date list of emergency numbers

For assistance during storm and flood emergencies call the SES on 132 500.

Caring for families

Council's Maternal and Child Health service offers families information, support and advice in caring for their children as they continue to grow and develop.

Council's 18 Maternal and Child Health nurses are also experienced in providing comprehensive developmental assessments for children from birth to school age.

Unfortunately, statistics show that in Maroondah only 75.8 per cent of children attend their 2 year old appointment. This further reduces for the 3 1/2 year old appointment with only 66.8 per cent of children completing the assessment.

The 2 and 3 1/2 year old appointments are an opportunity to review the child's growth and development, discuss nutrition and encourage healthy eating habits. In addition the nurses will test the child's vision and assess language development.



Thomas and Jemma are prepared for their 2 and 3 1/2 year old Maternal and Child Health checks.

Identifying any concerns early in a child's development means they can be addressed prior to starting kindergarten or school making the transition much easier for the child and family.

For more information on Council's Maternal and Child Health services call 9294 5736 or visit Council's website.

Did you know?

Maternal and Child Health nurses are qualified Division One nurses and midwives.

"The ongoing support of the MCH service has been vital. I have built a relationship with my nurse and I know she is always there when I need advice."

Kylie, mother of three



Want to keep up to date with what Council is doing in your area or find out more about upcoming Council events?

Then 'like' our new Facebook page for regular updates on the range of services and activities provided by Council. You can also connect with Council by posting your own photos while out and about in Maroondah.

If you have any questions or feedback you can also use the page to share your thoughts by sending us a post or private message. We welcome your ideas and comments.

Council's Karralyka Centre has also joined Facebook, providing information on upcoming theatre shows and performances. Those who like the page will also have a chance to win free tickets to selected performances.

Like Maroondah City Council on Facebook visit www.facebook.com/Maroondahcitycouncil

Your Councillors...

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I always look forward to visiting Glen Park Community Centre in Bayswater North. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming and there is always so much happening with people participating in art classes, adult education or enjoying a coffee. The centre is also a wonderful place to attend for those wanting to meet new people, while discovering a new hobby, with classes ranging from art, woodwork, and belly dancing, just to name a few. There is another great reason to visit Glen Park, with the much anticipated Community Garden now complete. The garden, which is funded by the State Government and Council, is open to the community as a space to gather, enjoy a barbecue and garden collectively. I would also like to congratulate Glen Park Community Cafe's chef and supervisor, Naomi Moore, for winning the Robyn Murray Award 2013.

Pool visitors in for a splash

It is full steam ahead for Aquanation with works on the new leisure and aquatic centre starting only weeks after the Federal Government announced it would commit \$10 million towards the project.

Aquanation will be a state-of-the-art regional aquatic and leisure centre that will also be the new State Diving Centre, with wet and dry training and competition facilities that will be the best in the country.

In August Council announced that the facility will also feature two major water slides which will be a popular addition for families and young people.



The two water slides will be totally enclosed with users accessing the slides via stairs and exiting into a splash deck, all inside the facility - a thrill seeker's delight!

Heavy machinery has been working on the site since July, with the main focus being levelling the site, digging the pool basins and commencing piling works.

Aquanation is jointly funded by the Federal Government (\$10 million from the Regional Development Australia Fund round 4); the State Government (\$3 million from Sport

and Recreation Victoria) and Council.

Aquanation is expected to open in Spring 2015.

Fast facts Aquanation will employ more than 145 people in a range of roles

Your Councillors...

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Croydon transformation

Visitors to the Croydon Civic Square precinct will benefit from an additional 130 carpark spaces as part of major flood mitigation works which started this month.



Vehicle access into the area will be improved with the creation of a new drop off area outside Croydon Leisure and Aquatic Centre and a new carpark entrance off Birdwood Avenue.

The \$2 million project is being undertaken in response to major flooding incidents in the precinct over the past few years which resulted in roadways and properties in Lusher Road, and near the corner of Civic Square and Birdwood Road being flooded.

As part of the 2013-14 Capital Works program, Council will be creating a new, larger carpark area which will also serve as a water catchment area in times of heavy rainfall.

The carpark has been designed so the water is redirected into a large open swale

which will run from the rear of the carpark, around the Fred Geale Oval and into Tarralla Creek at Norton Road.

As part of the works a new 69 vehicle carpark will also be created at 14-16 Civic Square.

The project will be undertaken in various stages, with Council anticipating that all works will be completed by May 2014.

To keep up to date with the project visit the Improving Maroondah page on Council's website.

Having a ball

Council has recently undertaken a \$160,000 upgrade at Croydon Tennis Club in Town Park. The project included resurfacing four courts to a synthetic surface, installing new nets and constructing a new outdoor area with picnic tables.

The works were undertaken following the removal of the tennis courts in Civic Square to allow for major flood mitigation works in the area.

Sporting investment

Barnegeong doubles in size

Croydon Junior Football Club, Croydon Baseball Club and Croydon North Cricket Club have twice the space to enjoy, with a \$450,000 expansion of the Barnegeong Pavilion now complete.

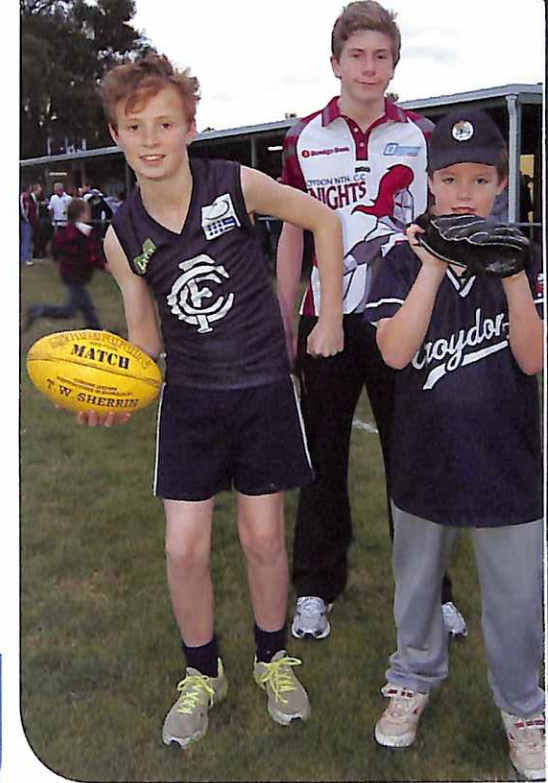
The facility now has new change rooms and amenities, a new time keepers' area overlooking both ovals, and an extended multipurpose area with floor to ceiling glass windows looking out over the baseball diamond.

There are also new outdoor areas on both sides of the pavilion which provide more social and seating areas for spectators on game days.

The redevelopment supports the continued growth of all three sporting clubs, as well as providing space to host club functions at the facility.

The redevelopment was undertaken with \$250,000 from the State Government and \$200,000 from Council.

As part of Council's Capital Works Program, Barnegeong Oval will undergo an extensive redevelopment over the next 12 months. Works include significant drainage and irrigation upgrades, the replacement of the centre cricket pitch, installation of new coach's boxes and resurfacing with a warm season grass.



Luke, Daniel and Lachlan are excited about their new facilities at Barnegeong Pavilion.

Changes at Cheong

South Croydon football and cricket clubs are celebrating the opening of their new pavilion at Cheong Park.

The \$410,000 redevelopment, which was jointly funded by the Federal Government and Council, has doubled the size of the multipurpose area, improved accessibility and provided new toilet facilities.

The increased space also means that the facility can be used on weekdays by community groups, including Croydon University of the Third Age (U3A).



South Croydon Football Club are one of the clubs to benefit from the redeveloped pavilion.

To find out more about booking a Council facility check out the Recreational and Sporting Facilities page on Council's website.

Improving Maroondah

Works have started on a new public toilet block in Ringwood Lake Park. The facility will include a new Changing Places fully accessible restroom and changing facility catering for people who have a severe disability and their carer. The \$300,000 project is expected to be completed in December, just in time for the warmer weather when the park is popular for picnics and barbecues.

The Eastfield Pony Club and Light Harness Club have moved into their new \$260,000 barn-style building in Eastfield Park. The construction includes 10 stables, tack rooms and adjoining day yards.

Council has also recently completed a \$300,000 expansion of Tarralla Kindergarten in Ringwood East. The works, which were funded through the State Government, included constructing a new classroom, kitchen and toilet facilities and installing a verandah leading to the outdoor playspace. Council funded the design and project management.

To find out more about Council's Capital Works projects currently underway visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Your Councillors...

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It's so nice to see the smiles on the faces of the players that use Barnegeong Reserve - with the pavilion recently undergoing a \$450,000 redevelopment.

The new facility will mean that the clubs can continue to grow, like the 80 per cent increase Croydon Junior Football Club has experienced over the past five years.

Not only will the improvement have a huge impact on sporting days, it also means that for the first time the clubs can utilise the facility to host fundraising nights and presentations.

I would like to recognise the efforts of the club committees and members who have contributed so much to seeing this project through to its conclusion.

This project is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when sporting groups, the State Government and Council work together.

VICTORIAN SENIORS Festival

IT'S YOUR TIME
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October is the month for seniors with a variety of activities and events on offer to celebrate the contribution Maroondah's older residents make to our community.

Your Councillors...

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Visiting the Social Inclusion and Wellbeing program at Kerrabee Centre in Croydon recently I was delighted to see the redevelopment works on the facility nearing completion. Council has invested \$100,000 into the works which include creating a new activity room and installation of new toilet facilities.

The Kerrabee Centre hosts planned activity groups for older people in our community who are socially isolated.

The extra room means Kerrabee will now be able to provide dual programs every day, catering for more people in need of social interaction.

The activity room is designed to cater for a new dementia support program which is funded by the Department of Health as part of Council's Home and Community Care program.

The sessions will provide a safe and supportive environment for people who have dementia, while providing some much needed respite for carers.

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The 2013 Seniors Wellbeing Expo will be a great source of information on local senior support services and programs.

The celebration kicks off on Sunday 6 October with the launch of the annual Victorian Seniors Festival. The week-long event is aimed at encouraging seniors to get out and about and experience a range of activities provided by local seniors groups, clubs and services.

Council has produced a Maroondah Seniors Festival Booklet with all the information you need to know about the range of local events on offer including exercise classes, educational sessions, bus trips, musical performances and come and try days.

In partnership with Eastland, Council is also hosting a free Seniors Wellbeing Expo on Monday 28 October from 9am to 4pm to link seniors with local services and social opportunities. The special guest speaker at the event is football celebrity and motivational speaker Tommy Hafey, who will inspire the audience with his commitment to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Pick up your copy of the Maroondah Seniors Festival Booklet at Council Service Centres or visit Council's website.

Take a stand against violence

Stand together



Sign the pledge for the prevention of violence against women

Join Council in its campaign to prevent violence against women in our community by signing a pledge aimed at raising awareness of the issue.

According to Victoria Police figures, in 2011/2012 Maroondah recorded the third highest rate of reported domestic violence incidents in the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne, with Maroondah police being called out to an average of 56 family violence incidents per month.

By signing the pledge you will send a strong message that we will not tolerate violence in our society as well as encouraging the equal participation of women and men at work, at home and in our community.

Council has also formed a partnership with Knox City Council and Yarra Ranges Council to undertake a Preventing Violence Against Women In Our Community Project which is funded by the Office of Women's Affairs.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, contact the Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service on 1800 015 188 for assistance.

To sign the pledge visit a Council Service Centre or Council's website

Capturing a winner

The many faces of Maroondah were showcased in June, with more than 165 photographs captured by 98 photographers exhibited as part of the 2013 Maroondah Photo Competition.

This year's entries featured a range of different views of the municipality including some of Maroondah's best known landmarks, native flora and fauna, sporting events and community gatherings.

First place in the open section (18 years and older) was awarded to Lionel Currie for his entry entitled 'Horse's Eye', which was taken at Eastfield Park and shows the surrounds reflected through a horse's eye.

The intermediate section (13 to 17 years) was won by Clare Beveridge for 'The Bridge', and Jordyn Bianchi's photo 'Dragonflies in Maroondah - I just saw one' was the winning junior section (12 and under) entry.



'Real life art' by Susan McFarlane was runner up in the Open Section.

The 2013 Maroondah Photo Competition was sponsored by Croydon Camera House, Karralyka Centre, Croydon Leisure & Aquatic Centre and Eastland Shopping Centre.



The Mayoral Encouragement Award was awarded to Mark Taylor for 'Light Refreshments at Croydon Light Harness' which shows a horse enjoying his hose down after a training session.

Entries are now open for the 2014 Photo Competition. To find out more visit Council's website.

Dates for your diary

Theatre – The Haunting of Daniel Gartrell | Friday 11 October

Karralyka Theatre, Mines Road, Ringwood East

Starring stage and screen icons Max Gillies and Samuel Johnson, this suspenseful drama production is based on the life of a bush poet, Daniel Gartrell, who becomes a suburban hermit. That is until an uninvited visitor forces him to confront his dark past. Details: www.karralyka.com.au or 9870 2888.



Exhibition – Wonder Room | Thursday 17 October to Saturday 30 November

Maroondah Art Gallery, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood

The fascinating tradition of the cabinet of curiosities is the inspiration behind this exhibition by five 'unnatural history' artists who have used their own personal mythologies to create new exotic, enigmatic and feisty sub-species which need to be seen to be believed. Details: www.artsinmaroondah.com.au or 9298 4545.

Leisure – Croydon Memorial Pool opening | Early November

Corner Springfield Avenue and Hewish Road, Croydon

The popular facility is opening again for the warmer months, catering for everyone from lap swimmers to families. Visit www.maroondahleisure.com.au in October for opening times.

Maroondah City Council is committed to providing equitable service to all in our community.

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Civic Square, Croydon
Level 2, Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood



Your Councillors...

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It was wonderful to see so many local businesses at the annual Maroondah BizWeek 2013 events in August.

This year's theme was Women in Business which is highly appropriate given that statistics show of the 400 new start-up businesses each year in Maroondah – 64 per cent are operated by females.

I was one of more than 600 people to attend the range of business-focussed activities, with the most popular events being the high profile speakers Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Deb Peppard and Jane Caro (pictured). You could tell from the active conversations that people were using the opportunity to network with others and build new working relationships. Don't forget that Council's Business and Development team offers a range of information and assistance for businesses. Visit www.bizmaroondah.com.au or call 9298 4320.

presents the 2013

Maroondah Festival

Sunday 10 November
10am to 5pm

Town Park | Norton Road, Croydon | Mel Ref 50K5

**Come along and be part of the most exciting
community festival in Melbourne's East.**

Join in the range of free and low cost activities that are on offer throughout the day including roving entertainment and free kids rides, as well as community displays, food vendors, market and business stalls.

Plus continuous activities at the:

- Century 21 Community Expo • Costco Main Stage • Eastland Kids Kingdom
- Denso Cultural Area • EastLink Fun and Fitness Arena
- Bank of Melbourne Eco Village • Youth Precinct

Maroondah Festival is a free community event.

How do you get there?

The Park 'n' Ride provides a hassle free way to get to the event.

This continuous free shuttle service leaves from Eastfield Park and Croydon Station throughout the day. Alternatively you can Park 'n' Walk from Eastfield Park to the festival site.

Council encourages the use of public transport to the event and also provides secure and free bike parking. Accessible parking is available at Norton Road.

An electric mobility vehicle charging station is located at the Information Tent.

Maroondah Festival is proudly sponsored by:

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Festival hotline
9294 5604

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 **Bank of Melbourne**

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This is a waste wise event.

For full event details, including stage times, visit
www.maroondahfestival.com