

# Maroondah Focus

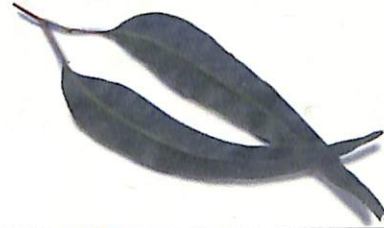
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## **1** The New Maroondah Planning Scheme -

The new Maroondah Planning Scheme plans to retain and extend the minimum allotment sizes in ridgeline areas.

## **2** 'Live Safely!' -

Creating a safer community is a 365 day a year challenge and is one of Maroondah City Council's highest priorities.



## **3** The Garbage Bin Bulge -

Recycling tips to stop that Garbage Bin Bulge!

## **4** 'A Great Place to Live' -

Entries in the annual photo competition reflected the City's natural beauty and the many aspects that make Maroondah such a great place in which to live.



**"What? Yes, Lived Here All My Life" Lindsay McColl**

*Lindsay McColl's photograph of long-term Maroondah resident, Ron Pearce at Ringwood Lake was awarded first place in the Maroondah City Council photographic competition, 'Maroondah - A Great Place to Live'.*



## Message from the Mayor of the City Of Maroondah, Les Willmott, JP.



To all members of the City of Maroondah community, welcome to the spring edition of Maroondah City Council's community newsletter, 'Maroondah Focus'.

This special edition of 'Maroondah Focus' features the winning entries of our photographic competition, 'Maroondah - A Great Place to Live'. The photographs captured the essence of the City of Maroondah depicting its outstanding natural beauty and the many aspects that make it such an exciting municipality in which to live, work and play.

Maroondah City Council strives to improve the quality of life of its residents and creating a safer community for everybody is at the top of the list. The Municipal Health Plan, accepted by Council in March this year, contains the development of a safer communities strategy which emphasises the importance of working together to improve workplace and community safety.

In early September, Maroondah City Council used the 'Live Safely!' Community Safety Week to activate its health plan by reaching out to the community with resources

and ideas to promote a safer environment. There will be many future initiatives as safety in the community is an ongoing challenge.

Everybody can take simple action to make their community safer: report a hazard, go to a training session, check their home, car, neighbourhood for unsafe conditions, check playground equipment and so on.

With summer on the way and it's predicted to be a 'hot one', we urge everybody to be aware of potential fire hazards. All long grass should be kept short to reduce the risk of fire. Property owners have a

responsibility to clean away all fire hazards and remove blackberry from their property by spraying with an appropriate herbicide and then removing the canes when the blackberry is dead. Remember fire can endanger lives and destroy property, both our own and our neighbours'.

We all benefit from taking positive action to reduce the risks that affect our daily lives. Let's work together to protect ourselves, our community and our environment and have a wonderful 'safe' spring.

Les Willmott

# NEW MAROONDAH PLANNING SCHEME

The Maroondah 2020 program identified a strong community concern for the impact of medium density housing in the ridgeline and canopy tree area of Maroondah.

As a result, the new Maroondah Planning Scheme proposes to retain the existing minimum allotment size of 864 square metres in the ridgeline areas of the Wicklow Ridge in Croydon. This was a major feature of the former Croydon Planning Scheme.

The new scheme extends the minimum allotment requirement in ridgeline areas to Ringwood East and Heathmont and proposes the same controls for the Loughnan Hill area in North Ringwood.

Phil Turner, Manager Integrated Planning, Maroondah City Council, indicated that the public's response to the proposed minimum allotment requirement had been very positive and it had received the support of many residents in the areas concerned.

As reported in the last edition of Maroondah Focus, the new Maroondah Planning Scheme, prepared as a result of the State government's reform of the Victorian Planning system, is currently on public exhibition.

The exhibition program has reached the half-way point and many people have taken the opportunity to discuss the proposed changes with Council staff. A series of 'Having Your Say' Ward meetings are being held with the object of increasing resident's understanding of the new legislation and the concepts and ideas underpinning the new Planning Scheme.

The new Planning Scheme contains other strategic initiatives aimed at promoting diversity in housing stock and maintaining and enhancing the built and natural environment of Maroondah.

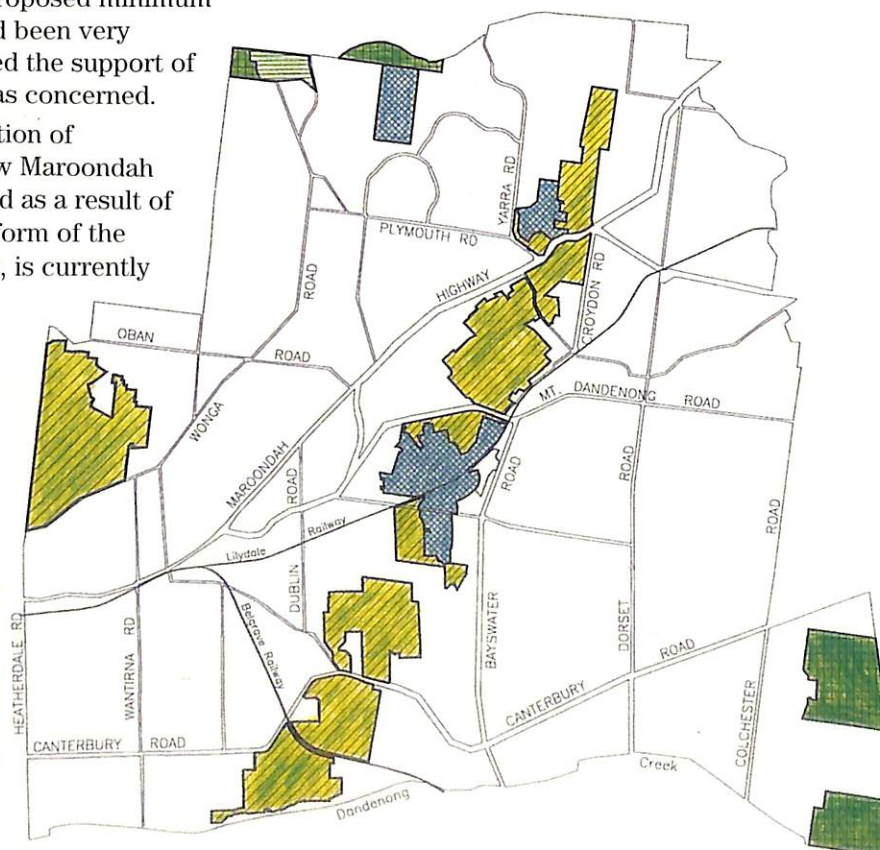
Copies of the new Maroondah Planning Scheme and local policies are available for inspection at all Council Customer Service outlets, listed below:

Maroondah City Council, Braeside Ave. Ringwood. 9871 0222

Croydon Customer Service, Civic square, Croydon. 9724 3222

Ringwood Customer Office, 12 Civic Place, Ringwood. 9876 9899

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL RURAL ZONES	
	PART A Minimum allotment size is 2 hectares
	PART B Minimum allotment size is 4,000 square metres
	PART C Minimum allotment size is 2,000 square metres
	PART D Minimum allotment size is 864 square metres



## Business Breakfasts

The Council's Economic Development Unit continues to conduct its Business Breakfasts, with a healthy dose of business advice first thing in the morning.

The objective of the Business Breakfast program is to encourage businesses to network and share their knowledge about the local business community, in order to improve sales and bolster customer service.

The next business breakfast is set for Wednesday 15 October. It will feature guest speaker, Marcia Griffin, Chief Executive Officer of Pola Cosmetics. Ms Griffin will be addressing the topic 'How to maintain your business enthusiasm'. Marcia began the Pola Cosmetics Company in 1982 as its only consultant and now employs 4,000 consultants across Australia and New Zealand. In 1995, she was named Telstra Business Woman of the Year.

David James, Section Editor of Management for the Business Review Weekly, will speak on 'Challenges facing Management in the Next Decade' at the Business Breakfast to be held on Wednesday 19 November.

Kicking off at 7am at the Karrylyka Centre at the Maroondah City Offices, the Business Breakfasts are supported by Australia Post and are open to all interested members of the community. For further information, please contact Leanne Anderson on 9871 0362.

# 'Live Safely!' in Maroondah



Children and Safety is a 365 day a year challenge. Five-year old Sean shows Constable Mick Ryan and Constable Brett Sholders some road safety tips when the officers inspected the Warrawong Pre-School road safety track. (courtesy Post newspapers)

'Live Safely!' was the slogan adopted for the recent Maroondah Community Safety Week program, an initiative of the Victorian Safer Communities Network. The inaugural Community Safety Week program was held state-wide to promote safety in the home, at work and in the community at large. The 'Live Safely' Community Safety Week was a major community event through the combined efforts of the Maroondah City Council, the Community Policing Squad, Crime Prevention Officers, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, the Royal Children's Hospital, the Outer East Women's Health Service and many other community organisations.

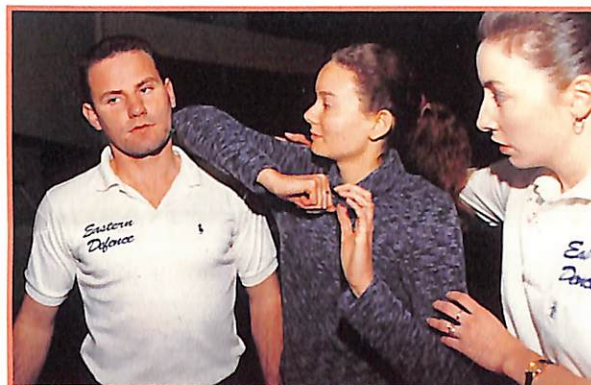


Safety in the Workplace. Maroondah Council Chief Executive Officer, Mike Marasco, (right), Paul Roche, Director Corporate Services, and Bruce Reynolds, Risk Management Officer, discuss safety equipment. (courtesy Leader newspapers)

There were public forums led by key experts on 'Occupational Health & Safety and Public Liability', 'Confident Living for Older Victorians' and 'Safer Living for Women'; a primary school poster competition; an extensive public display at Eastland Fountain Court including visual displays, equipment, brochures and information covering the Royal Children's Hospital, Road Safety, Home Safety Equipment, Aged Care, Falls Prevention, Women's Safety and Crime Prevention.

Community Safety Week may be over, but creating a safer community is a 365 day a year challenge and is one of Maroondah City Council's Municipal Health Plan's highest priorities. The National Injury Surveillance Unit estimated the cost of injury to Australian society, both directly and indirectly, to be well over \$11 billion annually. Results from Safer Communities' programs indicate that community-based activities can contribute significantly to the reduction of injuries.

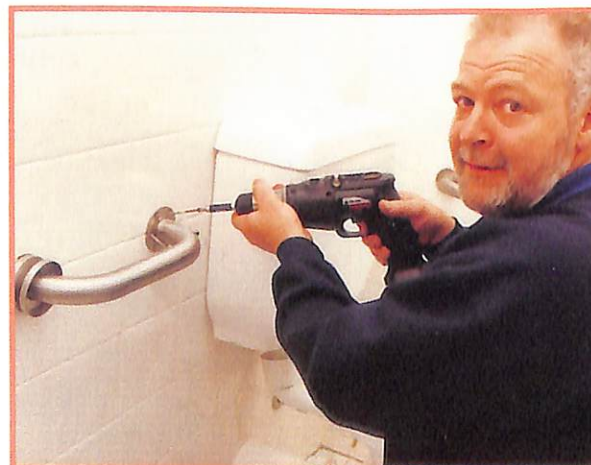
Council is currently developing a Safer Communities Strategy which aims to enhance community safety by bringing together key stakeholders in the community to identify priority safety needs and develop strategies and projects to address these needs.



Women are encouraged to be proactive about their safety. Under Maree's guidance, Kelly practises some techniques of self defence on Matt Charney at a self defence course for women conducted by Maroondah City Council and Eastern Defence (courtesy Post newspapers)

Jenny Merkus, Manager Community Planning at Maroondah City Council stressed the importance of the involvement of the community in addressing safety issues.

'It is only through real community involvement that needs can be identified and appropriate solutions found,' she said.



Accidents at home can be avoided. Maroondah City Council Home Maintenance worker, David Williams installs a hand rail in the bathroom to assist the aged and disabled. (courtesy Post newspapers)

## EUROPEAN WASPS - TAKE CARE!!

With an abundance of European wasps expected this summer in Victoria, it's best to be informed and prepared.

### Taking Precautions:

European wasps are far more aggressive than native wasps and if disturbed will attract other wasps to the area.

\* **Hint!** Don't use a fly-swatter, this will only aggravate the wasp, use a fast-acting knock down spray, such as Baygon Fast Knockdown Spray.

European wasps are predatory scavengers and are attracted by food scraps.

- Place all food scraps in a sealed bin, remove dog bones and uneaten pet food, and ensure there are no open sources of water. (eg leaking outdoor taps).
- Water the garden at night when wasps are least active.

### Treating an Allergic Person:

If you know a family member is allergic to bee or wasp stings, ensure that you have the appropriate medication on hand before a sting occurs.

- Use an inhaler, such as Ventolin, if breathing becomes difficult.
- Treat a sting as you would a snake bite - immobilise the limb with a firm elasticised bandage. *Do not cut off blood supply.*
- Seek medical attention immediately.

### First Aid for Non-allergic Stings:

- Move away from the site, preferably indoors as the wasp can sting again.
- Apply an icepack to the area. (Use a bag of frozen vegetables if you don't have an icepack) The sting will usually cause a hot red mark which swells and is painful. Pain will usually subside in a few hours.
- If there is any sign of an allergic reaction, such as wheezing, treat as above and **seek medical attention immediately.**

### Your Shopping List:

- Basic First-Aid kit.
- Antihistamine cream - *see your pharmacist.*
- Ventolin, if a family member is allergic. *By prescription only.*
- Fast-acting wasp spray (e.g. Baygon Fast Knockdown Spray).



The Honey Bee (left) and the European Wasp (right).

# WASTE MANAGEMENT NEWS

Does your garbage bin suffer from the dreaded 'Bulge' on garbage day?

**Got Extra Garbage?**



**Symptoms:**

Lid up with bag hanging out! Severe stuffing of the insides!

**Causes:**

Too much in the bin! Recyclable material in the bin! Green waste in the bin!

**Cure:** Correct Bin Diet.

Check what is going in the bin.

- Is it recyclable? Glass jars and bottles, steel cans, milk and juice cartons, plastic bottles Code 1, 2 or 3, rocket bottoms, aluminium cans can all go in the recycling crate. If you need a crate, please call Council on 9724 3365.
- Is it paper or cardboard? Put all your paper and cardboard out for kerbside collection. Include envelopes, junk mail, newspapers and cardboard packets such as cereals, cake mixes and soap powder.
- Is it food waste? Start a worm farm. Compost worms are a great way to recycle anything organic - peelings, foodscraps, pet droppings, tea leaves, coffee grounds, vacuum cleaner dust, and so on. This is also a great way to produce a rich fertiliser for your garden.
- For health and safety reasons, lids must be closed when the garbage bin is out for collection on garbage day.

## Composting Behaviour and Attitudes Survey



A recent survey conducted by the Maroondah City Council revealed that an outstanding 95% of all residents who purchased compost bins from Council during the 1993

promotion are still composting - four years later!

Overall, it was found that three out of five Maroondah residents are actively composting. Plastic dome-shaped composting bins are the most popular:

Knowledge of worm farms is relatively limited with 41% saying they hadn't thought about having a worm farm or were unsure how to go about it.

Maroondah City Council sells compost bins (\$42 including delivery), worm farms and compost worm (\$68) at the Council Depot, Lincoln Road, Croydon. For all Council Waste Management Inquiries call Yvonne or Mike on 9724 3365.

## YARRUNGA COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Stage 2 - Multi-Purpose Building, Playground and Pathways

Planning is well under way for a multi-purpose community building, playground and pathways at Yarrunga Reserve, Croydon Hills.

The community building will be situated next to the existing community centre and will house a multi-purpose hall, art workshop and office accommodation. Stage Two of the development will enhance what is already a wonderful community resource.

The 1st Croydon Scout Group and Maroondah City Council Maternal and Child Health Department are already booked in as permanent users of the building and there are many exciting community activities planned. These include a toddlers gym, casual sporting activities, private functions, drama groups, school holiday programs and art activities.

Existing pathways in the Reserve will be linked and extended providing leisurely walking tracks and direct access to residential streets in the area. Children will be excited to know a new playground will be erected beside the existing barbeque area.

Building construction will commence in late 1997 and is set for completion in May 1998. Council has allocated \$205,000 toward the building, supported by a grant of \$75,000 from Sport and Recreation, Victoria. The Scouting Association has also contributed \$28,000 toward the development of the project.

## Sharing the Care - MAROONDAH FAMILY DAY CARE

Maroondah Family Day Care takes care of children seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year. Operated by Maroondah City Council, the service provides childcare for children up to 12 years of age in a small family-type environment with carefully selected, screened and trained care providers. A broad-range of childcare options is available including before and after school care, extended hours care (evenings & weekends) and school holiday care. Where possible, children can even be dropped at their pre-school or school. With full-time care from only \$122.50 per week and government subsidies for eligible families, this is certainly high quality, low cost childcare.

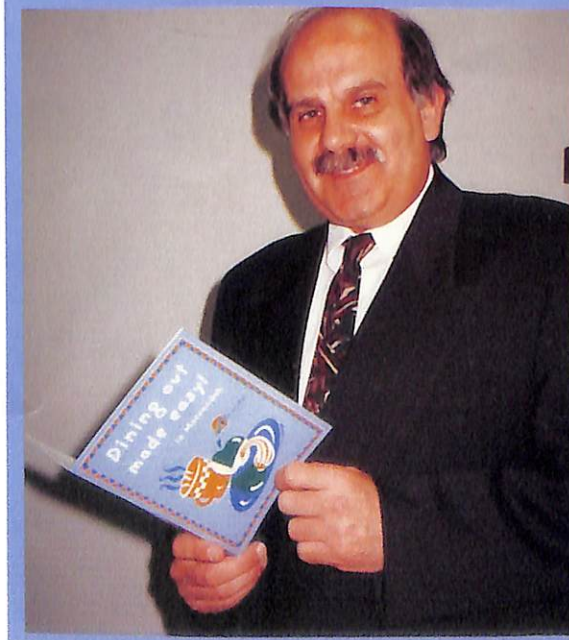
For more information contact Maroondah Family Day Care on 9871 0254.



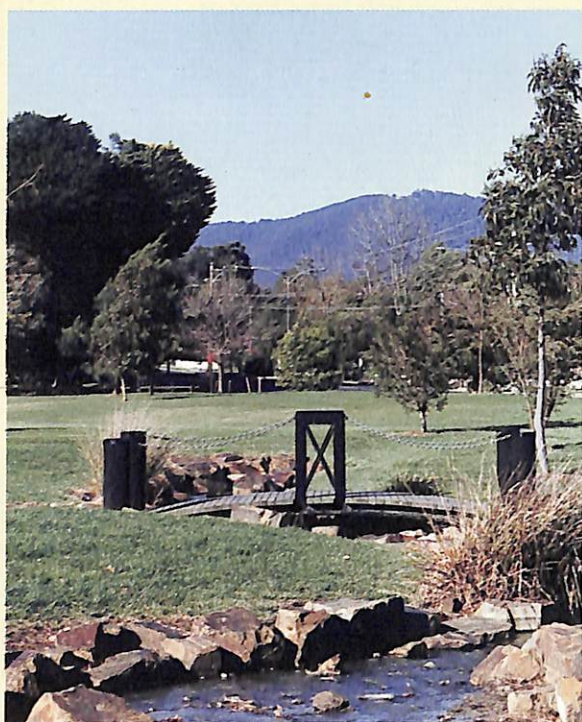
Deborah Lodel, a carer with Maroondah City Council's Family Day Care, 'shares the care' (courtesy Leader newspapers)

## Dining out made easy

Choosing where to dine and entertain visitors to the City of Maroondah is easy for Mike Marasco, Chief Executive Officer of Maroondah City Council. With the 'Dining out made easy' guide in hand, Mike can find his way to any restaurant, cafe, bar or club in the area. The booklet, an entertainment 'must' is available free of charge from Maroondah City Municipal Offices and Customer Service Offices at Ringwood Plaza and Civic Square, Croydon. For further information, please contact Jo Lo Presti on (03) 9871 0278.



# 'Maroondah - A Great Place to Live'



'A park with everything - Croydon Park has playgrounds, sporting facilities, barbecues, lakes and a view!' - Helen Moss

Maroondah City Council was delighted with the response to its City-wide photo competition, 'Maroondah - A Great Place to Live'. The competition attracted almost 100 entries of extraordinary quality. The photos reflected the outstanding natural beauty of the City of Maroondah with its many distinguishing landmarks and presented some wonderful aspects of living and working in Maroondah.

The judges of the competition, Mayor Cr Les Willmott, Local MP Lorraine Elliott and Nigel Roper of Croydon Camera House were extremely impressed by the quality and number of entries and found it difficult to decide on the winning entries.

The warmth and originality of Lindsay McColl's photo of his 'mate' of 40 years, Mr Ron Pearce at Ringwood Lake could not be surpassed and was declared the overall winner. The catchy title of the photo, 'What? Yes, Lived Here all My Life'

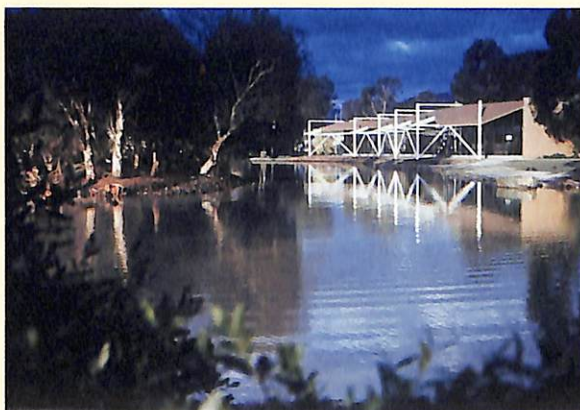


Mayor Les Willmott with the prizewinners.  
(From left) Debbie Howie - 4th, Lindsay McColl - 1st, Mayor Les Willmott, Jean James - 3rd and John Wilson - 2nd.

could not be more accurate as Ron Pearce, a modest eighty years of age, has indeed lived in Maroondah almost all his life.

Photographer, Lindsay McColl has been taking photos for several years beginning at the Eastern Suburbs Photographic Society where he claims to have learnt 'the tricks of the trade'. Lindsay specialises in black and white photography and does his own developing and printing. His active interest in photography has been a great comfort for him since his wife passed away after a long battle with leukaemia. Lindsay often uses Ron as a model for his photographs.

'We dress him up, but he often 'acts the goat' and we end up getting the giggles,' says Lindsay, playfully. Lindsay, who claims to be 'a bit surprised' by his success, received a new pentax



'The lake outside Croydon Library' Debbie Howie



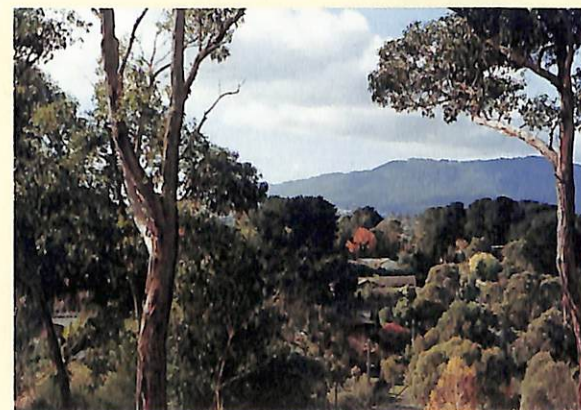
'Fun on the Lake' - John Wilson

camera as first prize generously donated by the Croydon Camera House.

Second prize went to John Wilson for his colourful entry, 'Fun on Croydon Lake at Croydon Carnival'; an equal third prize was awarded to Jean James for her view of Maroondah taken from Banksia Court and to Helen Moss for her depiction of Croydon Park - 'A Park with Everything'; Debbie Howie took fourth prize for a striking night view of the lake outside Croydon Library.

Other finalists included Elizabeth Drummond, Serafina Munns, Stuart McEvoy, Jason Chapel, Marianne Wilson, Terry Ahern and Egon Fink.

The competition is set to be an annual event, so Maroondah residents should get snapping for 1998.



'Taken from Banksia Court, Croydon South' Jean M. James



Getting ready for the fifth National 'Meals on Wheels' Day - Volunteer Jack Gridley, Food Services Support officer, Kerrytee Burke and Mayor Les Willmott. (courtesy Post Newspapers)

## NATIONAL 'MEALS ON WHEELS' DAY

3 September, 1997 saw the 5th National 'Meals on Wheels' Day.

As a celebration of the vital 'Meals on Wheels' service, this special day saw almost 60,000 people all over Australia receive the same special meal from 'Meals on Wheels'. The day paid tribute to the service of the many volunteers who enable 'Meals on Wheels' to operate. The service allows people who are aged or disabled to live at home regardless of their national or international location.

There are currently over 250 volunteers working for 'Meals on Wheels' in the Maroondah area, but there is room for many more. Anybody interested in helping out should call Annette Ward on 9724 3206.

### 'Thank-you' to our volunteers

As well as our 250 'Meals on Wheels' volunteers, there are many, many other volunteers contributing their time, effort and skill to our City. An outstanding, long-term volunteer service, The Red Cross Unit, Croydon, celebrated its 40th Anniversary on 2 September, exemplifying the tremendous commitment of Maroondah volunteers.

# MAROONDAH MOMENTS

**20-24 October, 1997: Children's Week  
Children's Activity Day -  
Wednesday 22 October, 1997**

Celebrate Children's Week on Wednesday 22 October, 1997 at Croydon Park (enter via Hewish Road). There will be badge making, clowns, pony rides, a treasure hunt and more. Join in the fun between 10am and 2pm.

**November 4-7, 1997: 'Spring Into Action',  
Active Older Adults Camp**

Anyone who lives in the City of Maroondah, is over the age of 50 and has a keen sense of adventure should know about this camp. For further information contact 9871 0239.

**November 20, 1997: 'Know Your  
Neighbourhood Parks' Program  
HE Parker reserve**

Aiming to encourage local residents to discover their local parks and reserves, Council invites the residents surrounding HE Parker Reserve to join in a 'get-together'. There will be a free barbecue, children's rides, clowns and lots of other fun activities.

**6th December** - Arrabri Community House presents 'Carols by Candlelight' at Arrabri Community House, Allambanan Rd.

**14th December** - Maroondah City Council and Croydon Wind Symphony present 'Carols by Candlelight' at Croydon Park

**20th December** - Maroondah City Council and the Ringwood Band present 'Carols by Candlelight' at Ringwood Lake.

**For further information please contact the  
24 hour Leisure Line on 9871 0373.**

## Community Notes

The Victorian Animal Aid Trust is conducting an appeal for funds for its planned relocation. As part of the appeal, a Spring Fair with will be held at the Kilsyth Recreation Reserve, Colchester Road, Kilsyth at 9am on Sunday 12 October. Dame Phyllis Frost who has pledged her support to the Trust and is now its official Patron will be actively involved in the Fair, as will radio and TV personality, Phillip Brady. For further information, please call 9725 5608.

Maroondah Breastscreen and the Outer Eastern Women's Health Service (OEWHS) is conducting a morning tea as part of activities for Australian Breast Cancer Day on 27 October. All are welcome to attend June's Place coffee shop, at 126A Canterbury Road, Heathmont, from 10am. Contact the OEWHS on 9879 2199 for more details.

# WYREENA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

The last quarter of the year has been very active for the Wyreena Community Arts Centre. The gallery and craft shop have been completely renovated and a stunning new conservatory is the latest addition to the Centre.

The brightly refurbished gallery opened with Niki Hassold's dynamic and colourful exhibition of ceramics and drawings entitled 'IKINIK I AM'. This vibrant exhibition was immediately followed by Nola Cameron's exhibition of skillfully drafted pastel drawings. Visitors to the Centre before 29th September can still catch the exhibition.

Joyce Thompson's 'Watercolour' exhibition will showcase at the gallery from 1st October to 20th October. The gallery will exude tranquillity and an almost poetic atmosphere with Joyce's evocative still-life water colours and landscapes adorning its walls. This exhibition is also a fundraiser for the 'Save the Children Fund'.

Visitors to the Centre will soon have the opportunity to browse through a wide range of locally-made crafts including hand-crafted glass wear, ceramics, jewellery and ornamental items at the new craft shop. The recently opened conservatory is now taking bookings for social and business functions, including staff Christmas parties and the like.

Wyreena Community Arts Centre is looking for crafts people to exhibit their work in the craft shop immediately and for new artists to exhibit their work in the gallery after March, 1998. People interested in exhibiting their work or hiring the conservatory should contact Anthony McInnery on 9725 4611.

## CALENDAR OF EXHIBITIONS 1997

**Wednesday 10 September to 28 September:**  
Nola Cameron 'Pastels'

**Wednesday 1 October to 19 October:**  
Joyce Thompson 'Watercolours'

**Wednesday 22 October to 9 November:**  
Graduate Ceramics Exhibition from Eastern College of TAFE

**Wednesday 12 November to 14 December:**  
Group Exhibitions by Krissy Scherlies, Anne Iverson, Debbie Cotter, Terri Quealy (mixed media, pastels, ceramics and collage)

**Wednesday 17 December to 22 December:**  
Christmas Exhibition of Wyreena Tutors Work



*Niki Hassold recently exhibited her vibrant ceramics and drawings at Wyreena Community Arts Centre: "IKINIK I AM - My art is me," she says. (courtesy Post newspapers)*

# AT CROYDON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

**CASUAL DROP IN** - A fun place for young people to meet with free pool, pinnies, a jukebox and Optus Vision. Wednesday to Friday 3-5pm (excluding school holidays).

## **RUNNAMUCK HANGOUT CLUB**

A popular club for teenagers of 12 to 15 years with lots of activities at the Centre and organised excursions.

**FRIDAY NIGHT BANDS** - Low cost entertainment for young people of all ages. It is also an excellent opportunity for new bands to play to a live audience.

For information on dates and bands, phone 9725 3765.

**TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM** - A great way for teenagers from 12 to 16 years of age to spend their school holidays.

**CIRCUS SKILLS PROGRAM** - Beginning on 22 October, 1997, the Circus Skills program is an excellent opportunity to learn how to juggle, fire twirl, use devil sticks, diablo and perform acrobatics.

**'CREATING THEATRE' YOUTH THEATRE PROJECT** - A theatrical production written, directed and performed by local young people. Opens 11 October, 1997. Bookings 9871 0373.

**YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP** - An ongoing program that practically trains 27 young people in the programming and promotion of entertainment events.

**SELF DEFENCE COURSE FOR YOUNG WOMEN** - A popular course that teaches women under 25 years of age safety awareness and techniques of self defence. Next course begins in February, 1998.

**LIVE ALL AGES MUSIC EVENTS** - Local, National and International touring bands every two to three months.

For further information please contact Rod or Lisa on 9871-0447.

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