


Maroondah Focus

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Cr Peter Gurr



Hello and welcome to your community newsletter, the Maroondah Focus.

I am very honoured to be elected Mayor by my fellow Councillors and I look forward to the many challenges the year will bring.

Though we are a City young in age, we have a proud history and experience is a great teacher. My fellow Councillors and I have a vast, shared store of knowledge of the City, and we all look forward to making our contributions.

I have a strong commitment to community leadership, to our volunteers and our many community, sporting and social groups within the City.

Council and our community groups offer so much to residents, particularly with regard to cultural and sporting pursuits. Already we have so much planned over the next year, including the Winter Arts Programme throughout July and Active Australia Day in October, just to name a few. Look out in local newspapers and at Council Service Centres for further activities.

Our interest and involvement in cultural and sporting life is very important because it contributes to our own sense of community. I encourage you to participate so we continue to build a strong, vibrant and social community.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, Neil Rose, Nick Kirmos, Les Willmott, Marj Munro, new Councillor Frank Corr and out-going Mayor Cr Maureen Naylor, for their confidence in electing me Mayor and I am looking forward to a busy year.

We are fortunate to welcome Frank Corr to Council. He brings with him many years experience in local government, including two terms as Mayor of the former Ringwood City Council.

In welcoming Frank, I also wish to recognise the generous contributions of his predecessor, my colleague Joe Cossari, who served the constituents of Loughnan's Hill and the wider Maroondah community for three years. Joe also served as Mayor from March 1998 to March 1999.

Maroondah City Councillors are your elected representatives and we are here to assist you. Contact us using the telephone numbers on page 3 or through the Councillor Support Officer on 9871 0462.

Handing over the reins

Cr Peter Gurr says he is honoured and proud to be elected as the City's new Mayor and is looking forward to the challenges of office.

"It's hard to believe that it's already two months since my election to the position of Mayor. I've really enjoyed my term so far and am continuing to put every effort into my year as Mayor," Cr Gurr said.

"I am very fortunate to follow in the footsteps of former Mayors Maureen Naylor, Joe Cossari and Les Willmott, who have provided very professional leadership for their fellow Councillors and this City. We bring quality leadership and responsible, consultative management to Maroondah. That is what Maroondah City Council is all about," Cr Gurr said.

Former Mayor Cr Naylor wished Cr Gurr every success in his new role, adding that she had enjoyed her year as Mayor tremendously.

"I'm sure Peter will do Maroondah proud as our newest Mayor. He has my total support for what is an arduous year of activities and opportunities as the 'public face' of Maroondah. I offer him my congratulations and wish him well," Cr Naylor said.

Cr Gurr added that he looked forward to putting his own personal stamp on the office of Mayor. "In this City and this community, there is still much to be accomplished. Maroondah residents can be assured that Council will continue to plan for the long-term needs of the community, particularly for those who are our most vulnerable," he said.

Cr Gurr was first elected in March, 1997, as a Councillor of the first Maroondah City Council.

The Mayor's term is for one year only. The Mayor is elected annually by Maroondah City Councillors, with the next election of Mayor due in March 2001.

All Councillors are able to nominate for the position, including the Mayor in office, allowing for the Mayor to have continuing terms in office.

The next municipal elections for Maroondah will be held in March, 2003.

HANDOVER... Outgoing Mayor Cr Maureen Naylor (right) congratulated Mayor Cr Peter Gurr on his new position.



Council Meeting dates 2000/2001

Members of the Maroondah community are invited to attend Council meetings, which commence at 7.30pm in Council Chambers, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood. Future meetings will be held on:

5 June, 2000	16 October
19 June	13 November
3 July	27 November
17 July	11 December
7 August	18 December
21 August	5 February, 2001
4 September	19 February
18 September	5 March
2 October	21 March - election of new mayor

Introducing Your Maroondah Councillors

An Open Invitation

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month and meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates may change if the meeting falls on a Public Holiday. Council is generally in recess in January.

At these meetings, Councillors are responsible for making decisions about local issues, ensuring the efficient operation of services within Maroondah.



Peter Gurr Arrabri

Cr Peter Gurr is Maroondah's current Mayor (March 2000 - March 2001). A Maroondah resident for over 30 years, Peter has extensive experience in senior management plus 13 years experience operating his own business. Cr Gurr is Chair of the Maroondah Health Planning Network, the Maroondah Business Advisory Board and Council's Audit Committee, and is a member of the

Maroondah Tourism Advisory Board, the 'Maroondah Partners in Safety' Committee, the Maroondah Environmental Consultative Committee, the Leisure and Culture Panel, and Chair of the Arrabri Community House Committee of Management. Peter and his wife Helen live locally and have a son currently serving in the police force. Mobile : 0417 377 145 email: pgurr@maroondah.vic.gov.au



Nick Kirmos Clocktower

A Councillor with the former Ringwood Council, Nick has run his own dentistry practice in Ringwood for over 13 years. Cr Kirmos is a member of the Maroondah Environmental Consultative Committee and Council's representative on the Victorian Local Government Association. He is also substitute representative on Least Waste, the Maroondah Health Planning Network and

the Municipal Association of Victoria. Nick and his wife Kay have lived in Heathmont for over ten years. Mobile: 0417 374 742 email: nkirmos@maroondah.vic.gov.au



Neil Rose Eastfield

Neil Rose has lived in South Croydon for over 20 years. On retiring from the Victorian Police force after 16 years, Neil established his own business. Neil's Council Committee representation includes Least Waste, the Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation, the Eastern Ring Road Steering Committee, the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, the

'Maroondah Partners in Safety' Committee, the Eastern Regional Public Transport Group and the Road Safety Committee. Neil lives in Croydon with wife Alison and two children. Mobile : 0417 375 798 email: nrose@maroondah.vic.gov.au



Frank Corr JP Loughnan's Hill

Frank Corr is a Justice of the Peace and has a wealth of municipal experience. Frank's Maroondah experience follows 15 years as a Councillor with the former Ringwood Council, where he enjoyed terms as Mayor, in 1980/81 and 1983/84. Cr Corr is a member of the Eastern Freeway Extension Liaison Group, the Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation, the Road Safety Committee and the Lionsbrae Aged Persons Hostel Management Committee. Frank is married to Norma, and they have five adult children.

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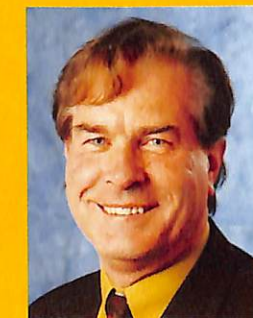


Marj Munro Mullum

Marj, mother of two and grandmother of four, settled in Maroondah 32 years ago. She has been a education consultant and teacher for over 20 years. Her involvement in Council Committees includes membership of the Leisure and Culture Panel and the Maroondah Environmental Consultative Committee and she keeps herself informed on health and social services issues. Her

hobbies include reading, family, sleeping, keeping in contact with friends and planning to garden.

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Les Willmott JP Wyreena

With his wife Lorna and five children, Les has lived in the Maroondah area for over 30 years. He is a Justice of the Peace and served as a Councillor with the former Croydon Council for over nine years, four terms of which he served as Mayor. Cr Willmott represents Council on the Don-Wood Nursing Home and Day Care Group, the Grants Panel and the Leisure and Culture

Panel. Les is also Publicity Officer for the Croydon Branch of the Bone Marrow Donor Registry. He was the first Mayor of the City of Maroondah.

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Maureen Naylor Yarrunga Ward

Maureen has lived in the area for more than 35 years and has three adult children and three grandchildren. A Councillor with the former Croydon Council and a former Mayor of the City of Maroondah, Maureen has been a member of the Wyreena Arts Centre Committee of Management for eight years and was involved in the initial concept and development of the Yarrunga Community

Centre in Croydon Hills. Cr Naylor is a member of Council's Audit Committee, the Grants Panel, the Leisure and Culture Panel and chairs the Maroondah Tourism Advisory Board.

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Become a Wiser Driver

Maroondah City Council, as part of the development of a Road Safety Strategy to reduce road trauma and crashes within our local community, encourages safe driving.

The Hawthorn Community Education Project, which specialises in innovative Adult Education for older people, has developed a Wiser Driver course for small groups.

The Wiser Driver course is designed to encourage older people to become better and wiser drivers and is sponsored by RoadSafe Inner Eastern Inc., a Community Road Safety Council.

Age itself is no reason to restrict driving, and the majority of older drivers are proud of their good driving record. However, statistics show that as the roads get busier, older motorists have an increased risk of road crashes.

"Being able to get out and about is so important for an active, independent life style and we have enough good sense to want safe driving for others and ourselves on the road. As responsible drivers we can take time to up-grade our skills and build upon experience in the company of our peers. We must continue to be responsible, road-worthy drivers," Maroondah Councillor Frank Corr said.

Maroondah City Council in partnership with RoadSafe Inner Eastern Inc. is able to schedule the Wiser Driver Course for your Community Group. The Course can be facilitated at your venue, or at a location convenient for you.

The course is discussion based, friendly and informal and runs for 2 hours each week for four weeks. At only \$10 per person, which includes afternoon or morning tea, the course represents very good value.

For further information, contact Pierre Castelino at VicRoads on 9881 8016.

Maroondah HomeBiz

Maroondah HomeBiz is a thriving network, aimed at catering solely for the needs of owner/operators of home based businesses in the City of Maroondah.

Currently there are 80 members, including 'associate' members located in municipalities that do not have a HomeBiz group.

HomeBiz offers valuable support, training, socialising and networking events to those businesses operating from home. In the past we have arranged speakers on a number of relevant issues such as the Internet, Sales and Marketing, Y2K and local government regulations.

For more information about membership or upcoming GST Seminar and follow up workshops, contact Felicity on 9879 1596.

Flora of Maroondah Posters

Council's 'Flora of Maroondah' poster is available for purchase from Council's Service Centres.

The poster displays a selection of the many plant species indigenous to Maroondah. It is also intended to promote Maroondah's beautiful indigenous flora for residents to enjoy.

"The poster is a great resource for students and features 30 of Maroondah's 415 indigenous plants in a full-colour A1 size poster," Maroondah Environmental Consultative Committee member and Maroondah Councillor Marj Munro said.

"We are hoping to encourage people to protect our plants and to use them in their gardens where appropriate. It's all about appreciating the wonderful array of beautiful plants that we have on offer throughout the City," she added.

"Many of the species shown on the poster may be bought from the CRISP and Candlebark nurseries, which are our two local community nurseries," she said.

"CRISP and Candlebark can also provide advice about the best conditions for where and when to plant local indigenous plants," Cr Munro said.

The poster, an initiative of the Maroondah Environmental Consultative Committee, also explains the origins of the flora and provides advice on the height and growth patterns of each plant.

Posters are now available from Council's Service Centres, and retail for \$2.50 each.

Make sure your **cat** naps when you do

Cats are highly valued pets in Australian households - nearly 30 per cent own one.

Cats fit into domestic life and routines easily and comfortably, however, they are predators by nature, will go looking for mates, defend territory and hunt wildlife, particularly at night.

Between dusk and dawn, cats are more likely to attack native wildlife and damage the environment, be hit by passing traffic, be injured or injure another cat, transmit diseases such as feline AIDS and spray, howl and annoy neighbours, especially during mating season.

You can help limit the risk to your cat, native animals and the environment by confining your cat indoors between dusk and dawn.

If your cat is used to staying out at night, help ease it into a routine by:

- feeding it at the end of the day
- locking it in your home or shed in a well-aired space with a bed, water and kitty litter tray.

Cats enjoy a stimulating environment, so help them to settle in by providing a scratching pole or toys. In a few nights, your cat will adjust to its new routine of coming in for a nightly meal and will happily settle in for the evening.

For further information, contact Neighbourhood Services on 9724 3253.



Alliance sets clear vision

An innovative joint strategy to tackle the drug problem in the eastern region has been unveiled with the launch of the Eastern Region Police & Community Drug Alliance.

At a special presentation hosted by the City of Maroondah at The Karralyka Centre on 24 March, the Alliance outlined its strategic leadership approach to Councillors from seven municipalities, Members of Parliament and senior executive officers of the Eastern Region.

Mayor of Maroondah, Cr Peter Gurr said he was encouraged by the wide community and government support for the initiative, which aimed at a more effective and realistic response to the drugs problem in the Eastern Region.

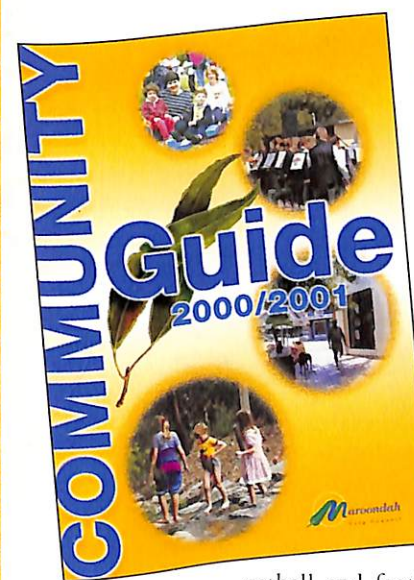
"It's about prevention, it's about community awareness and education, it's about early intervention, it's about reducing the availability of illicit drugs, and it's also about harm minimisation for those who sadly continue to misuse drugs," said Cr Gurr.

"The great thing about the Drug Alliance is that it gets police, agencies, local government, youth workers and health workers all working together to implement practical, intelligent and workable strategies which meet common aims and objectives," he added.

Further information on the Eastern Region Police & Community Drug Alliance is available from Chief Inspector Alan Kennedy, on 9881 7063.



FORMING AN ALLIANCE... (l-r) Maroondah Mayor Cr Peter Gurr, Director Resources and City Services, Lydia Wilson, Chief Executive Officer Michael Marasco and Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner Bill Severino at the launch of the Eastern Region Police and Community Drug Alliance.



Community Guide is OUT now!

Maroondah City Council's 2000/2001 Community Guide is now available.

Maroondah Councillor, Nick Kirmos, said the Guide is currently being distributed to businesses and residences.

"The Community Guide is a great resource for all members of the Maroondah community, one which can be used regularly," Cr Kirmos said.

"The first part of this Guide provides residents with a reference point for Council services and facilities - services which are provided for community use," he said.

"The second section provides a contact listing of organisations within our community, from local netball and football clubs, to schools, referral and self-help groups and places of worship," Cr Kirmos added.

"Keep it by your telephone for easy reference to local services and community facilities and agencies," he said.

New residents will receive the Community Guide as part of their New Residents Welcome Kits, throughout the year.

Extra copies of the guide are available from Maroondah City Council's Service Centres.

Opening Times for Council

Council's City Offices, located in Braeside Avenue, Ringwood are open from 8.30am to 8pm every Monday and from 8.30am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday.

Council's three other Service Centres located at 12 Civic Mall, Ringwood, opposite Eastland, 50 Main Street, Croydon and Civic Square, Croydon are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm.

Council is closed on all Public Holidays, including New Year's Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, ANZAC Day, Queen's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Need a lift?

Transport services for Maroondah's older residents

Maroondah has many transport services which provide for the needs of our older residents. These include train services which link Maroondah to Melbourne and country rail services, while six bus companies operate different bus routes in Maroondah and to neighbouring municipalities.

Taxi Ranks are often situated in the main shopping precincts or railway stations. When booking a taxi, request a driver who is known to demonstrate courtesy, an understanding of older people and a willingness to assist if movement in and out of the vehicle is difficult.

Council also coordinates bus trips to the library and shops on designated days, and buses are also available for community group hire.

These and other private and community-run transport services are available in a new Council brochure which outlines transport services for older people. The brochure is now available at Council Service Centres and also through Community Services on 9871 0275.

nominate Nominate Now!

Nominations are now open for Maroondah City Council's Business Excellence Awards.

The Maroondah Business Excellence Awards acknowledge the contributions of Maroondah businesses to the local, State and National economies, and reward the City's successful world-class businesses.

Maroondah Councillor Neil Rose encouraged Maroondah residents and visitors to continue to nominate businesses for the 2000 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards.

"We have a wealth of world-class businesses here in Maroondah and the Awards provide a great opportunity for them to have their efforts recognised," Cr Rose said.

"We are very proud to have so many businesses, large and small, nominated in so many categories," he said.

This year, a new category has been created to recognise the "best of the best" business in Maroondah.

The Australian Automotive Air Maroondah Best Business Award recognises outstanding excellence across all aspects of business, including effective business planning, implementation and leadership.

In addition to this new category, other awards include the *Department of State and Regional Development Export Performance Award*, the *Commonwealth Bank Best Small Business Award*, the *Leonie Green & Associates Employment Development Award*, the *Kenworth Trucks Sustainable Development Award* and the *Remington Wright and Company Innovation Award*.



SHOWING OFF... Business Excellence Awards nominees from Dry Dock Cellars, Blue Ringed Octopus, Croydon Tyrepower, O'Connors Restaurant with Mayor Cr Peter Gurr (centre) and State Minister for Small Business, Marsba Thompson (third from right).

On judging in November, the selected organisations are presented with their awards for excellence in business at Maroondah City Council's Business Excellence Awards Dinner and Presentation.

For further details about the Awards, contact Ian Williamson on 9871 0362.

A world class upgrade

Maroondah City Council will be able to move ahead with plans to upgrade the Ringwood Town Centre and Railway Station following recent funding announcements by the State Government.

Council will receive \$80,000 from the State Government's Pride of Place Program to fund a study to redevelop the Ringwood Railway Station, and an urban design study for the Ringwood Regional Centre (the area bounded by Ringwood Railway Station, Ringwood Street, the Ringwood Bypass and Warrandyte Road).

Another \$1 million has been committed for capital works, which will see significant redevelopment of the Ringwood Railway Station bus interchange.

The funding positions Ringwood and the outer east as an important hub for transport within the State, according to Maroondah councillor, Maureen Naylor.

"Maroondah is a large municipality whose residents and business operators rely heavily on all forms of transport to conduct their lives and their businesses," she said.

"Council realises that the needs of our community are constantly changing and that

we need a world class town centre, which is convenient, attractive, safe and which services transport, business and community needs," said Cr Naylor.

The funding announcements were made jointly by the Minister for Transport, The Honourable Mr Peter Batchelor MP, and the Minister for Planning, The Honourable Mr John Thwaites, MP.

Mr Batchelor in particular praised Council's initiative and its close relationship with the local retail sector.

Since May last year, representatives of Maroondah City Council, the Department of Infrastructure, Hillside Trains, Queensland Investment Corporation, Vic Track and consulting engineers have met to discuss and coordinate the future development within the Ringwood Regional Centre.

Together these groups make up the Ringwood Regional Centre Planning Coordination Committee, chaired by



UPGRADING... (l-r) Queensland Investment Corporation's Stephen Clements, Minister for Planning The Honourable John Thwaites, Maroondah Councillor Maureen Naylor and Minister for Transport The Honourable Peter Batchelor at the Ringwood Railway Station for the funding announcement.

Council's Director Strategic and Corporate Services, Steve Kozlowski.

The urban design study will involve community input and consultation in coming months and everyone is encouraged to participate. For further information contact strategic planning on 9871 0371.

Calling local small businesses...

this is for you!

The annual Small Business Expo is proudly supported by the City of Maroondah and is run in conjunction with the Business Enterprise Centre of Swinburne TAFE. To be held at Eastland on Saturday 21 October, the Expo is an opportunity to display local products and services to the community.

Last year's Expo attracted over 20 local businesses and expressions of interest are now being sought for the 2000 Expo. Interested local businesses should contact Jo Lo Presti on 9871 0278.

We need you!

More volunteers are needed to assist with Maroondah City Council's vital Meals on Wheels service. During the cooler months, many volunteers head north for warmer climates, leaving the service short of helpers.

The need becomes particularly acute around holiday times. The service is looking for able people with a car, a current licence and comprehensive insurance to deliver meals to the elderly and frail around the municipality.

Volunteers with or without transport are always welcome at the Ringwood or Croydon Meals on Wheels centres, where meals are served to elderly residents.

For further information contact Annette Ward on 9724 3206 or Kerry Lee Burke on 9870 6757.

Weeding them out!

Weeds cost Victorian agriculture around \$360 million each year and cause significant environmental and ecological damage.

There is also significant damage done by weeds in Maroondah, which are introduced into our home gardens and eventually spread to our parks and reserves, putting at risk our indigenous species.

Ivy is a particularly hardy and damaging weed. Its origins are European and this woody climber, which sometimes climbs to 30 metres, is also at home laying a dense carpet on the ground.

To combat the spread of this weed, hand weed the ivy and cut from trees and fences. Chemical treatments are available and dry out before composting.

Maroondah WINTER Arts Programme

Take part in Maroondah's exciting cultural life throughout the month of July!

The Maroondah Winter Arts Programme offers residents and visitors the opportunity to participate in and experience a range of arts and cultural events. With something for all ages, the diverse program will include a blend of art exhibitions, choir performances, orchestras, bands, popular entertainers, free "come and try" workshops and interactive activities for the children.

A FULL HOUSE... The Karralyka is one of the venues for the Winter Arts Programme.



Last year, thousands of people experienced over 25 various performances or exhibitions, ranging from an outstanding performing arts concert at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre by our primary school children, through to the "Shine On Excellence" Concert, featuring three

secondary schools from throughout Melbourne and world acclaimed pianist David Helfgott.

For a glimpse of what's on offer in the 2000 programme, keep your eyes open for the official brochure, to be delivered to every household in Maroondah, in late June.

For further information, contact Council's Cultural Services and Events Co-ordinator Lyndal Mackintosh on 9871 0239.

Taking Local Business to the World

International Business Showcase 2000, an initiative of the Maroondah Business Advisory Board, will be held on Tuesday 10 October at The Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood and expressions of interest are now being taken.

"The Showcase aims to promote international trade and partnership opportunities throughout Melbourne's Eastern Region by bringing together representatives of international trade delegations, consulates and chambers of commerce with local businesses," Maroondah Councillor Les Willmott said.

The Showcase will include a business breakfast, trade expo, focus seminars of Europe and Asia, export facilitators and an evening networking/cocktail function. Local business people who are currently exporting and who would like to exhibit their products and services at the Expo should contact Mark Johnston, phone 9871 0320.



Small business Training...

Maroondah City Council continues to host a series of subsidised training courses for small business owners and operators. Any first module costs \$59, with following modules priced at just \$20. All courses will be held at Maroondah City Council Offices, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood.

Marketing

Each Wednesday 19 July - 23 August, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Business Planning

Each Thursday 5 October - 9 November, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

To book into your course, contact Jo Lo Presti on 9871 0278.

Happy snapping

Warm up your camera for the annual Maroondah photographic competition. Look out for entry forms at Council Service Centres in August. Great prizes await the winners, as well as the opportunity to have your photos profiled in council publications, including the Maroondah Focus.

Valley of the Arts

A new tourism Guide promoting the 'Valley of the Arts' in the east and north-east of Melbourne will be distributed throughout Melbourne and Victoria to promote the region's strong cultural, arts and good living focus.

The 'Valley of the Arts' covers the areas of Ringwood, Templestowe, Warrandyte, Heidelberg and Eltham, and takes in the Cities of Maroondah, Manningham and Banyule.

The City of Maroondah has two entries in the Guide. The first is for Wyreena Community Arts Centre and Gallery with its exhibitions, art courses, conservatory tea rooms and children's playground.

The second entry is for the City of Maroondah itself, with references to the annual Maroondah Festival and the Ringwood Highland Games, and a number of tourist facilities, including Ringwood Lake Park and the Miner's Cottage and Poppet Head. Maroondah City Council's 'Dining Out Made Easy' booklet is also advertised within the brochure.

The 'Valley of the Arts' Guide was launched by the Minister for Major Projects and Tourism, The Honourable Mr John Pandazopolous, at the Heide Museum of Modern

Art in Bulleen.

The Guide will be extensively distributed with 70,000 copies earmarked for venues around Melbourne, while 120,000 copies will be included as a supplement to the Victoria/Melbourne Cultural Guide which is distributed throughout Victoria and interstate.

The 'Valley of the Arts' Guide is free and is available locally at Council's Service Centres, listed on page 8, tourism businesses, cafes, restaurants and accommodation venues within Maroondah.

Manningham Councillor John Bruce, State Minister for Tourism, The Honourable John Pandazopolous, Maroondah Mayor Councillor Peter Gurr and Councillor Maureen Naylor at the launch of the Valley of the Arts brochure, at the Heide Gallery.



Community News

Reading Writing Hotline

Do you know someone who needs help with reading and writing? Lots of adults can't read or write as well as they would like to, but it's never too late to learn. And for many, it's easier than they think. For confidential advice and information, contact the Reading Writing Hotline on 1300 655 506.

Migrant Information Centre

Did you know that approximately 20% of people living in the eastern suburbs were born overseas, representing over 180 countries? The Migrant Information Centre (eastern Melbourne), at 333 Mitcham Road, Mitcham, has been established to service the needs of migrants in the outer east. Two multi-lingual workers can provide advice on housing, English classes, finding work, health and aged care services, recognition of overseas qualifications and recreational and social activities. For further information, contact the Centre on 9873 1666.

Victorian Road Accident Support Association Inc.

The Victorian Road Accident Support Association Inc is a voluntary non-profit organisation which provides ongoing support to victims of road trauma. Support is provided through the free exchange of information relative to medical and rehabilitation treatment and equipment, the legal aspects of road trauma and the many issues that impact on victims of road trauma and their families. Contact Cheryl David on 9558 1287 for meeting dates and venues.

Croydon Toy Library

Like to test drive toys for a fortnight? The Croydon Toy Library is a non-profit, volunteer run organisation which caters for children from birth to pre-school, with a variety of toys, games, puzzles, costumes and tapes on offer. Membership is \$25 one child or \$30 per family for a 12 month period. The Croydon Toy Library is open every second Monday from 10am - 11.30am, 4.30pm - 6pm and 6.30pm - 8.00pm, at Keystone Hall, Civic Square, Croydon. Contact Jo Daniels on 9723 3100.

AT YOUR SERVICE...

The staff at each of Council's Service Centres will be happy to assist you with your Council business.

City Offices Service Centre

Braeside Avenue, Ringwood 3134
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Tel: (03) 9871 0222 Fax: (03) 9879 3534

Main Street Service Centre

50 Main Street, Croydon 3136
Tel: (03) 9722 9529 Fax: (03) 9722 9441

Ringwood Mall Service Centre

12 Civic Mall, Ringwood 3134
Tel: (03) 9876 9899 Fax: (03) 9876 8966

Civic Square Service Centre

Civic Square, Croydon 3136
Tel (03) 9724 3222 Fax (03) 9723 2615

Maroondah On-Line

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Front cover: STREAMLINED... The mini-falls at Ringwood Lake. Photo courtesy John Wilson.

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