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Mayor's Message

Welcome to the first edition of Maroondah Focus for 2005 and my first as Mayor.

I am looking forward to meeting with many of you in what is already shaping up to be a very busy and productive year.

Maroondah City Council has a culture of partnership with its community, which has placed our municipality in a strong and healthy position. The Croydon Structure Plan and Ringwood Transit City projects are evidence of our strength and have attracted the support of State Government and business alike. In the year ahead, I will focus on continuing to develop these partnerships as Croydon and Ringwood grow and thrive.

I also place considerable emphasis on service delivery. The physical services we provide through the maintenance of our open spaces, roadways and community facilities all contribute to the character of our City. Meals on Wheels and community support programs are the very essence of community care and well-being. Along with my fellow Councillors, I am committed to further enriching our community by constantly improving the level of service your Council offers you.

Even though we are just beginning our year, our events and activities are well underway. The biggest, of course, is the Festival where I hope to meet many of you enjoying the day with your family and friends. Once again, we will be able to enjoy the Summer Events Series with Movies Under the Stars and free Opus 21 Big Band performances at Ringwood Lake.

Maroondah has an excellent arts and culture program that seems to offer something for every month of the year. We have the Highland Games on Sunday 3 April, which is a much-loved annual event, and our Winter ArtsFest is scheduled for July.

I am delighted to be your Mayor in Maroondah's 10th anniversary year and look forward to working with you as we grow a strong and vibrant City.

Highland Games photo on page 3 by Narelle Haines.

Caring for 20 years

Jenny Sharp enjoys looking after other people's children so much, she has spent the past 20 years doing it!

Jenny is the first of Council's Family Day Care Careproviders who has reached this significant milestone. Over the years, Jenny has cared for close to 400 children – finding the task both enjoyable and rewarding. Now that she has become a grandmother she has adjusted her working days, allowing one day free to spend with her granddaughter.

Starting back in 1985 when her youngest daughter began school, Jenny found that working as a Family Day Care Careprovider allowed her to be employed and still be home for her own children.

"The combination and flexibility of working from home, your own hours, and being there for your own children was one that appealed to my husband and I. As a Family Day Care Careprovider the emphasis is on providing security, warmth, learning and fun in a small group, family environment," said Jenny.

Councillor Peter Gurr believes that the Council managed Family Day Care program provides a fantastic service for parents who prefer their children to be cared for in a home environment.

"Both preschool and school age children are cared for within a warm home environment with professionally trained Careproviders supported by Council. Our Careproviders gain the trust of parents who often find it a difficult decision to leave their children in the care of a stranger. Over time these parents not only find a friend but sometimes an extended family," said Cr Gurr.

"Jenny tells me that over the years many of the children she has cared for, and their parents, have become good family friends – she even had two of her young charges acting as flower girls at her daughter's wedding," said Cr Gurr.



Jenny Sharp and Cr Peter Gurr chat about Council's wonderful Family Day Care program.

Each week 3,600 hours of quality childcare is currently provided for 210 children from 180 families, under Council's Family Day Care program. New Careproviders are offered ongoing training, access to resources and equipment, regular visits by a Council Family Day Care fieldworker and networking with other Careproviders on a weekly basis.

"Three more Family Day Care Careproviders are about to reach 20 years – and that is a fabulous service to the children of Maroondah," said Cr Gurr.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Family Day Care Careprovider contact Jenny Donegan on 9298 4297 for a Careprovider information pack.



Maria Burn with members of Harrison House – a great facility, which takes adults with disabilities on various excursions each week. Participants enjoy Maria's swimming program immensely.

For Ringwood Aquatic Centre's Maria Burn, teaching children and adults to swim has its many rewards.

Maria received the "Swimming Teacher of the Year – People with Disabilities" award from the Victorian Aquatic Industry Council and

was also nominated for the Australian awards.

Maria has set up a learn to swim program and developed aquatic activities for physically and intellectually disabled children and adults.

Councillor Jo-anne Taylor said, "Maria has worked at the Ringwood Aquatic Centre for 15 years. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring person. Her innovative programs really help to enhance the lives of people with disabilities – children and adults of all ages."

"The youngest person Maria has taught is a child of six months and the oldest person is 92 years of age!" said Cr Taylor.

Group sessions aim to teach those that are looking not only for an aquatic based social activity – but also the opportunity to learn swimming skills. The Aquabuddies and Young Aquabuddies programs are prime examples of this. Each group participates in a range of activities including learn to swim, water aerobics and fun aquatic games.

Council's Ringwood Aquatic Centre is located at Jubilee Park – Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. For further information about programs at the Centre, telephone 9298 4520.

Something for Everyone

Celebrate Seniors Month in Maroondah

The Victorian Seniors Festival is on from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 31 March – and it offers many great excursions and activities for the young at heart.

Councillor Neil Rose said, "Older people are a valuable part of Maroondah and many of them selflessly contribute countless hours of their own time volunteering within the community. Seniors Month is a special occasion which celebrates the achievements of seniors – and gives them the opportunity to have a good time, see new things and meet new friends."

"There are a range of activities and events on offer from indoor entertainment to active outdoor activities. Bush walks are a great way to get fit, socialise and marvel at some beautiful scenery," said Cr Rose.

Cathedral Ranges, Arthurs Seat State Park and Badger Weir are walks of various levels that are available to participate in.

For those who love live theatre and concerts, The Pirates of Penzance at Karralyka is sure to please or perhaps a concert with Jack the Music Man is your cup of tea.

There will also be some lovely lunches, excursions to the Queen Victoria Market and special outings to the Rye Sand Sculpting Exhibition, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Churchill Island. All of this and much, much more!

"So, why not go out and celebrate during the Victorian Seniors Festival this year in Maroondah," said Cr Rose.

For further information on Maroondah's celebration of seniors month during March contact Council on 1300 88 22 33. Alternatively, pick up a program from Council's Service Centres or local libraries.



Just some of the happy participants on an excursion last year.

Ringwood Highland Games

Come to Russell Lucas Oval, Jubilee Park, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood, on Sunday 3 April from 10am to 5pm and enjoy the sights, sounds and heritage of Scotland.

Three-hundred Highland dancers will be performing on three platforms all day. The Pipe Bands will start at 10am and provide massed displays at 1.30 and 4pm. Welly Boot Throwing and Haggis Hurling are fun events for the family as are all the animals at the Scottish Farmyard and the Dogs Flyball Competition. Don't miss out on the many great stalls selling a range of Scottish wares.

Admission is adults \$12, concession \$8, children \$4, family of two adults and two children \$24. For

further information, contact Sue Macleod on 9876 4140.



The Highland Games promises a full day of fun for the whole family.

Magnificent Morning Music

The annual Morning Music program at the Karralyka Centre is popular amongst regular attendees. If you have never been along to a show, this year's seven daytime concerts is sure to feature some of your favourite entertainers – including Denise Drysdale, Jeannie Little and Ivan Richardson.

This year, the Morning Music program is proudly sponsored by Bernie's Music Land, Greenwood Shoes and Grand Pacific Tours.

For further information, pick up a brochure from the Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East, Council's Customer Service Centres or local libraries, telephone 9879 2933 or go online to www.karralyka.com.au.

Onto a Good Thing...

With Christmas well and truly over, the gym is the perfect place to start your belated New Year's fitness resolution.

The Croydon Leisure Centre recently received a vote of confidence with the Leader Newspaper Group by winning their *Best Health and Fitness Centre* award. This is the second time in three years that the Centre has received this accolade.

Croydon Leisure Centre staff work hard to make sure that everyone who visits walks out feeling happy and healthy. The award not only means a great boost to business – but is also a wonderful morale booster for the team.

The Centre caters for people of all ages and fitness levels and offers a number of exciting programs.

If you love **netball**, women's and mixed competitions are held on three nights a week. You can register your own team or ask to be placed, as an individual, in an existing team.



Netball is a fast, fun sport.

For **tennis** fanatics, there are a number of coaching programs catering for people of all ages and levels – making sure each participant gets their backhand just right!

Silvers Club is a unique program for older adults. Held on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings, it offers a fun, social

and varied sports program including group fitness, badminton, table tennis and newcomb, which is a modified volleyball game.

Living Longer, Living Stronger is a supervised strength-training program for older adults. It's a fun, social, safe, affordable and effective way of improving one's strength and fitness.

Gymnastic programs are popular with pre-kinder, pre-school and recreational participants. It provides children with skills for fitness in all sports and aims to improve overall fitness, speed, agility, balance and develop bone strength.



Children of all ages enjoy the gymnastic program at Croydon Leisure Centre.

Working out in the **gym** doesn't have to be scary – it can be fun! A great range of upgraded equipment is available, making exercise easy. Cardiovascular equipment such as treadmills, steppers, rowers and bikes are available to get your heart rate up and burn-off energy. There are also free weight and stretch machines to strengthen and tone muscles and a floor workout area.

A range of **group fitness classes** including body balance, step classes, yoga, Pilates, circuit and cycle classes are safe ways to improve fitness and meet new people.

There is also a sauna, spa, squash courts, childcare and a friendly café to get that essential cool drink after exercise. A range of membership schemes offering unbeatable value are available.

Contact 9294 5500 for further information or just pop into Croydon Leisure Centre at Civic Square, Croydon.

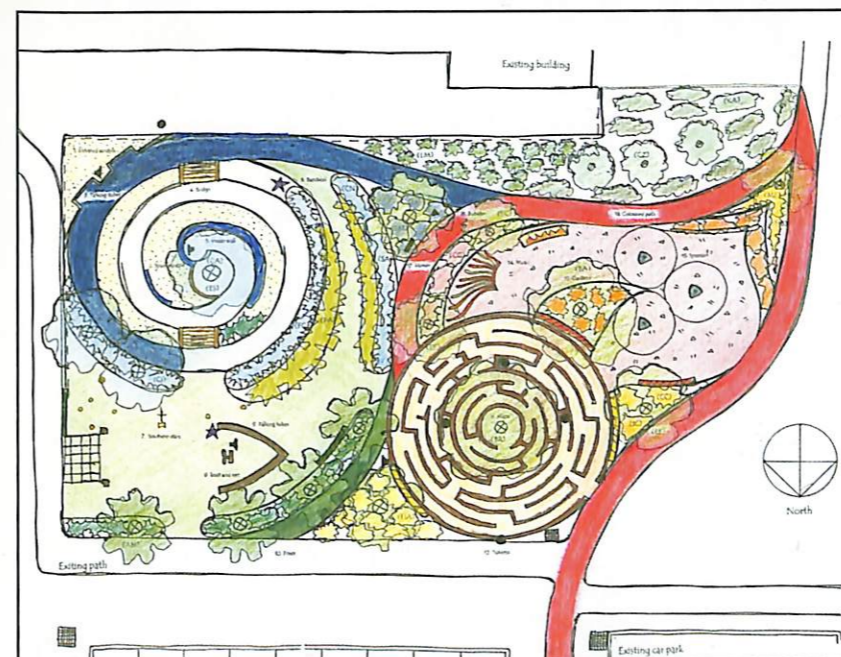


Get on track to looking and feeling good at the gym.



Table tennis is just one activity that is enjoyed by members of the Silvers Club.

Explore the natural world



The Accessible Recreation and Play Environment at Maroondah Federation Estate will provide a wonderful sensory experience.

March will see the start of construction of a fully accessible play and recreational environment at Maroondah Federation Estate that will provide many in our community with the opportunity to discover the natural world of play. Designed for people of all ages and abilities, the innovative sensory play environment will be constructed from a range of artworks, community art projects, landscaping and plantings. The project has been funded by Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Department of Human Services.

"The intention of the playspace is to allow visitors to use all of their senses in an environment that is themed around the four elements of earth, wind, fire and water," explains Mayor of Maroondah, Councillor Paul Denham.

"It has been designed to allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy, with disabled access very much integrated into the overall design. The textures, colours, light patterns, sound elements and plant scents are there to be discovered and enjoyed by all visitors," said Cr Denham.

While artists will contribute a variety of works to the project, the Maroondah community will have the opportunity to add their creative flair by participating in workshops from February through to May. Look out for the advertised times of the workshops in the local papers or register your interest with Maroondah Federation Estate on 9298 4545.

Changing Faces

"It's not only exciting times ahead for Ringwood with the Transit City project, but also for Croydon with the development of a Structure Plan during 2005," said Councillor Les Willmott.

"The Croydon Structure Plan is jointly funded by Maroondah City Council and the State Government, with community consultation on the Main Street precinct high on the agenda. Improved pedestrian connections, better access between the railway station and Main Street and consolidation of development to increase business opportunities are just some of the initiatives being canvassed," he said.

Another project is also about to commence with Council refurbishing the Community Building at 95A Main Street. Originally provided through the Croydon Rotary Club Amenities Project, the building will house a revamped kiosk with a counter opening onto Main Street and a meeting room for trader and community use. The building will also include a state-of-the-art automated public toilet facility, which will be self-cleaning and offer full disability access, including Braille signage.

An innovative Urban Art project in Main Street, funded through VicHealth's Arts and Environment Scheme, is well underway. The scheme is designed to promote mental health and well-being by creating active and connected communities. To achieve this, Council is working with members of the Croydon community to design a public space that is engaging, inclusive and aesthetically pleasing. RMIT's Public Art Research Unit has been contracted to lead the project, and already a number of interviews have been undertaken to capture the spirit of Main Street.



Cr Les Willmott looks forward to planning for Croydon's future.

The project, aptly named *A Sound Idea*, commenced with a number of young people being trained in interview and sound recording techniques which allowed them to conduct interviews that got people thinking about Main Street in a different way, free of preconceptions or personal impressions.

They simply wanted people's observations and reflections on the street life, recording what they heard. These recordings will be used to create images for a temporary exhibition in Main Street reflecting people's impressions of the area. Eventually the images will be combined with a study of street improvement for Main Street to produce a permanent artwork.

"As the year progresses, the changing faces of Ringwood and Croydon will be a tremendous boost for the Maroondah community," said Cr Willmott.

Business as Usual

'Raise the profile of local business' is the mantra of Council's Economic Development team.

"Existing and new businesses in Maroondah all benefit from a range of services, provided by Council, to assist in their development and economic success," said Councillor Joe Cossari.

The City of Maroondah has around 20 shopping strips, providing residents with a large variety of specialised goods and services. There are also plenty of opportunities to give your taste buds a workout with over 110 eateries.

"The Economic Development team offers general advice, training, information and networking opportunities. There are also plenty of opportunities to participate in local development planning."

"The Business Breakfast series is a popular networking event. Maroondah Homebiz is a network formed to foster the development of home-based business. Watch out for Maroondah Business Week from Monday 3 to Friday 7 October – there will be a whole host of seminars, expos and workshops. The week will conclude with the Annual Business Week dinner and Business Excellence Awards," said Cr Cossari.

BizMaroondah is Maroondah's business website and has lots of news and information on events, workshops and other new initiatives. The online business directory is another feature, which helps you select a local business in the area to support. Log onto www.bizmaroondah.com.au for more details.

Coming to Life: McAdam Square

School's in for traders at McAdam Square Shopping Centre thanks to a joint funding initiative of the State Government's StreetLife Program and Maroondah City Council.

Councillor Maureen Naylor said Maroondah City Council is one of 56 councils and business groups across Victoria who received a \$10,000 funding boost over two years. Council has matched the grant amount, which will ensure the project takes full advantage of all the opportunities available.

"The project, entitled, 'McAdam Square – Community Association' aims to encourage more involvement from local community members in developing and enhancing the Square and its local businesses."

"Three local schools (Luther College, Croydon Community School and Croydon Hills Primary) will be involved in the first year. They

will work with businesses at the Centre to develop environmental or marketing plans."

"The project Steering Committee are also keen to get local business mentors on board who would be happy to provide support to the traders and students. This level of expertise would be invaluable and much appreciated on an initiative such as this," said Cr Naylor.

McAdam Square Shopping Centre has over 30 traders and is located at the corner of Plymouth Road and Kirtain Street, Croydon. It has a number of businesses, which specialise in organically grown or environmentally friendly produce and business practice.

For further information on the project or if you would like to assist by becoming a mentor, please contact Leanne Anderson on 9298 4335.

Around the Wards



Peter Gurr — Arrabri

We can expect to see the widening of Canterbury Road, between Bayswater and Dorset Roads, which will make a tremendous difference to traffic flow. VicRoads has scheduled this for completion by June 2006.

Glen Park Community Centre was host to a Know Your Parks evening recently and there was a great turn out of families. Christmas art, buskers and even a game of cricket was on for young and old. It was a truly enjoyable local community event and a pleasure to meet so many on the night.

And lastly, as Chair of the Leisure Culture Panel I can guarantee the Commonwealth Games will get plenty of local community group support as we have just lodged nine funding applications for groups to



run events leading up to the Games in 2006. Please do join in the activities when they are announced – you will be welcome. Peter can be contacted on 0417 377 145.

Paul Denham — Clocktower

While I am honoured to serve as Mayor this year, my ward representation continues to be very important. Thank you for your positive support for the year ahead.

Raised pavements will be completed in Dickasons Road early in the year following residents concerns and a traffic study to identify traffic calming measures. And, following community consultation, further works at the Allens Road entrance to Heathmont Shopping Centre will assist drivers with access from Canterbury Road with signage and line marking.

Joint funding between Council, Sport & Recreation Victoria and Ringwood Golf Club improved disability access and provided

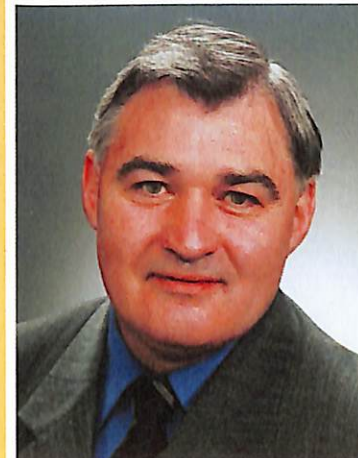
some facilities for women at the Club. The refurbished Soccer Club grandstand at Jubilee Park has also been well received after being in the works for some time.

Paul can be contacted on 0417 106 016.



Neil Rose — Eastfield

There is good news on developments for Croydon Town Centre with the development of the Croydon Structure Plan and the upgrade of the Croydon Rotary Amenities Municipal Project (CRAMP) building. Upgrades will include an improved community group space and a new public toilet facility in Main Street.



It was great to see so many at our Know Your Parks evening at Belmont Park with around 300 coming along to enjoy the activities and meet their neighbours.

The design has been completed for roundabout works at the Jesmond and Norton Road intersection. Works will commence around April, after some services are relocated to facilitate construction. Also, traffic calming works on Jesmond Road between Stephen and Wallara Crescent will be implemented early in the year, and raised pavements have been installed within Merrindale Drive.

Neil can be contacted on 0417 375 798.

Joe Cossari — Loughnan's Hill

My priority continues to be community consultation now that freeway works have begun. My input to the Community Advisory Group will increase with many important proposals to consider and decisions made.

The Ringwood Transit City is encouraging activity and Council has received a number of permit applications. Retravision and a new Aldi store have opened and a new office development has been completed in Ringwood Street.



Munro Street Reserve has some new play equipment for the children to enjoy and it's great news for young people in Maroondah, with planning well underway for the Skate Park.

The final stage of traffic calming works within Jull Parade is finished and resident feedback has been very positive in relation to its effectiveness. Also, Linden Road drainage is the final stage of improvement works that will address flooding during heavy storms.

Joe can be contacted on 0417 377 683

Les Willmott JP — Wyreana

February is Festival time and an opportunity to support the Croydon Bone Marrow Donor Institute's annual Art Show. A Festival highlight, and going strong since 1993, the Art Show this year will be held at the Federation Estate Gallery.

Come and enjoy the art on display and you will be in the draw for dinner for two courtesy of Balsamic Restaurant.

Thanks also to Bendigo Bank for their wonderful sponsorship.

Locally, the installation of a series of traffic islands within Murray Road is now completed.

This complemented last year's traffic calming works, and already, driver behaviour has improved.

Council has continued to emphasise and facilitate positive outcomes between developers and residents with a number of these being successful through the consultation process.

Les can be contacted on 0417 391 743.

Jo-anne Taylor — Mullum

It's great news for our ward with a Parks Victoria grant of \$15,820 for a bike path to link the Mullum Mullum Creek Trail to the Heathmont Rail Line Trail. Works are due to begin this month.

Australia Day was a great family day and special for my family. After the December launch of the 'Fingers and Thumbs' CD for hearing impaired children, my family decided to learn to sign our national anthem ready for Australia Day. It was rewarding and we had lots of fun learning.

Now that we are back into our usual routines, just a brief reminder to maintain our fire awareness. Keeping potential fuel around properties to a minimum and gutters clear is vital. Also now that

our children are back in the classroom, take care near schools and watch out for the 40km restrictions to keep our children safe.

Jo-anne can be reached on 0409 003 048.



Maureen Naylor — Yarrunga

New access paths have been created for Daniel Court, Landau Drive and Federico Court, along the rights-of-way between the streets and reserves.

Old Warrandyte Road works, from Tortice Drive to Collins Place, should be finalised this month. This completes works in the vicinity and addresses concerns on the standard of the road. This project was jointly funded with Manningham Council, who are the construction authority.

In November, traffic-calming works in Bemboka Road were completed with the installation of two raised pavements, line marking and signage near Kurbaroo Kindergarten.

Federico Court drainage upgrade works will start early this year and is



the final stage of a complete upgrade of the stormwater drainage system to alleviate overland flows during heavy rainfall.

Maureen can be contacted on 0417 371 017.

A Feast of Entertainment Awaits You!

Maroondah 2005 Professional Theatre Season

This year marks a significant milestone for the Karrylyka Centre. The Governor of Victoria, the late Hon Sir Henry Winneke, officially opened the facility on 19 April 1980 – marking Karrylyka's 25th birthday this year.

A year-long season of professional theatre is planned for everyone's enjoyment. There are some wonderful well-known actors, including the likes of Jacki Weaver, Henri Szeps, Helen Morse and Drew Forsythe. Not to mention companies such as The Bell Shakespeare Company, Opera Australia's OzOpera, Bangarra Dance Theatre, Malthouse Theatre and HIT Productions.

The Australian Government is proud to be associated with a number of the shows in the season through the national performing arts program, Playing Australia, which gives Australians across the country the opportunity to see some of our best performing arts.

For more information, telephone 9879 2933 or pick up a brochure from the Karrylyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East, Council's Customer Service Centres or local libraries. Alternatively, you can go online to www.karrylyka.com.au.

HIT Productions presents **The Breath of Life** by David Hare

Saturday 5 March, 8pm. With Helen Morse.

This play is about the compelling meeting between the wife and the 'other woman'. This refreshing slice of real life drama and subtle intelligence will cut right to the heart.

Saxophone Productions presents **The Blonde, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead** by Robert Hewett

Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 March, 8pm. With Jacki Weaver.

In a suburban shopping complex, a crime has been committed. But who is responsible? Seven wonderful characters, all played by Weaver will take you on a subtle, moving and, at times, hilarious journey.

Ensemble Theatre and Christine Dunstan Productions presents **Flatfoot** by David Williamson

Saturday 9 April, 4pm and 8pm. With Drew Forsythe, Tina Bursill and John Gregg

Set in Ancient Rome, playwright Titus Maccius Plautus has to convince his producer that his new play will be a hit and won't upset the Roman Censor. Trouble is, the play hasn't been written.

Agelink Theatre (WA) presents **Quartet** by Ronald Harwood

Saturday 30 April, 8pm. With Rosemary Barr, Jenny McNaë, Edgar Metcalfe and Matthew O'Sullivan.

If you're going to grow old with gusto and remember what theatre used to be like, then this production is a must see! *Quartet* is a heartwarming comedy that

proved ageing can be fun, hilarious, poignant and life affirming.

Malthouse Theatre presents **Minefields and Miniskirts** – Adapted and directed by Terence O'Connell

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July, 8pm

Nearly a thousand Australian women played a part in the Vietnam War. Their experiences were extraordinary – and they've now been brought to life in this collage of true stories.

The Bell Shakespeare Company presents **Two Gentlemen of Verona** by William Shakespeare

Saturday 23 and Monday 25 July, 8pm

An outrageous story of love, friendship and marriage, this is one of Shakespeare's earliest romantic comedies and will delight audiences with its twists and turns.

Bangarra Dance Theatre presents **Spirit** Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September, 8pm

Inspired by the beauty and spirituality of Australia's rich Indigenous culture, *Spirit* weaves storytelling, dance, theatre and music into an unforgettable theatrical experience.

HIT Productions presents **President Wilson in Paris** by Ron Blair

Saturday 22 October, 8pm. With Henri Szeps, Deborah Kennedy and Henry Nixon.

Set in 1919, this play jumps between Paris and Sydney and past and present. Inspired by Alfred Hitchcock, the audience will be lead down one path – only to change direction and be taken somewhere totally unexpected!

25th Anniversary Special Events

The Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow Wednesday 20 April, 8pm

Fresh from the 2005 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Don't miss the finest and funniest comedians live on stage, giving you a whole night of belly-aching laughter!

The Three Chinese Tenors Saturday 23 April, 8pm

For a first time opera experience, or for the avid lover of fine art, these dazzling voices will take you on a journey of song that begins in the West and ends in the East.

Cabaret

Flat on Your Bacharach presented in the Karrylyka Centre Function Room Friday 20 May, Dinner 7pm, Show 8pm

This nationally acclaimed cabaret act has thrilled audiences across Australia with their award-winning show. Get a group together and book a table of eight or 10 – or share a table with fellow music lovers. Enjoy a three course dinner and show. A cash bar will be operating.

Opera

Opera Australia's OzOpera presents **Carmen** by Georges Bizet

Wednesday 10 August, 8pm

Presented by the Karrylyka Centre at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Ringwood. Carmen is passionate, determined and strong-willed. She provides the perfect foil to the weak-minded Don José. This sizzling new production, sung in English, features musicians from Orchestra Victoria.

The 2005 Maroondah Festival invites you to be part of the biggest community festival in Melbourne's east

An initiative of Maroondah City Council, this annual festival celebrates what makes our City great. What's best of all, it's free and happens here, right in your backyard! So come along, walk around beautiful Croydon Park and help us celebrate a fantastic community event.
What's On? Here's a sneak preview:

Eastland Main Stage & Oval Performance Space

The tradition of Australia's best entertainment continues as we announce an exciting, world-class entertainment program featuring Latin American Big Band sensation, **Combo La Revelacion** will be sure to get crowds dancing with their spicy sounds of Merengue, Cha-Cha, Mambo and Salsa.

Marissa Yeaman will present her earthy, soulful, laidback ballads. Her soaring vocal style and soothing lyrics will create the perfect atmosphere to relax on a Sunday afternoon.

Strangefruit - aerial performers set high above the audience will amaze and entertain crowds with their strong visual and design elements, the exceptional choreography synthesizes sculpture with physical theatre.

Shrek Live Show Join Shrek and all the characters you have grown to love in this entertaining show. Laugh and dance along with Shrek and his friends in this feel good musical adventure that is fun for the whole family.

Also on main stage; Croydon Wind Symphony, Maroondah Secondary College Big Band plus more acts to be announced.

Council Under Canvas

All the information and services available from the Maroondah City Council. It's all in Your Backyard, just come in and ask.

Kids Korner

Don't miss the excitement of this special place just for kids! With a fantastic stage program and activities such as; amusements, pony rides, animal nursery, face painting, messy play and oh so much more, your children will have the time of their lives. Proudly supported by Eastland.

Gourmet Food Area

Fine foods and beverages, relaxation area, jazz and cooking demonstrations - this is the place for you if you're looking to sample Australia's finest food and drink or to just simply relax!

BUSINESS EXPOS

Visit a range of products and services at over 50 exhibits.

Garden and Environment

Handy recycling and gardening ideas, tips and exhibits.

Homemaker If you're buying, building, renovating or just decorating, the Homemaker Expo will offer innovative household products, designs and ideas for every homemaker.

Anaconda Health, Sport and Leisure Expo

Explore your options for sport and recreation, some health advice and body therapy. Proudly brought to you by Anaconda.

Reading Cinemas Lifestyle Expo

Treat yourself to some fabulous products and services ranging from travel, beauty, financial and homewares. Proudly brought to you by Reading Cinemas.

Australian Automotive Air (AAA) Community Food Court

One lap around the festival is bound to work up an appetite. Why not pop into the AAA Community Food Court, buy a delicious snack and help support our many community groups.

celebrating Your Backyard

Sunday 20 February 2005
at Croydon Park
Mt Dandenong Road Croydon. 9am-5pm

Keypass Youth Precinct

The rides! The food and market stalls and the sounds of the area's best local bands and acoustic acts. This year sees the return of the popular chillout marquee and the new acoustic stage. The main stage will feature a full program of local, up and coming acts plus a headline act to be announced.

Arts Canvas

Discover your hidden talent through a range of fun, interactive activities at the Arts Canvas on the main oval. Arts Canvas is always a hive of arts activities and this year is no exception, best of all it's FREE!

Park and Ride

Trouble parking? The Park 'n Ride service operates a continuous FREE Venture shuttle service from 10am to 6pm from Eastfield Park, Croydon to the festival site. Please note, Hewish Road and Springfield Avenue are closed for the duration of the festival.

Plus a range of stalls, roving performers, demonstrations and activities

For more information and full program details, contact the Festival Hotline on 9294 5604 or log onto

www.maroondahfestival.com

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Braeside Avenue, Ringwood
- Eastland Service Centre
Level 2, Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood
- Civic Square Service Centre
Civic Square, Croydon

or visit Council online at: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au Email: maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au