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Maroondah Mayor Cr Nora Lamont and Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard.

Mayor's message

Welcome It is hard to believe that we are already half way through 2013.

Over the past few months the nation's spotlight has been firmly on Maroondah with visits from a range of Ministers and senior politicians. In April we were privileged to have the Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard, visit Maroondah as part of the Federal Government's Community Cabinet. The Prime Minister and her team visited many locations in Maroondah and to the surprise of the school children, the Combined School ANZAC Day commemorative event at Ringwood Lake Park.

The Community Cabinet was held at Norwood Secondary College, which I attended. Our local papers reported that the Prime Minister is well aware of Council's biggest infrastructure project, Aquanation, and she confirmed that Member for Deakin, the Hon. Mike Symon has been keeping her well informed. We look forward to the outcome of the Regional Development Australia Fund – Round 4 \$15 million funding submission which will be announced next month.

I was extremely pleased to be at Clocktower Park to hear the Premier, the Hon. Denis Napthine commit \$66 million in funding in the State Budget to the redevelopment of Ringwood Station and bus interchange. I was proud to be able to speak on behalf of the Maroondah community to thank the Premier and in particular our local member for Warrandyte the Hon. Ryan Smith for the work he has undertaken to secure this funding commitment for Maroondah.

This significant project will be managed by the State Government and underpins the development of Ringwood as a Central Activities Area.

We have also had a visit from the Federal Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop during Youth Week in April. This interest from both levels of Government has provided Council with many opportunities to promote not only Council projects and activities, but also to showcase all that Maroondah has to offer.

And we do have a lot to offer. Maroondah is a great place to live and work. As I travel around the City and through our Meet Your Councillors sessions at local shopping centres and my monthly Meet the Mayor sessions, I'm enjoying the feedback and conversations that I have with residents.

Over the past months we've been talking with the community and key stakeholders. We are in the process of developing the new Community Wellbeing Plan (see page 10). The proposed Budget and draft Council Plan (see pages 6 and 7) are currently out for community comment. Additionally, this month sees the start of Maroondah's new community Vision as Council works with the community to plan for our future – looking towards the year 2040 (see page 11).

Best wishes,

Nora Lamont

Mayor Cr Nora Lamont

Welcome to Maroondah

Motorists may have noticed new gateway signage which welcomes and farewells motorists as they travel in to and out of Maroondah.

The 3 metre signs, which symbolise the changing face of the municipality, have been installed at all major arterial entry points including on Maroondah Highway –at the corner of Heatherdale Road (pictured) and in Croydon North just near Hughes Park.

Other entry signs will also be installed in Heathmont, Bayswater North, Ringwood, Croydon and Kilsyth South.



Council meetings are open to the community, so why not join your Councillors at one of the next meetings:

June 24

July 15

August 26

Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Council Chambers, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood.

Councillor doorstep dates:

Arrabri

On Saturday 6 July, between 10am and 12noon the Arrabri Councillors Tony Dib, Christina Gleeson and Natalie Thomas will be meeting with residents at East Ringwood Shopping Centre, Railway Avenue, Ringwood East.

Mullum

Come and meet the Mullum Ward Councillors Cr Ann Fraser, Cr Nora Lamont and Cr Samantha Marks on Saturday 27 July, between 10am and 12noon, Saturday 27 July at Burnt Bridge Shopping Centre, Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Wyreana

Wyreana Ward Councillors Liam Fitzgerald, Rob Steane and Les Willmott will be meeting with residents between 10am and 12noon, Saturday 24 August at McAdam Square Shopping Centre, Croydon.

For more information contact the Councillor Support Officer on 9298 4462.

Front page: Maroondah young people (clockwise from left) Irene, Stacey, Briere, Esther, Elysia and Ash helped coordinate a range of events during Youth Week 2013 in March.

X marks the spot

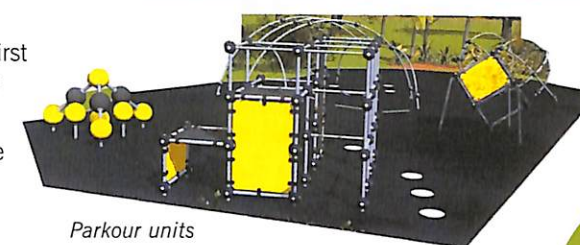
The popular Croydon Y Space is set to expand, with Council currently in the planning stages of creating a bigger and better playspace for people of all ages and abilities.

The works, which have been given the working title of X Space, will include the installation of climbing equipment, barbecues, picnic tables and shelters, as well as a rock creek bed with bridge and plantings to create a welcoming environment for people to enjoy.

It will also be home to one of Victoria's first outdoor Parkour training sites - a style of exercise that uses different ways to manoeuvre around a man-made obstacle course. Parkour can include running, climbing, swinging, vaulting, spinning, jumping and rolling.

Council will be undertaking consultation in the coming months to identify what elements the community would like to see included in the playspace.

The playspace will cater for children of all



Parkour units

ages and abilities, families and spectators.

The \$410,000 project is funded through Sport & Recreation Victoria (\$100,000), Council (\$300,000) and Croydon Rotary (\$10,000).

Construction of the new playspace, adjacent to the popular Y Space, is expected to commence in early 2014.



An artist impression of the proposed redevelopment at Croydon Central.

Croydon plans progress

The next stage of the planned multimillion redevelopment of Croydon Central Shopping Centre will be put before an independent Planning Panel in the coming months.

Council has requested the Minister for Planning appoint the Panel to hear submissions and make a recommendation following an extensive community consultation process.

The proposed redevelopment would see the current centre expand into a multi-storey facility with 25,000 square metre of retail premises including a discount department

store, two supermarkets, speciality shops, food and drink outlets, a fresh food area and a food court.

Croydon Central Shopping Centre is on the corner of Kent and Wicklow avenues.

Council will await the recommendation of the independent Panel before making a decision on the matter.

Your Councillors...

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Recent works being undertaken at Croydon's Bargeong Reserve are an example of what can be achieved when local sporting clubs work closely with Council to bring about positive changes to their facilities.

The Croydon Junior Football Club benefitted from new ground lighting in 2010/11 which was jointly funded as part of Council's Third Third Grants. The main oval will also be upgraded later this year, as part of Council's sportsfield surface renovation program.

But most significantly the \$450,000 pavilion redevelopment is a prime example of what can be achieved through strong partnerships - with the pavilion works funded by \$250,000 from the State Government and \$200,000 from Council.

The works will almost double the size of the pavilion, and will make a huge difference to Croydon Junior Football Club and Croydon Baseball Club which call the facility home.

\$66 million for Ringwood Station

The much anticipated redevelopment of Ringwood Station and Bus Interchange will start in 2014 with the State Government confirming \$66 million has been allocated to the works.

The redevelopment of Ringwood Station is a critical element to the success of Ringwood's transition into a sustainable and accessible Central Activities Area.

Premier Denis Napthine and Minister for Public Transport Terry Mulder visited the station in April to announce the funding.

The extensive works will see the creation of a fully accessible and integrated station and bus interchange with improved pedestrian amenity and shelter; a major pedestrian concourse; toilet facilities and a high quality station forecourt.



Minister for Public Transport and Roads Terry Mulder, Premier Denis Napthine, Mayor Cr Nora Lamont and Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith at the funding announcement.

The heritage significance of the precinct will be preserved with the 100-year-old original brick station building incorporated into the new design.

Pedestrian movements will also be improved with a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Maroondah Highway allowing more frequent crossing opportunities.

The crossing will provide a linkage between the station and Council's new town square which is being developed as part of QIC's \$500 million redevelopment of Eastland.

Council is looking forward to working with the State Government as works commence in 2014.

Did you know?

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

Community has its say

More than 1400 people have shared their thoughts with Council about the new Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre as part of the first round of community consultation.

To be constructed in the heart of Ringwood, the state-of-the-art centre will include a library, learning centre, art gallery and Council Service Centre.

The first stage of the community consultation, which ran from January to March this year, was conducted via an online survey, group workshops and interviews at major shopping precincts in Maroondah.

The purpose of the consultation was to find out what the community would like to do

in the new centre, how they think it should look and feel, and what would make the centre a great place to visit.

The majority of respondents said they would access the centre to develop their personal skills and knowledge; find out what is happening in their community; and to escape the hustle and bustle.

Respondents also indicated that it was important to maintain services such as book borrowing, access to WiFi and digital libraries.

This valuable feedback will also be used to assist with the internal design of the Centre. To find out more about the Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre visit Council's website.

Costco update

Costco is set to open its doors in Ringwood in late August with construction works still on schedule.

This month streetscape works will begin in Bond Street in preparation for the opening – including widening the footpath and installing new street lighting and additional trees.

Road works will also be starting this month which will see new turning lanes, pedestrian crossings and refuges installed to improve accessibility for motorists and pedestrians in the area.



All major concrete pours for the construction of Costco have been completed, with works now focused on the steel structure and installation of the roof.

Speed limit reduction

VicRoads has installed new signage along Maroondah Highway, between Wantirna and Warrandyte roads, in preparation for the introduction of a new time-based 40km/h speed limit.

The new speed limit will be introduced later this month and will operate between 8am

and 7pm every day. Outside of these times the speed limit will revert back to 60km/h.

The initiative was developed in response to pedestrian crash statistics which show that during the past five years, 13 pedestrians have been injured along this section of road.

Sherbrook Park

Ringwood's newest open space, Sherbrook Park, will officially open to the community later this month.

The playspace, which caters for people of all ages and abilities, is modeled on a typical home environment with kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and patio. There is also a carousel,

jumping and balance play area, hopscotch grid and open grassed area.

Barbecues, a sheltered outdoor area and bike racks also feature in the design.

The \$450,000 playspace was jointly funded by Council, the State Government and ConnectEast.

Eastland out to tender

The \$500 million expansion of Eastland is one step closer with QIC Global Real Estate undertaking the tender process for the works.

The redevelopment will increase the retail floor space by more than 50 per cent, from 79,000sqm to 123,000sqm, making room for an additional 150 specialty stores and 1000 additional car spaces.

The works also incorporate Council's new

state of the art Ringwood Library, Learning and Cultural Centre and Town Square which will directly connect public transport users with various shopping, employment, dining and cultural experiences.

The redevelopment will also help to boost the local economy by creating 2000 jobs during construction and 2000 new retail/service jobs once the centre is fully operational.

Did you know?

The State Government's Department of Business and Innovation and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have relocated to 12 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Fast facts The latest Census shows the number of people living in the Ringwood Activities Area has increased by 35 per cent.

Your Councillors...

Cr Ann Fraser | Mullum Ward
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Community safety is an important element of what we do at Council. But like most things, we are able to achieve more positive outcomes by working closely with the community.

Maroondah Neighbourhood Watch (MNW) is a community group which works with Council, local police and residents to prevent crime and combat community safety issues.

One of the group's most popular activities is the Safe Plates events at Eastland, hosted in conjunction with local police. Motorists are encouraged to have special number plate screws installed to prevent them being stolen and used illegally. MNW is also a strong supporter of Council's Graffiti Removal Trailer which is available for community groups to use free of charge to remove graffiti from their facilities.

Your Councillors...

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Term 3 is almost here, which means new course programs are available at community houses in Maroondah. So why not take a look and see what is on offer.

There's a broad range of courses available for people of all ages and abilities, including art and craft, fitness and social groups.

A number of Maroondah sporting organisations also offer opportunities for people to participate on a casual basis including walking groups and women's classes in self-defence.

These courses are a great way to learn a new skill, discover a new hobby or simply meet other people with a common interest. The Maroondah Community Guide is a great resource for those wanting to get in contact with their local community house or other local organisations.

You can pick up your copy at Council Service Centres or view it on Council's website.

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A better future for Maroondah

Inside the proposed 2013/14 Council Plan and Budget

Council will continue to deliver new major capital projects, while maintaining a strong financial position well into the future.

For the second year in a row, Council is able to maintain a modest rate increase of 5.6 per cent – which is made up of 3.1 per cent in operating cost increases and 2.5 per cent for the Infrastructure Levy.

The proposed Budget, which is on public exhibition until Tuesday 25 June, shows that Council remains in a sound financial position, allowing Council to invest more into community facilities and services. The draft Budget provides \$34.705 million for Capital Works including \$1 million towards flood

mitigation works in Civic Square, Croydon.

Council has also been faced with a number of external influences that have placed additional pressure on the Budget. This year, Council was required to fund a previously unanticipated defined benefits superannuation liability payment of \$7.9 million. This has an impact on Council's financial planning and sustainability.

Other major impacts on the Budget are the Federal Government's Carbon Tax of approximately \$1.5 million per annum; a 10 per cent increase in the Land Fill Levy; and the increased costs of street lighting. These factors are all beyond Council's control but despite the additional pressures Council has still managed to maintain overall rates and charges percentage increases at the same level as last year.

Budget at a glance

For a ratepayer living in a median priced house in Maroondah, this equates to a:

- \$68.30 increase in annual rates and charges

or

- \$1.31 extra per week

The median house price in Maroondah is calculated at \$430,000

The proposed Budget and Council Plan are on exhibition until Tuesday 25 June. Pick up a copy at Council Service Centres or view it at Ringwood and Croydon Libraries or online via Council's website.

Rates & charges spent per \$100

Capital works	\$25.89	
Environment	\$23.16	
Community support	\$16.36	
Leisure & culture	\$16.19	
Transport & access	\$10.89	
City development	\$ 7.51	

Your Councillors...

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When I visited Cheong Park last month I was delighted to see the redevelopment of the pavilion nearing completion.

The works, which are funded by \$250,000 from the Federal Government and \$90,000 from Council, will make a huge difference to the Croydon South football and cricket clubs which call this pavilion home.

Council has worked closely with the clubs to ensure that the final design of the pavilion meets their needs now, and into the future.

Sport participation is booming in Maroondah with both clubs experiencing a huge growth over the past few years.

The social area has almost doubled in size and the toilet facilities and accessibility improvements will allow people who use a mobility device to access the pavilion with ease.

Once reopened, the larger pavilion will also be used by other community groups to host meetings and events on weekdays.

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New initiatives and enhancement programs

The 2013/14 proposed Budget expands on Council's existing services by introducing a number of new initiatives and service enhancements:

- Oversee the development of the Ringwood Town Centre which is due to commence later this year. This includes QIC's \$500 million redevelopment of Eastland and the State Government's \$66 million redevelopment of Ringwood Station and Bus Interchange
- Finalise designs for the new Ringwood Library, Learning & Cultural Centre
- Work with the North Ringwood Community House Committee to identify future accommodation needs



Council has allocated a further \$1 million towards flood mitigation works in Civic Square Croydon in the proposed 2013/14 Budget.

- Enhance online services including requests for service by the community and additional methods of payment
- Undertake a review of indoor netball facility provision in Maroondah
- Commence a planning scheme amendment to implement a Maroondah Licensed Premises Policy
- Develop an Arts Development Strategy
- Implement the Heathmont and Ringwood East Structure Plans
- Commence the development of a new community vision for the City - Maroondah 2040 - which will ensure the direction of Council's planning and performance framework is in line with the community's expectations

Capital Works highlights

Council's \$34.705 million capital works program ensures our assets meet the needs of our community now and into the future.

- \$5.914 million on roads, footpaths, local area traffic management, and our commercial centres, including the upgrade of Colchester Road; reconstruction of Palmerston Road (West); road improvements to Knaith Road; and Golf Links Estate road rehabilitation.



- \$2.263 million to renew, maintain and upgrade the extensive system of stormwater drains that exist unseen throughout Maroondah.

- \$20.313 million on the 337 Council buildings and structures, including \$15.688 million on the start of construction of Aquanation; \$1.38 million on Mullum Mullum Reserve Pavilion extension; and \$1.05 million on building renewal works at Quambie Sporting Pavilion, Croydon Park Gridiron Pavilion, Keystone Hall, Hughes Park Tennis Pavilion, Oban Preschool and other projects.

- \$2.05 million to maintain and upgrade our playgrounds, bicycle paths, sportsfields, walking bridges and golf courses. This includes the expansion of Croydon Y Space; sportsfield surface renovation at Bargeong Reserve oval, improving access for spectators and players to Jubilee Park Oval 2; and improvement works at Croydon Golf and Dorset Golf.



Your Councillors...

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I am extremely honoured to have been appointed to the position of Metropolitan Waste Management Group Chair. The Metropolitan Waste Management Group (MWMG) is a Victorian State Government Statutory Body which supports Melbourne's 30 metropolitan Councils to work with their communities to minimise waste and reduce litter.

I have represented Maroondah on the Board for the past six years and look forward to taking on the new role for the remainder of this Council term.

The State Government is currently undertaking a review of waste management agencies, so I will focus my attention on achieving a positive outcome for all Victorian communities.

I encourage the Maroondah community to continue its excellent recycling habits - with residents currently recycling more than 12,270 tonnes each year.

Partnership leads to pavilion redevelopment

The Kevin Pratt Pavilion in Mullum Mullum Reserve is set to receive a major expansion thanks to a strong partnership between Council, State Government and sporting clubs.

The \$1.6 million project is being funded through a \$400,000 contribution from the State Government, \$800,000 from Council and \$400,000 from a Norwood Football Club benefactor.

The redevelopment includes constructing an additional storey on the pavilion; installing a lift to ensure accessibility; upgrading the toilet facilities including a new accessible toilet; constructing six unisex change rooms;



Members of the Norwood Football and Cricket Clubs with Minister for Sports and Recreation and Veterans' Affairs Ryan Smith and Mayor Councillor Nora Lamont at the funding announcement.

creating a trainers/first aid room; installing new viewing areas; and creating two new social areas and accessible parking bays.

A new addition to the facility will also be a large multipurpose room which will be available to other community groups, including Ringwood U3A, who can make

use of the facility during the day.

The Kevin Pratt Pavilion is home to Norwood Football Club and Norwood Cricket Club.

Council is currently finalising the designs, with works expected to commence later this year.

Seeking \$15m Federal funding

Council is awaiting the outcome of a funding application in which Council is seeking \$15 million towards Aquanation in the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia Fund – Round Four.



Council will be well positioned to ensure the construction of Aquanation can start as soon as possible after the funding announcement.

Since the application was lodged in April, Council has been actively lobbying the Federal Government and Ministers during various visits to Maroondah. Council will continue to advocate strongly for the \$15 million grant until the successful applicants are announced by the Federal Minister in July.

Council has always believed that both levels of Government should contribute to funding the state-of-the-art facility which will not only provide aquatic, diving and leisure facilities for a regional catchment of

more than one million people, it will also become the Victorian State Diving Centre.

The State Government has strongly supported the Aquanation project, committing \$3 million towards the project as part of its Community Facility Funding Program - Better Pools category.

To find out more about Aquanation or to watch a 3D fly through of the facility visit Council's website.

Handing over the reins

A community-based network of service providers will take the lead in Bayswater North from July when the successful Bayswater North Community Renewal Project (BNCRP) comes to an end.

The BNCRP is a State Government funded initiative that brought residents, businesses, government and local organisations together to celebrate the community and create a place of opportunity and activity.

After six years of supporting residents and organisations to bring about positive change in their own community, the reins will be handed over to the newly formed Bayswater North Community Network.

The network consists of community agencies who are committed to continuing to work towards addressing local priority areas and bringing about positive change with the community.

Since it began in 2007, the BNCRP has successfully united the community and



BNCRP Team Leader Chris Payne, TLC Community Church team member Sue Smith and Kencie Hope from Department of Human Services, look back at a visual history of the project's achievements.

stakeholders to address local issues and has brought about changes that have benefited the entire community including safety improvements; improved employment opportunities; and new and improved facilities and services.

Over the past six years more than \$4.25 million has been invested by the State Government, Council and community partners into Bayswater North Community Renewal Project initiatives and programs.

Without the support of Council none of this could have been possible. Thank you for making Bayswater North Community Renewal such a great success –

Miranda Slamin, BNCRP resident representative

Your Councillors...

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I was extremely proud to visit Mullum Mullum Reserve to mark the announcement of a \$1.6 million redevelopment of the Norwood football and cricket pavilion.

This project has been close to my heart for many years, so it was an extremely proud moment to see the hard work of so many people rewarded with a \$400,000 State Government commitment.

The redevelopment will make an enormous difference to Norwood Football Club, which is one of the largest clubs in the eastern metropolitan region.

Other community groups will also be able to utilise the multipurpose pavilion, including Ringwood U3A who will make use of the facility during the day.

I am looking forward to working with both sporting clubs and the State Government to finalise the designs for the pavilion, and to move towards the construction phase.

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Local businesses win awards

Two Maroondah Businesses have been recognised in the 2013 Melbourne South East (MSE) Business Awards.

PACCAR Australia (Kenworth Trucks) won the 2013 MSE Large Enterprise and the

2013 Business of the Year awards.

Assemco was awarded the 2013 Medium Business Enterprise and the Business Growth and Development awards.

Community vision blossoms

Works have started to transform a patch of grass in Glen Park Reserve into a new community garden for Bayswater North residents.

The idea of establishing a community garden was identified as part of the Bayswater North Community Renewal Project.

The community garden will provide a place for local residents to come together and get to know others in their neighbourhood while they garden.

A variety of garden spaces will be created including raised planter beds, vegetable plots and areas for ornamental plants. There will also be a central meeting space which can cater for group gatherings.

The garden, which is expected to be completed by August, will be open for the



A community garden is being constructed in Glen Park Reserve, Bayswater North.

community to enjoy all year round.

The construction of the garden was assisted through a \$170,000 grant from the State Government. Council has contributed funding for the remainder of the project.

Your Councillors...

Cr Christina Gleeson | Arrabri Ward
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I have been lucky enough to be appointed as Secretary of Glen Park Community Centre. The volunteer role will see me play an active part in the ongoing development of the centre, which already does an amazing job of supporting the community of Bayswater North with a variety of classes and training opportunities.

It is an exciting time to be involved with the centre with so much taking shape in the area. I look forward to working with the Bayswater North Community Network which will come into effect on July 1, to take the lead on projects initiated as part of the Bayswater North Community Renewal Project. Earlier this month construction started on the Bayswater North Community Garden, which is situated between the community centre and Community Shed in Glen Park Reserve. The garden will play a vital role in bringing the community together as they garden collectively.

Planning for a healthy community

When it comes to planning for the future of a community, one of the most important things to consider is health and wellbeing.

Council is currently in the process of developing the 2013-2017 Community Wellbeing Plan which aims to work towards an optimal state of health and wellbeing for the Maroondah community by addressing issues impacting the municipality.

The plan will also address issues related to social and economic disadvantage which can often have poor health outcomes for particular groups in our community.



From March to May, Council undertook community consultation, with many members of the community taking the opportunity to complete a survey asking them to identify their health and wellbeing priorities over the next four years.

This feedback will ensure that the Plan is reflective of the issues that are of central

importance to the Maroondah community.

The Plan is expected to be available for public consultation during August and September. Once completed, the Plan will be implemented by Council in partnership with the community, local agencies and the State Government.

Your Councillors...

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Dates for your diary

Exhibition – Annual Maroondah Photo Competition

Thursday 20 June to Saturday 6 July

Maroondah Art Gallery,
Maroondah Federation Estate,
Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood.

Experience Maroondah through the eyes of amateur photographers featured in this year's photo competition.

Details: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au



'How far can you jump' by Susan McFarlane 2012

Music – Wyreana Music Cafe featuring Stiletto Sisters

7.30pm, Friday 28 June

Wyreana Community Arts Centre, 13-23 Hull Road, Croydon

Enjoy a night out with entertainment from the Stiletto Sisters - a dynamic and vibrant trio whose theatrical performances have won them praise throughout Australia. Cost: \$28 per person, including a light supper. Bookings: 9294 5590 or www.artsinmaroondah.com.au



Theatre – Mozart's Don Giovanni

8pm, Saturday 6 July

Karralyka Theatre, Mines Road, Ringwood East.

One of Opera's most seductive casanovas will wow audiences in Opera Australia's take on this classic Mozart production. The production will be performed in English, with music by Oz Opera's Chamber Orchestra. Bookings: 9879 2933 or www.karralyka.com.au

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MAROONDAH Our Future Together

What do you love about Maroondah? What would you like to change about Maroondah? What challenges do you see Maroondah facing? These are the questions Council is asking the community to help create a shared plan for our future together.

Later this month Council will launch Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together at a function attended by community and business leaders and representatives from various health, community and service providers.

Over the next few months Council will be undertaking extensive community consultation with key stakeholders and the

broader community to gather feedback on the community's priorities and vision for life in 2040.

Once completed, the strategic document will outline a vision for Maroondah's future which will articulate the aspirations and goals of the community and Council looking ahead to 2040.

To have your say on Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

State Government Fire Services Levy



On 1 July 2013, the State Government will introduce a Fire Services Levy to fund the state's fire services. The Levy replaces the existing insurance-based funding model.

The levy will be applied to land and buildings, including those owned by Council. The State Government has decided that Local Government will collect the Levy on its behalf as part of Council's annual rates process.

The State Government Fire Services Levy will appear on 2013/14 Council rate notices as an item for payment. It will

consist of a fixed component (\$100 for residential and \$200 for non-residential properties) as well as a variable charge assessed on your property's capital improved value.

Property owners who currently receive a concession on their Council rates will also receive a concession on the Fire Services Levy, which is a \$50 discount from the total levy amount.

The levy is not Council revenue; it will be transferred directly to the State Government.

Details: www.firelevy.vic.gov.au

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Croydon Service Centre
Eastland Service Centre

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



Your Councillors...

Cr Natalie Thomas | Arrabri Ward
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Council is putting the finishing touches on the Heathmont and Ringwood East Structure Plans following the latest round of community consultation.

The Plans will help shape the future of these neighbourhood activity centres, which is why it is so important that Council received ongoing feedback from the community.

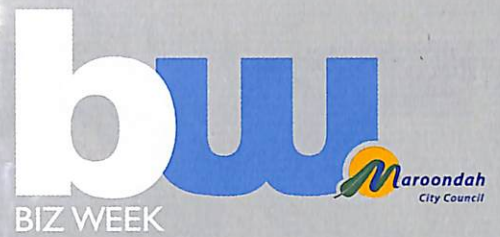
Once completed, the Plans will ensure that the areas of Heathmont and Ringwood East continue to foster growth and prosperity, while maintaining the neighbourhood character that people know and love.

I thank the community for their ongoing support of this project. It's been fantastic to see so many community members take ownership of this project, knowing that they really can have a say.

This is a great example of what can be achieved through proactive community engagement.

Maroondah BizWeek 2013

Monday 5 August to Friday 9 August



This year marks the 14th annual Maroondah BizWeek - so to celebrate Council has planned a week full of events to inspire, motivate and excite business owners in Maroondah!

The events are aimed at helping people to unlock opportunities, discover connections with like-minded business people and increase their business skills.

Major highlights on the schedule are appearances from three remarkable Australian business women as well as educational sessions to assist those in the areas of starting a business, marketing and online strategy.

Did you know?

The theme of this year's BizWeek is celebrating women in business.

For more information or to book a seat for Maroondah BizWeek events visit www.bizmaroondah.com.au or call 9298 4320.



Eastland Lunch with Kerri-Anne Kennerley

Monday 5 August | 11.45am - 2.15pm

Bring your friends and have lunch with Kerri-Anne Kennerley, one of Australia's most iconic media personalities. Beloved as Australia's 'Daytime TV Queen' hosting *Mornings with Kerri-Anne* and most recently on the top rating primetime show *Dancing with the Stars*.

Book your tickets today - you will not want to miss out meeting this wonderful woman who is sure to inspire!



Networking with Deb Peppard

Tuesday 6 August | 6pm - 8pm

Do you want to have some fun and network at the same time? If yes, then come to a special evening like never before. Deb Peppard will guide you out of your comfort zone and send you home energised. You will meet a bunch of great local business people - they may even become future clients. This is the night to maximise your networking opportunities!



ConnectEast Lunch with Jane Caro

Wednesday 7 August | 11.45am - 2.15pm

Jane Caro wears many hats: author, lecturer, mentor, social commentator, columnist, workshop facilitator, speaker, broadcaster and award-winning advertising writer. Jane is also a regular panellist on ABC's top rating advertising show *The Gruen Transfer* and appears on Channel 7 *Weekend Sunrise*.

Book in and hear Jane share her vast experience as an advertising writer - creating and maintaining a strong image.

BizWeek SmallBiz Q&A

Session 1: Monday 5 August, 4-7pm | Session 2: Tuesday 6 August, 9am - 4pm

Have you identified a problem in your business and need help? Local small businesses are invited to meet one-on-one for half an hour with local advisers and mentors to get assistance with key challenges in their business.

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