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8/1 Mr Carter's property, Liz rang VicRoads regional manager who was thrilled to inherit a long running problem, he has not received our letter we will be invited to participate in discussions about selling the land. Mr Carter seems to have been rewarded with the purchase of public land and the manager said the criteria for sale will be pedestrian access and revegetation.

Beautification of Croydon railway station. Warwick was unsuccessful in contacting public transport corporation. Liz will contact Luther about a second mural planting to be in late April or May. Keith reported about Ringwood lake, he had had the water tested and proof that botulism is in the lake again. There's about 15 feet of silt there's still a lot of carp, the dead ducks are distressing to find. Keith is to contact Mr Marasco CEO council. Sabine to inform through newspapers as it's a popular area for parents with children and a health hazard. An Optus towers proposed to go into Cheong Park this news was published in the age. Maroodah City Council intends to lease part of the park for \$12,000 and fence off a little space next to the toilets in the middle of an environmentally aware residential area. An appropriate question was asked how do you lease off public open space without asking anyone questions about the covenant covering Cheong Park.

The March AGM suitable venue the Glen Frost room. Another Mount Dandenong planting was held in May. Jim reported that anti-graffiti surveys, have included Springfield, Mount Dandenong Road. Anzac Avenue and Wicklow Avenue. A spring planting is to be a September /October planted on the south side of Birts Hill. Croydon Hills reserve group have been successful in obtaining a grant for revegetation. Household waste is a low priority, one of the problems 30% of people don't recycle cartons 92% preferred milk in cartons to plastic. Almost 50% of Australian forest Woodlands rainforests have been cleared or severely modified since European settlement!

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minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed but Liz mentioned oversight in passing the December minutes and it should read Ros Savio has accepted nomination as president following revocation of all positions at the AGM in March. On our webpage, to include links to Save Our Suburbs SOS. also information about elm leaf beetle's. Ask Council to put more money into education about spraying. Jan said 4 trees cost her over \$500 but it didn't kill the beetles on the top. Warwick said there are no injections of Rogor which could be injected into the tree. Jan said the beetles all over including the clothes and hair and the unintentionally being spread with the car. Croydon waterways project Melbourne Water has nowhere to put the soil being removed. Melbourne Water do not do their own plans, Jim said they didn't want an embankment. After further discussion Liz reported on a discussion with Ken McInnes from Mullum Mullum, signs have been placed regarding a platypus. For the AGM in March the speaker is Bob Phelps from Australian Conservation Foundation regarding genetically engineered food and plants. SOS or save our suburbs are holding a pre-formation meeting in Malvern they want to fight issues in in the suburbs we've been fighting for the past eight years. They want good neighbourhood design after a short discussion Ann Kaufman (municipal coordinator) and member of CCS is to liaise with SOS it's \$20 per group Rosemary if we pay as a group and pay for Ann as an individual. David said Bayside councils have restrictions on developments David also reported about Dorset open space 6 acres of land has been ongoing. There are 74 petitions about rezoning. Thanks to Keith a botulism article was published in the The Mail newspaper, the lake is to be drained, a sinkhole to be dug in the base. The area would be fenced off as it will be unsafe. Wildlife booklets are to go to Candlebark and Council for distribution. Council meetings are being run open now we need a reminder of the year and a roster as to who attends ring would like us to get a bubbler and there will be a wire cage just above the

waterline. Concerns are the ducks will be dragged down by the suction, requested Council supply fine a mesh. Councillor Marj Munro to follow this up
Council will be holding an L8 panel hearing about the rezoning of Kinta and Henty courts to be held on the first floor of Maroondah Civic Centre. We had contact from Maroondah City Council regarding the Optus tower for Cheong Park advising that due to objections now confirmed withdrawal of the application the towers. *(The tower was eventually located on the north east corner of Bayswater and Eastfield roads.)* Melbourne water to sell surplus land in the Dandenong's adjacent to Silvan reservoir and Olinda state forest. The natural heritage trust grants are available for integrated with management or training sessions or a visit to Heron Island from Greenpeace Australia ignores exports waste to China

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The AGM was held Liz reported that 1996 for us was a battle on many fronts. We had an invitation for an open space strategy with Council; showed concern of the food labelling; objected to replacement of indigenous species in Ringwood East and Croydon; attended Yarra Care launch. Continual planting in Mount Dandenong Road median strip; vetted three candidates for the new council election, present at our AGM were Les Willmot, Neil Rose and Betty Milson. CCS suggested they concentrate their address on funding and maintenance of reserves public open space being rezoned and waste management. Liz said she was stepping down after four years. Keith is still monitoring the duck pond which has blue green algae. New plants at Birts Hill tangled up in onion weed. CCS were involved in the open space strategy and we responded to the planning scheme which seems to be sitting in the Ministers office. Keith made himself known at golf courses regarding safe use of chemical sprays. Judith Scurfield is investigating how to rename Croydon Main Drain. At a SOS meeting Roz attended with 1000 others crammed into Hawthorne Townhall. Warwick Roz and Liz attended Council with a request for funds from the national heritage fund. We did not get it for the wetlands but are applying for Barneong Reserve and brushy Creek link. Guest speaker Bob Phelps Angus Baker from the ICF spoke to us about genetically engineered foods roundup ready soybean. He said that roundup persists in the environment and will affect the majority of processed foods about 60% all genetically engineered food should be liable to meet community expectations Multinationals are also looking at Cottonseed and Canola. Margaret Baber said most multinational companies come from the USA. Liz said it was printed in the new scientist an article where a crop in France had some material escaped into a nearby farm, this could mean a loss of biodiversity. There is to be a conference in Ottawa soon, half the delegates will be from the industry the patients office. It accepts genetically engineered foods are new and different granting Monopoly rights over them for 70 to 20 years. The end result of all this may not be known for many years. We thanked Bob of for his speech.

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we attended the Maroondah festival and a main topic was Elm leaf Beetles. Talk was of a house in Brighton a character weatherboard was up for sale and every other house in the street had an SOS poster displayed. It was mentioned the Councils have powers in planning but not the resources to investigate. Judith told she had traced back to 1956 The main drain was marked as a creek but the naming could've been Tangela or Trawalla. Council provided Greenwaste but only four collections per year. A Ringwood like a resident called to talk about the ducks, contacted Council he went to the lake the following Saturday and notified the RSPCA, Parks and Wildlife are not interested. Tried coalition against duck shooters, who were there within half an hour. The silt from the bottom of the lake has

been placed in a pit near the Miners Hut at the back of Ringwood lake. Water from the lake runs into the Mullum creek. Rubbish from Daisies car park and soapy water spill from open drain eroding the bank on the way down to the lake. Very bad pruning of street trees in Croydon photos provided an in-house contract was not supervised. It was suggested we write to the mayor and counsellors and threatening to go to the press. We also suggested a Conservation Consultative Committee needs to be set up. Discussion about a change of name weather we should be Croydon/Ringwood is to be discussed at our next meeting. Last Sunday 60 minutes report on the Aral sea, the locals drained cotton and chemicals, used to be a fishing village, no use now as people are dying.

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250 plants have been ordered for our major third planting we decided not to increase membership fees till next year as we are well within the budget council meeting was held regarding 213 to 215 Dorset Road Council has to wait for the opinion of an independent panel. Croydon station Warwick recommends planting eucalyptus Sideroxylon or Scoparia area but not Radiata he will obtain 10 trees stakes and ties. Keith has photos of damage an outflow from the pipe Ringwood lake they've responded that they are investigating. A letter to Melbourne water about dead fish and ducks being washed into Mullum Mullum creek to be sent. Croydon Council are to set up a Conservation Consultative Committee; Vivienne Fraser is likely to set this up insuring a representative from CCS. The Telstra communications towel holders meeting on 21 April.

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The planting on 3 May at 13 attendance to put in 250 shrubs and grasses this is continuing in Mount Dandenong in August if there's sufficient rain. Croydon main drain renaming is to be followed up with historical society- Judith. An unsatisfactory response from council of the degree of contamination of the soil which should not be being dumped on Dorset recreation reserve. Questions asked has the soils been tested by EPA? No reply from Council about a pesticide reduction strategy; but Keith's visit to Dorset golf course resulted in an audit of OH&S practice enforced by WorkCover. SOS suggest we write to the Minister for planning McClelland asking the development and demolition permit to be put under council control. Summary of Liz's presentation regarding the planning scheme, the panel prefers vegetation overlays rather than zoning we should ask local member Honeywood to contact the minister expressing a support for zoning regulations. Telecommunications policy suggests that infrastructure be used only when 2200. meters from Residential developments. Council have appointed a graffiti strategy officer who gave an outline of a pilot project which will run for six months there will be a pro forma for reporting new graffiti and it hopes to remove it within 24 to 48 hours, proactive work with schools youth groups Keeley Smith was thanked for addressing us. Discussion about random advertising signage some signs put out without permits notify council.

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Duncan has arranged for painting of graffiti on railway control boxes and has approval from public transport Corporation to collect litter. Council has a trailer which might be fitted out for graffiti clean up. Regarding Ringwood lake, Liz received an anonymous letter about spreading material which we believed should've gone to landfill; the EPA has given approval for depositing the fill as it was low level contamination with zinc. Keith received conflicting reports on the use of commonly use

pesticides. A letter was sent to CEO Mark Marasco regarding tree lopping at Arndale shopping centre leaving cars to bake in the sun.

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Cleanup day Duncan and Roz and Judith painted that graffiti along the railway line. Liz and Warwick planted trees near the station sadly there is no hose or fittings, these have been removed from the station. The main drain renaming Judith is to contact the Department of aboriginal affairs. Keith has spoken to the EPA about the contaminated fill, so now the rest is going to Lyndhurst waste dump. Still no improvement on daisies car park for rubbish flowing into the lake

13/8

Duncan attended the last council meeting and reported back on good design guide planning infringement funds being too low mention of a number of trees 45 to 50 foot high have been felled and the fine was \$200. there was more reference to Ringwood's saloon bar and Bird and Bottle venuese being noisy after hours. Yarra Valley sports centre has been given seven of conditions re-transplanting plants and the importance of tawney brown owls etc Regarding the main drain Judith has permission to send her proposed letter to the Wurundjeri tribe land and cultural heritage council. At the railway station three large terracotta pipes with plants in them have been smashed hose fittings are still missing. The next meeting for SOS is to be in Ivanhoe discussion on street trees removed. Council employees are not consulted and not happy letter from council excuses what has been done and mention his removal of inappropriate trees. Locally trees have been removed in Windsor Road, James Road, Williams Road talent Street, Stirling Road, Columbia Avenue without residence being informed. Maroondah Bushlinks asked is it possible to have joint meetings? sometimes Ros attends. Two residents wanted to tell us the story to see if we can assist the living environment in Vernon Street on large blocks. Number 1 to 44 already 62 dual occupancy is for multi dwellings 52 more I'm going up and 41 already a council for approval; they asked for embargo for another month we've asked for a copy of an aerial photo to compare with 10 years ago the loss has been 40 substantial tree canopies and a traffic survey showed 4200 cars per week. Not sure what can be protected and how.

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David attended Council discussion about a very old tree in Dorset Road after six pages of information Council refused to permit removal; it was in a private garden and elderly person's home in Auburn Road. Further talk about the Eastern Freeway and the Telecom Tower on Canterbury Road Heathmont has been placed on top of a business. Judith supplied notes of her meeting about the new Maroondah planning scheme panel report. Councillor Willmott said while panel supported the intent of an environmental residential zone did not support it in any particular location and still prefers the heritage and biological significance overlays which stress the protection of the ridge line. No resolution on 39 Vernon Street between residence and the developer two applications for multi dwellings were rejected. At 32 Bayswater Road and 77 Canterbury Road, from Councillor Kirmos, concern at the freeway extensions. Judith showed us a copy that she has a letter sent to the Wurundjeri tribe regarding the drain name change, no reply to date. No resolution to Ringwood lake saga, Council wants evidence they were supposed to meet on site four months ago but didn't happen. EPA is now interested and will visit on 8 October. Ros said local SOS group not successful

wanting to be lead but not prepared to do much. Liz draft a letter to go to Phil Honeywood employee Maroondah has been told to toe the line copies of the letter to go to Mrs Elliot and Gordon Ashley is to be a variation on the good design medium density which is on exhibition until 25 September Liz read out in detail six items and her answer to each one separately

20/9

letter from Duncan to Council appreciating the efforts of Keeley Smith regarding graffiti problems we discussed Skyrail chair lift up Mount Dandenong after looking at it the only way we would support it is if it were in the firebreak and all painted green new business consultative committee has been set up Bushlinks of nomination two individuals Roz will take one position regarding an auction site in Maroondah highway it was up for sale to be developed Keith asked about the contamination report and checked with the EPA they had not been informed of the sale agent must have a copy of clearance from the EPA before land can be sold a letter from an assessment showed heavy metals and chemicals and they're going to do another assessment Keith showed photos of spraying around playground equipment and council lose 10% of plants every time they spray the guy doing the children's playground was not qualified and have no protective clothing

10/9 A letter from the resident saying she's a member of the dog club and I do not want signs claims the cricket club and Council are giving out the wrong information about signage around sports fields.

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change of venue to number two Mountview Street Roz would like to set up a Grant Phil friends group Liz has been accepted onto the environment committee has been a local very ocean to medium density good design God was tended an information session a closing date for hoardings on Silcock Oval Ross read out a letter from council regarding Maroondah removal of a tree near Barringo Road Christmas meeting is to include Bushlinks and behold Chong Park Wilma wrote supporting the Dandenong's residence fighting the sky rail at the wetlands Peter Goegan Vivienne Fraser Trevor Sparks from Melbourne water looked at tabled plans which will be an engineered filtration series through swales takes awhile to become natural Melbourne water estimates of cost of \$500,000 criticism of the proposal is it does not have recreational facilities request was made to address putting in paths and recreation and that Maroondah City Council might put money towards it spreading removed soil on Fred Kiel Oval reduces the cost of 400,000 this cost does not include planting Keeley Smith graffiti officer has been reappointed for another 12 months two areas in particular Canterbury Gardens and Olive Grove Ringwood Council put the pilot program up for a competition and one in RACV Award of \$5000 Jim said Council had a video which might be nice to see brushy Creek project was reported that it might be getting funding Maroondah Bushlinks has put in an order of priority for Council to purchase interrogating Dr with the endangered Kilsyth spider orchid has about three plants left Robert noted that behind the factory trees have been removed at the fibre make a site beautiful Actros Duncan is to contact Peter Goegan regarding the trees it was an application from a Mr Barry C regarding community involvement he was keen to create a heritage walk in alto Avenue and asked if any of us were willing to take on completing the application form no one volunteered Liz said we appear to have enough on our plate at the moment

12/11

The meeting began with a presentation from two speakers from the EPA Yarra region outlining water pollution stormwater compliant mechanisms available to the community especially through pollution watch and stream watch one of them describes station environment protection policies closing the Yarra catchment action plan were major developments and industrial projects have to be measured to make sure they comply with water standard set by the EPA catchment surveys look at possible sources of pollution and try to present them there are five pilot schemes underway with Council at

present not Maroondah discussion followed on an educated role of the EPA

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the Mayor presented councillors with the city pride of Ward not report it well but Les Willmot moved a motion that CCS thanked street tree submission has been extended a long discussion on this it's a corporate document conflict of documents power clearance which roads in which category which species of canopy trees people do not understand which trees are important in Croydon Warwick is to complete a submission on the 14th regarding the trees at the back of fibre markers Duncan met the enough he will contact the owners it's all he can do we had a meeting with Minister McClellan for planning the invitation was made for him to visit the ridge lines to say for himself being protected for eight years but regularly something happens and loses value scheme is the environmental rules on the Department of planning says it's inappropriate and mentions overlies the minister made comments about houses and threw it back to Castle a public meeting about zoning and overlies will be advertised we must attend the wetlands are going ahead the plans tabled are incorrect and need input from Council about walking tracks Council is to contribute \$60,000 and needs groups like us to support this cost Jim said in a decapitation to Mr Marj go last year it was decided capital works in Ringwood had to be matched in Croydon but this approach could be my gently Ringwood chamber got \$10,000 and they donated similar to Croydon we should try this as a way of equalising Jim said there's a proposal for the shops in Main Street Croydon on one side of Hewitts Road next to a football to be bulldozed to make room for larger supermarket underground parking and removing a couple of shops I also might bulldoze Canterbury Road complex and make it bigger