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Exciting new children's program

Children will soon be jumping, climbing and conquering obstacles like true ninjas at Aquahub.

The Ninja program, coming to Aquahub in June, focuses on the completion of missions to help children push their boundaries, overcome obstacles and practice meditation while developing discipline and resilience.

The program will be delivered in Aquahub's state-of-the-art gymnastics stadium. Lessons are specifically designed for children aged 5 to 12 years and will have them scaling a vertical wall and climbing to new heights on a Ninja Frame.

Parents and children are keen to see the program start, following a recent trial session.

"My son and his friends were so excited and wanted to know when they could do it again. The instructors developed a wonderful rapport with the kids, and there were various activities that exercised different parts of their bodies and minds," Natalie said.

"I loved watching the kids' smiling faces as they engaged in games and learnt new physical skills. The best part was seeing my eldest achieve stunts and jumps she was adamant she wouldn't be able to do!" Deb said.

Austin took part in the session for 5- to 8-year-olds and said, "I liked the obstacle course and wanted to do it even more times."

Celeste enjoyed challenging herself in the session for 9- to 12-year-olds. "You got to do stuff you didn't know you could do. It's so fun."

Visit the Maroondah Leisure website www.maroondahleisure.com.au to stay up to date on the program and express your interest before enrolments open in mid-May.



Scan the QR code to learn more and see the program in action!

Welcome to Maroondah news

Thanks for reading the April edition of Maroondah news.

This is one of many ways that you can keep informed and engaged with the range of Council's services, events and programs.

We also provide other digital and print news publications, including our quarterly Maroondah news magazine, our eNewsletter and regular updates via our website and social media.

If you haven't already, visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au and subscribe to our regular eNewsletters, or keep up to date on our social media channels.

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Council meetings

Council meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month from 7.30pm in the Council Chamber at Realm and are live-streamed via Council's website.

Upcoming dates are:

Monday 28 April
Monday 26 May
Monday 30 June

Council meetings are open to the public and are promoted across a range of channels, with an open invitation to attend. **If attending in person, please arrive on time for the start of the meeting.** Agendas are made available on the Friday before the meeting date.

Council Customer Service opening hours

Our Customer Service team is here to help. Visit us at:

Realm

Ringwood Town Square
179 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood
(opposite Ringwood Station)

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm
Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm
Open most Victorian public holidays.
Open Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, 10am to 5pm. Closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Anzac Day.

Croydon Service Centre

Croydon Library, Civic Square, Croydon
Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Closed on all weekends and public holidays, including Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday and Anzac Day.

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Make the most of your FOGO service

Put your Food Organics and Garden Organics waste to good use.

Did you know that as well as garden prunings and grass clippings, you can add all of the following items into your Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin?

- Fruits and vegetables (including citrus, garlic and onion)
- Bread, rice, pasta, nuts and seeds



- Meat, bones, soft seafood shells
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Flowers and leaves.

Those takeaway leftovers and dinner scrapings that end up in the general waste bin take years to decompose in landfill.

By placing those same scraps into your FOGO bin instead, they are converted into nutrient-rich compost for farms and gardens, including the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

To make the most of your FOGO bin, remove all packaging, and only use the FOGO liners provided by Council.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the FOGO service.

Cracking down on Easter waste

Easter generates extra waste, but you can make your celebrations more sustainable.

Here is how to properly dispose of common Easter items:

- Foil wrappers can be recycled in your blue-lidded recycling bin. Scrunch them together into a ball about the size of a tennis ball first
- Unwanted food, eggshells, leftover chocolate and uneaten hot cross buns can be put into your lime green-lidded Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin
- Hard-shell plastic packaging can be recycled. Separate it from any cardboard or soft plastic packaging, and place it loose in your blue-lidded recycling bin



- Recycle Easter cards and cardboard packaging in your blue-lidded recycling bin
- Reuse or repurpose bows and strings. If they are no longer useable, dispose of them in your general waste bin.

Enjoy an eco-friendly Easter!

Tell us what you think!

Do you have a topic that you'd like to see covered in Maroondah news? Email us at news@maroondah.vic.gov.au

The information provided in this newsletter was accurate at the time of print. For the latest information, please visit Council's website.

Take part in Nature Play Day

Inspire your little nature adventurers to care for our local environment while having fun outside!

Join us on Thursday 10 April from 10am to 1pm at Cheong Park in Croydon for free interactive and creative activities for children 2 to 10 years old, in celebration of Nature PlayWeek.

There will be lots of fun activities, including a nature hunt, nature craft and games, stories and your chance to take photos and be a citizen scientist!

Families with younger children, older children and all abilities are welcome.



Bring a picnic and enjoy the benefits of being active outdoors with your family these school holidays. Remember to dress suitably for the weather and the variety of free activities on offer.

Please note, parents/carers are required to stay with their children at the event.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Council immunisation sessions

Council provides vaccinations to babies, young children, adolescents and adults as per the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and the Victorian Immunisation Schedule, with sessions held at various venues across Maroondah.

Bookings are essential to attend an immunisation session. Council now uses the immunisation booking portal Vitavo. This will ensure your records are transferred to the Australian immunisation register seamlessly. You will also receive reminders about your appointments and can easily change your booking if needed. To book an appointment on Vitavo, you will be requested to create a secure account to use the portal for the first time.

Visit the 'Public immunisation sessions' page on Council's website to book or to learn more.

Grants program applications closing soon



Applications for Council's 2025/26 Community Grants and Arts and Cultural Grants programs are closing on Sunday 13 April.

Community Grants offer support to not-for-profit groups and organisations to deliver projects and programs in Maroondah that enhance community wellbeing, while the Arts and Cultural Grants support community-driven projects, initiatives and events that increase participation in arts and culture.

Visit Council's website to learn more about the funding programs or to submit your application.

Local Anzac Day marches and services

Local marches, commemorative services and dawn services will be held this month in recognition of Anzac Day.

Croydon RSL is hosting an Anzac march and commemorative service from 10am on Sunday 13 April and a dawn service at 5.45am on Friday 25 April. Ringwood RSL is hosting a dawn service at 5.30am on Friday 25 April.

For more details, visit Council's website or call the Croydon RSL on 9723 1315 or the Ringwood RSL on 9870 6604.



Registrations are essential. Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to register or find out more.

Croydon Main Street revitalisation project

Exciting changes are coming to Croydon through the \$15 million Croydon Main Street Revitalisation project. The Australian Government will fund \$7.5 million alongside Council's \$7.5 million funding commitment.

The project will support Council's long-term vision and planning for Maroondah, to ensure our infrastructure and facilities continue to meet the needs of our community.

With funding now secured through the Australian Government's Thriving Suburbs Program, Council will further develop the project, which will include undertaking trader and community consultation in 2025.



Visit Council's website to learn more about the project.



Help shape the future of Maroondah

Share your thoughts on a range of consultations currently open for feedback from our community.

Have your say on the Road Management Plan

Do you live, work, play or travel in Maroondah? Have your say on the proposed Road Management Plan 2025-2029.

Council looks after the network of local roads, car parks and pathways in Maroondah. The Road Management Plan provides the framework under which these assets are managed.

The plan is renewed every four years and outlines Council's commitment to providing a safe local road and pathway network. The proposed plan is available to view online, or as a hard copy at any of Council's customer service centres.



Have your say online by Wednesday 30 April at www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/road-management-plan

Draft Maroondah 2050 Community Vision

We're excited to present our draft Maroondah 2050 Community Vision!



This vision and its five outcome areas are the result of 18 months of engagement with our Maroondah community. During this process, we received over 9,800 responses from our local community, recommendations from the Maroondah Community Panel, and were informed by research into emerging trends, opportunities and challenges. All of these inputs and feedback were considered when

developing this future direction for our community.

The Maroondah 2050 Community Vision provides a roadmap for the community, Council, organisations and businesses, as well as other levels of government, to partner to create a future that further enhances Maroondah as a great place to live, work, play and visit.

Tell us your thoughts on the draft community vision and five outcome areas for the future of Maroondah. Visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website to provide your feedback by Tuesday 22 April.

Closing soon: Domestic Animal Management Plan

Don't miss your opportunity to share your thoughts on Council's new Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029.

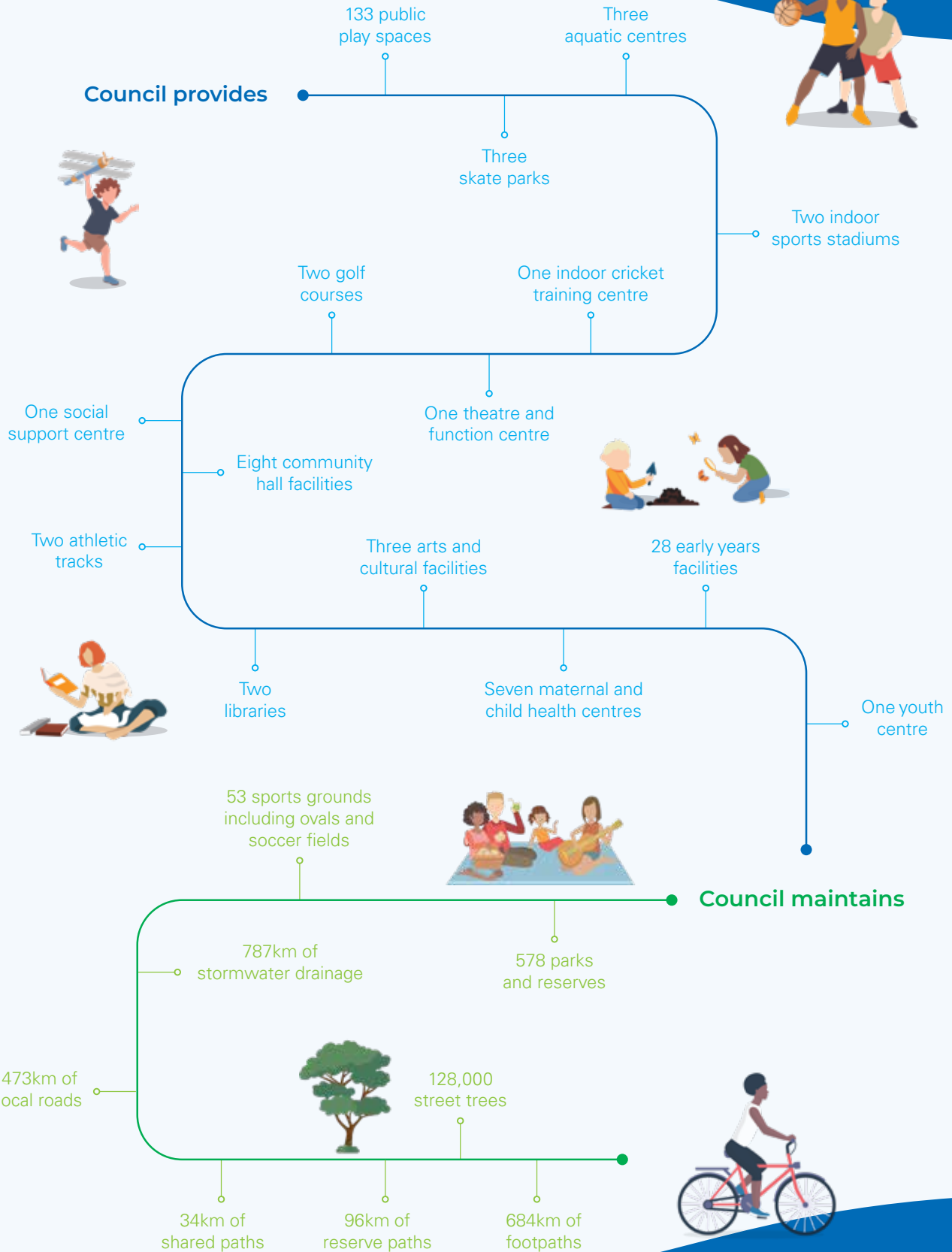
Whether you own a pet or not, we want to hear from you about what is most important to you about managing pets in Maroondah. Your feedback will help to inform Council's animal management service priorities over the next four years.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's Your Say Maroondah website to have your say by Thursday 17 April.



Did you know that...



Visit Council's website to learn more about the broad range of services, programs, events and facilities that Council provides for our community.

What's On

Visit Council's website for more information about these and other events.

Hosting a community event? Visit our website and add your event to our online 'Events calendar'.



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Apr

Wyreena Makers Market

Saturday 12 April, 10am to 3pm
Wyreena Community Arts Centre,
Croydon

Visit our artists and makers inside the Wyreena buildings and buy something for yourself or someone you love. Wander around Wyreena's beautiful garden, bring a picnic or enjoy something to eat from The Conservatory Café. Best for ages 18+ years.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to find out more.



15
Apr

Active Kids, Healthy Minds

Tuesday 15 April, 12noon to 3pm
Town Park, Norton Road, Croydon

Come along to a free outdoor games day for kids and families! Spend time together and have fun playing outdoor games, including AFL, basketball, cricket, football, giant games, golf, Go Girls soccer, gymnastics, hockey, martial arts, tennis, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, a Gecko Sports obstacle course and more!

This event is suited to pre-school and primary aged children, but all ages are welcome.



Registrations are essential. Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for details and to register.



23
Apr

Meet the Author: Tony Birch

Wednesday 23 April, 2pm to 3pm
Croydon Library, Civic Square, Croydon

Tony Birch is an award-winning writer of short fiction, novels and essays. He is also an educator and teacher of writing and history. Hear from Tony about his novel, *Women & Children*; a powerful, personal novel which explores the love and courage between two sisters, and a sudden loss of childhood innocence.



Scan the QR code, visit the Your Library website www.yourlibrary.com.au or call Croydon Library on 9800 6448 to find out more or book.



2
May

Maroondah Night Run

Friday 2 May, 6pm start
Ringwood Golf, 352 Canterbury Road,
Ringwood

Join in the fun in this glow-filled 5km run or walk around Ringwood Golf course. Try for a personal best or simply enjoy the serenity of the golf course. Dress in your brightest activewear or bring your own glow sticks! All ages and athletic abilities are welcome.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for details, registration prices and to register.



14
May

'Are You Safe at Home?' Day webinar

Wednesday 14 May, 7.30pm, Online

Join writer and former journalist Jane Gilmore and a panel of experts to explore the theme 'Know your Rights'. The event will focus on how to navigate family violence support services, including legal services for victim survivors of family violence and their loved ones.



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for details and to register.



15
May

Growing through adversity with Professor Lea Waters

Thursday 15 May, 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Karralyka, Ringwood East

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to hear from renowned psychologist and author Professor Lea Waters. Discover how you can use challenging times to grow emotionally, psychologically and socially. Brought to you by Communities of Wellbeing in partnership with Council.



Tickets are \$10 per person, bookings essential.

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to book.

Take part in the City Nature Challenge

Discover Maroondah's remarkable urban biodiversity from Friday 25 April to Monday 28 April.

Download the free iNaturalist app, check out Maroondah's natural reserves, parks and trails, and document your observations of wild plants and animals.

You can find a handy guide to using iNaturalist on Council's website.

Join a discovery event during the challenge to learn more about birds, spiders, moths, fungi and plants in Maroondah.

Visit the 'Discovering nature' page on Council's website to find out more and register.

Making progress in Maroondah

As part of Council's \$65.49 million Capital Works Program, projects are continuing to take shape.

Facilities

Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park



Construction continues in Ringwood to build the new Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park at 1 Bedford Road. The c.110-year-old heritage Blood Brothers building is settling into its new home on the southeast corner of the site and the main structure of the new car park has made significant construction progress. The vision of the car park will start to come to life this month, with external and internal works underway. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Ringwood-Activity-Centre-carpark

Ringwood Golf



New cart paths and walkway improvements are complete at Ringwood Golf. A new path has been constructed at the 18th hole and a path extension has been completed at the 10th hole. Drainage improvement works are also complete. Find out more about Ringwood Golf at www.maroondahleisure.com.au/Our-venues/Ringwood-Golf

Yarra Community Centre upgrade

Works are wrapping up this month to upgrade the multipurpose community building in Yarra Reserve, Croydon Hills. A new outdoor deck has been constructed, expanding the current building capacity to allow for outdoor events. The deck faces out towards the water, showing off the unique flora and fauna in the reserve. A new roof has also been constructed. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Yarra-Reserve-building-upgrade

Karralyka redevelopment works



Foyer extension works at Karralyka in Ringwood East are wrapping up in the next month. The building and roof extension and all internal fit out works are now complete. The community will soon be able to enjoy a new expansive, light-filled foyer and bar area, an outdoor area perfect for the warmer months and an extended function space. These works are due for completion next month. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/karralyka-foyer-works

Drainage and open space

Norwood Reserve Enhancement Plan



Drainage works are complete and car park works are wrapping up this month as part of the Norwood Reserve Enhancement Plan. Hard landscaping works are scheduled to commence from mid-2025 and will feature flexible open spaces, natural play elements, seating and a loop walking trail. Subject to weather and contractor availability, landscaping works are due for completion this spring, with tree planting works following. View the plans and find out more at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Norwood-Reserve-enhancement-plan

Roads

Holloway Road reconstruction

Funding has been made available in the 2024/25 financial year for the design of the reconstruction of Holloway Road, Croydon North between Yarra Road and Lyons Road. Following community consultation that was completed in January and February, the design plans are now in development. It is expected construction will commence in early 2026, subject to funding and contractor availability. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Holloway-Road-reconstruction

Victoria Street reconstruction

Road reconstruction and improvement works are underway at Victoria Street, between Knaith Road and Railway Avenue and at the intersection of Victoria Street and Railway Avenue, in Ringwood East. Stage 1 of works includes the reconstruction of kerb and channel, vehicle crossings and pedestrian kerb ramps. Works are expected to finish in early July. Find out more online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Victoria-Street-reconstruction-works

Solar projects



As a certified Carbon Neutral organisation that embraces clean energy solutions, there are many new solar panels being installed across several Council buildings to reduce our environmental impact. A new 5kw solar system is being installed at Glen Park Community Centre in Bayswater North this month, and as part of the Karralyka redevelopment works there will be solar panels installed in the next stage of construction. Find out more about Council's carbon neutral certification online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Carbon-neutral-Council



Learn more

Scan the QR code to visit the 'Maroondah projects' page on Council's website to find out more and see other projects in progress. You can also enter your location to find projects near you.



Supporting Maroondah families to access team sports

Could you use some financial support to enrol your child in a team sport?

Council's Sports 4 All Maroondah program is a partnership with local sporting organisations and Melbourne-based charity Team Sports 4 All, who connects eligible families with their chosen sport and provides ongoing financial support so that every child can participate in team sports!

Children aged 5 to 18 years can join a free 'Come and Try' session to try out a sport first, including volleyball, AFL, gymnastics, golf, soccer, cricket, tennis and basketball.

Primary and secondary school children of all abilities are welcome!



Scan the QR code or visit Council's website to find out more or register for a sport.



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