



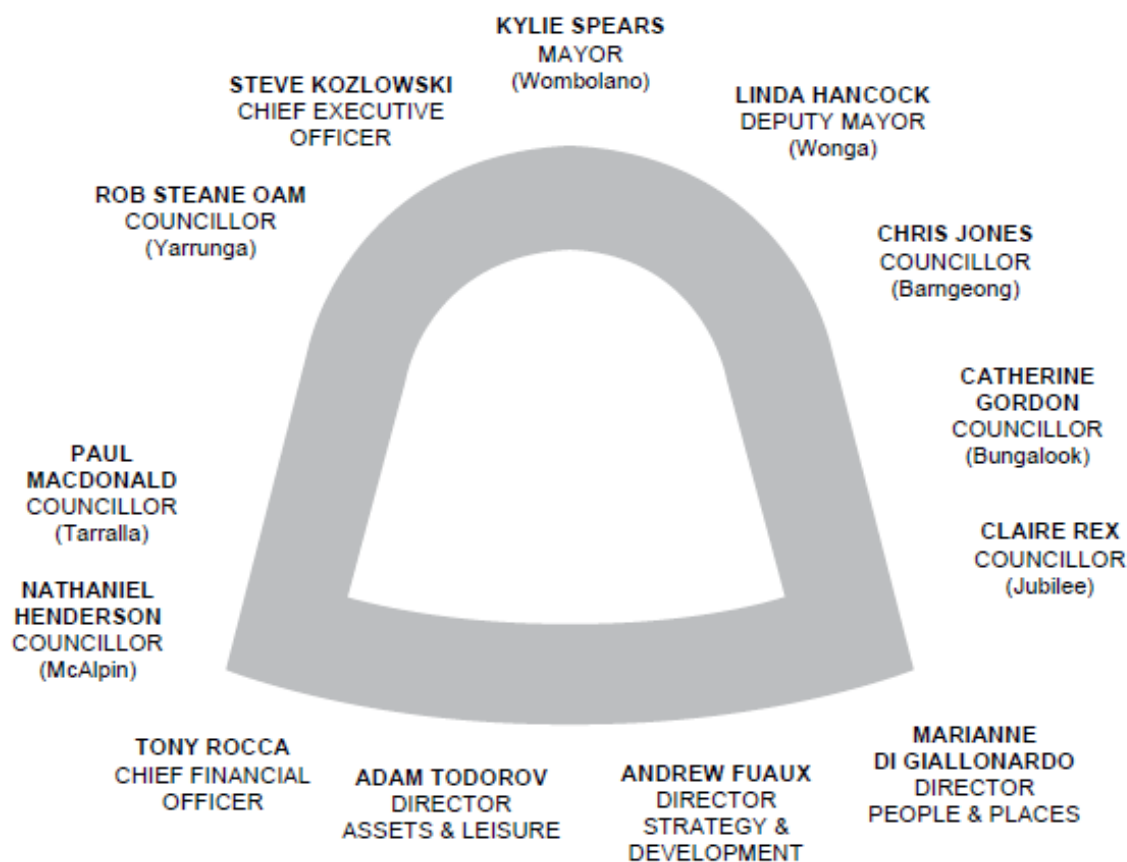
Council Meeting Agenda

Monday 27 October 2025

Commencing at 7:30pm

Realm - Council Chamber
Level 2, 179 Maroondah Highway
Ringwood

Council Chamber Seating



APOLOGY

DANIELLA HEATHERICH COUNCILLOR (Wicklow)

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for Councillors to report on Council activities undertaken since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council and forthcoming ward activities.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in *Maroondah 2050 - Our Future Together* and the *Council Plan 2025-2029* provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

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Key Directions 2025 – 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

It is intended that the Mayor and Councillors be given the opportunity to present a verbal or written report updating Council on the activities they have undertaken since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council on 22 September 2025 in their role as Councillors and forthcoming ward activities.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate that Councillors formally report to Council upon the activities they have undertaken in their role as Councillors.

ATTENDANCE REPORT Cont'd**ITEM 1****ATTACHMENTS**

Not applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

ITEM 2

PURPOSE

To present the 'Public Record' of those Councillor Briefings which are attended by Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings at Realm, usually two weeks prior to the formal Council Meeting, and to note the issues discussed.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

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Key Directions 2025 – 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.

BACKGROUND

As part of decision-making processes at Maroondah, it is essential that Councillors are briefed on a range of issues which come before Council for consideration. As a means of providing this information, Councillor Briefings are conducted.

Councillor Briefings are also attended by Council Officers, and sometimes other specific advisors, to provide Councillors with a detailed knowledge and understanding of issues under consideration to a level of detail that would inhibit timely decision-making, that would not be possible in an open Council meeting, where decision-making related debate is governed by strict meeting procedures.

A Councillor Briefing is a non-decision-making forum, and as per past good governance practice, is deemed to be a scheduled or planned meeting comprising a majority of Councillors (at least 5) and one (1) Council employee, for the purpose of discussing matters that are intended or likely to be:

- the subject of a decision of the Council; or
- subject to the exercise of a delegated function, duty or power of Council.

Examples of a Councillor Briefings may include:

- On-site inspections,
- Consultative Meetings with residents, developers, consultants
- Meetings with local organisations, Government Departments, statutory authorities, and local politicians.

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS Cont'd**ITEM 2****ISSUE / DISCUSSION**

Councillor Briefings are generally held twice a month, on Monday evenings at Realm, usually two (2) weeks prior to, and on the night of a formal Council meeting.

The intent of this report is to present a 'Public Record' of those Councillor Briefings which are generally attended by all Councillors and typically held on Monday evenings, and to note the items discussed. The 'Public Record' of the Councillor Briefings held on 22 September 2025 and 6 October 2025 are attached for information.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Councillor Briefings are important forums for advice and discussion, on what are often complex issues facing the municipality, in the lead up to formal decisions being made by Councillors at Council Meetings. At Councillor Briefings, or outside them, Councillors also have the opportunity of requesting additional information to assist in the decision-making process. It is appropriate that the 'Public Record' of those Councillor Briefings, which are attended by a majority of Councillors, i.e., at least five (5) Councillors and one (1) employee of Council, be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  2025 September 22 - Councillor Briefing Public Record
2.  2025 October 06 - Councillor Briefing Public Record

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 AND 6 OCTOBER 2025

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS

ITEM 3

PURPOSE

To receive and note meeting minutes from the following organisations, boards and/or advisory committees where Council is represented:

- Maroondah Business Advisory Committee held on 20 August 2025

The Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee was held on 14 October 2025 however, according to the Terms of Reference, the required attendance to achieve a quorum was not achieved at the meeting and therefore no minutes have been included in this report.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

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Key Directions 2025 – 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.

BACKGROUND

As part of Council's commitment to the principles and practice of good governance, it is appropriate that Councillors and the Community are formally updated on the actions and activities of the various organisations, boards and advisory committees where Council is represented.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council is represented on numerous internal and external bodies.

Internal advisory committees have been initiated by Council and are serviced administratively. They typically consider in-depth issues that are related to Council policy or activities.

External bodies operate under their own charter and determine their own procedures, policies and practices. In these instances, Council involvement is to participate and influence the activities of those external organisations, boards and committees where those activities are in the interests of Maroondah residents.

Representation on these internal and external bodies is reviewed on an annual basis at the commencement of the new Mayoral term.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS Cont'd

ITEM 3

Council representatives for the bodies providing reports for this item are noted below:

Crs Henderson, Spears and Steane are Council's Representatives on the Maroondah Business Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate that Councillors and the community are formally updated on the actions and activities of the various organisations, boards and advisory committees where Council is represented. Recent meeting minutes from a number of these bodies are tabled for noting.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  2025 August 20 - Maroondah Business Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE MAROONDAH BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2025

**2024 COUNCIL ELECTION REPORT FROM THE VICTORIAN
ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

ITEM 4

PURPOSE

As required by Regulation 83 of the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020* (the Regulations), the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has provided Council with an Election Report for the Maroondah City Council general election held in 2024. Additionally, the VEC has issued a Report to State Parliament on the 2024 Local Government elections for the whole of the sector.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

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Key Directions 2025 – 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has provided Council with a report on the 2024 Maroondah City Council general election, including details of the end-to-end service delivery of electoral activities throughout the election timeline. The report also provides details of post-election items including compulsory voting enforcement. As a requirement of section 83 of the Regulations, this report has been written for Council noting, with the electoral documentation attached.

Additionally, the VEC has issued a report to Parliament on the 2024 Local Government elections. This report is also attached and provides information on the planning and functions of the VEC throughout the election timeline and its performance in the execution of the 2024 government elections.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Maroondah City Council - Election Report 2024:

The report attached from the VEC, including the accompanying letter to the Chief Executive Officer, provides Council with contextual information regarding the election process along with some specific information relating to Maroondah City Council.

**2024 COUNCIL ELECTION REPORT FROM THE VICTORIAN
ELECTORAL COMMISSION Cont'd**

ITEM 4

The report comprehensively documents detailed information relating to the demographics of the municipality, the ward structure and number of nominations by ward, candidate statements, postal vote process and results per ward enrolment number and category, count summaries, percentage first preference results, formal and informal votes, voter turnout and complaints. The majority of complaints related to election participant behaviour and each complaint was responded to by the VEC. This number is understood to be very low compared to other local authorities. Three complaints were referred to the Local Government Inspectorate (LGI). All statutory requirements including voter communications were completed in an accurate and timely manner.

As required by the Regulations, this report is tabled with Council for noting.

Report to State Parliament on the 2024 Local Government elections:

The VEC has issued a report to Parliament on the 2024 Local Government elections. This report provides information on the planning and functions of the VEC throughout the election timeline and its performance in the execution of the 2024 government elections.

The report makes 27 operational commitments for continuous improvement by the VEC ahead of future elections and 26 technical recommendations to the Victorian Government. These recommendations are aimed at enhancing future Local Government elections informed by feedback from voters and other stakeholders through the VEC's post-election evaluation, for consideration by the Government and Local Government sector.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

This is the final report required to be undertaken by the VEC regarding the 2024 local government elections, providing a valuable source of information for the Maroondah community regarding the recent election process.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Victorian local government general elections are a critical governance function of local government. The attached reports provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission provide a valuable summary of Council's 2024 local government elections.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Maroondah City Council - Letter to CEO - Election Report 2024
2.  Maroondah City Council - 2024 Local Government Election Report
3.  VEC Report to Parliament on the 2024 local government elections

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – TONY ROCCA

**2024 COUNCIL ELECTION REPORT FROM THE VICTORIAN
ELECTORAL COMMISSION Cont'd**

ITEM 4

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE ATTACHED REPORTS AND LETTER RECEIVED FROM
THE VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION REGARDING THE 2024 GENERAL
ELECTION**

INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION TO COUNCIL OFFICERS**ITEM 5****PURPOSE**

To review the current Council Instruments of Delegation to Council Officers, as required by section 11(7) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, following on from the Local Government elections in 2024 and fulfilling our obligation for a delegation review within 12 months of an election.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

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Key Directions 2025 – 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.

BACKGROUND

Council delegates broad powers to the CEO, via a formal Instrument of Delegation. The CEO is then able to sub-delegate these powers, duties or functions to appropriate Council Officers.

Council also delegates specific powers directly to Council Officers with respect to matters which cannot be sub-delegated by the CEO, which form the subject of this report.

The Instruments of Delegation relate to the following Acts and Regulations:

- Domestic Animals Act 1994
- Food Act 1984
- Environment Protection Act 2017
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Planning and Environment Regulations 2015
- Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016
- Road Management Act 2004
- Road Management (General) Regulations 2016, and
- Road Management (Works & Infrastructure) Regulations 2015.

**INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION TO COUNCIL OFFICERS
Cont'd****ITEM 5****ISSUE / DISCUSSION**

Amendments to the delegated powers, duties and functions in the attached Instruments of Delegation to Council Officers are largely administrative in nature, reflecting changes in employee position titles and legislative amendments.

The Instruments of Delegation (as attached) have been prepared based on current advice provided by Council's solicitors, Maddocks.

Consultation has occurred with relevant Council Officers during the preparation of the Instruments of Delegation to ensure that appropriate delegates have been nominated.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Reviewing Council's delegations ensures that Council continues to comply with its obligations under various Acts and Regulations, which enable the operations of Council to be carried out efficiently. It is recommended that Council signs and seals the Instruments of Delegation as attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  S6 Instrument of Delegation to Council Officers
2.  S18 Instrument of Sub-Delegation (EP Act 2017)

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

**INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION TO COUNCIL OFFICERS
Cont'd**

ITEM 5

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL, IN THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY SECTION 11 OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020* (THE ACT) AND THE OTHER LEGISLATION REFERRED TO IN THE ATTACHED INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION, RESOLVES THAT

- 1. THERE BE DELEGATED TO THE COUNCIL OFFICERS HOLDING, ACTING IN OR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OR POSITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE ATTACHED INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION TO COUNCIL OFFICERS, THE POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS SET OUT IN THAT INSTRUMENT, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN THAT INSTRUMENT**
- 2. THE INSTRUMENTS COME INTO FORCE IMMEDIATELY THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL IS AFFIXED TO THE INSTRUMENTS, AND REMAINS IN FORCE UNTIL THEY ARE REVOKED BY COUNCIL**
- 3. ON THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE TWO (2) INSTRUMENTS, THE PREVIOUS TWO (2) INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION TO COUNCIL OFFICERS ARE REVOKED**
- 4. THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS SET OUT IN THE INSTRUMENTS MUST BE PERFORMED, AND THE POWERS SET OUT IN THE INSTRUMENTS MUST BE EXECUTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY GUIDELINES OR POLICIES WHICH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME ADOPT**

**FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT
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REPORT**

ITEM 6

PURPOSE

To formally consider the Maroondah City Council *Annual Report 2024/25*, pursuant to the statutory requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and its associated regulations.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in *Maroondah 2050 - Our Future Together* and the *Council Plan 2025-2029* provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

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Key Directions 2025 - 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.
- 5.2 Prioritise responsible, sustainable and timely management of Maroondah's financial resources, assets, infrastructure and the natural environment.

BACKGROUND

As per the statutory requirements of Section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is required to prepare an Annual Report each financial year.

Section 100 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to hold an open meeting to consider the Report within four (4) months of the end of the financial year.

Key features of the Annual Report must include the following:

- A report of Council's operations during the financial year.
- Audited financial statements for the financial year.
- Audited performance statement for the financial year.
- A copy of the auditor's report on the financial statements.
- A copy of the auditor's report on the performance statement.
- Any other matters prescribed by the regulations including relevant performance indicator results and checklist items from the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

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ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The *Annual Report 2024/25* details the achievements, performance, and financial management of Maroondah City Council for the 2024/25 financial year, as measured against the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2024/25 Update)* and the *Annual Budget 2024/25* and demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to working towards the community's vision and priorities for the future of Maroondah, whilst also meeting statutory, operational and budget requirements.

In 2024/25, Council fulfilled the final year of the *Council Plan 2021-2025*, undertaking 40 priority actions which included:

- Adopting the *Physical Activity Strategy 2024-2029* and *Mullum Mullum Creek Biolink Action Plan 2025-2035*, continuing implementation of the *Maroondah Liveability, Wellbeing and Resilience Strategy 2021-2031*, *Stadium Sports Strategy 2023*, *Melbourne East Region Fair Access Policy*, *Bayswater Business Precinct Transformation Strategy*, *Sustainability Strategy 2022-2031*, and *Waste, Litter and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020-2030*; as well as developing strategies and plans for a creative Maroondah, climate change, customer service, connected communities, Croydon Activity Centre, and Ringwood North and Croydon South local neighbourhoods.
- Working in partnership to deliver services and cultural experiences in the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct Community Hub, and planning for services and experiences in the Cultural Hub.
- Undertaking planning activities, and advocating / exploring funding opportunities for The Rings and Ringwood Golf redevelopment, as well as preparing concepts designs for the Quambee Reserve tennis redevelopment.
- Working in partnership with the Victorian Government to support the construction of a new hospital in Maroondah; implementation of the *Best Start Best Life* kindergarten reforms; removal of level crossings at Bedford Road Ringwood, Dublin Road Ringwood East and Coolstore Road Croydon, and the construction of new stations at Ringwood East and Croydon; and implementation of the objectives of Victoria's Housing Statement for the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre.
- Identifying and facilitating co-working opportunities in Maroondah.
- Understanding the staged redevelopment of Karralyka, including the completion of the foyer extension works; and planning for the upcoming construction of the Cultural Hub and Multipurpose Hub within the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct.
- Working in partnership to successfully advocate for funding for future stages of the Reimaging Tarralla Creek project, including a \$9.8 million grant from the Australian Government Urban Rivers Catchment Program.
- Continuing delivery of the annual streetscape enhancement program.

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- Continuing construction of the \$33.6 million Ringwood Activity Centre Car Park, undertaking community engagement and detailed design works for the upgrade of Holloway Road, Croydon; as well as completing the first section of renewal works on the Mullum Mullum Creek trails (between Liris Court and Ashcombe Drive), and constructing 3.82 kilometres of footpaths in the Principal Pedestrian Network.
- Successfully advocating for funding from the Australian Government Black Spot Program, including \$1.36 million to improve the intersection of Eastfield Road and Railway Avenue in Ringwood East, and \$794,000 for four traffic and pedestrian improvements in Ringwood, Ringwood North, Croydon Hills and Kilsyth; as well as Australian Government Active Transport Program funding for shared used paths along Greenwood Avenue Ringwood (\$680,000) and Liverpool Road Kilsyth (\$464,000), and joint Australian and Victorian Government Road Blitz Program funding of \$3.5 million to prepare a detailed business case for intersection improvements at Yarra Road and Maroondah Highway.
- Completing the Sherbrook Drainage Catchment Upgrades, the final stage of the broader Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre drainage upgrades.
- Planning for enhancements within the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre, including advocating for the Maroondah Highway Boulevard project, and developing a landscape plan for Staley Gardens.
- Continuing to monitor and respond to Australian Government My Aged Care Reforms.
- Receiving over \$50 million in funding during 2024/25, including successfully advocating for Australian Government funding of \$7.5 million for Stage 3 of the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct (CCWP) and \$7.5 million for the Croydon Main Street Revitalisation project; as well as \$1 million from the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program towards the new Croydon Library as part of CCWP.
- Updating and implementing Council's Election Period Policy ahead of the local government elections in October 2024, and working with the Victorian Electoral Commission to coordinate the election on 26 October 2024.
- Adopting a new community vision for Maroondah and the *Council Plan 2025-2029*.
- Implementing Council's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Program, and ongoing security hardening and additional controls to minimise cybersecurity impacts.

Other activities and achievements of Council during the 2024/25 financial year included:

- Undertaking improvements to facilities and playspaces across Maroondah including, retiling and other improvements works at Aquahub, installation of sports field lighting at North Ringwood Reserve, playspace upgrades at Bungalook Reserve in Bayswater North, Little John Reserve in Warranwood and San Martin Reserve in Croydon North, and renewal works at Grayswood Reserve skate precinct in Kilsyth South.
- Undertaking capital improvement works at commercial centres at Bedford Road in Ringwood East, Maroondah Village in Croydon North, and Clegg Avenue in Croydon.

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- Successfully delivering a range of events for the Maroondah community including, Maroondah Festival, Maroondah Carols, Maroondah Night Run, Run Maroondah, City Nature Challenge, Great Southern Bioblitz, International Women's Day, Active Kids Healthy Minds, Growing Wellbeing Activity Day, Children's Week Twilight Picnic, Seniors Festival and Luncheon, Poolside Pride, Australia Day, Mullum Market and Celebrate Maroondah movie night, Superhero Sunday and Dogs' Day Out.
- Supporting Maroondah business, including the delivery of BizMonth25 and Maroondah Business Excellence Awards 2024; as well as the launch of Women in Business.
- Launching the *Reignite Croydon - Laneway Lights* project featuring captivating artworks that uses light in different ways in three lanes off Croydon Main Street.
- Leading sector advocacy on the costs and benefits of the Victorian Government proposed glass only bin service.
- Consulting with the community on important projects including Council's *Road Management Plan 2025-2029*, *Maroondah Bicycle Network Plan*, *Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029*, *Communications Strategy 2025-2029*, Croydon Main Street Revitalisation, Liveable Neighbourhoods Place Planning and Council's future strategic documents including the *Council Plan 2025-2029*, *Asset Plan 2025 to 2035*, *Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2034/35*, *Annual Budget 2025/26* and *Revenue and Rating Plan 2025/26 to 2028/29*.
- Adopting a range of strategies, plans and policies including, *Maroondah Transport Strategy 2025-2035*, *Road Management Plan 2025-2029*, *Asset Plan 2025 to 2035*, *Public Toilet Policy 2024-2029*; *Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2034/35*, *Annual Budget 2025/26* and *Revenue and Rating Plan 2025/26 to 2028/29*.
- Continuing regional partnerships and initiatives, including actively supporting the Eastern Region Group of Councils (ERG).

The full listing of Council activities, outcomes and achievements during the 2024/25 financial year can be found in the attached *Annual Report 2024/25*.

A summary of Council's achievements can also be found in the attached *Our Achievements 2024/25* summary report.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Councils 2024/25 financial performance reflects strong fiscal discipline and a continued commitment to delivering high-quality services and infrastructure within a challenging economic environment.

The Financial Plan outlines Council's projected financial position for the next 10 years and provides a guide to Council and the community about the future directions and operations of Council. The Financial Plan demonstrates Council's long-term financial sustainability and ensures we can continue to invest in community facilities and services while operating within the rate cap environment set out under the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System.

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This sound financial management has enabled Council to maintain service levels, progress key capital works, and achieve a required financial position.

Council has returned an operating surplus of \$33.85 million in 2024/25, with an adjusted underlying surplus of \$1.23 million; a key indicator of ongoing financial sustainability under the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

In 2024/25, Council complied with the Victorian Government's rate cap of 2.75 per cent. With an average property rate of \$2,113, Maroondah remains among the lowest 10 Councils in Victoria on an average rates per assessment basis, reflecting Council's continued commitment to affordability.

During 2024/25, Council invested over \$55 million in community infrastructure, maintaining strong asset renewal and ensuring facilities meet the needs of the community.

Council's cash position increased to \$78.44 million, primarily due to the timing of capital works and continued prudent treasury management. The working capital ratio strengthened to 162.06%, reflecting Council's sound liquidity position to meet short-term obligations.

Looking ahead, Council will continue to balance affordability with investment in community priorities, guided by the 10-year Financial Plan and Maroondah 2050 Community Vision.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

As noted in the *Annual Report 2024/25*.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

As noted in the *Annual Report 2024/25*.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council will make the *Annual Report 2024/25* and the *Our Achievements 2024/25* summary report available to the Maroondah community through its website and at its customer service centres.

CONCLUSION

The *Annual Report 2024/25* outlines and confirms that Council has made significant advances towards achieving the community aspirations outlined in the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision. This relates to community service delivery, environmental enhancements, economic development, infrastructure development and civic administration and leadership, in addition to its statutory requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Maroondah City Council - Annual Report 2024/25
2.  Maroondah City Council - Our Achievements 2024/25

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CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. NOTES THAT THE RELEVANT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MET**
- 2. FORMALLY ENDORSES THE MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**
- 3. NOTES THE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2024/25 SUMMARY REPORT**

OUTCOME - MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE
COUNCIL - 10 OCTOBER 2025

ITEM 7

PURPOSE

To advise on the outcome of the motion submitted by Council to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting held on Friday 10 October 2025.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2050 - Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2025-2029 provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A well governed and empowered community.

Our Community's Aspiration: Council continues to be a transparent, accountable, and future-focused leader that collaborates locally and regionally and actively champions local needs. Everyone in Maroondah is informed about matters that affect them and are provided with opportunities to meaningfully engage regarding Council decision making.

Key Directions 2025 – 2029:

- 5.1 Ensure transparent and accountable governance, including balanced and sustainable decision making that is evidence informed and is in the best interests of the community.
- 5.9 Advocate for and champion the needs and aspirations of the community to the Victorian and Australian Governments, service providers and the business sector.

Priority action 2025-2026:

Advocate on key local issues on behalf of the Maroondah community, including the lead up to the Victorian Government elections in 2026.

BACKGROUND

The MAV is one of the Victorian local government sector peak body associations and together with local members of Parliament, provides significant advocacy to both Victorian and Australian Governments on behalf of Maroondah residents and ratepayers.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Annual Meeting was held on Friday 10 October 2025 with Council having resolved to submit one motion.

The motion submitted was viewed as being of significance across the Victorian Local Government sector and therefore of importance for debate and consideration by the MAV State Council Meeting.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Motion Number/Name	Outcome
Motion 5: Reinstating a consistent, inclusive, transparent approach to the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey	Not Carried 49/51

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The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey provides an opportunity for the sector to benchmark the performance of Councils regarding their financial performance across a standard set of indicators.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey provides an opportunity for the sector to benchmark the performance of Councils in relation to the built and natural environment across a standard set of indicators.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey provides an opportunity for the sector to benchmark the performance of Councils on a range of social and community services across a standard set of indicators.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council, through various forums, consultations, and strategies, has engaged the Maroondah community regarding various issues. This report further demonstrates Council's preparedness to advocate to the Victorian Government on behalf of Maroondah residents.

CONCLUSION

The motion indicates the willingness of Council to advocate in such forums to other spheres of government on behalf of residents and ratepayers, in addition to demonstrating Council's continued leadership on issues within the sector.

ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE OUTCOME OF THE MOTION SUBMITTED BY
MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA
STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2025**

**PETITION - CROYDON U3A REQUEST TO PRESERVE AND
UPGRADE THE EXISTING CROYDON LIBRARY**

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To receive a petition from Croydon U3A that was submitted to Council on 14 October 2025, requesting the preservation and upgrade of the existing Croydon Library building.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in *Maroondah 2050 - Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2025-2029* provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A healthy, inclusive and connected community.

Our Community's Aspiration: Everyone in Maroondah feels valued, welcome and respected, and has opportunities to thrive regardless of their background, identity, or circumstances. Community members experiencing vulnerability, marginalisation, or disadvantage have access to the support they need. Opportunities for social connection and to enhance health and wellbeing are encouraged.

Key Directions 2025 - 2029:

- 1.12 Facilitate the provision of lifelong learning opportunities for all people in Maroondah.
- 1.13 Provide inclusive and accessible places and spaces in the built and natural environments for community gathering and social connection.
- 1.15 Support community groups, clubs and organisation as providers of opportunities for belonging connection and participation.

Priority Action 2025 - 2029:

Undertake the staged redevelopment of the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct.

BACKGROUND

The Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct (CCWP) masterplan was endorsed by Council at its meeting on Monday 27 July 2020, and outlined the proposed significant redevelopment of the precinct, in stages, over a number of years. The four (4) key stages are as follows:

- **Stage 1: Community Hub** - Major redevelopment of the former Croydon Civic Offices into a Community Hub providing accommodation for a range of community groups, including Croydon U3A
- **Stage 2: Cultural Hub** - Construction of a new significant Hub in the north west corner of the site, to accommodate the Croydon Library, event space ("black box" theatre), multipurpose rooms, café and commercial space
- **Stage 3: Multipurpose Hub and Open Space Improvements** - Construction of a new Multipurpose Hub, two (2) new synthetic bowling greens with covered roof structures, and open space improvements.

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- **Stage 4: Northeast Mixed Use Development Partnership Opportunity and possible Aquahub Aquatic Centre improvements** - Proposed Public Private Partnership (PPP) opportunity for the provision of a multi-level mixed use development in the north east part of the site to complement the precinct.

Stage 1 of the redevelopment was completed in 2022/23, utilising the \$2m in external funding received from the Federal Government, and stage 2 and part of stage 3 are currently underway. The remaining part of stage 3, specifically in relation to the open space improvements, will occur after the construction of the Cultural Hub and the Multipurpose Hub and following the relocation of the various groups associated.

The Croydon Library facility is continuing to operate as a Library for the next two (2) years, after which time the service will relocate to the newly constructed Cultural Hub (i.e. as part of Stage 2). Discussions are also continuing with the Croydon Historical Society in relation to potential options for their relocation in approximately two (2) years' time. The Croydon Library facility will then become vacant following the relocation of these groups and services. The endorsed masterplan identified that the Croydon Library facility would be demolished after this time, with the space being used for complementary public open space.

Croydon U3A are currently utilising part of the Community Hub, as well as other facilities in the area, in accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was established with Council in 2021. The MoU identifies that in the medium term (i.e. 3–4-year timeframe following the finalisation of the MoU), Croydon U3A would gain access to the shared multipurpose rooms within the Cultural Hub, once constructed. In the longer term (5+ years), Croydon U3A would gain access to additional multipurpose space within the existing Community Hub.

It should be noted that the CCWP redevelopment project is a significant and very complex project, and there are a number of moving parts as part of the stages and the associated logistics. Stage 3 has now been accelerated, as a result of the \$7.5m in external funding received from the Federal Government, and as such, there will be additional multipurpose space available for use once the Multipurpose Hub is completed (in approximately 2 years time also).

Council Officers have been meeting with Croydon U3A regularly, to provide updates on the overall CCWP redevelopment project, and to discuss accommodation matters and options, and will continue to do so, as the CCWP redevelopment project progresses.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The prayer of the petition states:

"We, the undersigned, respectfully urge Maroondah City Council to preserve and upgrade the existing Croydon Library building rather than demolish it for open space. This facility is more than bricks and mortar-it is a vital hub for lifelong learning, social connection, and community wellbeing.

U3A Croydon, run entirely by volunteers, provides affordable, accessible classes and activities keeping members fit & active, that directly support the Council's vision for successful ageing but does not have a central & permanent home.

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Our senior citizens rely on having space not only for education but for companionship, purpose, and inclusion. The current building's location, layout, and familiarity make it uniquely suited to the needs of older residents, many of whom face mobility, transport, and financial barriers.

We acknowledge the need for roof and HVAC upgrades and welcome improvements that ensure safety and sustainability. However, we strongly advocate for refurbishment-not removal.

Note the refurbishment would cost far less than building a new facility for U3A Croydon. In 2019, Michael Sukkar MP promised "a new home" for Croydon U3A, we believe the money has been paid to Council but the promise not delivered.

Investing in this existing infrastructure is an investment in the health, dignity and resilience of our ageing population.

Please stand with us in valuing community-led initiatives and protecting spaces that empower older residents to thrive, The Croydon Library building is not just a venue-it can be a home for U3A Croydon."

The petition includes 1342 signatures.

As previously mentioned, the Croydon Library facility will continue to operate as a library for the next two (2) years, until the library service relocates to the new Cultural Hub. Hence, no demolition of the Croydon Library is proposed to occur in the short term.

Council Officers are proposing to undertake a review of the CCWP following completion of the Cultural Hub and the Multipurpose Hub, in approximately two (2) years time. This review will include discussion with the various community groups, as well as an assessment of the facilities, accommodation needs, and the open space needs.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council Officers will continue to meet with Croydon U3A to discuss accommodation options in the short, medium and longer term, to ensure that sufficient accommodation is available for their service provision.

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CONCLUSION

The Croydon Library will continue to operate as a Library for the next two (2) years, until the library service relocates to the new Cultural Hub, and Council Officers will undertake a detailed review of the precinct, including the Croydon Library, after this time.

ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PETITION RECEIVED ON 14 OCTOBER 2025 FROM CROYDON U3A REQUESTING THE PRESERVATION AND UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING CROYDON LIBRARY BUILDING**
- 2. CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE CROYDON U3A COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO THE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN THE SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONGER TERM, TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR SERVICE PROVISION**
- 3. UNDERTAKES A FURTHER REVIEW OF THE CROYDON COMMUNITY WELLBEING PRECINCT FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE CULTURAL HUB AND THE MULTIPURPOSE HUB PROJECTS, IN APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) YEARS TIME**
- 4. ADVISES THE LEAD PETITIONER ACCORDINGLY**

DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026-2029**ITEM 1****PURPOSE**

To present and seek Council's endorsement of the revised Maroondah Council Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026 - 2029. This plan has been developed using Council's Community Engagement Policy and principles and accords with the requirements of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in *Maroondah 2050 - Our Future Together* and the *Council Plan 2025-2029* provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A safe and liveable community

Our Community's Aspiration: Everyone in Maroondah feels physically and emotionally safe. Local neighbourhoods and activity centres are easy to move around. There are the housing options, amenities and services people need to live, work, learn and play locally. The unique attributes of Maroondah, and our local history and heritage, are valued and promoted.

Key Directions 2025 - 2029:

2.1 Partner to deliver community safety programs, initiatives and infrastructure improvements.

BACKGROUND

The Domestic Animals Act 1994 establishes a legislative requirement on Local Government to prepare, implement and annually report on its Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP).

All Councils are required to have in place a DAMP for a period of four years with an annual review. Council has conducted a significant review of its current DAMP and the 2026-2029 DAMP consolidates and continues the significant work carried out by Council over the past four years.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Pets play an important role in the lives of many Maroondah residents. Our most recent animal registration data shows a total of 14,318 dogs and 6,170 cats were registered in the City of Maroondah as of July 2025 – or around one pet per 2.30 households.

It is important that Maroondah's DAMP addresses the needs of our many pet owners, while also promoting responsible pet ownership and effectively managing the potential for domestic animals to have a negative impact on public amenity, our neighbours and the environment.

Council's revised DAMP 2026-2029 (Attachment 1) continues a proactive approach to animal management and will provide a sound basis and direction for Council to make future decisions. The development of the DAMP was broken into five stages, being:

- An initial data and best practice review
- Internal Council consultation across a range of relevant service areas - between March and July 2025

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- Community consultation relating to domestic animal ownership and management between 12 March and 17 April 2025
- Development of the draft DAMP using the information and resources from the first three stages; and
- Exhibition of the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan from Friday 19 September to Friday 10 October 2025 for further community feedback

The Draft DAMP consists of 8 focus areas. These include:

1. Training of Authorised Officers
2. Responsible pet ownership
3. Animal registration and overpopulation
4. Domestic Animal Businesses
5. Nuisance dogs and cats
6. Minimising the risk of dog attacks
7. Dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs
8. Other Matters
 - On-Leash and Off-leash areas
 - Emergency management
 - Family violence and crisis

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The costs of implementing the actions highlighted in the Domestic Animal Management Plan will be met through existing budgets.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

The Domestic Animal Management Plan seeks to achieve positive environmental, amenity and safety outcomes for the community in regard to animal management and responsible pet ownership.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Domestic Animal Management Plan recognises the importance of pets to the Maroondah Community and the health benefits that can be seen from owning a pet. Actions proposed in the DAMP seek to promote and encourage positive health, safety and wellbeing outcomes for the community for both pet and non-pet owners.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Between 12 March and 11 July 2025, our community was consulted on their values, views, and any issues they have relating to domestic animal ownership and management in Maroondah.

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The initial consultation included a successful online survey via 'Your Say Maroondah' that received 1,043 responses.

The draft DAMP and priority actions were then developed based on this feedback. The DAMP was put out for exhibition from Friday 19 September to Friday 10 October 2025.

A variety of communications channels were used to promote the opportunity, throughout both consultations, with messaging being included in various Council eNewsletters, in-person pop ups, Pets Day Out and other council events, website pop ups, in social media posts and on TV screens in Council facilities. A total of 47 responses were received in the second round of consultation. The Your Say page was viewed 419 times by 310 people.

When asked to show the extent of support for the proposed priority areas included in the DAMP plan, 85-90% of survey respondents either strongly supported or somewhat supported, the proposed priority actions. This shows the initial consultation used to draft the plan was a thorough representation of what Maroondah residents want and expect from Council regarding domestic animal management.

The *Nuisance cats and dogs* priority focus area received the highest percentage (17%) of do not support for the proposed actions, which still shows extensive support. However, many of the comments related to personal experience of barking dogs and roaming cats. Reiterating the need for ensuring the investigation processes are clear and continue to advocate for better regulations if problems were to be enforced.

Respondents were also provided an opportunity to provide further comments on specific priority areas, or just general feedback about the Draft DAMP

The top three Priority areas that respondents chose were:

- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Nuisance dogs and cats
- On-leash and Off-leash areas

Much of the commentary further reinforced activities already highlighted in the Draft DAMP. Specific ideas about particular activities will be considered as the timing to implement the activity progresses.

However, as a result of the feedback there was one change made to the Draft DAMP. An additional activity was included under the Priority Actions for *On-leash and Off-leash areas*; to evaluate and review the suitability and design of signage in current off-leash areas.

A copy of the consultation report is attached (Attachment 2). It contains results from both the initial community feedback request, and the feedback provided on the Draft DAMP.

CONCLUSION

Council continues to work with the community to ensure the responsible management of dogs and cats is in accordance with State Government legislation and local government sector best practice and benchmarking.

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Council has continued to plan and consult widely to ensure that its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029 meets these needs and expectations. As the priority actions highlighted in the Plan are progressed, further community and stakeholder engagement will occur as required.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Plan - Domestic Animal Management Plan - 2026-2029
2.  Consultation Report - Domestic Animal Management Plan - March to October 2025

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **ADOPTS THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026-2029**
2. **AUTHORISES THE SUBMISSION OF THE MAROONDAH DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026 – 2029 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION (DEECA)**

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

LETTER UNDER SEAL - CR PAUL MACDONALD

ITEM 1

LETTERS UNDER SEAL

BACKGROUND

At the MAV Awards held on 9 October 2025, Councillor Paul Macdonald was among several other Councillors to be recognised for their outstanding service to Victorian communities at the presentation of the MAV Victorian Councillor Awards.

Councillor Macdonald received an award for completing a combined 15 years of service as an elected Councillor with Maroondah City Council and the former Croydon City Council.

The Victorian Councillor Service Awards were established in 2008 by Victoria's peak body for local government, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), to recognise the contribution of long serving Councillors.

As per Council's Honours and Recognition Policy, Councillor Service Milestones are to be recognised with a Letter under Seal to be presented at a Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL PRESENTS A LETTER UNDER SEAL TO CR PAUL MACDONALD IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMBINED 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL AND THE FORMER CROYDON CITY COUNCIL