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EACH opens Maroondah Youth Health Hub

Young people in the outer east will be able to access a wide variety of services, all under the one roof at the Maroondah Youth Health Hub which will have its opening during the 2014 Youth Week on April 11th at **EACH Building A, 46 Warrandyte Road Ringwood VIC 3134**.

The site has been developed with extensive consultation with young people who have contributed through working groups and an ideas board. Services delivered from the hub will include medical, sexual and mental health, employment assistance, general counseling and a variety of group and individual programs for young people.

The opening will be a celebration of the supporters who have contributed to the hub's creation, including Maroondah City Council who has fundraised on behalf of this project. Peter Ruzyla, CEO of EACH acknowledged the generosity of Council saying "The Hub has been a project that EACH has had on its scope for a long time. The generosity of community and Council has enabled us to develop a local service that truly meets the needs of young people in an environment that feels welcoming and safe. We are also delighted that the opening of the Hub during Youth Week in April, coincides with EACH's 40th anniversary year."

The aim of the centre is to create a space that meets the needs of young people that can be found in a youth friendly service environment. "The philosophy behind the Youth Health Hub is around building a sense of community so that young people, even if they feel like they have formally finished receiving services, can still come back in any time to reconnect and prevent problems from reoccurring," said Richard Lough, Manager EACH Youth and Family Services.

EACH anticipates that more than 1000 people aged 12 to 25 will access the Youth Hub every year and welcomes enquiries for any of its services via 1300 00 EACH (1300 00 3224).

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