I am writing in response to your review of Maroondah City Council. To answer your specific questions:

(a) the number of councillors

Strongly support 3 Councillors per ward. Having more than one Ward Councillor means a diversity of voices are represented within the Ward and that there are sufficient Councillors to undertake the many activities within the Ward. The current three Ward Councillors who are in Wyreena Ward in Maroondah are a case study in how the system should work. Under NO circumstances should Maroondah revert to single Councillor Wards. Such structures are much more open to corruption and undue influence (for examples bribes from developers), reduce the range of views heard at Council and ultimately lead to less democratic local Councils.

(b) whether the electoral structure of the local council should be subdivided into wards or unsubdivided

The current Ward Structure works well and should be retained. An unsubdivided Marrondah is too large and unwieldy to allow effective representation.

(c) if subdivided:

- the number of wards (Three Wards works fine. Leave it as it is)
- what the ward boundaries should be (Again, the boundaries, although arbitrary, seem to work. Don't waste time and money changing them)
- the name of each ward (Names are fine as currently exist)
- how many councillors should be elected for each ward (Three Ward Councillors should be elected for each Ward. See above).