

## STEPS TO HELP HOMELESSNESS



Ringwood Secondary College students with staff from homeless organisations prepare for the Walk for Homelessness.

STUDENTS, politicians and community workers will shed a light on homelessness in the outer East at Ringwood Lake next week.

The Homeward Bound Walk, on July 31, is being held in the lead-up to National Homelessness Week from August 6 to 12.

It will include a walk around the lake and a barbecue, along with stories from people who have experienced homelessness in the region. More than 1000 people were counted as homeless in the outer East on the night of the 2016 census, including 321 people in Maroondah.

Eastern Homelessness Network coordinator Jo McDonald said the walk and Homelessness Week was "a chance for us to connect with decision makers and show them first-hand how the homelessness crisis is affecting our local area."