The Whitehorse community is invited to enjoy an afternoon of activities for all the family as part of Aqualink Box Hill’s Family Fun Day.

With summer just around the corner, Whitehorse City Council will showcase the premier aquatic and leisure centre and its many facilities between 1pm-5pm on Sunday 7 November.

The day will feature a great range of activities including a giant Zumba class and group water aerobics class. Children will enjoy the trapeze, jumping castle and face painting. A range of sports clinics and activities will be on offer, including tennis demonstrations by Toptenn Tennis and scuba diving demonstrations by Scuba Culture.

Visitors to the centre can discover more about the great aquatic and leisure programs on offer at Aqualink Box Hill for all members of the family.

Entry to the event is by gold coin donation.

Aqualink Box Hill is located in Surrey Drive, Box Hill. The centre boasts a comprehensive range of facilities and programs including heated indoor and outdoor pools; multipurpose stadium; fully equipped gymnasium and group fitness program; tennis, soccer and squash courts; café; crèche and more.

For more information on Aqualink Box Hill’s Family Fun Day, visit www.aqualink.com.au or phone 9898 2099.
CONTACTING WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL

General Enquiries:
Phone: 9262 6333
Fax: 9262 6498
TTY: 9262 6325

Whitehorse Civic Centre
379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Hours: Weekdays 8.30am-5.30pm
Cashier: Weekdays 8.40am-5pm

Forest Hill Customer Service Centre
Shop 130, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre, Canterbury Road, Forest Hill
Hours: Weekdays 8am-5pm
Saturday 9am-noon

Box Hill Customer Service Centre
Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Hours: Weekdays 9am-5pm

Postal Address
Whitehorse City Council, Locked Bag 2, Nunawading DC, VIC 3131

Email: customer.service@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Website: www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au
For a larger print or audio version call 9262 6124

NEXT RATES INSTALMENT DUE

Whitehorse ratepayers who have chosen to pay their 2010/11 rates by instalments are reminded that the second instalment is due on Tuesday 30 November 2010.

Residents can choose to pay their rates by using any of the following payment options:
• Mail payment to: Whitehorse City Council, GPO Box 1859, Melbourne VIC 3001.
• BPAY via your financial institution.
• Internet – log on to www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au
• Phone 1300 120 147 to pay by credit card (MasterCard or Visa).
• Direct debit – phone 9262 6333 for more information.
• In person at any of Council’s three Customer Service Centres or any Australia Post outlet.

Any ratepayer who may experience difficulties in paying their rates should contact Council’s Rates Department to discuss alternative options.

For more information, phone Council on 9262 6333.

MAPPING INDIGENOUS PLANTS FOR GARDENS

Despite recent rainfall, Victoria’s decade-long drought has proven the importance of planting hardy indigenous plants that require less water and thrive in local conditions.

A new online plant mapping tool, provided by Whitehorse City Council, will make it easier for residents to plant appropriate vegetation that will thrive and flourish in the local environment.

Planting indigenous species is a great way to improve the resilience of your garden during the hot months. Indigenous plants are hardy and have adapted over thousands of years to the local weather and soil conditions.

Council has identified 167 plant species indigenous to Whitehorse, which can be grown from existing local specimens. Information on these plants and where they grow best can now be accessed on Council’s online Geographic Information System (GIS) – an online mapping tool.

Some of the indigenous species include various types of wattle, banksia and eucalyptus.

By selecting or searching a property address in Whitehorse, residents are provided with a list of plant species specific to their property. Information fact sheets containing a description, image and distribution map for each individual plant species can also be accessed from the list of results.

Residents interested in revegetating or planting with local indigenous flora, or wishing to obtain a selection of plants suited for their area, can access Whitehorse’s GIS by clicking ‘Mapping-GIS Online’ on the left hand menu of Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Further information and tips on how to design and use indigenous plants in your garden can also be accessed from the website through the ‘Sustainability’ tab on the left hand menu.

NOVEMBER 2010 IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

Whitehorse City Council provides 10 public immunisation sessions each month, with venues located throughout the municipality at a range of times to suit every member of the family.

Free vaccinations are available for eligible infants, toddlers, preschool children and school aged children against diseases such as Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox, Rotavirus and Haemophilus Influenzae.

Experienced nurses with specialist training in immunisation administer vaccines. No appointments are required.

This month, immunisation sessions are being held at:

Whitehorse Civic Centre (Willis Room), 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
• 1, 19 and 24 November – 9.15am to 10.45am
• 11 November – 6pm to 7.30pm

Burgess Family Centre, 15 Barwon Street, Box Hill North
• 17 November – 9.15am to 10.45am
• 23 November – 6pm to 7.30pm

Box Hill South Family Centre, 1228A Riversdale Road (Rotary Court), Box Hill South
• 3 and 25 November – 9.15am to 10.45am
• 18 November – 6pm to 7.30pm

Livingstone Primary School (multipurpose room), Livingstone Road, Vermont South
• 9 November – 9.15am to 10.45am

For more information, phone Council’s Environmental Health Unit on 9262 6197 or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

NEW LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Opening hours for Vermont South and Blackburn libraries have been extended during the Nunawading Library refurbishment.

Blackburn and Vermont South libraries are open all day on Monday, while Vermont South Library is open 2pm to 5pm on Sunday. Nunawading Library is closed for refurbishment until December 2010.

For more information, contact the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation at www.wml.vic.gov.au or phone Blackburn Library on 9896 8400, Box Hill Library on 9896 4300 or Vermont South Library on 9872 8650.

For more information on Council services, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au
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Try explaining to a four-year-old that Santa did not visit them this year because Mummy and Daddy had no spare money. This may give you some understanding of the Eastern Emergency Relief Network’s (EERN) need for Christmas toy donations.

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The whole day leading up to the concert will be packed full of activity with the Rotary Farmers’ Market taking place from 6am-1pm followed by the Nunawading Arts and Craft Market operating from 1pm-5pm.

Whitehorse Carols will take place on Sunday 12 December 2010 from 6pm-10pm.

For more information, visit Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Carols-by-Candlelight.html or check the December edition of the Whitehorse News for more information.

MORE ONLINE COUNCIL SERVICES

You can now lodge enquiries or make payments with Whitehorse City Council at any time of the day or night through Council’s quick and easy online customer request system. Finding a broken footpath or abandoned vehicle is the type of thing that often happens outside of business hours. Maybe you want to view the building permits register, planning register or request planning information or you might just want to pay your pet registration when you get home from work.

All of these services and more can now be accessed via Council’s quick and easy online customer request system. Visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/customer-request.html to view the types of services available and how the system works.

The new online system provides quick and easy access to a range of services, and all payment transactions are conducted through a secure connection.
How can we help keep you on the move?

Ensuring the Whitehorse community has access to safe, sustainable and convenient transport options is at the centre of a new strategy being developed by Whitehorse City Council.

Council is developing an Integrated Transport Strategy to identify current and future transport needs of the Whitehorse community, and ways that these needs can be met.

The strategy will outline how Council will address issues relating to road safety, sustainable transport, public transport, road infrastructure and vehicle parking. It will be used to implement programs and advocate for an improved transport network in Whitehorse.

Council is keen to receive ideas and thoughts from residents to ensure the strategy reflects the community’s vision for their transport needs into future.

There are two ways the Whitehorse community can share their ideas and assist with the development of the Integrated Transport Strategy:

- A community meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 November 2010 at 6pm in the Whitehorse Centre, rear of 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.
  To attend, contact Council’s Senior Transport Engineer Liz Lambropoulos on 9262 6187 or email liz.lambropoulos@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
- Written submissions can be mailed to: Liz Lambropoulos, Senior Transport Engineer, City of Whitehorse, Locked Bag 2, Nunawading Delivery Centre, VIC 3110 or emailed to liz.lambropoulos@whitehorse.vic.gov.au or faxed to 9262 6589. Submissions close on 24 November 2010.

For more information on the development of Whitehorse’s Integrated Transport Strategy, phone 9262 6187.

AQUALINK BOX HILL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Architects have now been appointed to create the design for the multi-million dollar Aqualink Box Hill redevelopment.

With more than 650,000 visits each year, Aqualink Box Hill is a popular and growing leisure centre that will need upgraded facilities and services to meet this demand in years to come.

The redevelopment will also incorporate designs that provide better access and services for families and their children, older people and people with special needs.

The next stage of this project includes designing and building the upgraded facilities based on the feasibility studies conducted in recent times and various detailed technical and impact assessments that have been undertaken.

Further community consultation is being undertaken to confirm the design direction of the redevelopment. The outcome of this consultation will be used when finalising detailed plans and specifications by the middle of 2011. The staged redevelopment works are expected to commence in the second half of 2011.

ACCOMMODATION FORUM FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Access to appropriate accommodation is important for everybody but can sometimes be challenging for people who have specific housing needs, especially with the current shortage of housing across Victoria.

The Whitehorse Disability Advisory Committee is hosting a forum that will provide information about the range of independent accommodation options available for people with a disability to consider and explore.

Guest speakers Anita O’Brien and David Montgomery will share their personal stories about how they developed creative solutions to their housing needs with the resources available to them.

Speakers from the Department of Human Services, Office of Housing, Common Ground, the Universal Housing Alliance, Housing Choices Australia and Terra Firma will present information on projects, initiatives and pathways to accommodation.

In recent times, opportunities for people with a disability have changed dramatically as recognition of their right to quality of life and community participation has grown.

This shift in thinking also changed the way housing and services have been provided but has not always kept pace with the needs of the people it supports.

People with a disability are amongst the most vulnerable members of the community so it is important that they are aware of the many opportunities available to support them.

The Whitehorse Disability Advisory Committee has recognised that solutions are needed at a local level and is involved in a number of projects that will help achieve this.

Whitehorse City Council also recognises this important issue and is currently a member of the Eastern Region Affordable Housing Alliance which is exploring solutions to a range of affordable housing issues. Council is also drafting a strategic policy that will identify its role in regard to affordable housing at a local level.

People with a disability, their parents, carers and disability service organisations are invited to attend the accommodation forum for people with disability.

When: Thursday 18 November, 9.30am-4.30pm
Where: Whitehorse Centre (Waratah Room), rear of 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Places are limited so bookings are essential. For more information or to make a booking, phone 9262 6445 or email maureen.darcy@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
National Recycling Week: Become a Gold Star recycler and win!

The search is on to find Whitehorse’s top Gold Star recyclers!

Whitehorse Councillor Philip Daw said Whitehorse City Council is running a competition to find the best recycling household in the municipality as part of National Recycling Week celebrations from 8-14 November.

“Throughout November, Council and its recycling contractor, Visy Recycling, will monitor recycling bins to see which households are truly Gold Star recyclers,” Cr Daw said.

“Gold Star recyclers are households that commit to more than the basic recycling actions each fortnight, and demonstrate their commitment by having a Gold Star on their recycling bin and following the Gold Star recycling actions,” he said.

Cr Daw said all Whitehorse residents were invited to become part of Council’s Gold Star recycling program.

“Residents simply need to register for the competition to receive a Gold Star sticker for their recycling bin. This sticker shows your recycling collector that you are participating in the competition,” he said.

“One winning Gold Star recycling household will be chosen from each of Council’s five wards and will receive a prize worth $300.”

As part of National Recycling Week activities, Council and Visy Recycling are also hosting tours of Banyule Rethink Education Centre for residents to see first-hand how current recycling methods work.

Tours will take place on Monday 8 November from 9.30am-12 noon, Wednesday 10 November from 9.30am-12 noon, and Thursday 11 November from 5.30pm-8pm. Light refreshments will be provided on the tours.

To register for the Gold Star program or to participate in a tour, visit [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Gold-Star-Recycling-Program.html](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Gold-Star-Recycling-Program.html) or phone Council on 9262 6157 or email greenrecycle@whitehorse.vic.gov.au.

Council will announce the winners of the Gold Star program in early December.

Some of the activities include:

- Meet ‘n’ Swap Party – bring along your home grown produce (seeds, seedlings, fruit, vegetables and plants) for exchange.
- White Elephant Zero Waste Gift Giving Game – re-gift a usable item that you no longer need.
- Discover the achievements of Sustainability Street groups in Whitehorse in 2010.
- Learn from other Sustainability Street members about how to become more sustainable at home and in the community.
- Plan for the 2011 Sustainability Street program in Whitehorse.

Sustainability Street is a community program that encourages neighbours, community groups and local businesses to learn, share and empower each other towards sustainable living.

Four years since the Sustainability Street program was launched in Whitehorse, the municipality now boasts four Sustainability Street ‘Hubs’ in Blackburn, Box Hill, Vermont South and Mitcham.

To attend Santa’s Sustainable Workshop, contact Council’s Sustainability Officer on 9262 6433 or email greenercity@whitehorse.vic.gov.au by Thursday 18 November 2010.

COME AND JOIN SANTA’S SUSTAINABLE WORKSHOP

Join in the fun as Whitehorse’s Sustainability Street groups celebrate the year’s achievements at Santa’s Sustainable Workshop on Sunday 21 November.

The Whitehorse community is invited to the end of year celebrations at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary in Central Road, Blackburn on Sunday 21 November from 12 noon-4pm.

Come along for an afternoon of fun free activities and learn more about the Sustainability Street program in Whitehorse along the way.

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MAKE THE CHANGE TO SOLAR HOT WATER

Whitehorse City Council is making it easier for residents to change to solar hot water to reduce their energy consumption through the introduction of a group purchase scheme.

As part of a program set up by the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA), councils across Melbourne’s eastern region are encouraging the installation of solar hot water systems to reduce energy consumption and subsequent greenhouse gas emissions.

After a competitive Registration of Interest process, the EAGA appointed Green Project to provide good value solar hot water systems to the region.

Residents can contact Green Project to find out more about the various solar hot water rebates that are available and gain advice on the best type of system for their needs.

For more information or to register your interest in attending an information session, phone Green Project on 1800 899 339 or visit [www.greenproject.com.au/eaga-ses/](http://www.greenproject.com.au/eaga-ses/)

*Purchases and installations of solar hot water systems are private arrangements between the buyer and the provider once the buyer has satisfied themselves that the system suits their needs. Neither Whitehorse City Council nor the EAGA is involved in these transactions.
WIN with the Think Local Buy Local campaign

With Christmas fast approaching, Whitehorse City Council is encouraging the community to ‘Think Local Buy Local’ and support businesses in their neighbourhood.

The Think Local Buy Local campaign has been expanded to include all retail outlets in Whitehorse this year, following last year’s successful pilot program.

Whitehorse Councillor Mark Lane encouraged residents, workers and the community to spend their money locally instead of travelling outside the municipality to shop.

“Shopping locally not only improves job security for local employees and enhances community spirit but also reduces transport needs and associated environmental costs,” Cr Lane said.

“By doing so, local shoppers can go into the running to win a great range of prizes as part of Council’s Think Local Buy Local campaign,” he said.

Individual shoppers who spend $10 or more in one purchase are eligible to enter into a draw for a great prize, including:

- Queen-size mattress valued at $1000 from Rise and Shine Nunawading.
- Two-night accommodation package voucher for two people at Quest Mont Albert.
- $200 dinner voucher at Panchos Mexican Cantina, Blackburn.
- $100 voucher from Ella Bache, Nunawading.
- Two one-month memberships at Aqualink Box Hill or Nunawading leisure centres.

The competition closes at 12 noon on 24 December 2010. Winners will be drawn on 7 January 2011.

Shoppers can register their receipts online at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/buy-local.html or alternatively use the entry box at one of Council’s Customer Service Centres in Nunawading, Box Hill or Forest Hill.

Full terms and conditions available on Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/buy-local.html or for more information on businesses in Whitehorse, visit www.wbiz.com.au

FESTIVE WINDOW DRESSING COMPETITION IS BACK!

Retailers across the City of Whitehorse are encouraged to get into the festive spirit by decorating their shop windows for Christmas.

Whitehorse Councillor Sharon Ellis said residents and traders can nominate their favourite festive window displays - even their own – as part of Council’s Festive Window Dressing Competition.

Councillor Ellis said each nominated entry would be judged on its creativity, use of colour, themes and the visual impact of the display. The display must be visible to shoppers within a shopping environment.

“Last year’s overall winner was Zimt Patisserie in Mont Albert for its imaginative display of a Christmas village created from gingerbread houses and reindeers and other sweets,” she said.

Councillor Ellis said nominees go into the draw to win a range of prizes:

- First prize winner will receive free radio advertising on 89.9 Light FM valued at $2000.
- Second prize winner will receive an accommodation package voucher at the Clarion on Canterbury.
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For more information on nominations or the terms and conditions, phone 9262 6353 or visit www.wbiz.com.au

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Preparing for summer

Fire hazard property inspections

Whitehorse residents are urged to ensure their properties are fire safe this summer by planning ahead.

To help residents prepare for the upcoming fire season, Whitehorse City Council’s Community Laws officers will inspect properties throughout the municipality to ensure long grass and materials, that may pose a fire hazard, are removed.

Whitehorse Councillor Raylene Carr said it was a good idea to get into the practice of regularly cutting the lawn and ensuring gardens were trimmed often.

“During the hotter months gardens and grass grows very quickly so it is important residents remain vigilant,” Cr Carr said.

If Council officers determine that a property is a fire hazard, a fire prevention notice will be sent to the landowner requiring them to remove the fire hazard from their land.

To prepare your property, residents should:

• Keep the grass cut and remove leaves and twigs.
• Trim overhanging branches.
• Clean gutters and move wood piles away from their home.
• Ensure hoses can reach all areas of their property.
• Remove leaves before they have time to dry.
• Keep the property tidy and reduce clutter.
• Remove any flammable material from around their property to reduce the fire risk.
• Develop fire plans for the family, including what to do, where to go and what to take.
• Decide if they are going to stay or if they will leave high-risk areas on days of severe fire danger.
• Know and understand the triggers for leaving before fire threatens, and plan where to go.
• Clear vegetation and potential fuel from around their property to reduce the fire risk.
• Attend one of the local fire safety community meetings in the coming months.

Preparation of bushland reserves is also being carried out, including inspections of all bushland sites, the establishment of fire breaks, the removal of dead and fine fuels, and other works.

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Heatwave Safety

Heat related illness and heat stress can affect everyone when the temperature soars, so it is important to plan ahead and take care during the hotter months.

It is important Whitehorse residents prepare and plan for a hot summer and be aware of the impacts it can have.

Hot weather often brings on heat-related illnesses including heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Anyone can suffer from heat-related illness but those most at risk include people over 65 years of age, babies and young children, people who are overweight or obese, and people with existing chronic illnesses.

Some of these illnesses can be life threatening and require urgent attention so it is important that residents try to stay cool and prevent heat-related illnesses.

Tips on staying cool this summer include:

• Drink plenty of water.
• Avoid alcohol.
• Stay indoors, if possible, with air conditioning or in the shade.
• Wear lightweight and loose clothing.
• Reduce physical activity.
• Protect yourself from the sun.

For more information on heat stress and heat-related illness visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

For more information on fire safety in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Fire-Safety.html
2010 Whitehorse Sports Awards

Whitehorse's top local athletes, sporting clubs and their volunteers have been acknowledged for their hard work and dedication with the announcement of the 2010 Whitehorse Sports Awards winners.

Whitehorse Mayor Cr Bill Pemberton said Whitehorse City Council's annual Whitehorse Sports Awards recognised the important contribution local sporting clubs make to the community and the outstanding achievements of their members.

"Congratulations to all the winners of the 2010 Whitehorse Sports Awards on their success in their chosen sport. Council believes it is important to recognise our sporting clubs and individuals within these clubs for their efforts. It is clear to see the significant role that sport and recreation plays in connecting a community and improving the mental and physical health of those involved," Cr Pemberton said.

"The awards, open in eight categories, recognise the outstanding achievements of local sportspersons and also acknowledge the behind-the-scenes efforts of the people in sporting and recreational clubs in the municipality. Any individual who lives, attends school or is a member of a sporting club within Whitehorse is eligible to nominate," he said.

The 2010 Whitehorse Sports Awards were presented at an official ceremony held at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading on Wednesday 6 October 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2010 WHITEHORSE SPORTS AWARDS

SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR: Whitehorse Cyclists Incorporated

Whitehorse Cyclists Incorporated is a longstanding club in Whitehorse dedicated to the development, promotion and organisation of cycling as an activity and commuting. Membership has grown substantially, with the club having more than 210 active members. The club is run entirely by volunteers and the very low membership fee has not altered for many years.

Whitehorse Cyclists has expanded the number of day rides it offers each week to seven, with about 80 riders participating in these rides each week – some popular ride destinations can attract close to 40 participants. The club continues to run its beginner’s development program during the warmer months, led by club stalwart Keith Maytum.

The club has also organised cycling trips through Vietnam, Byron Bay to Newcastle and local multi-day rides.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Regan Lamble - Athletics Nunawading

Regan Lamble has had a breakthrough season with outstanding athletic performances at an international level. Regan was selected for the junior (Under 20) squad to represent Australia at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Walking Cup held in Mexico in May 2010. She placed 15th individually and helped the Australian women’s team to sixth place.

Regan was selected to represent Australia again at the 13th IAAF World Junior Championships, held in Moncton, Canada in July 2010. She was made co-captain to this athletic contingent.

Regan is currently a scholarship holder with the Australian Institute of Sport.

ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY OF THE YEAR: Jamie Phillips

Jamie Phillips graduated from Heatherwood School’s sports program for elite athletes with an intellectual disability in 2009, after being accepted in 2007.

During this time, Jamie has been selected to represent Heatherwood School in soccer, football, basketball, athletics, swimming, cross country, weightlifting and various other sporting events. He was also selected as house captain.

Jamie was part of the Victorian metropolitan team that won a gold medal at the National Basketball Championships for players with an intellectual disability in February this year. He also won a gold medal in the Australian School Bench Press Championship in 2009, having already won gold in 2008, silver in 2007 and gold in 2006, against mainstream secondary schools across Australia.

Jamie was selected and voted captain by his peers on a tour of the USA and Canada with Heatherwood School’s Cougars Basketball Team last October, playing against mainstream schools.

Currently, Jamie plays mainstream basketball in the Nunawading Basketball Association and the Dandenong Basketball Association. He intends to try out for the Victorian metropolitan basketball team for players with an intellectual disability this month.
SCHOOL OF THE YEAR: St James Primary School, Vermont

St James Primary School in Vermont believes in maximum participation and creating opportunities for students. The school's vision statement includes the words 'live life to the full', which is promoted through the school's strong encouragement of being physically active.

All students in Grades 5 and 6 participate in the Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association's summer and winter sports including cricket, newcombe, rounders, football, netball and T-ball.

The school encourages students to be good sports and respect their team mates and opposition teams.

TEAM OF THE YEAR: Heatherdale Cricket Club - First XI

Heatherdale Cricket Club's First XI successfully won the McIntosh Shield in the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association's (BHRDCA) 2009/10 season.

Following a great playing era through the 1980s and 90s, Heatherdale Cricket Club's First XI went through a period where there was a lack of success at the top levels. Heatherdale concentrated on developing juniors over this period and securing the services of very good non-playing development coaches.

Heatherdale Cricket Club's two top teams played in this year's finals with the First XI successfully defeating last season's premiers. Of the 12 players to play in the grand final, 11 of them were home grown players who started their junior careers at the club.

The club currently has seven senior sides, including a veteran's team, and will field teams in the BHRDCA and Eastern Cricket Association junior competitions in all age groups from Under 12s to Under 18s.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Sean DeKretser - Heatherdale Cricket Club

After retiring from premier cricket, Sean DeKretser decided to return to Heatherdale Cricket Club, where he once played junior cricket, to take on the role of a non-playing coach.

In recent years, Sean has been instrumental in the development of young cricketers. He is a great role model for young players and an enthusiastic coach that has set new standards in the competition, particularly with his pre-game warm-up routines.

Sean recently coached the Heatherdale Cricket Club to become the McIntosh Shield Premiers for the 2009/10 season.

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Eliza Freeman

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Over the years, his association with the club has included being a club committee member for 12 years, chairman of ‘Works and Buildings’ and a member of ‘Works, Buildings and Maintenance’ from 1962 to the present day. He kept the club’s historical records from 1959 to 1997 as an official volunteer and continues this role to date, and has organised a number of bowls activities for a period of six years.

Since retirement, Bill spends time at his beloved club most days of the week and is an active pennant competition bowler.

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR: St James Primary School, Vermont

St James Primary School in Vermont believes in maximum participation and creating opportunities for students. The school's vision statement includes the words 'live life to the full', which is promoted through the school's strong encouragement of being physically active.

All students in Grades 5 and 6 participate in the Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association's summer and winter sports including cricket, newcombe, rounders, football, netball and T-ball.

The school encourages students to be good sports and respect their team mates and opposition teams.

TEAM OF THE YEAR: Heatherdale Cricket Club - First XI

Heatherdale Cricket Club's First XI successfully won the McIntosh Shield in the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association's (BHRDCA) 2009/10 season.

Following a great playing era through the 1980s and 90s, Heatherdale Cricket Club's First XI went through a period where there was a lack of success at the top levels. Heatherdale concentrated on developing juniors over this period and securing the services of very good non-playing development coaches.

Heatherdale Cricket Club's two top teams played in this year's finals with the First XI successfully defeating last season's premiers. Of the 12 players to play in the grand final, 11 of them were home grown players who started their junior careers at the club.

The club currently has seven senior sides, including a veteran's team, and will field teams in the BHRDCA and Eastern Cricket Association junior competitions in all age groups from Under 12s to Under 18s.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Sean DeKretser - Heatherdale Cricket Club

After retiring from premier cricket, Sean DeKretser decided to return to Heatherdale Cricket Club, where he once played junior cricket, to take on the role of a non-playing coach.

In recent years, Sean has been instrumental in the development of young cricketers. He is a great role model for young players and an enthusiastic coach that has set new standards in the competition, particularly with his pre-game warm-up routines.

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Play it safe by the pool this summer

With summer fast approaching, Whitehorse residents are being reminded of the need to check their swimming pool and spa safety barriers are safe and secure.

Now is the time for home-owners to ensure water safety around their home pool or spa, with drowning being the biggest cause of accidental death in children under the age of five years in Australia.

Property owners are responsible for ensuring pool fences, gates and other safety barriers are in place and well-maintained regardless of whether children live in the home.

Whitehorse City Council’s Building Services Department will be conducting random inspections across the municipality over the summer months to ensure barriers on residential pools and spas are up to standard. Residents who do not comply with the regulations risk a fine of $5000.

Every private swimming pool or spa capable of containing a depth of water exceeding 300mm must have a childproof safety barrier installed and regularly maintained.

These regulations also apply to temporary inflatable or bladder-style swimming pools, unless the inflatable pool is emptied immediately after each use.

In addition, since May this year, the Building Code of Australia requires all new swimming pools or spas in Victoria to have independent four-sided pool fencing. The use of a dwelling’s windows and doors as part of a safety barrier is no longer allowed.

Any alterations, upgrades or additions to a swimming pool or spa safety barrier requires a building permit prior to the work being completed.

Residents are also reminded of the need to constantly supervise children when enjoying the pool or spa. Make sure you have constant visual contact of children and never leave the pool or spa without taking children with you.

For more information on swimming pool and spa safety barrier requirements, phone Council’s Building Services Department on 9262 6333. Alternatively, visit the Building Commission’s website at www.buildingcommission.com.au for a copy of the new swimming pool and spa safety barrier brochure.

MEN TO ‘MAKE CONNECTIONS’ THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Older men can discover the benefits of volunteering for themselves and their community at a free community forum hosted by Whitehorse City Council.

Men aged 55 years and over who are interested in volunteering and participating in community activities are invited to attend the forum on Monday 8 November from 2pm-4pm.

The community forum aims to promote volunteering opportunities in Whitehorse, as well as the benefits of civic participation.

Guest speakers include Barry Phillips of the Whitehorse Men’s Shed and a community advisory group member from the Whitehorse Community Health Service.

There will be an opportunity for questions with the panel following the presentations.

The community forum will be held at the Whitehorse Centre (Waratah Room), rear of 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Bookings are essential, phone Council’s Community Development Department on 9262 6443 by Thursday 4 November.

For more information or to make a booking, phone 9262 6332. Bookings are essential as places fill quickly.
Urban Art project set to liven up Box Hill

Young people were given the opportunity to voice their opinion through art while participating in Whitehorse City Council’s Urban Art project.

A self-portrait exploring the effects of medication and mental health in young people was one of six murals created as part of the project.

Other murals included themes such as music and how it connects young people, life and wealth – does money make people happy?

The murals were created by young people under the age of 25 who live, work or study in Whitehorse and applied to Council to be a part of the project. All the murals, except the mental health self-portrait, were created by groups of two to three young people.

The groups used paint and other materials such as mosaic and papier-mâché on fine wood canvases about a metre in length.

They were encouraged to base their artworks on topics important to them, have fun and be creative. The murals were unveiled at the Whitehorse Spring Festival last month and will be erected in the Box Hill area.

The Urban Art project was an initiative of the Whitehorse Youth Representative Committee and was one of the tasks developed from Council’s Youth Plan. The artworks were completed over a series of workshops throughout August and September.

The initiative aimed to teach young people teamwork, new artistic techniques and give them a sense of pride when they see their artworks displayed for the entire community.

The project also aimed to give young people from diverse backgrounds a sense of community.

CREATE YOUR OWN NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK CELEBRATION

Young people are invited to help plan a range of activities and events in celebration of National Youth Week 2011 in Whitehorse.

National Youth Week is an annual, week-long celebration of young people aged 12 to 25 years held across Australia.

Whitehorse City Council’s youth resource centre, Youth ConneXions, wants to hear from keen young people interested in creating the best National Youth Week celebration the municipality has hosted to date.

Play your part and help plan, promote and run a range of activities created by young people for young people as part of Whitehorse’s Youth Week celebrations from 1-10 April 2011.

Young people will assist Council’s Youth Services team in planning and delivering a range of activities that showcase young people’s talents, contributions and achievements in the community.

Previous events hosted by Council as part of Youth Week celebrations have included the ‘Whitehorse Has Got Talent – Unplugged’ music event, multicultural sports tournament and a cultural festival.

For more information, contact Council’s Youth Support Worker, Amy McDonald at Youth ConneXions on 9898 9340 or email youth.worker@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

YOUTH IN PRINT

Comic strip artists, poets and writers under the age of 25 years have put pen to paper and submitted pieces of work ranging from fantasy to fiction as part of Whitehorse City Council’s Youth in Print project.

Entrants were asked to submit work around the competition’s theme ‘Past and Future’. The results were great and Council was inundated with fantastic ideas from the municipality’s young people in the forms of poems and short stories.

Everything was up for grabs including dinosaurs, ancient Greeks, 1940s gangsters and masterchef contestants that were beamed up to space and forced to cook to stop the world being blown up.

Winning works have been published in Council’s new Youth in Print anthology, which can be obtained from Council’s youth resource centre, Youth ConneXions in Box Hill.

Youth ConneXions ran the competition to give young people in the community an opportunity to express their views in a public forum.

Entrants were able to submit various pieces of writing including poems, short stories, comic/graphic stories, and essays or articles.

The competition was open to anyone between 12 and 25 years of age who is connected to Whitehorse. Entries were judged in two age categories – 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years.

To obtain a copy of Youth in Print, phone Youth ConneXions on 9898 9340.

In Black and White

By Shannon McKeogh

It was the good old days, they say
Rough hands and creased smiles
Snacks at the snack bar only five cents a pop
Home at six, Mum had a meal
All home-cooked no MSG, or artificial flavouring
No microwave-rays injected into the meal
No fear of cancerous organisms bubbling
And frothing under the cheese in the lasagne
No one plugged their ears and minds into ipods
There were no walls to post on
No status’ to update
Nor mobile phones to interrupt and answer
The good old days are always good.
No, they say looking back
The good old days are always good.
No mobile phones to interrupt and answer.
No status’ to update
There were no walls to post on
By Cr Bill Pemberton

Spring has arrived and hopefully you all have a burst of enthusiasm for the outdoors, after such a cold winter. There are many activities to participate in and groups to join within Whitehorse so I encourage you all to head outside to enjoy and share the fun.

In September, I signed an agreement to foster closer cooperation with our neighbouring councils along the train line. This agreement is between Whitehorse, Manningham, Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges. We share a lot of synergies and our residents flow across the boundaries of our municipalities in large numbers every day which makes a regional approach to facilities and funding applications a smart way to operate.

Obviously each Council will cater for the differing needs of their individual communities but in the face of more expensive oil, which means facing a steep increase in petrol prices in the very near future, localisation of our food and services makes for a more resilient community.

Council has already started in assisting our community with localisation by holding the first workshop for Transition Communities in Box Hill in October. This is an exciting grassroots process that Council is facilitating where interested individuals and groups start looking at what they can do in their own local area to plan for less energy availability. There are hundreds of similarly concerned community groupings across Australia and the rest of the world who are working towards creating their own energy efficient plans, along the same lines as founding Irish Transition Town, Kinsale.

I highly recommend residents to take part in this community empowering process. It is a positive process that will lead to better communication and sharing of knowledge for the benefit of everyone.

By Cr Robert Chong

Draft Box Hill Gardens Masterplan

The Draft Box Hill Gardens Masterplan, recently released for community comment, aims to guide future development of the Box Hill Gardens over the next 15 years to significantly more culturally diverse than it has been in the past.

Moon Festival in Box Hill

It was great to see more than 40,000 people turn out to celebrate the Moon Festival in Box Hill this year. Marking the 20th anniversary of the Melbourne Chinese Moon Festival – one of the most significant multicultural community events in the region.

Traditionally, the festival is celebrated on the 15th of the eighth lunar month, when the moon is at its brightest and roundest. The Chinese believe that the circular shape of the moon symbolises family unity, so family members get together to celebrate and eat the famous ‘moon cake’.

Moon cakes were just one of the Asian culinary treats on offer at Box Hill’s Moon Festival. People even had the opportunity to learn how to make a moon cake by participating in a cooking demonstration.

The event featured great entertainment, with music and dance performances held throughout the day.

Aqualink Box Hill redevelopment

The redevelopment of Aqualink Box Hill has moved to the next stage, with Council appointing an architect to create the design for the centre’s major refurbishment.

Aqualink Box Hill is an extremely popular aquatic and leisure facility in Whitehorse, with the redevelopment aiming to provide better access and services for families and their children, older people, and people with special needs.

By Cr Mark Lane

It is almost the end of the year, the birds are chirping and cricket season is underway. Since my last ward column, I have attended and been involved with many community activities and events.

Veromap South Community House

Together with Cr Carr, I met with the committee from the Vermont South Community House. During this meeting we discussed what is happening in Whitehorse and what the community house is doing. We discussed ways in which the community house could help the local community even further and how it might work more closely with Council on community initiatives.

Whitehorse Sports Awards

Whitehorse Sports Awards is an annual event that celebrates the achievements of Whitehorse’s outstanding sporting individuals and teams. The event aims to recognise the outstanding sports people represent our community and showcase their achievements.

Order of Australia medal recipients

Congratulations to all Whitehorse residents in their community based efforts over the past year. Particularly warm congratulations to those who have been honoured with the Order of Australia medal for the vast number of years you have contributed to our community. We thank you and are encouraged by your commitment. Keep up the great work that you do and keep leading the way for our community.

Whitehorse Parkland Community Forum

Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks for the work you and the advisory groups put into ensuring the Whitehorse community can share such wonderful parklands.

Take care and have a safe festive season.
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**Whitehorse Australia Day Civic Awards**

**T**he Whitehorse community is reminded that nominations for the 2011 Australia Day Civic Awards close on 12 November 2010.

Whitehorse’s Australia Day Civic Awards aim to recognise and promote the extraordinary efforts of people who live or work in Whitehorse. The awards provide a great opportunity to thank these people for the contributions they have made to the community.

Whitehorse City Council is seeking nominations for the 2011 Citizen of the Year and Community Achievement Awards, which will be announced on 26 January next year.

In addition, the Young Citizen of the Year is selected from the Young Person of the Month Community Achievement Awards, which will be announced on 26 January next year.

Whitehorse City Council offers a Young Person of the Month award to recognise young people for their valuable contribution to the Whitehorse community.

Local schools, community groups, sporting clubs and individuals are invited to nominate a young person who provides a positive role model for other young Australians.

The winner of the monthly award will be featured in the Whitehorse News and presented with a JB Hi-Fi voucher.

The Whitehorse Young Citizen of the Year for 2011 will be selected and presented with a JB Hi-Fi voucher.

For more information or a nomination form, visit [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay-CivicAwards.html](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Australia-Day-CivicAwards.html) or phone Council’s Civic Services Department on 9262 6337.

**FINAL CHANCE TO NOMINATE FOR WHITEHORSE AUSTRALIA DAY CIVIC AWARDS**

**NOMINATE A YOUNG ACHIEVER**

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For more information or a nomination form, visit [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Young-Person-Award.html](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Young-Person-Award.html) or phone 9262 6337.
Pet owners have their say on parks and pathways

Dog owners, cyclists and pedestrians are invited to have their say on the use of off-lead dog parks and shared pathways in Whitehorse as Council continues to review its Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP).

In June 2008, Whitehorse City Council adopted the DAMP as a major strategy in the management of domestic animals in Whitehorse. The plan established a three-year framework to assist in educating the community about responsible pet ownership and the benefits of pet ownership in order to raise the profile and importance of domestic animal management in Whitehorse.

Council is currently undertaking community consultation on key elements of the DAMP and is keen to hear from the community about Whitehorse’s 19 off-lead parks and the use of shared pathways in these parks, including whether dogs should be on lead while using these pathways.

There are 19 parks in Whitehorse where pet owners can exercise their dogs off-lead. While dogs may be off-lead, they must still be under control at all times. There are also certain areas of parks, such as playgrounds, picnic areas and sporting fields, that Council requests owners keep their dogs away from.

Whitehorse has a network of shared pathways that are enjoyed and shared safely by a variety of users, including cyclists, pedestrians and pet owners. Council’s Guidelines for Shared Pathways aims to make these paths more accessible to everyone, with users needing to be aware of others on the path so everyone can enjoy their ride or walk.

Members of the community are invited to complete a survey on these topics available on Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Damp.html

Alternatively, a hard copy of the survey can be mailed by phoning Council on 9262 3333. Written submissions can also be posted to: DAMP Consultation 2010, Whitehorse City Council, Locked Bag 2, Nunawading Delivery Centre Vic 3131 or email customer.service@whitehorse.vic.gov.au by 3 December 2010.

All submissions will be collated and presented to Council to help determine Whitehorse’s animal management strategy in the coming years. For more information, phone 9262 3333.

SPORTLINK PLAQUE RECOGNISES TOP DESIGN

Sportlink Vermont South is now home to a plaque that recognises a state design award.

The plaque was unveiled by Whitehorse Mayor Councillor Bill Pemberton on 11 October at the Vermont South facility and recognises the fantastic design of Vermont South’s Sportlink facility by Williams Ross Architects.

The firm recently received the Victorian Architecture New Public Architecture Award from the Australian Institute of Architects for its design of Council’s Sportlink Vermont South.

“Sportlink is now in its second year of operation and thriving,” Cr Pemberton said.

“This is partly due to the facility’s great design, which allows family and friends to exercise in such a wonderful, new and light-filled venue.”

The judging panel commended Williams Ross Architects for creating a simple building that made the large space more intimate, while making the inside and outside courts seem part of a continuous space.

“The panel also noted that the building was full of intelligent architectural decisions making it a significant public building even with a limited budget,” Cr Pemberton said.

But it was the building’s main hall that the panel described as the ‘cherry on the cake’ due to simple, but cunning architectural devices to make it different.

Williams Ross Architects design for Sportlink Vermont South competed with 191 other entries across 11 categories. The plaque recognises the award and the great venue that Whitehorse is proud to own.

For more information on sport and recreation in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parks-Recreation.html
The Keeping Safe and Mobile road safety program aims to keep older drivers on the roads for as long as possible by providing them with the latest information.

Whitehorse City Council realises the contribution senior citizens make to the community as well as the importance of ensuring they stay mobile in order to maintain their own sense of independence and wellbeing.

As part of the Keeping Safe and Mobile program, a free two-hour seminar will be held on Wednesday 8 December 2010 from 1pm-3pm at the Whitehorse Civic Centre (Willis Room), 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

The seminar, organised and funded by RoadSafe Eastern Metropolitan, TAC and RACV in partnership with Council, is open to senior drivers as well as their friends and families.

The seminar will cover topics such as:
• what happens when you age in terms of vision, hearing, reflexes, comprehension and medical conditions
• complex driving situations
• legal responsibilities
• insurance
• choosing a safe car
• using alternative transport
• avoiding social isolation.

At the end of the seminar, participants will also have the opportunity to talk with a qualified occupational therapist about the physical task of driving.

Bookings are essential and afternoon tea will be provided.

For bookings and further information, phone Council’s Transport Team on 9262 6369.
Box Hill Community Arts Centre: classes, courses and exhibitions

GLOBAL ART PROJECT FOR PEACE
A range of artworks created by community groups in the United States will be on show at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre as part of an international art exchange, Global Art Project for Peace. The Global Art Project for Peace aims to connect people and create peace through art making. Earlier this year, Box Hill Community Arts Centre ran workshops, based on the theme of goodwill and peace for adults and children, to create artworks for the international art exchange project. Students and friends of the community arts centre created a range of artworks including craft, collage, ceramics, canvas painting and artist books. The Box Hill Hand Spinners and Weavers – one of the community arts centre’s regular user groups – also produced a rug consisting of small squares with the word ‘peace’ in different languages. These works were displayed in the community arts centre earlier this year before being sent overseas for exhibition. In return, the community arts centre has received a range of artworks from overseas organisations participating in the project, with these artworks to be on display in the centre’s gallery from 3-14 November.

EXHIBITIONS
Box Hill Clayworkers: 20th Anniversary Exhibition
16-21 November
Opening: 17 November, 6.30pm
The Box Hill Clayworkers are one of the founding member groups of the Box Hill Community Arts Centre. The group will display a variety of work to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Alcove Art Shop: Christmas A’Fair
23 November-5 December
Sneak Preview: 22 November, 6pm
Unique gifts and artworks created by artisans of the Alcove Art Shop will fill the gallery and the shop, with all work available for sale.

CLASSES AND COURSES
Botanical Illustration
This class will cover basic plant biology and identification of plant structures. Students will be guided in observation and drawing skills using pencil and watercolour. A microscope will be available to observe more details.
When: Sundays, 14 and 21 November, 10am-4pm
Cost: $104 for two weeks (including some materials)

Mini ‘Festive’ Cooks
(six to 12-year-olds)
A fun cooking class where children will make treats and meals traditionally served at Christmas in Australia, such as mini Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolate balls as well as some savoury dishes.
When: Tuesdays, 23 November-14 December, 4.30pm-6pm
Cost: $78 for four weeks

PERFORMANCES
The Boite presents On the Air: The New Holland Honeyeaters
Tasmanian quartet The New Holland Honeyeaters will dial you straight back into 1930s radio in America. The presenters, guests and music are created by four imaginative, gifted musicians gathered around a single microphone.
When: Friday 12 November at 8pm
Cost: Full $18, Concession $12

NADRASCA presents LES MISERABLES
Amateur Drama, Dance and Song will showcase their performance abilities – made possible by an amazing amount of local community support, onstage and indeed through the whole production process. Proudly supported by the City of Whitehorse.
When: Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm
Tickets: Full: $28 Child (under 12) $14

What’s on at the Whitehorse Centre in November

Nova Theatre Company presents OKLAHOMA
Set at the turn of the century, Oklahoma centres on the rivalry between two men who are in love with the one woman. The music and lyrics are considered some of the best in musical theatre with songs including ‘Oh What a Beautiful Morning’ and ‘The Surrey with the Fringe on Top’. Proudly supported by the City of Whitehorse.
When: until 7 November – contact the Whitehorse Centre for performance details.
Cost: Full $36.35 Concession $31.35 Group (10+) $29.35 each

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When: Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm
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The Whitehorse Centre presents LOTTE’S GIFT
Lotte’s Gift was written by Australia’s foremost playwright, David Williamson, specifically for internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Karin Schaupp. It tells the true story of three generations of women – Karin, her motheroldie and grandmother Lotte. An extraordinary and personal journey. Lotte’s Gift will leave you uplifted and inspired by the power of both love and music.
When: Monday 15 November at 8pm
Tuesday 16 November at 8pm
Cost: Full $40 Concession $37

MIDWEEK MATINEE
The Whitehorse Centre presents IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE
Classic film 1946
This film is widely regarded as a Christmas classic around the world. Frank Capra’s masterwork is loved by generations and stars the unforgettable James Stewart as George Bailey. We accompany George as he discovers the true meaning of life in this inspirational story. Don’t miss this wonderful film on the big screen.
When: Wednesday 17 November at 10am (morning tea at 9.15am)
Cost: Single $7 Group (10+) $6.50 each

OTHER MUSICAL OFFERINGS
Surrey Music Café presents BARRY RATTEN’S CRESCENT CITY SERENADERS and INVENTION IN TIME
Enjoy an authentic New Orleans jazz experience as well as a marimba and vibraphone duo performing original and exciting sound sculptures that stimulate the mind, refresh the soul.
When: Friday 26 November at 8pm
Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill
Cost: Single $16 Group (10+) $14 each

Looking for a venue for your next meeting or event?
Visit www.whitehorsecentre.com.au or email corporate.events@whitehorse.vic.gov.au for more information.

WIN
The Whitehorse Centre has two double passes to the screening of It’s a Wonderful Life to give away this month. The first two callers to phone the Box Office on 9262 6555 at 10am on Monday 15 November will win the passes.

To stay in touch with events in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorsecentre.com.au