Celebrating Men’s Health Month and ‘Movember’, men across Whitehorse are encouraged to be proactive about their own health and take part in the Whitehorse Men’s Health Expo.

The Whitehorse Men’s Health Expo will be held on Wednesday 30 November from 12 noon to 7pm at the Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.

The expo aims to provide an opportunity for men in Whitehorse to have access to a broad range of community and health services under one roof. The event will offer an interactive experience that enables participants to gain an understanding of their health, while also developing and maintaining healthy relationships and community connections.

Making an appearance at the expo to impart their own personal experiences in men’s health will be AFL super coach Tom Hafey and comedian Harley Breen.

The Whitehorse Men’s Health Expo also supports the popular ‘Movember’ cause, which encourages the growth of healthy moustaches to raise awareness about men’s health.

To get into the spirit of ‘Movember’, a competition for ‘Mo Bros’ (men who grow a moustache during Movember) and ‘Mo Sistas’ (women who support their Mo Bro) will be judged on the day of the expo.

For more information on the Whitehorse Men’s Health Expo, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Mens-Health.html

Councillors Mark Lane, Ben Stennett, John Koutras, Philip Daw and Andrew Munroe support the Men’s Health Expo and encourage the community to take part in Movember.
Helping the community to keep in touch

Not-for-profit organisations, charity groups and residents of Whitehorse now have access to a community facility based in the heart of the Box Hill Mall.

The Whitehorse Community Kiosk is available for community groups to use up to four times per year, free of charge.

Whitehorse City Council understands that Whitehorse is an active community when it comes to holding events, community consultations and fundraising activities and the kiosk is designed to support community organisations to carry out their activities in central Box Hill.

The Whitehorse Community Kiosk is based at the Box Hill Mall and is a temporary booth with wind down awnings that provides a sheltered area for the community to use for a range of events.

Users of the kiosk will also have access to electricity, lighting, heating, water and a storage room that holds chairs and tables for use. The kiosk is not available for political party use.

For more information or to make a booking, phone Council on 9262 6333.

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Whitehorse ratepayers who have chosen to pay their 2011/12 rates by instalments are reminded that the second instalment is due on Wednesday 30 November 2011.

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.
- In person at Council’s Customer Service Centres at the Whitehorse Civic Centre in Nunawading, Box Hill Town Hall or Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre 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.

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

Immunisations help maintain and protect the health of the community from the illness and disability caused by vaccine-preventable diseases. Free vaccinations are available for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-aged children against diseases such as Poliomyelitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox, Haemophilus Influenza B, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal, Meningococcal Group C and Rotavirus. A limited range of vaccines are available for eligible adults.

Immunisations are free of charge for all eligible persons with a Medicare card in accordance with the National Immunisation Schedule.

Highly experienced nurses with specialist training in immunisation staff the clinics. No appointments are required.

For more information or to obtain the full list of 2011 immunisation sessions, phone Council’s Environmental Health Unit on 9262 6197 or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Immunisation.html

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Street trees in Vermont, Forest Hill, Box Hill South and Mont Albert will be pruned by Whitehorse City Council contractors over the next few months.

Council undertakes a two-year pruning cycle to ensure public safety and the long-term health of the municipality’s street trees.

For more information on Council’s street tree pruning program, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Street-Tree-Pruning.html or phone Council on 9262 6333.

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General news
Helping families in need this Christmas

Residents are encouraged to support Whitehorse’s Christmas Toy Appeal by adding an extra gift to their Christmas shopping list this year.

Whitehorse Mayor Councillor Ben Stennett said Whitehorse City Council was collecting gifts on behalf of the Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN) for distribution to families in need in time for Christmas.

Cr Stennett said it was the ninth year that Council had run the appeal in conjunction with EERN.

“The community can donate new toys to this worthy cause until Tuesday 20 December 2011 by simply leaving a gift at any one of Council’s three Customer Service Centres,” he said.

More than 120 welfare agencies in the eastern suburbs are members of the EERN, which operates a large warehouse in Mitcham.

EERN acts as a safety net to people who are suffering short-term financial or social crisis. The organisation helps by providing furniture and other household essentials, including emergency food parcels, through its network of member welfare agencies to support their needy clients.

The organisation will accept all donations of new toys through Whitehorse’s Christmas Toy Appeal. It is hoping to receive toys and interactive games for all age groups, from infants to teenagers.

Gifts can be left in collection bins located at Council’s Customer Service Centres at the Whitehorse Civic Centre in Nunawading, Box Hill Town Hall and Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre.

For more information, contact the EERN warehouse, Factory 1/10 Thornton Crescent, Mitcham on 9874 8433 or Council on 9262 6333.

Whitehorse Christmas Toy Appeal with Council’s Customer Service staff.

NEW EXTENSION FOR SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

One of Whitehorse’s most cherished historical buildings has received a facelift so it can continue to serve the community into the future.

Whitehorse City Council has officially opened an extension to Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex to provide more extensive facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Whitehorse Councillor Philip Daw said Schwerkolt Cottage was a deeply treasured building of Council and the Whitehorse Historical Society for 47 years.

“The new extension to Schwerkolt Cottage will improve access for people to visit the museum and experience the local history collection of more than 4000 artefacts, 3600 photos and 6000 documents owned by the Whitehorse Historical Society,” Cr Daw said.

“It will offer greater opportunities for school and community groups, residents and visitors to enjoy and learn about the rich history of the Whitehorse community,” he said.

“The cottage also has a new educational facility that will enable users to learn about life when the cottage was originally built and view DVDs on the history of the area.”

Schwerkolt Cottage was built in the 1800s by August Schwerkolt and was the last of three cottages built by the Schwerkolt family between 1864 and the 1880s.

Council purchased the cottage from the Schwerkolt family in 1964 and, in conjunction with the Whitehorse Historical Society, has made significant restoration efforts to ensure its use into the future.

Schwerkolt Cottage is included on the register for the National Estate and classified by the National Trust.

For more information, visit Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Schwerkolt-Cottage.html or phone 9262 6333.

Whitehorse Christmas Toy Appeal with Council’s Customer Service staff.

WHITEHORSE CAROLS 2011

Picnic on the lawn with family, friends and neighbours and get into the Christmas spirit by singing along to your favourite carols.

Whitehorse Carols will be held on Sunday 11 December 2011 at the Whitehorse Civic Centre precinct, 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

The evening begins with free rides and amusements plus children’s entertainment and an appearance by special guest, Santa Claus.

Entertainer Darryl Cotton will be MC for the evening, guiding the audience through a three-act concert that begins with performances from professional and community choirs.

Singer-songwriter Wendy Stapleton, accompanied by Darryl Cotton and the renowned CHIME Choir, will take to the stage for the second act, singing a mixture of original songs and much-loved carols.

The third act features the Combined Churches of North Blackburn’s performance of ‘The True Meaning of Christmas’, combining popular religious music and songs to end an evening full of Christmas cheer.

Whitehorse Carols features children’s entertainment from 5.30pm followed by the main concert at 7pm. Food stalls will operate from 5.30pm.

Celebrate Whitehorse’s sustainability transition

Whitehorse Sustainability Street, Transition Whitehorse and Sustainability Ambassador Program participants welcome residents to their end of year celebration on Saturday 19 November.

The event provides an opportunity to learn about the many diverse community initiatives that have taken place over the past year in Whitehorse to strengthen the sense of community and encourage sustainable practices at home, work or school to save money and help the environment.

Residents can find out how to get involved with these groups and make the first step towards living more sustainable lifestyles. Everyone is welcome – residents do not need to be involved with any of the community sustainability programs to attend.

The end of year celebration will be held on 19 November from 12 noon to 4pm at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill. Attendees are asked to bring along a plate of food to share. Finger food and refreshments are provided.

Activities on the day will include:
- Reflection on the past year of sustainability achievements.
- Planning for potential community sustainability events in 2012.
- CommUniversity and up-skilling workshops – where participants can learn from their neighbours about sustainability.
- Meet ‘n’ Swap Party – exchange your home grown produce, such as seeds, seedlings, fruit, vegetables and plants, with others.
- Children’s craft activities.

To attend, contact Council’s Sustainability Officer on 9262 6433 or email miho.portelli@whitehorse.vic.gov.au by Friday 11 November 2011.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Whitehorse Sustainability Street in action.

Keep Whitehorse’s streets clean.

KEEPING STREETS CLEAN AND GREEN IN WHITEHORSE

Keeping our streets safe, clean and tidy is a major project for Whitehorse City Council over the next two months.

Council is embarking on an anti-litter campaign from mid-November to mid-December in an effort to keep Whitehorse’s streets clean.

The campaign will focus on the area surrounding Box Hill Central, particularly Kent Road, Albion Road, Ashed Road and Cambridge Street – an area that has been identified as having high litter and rubbish dumping problems.

Council would like to remind residents and visitors to Whitehorse that dumping rubbish and littering is illegal and can result in fines of up to $4280.

As part of the education campaign, Council has produced a kit to provide residents with information on how to dispose of rubbish and unwanted goods. These kits can be obtained from real estate agents in Box Hill.

For more information, visit Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/litter.html

Box Hill Gardens will get a spruce up in the near future - and help save a great deal of water in the process.

Box Hill Gardens stormwater harvesting and reuse project will involve the installation of a new underground storage tank and irrigation system to capture and treat stormwater which is then reused to provide water for significant trees and grass areas within the gardens, as well as ensure the ornamental lake is filled.

Estimated water savings from the stormwater and reuse project will be about 15.5 megalitres of water per year – equivalent to filling about six Olympic-sized swimming pools per year.

About 1.5 megalitres will be used to fill the ornamental lake and a further 14 megalitres will be used for irrigation of trees and grass areas within the gardens.

Construction of the stormwater harvesting project, which began in October, is expected to be completed by April 2012.

The construction of the stormwater harvesting system will be extensive, including the installation of a 600,000-litre underground storage tank with connecting pipes and pits as well as two gross pollutant traps, pumps and controls, and an access path for maintenance of the system.

The project forms part of the Box Hill Gardens Master Plan which was endorsed by Council in February 2011 after extensive community consultation.

During consultation, local residents indicated that one of the most important aspects of the gardens was the preservation of the large number of trees, open lawn areas and the ornamental lake.

Council has made a commitment to invest $1.3 million into the stormwater harvesting system to not only provide adequate irrigation to the gardens, but also ensure sustainability objectives are met by Council.

Council will ensure there is as little disruption as possible to the community during construction of the project. Box Hill Gardens will continue to be available for community use, however some areas may not be accessible while work is undertaken.

This project is partially funded by Whitehorse City Council and the Australian Government’s Water for the Future initiative through the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan.

Residents are able to view the Box Hill Gardens Master Plan at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Policies-Parks.html

For more information on sustainability initiatives in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Sustainability.html
Are you a Gold Star recycler? Whitehorse City Council is searching for the city's top recyclers to reward them for their efforts.

Residents are invited to take part in a quiz that will rate their recycling knowledge for the chance to become a Whitehorse Gold Star recycler and go into the draw to receive some great prizes.

Whitehorse Councillor Raylene Carr said the competition aimed to encourage residents to make a commitment to recycling by ensuring they separated their recyclables correctly.

“What better time to make this commitment than during National Recycling Week from 7-13 November. The week provides a perfect opportunity to get involved with the Gold Star recycling program and will test residents’ knowledge of recycling and help them to live more sustainable lifestyles,” Cr Carr said.


“Residents who get more than 90 per cent correct will become a Whitehorse Gold Star recycler and be provided with a Gold Star pack including a sticker for their recycling bin, no junk mail sticker and a magnet. They will also receive information on what can and cannot be recycled as well as tips on reducing waste and living more sustainable lifestyles,” she said.

The competition, organised by Council in conjunction with recycling contractor Visy Recycling, runs until mid-February, with prizes awarded monthly.

For more information on recycling, visit Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Waste-Recycling.html

Want to learn some practical and cost effective water saving tips in time for summer?

Get all the knowledge and skills you need to save water around the home and garden at a Whitehorse City Council workshop next month.

The session offers practical and cost effective ideas on how to save water around the home and garden to help households save water and money.

Information will be provided about ways to reduce water consumption, current water restrictions and rebates available for installing water-efficient devices.

All participants go in to the running to win a water saving major prize.

Greywater treatment system rebate and rainwater tank rebate

Whitehorse City Council offers a rebate of $100 for residents who purchase and install permanent greywater treatment systems, and a 7 per cent rebate on the price of a rainwater tank or bladder once it is fully installed.

A one-off payment of $200 is also offered to ratepayers who install an approved TANKLESS® underground rainwater system.

In order to claim rebates residents need to provide proof of purchase and proof of installation by a licensed plumber or certified installer. Conditions apply.

For more information, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Sustainability-Rebates.html to download a rebate claim form or phone 9262 6159 or email katrina.hawkins@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
STUDENTS GET BUSINESS SKILLS FOR LIFE

Local tertiary students have gained event management expertise and other workplace skills through an innovative Whitehorse City Council program.

Fifteen students from Deakin University and Box Hill Institute have completed the 2011 Whitehorse Tertiary Business Skills (WTBS) Program, which is designed to enable students to experience the challenges of real-life business.

The students formed a mock company, Bizlinx, and were each given a role to perform. The mock company organised two business events between May and October.

The first was ‘Cost Reduction in Business’ and the second was ‘Business Driven eSolutions’.

Deakin University Masters student Edwina Fernandes was attracted to the program because it offered “a whole lot of experience in the shortest time available”.

“This program offers us the flexibility to make our own decisions while planning and organising our events — right up to choosing what sort of event we want to organise and whom to target as an audience,” she said.

“This is something unique that I haven’t found in other graduate programs.”

Edwina had the opportunity to take on several roles simultaneously. For the first event, she was the Ethics Manager, Advertising Manager and Assistant Marketing Director. For the second event, she took on the Marketing Director and Personnel Records Manager roles.

“I have learnt how to formulate various company policies and prepare documents, advertising, promotional material and reports. I have also learnt how to interact with different businesses in an efficient and professional manner,” she said.

Edwina is studying Masters in Business Administration (International) and Masters in Information Systems and intends to pursue a career as a business analyst. She believes that the program has developed her leadership and teamwork skills.

To participate in the 2012 WTBS program, phone Council’s Economic Development Officer on 9262 6105.

Support your neighbourhood

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Remember to ‘Think Local Buy Local’ during the festive season and beyond.

Shoppers in the City of Whitehorse are encouraged to ‘Think Local Buy Local’ to support businesses in their neighbourhood and boost the local economy.

Whitehorse Councillor Sharon Ellis encouraged residents and workers to spend their money locally instead of travelling outside the municipality to shop.

“Shopping locally improves job security in your area and strengthens community spirit. It is also a great way of reducing car travel and the associated carbon emissions,” Cr Ellis said.

Before heading for one of the big retailers, consider your local businesses. Hoskins Carpet Gallery has been operating in South Parade Blackburn for 57 years. Owner Bob Hoskins estimates that the business has carpeted at least 15,000 homes in Blackburn and surrounding areas — about 400 lineal kilometres.

Bob’s father John started the business as Hoskins Furniture Store in 1954. The building boom created a demand for homewares and after 18 months they expanded to floor coverings and electrical goods. Every year turnover increased with hundreds of customers asking for ‘Hoskins six months interest free’ to furnish their homes.

Bob’s son Peter joined the family business in 1990 and, in response to shifting market demographics, changed to a dedicated floor covering business under the new name Hoskins Carpet Choice in 1995. As a specialist retailer, the business advanced again. In 2003, the business name changed once more to Hoskins Carpet Gallery.

Amazingly, the business has employed several staff members for more than two decades — Janet Green for 20 years; Peter Hoskins 21 years; Peter Atkinson 26 years; and Bob Hoskins 57 years.

The Think Local Buy Local campaign began on a small scale in 2009 covering Blackburn Station Village, Brentford Square Shopping Centre, Burwood Heights Shopping Centre and Mont Albert Village. Last year it was expanded to include all commercial outlets in Whitehorse.

For more information on businesses in Whitehorse, visit www.wbiz.com.au

WHITEHORSE FESTIVE WINDOW DRESSING COMPETITION

Traders in the City of Whitehorse are encouraged to get into the festive spirit by decorating their shop windows with the most elaborate, beautiful Christmas decorations possible.

Local traders and shoppers alike can nominate their favourite festive window displays, including their own, from Monday 7 November to Monday 12 December, with nominees going in the draw to win a host of prizes for the most creative window display.

The display must be seen from outside the shop front window, street or footpath. Businesses must be located in the City of Whitehorse and nominated to be in the running for the competition.

Judging will be based on creativity, use of colour, themes and the visual impact of their display.

Winners of the most creative shop front will win free promotion in Council’s Down to Business newsletter and wbiz.com.au. First prize winner will receive a Small Business Advertising one-on-one advertising package with the Whitehorse Leader valued at $1000. Second prize winner will receive a double gold subscription package for the 2012 professional theatre season at the Whitehorse Centre valued at $500.

Entries must be received by 5pm Monday 12 December 2011. Winners will be announced on www.wbiz.com.au as well as in the Down to Business newsletter (Autumn edition) and in the Whitehorse Leader on 21 December 2011.

Council is committed to promoting local businesses and this competition aims to encourage shoppers to continue shopping locally during the festive season.

The Festive Window Dressing Competition 2011 will run from Monday 7 November to Monday 12 December 2011.

For more information on nominations or the terms and conditions, visit www.wbiz.com.au or phone 9262 6353.
Whitehorse City Council is working hard to minimise any fire threat in the municipality this summer.

Council reviewed the Bushland Reserves Fire Management Strategy last year to manage the risk of bushfire in Whitehorse’s bushland reserves and surrounding properties and to ensure that potential fire hazards are reduced throughout the city.

This year, Council continues to implement the fire management strategy to improve bushfire safety for the community.

Works carried out as part of the strategy aim to improve bushfire safety for residents and their properties, while also taking into account the need for recreation, education, fauna and flora conservation at local reserves.

Some of the actions undertaken by Council include reducing fuel and other potential fire hazards near residential areas.

On days of Total Fire Ban, Council carries out fire patrols in reserves and assists residents with fire detection. Trained staff can also assist with small fires.

Other measures include liaison with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade; assisting community groups concerned with bushfire; education and publicity about bushfires; and the implementation of specific fire management plans for larger reserves in Whitehorse.

While fire prevention work is carried out by Council within bushland reserves, community assistance is also needed to ensure the strategy is fully effective.

Residents are encouraged to start planning and preparing their properties, even those who live in urban areas and especially those who live near parks, scrub and grasslands.

Some ways the community can contribute to fire safety in Whitehorse include:

- Clearing away dry grass, leaves and rubbish from around their property
- Ensuring the roof and gutters of their home and garden shed are free of bark and leaves
- Checking that stored materials are safe from fire.

For more information on fire safety, visit www.mfb.vic.gov.au or phone Council on 9262 6333.

Summer safety

Whitehorse City Council is working hard to ensure residents are fire safe in the lead-up to summer.

With the warmer months approaching, it is important 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 five years of age 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 Unit will conduct 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.

A building permit is required for the construction of all pools and spas, including those above ground, capable of containing a depth of water greater than 300mm. The permit must be issued by a municipal or private building surveyor.

Any alterations, upgrades or additions to a swimming pool or spa safety barrier, such as changing from a metal fence to a new glass barrier, requires a building permit prior to the work being completed.

Residents are also reminded of the need to constantly supervise children when enjoying their pool or spa.

For more information on pool and spa safety barriers, visit Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Pool-Spa-Safety- Barriers.html or phone Council’s Building Services Unit on 9262 6333. Alternatively, visit the Building Commission’s website at www.buildingcommission.com.au

Preventing water related accidents

Whitehorse residents are being urged to plan ahead and ensure their homes are fire safe in the lead-up to summer.

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

Grass should be cut and maintained to a height of 20cm or less. Other potential fire hazards are stored dry grass, dry tree branches and dry or dead vegetation.

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.

Residents should be aware that if a notice is not complied with, the land may be compulsorily cleared and all costs passed onto the property owner, in addition to any fines issued.

To prepare properties for the fire season, residents should:
- Keep grass cut and remove leaves and twigs.
- Clean gutters and move wood piles away from the house.
- Ensure hoses can reach all areas of the property.
- Trim overhanging branches.

Residents need to make a plan and know what they are going to do in the event of a fire.

For more information, visit Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Fire-Safety.html or the Metropolitan Fire Brigade’s website at www.mfb.vic.gov.au

For the latest Council news, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Top local athletes, sporting clubs and volunteers have been recognised for their hard work and dedication at the Whitehorse Sports Awards 2011.

Whitehorse Mayor Councillor Ben Stennett said Whitehorse City Council’s annual Whitehorse Sports Awards recognise the outstanding contribution that members of local sporting clubs make to the community.

The Whitehorse Sports Awards 2011 were presented at an official ceremony held at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading on Wednesday 12 October. Special guest speaker at the event was former Australian test cricketer and VFL/AFL footballer Max Walker.

“I wish to congratulate all the winners of this year’s Whitehorse Sports Awards. Council believes it is extremely important to recognise these efforts and provide an opportunity for sporting clubs and individuals from these clubs to be acknowledged for their success in their chosen sport,” Cr Stennett said.

The awards, open in eight categories, recognise the outstanding achievements of local sportspeople and also acknowledge the behind-the-scene efforts of people in sporting and recreation clubs in Whitehorse. Any individual who lives, attends school or is a member of a sporting club within Whitehorse is eligible to nominate.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE WHITEHORSE SPORTS AWARDS 2011**

**ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Leisel Jones**

Leisel Jones has been a member of the Nunawading Swimming Club, based at Aqualink Nunawading, since October 2008. Since joining the club, Liesel has represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games in 2010 and the World Championships in 2011. In March 2011, she attended the Australian Championships in Sydney and competed in the 50m and 100m breaststroke events. The three-time Olympian and Olympic Gold Medalist won gold in the women’s 100m breaststroke and silver in the 50m breaststroke events at the championships.

Leisel, along with other club members, helped lead the club to its third Australian Premier Trophy at the Australian Championships.

**SCHOOL OF THE YEAR**

**Box Hill Senior Secondary College**

Box Hill Senior Secondary College in Mont Albert North has achieved impressive results in the sporting arena during 2011. The college has a proud tradition of sporting excellence at local, state and national levels. More than a third of the student population participate in the school’s sporting programs.

The school’s achievements in 2011 include:

- School Sport Victoria (SSV) Intermediate Boys Football State Champions for the second consecutive year.
- SSV Senior Boys Basketball State Champions for the last five years and finalists in the McDonald’s Cup that acts as a pathway to the national titles in December.
- SSV Senior Girls Basketball State Finalists in the McDonald’s Cup.
- SSV Boys Netball State Champions.
- Senior boys football team were participants in the inaugural SSV Premier League.

**ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WITH A DISABILITY and CHAIR OF THE WHITEHORSE SPORT AND RECREATION NETWORK AWARD**

**Jamie Phillips**

This is the second year in a row that Jamie Phillips has won the Athlete of the Year With a Disability Award and has continued to reach new heights in his sporting career. In 2011, he was selected to play in the Australian men’s basketball team for people with an intellectual disability, the Boomerangs. This will see him travel overseas to play with the team in Italy. Jamie also played in the Victorian metropolitan team in 2011, winning a gold medal at the Australian Junior Championships.

Jamie is a trainee at Eastern Recreation and Leisure Services where he supports the RAID Basketball and Netball Competition as a coach and staff member.

**CLUB OF THE YEAR (joint winners)**

**Eastern Gymnastics Club**

Eastern Gymnastics Club has doubled its membership over the past 18 months to have more than 720 members, with the majority being under the age of 15 years.

The club has 35 coaches and 15 apprentice coaches, under the age of 25 years, who work with gymnasts to create a culture of encouragement and vitality. The club offers a range of gymnastic programs including women’s artistic, rhythmic, acrobatic and adult gymnastics as well as gymstar, gymfun, kindergym and school holiday programs.
**JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Joel Tobin-White**

Joel Tobin-White is a competitive athlete in triathlons as well as running and cycling. Joel trains with the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) and is a good role model to junior athletes and students. He displays great sportsmanship at interschool events, demonstrates great respect for other competitors and is a great example for other students at events.

Joel has won Koonung Secondary College's Interschool Sport Award for the past two years. He balances his VCE studies with training for triathlons at an elite level. Joel's recent achievements include:

- 1st place in the Oceania Triathlon Championships 2011 (16-17 years age group)
- 3rd place in the Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships (U18 Male)
- 1st place in the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships 2011
- 1st place in the Geelong Criterium Series Victoria 2010 (open male - cycling).

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**COACH OF THE YEAR (joint winners)**

**Michael Sage**

Michael Sage joined the Surrey Park Swimming Club in 2010 as director of coaching and has achieved outstanding results both in and out of the pool.

At the 2010/11 State Age Long Course Championships, Michael guided the club from ninth to fifth position and boosted its medal total from 19 to 29. His coaching also resulted in the club achieving second place at the Australian Open Water Championships, securing seven medals – four of these gold – along the way.

**Dion Pocklington**

Dion Pocklington is the men’s artistic gymnastics co-ordinator and senior coach at the Eastern Gymnastics Club.

Dion has cultivated the philosophy that gymnastics is about community and team. He thoroughly prepares team members for competitions and this year’s results have been excellent with gold individual and silver team medals awarded at the Victorian Championships in 2011. Three club members were also selected for the State Squad to train at the High Performance Centre.

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**TEAM OF THE YEAR**

**Nunawading Swimming Club – Open Swim Team**

Nunawading Swimming Club has been named the Australian Premier Swimming Club for the third year in a row following the Australian Swimming Championships in March 2011.

The eight-day event saw Nunawading swimmers compete against the best swimmers in the country. The team was led by 2008 Olympian Ashley Delaney who won gold in the Men’s 50m and 200m backstroke and bronze in the 100m backstroke events.

Three-time Olympian Leisel Jones won gold in the Women’s 100m breaststroke and silver in the 50m breaststroke events. Both the men’s and women’s 4 x 200m freestyle relay teams won gold and were announced as Australian Champions.

Following the event, Leisel Jones and Ashley Delaney were selected by Swimming Australia for the Australian Swim Team to compete at the World Championships in Shanghai later this year.

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**Barry Wenker**

Year 2011 marks 50 years service to the East Burwood Football Club by Barry Wenker as a player, coach, administrator, sponsor and volunteer.

Barry has made an impressive contribution to the club and is considered an honest and reliable volunteer who is willing to support the club in any way he can.

Barry has worked as both a personal sponsor and a tireless fundraiser over the last 30 years. He has raised several thousand dollars through sausage sizzles and raffles to help build the current clubrooms. He also formed and chaired the Scoreboard Construction Committee that raised funding to build the scoreboard.
Services continue during Aqualink Box Hill redevelopment

Arrangements have been made to ensure that members and casual patrons of Aqualink Box Hill (AQBH) can continue to achieve their health and fitness goals throughout the redevelopment.

Swimming and gymnasium services will continue at AQBH while an expanded group fitness program will be conducted at Aqualink Nunawading (AQN) throughout the construction period between February 2012 and December 2013.

Lap swimmers will be able to continue using the six-lane, 25-metre outdoor pool at AQBH, which will be enclosed with a temporary structure, and gymnasium users will be able to use the relocated fully-equipped gymnasium to be set up on court three of the multipurpose indoor sports stadium. This will be a larger space than the current gymnasium and will allow for expanded stretching and free weights areas.

The refurbished sports stadium will have a new air management system to ensure a steady and comfortable climate for all patrons, and appropriate impact-absorbing flooring will be installed. Fully qualified instructors will continue to staff the gymnasium conducting health and fitness assessments, and writing personalised programs for both members and casual patrons.

Although spa, sauna and steam facilities and group fitness classes will not be available at AQBH during the redevelopment, these services will continue to operate at AQN, with group fitness classes being increased by 40 per cent. Owing to state childcare regulations, it is not possible to set up a temporary crèche at AQBH; however the AQN crèche will be expanded by five places per session. Please note that the four tennis courts at Surrey Park will remain open during the redevelopment.

For more information, visit www.aqualink.com.au or phone AQBH on 9898 2099 or AQN on 9878 4576.

BOOT CAMP IS BACK!

Get in shape for the beach with one of Aqualink Nunawading's boot camps. Aqualink Nunawading is holding four boot camps over spring, summer and autumn to help members and other interested people get into the habit of regular training and a healthy lifestyle.

Boot camp is a team exercise program focusing on increasing training intensity to achieve results. The team aspect of boot camp drives and inspires participants to work towards a common goal. Individuals push beyond what they think they can do to reach a new level of physical and mental wellbeing.

Boot camp participants utilise most Aqualink Nunawading facilities including surrounding parklands. The same instructor conducts all sessions to reinforce the ‘team’ and ‘one in all in’ aspect of the program.

Each boot camp has a total of 12 sessions held over a four-week period from the start date.

The first boot camp is already underway. However, there are still places available in the following camps:

- **Boot camp 2** - Tuesday 15 November
- **Boot camp 3** - Tuesday 7 February
- **Boot camp 4** - Tuesday 20 March

Sessions are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Cost for each boot camp is $200 for members or $250 for non-members. For more information or to make a booking, phone Aqualink Nunawading on 9878 4576.
Join the Youth Issues Network

Providing opportunities for young people in Whitehorse is what drives members of the Youth Issues Network.

Professionals from youth service providers and programs in Whitehorse are invited to join the Youth Issues Network, which meets bi-monthly at Whitehorse City Council’s youth resource centre, Youth ConneXions in Box Hill.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 12 noon to allow professionals in the area to come together and network with other services and programs. A guest speaker also presents on a service or program that may benefit young people within Whitehorse.

In addition, the Youth Issues Network also operates an email distribution list for services to pass information on to other network members.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Youth Issues Network also has a pool of funding available for members to undertake projects that meet the needs of young people in Whitehorse. Previously funded projects include an art and music program for young women; building a children’s playground at the Box Hill South Neighbourhood House; DJ workshop; young mothers art program; and song writing and recording workshops.

To be eligible, funding submissions must meet the following criteria:

• Projects need to address unmet needs of young people or youth services.
• Projects must aim to improve or enhance the lives of young people in Whitehorse.
• Preference is given to joint projects.

• Applicants must be a member of the Youth Issues Network.
• Projects should maximise resources and not duplicate or overlap with existing services.
• Wages of Youth Issues Network members are not funded by the grant funding program; however, funding is available for consultants or trainers where those skills cannot be accessed within the network.

Successful programs can be funded up to a maximum of $1500.

Application forms can be obtained from Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-Community-Service-Provider.html

To join the Youth Issues Network or for more information on the funding program, contact Youth ConneXions Coordinator Jules Piccinin on 9898 9340 or email jules.piccinin@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

EXAM TIPS FOR SUCCESS

With end of year exams fast approaching for many students in Whitehorse, Council’s Youth Services Unit has come up with the following tips to help young people study effectively.

Set up a study space
Create a study space that works for you. Make sure it has plenty of room, all the materials you need and there are no distractions.

Have a study plan
Set up a routine where you study for a certain period of time each day or create a study timetable outlining when you will study. Give yourself plenty of time to study so you do not need to cram at the end.

Make your own study materials
For example, set yourself practice questions or make some flash cards. This can be as simple as testing yourself or getting others to test you.

Look after yourself
You study best when you are feeling good. Keep up a healthy diet, continue to exercise and make sure you get enough sleep. Be sure to take regular, short breaks when you are studying to keep your mind fresh.

Stay motivated
Set yourself a goal for what you want to achieve. This might be to gain entry into a certain course or the marks that you are aiming for. Keep this goal in your mind when you are studying or write it down and keep it visible in your study space.

Reward yourself
Once you have completed your planned study for the day, reward yourself by doing something that you enjoy, whether it be spending time with friends or watching a favourite television program.

For further advice about studying or to make sure you are on the right track speak to your teachers about your study habits.

For more information on programs offered by Council’s Youth Services Unit, contact Youth ConneXions on 9898 9340 or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Youth-People.html

DISCOVER YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Youth ConneXions in Box Hill offers a comfortable and supportive environment for young people in Whitehorse.

The Council-run youth centre offers a range of activities, programs and events for young people aged 12 to 24 years.

The centre provides young people with free use of computers, internet, phone, fax and photocopier. It offers free tea, coffee and Milo as well as a lounge area for young people to relax and hang out with friends while trying out the pool table and table tennis table, Karaoke game, PlayStation or watching a DVD.

The centre is also home to a music program, with a range of musical equipment available for young people to use free of charge for rehearsal and recording. Bookings are essential.

Youth ConneXions staff can provide young people with assistance on a range of youth issues including employment, resume writing and education options; accommodation options; recreational opportunities; personal support and counselling options.

Youth ConneXions is located at Suite 2, Level 1 in Centro Box Hill South Shopping Centre, Main Street, Box Hill. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 1pm to 5pm. No appointment necessary. For more information, phone 9898 9340 or email youth.worker@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

For more information on youth services in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Youth-Services.html

YOUNG PERSON OF THE MONTH

Twelve-year-old Ruebi Smith has been selected as Whitehorse’s Young Person of the Month for being a great model for other young people in the community.

Ruebi is an enthusiastic student, sportsperson and budding artist who is also keen to promote sustainability within her school community.

The Blackburn Lake Primary School student is a representative on the Junior School Council and captain of the Sustainability Committee. Through these roles she addresses school issues, creates fundraising opportunities and identifies and promotes sustainability within the school.

Ruebi is also a keen athlete, being involved with the Ringwood Aquatic Centre’s diving team and the Eastern Football League’s Nunawading Lions Football Club.

She has represented Blackburn Lake Primary School in cross country at a district level; 100m sprint; long jump, hurdles and relay at a district level; and long jump and hurdles at zone level.

Art is another one of Ruebi’s passions leading her to win the 2010 Lions Club Peace Poster Competition for the Whitehorse area.

Ruebi’s nomination states that she is a “mature, responsible and outspoken student” and an excellent role model for other students in the community.

“Ruebi has shown outstanding sporting achievements and has represented the school in sporting and art areas. She is a female playing football in a male dominated sport. Her commitment to the environment and sustainable programs is fantastic,” the nomination states.
Congratulations to all of our Family Day discussions, plus anything else you would include the Healesville Freeway reserve diaries. Discussions on the night will please note the change of date in your A reminder that the next Morack Ward stored in underground tanks. This water with the project diverting water from one drains currently run through the gardens, drinking water every year. Two Council potential to save 15.5 megalitres of at Box Hill Garden, which has the stormwater harvesting and reuse project Tenders have been accepted for the Gardens
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More work is to be done as part of the overall redevelopment community breakfast. Executive Officer Alan Lilly and Planning Director Karen Fox at the Box Hill Hospital redevelopment community breakfast.
Box Hill Hospital redevelopment Recently I attended a community breakfast to receive an update on the Box Hill Hospital redevelopment project. This much needed redevelopment aims to provide high quality health care services to people living in Mebourne’s eastern suburbs. The Victorian Government has committed $447.5 million for the project, which will be completed in 2015. The hospital will remain operational throughout the redevelopment period.

CENTRAL WARD

By Cr Bill Pemberton
As Councillors we get to be nominated for representative roles to various groups. One such group is the Metropolitan Waste Management Group for which I have been the Whitehorse Councillor representative over the last three years and elected as Deputy Chair this year. I am happy to pass your details on to the organising committee.

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VERMONT SOUTH COMMUNITY HOUSE

Vermont South Community House arts exhibition What an amazing group of artists we have at the Vermont South Community House. Both Cr Carr and I found it difficult to judge the varied pieces for the Councillors Awards. Well done to all and keep up the fabulous work.

I look forward to meeting up with many of you again during the coming months and progressing the Whitehorse community together.

Contact your Ward Councillor for further information
ELECTION OF MAYOR

A new Mayor will be elected to represent the City of Whitehorse on Monday 5 December 2011.

The Mayor of Whitehorse is chosen by the Councillors to serve as the principal ambassador for the Cty. A Special Statutory Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on 5 December in the Council Chamber at the Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading to elect the new Mayor, after the conclusion of Cr Ben Stennett’s Mayoral term.

The newly elected Mayor will hold this position for a period of approximately 11 months, with the Mayoral term finishing on the morning of Saturday 27 October 2012.

In 2012 the City of Whitehorse general election will be conducted via postal vote during October 2012, with election day being Saturday 27 October.

A story on the newly elected Mayor will be featured in the January edition of the Whitehorse News.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2011

The remaining Council Meetings for 2011 are:

- Special Committee Meeting - 14 November
- Ordinary Council Meeting - 21 November
- Ordinary Council Meeting - 12 December

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

Council Meetings commence at 7pm and Special Committee of Council Meetings commence at 8pm, unless otherwise advised.

Contact your Ward Councillor for further information
Learning from different generations

Promoting positive images, challenging stereotypes and developing relationships between younger and older generations is at the heart of an intergenerational initiative underway in Whitehorse.

Several projects have been taking place between local schools and aged care facilities in the municipality during the past year. These projects, supported by Whitehorse City Council, aim to build social connections, develop positive wellbeing and strengthen community engagement amongst older residents and school students.

One project involves the creation of an intergenerational choir made up of 12 residents from Strathdon Uniting Aged Care and a group of students from Parkmore Primary School and Forest Hill College.

The choir, led by a volunteer choir conductor, rehearsed weekly in the lead-up to their first public performance at the Whitehorse Seniors Festival luncheon held at the Box Hill Town Hall in October. The choir now hopes to perform at end of year functions for local schools and aged care facilities.

In another project, groups of students from Parkmore Primary School and Forest Hill College have been visiting residents at Strathmore Uniting Aged Care each week as part of a digital story telling project. Many new relationships have been formed as students and residents explored various topics together.

Students filmed interviews with many residents using video cameras purchased through funding obtained from the Whitehorse School Focused Youth Service. These interviews are now being compiled into digital records that will be presented at an end of year school celebration attended by all project participants.

Whitehorse’s intergenerational initiative aims to promote positive images of young people, older people and ageing. Students are given the opportunity to communicate with older people to gain an appreciation of their rich and varied life experiences.

Council is keen to hear from schools and aged care facilities interested in taking part in further intergenerational projects in 2012. For more information, contact Council’s Volunteer/Civic Participation Officer M ichelle Wright on 9262 6116 or email michelle.wright@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

ON SHOW AT THE WHITEHORSE ART SPACE

Forest Threads - an initiative of the Australian Quilters Association

11 November-21 December

Quilters from across Australia have been invited to demonstrate their talent, skills and originality as part of the Forest Threads exhibition on show at the Whitehorse Art Space.

The exhibition, open to all quilters in Australia, celebrates the International Year of the Forest, acknowledging their unique beauty, historic sense of identity and precious biological diversity of flora and fauna.

The exhibition forms part of the Australian Quilts in Public Places initiative, established in 1997 to showcase unique Australian textile talent.

Quilting demonstrations will be held at the Whitehorse Art Space every Saturday from 2pm during the exhibition.

WHITEHORSE ART SPACE

Located at the Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Hours: Tuesday and Friday 10am-3pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-5pm, Saturday 12 noon-4pm

Phone: 9262 6250 www.boxhilltownhall.com.au

Cynthia Morgan, ‘Escarpment’
Charity Christmas cards for sale

Support a worthy cause by sending Christmas cards to family and friends purchased from the Box Hill Lions Club Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop.

Thirteen charities have contributed a range of Christmas cards for sale and are also providing volunteers to operate the shop.

Box Hill Lions Club Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop is open at the Box Hill Town Hall Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill until Thursday 15 December 2011.

The shop is open Monday to Friday as well as Saturday 26 November, 3 December and 10 December from 10am to 3pm.

For more information on the Box Hill Lions Club Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop, phone 9894 3191.

Health Awareness Day

The Lions Club of Box Hill is presenting a Health Awareness Day at the Box Hill Town Hall on Saturday 5 November from 10am to 3pm.

The event will include 30-minute presentations on healthy hearts, prostate cancer and diabetes awareness. Information will also be available from Marondah Breast Screen, diabetes, Donate Life Australia – organ and tissue donation awareness, Beyond Blue and Lions health projects.

Children can also take part in a drawing competition with prizes to be awarded on the day.

Light lunch and afternoon tea available.

For more information, phone Pat Mills on 0408 753 266 or visit www.boxhilllions.org

Lift the Lid

Not-for-profit organisation Lift the Lid invites the Whitehorse community to support its efforts to build a toilet block for a girls’ school in South Sudan.

The fun event will be held on Saturday 12 November from 7.30pm to 11pm at ‘The Pines’ Senior Citizens Centre, 25 Central Road, Blackburn.

Learn African drumming and dance or take a look through a range of art and craft stalls.

Tickets cost $10. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

To learn more about the project, visit www.regenerationsudan.org.au

To book tickets email liftthelid@live.com or send a text message to 0401 743 383 with your name, number of tickets and contact details.

Donations are also welcome from those unable to attend the event.

Artists’ Camp Fair

Roberts McCubbin Primary School’s Artists’ Camp Fair will be held on Saturday 5 November from 12 noon to 7pm.

The annual fair coincides with the school’s prestigious art show featuring the works of local professional, amateur and emerging artists.

Families can enjoy rides for all age groups, circus activities, live music, performances, delicious food and a wide variety of stalls.

The school is located in Birdwood Street, Box Hill South. For more details, phone 9890 2372 or visit www.robertsmccubbinschool.com.au
Box Hill Community Arts Centre: classes, courses and exhibitions

EXHIBITIONS

Box Hill Clayworkers, 'Mixed Bag'
6-14 November
An eclectic mix of ceramics celebrating each artist's unique style.

Artists in Residence

Nikita Burt, 'In Her Reverie'
15-20 November
Opening: Thursday 17 November, 6pm
An inquiry into how an appreciation for the beauty of nature and an indifference to its destruction can co-exist in the collective consciousness. The works are informed by a personal process of accepting that 'we are our world' and are an expression of how we treat the human and the non-human alike.

Alcove Art Shop, 'Christmas A'Fair'
22 November-3 December
Sneak Preview: Monday 21 November, 6pm
Unique gifts by artisans of the Alcove Art Shop spill into the centre's gallery. Items include jewellery, ceramics, glass, wood, textiles, baskets, paintings, books and cards.

CLASSES AND COURSES

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Fun with Clay - Christmas Stocking (six to 12 years of age)
Participants will make a stocking from clay, using hand building techniques, ready to use at Christmas. When: Saturday 3 December, 11.30am-1pm Cost: $25 (firing and glazing included)

Fun with Clay - Christmas Decorated Platter (six to 12 years of age)
Make a lovely Christmas platter painted with colourful decorations ready to use on the table at Christmas. When: Saturday 10 December, 11.30am-1pm Cost: $25 (firing and glazing included)

Kids Christmas Workshop (six to 12 years of age)
Children will create Christmas decorations with special quick drying clay, make sparkly Christmas goodies and cook some sweet Christmas treats. When: Friday 23 December, 9.30am-3.15pm Cost: $50

ADULTS

Jewellery
Make your own beautiful jewellery, including necklaces, bracelets and earrings, with designs that suit your own personal style. When: Sunday 13 November, 1pm-4pm Cost: $30 (includes materials – more beads are available for purchase)

Screen Printing Tea Towels
Learn screen printing techniques while creating personalised tea towels for your kitchen or for a beautiful hand printed gift. Participants will make four printed tea towels of similar design. When: Sunday 20 November, 11am-3pm Cost: $45

Dichroic Glass Pendant
Create your own unique dichroic glass pendants during this two-week course. Discover the processes of fusing glass, its characteristics and the differences between glass types. Learn how to create different effects and understand the basics of firing glass. Participants will create up to five pendants from a mix of cut glass pieces and assembled on bails and chain. When: Tuesdays, 22 November from 7pm-9pm and 29 November from 7pm-8pm Cost: $100 (materials and firing included – materials for additional pieces and firing can be purchased in class)

PERFORMANCE

The Boite World Music Cafe presents Rain Now and Then
Friday 11 November, 8pm
Barry Wratten leads a tailor-made jazz band to celebrate Surrey Music Cafe's last gig for 2011. Enjoy mainstream blue note swing with a six-piece jazz band. Wratten, who has been entertaining jazz lovers for many years, recently returned from a trip to New Orleans and is looking forward to playing locally. When: Friday 25 November at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm) Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill Tickets: $16 Group (10+) $14 each Door sales $18

The Whitehorse Centre presents CELTIC WHISPERS

To close the 2011 Whitehorse Professional Theatre and Music Season, the Whitehorse Centre is proud to welcome back Annalisa Kerrigan in her new show, Celtic Whispers. Annalisa delighted audiences with her performance last year in Vienna – Waltz of My Dreams. Enjoy an enchanting evening of Irish, Welsh and Scottish music, performed by this beautiful vocalist. When: Tuesday 15 November at 8pm Tickets: Full $38 Concession $36

What’s on in Whitehorse

What’s on at the Whitehorse Centre in November

The Whitehorse Centre presents

SHOWBOAT (classic film 1951)
Filmed in the typical MGM lavish style, this film version features the saga of riverboat lives and loves on a 170-foot paddle wheeler, with timeless songs and an equally timeless outcry against racial bigotry. Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner and Howard Keel all shine in this wonderful film that stands the test of time. When: Wednesday 16 November at 7pm-9pm (complimentary morning tea at 9.15am) Tickets: Single $7 Group (10+) $6.50 each

OTHER MUSICAL EVENTS IN WHITEHORSE

UP TOWN SWING

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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 Showboat to give away this month. The first two callers to phone the Box Office on 9262 6555 at 10am on Wednesday 9 November will win the passes.