Those looking for a way to celebrate the end of the school term should check out Whitehorse Has Got Talent, a two-day program of activities for National Youth Week, which runs from March 28 until April 5, 2009.

The Box Hill Community Arts Centre, Youth Connexions and the Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) have teamed up to present the free activities for young people who live, work, play or study in Whitehorse.

Head to the Box Hill Community Arts Centre to watch a variety of performers strut their stuff in Whitehorse Has Got Talent - Unplugged on Friday April 3, 2009, from 3pm to 7pm.

The celebrations continue with a Multicultural Sports Tournament and Cultural Festival at Mullauna College, Mitcham, on Saturday April 4, 2009, from 9am to 5pm.

The Migrant Information Centre is hosting soccer and volleyball tournaments and entertainment including cultural dances, music performances and a cultural fashion parade.
Sweepers hit the streets

Autumn’s here and the time is right for sweeping the streets.

The City of Whitehorse is well known for its tree-lined streets and Council’s street sweeping program is an important part of keeping our streets clean and presentable.

Council’s street sweepers will be out in force in the following weeks to ensure the local streets are kept leaf and litter free.

Residents are encouraged to park their vehicles on their properties during the weekly street sweep cycles to assist in an enhanced clean of their streets.

As part of the autumn program, 135 streets that experience heavy leaf fall will be swept at least once every fortnight. All other streets will be swept once every four weeks.

The autumn street sweeping program starts in early April and continues through until the season ends. Sweeping will occur on the weeks starting April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, June 1, 15 and 29, and July 13.

The sweepers will start in Mont Albert in the City’s north-western corner and progressively move through to the south-eastern section ending in Vermont South. This will incorporate the 135 leafy streets and will take about one week to complete.

For information on Council’s street sweeping program, phone 9262 6200.
Hygiene is key to wellbeing

Outstanding hygiene standards have earned two local businesses a City of Whitehorse award and a cash prize for their efforts.

Vermont Aged Care in Canterbury Road achieved the highest level of excellence in food hygiene to be named the Food Premises of the Year for 2008.

Complete Wellbeing Therapy in Enterprise Way, Mitcham, reached the highest hygiene rating achievable to be named the Health Act Premises of the Year for 2008.

Whitehorse Mayor Councillor Helen Harris OAM congratulated both businesses for maintaining the excellent hygiene standards required to receive the awards.

“It’s important to acknowledge the incredible effort that these local business have made in maintaining excellent levels of hygiene throughout the year,” she said.

“They have been meticulous in upholding hygiene standards and I applaud both teams for their work.”

AGe of Food Safety

The Food Premises award is presented annually as part of Council’s comprehensive Food Premises Hygiene Assessment program, which assesses food premises throughout the municipality against a list of 36 food safety criteria.

Vermont Aged Care received the maximum score of 100% during its 2008 assessment and received a $400 cheque and a framed certificate. The aged-care facility was one of 42 premises in Whitehorse to receive a perfect score and five-star rating.

Overall, 73% of businesses assessed achieved an excellent rating and 98% of businesses achieved a satisfactory rating or higher.

Complete Wellbeing Therapy received the maximum score of 100% during its 2008 assessment and received a framed certificate and a $400 cheque. The number of premises that received a five-star rating and perfect assessment result of 100% significantly increased from 17 (10%) in 2007 to 47 (27.6%) in 2008. There was also a major increase in the percentage of premises that achieved a five-star rating (79.4%) compared to 2007 (68.3%). In 2008, 95.3% of premises achieved four stars or higher.

“The figures indicate a positive trend where businesses are improving their hygiene standards,” Cr Harris said.

“Council’s Environmental Health Officers have spent considerable time ensuring that proprietors and staff at all premises are well educated in these matters.”

Council adopted the Food Premises Hygiene Assessment program as the principal method of food service surveillance in 1996. The Health Act Hygiene Assessment System was adopted in 2005. The system provides a range of incentives to encourage proprietors to improve hygiene procedures and work towards best practice.

Experience a taste of meditation

The chance to experience meditation and discover its links with different faiths, namely Buddhism, Christianity and Islam, is on offer in the forthcoming Taste of Meditation event hosted by the Whitehorse Interfaith Network.

The event takes place on Sunday April 19, 2009, from 2pm to 5pm at Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill.

Refreshments will be provided and bookings are essential as places are limited. Please RSVP by Thursday April 9.

Participants will experience a Buddhist Walking Meditation, The Christian Labyrinth and Sufi Meditation.

The event is open and welcoming to people of all levels of experience, including beginners, and qualified practitioners will guide those taking part through these meditations.

For more information or to book, contact Yolanda Derakshan on yd@optusnet.com.au or phone 9803 1199 or 0412 915 151. Alternatively, phone Meg Rice on 0418 554 246.
Get to know your local Neighbourhood and Community House

Looking for a new direction? Want to meet more people in your area? Ever considered making use of your local Neighbourhood House?

Whitehorse has 10 Neighbourhood and Community Houses where people can meet, talk and make new friends; develop and share ideas, skills and knowledge; or learn something new. Neighbourhood and Community Houses offer a broad range of activities to suit all ages - you will find something to suit you:

• Discover a new art or craft such as leadlight, scrapbooking, crochet, embroidery, drawing, watercolour and oil painting, calligraphy, cake decorating, mosaics or patchwork.
• Get fit or improve your health and wellbeing with classes including belly dancing, exercising with weights, exercise 40+, yoga for teenagers, slow walkers group, tai chi and pilates.
• Take up a musical instrument or memorise some new dance moves with piano, guitar, harp, English country dancing, line dancing and singing classes.
• Learn a new language such as Spanish, French, Italian or English as a second language.
• There are workshops offering practical skills such as Box Hill South Neighbourhood House's 'How to buy and sell on eBay' and Mobile Phone Training for Seniors, or Excel, MYOB and QuickBooks at Burwood Neighbourhood House.
• Mitcham Community House offers volunteering opportunities in areas such as office, childcare, committee, fundraising, English as a second language support and gardening.
• Whitehorse’s neighbourhood houses offer regular playgroups as well as ones catering to diverse groups such as International Country Adoption Project Group (Burwood Neighbourhood House), Dutch and Chinese (Clota Cottage) and German and Japanese children’s activities group (Box Hill South Neighbourhood House).

• Those looking for support and understanding for specific issues can join various support groups including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, family violence, Autism Action Parents Group, Acquired Brain Injury Carers’ Group, lone parents, weight loss group, diabetes and home birth.

Neighbourhood and Community Houses promote a sense of belonging, equality, and access and community participation for everyone.

Council, in conjunction with Whitehorse’s Neighbourhood and Community Houses, has produced a new information booklet for Whitehorse’s Neighbourhood and Community Houses. The booklet provides contact details for each house and the types of activities provided. To get a copy, phone 9262 6333 or contact your local Neighbourhood or Community House direct for information on projects and activities.

Bennettswood Neighbourhood House
7 Greenwood Street, Burwood 3125. Telephone: 9808 8907

Box Hill South Neighbourhood House
47 Kitchener Street, Box Hill South 3128. Telephone: 9898 8270

Burwood Neighbourhood House
1 Church Street, Burwood 3125. Telephone: 9808 6292

Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House
31 Clota Avenue Box Hill 3128. Telephone: 9897 1753

Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House
57 Linda Avenue, Box Hill North 3129. Telephone: 9899 7660

Koonung Cottage Community House
109 Koonung Road, Blackburn North 3130. Telephone: 9878 6632

Louise Multicultural Community Centre
Suite 8, Town Hall Hub, 27 Bank Street, Box Hill 3128. Telephone: 9285 4850

Mitcham Community House
19 Brunswick Road, Mitcham 3132. Telephone: 9873 4587

The Avenue Neighbourhood House
87 Eley Road, Blackburn South 3130. Telephone: 9808 2000

Vermont South Community House
397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, Box Hill 3128. Telephone: 9878 6632

For more information on Neighbourhood Houses in Whitehorse, phone 9262 6333

2009/10 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Not-for-profit community groups in Whitehorse are reminded that applications for the 2009/10 Community Grants Program close shortly.

The City of Whitehorse values the contribution of community groups within the municipality and supports this through the annual Community Grants Program.

Submissions for community grants for the 2009/10 financial year are currently being sought from not-for-profit community groups based in the City of Whitehorse that provide programs and activities to the Whitehorse community.

Council’s Community Grants Program provides funding towards a broad range of programs and activities including adult education; English as a Second Language classes; arts and crafts; recreation; health, fitness and wellbeing; counselling and referral services; social support programs for older people; and activities for children and youth.

Last year, the City of Whitehorse allocated $760,000 in cash grants and more than $264,000 for discounted support to more than 200 community groups.

Grant applications close at 5.30pm on Friday April 3, 2009.

Application forms are available from Council’s Customer Service Centres at the Whitehorse Civic Centre in Nunawading, Box Hill Town Hall and Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre as well as the Whitehorse Centre, rear of 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, and the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill. Grant packs can also be downloaded from Council’s website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Don’t forget to register your pet by April 10

Pet owners across the City are encouraged to be responsible and register their dogs and cats with Whitehorse Council by April 10.

Whitehorse Councillor Raylene Carr said all pet owners in Whitehorse should by now have received a registration form from Council reminding them of the April 10 due date.

“All pet owners in Whitehorse need to ensure that registrations for their dogs and cats are up to date and that their pets have new registration tags attached to their collars,” Cr Carr said.

“There are more than 15,000 dogs and 7000 cats registered in the City of Whitehorse. While a large number of these have already been re-registered with Council, we are reminding other responsible pet owners in the City of the importance of doing the same,” she said.

Cr Carr said dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered with Council from three months of age. “By doing so, pet owners are provided with a greater chance of being reunited quickly with their pet in the event it ever goes missing,” Cr Carr said.

“Losing your pet could be as simple as someone leaving a gate open or unlocked or thunder and lightning scaring your dog causing it to jump over the fence. But if your pet is registered with Council, you have a much greater chance of being reunited with your beloved pet as soon as possible,” she said.

“In fact, there have been many instances where rangers have found lost dogs and been able to return them to their owners immediately without taking them to the pound - all because they were registered.”

Registration renewals can be paid via Council’s website, by using the prepaid envelope supplied with the registration renewal or at one of Council’s three Customer Service Centres.

For more information about registration, fees or getting your pet microchipped, phone Council on 9262 6333 or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

ENCOURAGING RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP IN WHITEHORSE

Pet registration
Dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered with Council by three months of age. Registrations are renewable every year on April 10. When registering your animal you will be issued with a tag to place on your pet (in addition to the microchip) to assist in its safe return should it go missing. If you lose your animal’s tag, replacement tags are available from Council.

Registration of pups and kittens
Council offers free first-time pet registration to microchipped puppies and kittens aged under three months. Free registration is available for pets up to 12 months of age, if they are microchipped and desexed.

Registration forms are available from all pet shops and veterinary clinics in the municipality as well as the RSPCA and Council’s service centres at Nunawading, Box Hill and Forest Hill.

Lost dogs and cats
If your dog or cat goes missing, it is important to contact Council’s Local Laws Department on 9262 6333 or the RSPCA on 9224 2222 with the following information as soon as possible:

- A description of the animal;
- The registration tag number;
- The time and location the animal went missing;
- A contact phone number; and
- Microchip number.

DOGS
Walking with your dog
Walking your dog is an important part of being a responsible pet owner. Regular walks are not only enjoyable for your dog but will provide wonderful health benefits for you. There are 19 areas in our municipality where you can exercise your dog off-lead. Remember that although your dog may be off-lead, it must still be under your control at all times. Council provides a list of off-lead areas.

Certain areas of our parks, such as playgrounds, picnic areas and sporting fields, are set aside for use by other members of the community. Council requests that dog owners keep their dogs away from these areas. In all other public areas, always ensure your dog wears its registration tag and is controlled on a leash.

Dog droppings
Remember to clean up after your dog and dispose of its waste responsibly. Council has a local law that requires dog owners to carry a bag to remove and dispose of droppings deposited by their dog in public places. This helps prevent pollution from entering our waterways through stormwater drains. Dog litter bags should be placed in Council’s public litter bins or in your household garbage bin.

Dogs prohibited from wetland areas
Council has identified a number of environmentally significant wetlands in the municipality that require protection from dogs due to the potential damage they could cause in these sensitive environments. As a result, dogs are prohibited from entering these specified wetland areas. Council provides a list of these areas.

CATS
Council asks cat owners to consider confining them to their property at night. The benefits of doing this include:

- Preventing cats fighting, being injured and transmitting diseases;
- Preservation of our environment;
- Minimising disruption to the community; and
- Preventing your cat from becoming lost.

If your cat has normally been allowed to wander at night, the following steps may help:

- Skip your cat’s morning feed and call it at dusk to be fed; and
- Lock your cat in a dry, well- aired space (such as a laundry) with a bed, water and litter tray.

Alternatively, brochures are available from Council containing information on how to build a cat enclosure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Keeping of additional pets
Council has a local law that allows residents to keep a maximum of three dogs or three cats or any combination of the two up to a total of four animals. Pet owners wishing to keep more than the permitted number of pets must obtain a permit from Council.

Subsidised animal desexing scheme
Council, in partnership with the Australian Veterinary Association, offers pensioners a discount voucher scheme to have their dogs and cats desexed. Vouchers are available at Council’s Customer Service Centres. For more information on responsible pet ownership in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au or phone 9262 6333.
HOUSEHOLDS ARE BEING REMINDED OF THE NEED TO CHANGE THEIR SMOKE ALARMS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

The easiest way to remember this potentially lifesaving action is to change smoke alarm batteries at the same time as clocks are being changed at the end of daylight saving on Sunday April 5.

Smoke alarms are compulsory for every residential building in Victoria. They must be connected to your building’s power mains as well as having a battery back-up, unless the building was built before August 1, 1997, where a battery-powered device meets regulations.

But just having smoke alarms installed is not enough – households need to check them regularly to ensure that they are working.

Smoke from a fire will not normally wake a person when they are asleep. A working smoke alarm provides a warning as well as time to evacuate a building. It is important to position smoke alarms in locations that will wake up all occupants in the home and give them time to evacuate.

Avoid putting smoke alarms near cooking appliances and bathrooms because moisture and smoke will set them off. If this does happen, the alarm should be relocated to a more suitable position.

Smoke alarms are available at most electrical appliance and hardware stores. Check that they comply with Australian Standard AS 3786-1993.

For more information, contact the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Country Fire Authority or the Building Commission on 9285 6400 or visit www.buildingcommission.com.au.

WHITEHORSE COUNCIL’S BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAN ALSO BE CONTACTED ON 9262 6333 OR VISIT WWW.WHITEHORSE.VIC.GOV.AU.

Amendment C83 aims to protect vegetation and provide habitats for native plants and animals through planning controls in an effort to retain Whitehorse’s biodiversity.

According to Whitehorse’s Municipal Strategic Statement, vegetation forms a significant part of the City’s neighbourhood character. Tree preservation and regeneration is of vital importance to maintain and enhance the character of residential areas within the municipality.

Amendment C83 proposes to introduce and apply a Vegetation Protection Overlay to 548 individual properties in the City of Whitehorse on a permanent basis. Currently more than 2400 properties in Whitehorse are subject to a Vegetation Protection Overlay.

Properties that form part of a Vegetation Protection Overlay are required to obtain a planning permit in order to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation identified within the property’s individual ‘Statement of Significance’. If a qualified arborist considers the vegetation to be unsafe to the satisfaction of Council, a planning permit will not be required. The amendment does not change the zoning of the land.

Amendment C83 is available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at the following places:
- Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.
- Council’s Customer Service Centres at Box Hill and Forest Hill.
- Libraries at Nunawading, Box Hill, Blackburn and Vermont South.
- Department of Planning and Community Development’s website at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection

Written submissions can be sent to: Gerard Gilfedder, Coordinator Strategic Planning, Whitehorse City Council, Locked Bag 2, Nunawading Delivery Centre, VIC, 3131, by May 4, 2009.

WHITEHORSE IS RECOGNISED FOR ITS AN ABUNDANCE OF BUSHLAND RESERVES AND LEAFY STREETS. CONSERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS AT THE CENTRE OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME.

The amendment does not change the zoning of the land.
**Waste reduction has silver lining**

Whitehorse Council is now classified as a Silver Waste Wise Council in acknowledgement of its efforts to reduce waste in Council operations and events.

Whitehorse Councillor Andrew Munroe was presented with a Waste Wise Silver certificate at the recent Metropolitan Waste Management Group Forum.

Cr Munroe said the Silver certification recognised that Council had completed a range of actions to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and increase the volume of materials diverted for recycling and re-use.

"Over the past few years Council has been working hard to reduce our impact on the environment and move towards greater levels of sustainability," Cr Munroe said.

“I proudly accepted the certificate on behalf of Council in recognition of the work we are doing to make our operations more sustainable for the benefit of the community.”

Cr Bill Pemberton said Council aimed to lead by example with its sustainability initiatives.

“I hope that our Waste Wise activities are inspiring community members to make sustainable changes to their homes, businesses, schools and organisations.”

Council achieved the Waste Wise Bronze level in 2004 and has been working towards higher waste wise targets in recent years.

To reach Waste Wise Silver certification, Council has introduced projects including:

- A Greener Office program across Council's main civic buildings
- Waste Audits
- Collection bins for the recycling of organics (food scraps), paper, commingled bottles and cans, toner cartridges and mobile phones at the Civic Centre and Depot
- All major Council-run events are now Waste Wise events, which means there are recycling bins available, vendors use recyclable material where possible, and audits are carried out to record waste versus recycling data

- Sustainable initiatives at Sustainable Living Week and Spring Festival such as organics collection, a ban on plastic bags and balloons, and using crockery instead of paper or plastic catering materials
- Printing promotional materials and all annual Council publications on recycled-content paper
- Working with the community to educate and encourage people to make sustainable changes to their homes, businesses, schools and organisations.

"I have launched litter awareness campaigns, an Ecobusiness program and workshops for individuals such as Living for our Future, Sustainable Ambassadors and Sustainability Street," Cr Pemberton said.

“We are achieving significant waste reduction across the City of Whitehorse with these fantastic initiatives.”

PROVIDING SUPPORT TO YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK

The Adolescent Caution and Referral Program is a pilot program that aims to connect young people to local support services and away from the criminal justice system. The program was launched last month at the Victoria Police Academy in Glen Waverley.

The project is managed by a Steering Committee comprising of representatives from Victoria Police, Gateway and Inner Eastern Local Learning Employment Networks, Monash Youth and Family Services, Whitehorse Youth Services and Boroondara Youth Services.

The program is not designed to penalise or punish program participants, but rather to support them as they access local support services and other key agencies.

It is hoped that the program will reduce the number of young people coming to the attention of the police by helping them access appropriate intervention and support instead.

The program will involve regular contact and follow-up with the young people participating in the program to track their progress. This will include assistance in connecting them with education, employment or appropriate support.
Does Whitehorse have any

Young dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and other performers are polishing their acts for Whitehorse Has Got Talent - Unplugged, which will be held on Friday April 3, from 3pm to 7pm.

The event is being held as part of National Youth Week, which runs from March 28 until April 5, 2009.

The Box Hill Community Arts Centre, Youth Connexions and the Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) have teamed up to present a two-day program of free activities. A Multicultural Sports Tournament and Cultural Festival will be held on Saturday April 4, 2009, from 9am to 5pm, at Mullauna Secondary College, Mitcham.

Young people who live, work, play or study in the City of Whitehorse have registered to take part in the talent show and be in the running for hundreds of dollars worth of great prizes.

Those aged between 12 and 25 will compete in Whitehorse Has Got Talent - Unplugged with five-minute performances.

Entries to take part in the talent show have closed. However, you can still join in the fun, come along and give your support to those on stage.

Interested young people still have time to enrol in free ceramics, painting, circus tricks and hip-hop workshops, which will be held during the event. To enrol, phone BHCAC on 9895 8888.

The event is drug and alcohol free and members of Victoria Police and ambulance services will be present.

For more information on Whitehorse Has Got Talent - Unplugged, visit www.bhcac.com.au or phone the Youth Services team on 9898 9340.

Left: Hip-hop performer Josh Centeno

Soccer is the game of modern, multicultural Australia and playing or watching a game is a great way to celebrate National Youth Week.

“Does Whitehorse have any”

Young people from backgrounds such as Sudanese, Liberian, Chin, Karen, Zomi and Australian will demonstrate their skills during a tournament on Saturday April 4, 2009.

Whitehorse’s Multicultural Sports Tournament and Cultural Festival will be held at Mullauna College, Mitcham.

The Migrant Information Centre is hosting soccer and volleyball tournaments as well as entertainment including cultural dances, music performances and a cultural fashion parade.

Visitors are invited to watch the sports tournaments and enjoy the cultural activities.

Left: Hip-hop performer Josh Centeno

Mooroolbark Secondary College students Moi Ka Lu and Ka Lee demonstrate their soccer skills.

“Soccer is the game of modern, multicultural Australia and playing or watching a game is a great way to celebrate National Youth Week.”
March 28 to April 5, 2009

SUPPORTING YOUNG ARTISTIC TALENT IN WHITEHORSE

Idea to Exhibition
Box Hill Community Arts Centre will host its fourth annual student art course and show, Idea to Exhibition, from March 30 to April 9, 2009.

For the past eight weeks, a group of talented young people has been painting, printmaking, drawing and creating ceramics under the guidance of a professional artist at the Community Arts Centre. Idea to Exhibition assists secondary students with an interest in the arts to develop their folio of work. Students explore various media and are then involved in curating and hanging the artwork for exhibition.

These young artists are now hosting an exhibition of their work in the Community Arts Centre’s gallery, coinciding with National Youth Week 2009.

Box Hill Community Arts Centre is located at 470 Station Street, Box Hill. For more information, phone 9895 8888 or visit www.bhcac.com.au

TOP DOGS 2009
The Whitehorse Art Space is celebrating the artistic achievements of top, local VCE Art students of 2008.

Whitehorse Council’s purpose-built, premier art gallery is hosting the 10th annual TOP DOGS art exhibition featuring an impressive display of artworks from students who completed their VCE last year.

This popular exhibition provides a fantastic opportunity for students to exhibit their work in a professional context and is a great chance for the public to see the talents of local young people.

TOP DOGS 2009 is on display in the Whitehorse Art Space at the Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, until April 30, 2009.

For more information, visit the Whitehorse Art Space’s website at www.boxhilltownhall.com.au or phone 9262 6250.

ERSE CULTURES

Cultural Australia and playing or celebrate National Youth Week. Performances. Young people from various backgrounds will present dances and songs in their own language and in English to showcase their culture and traditions.

The festivities will run from 9am to 5pm and include a free sausage sizzle, face painting and other fun workshops.

The event is drug and alcohol free and members of Victoria Police and ambulance services will be present.

For more information, contact Chenelle at the Migrant Information Centre on 9285 4888 or on carulanandam@miceastmelb.com.au.

WEEK 2009 IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

more details about events in Whitehorse, visit www.bhcac.com.au

OMINATE NOW FOR YOUNG PERSON OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Ominations have opened for the 2009 Young Person of the Month Awards, which aim to recognise young people for their valuable contribution to the Whitehorse community.

Year for 2010 will be selected from the monthly winners and announced on Australia Day 2010.

The 2009 Young Citizen of the Year Award was given to Jessica Portughese for her ongoing active involvement with the Box Hill-based Family Access Network. She was selected from successful nominations for the Young Person of the Month Awards during 2008. Jessica is a peer leader and active participant with the organisation’s Young Mums Group and is considered an excellent role model for other new mothers in a similar situation to herself.

Nominees in 2009 must be younger than 27 years of age on January 26, 2010 and must work, reside or study in the City of Whitehorse.

For more information or a nomination form, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au or phone 9262 6337.

Above: Madeline, one of the Idea to Exhibition artists, works on her exhibit.

Left: Bec Watts and Bonnie Packer with some of their artwork on show as part of the TOP DOGS exhibition.

2009 Young Citizen of the Year, Jessica Portughese, with her daughter.
Solar Suburbs

Would you like to be part of an innovative local project to generate your own renewable electricity, reduce your carbon footprint and save money every year?

City of Whitehorse residents have the opportunity to purchase discounted solar panels through the Solar Suburbs Solar Bulk Purchase Program.

Under the Solar Suburbs scheme, Whitehorse has joined forces with Brimbank, Knox and Maroondah City Councils to generate community interest and connect residents with a solar panel provider who will offer the bulk discount price.

Bulk purchase schemes have the potential to save residents who join the program $2000 to $3000 for the installation of solar panels in their home.

As part of this program homeowners will get the opportunity to purchase a 1kW solar photovoltaic (PV) panel system to produce emissions-free, renewable electricity for their home.

If you live in Whitehorse, have a somewhat northerly roof aspect, a roof area of eight square metres and minimal shading, then this program may suit your needs. Simply contact Council to register your interest.

Upon installation of the solar panels, you will receive your Renewable Energy Certificates, certifying that you are responsible for carbon emission reductions of two tonnes each year.

Every subsequent electricity bill will be lower because the solar panels will be generating some of your household power and you won't need to purchase as much power from the main electricity grid.

Due to changes in the Australian Government solar rebate scheme, this bulk purchase program will only be available until mid-June 2009, as rebate applications must be lodged with the Government by June 30 2009. Residents interested in installing solar panels are therefore urged to seek further information and consider participating in this program.

Help us to help the environment and spread the word about this exciting project to your friends and neighbours.

To get maximum benefit from this program, applicants should:

- Be home owner-occupiers
- Have eight square metres (e.g. 2m by 4m) of unshaded, north-facing roof
- Have a taxable household income less than $100,000 (to be eligible for the maximum Federal Government rebate)

For more information:

- Come to our Community Information Session at the Box Hill Town Hall on April 23, 2009, at 7pm
- Call 9262 6333 or email greenery@whitehorse.vic.gov.au to register your interest
- Visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Sustainability in Whitehorse

Ring to Recycle Your White Goods

Do you have unwanted white goods or scrap metal materials that are taking up space around the house and you can’t wait for the next hard rubbish collection?

Well, here is a new service for you! This month Whitehorse Council will start taking bookings for a free monthly ‘Ring and Book’ collection of scrap metal items, white goods and some electronic waste items. Bookings will be taken from April 14 for the first collection on May 4.

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When they make their booking, residents will be advised when to place the materials out on their nature strip. This will usually be on the weekend before the booked collection date. Items will not be collected unless a booking is made.

Cleanaway, Council’s hard waste and bundled prunings collection contractor, will collect the items and take them to a scrap metal merchant for recycling.

This residential service is just for domestic quantities – no trade, building or commercial quantities allowed. Two people must be able to lift the items so don’t place out heavy items such as commercial fridges.

Items eligible for collection include:

- white goods such as fridges, stoves, washing machines and dryers
- metal items such as bicycle frames, car parts and aluminium window frames
- electronic items such as TVs, computers, monitors and VCRs.

Collections will occur on the first Monday of each month and are only for residents who book beforehand. The collected materials will be recycled where possible, especially the scrap metal and white goods.

To book, phone Council’s customer service team on 9262 6333 and describe the size, number and type of items that you wish to discard. Ineligible items will not be collected.

For details of the Ring and Book collection service, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au.

For more information on sustainable initiatives, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Our Storm ‘in Norm’ in Water and Energy Savers

Tackling sustainability can be daunting for some, but not for the participants of Whitehorse’s successful Sustainability Street program.

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

Program facilitators, Vox Bandicoot, describe this as Storm ‘in Norm’ in ‘getting together, sharing the enthusiasm and blitzing with integrating sustainable practices’.

Three years since the first Sustainability Street Hub was created in Whitehorse, the municipality now boasts four Hubs in Blackburn, Box Hill, Vermont South and Wattle Hill in Burwood – with some amazing initiatives already underway this year.

The Vermont South Hub, following the group’s official graduation on March 11, is working on a sustainability project that aims to create more socially and environmentally connected communities.

Members of the Wattle Hill Hub in Burwood have been looking at water reduction over the past two months, and they are now focusing on ways to conserve energy and reduce waste in and around the home. The Wattle Hill Hub meets on the last Wednesday of each month at Rentoul Hall in Burwood – members of the Burwood community are always welcome to attend.

For more information on the Sustainability Street program and how you or your neighbourhood can get involved, phone Council’s Sustainability Officer on 9262 6433. For up-to-date information on current Sustainability Street projects, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au.
Healthy Sustainable Gardens Program

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR GARDEN?

With water restrictions, severe droughts and heatwaves, many suburban gardens are suffering. Autumn is an opportunity to try and rejuvenate your garden by using recycled green waste to improve soil, save water and provide nutrients essential for plant growth.

Whitehorse residents are invited to participate in the Metropolitan Waste Management Group’s Healthy Sustainable Gardens Program. The program promotes the sale of recycled mulch or compost from participating local retail garden suppliers at a competitive rate. A special discount on bulk purchases of recycled organics is available until April 13, 2009. Plus there are plenty of other special offers.

Recycled green waste is made out of materials sourced from resident garden bin collections. After collection, the garden bin material is taken to a regional processor where it is sorted to remove any unwanted materials, then processed in accordance with Australian Standards. This involves heating the material to temperatures of more than 55 degrees to destroy weeds, seeds or plant diseases that may be present. The material then goes through a screening process to produce mulch, compost or other recycled organic products.

TO PLACE AN ORDER

Contact one of the participating garden centres to arrange for delivery or personal pick-up of your compost or mulch:

Col Smith Garden and Building Supply
6 Beech St, Nunawading. Phone: 9874 1928

Surrey Hills Garden Supply (compost only)
682 Canterbury Rd, Surrey Hills. Phone: 9890 3901

Bulleen Art and Garden
6 Manningham Rd, Bulleen. Phone: 9850 5155

Super Soil Ringwood
Rear 399 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood. Phone: 9879 6969

Please note there is likely to be a minimum quantity for delivery and delivery costs may apply.

CLOSING THE LOOP ON GARDEN ORGANICS

Organic material generated around the home is a valuable resource and need not go to landfill.

Composting is an easy way to process this organic waste and provides plenty of benefits to your garden. However, if your garden, lawn area or nature strip generates a large amount of prunings, lawn clippings, weeds and leaves, Council offers an optional user-pays fortnightly collection service for garden waste.

Remember, everything you put in your garden organics bin can be turned into compost, mulch and other soil products. By buying recycled compost or mulch that has been sourced from resident garden bin collections you are closing the loop on recycling.

Pricing: The Garden Organics service has a one-off registration fee of $55 (including GST) and an annual service fee of $66 (including GST). Pro rata fees apply.

Collection times: Garden Organics collections occur every two weeks, on the alternate fortnight to the current recycling collections. Garbage bins are collected weekly.

Bin size: The kerbside bin is 240 litres and has a lime green lid. In special circumstances a 140-litre bin is available – residents need to contact Council at the time of ordering if they believe that they qualify for a smaller-sized bin.

To take part in the Garden Organics service or for more information, phone Council on 9262 6333.

YOUR 2009-2010 WASTE COLLECTION GUIDE

Council has produced the Whitehorse Recycling and Garden Organics Collection Calendar for 2009-2010 now available on Council’s website. A limited number of these calendars in hard copy are available at Council’s Customer Service Centres.

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE GARDEN

It is easy to create beautiful gardens that suit our local climate and soil and have a low impact on the natural environment. Sustainable gardens are low maintenance and do not require many fertilisers or chemicals.

Indigenous plants are well suited to the local soil and climate. There are many beautiful plants local to the Whitehorse area, many of which provide shelter and important food sources for birds, insects, reptiles and animals.

When designing a sustainable garden make sure you:

• Group plants according to their water, sun and soil needs;
• Consider the amount of garden waste, such as lawn clippings and prunings, plus ways to ensure there is enough space for composting or mulching in the garden; and
• Maximize the permeable surface space, such as replacing concrete with gravel.

Up to 30% of domestic water is wasted in the garden due to water being unable to penetrate the soil deeply, not using mulch to stop water evaporating, inefficient irrigation and poor garden design.

Sustainable garden tips

• The ideal time to plant is autumn – never in summer. Source plants from local indigenous nurseries for at least 30% of your garden.
• Mulch all your garden beds and pots.
• Ensure your yard is not more than 50% lawn. Keep your lawn long (8-10cm) over summer.
• Water in the cool of the day and follow the 3a water restriction guidelines.

For more information about the Healthy Sustainable Gardens Program, special offers and the benefits of using recycled compost and mulch, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au or www.mwmg.vic.gov.au

The program is supported by Sustainability Victoria and participating councils.
CENTRAL WARD

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Large underground stormwater tanks keep the garden watered and cooled, which in turn negates the need for air conditioning. Surplus rainwater will be made available to the adjoining Kooyong tennis courts.

The walls are thick, solid rammed earth, or blockwork, that stabilises the temperature and provides the building with substantial insulation. High output solar absorbers on the roof produce free hot water that is used either for the kitchen and bathrooms or to boost the hydronic heating system in winter.

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MORACK WARD

By Cr Mark Lane

It was with some excitement this morning that I opened my umbrella for the first time in four months. Yes, it was raining! How great it was, although way too short an experience.

Much has happened across Victoria in recent times with the bushfires threatening life and property in numerous cities and towns. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have been fighting the fires, helping the recovery, and to those who have lent their support in the aftermath with donations, food and goods.

Council is involved in the recovery, with a number of Council officers working in the affected areas in a bid to get the communities back up and running as quickly as possible.

On a more local Council front, we have been very busy indeed with numerous meetings, openings and communication from residents. The highlight was certainly the opening of the Sportlink Vermont South - what an amazing facility! We should all be very proud of it. I am eager to hear your views on the Sportlink facility! We should all be very proud of it. I am eager to hear your views on the Sportlink facility!

Contact your Ward Councillor for further information
WHITEHORSE CEO ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF ICMA

Whitehorse Chief Executive Officer Ms Noelene Duff has been elected as Vice President International on the International City Management Association (ICMA) Executive Board in September 2009.

Ms Duff said the non-profit ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organisation with nearly 9000 members.

"ICMA’s mission is to create excellence in local governance by advocating and developing the professional management of local government worldwide," Ms Duff said.

The organisation performs a wide range of mission-driven grant and contract-funded work both in the United States and internationally that is supported by government agencies, foundations, and corporations.

"This work includes technical assistance to local governments in emerging democracies throughout the world, helping them to develop professional practices and ethical, transparent governments," Ms Duff said.

Whitehorse Mayor Councillor Helen Harris OAM congratulated Ms Duff and said the appointment is well deserved.

"Noelene brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role and the ICMA, and the organisation’s members will benefit greatly from her appointment," Cr Harris said.

This is only the second occasion that an Australian has been elected to the role.

“Noelene is also the first Australian woman and Victorian to become Vice President International on the ICMA Executive Board.”

A Nominating Committee, proposed by the ICMA President and approved by the executive board, selects nominees for all vice president positions that are open for nomination every December. Elections are held every January-February using an online voting system with the option for a mailed ballot.
WHITEHORSE CENTRE: TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading is the eastern region’s premier performing arts centre, showcasing the best professional theatre from around the country.

But did you know that the centre is also a fully licensed function centre able to host a range of corporate and community meetings and events?

Operated by Whitehorse Council, the Whitehorse Centre is located at the rear of the Whitehorse Civic Centre precinct in Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. It is close to public transport and has ample on-site free parking.

The centre offers several meeting rooms perfect for conferences, seminars, product launches, annual general meetings, training sessions or business meetings. A selection of catering options is available, ranging from tea and coffee to full plated dinner service.

Meeting rooms available for hire include:

- **The Waratah Room** - The Whitehorse Centre’s premier function room seats up to 200 and is suitable for conferences, seminars, corporate functions and high-profile events.
- **The Courtyard Room** - This room is well suited to training sessions and less formal meetings. Located behind Nunawading Library, the room seats up to 50.
- **The Willis Room** - A medium-sized meeting room located in the Civic Centre that seats up to 80. Ideal for workshops, training sessions and seminars.
- **The Studio** - An informal rehearsal space suited to training and catered meetings.
- **Theatre** - Seats up to 400 and can be utilised for conferences, presentations and seminars as well as theatrical performances.

For more information contact the Whitehorse Centre’s Functions Coordinator, Siobhan Steel on 9262 6590, email coordinator.siobhan@whitehorse.vic.gov.au or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

For more information on community events in Whitehorse, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

![School holiday fun in Whitehorse](Image)

**School holiday activities**

**GET ACTIVE AT NUNAWADING COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Learn new skills these school holidays at a range of sports clinics and games days at Nunawading Community Centre.

Whitehorse Councillor Ben Stennett said the recreation centre, located at 16-20 Silver Grove in Nunawading, was offering several full day sports clinics for children aged six to 12 years as part of its school holiday program.

“Children can try a variety of indoor sports including basketball, volleyball, badminton, indoor soccer and table tennis plus a range of games. Led by qualified instructors, the aim is for children to be active and have lots of fun!”

Nunawading Community Centre’s school holiday sports clinics are being held from 10am to 3pm on Monday April 6 and 16. Cost is $25 per day. Please bring along lunch, snacks and drinks. Bookings are essential, visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/ncc

Cr Stennett said the Nunawading Community Centre had been a part of the Whitehorse community for more than 30 years, offering a variety of sport, recreation and arts activities.

“The centre features an indoor stadium, which is primarily used for badminton, volleyball and basketball training. Outside, Nets Tennis operates five ‘plexipave’ tennis courts, offering a comprehensive adult and junior coaching program,” he said.

“In addition, Nunawading Community Centre is home to a variety of community groups including the Reach Out For Kids Foundation, University of the Third Age, Whitehorse Arts Association, Eastern Recreation and Leisure Services, Federation of Riding for the Disabled and the Cambodian Community Welfare Centre.”

For more information, phone Nunawading Community Centre on 9878 5555 or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/ncc

**OTHER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN WHITEHORSE: APRIL 6-17**

**Whitehorse Centre, rear of 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading** Phone: 9262 6555 or visit www.whitehorsecentre.com.au

**The Whitehorse Professional Theatre & Music Season presents CHECK OUT!**

This wickedly funny puppet show focuses on the child consumer bonanza. Set in a supermarket, it follows the adventures of Baby, who is determined to get what she wants.

When: Tues April 14 at 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Performance duration 60 minutes (no interval). Suitable for children aged 5 to 12 years.

Tickets: Single $15. Family of four or more $13 per ticket

**Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill** Phone 9895 8888 or www.bhcac.com.au

**Easter Art Excursion**

Children aged six to 12 years can create Easter chocolate, clay tiles or rabbits and paint giant Easter eggs.

When: Tuesday April 7, 9.30am-12.30pm

Cost: $24, including all materials.

**SECRET GARDEN ART DAY**

Make collage, clay garden gnomes and funky picture frames based on the theme of the secret garden. For children aged six to 12 years.

When: Tues April 14, 9.30am-12.30pm

Cost: $25 *Enrolments are essential.

**Other activities**

**April 6**

- **Contemporary dance**
  - Try hip hop, funk, jazz and other styles. No experience required. For children aged six to 12 years.
  - When: Wed April 15, 1pm-4pm
  - Cost: $25
- **Jewellery-making**
  - Make bracelets, earrings, necklaces and hair accessories with beads. Also try the felted jewellery class with the Box Hill Hand Spinners and Weavers.
  - For children aged eight years and over.
  - When: Times and dates vary.
  - Cost: from $16
- **Youth activities**
  - Classes for secondary school students includes Clay Gnomes on Wed April 8, 1pm-3pm (cost $20) and Clay Wheel Work at various times from April 6 to 17 (cost $18).
- **Youth life drawing**
  - Enjoy the challenge of drawing models from life. Models will include a series of short, medium and long poses. For students aged 15 years and over.
  - When: Fri April 17, 1pm-3.30pm
  - Cost: $24, including all materials.

**Art excursion**

Kids can view the artwork of local VCE students on a tour of the TOP DDGS exhibition at the Whitehorse Art Space and then create their own. For children aged six to 12 years.

When: Thurs April 16, 9.30am-12.30pm

Cost: $25

**Aquarium**

Fun aquatic activities including the Tarzan rope, inflatable, the octonut and guppies.

When: April 6-17, 12.30pm-3pm

Cost: Normal pool entry fee.

**Aqualink Box Hill, Surrey Drive, Box Hill** Phone 9898 2099 or www.aqualink.com.au

**Activities and sports clinics**

- **Basketball**
  - April 6; Cricket and Cooking/Craft (April 8); Tennis (April 9 and 15); Circus/Acrobatics (April 9); Fencing (April 15); Football and Snorkelling (April 16); Badminton (April 17).
  - When: 10.30am-12.30pm on dates specified

**Cost:** Fencing and Fencing $18, Snorkelling $25, all other clinics $13

**Aqua Arvos**

Fun aquatic activities including the inflatable, Tarzan rope and dive boards.

When: April 6-9 and April 14-17, 1pm-3.30pm

Cost: $3.60

*All children under 10 years must be actively supervised by an adult.*
Does local cycling matter to you?

Members are being sought for the City of Whitehorse Bicycle Advisory Committee - a valuable link between Council and the community on local cycling matters.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee comprises residents and other members of the Whitehorse community with an interest in cycling. Committee members closely liaise with Council on cycling-related issues and initiatives.

Bicycle Advisory Committee members support Council in improving and expanding the bicycle network and are a key point of contact between Council and the cycling community.

Nominations are being sought from people wanting to become involved in the Whitehorse Bicycle Advisory Committee for the next three-year term.

Applications to become a committee member close on Friday, April 24, 2009.

Nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centres at the Whitehorse Civic Centre in Nunawading, Box Hill Town Hall and Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre. They can also be obtained by visiting Council's website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au and following the links, or by phoning 9262 6389.

SUPPORT BLACKBURN LAKE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee is one of 14 such committees operating in the City of Whitehorse dedicated to the care and protection of local parklands.

A range of environmental events are held each year by the Advisory Committee to enhance and protect Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, the City's largest municipal reserve and one of our most important environmental areas.

Future events include:
- Helpers are needed to participate in the first two working bees for the year on Saturday April 18 and Saturday May 23 from 10am to 12noon (meet at the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre).
- There will be plenty of fun children's activities with the 'Sticky Beaks' – the Junior Club of Bird Observation and Conservation.
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- Go on a ‘walk and talk’ with local historian and author Gary Presland and learn about ‘Reconstructing the Natural History of Blackburn Lake and Whitehorse’ on May 17 from 2pm to 4pm at the Visitor Centre.
- Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 7.30pm at the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre in Blackburn Road, Blackburn. All interested park users are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit http://home.vicnet.net.au/~blsac
ENTRIES OPEN FOR BOX HILL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE’S 2009 BIENNIAL NATIONAL ART COMPETITION

Box Hill Community Arts Centre is gearing up for its third biennial national art competition based on the theme ‘… home…’.

This year’s theme has been designed to create discussion of what ‘… home…’ means to the diverse community of Australia in an ever-changing cultural, economic and political climate.

The competition, for both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork, is advertised nationally, with about 40 to 50 short-listed pieces to be exhibited at Community Arts Centre from August 18 to 30.

A panel of five judges from the art industry will judge the entries on three main criteria – response to the theme, creativity of expression and application of technique.

The winner of the competition receives a $3000 cash prize and a two-week exhibition at the Community Arts Centre next year.

Winner of the 2007 art competition was Liz Low, who produced an innovative porcelain, paper and glass artwork depicting the changing weather patterns in Australia, based on the competition’s theme of ‘Water, water everywhere…’.

“I found that winning a national art competition enhanced my professional standing. In particular, it was very pleasing to have had two pieces acquired by the City of Whitehorse. Firstly, the winning entry, ‘…with rain falling out to sea,’ and the second one, a piece from my 2008 exhibition, which was part of the very generous prize,” Liz said.

The winning entry of the first competition ‘Celebrations’ in 2005 was ‘Red Delights’ by artist Sue McFarland. Sue said the positive effects on her artistic career after winning the competition had been tremendous, with her artwork going on to be exhibited and included in catalogues internationally.

Entry forms for the Box Hill Community Arts Centre’s 2009 Biennial National Art Competition can be downloaded from www.bhcac.com.au or phone 9895 8888. Entries close 5pm on Friday June 26, 2009.

What’s on at the Whitehorse Centre in April

GALA CHARITY CONCERT
Presented by Box Hill Central Rotary Club in conjunction with the Emergency Relief Network
Hits by Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Ella Fitzgerald, Britney Spears, ABBA and some of the big Broadway musicals, such as Cats and Chicago, will be performed on stage as part of this program of popular music ranging from the big band era to the hits of today.

The World Championship Victoria Police Pipe Band will join the Victoria Police Show band for this special concert.

All proceeds will assist the Emergency Relief Network and other Rotary Club Local Service Charities.

When: Friday April 3 at 7.30pm
Tickets: $22

City of Whitehorse Band presents
BAND SHOWCASE

Regular performers at the Whitehorse Centre, the City of Whitehorse Band presents another memorable evening of music from the shows, the big bands and the brass bands. Featuring a wealth of talented musicians and guest artists, this is an evening of pure entertainment.

Proudly supported by the City of Whitehorse.

When: Monday April 20 at 8pm
Tickets: Full $16, Concession $12

The Whitehorse Professional Theatre & Music Season presents
DON GIOVANNI
Mozart and da Ponte’s sublime creation is an undisputed masterpiece. Discover the towering figure of Don Giovanni as he dominates every moment of the opera. While famous throughout history for his many conquests, he is now unable to command women as he once did. He commits murder before becoming hunted, challenged, deprived and, finally, eternally damned. Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

When: Saturday April 18 at 7.30pm
Tickets: Full $55, Concession $50

The Whitehorse Centre has two double passes to Guys and Dolls to giveaway this month. The first two callers to phone the Box Office on 9262 6555 at 10am on Wednesday April 8 will win the passes.

WIN

OTHER MUSICAL OFFERINGS IN WHITEHORSE

Guys and Dolls
Sarah is the Salvation Army officer desperately trying to change the ways of Sky Masterson and his dice-throwing gangster friends. Adelaide, Arvide, Nathan, Sarah and Sky bring this musical concert masterpiece to life. Love eventually overrules and everyone lives happily ever after!

When: Wednesday April 22 at 11am (morning tea served from 10am)
Show length is about one hour and 15 minutes, no interval

What’s on in Whitehorse

EXHIBITIONS

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March 31-April 13 (opening Tuesday March 31 from 6.30pm)

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IMPRESSIONS OF LIFE: PAINTINGS BY BERNADINE WILLIAMS AND MARY BALDWIN
April 28-May 9 (opening Tuesday April 28 at 6pm)

An exhibition of paintings by Bernadine Williams and Mary Baldwin. Proceeds of sales from Bernadine’s paintings will be donated to St Vincent De Paul Homeless Persons Fund.

FORGOTTEN FACES: CHINESE AND THE LAW
Take a glimpse into the daily lives of the Chinese men of the gold rush in Forgotten Faces, a bilingual travelling exhibition from the Public Records Office of Victoria (PROV), from April 15 to 26. Tales from the 1860s until the 1890s are revealed through accounts and photographs taken from the prison registers and court files.

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PERFORMING ARTS & FUNCTIONS

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EASTER OFFERINGS IN WHITEHORSE

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IDEA TO EXHIBITION: PAINTING, DRAWING, CERAMICS, PRINTMAKING
March 31-April 13 (opening Tuesday March 31 from 6.30pm)

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