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Mayor's message

Cr Andrew Davenport

As the footy season comes to an end, I would like to congratulate all local club members for taking part and contributing to our thriving sporting community. I would also like to acknowledge the countless volunteers who work to keep our clubs running – whether you're coaching, running the canteen or a dedicated parent chauffeuring kids around on the weekend, thank you for all you do.

It was great to see Whitehorse recognised by community members as the top performing Victorian council on Snap Send Solve – a popular app used to report community issues directly to councils. We were also rated third overall in Australia. **Read more about this below.**

Council continues to put community needs on the Government's radar and meets regularly with our state and federal MPs to put forward your ideas and concerns. We're delivering this advocacy through a range of channels.



Our recent submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria highlighted 3 key local issues for their state-wide lobbying efforts including:

- 1. Urban densification and its impact on our much-loved parks and public open spaces**
- 2. Calling on the State Government to significantly increase the penalties for illegally removing trees as an effective deterrent**
- 3. Pushing for a simplified process to unlock school ovals for community use on the weekend**

Whitehorse #1 for Snap Send Solve community satisfaction

For the third year in a row, our community has ranked Whitehorse as the top-rated Victorian council on Snap Send Solve, and among the top 3 councils in Australia.

We're committed to making things easier for our community and a big part of that is investing in technology and systems to improve customer experience. Snap Send Solve is a great example of this, making it easier to report an issue at any time.

It's fantastic to see our Whitehorse community members are utilising the app and receiving a great level of service. To learn more about Snap Send Solve, visit **whitehorse.vic.gov.au/snap-send-solve**

Suburban Rail Loop public hearings

The Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East Standing Advisory Committee is holding a public hearing covering general issues related to the SRL.

This will help ensure meaningful community input and allow Council to further advocate for good planning outcomes. This follows public consultation and Council's formal submission to the SRL Authority.

The hearing is expected to run until 19 September 2025. Anyone is welcome to join in person at Stamford Plaza, 111 Little Collins Street Melbourne, or online. Learn more at **engage.vic.gov.au/srl-east-structure-planning**

Burwood and Box Hill precinct hearings will follow.

Rates reminder

The first instalment of Council rates for the 2025/26 financial year is due on **Tuesday 30 September**.

Scan the QR code on your rate notice or go to **pay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au** to register for flexible weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payments or to pay by 4 instalments.

Register for email delivery of rate notices at **whitehorse.ezybill.com.au**

We understand that financial difficulties can arise. If you are experiencing hardship or are unable to pay your rates on time, please call us on **9262 6292** for a confidential discussion.

To learn more about payment plans and Council's Hardship Policy, visit **whitehorse.vic.gov.au/rates**



Your bins are changing

Whitehorse households will move to a 4-bin waste and recycling service by 1 July 2027, as required by the Victorian Government to meet the Proposed Household Waste and Recycling Service Standards (2024).

The 4-bins include:

- food organics and garden organics (FOGO) service (lime-green lid)
- mixed recycling service (yellow-lid)
- glass recycling service (purple-lid)
- garbage service (red-lid)

To give our community and Council enough time to prepare, the new 4-bin service will not begin until early 2027.

The size of each bin and how often they are collected has not been set by the Victorian Government, and this is where you come in.

Have your say on how we can make the 4-bin service work best for you

4-bin service option 1 – Garbage bin collected weekly.

FOGO and recycling bins collected fortnightly, glass every 4 weeks.

4-bin service option 2 – FOGO bin collected weekly.

Garbage and recycling bins collected fortnightly, glass every 4 weeks.

Service options	Garbage	FOGO	Recycling	Glass
Option 1 Weekly garbage, fortnightly FOGO	Collected weekly  80 litre	Collected fortnightly  140 litre*	Collected fortnightly  240 litre	Collected every 4 weeks  80 litre
Option 2 Fortnightly garbage, weekly FOGO	Collected fortnightly  80 litre	Collected weekly  140 litre*	Collected fortnightly  240 litre	Collected every 4 weeks  80 litre

*140L is the proposed standard size FOGO bin. There will be no change for residents with a 240L FOGO bin.



Have your say by Tuesday 30 September 2025.

yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/4bins

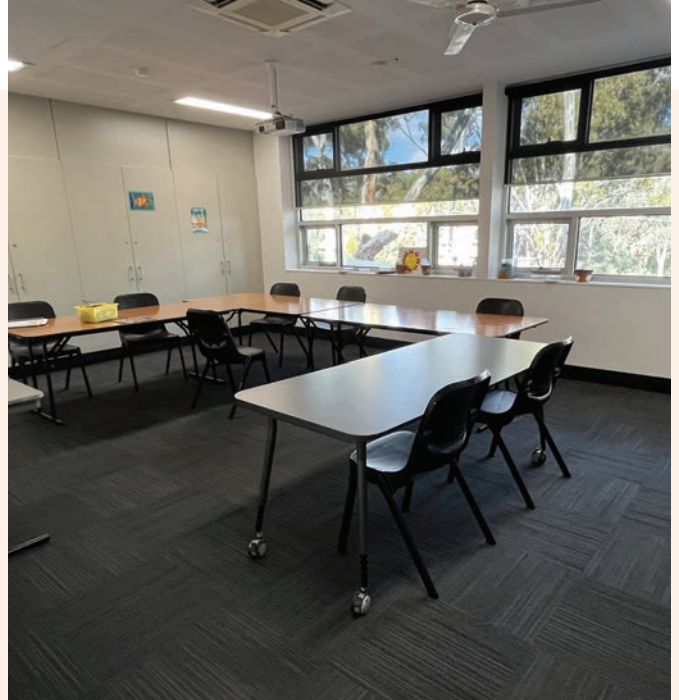
Complete the survey to go in the draw to win 1 of 10 \$50 gift cards. Terms and conditions apply.



Eley Ward – Eley Park Community Centre and Avenue Neighbourhood House

Refurbishment works have been completed at Eley Park Community Centre in Blackburn South. The improvements include:

- replacement of carpet in classrooms
- new carpet, painting and blinds for the youth support room
- toilet privacy upgrades in the childcare room
- replacement of ceiling tiles in the foyer



Walker Ward – Antonio Park Play Space

The renewal of Antonio Park Play Space in Mitcham has been completed.

The new and improved play space includes a large combination structure, swings and many exciting activities for children of all ages, including:

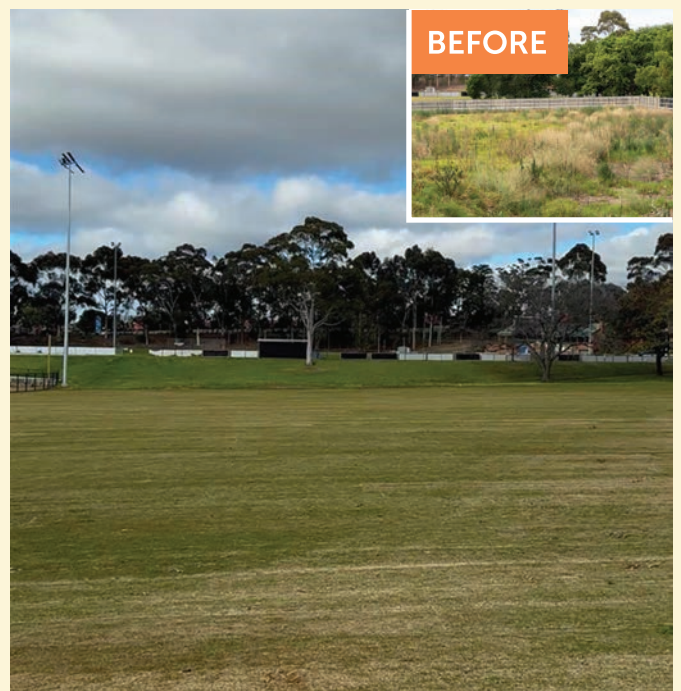
- rock climbing wall
- net bridge and vertical climbing net
- monkey bars and fire pole
- climbing cube
- shop counter

Sparks Ward – Restoration works at Surrey Park North West Oval

Several months ago, following successful advocacy from Council, we received State Government funding to restore Surrey Park North West Oval.

In early 2022, the oval was temporarily occupied by the State Government's Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) and used for construction material storage during LXRP works in Surrey Hills and Mont Albert.

The oval is now open to the community again and has been restored to its original condition, with new drainage and irrigation and fresh turf.



Safe speeds on local roads

We are asking drivers to travel at safe speeds to make our streets more welcoming for everyone.

Local residents have shared why slowing down is important to them:

Sumeet from Vermont said: "I feel good when I see people out and about during my commutes to work."

Max from Burwood East said: "I'm a bit slower now so when drivers travel at safe speeds, I know they will see me."

A local primary school student said: "I like to walk to school with my brother, so I don't have to wait for mum or dad."

Driving at safe speeds allows drivers more time to react to pedestrians, cyclists, children and older members of the community. This increases safety for everyone who uses our streets.

Share the 'drive at safe speeds' message with your friends, family and neighbours to help make our streets safer for everyone.

Learn more at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/safer-speeds



Open Space Strategy

Council recently adopted the **Whitehorse Open Space Strategy 2025**, setting a future-focused direction for the next 15 years.

This is a generational opportunity to plan for a healthier, more connected, and more resilient city. As Whitehorse grows and changes, the strategy will ensure open space remains a core part of what makes our city liveable.

Responding to growth and change

As development accelerates, particularly in key areas such as Box Hill, and private open space becomes more limited, Council is taking steps to ensure that residents continue to have access to public open spaces for recreation, connection and relaxation.

The strategy identifies opportunities to acquire new open space, upgrade existing parks and reserves,

and improve accessibility and connectivity for people of all ages and abilities. It also addresses environmental priorities including urban cooling, habitat protection, and sustainable water use.

Informed by community voices

More than 2,900 community members provided feedback on the draft strategy. This feedback has shaped several key inclusions in the final strategy including protecting valued local reserves, clarifying actions in under-served areas, and strengthening commitments to inclusive and environmentally sensitive design.

Next steps

Council will now begin preparing a 5-year implementation plan including initiating a planning scheme amendment to introduce updated public open space contribution rates.

Learn more at yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/open-space-strategy



WHITEHORSE

FESTIVAL SEASON

2025/2026

The Whitehorse Festival Season is a much-loved annual celebration of community, culture and creativity. With an exciting range of free, family-friendly events on offer, the season delivers high-quality entertainment that's welcoming, inclusive and accessible to all.

WHITEHORSE CAROLS

Whitehorse Carols serves up a feast of festivities each Christmas. Arrive early to get a good spot on the lawn before the evening begins with free rides, amusements and activities for kids and the young at heart. Enjoy this wonderful concert with family and friends.

When: Saturday 13 December,
6.30pm to 9.30pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading



AUSTRALIA DAY CONCERT

This year's concert features Australian Idol superstar Lilyish Retallick, the incredible Matt Hetherington Band, and Rob Mills for a full-throttle Bon Jovi experience. Enjoy delicious food stalls, fireworks, free rides and amusements!

When: Monday 26 January 2026,
6pm to 10pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading



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SPRING FESTIVAL

This free festival is a celebration of the Whitehorse community and the perfect way to kick off the season! Enjoy live celebrations, circus workshops, craft activities and face painting. There will also be market stalls and food trucks.

When: Sunday 19 October 2025, 10am to 4pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading

JAZZ AT THE LAKE

Jazz at the Lake is a family-friendly event that welcomes music lovers of all ages to experience the joy of live jazz. Set against the peaceful backdrop of Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, this free concert offers a perfect blend of serene landscapes and captivating music.

When: Sunday 1 March 2026, 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

MOONLIGHT MOVIES

Enjoy blockbuster hits and classic favourites in our Moonlight Movies series, during the autumn school holidays. Free screenings, delightful snacks, and a fantastic community atmosphere – don't miss out!

When and where:

Thursday 2 April 2026, Box Hill Gardens

Friday 10 April 2026, Livingstone Primary School Reserve

CULTURE FEST

Get ready for an explosion of cultures right here in Whitehorse to celebrate our diverse, multicultural community. Expect free activities, tasty bites, cultural displays, live music and performances. Culture Fest is your opportunity to connect and participate while enjoying the vibrant mix of cultures that call our community home.

When: Sunday 22 March 2026, 11.30am to 3.30pm

Where: Strathdon House and Orchard Precinct



JOIN THE WHITEHORSE SENIORS FESTIVAL 2025

The Whitehorse Seniors Festival is a celebration held from 1 to 31 October in partnership with our community, and is part of the statewide Victorian Seniors Festival.

More than 200 free and low-cost activities are available across Whitehorse. Events will take place on weekdays, weekends, day and evening – so everyone can get involved, try something new and meet others in the community.

Victorian Seniors Card holders also enjoy 8 days of free public transport across the state from 5 to 12 October, to make it easier to join the many activities on offer.

Most events and activities are free unless otherwise stated. If a booking is required, please scan the activity's QR code and follow the booking instructions.

You can pick up a print copy of the program from the Whitehorse Civic Centre, Box Hill Town Hall, Aqualink Box Hill, Aqualink Nunawading, Sportlink (Vermont South), Nunawading Community Hub, Box Hill Community Arts Centre, Strathdon House and

Orchard Precinct, one of our 10 Neighbourhood Houses or from our libraries.

Download the full Whitehorse Seniors Festival program from our website at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival or scan the QR code.



Whitehorse Seniors Festival Grand Opening

Celebrate the 35th anniversary of U3A Nunawading and the official launch of the 2025 Seniors Festival. Enjoy a vibrant day filled with dance, singing, craft displays and creative demonstrations by local seniors.

When: Wednesday
1 October, 10am to 3pm

Where: Nunawading Community Hub,
96–106 Springvale Road, Nunawading

Cost: Free

Enquiries: 9878 3898



Whitehorse One Voice – Grand Finale



Enjoy a powerful performance of 'You're the Voice', a video showcase, refreshments and a shared celebration of connection through song.

When: Wednesday 29 October,
10am to 12pm

Where: Box Hill Town Hall,
1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Cost: \$5, scan QR code to book

Enquiries: 9262 6333



Tango for Parkinson's

Join a free Tango class each Wednesday in October.

When: Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 October, 10am to 11am

Where: Avenue Neighbourhood House, 87 Eley Road, Blackburn South

Bookings:

Scan the QR code

Enquiries: 9808 2000



Tour of Worship

Discover the spiritual diversity of our local community on this enriching guided bus tour.

When: Saturday 4 October, 10.30am to 3pm

Where: Departs from Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379–399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Bookings:

Scan the QR code

Enquiries: 9262 6333



Singing for Health – Melbourne Chinese Choir

Learn traditional and popular Mandarin and Cantonese songs. No prior experience or language skills needed.

When: Saturday 4 October (ongoing weekly) 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

Bookings: Not required
Enquiries: 0490 047 606

Make a downsizing road map

Gain practical tips and confidence for your retirement living.

When: Tuesday 7 October and Thursday 23 October, 10am to 10.45am

Where: Mitcham Bowls Club, 306 Mitcham Road, Mitcham

Bookings:

Scan the QR code

Enquiries: 0430 273 800



Finding the One – Wedding Dress Exhibition and floor talk

This unique exhibition highlights the changing styles, traditions and tales of weddings across generations.

When: Friday 10 October, 10.30am to 12pm

Where: Whitehorse Artspace, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Bookings: Not required

Enquiries: 9262 6250



Silent disco for LGBTIA+ seniors and allies

This joyful silent disco invites you to pop on a pair of headphones and dance to your own beat.

When: Friday 10 October, 6pm to 8pm

Where: Nunawading Library, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Bookings:

Scan the QR code

Enquiries: 9872 8600



Whitehorse Volunteer Expo

Have some time to give? Discover volunteer roles that might suit you.

When: Wednesday 15 October, 12pm to 2pm

Where: Avenue Neighbourhood House, 87 Eley Road, Blackburn South

Bookings:

Scan the QR code

Enquiries: 9808 2000



Kaz & Jude's Menopausal Night Out

Join Kaz Cooke and Judith Lucy for a riotous evening.

When: Friday 24 October, 7.30pm

Where: The Round Theatre, 379–399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Bookings: Scan the QR code.

Use code HOTFLUSH to get \$5 off.



Open Community Garden Day

Meet the gardeners and enjoy a guided tour.

When: Sunday 26 October, 11am to 3pm

Where: Nunawading Community Gardens, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill

Bookings: Not required
Enquiries: 9878 1702

Shopfront stories – Vermont South Delicatessen

Meet Kia, Alireza and Fariba – the faces behind Vermont South Delicatessen and proud locals.

This hardworking family moved to Australia from Iran during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, bringing with them more than 30 years of experience running their own business. Starting fresh in a new country was not easy, especially during lockdowns and with a language barrier. However, they found a warm welcome in the Whitehorse community.

They now run their deli together, receiving stock from more than 30 different suppliers and working side-by-side every day.

“Back home, our store was bigger, we could go the whole day without seeing each other,” they say. “Here, we are together, and that’s something we really value.”

Their story is one of resilience, family, and community, and the Vermont South Delicatessen is built on those things.



A new chapter for the MegaMile: from vision to incorporated association

The MegaMile precinct has reached an exciting milestone. Following 5 months of collaboration and momentum driven by local businesses and property owners, the MegaMile Precinct Group (MPG) was incorporated in July.

At the heart of this journey is a clear purpose and shared vision: to position the MegaMile precinct as Melbourne’s premier destination for home, lifestyle and automotive products and services.

Whitehorse City Council has proudly supported this initiative, with Cr Weller and Cr Stennett commending the group on their passion for precinct development.

Stretching 3 kilometres along Whitehorse Road, the MegaMile precinct is a destination for everything home and outdoor living. Nestled between the Blackburn and Mitcham pedestrian bridges, this sprawling retail precinct brings together an array of conveniently located specialty stores.

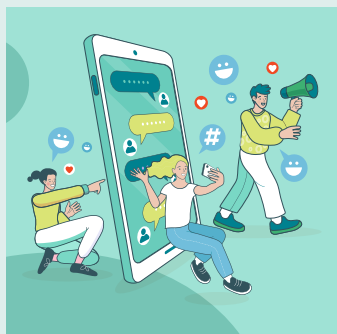
Congratulations to the inaugural MPG Committee, pictured below.

Learn more at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/megamile-mpg



Setting your business up for social media success

Ready to elevate your brand? Join The Digital Picnic and learn to leverage platforms such as Instagram and Facebook to grow your brand and build engagement.



You will walk away with practical tools for content planning, understanding algorithms, and crafting a winning social media strategy. Plus, you will enjoy networking opportunities with like-minded business owners!

Limited places available.

When: Thursday 9 October,
9.30am to 12.30pm

Where: The Round,
379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Cost: \$49 (includes morning tea)
Find out more at
businesswhitehorse.com.au





Growing a greener future at St James Primary School

St James Primary School students recently joined the Vermont Secondary College Eco Club, our Environmental Education team and volunteers to plant 220 indigenous plants from Bungalook nursery, creating habitat for local wildlife at their Vermont school.

The planting day grew from the school's participation in the Gardens for Wildlife program, which assesses private gardens and provides plant recommendations to increase backyard habitat for native wildlife. Program participants receive free plants from Bungalook or Greenlink Nurseries.

The collaborative effort taught the young people about the benefits of native gardening and trees, while expanding our urban forest and biodiversity in Whitehorse.

Want to create a wildlife-friendly garden at your local school?

Contact enviro.ed@whitehorse.vic.gov.au or visit our website to learn more about our extensive environmental education programs and teaching resources, whitehorse.vic.gov.au/education/schools



Events for families with young children



Bonding for brain development

This webinar offers an engaging evidence-based introduction to the powerful connection between early relationships and the developing brain.

Suitable for parents and carers expecting and/or with children 0-12 months of age.

When: Tuesday 16 September, 7pm to 9pm

Where: Online

Cost: Free, registrations required, trybooking.com/DEBMT



Save the date – Children's Week at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Join us for a fun-filled opportunity to explore, create, and connect in a beautiful natural setting.

There will be a treasure hunt, storytime and craft activities to enjoy.

When: Tuesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Age: 0-6 years of age

Cost: Free, registrations required, trybooking.com/DDAXF



From 1 generation to the next: 4 decades of keeping kids safe

Not all heroes wear capes – some wear bright yellow vests and carry a stop sign! And for 44 incredible years, Bette has done exactly that, helping thousands get to school safely.

As our longest-serving School Crossing Supervisor, Bette spent 20 years at the former St Clare's Primary and the past 24 years at Kerrimuir Primary School, becoming an integral part of the school community.

She's crossed generations of students and now greets the children of those she once helped across the street. And the best part? She has no plans to stop any time soon. Thank you for your service, Bette!

Wattle Ward Cr Andrew Davenport Mayor



Gardiners Creek Planting

On 17 August I attended planting as part of the Kooyongkoot Revegetation Project. The project aims to restore 1.2 hectares of habitat alongside a section of Gardiners Creek Reserve in Burwood. For information on how to take part, visit kka.org.au

4-Bin Consultation

As part of the State Government requirement to introduce a 4th Bin for Glass Recycling, Council is looking at how to best manage the service of all kerbside waste. I am keen to hear from you on how often bins are collected, and what size bins are provided. Please complete the survey at yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Skybus – Coming to Box Hill

It's great to see Skybus running direct from Melbourne Tullamarine to the eastern suburbs including Box Hill. Details of the recently launched Skybus are skybus.com.au/eastern-express

Snap Send Solve

To better communicate with members of the Chinese community, we now have a WeChat channel. We've also worked with Snap Send Solve to allow community reporting via the app in Simplified Chinese. For details, visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/snap-send-solve

Business Whitehorse

Council is preparing a program of events and workshops to support our small business community. I'm keen to hear about what would bring direct benefit your business. Visit businesswhitehorse.com.au to enter the survey for a chance to win a \$50 voucher.

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Cootamundra Ward Cr Kieran Simpson



27 July was National Tree Day and despite the occasional rain it was encouraging to see so many residents help with the tree planting at Wurundjeri Walk. I look forward to revisiting the site in the years to come and seeing the results.

I really enjoyed writing back to grade 3 students from Old Orchard Primary School who wrote to me about issues in their neighbourhood. Everything from dog poo to bike tracks and the state of our public toilets. Nothing was off-limits. It is encouraging to see their enthusiasm.

My community newsletter has been going into Cootamundra residents' letterboxes over the past few weeks. In it I discuss some local issues in the Ward and some budget items for residents. If you didn't get a copy and would like one, please contact me.

I'm really pleased to see the start of the Koonung Park Masterplan. This is an item I saw brought forward to this year's budget. The first round of community consultation is now complete, however if you have missed out please contact me.

The Blackburn Activity Centre is the hot topic with many residents asking me what Council's position is. When the draft plans are released, I encourage all residents to participate in the consultation process, either with the State Government or Council. Residents are also welcome to contact me directly with their concerns.

If I can assist in any way, please contact me via email, phone, or Facebook.

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Eley Ward Cr Daniel Griffiths



After decades of negotiation, I'm excited to announce that an agreement has been reached on the shared use of Mirrabooka Reserve with the Department of Education, Orchard Grove Primary and Aurora School. This will see more than \$6 million directed towards sports field upgrades and new on-demand lighting, for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to all the volunteers who took part in planting part of Wurundjeri Walk, and to those who responded to the draft long-term plan for the area.

'Kiss & Go' signs have been installed on Orchard Grove due to traffic congestion and safety concerns.

Parents, please use this as a quick 2-minute stopping zone, and remember it is safest for kids to exit the car on the footpath side. We want every child to come home safely each day.



Proposed similar improvements near Blackburn English Language School (Eley Road, Bonview Crescent) are underway in response to community requests.

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Elgar Ward
Cr Blair Barker



Thank you for giving me the great privilege of representing you. One recent joyous and inspiring experience was presenting the Young Citizen Of the Year Award to Tom Walsh (from the Elgar ward), a very brave 13 year old that saved the lives of two young girls from drowning at Venus Bay last summer. I was also incredibly impressed by the standard of the performance of 'Chicago' by Koonung Secondary College. We can be proud of the young people and school communities that add to our great area.

A personal project I've been working on has been called an 'epidemic' by the US Surgeon General. 1-in-4 Australian's experience this in a persistent way and we know it can have a devastating impact on both mental and physical health. 'Loneliness' is not an uncommon experience (I know I have experienced it) and recognising it and seeking connection with others is key. We have so many marvellous facilities, people and opportunities in our city. If you are part of an organisation or group promoting action to combat loneliness, or have an idea (like a new book/movie club or walking group), please reach out to me. Please say g'day or hi to people you see on the street or come down to local sport just to watch and chat to others, all groups in our area are very inclusive. Simple and considerate acts can often change the world for others. Thank you for your efforts to make our city a little better every day.

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Kingsley Ward
Cr Kirsten Langford



It has been a busy couple of months in Kingsley including:

- School holiday events in Hamilton Street including hot chocolate scavenger hunts, craft activities and more
- Community consultation on future streetscaping of Hamilton Street
- Opening of Surrey Park North West Oval
- Koonung Secondary College's terrific performance of Chicago, with an incredibly talented group of musicians, singers and dancers.

Road safety has been on my mind since attending the Whitehorse PSA Policing Neighborhood Forum. Young men aged 18 to 30 are particularly at risk.

Surrey Park Panthers Football Club asked me to promote their new bumper sticker, "SLOW DOWN –



STAY IN CONTROL", jointly sponsored by the Traffic Accident Commission.

Please visit my social media to see a promotional video, made with the help of club members, encouraging the community to slow down.

 Cr Kirsten Langford

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Council meetings

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chamber in the Whitehorse Civic Centre. Meetings are also live streamed at **webcast. whitehorse.vic.gov.au**

Next meeting

- Monday 8 September, 7pm
- Monday 22 September, 7pm

Search '**Council meetings**' on Council's website for agendas, minutes and more information.

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To read updates from our Councillors online, scan the QR code.

The views expressed are those of individual Councillors and do not necessarily reflect Council policy or the views of Council as a whole. Our Councillors have been elected to serve until October 2028.



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A Whitehorse cambiano i bidoni

Il Governo del Victoria richiede a tutti i consigli comunali di avere un servizio di raccolta differenziata con 4 bidoni entro il 1° luglio 2027.

Facci sapere cosa possiamo fare perché il servizio a 4 bidoni risponda alle esigenze del tuo nucleo familiare.



Esprimi la tua opinione entro martedì 30 settembre visitando il sito yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/4bins

Stagione dei festival 2025–26

Da ottobre ad aprile la stagione dei festival di Whitehorse offre una serie di esaltanti eventi gratuiti per tutta la famiglia.

Segnati le date degli eventi principali:

- Spring Festival domenica 19 ottobre 2025
- Whitehorse Carols sabato 19 dicembre 2025
- Australia Day Concert lunedì 26 gennaio 2026

Scopri tutti i dettagli sul sito creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/festivals



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Chiama il numero 131 450 menziona la lingua che parli e chiedi che ti mettano in contatto con il Consiglio comunale di Whitehorse.

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Whitehorse, οι κάδοι σας αλλάζουν

Η Κυβέρνηση της Βικτώριας απαιτεί από όλους τους δήμους να έχουν υπηρεσία διαχείρισης απορριμμάτων και ανακύκλωσης με 4 κάδους από την 1η Ιουλίου 2027.

Πείτε μας πώς μπορούμε να κάνουμε την υπηρεσία με 4 κάδους να λειτουργήσει καλύτερα για το νοικοκυριό σας.



Υποβάλετε τη γνώμη σας έως την Τρίτη 30 Σεπτεμβρίου στη διεύθυνση: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/4bins

Περίοδος Φεστιβάλ 2025–26

Από τον Οκτώβριο έως τον Απρίλιο, η περίοδος φεστιβάλ του Whitehorse προσφέρει μια σειρά από συναρπαστικές, δωρεάν εκδηλώσεις για όλη την οικογένεια.

Σημειώστε τις ημερομηνίες για τις σημαντικότερες εκδηλώσεις μας:

- Spring Festival (Φεστιβάλ Άνοιξης): Κυριακή 19 Οκτωβρίου 2025
- Κάλαντα του Whitehorse: Σάββατο 19 Δεκεμβρίου 2025
- Australia Day Concert (Συναυλία Ημέρας Αυστραλίας): Δευτέρα 26 Ιανουαρίου 2026

Βρείτε όλες τις λεπτομέρειες στον ιστότοπο creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/festivals



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Καλέστε το 131 450, αναφέρετε τη γλώσσα που μιλάτε και ζητήστε να συνδεθείτε με το Δήμο Whitehorse.

Simplified Chinese | 简体中文

Whitehorse 居民请注意, 您的垃圾桶将发生变化

维多利亚州政府规定, 所有市议会必须于 2027 年 7 月 1 日前实施四桶垃圾分类和回收服务。

请告诉我们, 如何能让四桶垃圾分类收集服务更好地满足您家庭的需求。



请于 9 月 30 日 (星期二) 前访问网站: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/4bins, 发表您的意见。

2025-2026 节庆季

从十月到四月, Whitehorse 的节庆季将为您全家提供一系列精彩纷呈且免费的活动。

请预留以下重要活动的日期:

- 2025 年 10 月 19 日 (星期日) 举办迎春活动 (Spring Festival)
- 2025 年 12 月 19 日 (星期六) Whitehorse 圣诞合唱 (Whitehorse Carols)
- 2026 年 1 月 26 日 (星期一) 澳大利亚国庆日音乐会 (Australia Day Concert)

详情请访问网站: creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/festivals



免费口译服务

请拨打 131 450, 说明您使用的语言, 并要求接通 Whitehorse 市议会。

Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt

Những thay đổi về thùng rác ở Whitehorse

Chính quyền Victoria yêu cầu tất cả các hội đồng phải có dịch vụ 4 thùng về thu gom rác thải và tái chế trước ngày 1 tháng 7 năm 2027.

Hãy cho chúng tôi biết làm thế nào để dịch vụ 4 thùng rác có thể hoạt động tốt nhất cho hộ gia đình của quý vị.



Hãy đóng góp ý kiến của quý vị trước thứ Ba ngày 30 tháng 9 tại yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/4bins

Mùa lễ hội 2025–26

Từ tháng 10 đến tháng 4, mùa lễ hội Whitehorse mang đến nhiều sự kiện thú vị và miễn phí cho cả gia đình.

Hãy lưu lại các ngày diễn ra các sự kiện nổi bật của chúng tôi:

- Spring Festival (Lễ hội Mùa xuân) vào Chủ Nhật ngày 19 tháng 10 năm 2025
- Whitehorse Carols (Ca nhạc mừng Giáng sinh ở Whitehorse) vào thứ Bảy ngày 19 tháng 12 năm 2025
- Australia Day Concert (Hòa nhạc mừng Quốc khánh Úc) vào thứ Hai ngày 26 tháng 1 năm 2026

Xem tất cả thông tin chi tiết tại creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/festivals



Dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí

Gọi số 131 450, cho biết ngôn ngữ quý vị nói và yêu cầu được kết nối với Hội đồng thành phố Whitehorse.



Get snapping and share your photos for our 2026 calendar

Time is running out to submit your photos for our 2026 Whitehorse Calendar.

Submissions received by Sunday 21 September 2025 will go into the running to be featured in the 2026 calendar, available to Whitehorse residents at the end of this year.

Find out more or submit your entries on our website, whitehorse.vic.gov.au/calendar

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Heritage Week – Changing Fashions

Step into the past and discover how fashion tells our story from times gone by. From Victorian wedding gowns to Melbourne Cup glamour, explore the changing tastes that shaped Whitehorse and beyond through guided tours, exhibitions, and hands-on heritage fun for all ages!



Don't miss the Schwerkolt Cottage Heritage Family Day, Finding the One exhibition, Devonshire tea at Strathdon House and Orchard Precinct and more.

Find out more at creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/heritage-week



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Acknowledgement of Country

Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Cover photo: New bins are coming to Whitehorse.

Connect with us on social media

Search 'Whitehorse City Council' or [@whitehorsecitycouncil](https://www.instagram.com/whitehorsecitycouncil)



On WeChat, search 'Councillors Whitehorse'

Customer service centres

Whitehorse Civic Centre,
379–399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Box Hill Town Hall,
1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm

Please note Council's Forest Hill customer service centre closed permanently on Friday 27 June 2025. Our Nunawading and Box Hill service centres remain open as per usual. You can also find information and support online via our website or give us a call on 9262 6333.

Spring School Holiday Program

Get ready for an awesome spring holiday with fun and affordable activities across Whitehorse!

Visit our website to view the full program and book: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/school-holidays

Scan the QR code to make a booking

Book
in some
dates



Spring Garden Treasure Hunt

Step into the magic of Mont Albert this spring with our Spring Garden Treasure Hunt – a blooming adventure for families, friends, and curious minds!

When: 27 September and 4 October, 11am to 2pm

Where: Mont Albert Heritage Plaza

Age: All ages

Cost: \$2

Bookings: Required



Cut and colour vintage paper people!

Choose a paper person and style in your favourite vintage clothes! Look at the clothes on display in Schwerkolt Museum for inspiration.

When: 27, 28 September and 4, 5 October, 1pm to 4pm

Where: Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex

Age: 5-10 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required



The Resilience Project: 3 Happy Tricks 2025

With catchy tunes, hilarious storytelling and practical strategies, 3 Happy Tricks helps kids build positive wellbeing habits using gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.

When: Wednesday 1 October, 11am

Where: The Round

Age: 5+ years

Cost: See website

Bookings: Required



Fun with Clay – Witches and Wizards

Get spooky with clay! Hand-build witches and wizards, learn ceramic skills and create a magical masterpiece to display at your Halloween festivities.

When: Wednesday 1 October, 11.30am to 1pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Age: 6-12 years

Cost: \$46

Bookings: Required



Art Day – The Creative Circus

Step right up for this super fun art day! Join the circus fun with diabolo and hula hoops, then get crafty with colourful, big-top inspired art activities!

When: Thursday 2 October, 9.30am to 3.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Age: 6-12 years

Cost: \$91

Bookings: Required



Art Day – Springtime: Cook, Craft, Glow!

Celebrate Spring at Strathdon House with a nature-filled Art Day. Explore the blooming gardens, seasonal cooking and creative crafts.

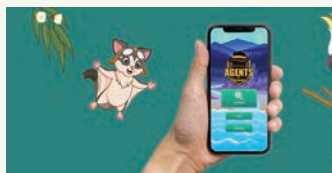
When: Friday 3 October, 9.30am to 3.30pm

Where: Strathdon House and Orchard Precinct

Age: 6-12 years

Cost: \$91

Bookings: Required



Whitehorse Wildlife Explorers

Discover amazing things with the Agents of Discovery app – it's like Pokémon Go for the bush! Join us and become a Whitehorse Wildlife Explorer these holidays!

When: Anytime

Where: Yarran Dheran, Mitcham

Age: All ages

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required



Casual Basketball and Netball Sessions

Shoot some hoops these holidays. Access available basketball or netball courts for \$6.40.

When: Check availability with centre

Where: Sportlink

Age: All ages

Cost: \$6.40

Bookings: Required