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Sacred Kingfisher at Blackburn Lake – Greg Wallace

Mayor's message Cr Kirsten Langford

Last month I had the honour of taking part in Anzac Day services at several events across Whitehorse, recognising those who served for our country and reflecting on my own family connections.

This month we're also recognising those who care for our community through International Nurses Day, International Day of the Midwife, National Volunteer Week and Neighbourhood House Week.

We also celebrate Matsudo Week this month, recognising our longstanding relationship with the City of Matsudo in Japan. Read more including a message from the Matsudo Mayor on page 3.

There are lots of wonderful opportunities to take part in community life this month with a great range of events taking place across the municipality. I encourage you to get involved and learn more about all that Whitehorse has to offer.

Council is currently advocating to the State Government on several issues. We continue to call for the protection of public open space as highlighted in our recent submission to the State Government's Activity Centres Program. **Read more below.**



Last month Council voted not to support the State Government imposed mandatory kerbside glass bin recycling service in its current form. We will further defer implementation of a kerbside glass bin recycling service and continue calling on the State Government to permit alternative glass recycling service options.

A reminder that this will be the last monthly edition of Whitehorse News as we will move to distributing one edition every 2 months from next month – the June/July edition.

Shaping Activity Centre plans

The State Government recently asked for community feedback (Phase 2 consultation) on plans for the Blackburn, Nunawading and Mitcham Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres. These draft plans are part of the Victorian Government's Plan for Victoria, which aims to increase housing in areas close to public transport, jobs and services.

To help people understand the plans, Council hosted 3 local pop-up sessions in February and March 2026. These gave the community a chance to ask questions and share their views. Thank you to the 170 people who attended pop-ups across Blackburn, Nunawading and Mitcham.

What we heard

Feedback from both Phase 1 and Phase 2 consultations helped shape Council's submission to the State Government, which was endorsed on 16 March 2026. Read our submission or learn more: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/activity-centres-whitehorse

Key concerns

Council raised concerns about the scale of building heights, particularly in Blackburn, and about the size of the proposed areas.

In some locations, there isn't a clear transition from taller buildings to nearby low-rise homes across the 3 activity centres.

Other key concerns raised:

- How developments fit into the local context, including environmentally sensitive and heritage areas
- Building heights and bulk
- Overshadowing and wind impacts
- Parking and traffic congestion

Protecting what matters

Council supports keeping Significant Landscape Overlay areas (sometimes referred to as SLOs) out of the Activity Centre boundaries.

We believe new housing should be balanced with protecting neighbourhood character, tree canopy and open space.

What happens next

Council is calling on the State Government to work more closely with us and to provide clearer, more transparent information to the community as these plans progress.



Celebrating 55 years of friendship with Matsudo

We are proud to celebrate 55 years of our sister city relationship with Matsudo, Japan, marking more than 5 decades of friendship, cultural exchange and community connection. Since 1971, this partnership has fostered cultural understanding, educational opportunities and strong civic ties through student exchanges, programs and official visits.

To celebrate, a commemorative plaque will be unveiled at the Green Tree Day planting ceremony, and the mayors of Whitehorse and Matsudo will share messages via a special conference call.



Postcard from Japan, Christine Ingham Archive, Civic Collection.

Sister City: 55 years of friendship with Matsudo

12 May to 14 July | All Nations Foyer, Box Hill Town Hall | Free

This exhibition showcases 55 years of cultural exchange through documents, photographs, art and artefacts from Matsudo Japan. Also featured are Japanese picture books gifted to Whitehorse City Council by Matsudo City Council in celebration of our valued Sister City relationship.

Throughout May, enjoy a series of events highlighting Japanese culture. **Book now:** creativewhitehorse.com.au



WHITEHORSE-MATSUDO
Sister Cities Celebrating Friendship



A message from
Takamasa Matsudo
Matsudo Mayor



Matsudo City,
Chiba Prefecture, Japan

On behalf of the citizens of Matsudo, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the wonderful milestone of the 55th anniversary of the sister city relationship between our 2 cities, which we are honoured to celebrate together.

55 years ago, the seeds of friendship sown between our cities took firm root over the course of half a century and have now grown into a great tree rich with flourishing greenery. It is a great source of pride for the City of Matsudo that your city has remained a pioneering partner in exchange with Japan and continues to be our longest-standing partner within your state.

In celebration of this memorable 55th anniversary, Matsudo City is also planning commemorative events and workshops so that our citizens can share in this bond together. The history of 55 years cannot be built overnight. As we move forward, we sincerely hope to cherish the path we have walked thus far, continue learning from each other's experiences and successes, and advance together towards the next half century.

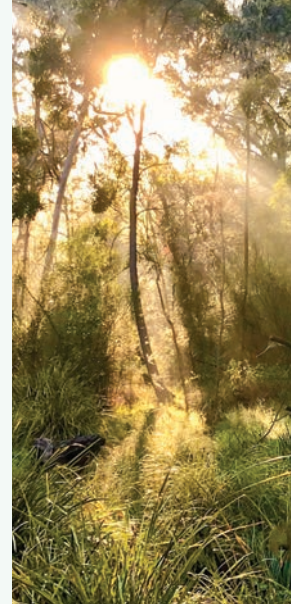
We are grateful for the opportunity to directly experience this wonderful bond. We are confident that the friendship between our 2 cities will continue to grow in strength, extending its branches and leaves towards the future.

Thank you very much.

Celebrate World Environment Day

Celebrate World Environment Day on Friday 5 June with a week of inspiring events and hands-on activities. This year's theme, 'Climate Action', invites everyone to connect, learn and help build a more sustainable community.

Protecting our environment starts locally, whether reducing waste, saving energy, supporting biodiversity or making more sustainable lifestyle choices. This year, we have partnered with Whitehorse Manningham Libraries. So head on into your local library between 1 and 7 June to be inspired by book selections and fun enviro facts! To learn more about Council-run programs and get some tips to take action visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/sustainable-whitehorse



World Environment Day: Special Storytime

Celebrate World Environment Day with a special storytime about caring for our planet. Enjoy engaging stories, then a fun, hands-on craft inspired by earth-loving tales.

When: Tuesday 2 June, 11am to 11.45am

Where: Nunawading Library

Bookings: Not required



Community screening of Future Council

Be inspired by today's youth at a screening of Future Council. Discover how Council and local initiatives can support your sustainability journey.

When: Thursday 4 June, 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Bookings: Required,
events.humanitix.com/future-council-whitehorse



Clothes swap & Slow Fashion talk

Refresh your wardrobe and learn how to embrace slow fashion through swapping, styling and sustainable choices.

When: Saturday 6 June, 9.45am to 12pm

Where: The Round

Bookings: Required,
events.humanitix.com/clothes-swap-and-slow-fashion



Clothes swaps made easy!

Learn the practical steps to plan and host your own successful clothes swap with friends, in your community or workplace in this FREE webinar.

When: Wednesday 10 June, 11am to 12pm

Where: Online

Bookings: Required,
events.humanitix.com/clothes-swaps-made-easy-webinar





Shopfront Stories: Powering change, one ride at a time


Long before e-bikes were trending, Rebecca was already thinking about how to move differently and more sustainably.

Starting in her garage in Warrandyte back in 2009, Rebecca began building and converting bikes to electric, inspired by her background in solar batteries and a simple idea: what if we could store energy in the way we move?

Today, Rebecca continues to help people rethink transport, reducing traffic, easing parking pressures, and making it easier to stay active along the way. For her, it's not just about getting from A to B, it's about creating a better, more sustainable future.

The name Rev Bikes says it all, standing for revolutions, renewable energy vehicles, and revolving energy. With Nunawading's bike-friendly surroundings, it's the perfect place for a test ride into something new.

Pop in and say hi, and maybe take a spin towards a greener future.

 **Rev Bikes:** 14 Station Street,
Nunawading



Repair, reuse, reconnect at the Repair Café

Don't toss your broken items, give them a second life instead.

The healthAbility Repair Café – Whitehorse is a welcoming space where skilled volunteers help repair everyday items, from clothing and electronics to furniture. Come and learn new skills, reduce waste and connect with our community.

Special feature in May:

Mend Your Woollens workshop

Alongside our repair café, join a hands-on darning session and learn simple techniques to repair holes and extend the life of your woollen garments. No sewing experience needed.

When: 2nd Saturday of the month,
10am to 2pm

Mend Your Woollens workshop:
Saturday 9 May, 10am to 12pm

Where: Strathdon House and Orchard Precinct,
Forest Hill

Bookings:

Repair Café: Not required

Mend Your Woollens workshop:

**[events.humanitix.com/
mend-your-woollens](https://events.humanitix.com/mend-your-woollens)**



Donate with the Eastern Emergency Relief Network

Give your unwanted household items a second life and support people in need through the Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN). This free, volunteer-run service makes it easy to give back, with collections available straight from your front door.

Accepted items include:

- furniture (e.g. couches, tables, chairs)
- kitchenware (crocery, cutlery, cooking equipment)
- whitegoods (e.g. fridges, washing machines, dryers)
- non-perishable food and toiletries
- electrical appliances (e.g. microwaves, TVs, kettles)

Book a free collection: easternemergency.org.au/donate-goods-detail



Coming together for National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day recognises the impact of past policies and practices on First Peoples and honours the strength of the world's oldest living culture.

Join Whitehorse City Council for a flag raising ceremony led by a Wurundjeri Elder and councillors, acknowledging past injustices and supporting reconciliation.

The ceremony marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), with this year's theme 'All in', a call for us to step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

Attendees are also encouraged to watch Journey Home, David Gulpilil, a moving documentary following his return to Country.



Sorry Day ceremony

When: Tuesday 26 May, 1pm to 1.30pm

Where: Nangnak Gardens, Whitehorse Civic Centre

Cost: Free

Bookings: Required, yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/sorry-day-registration



Film screening

When: Monday 25 May, 1pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday 26 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: The Round

Cost: Free

Bookings: Required, theround.com.au/JourneyHomeFilm



WHAT'S ON AT THE ROUND



BRITNEY SPEARS: THE CABARET

THURSDAY 7 MAY,
7.30PM



COMEDY AT THE ROUND:

KIRSTY WEBECK,
JUDE PERL & ANNIE LOUEY
SATURDAY 16 MAY,
8PM



JOURNEY HOME: DAVID GULPILIL

SPECIAL FILM SCREENING

MONDAY 25 MAY,
1PM
TUESDAY 26 MAY,
10.30AM TO 12.30PM



42ND STREET: BABIRRA MUSIC THEATRE

FRIDAY 29 MAY –
SUNDAY 7 JUNE

THE
ROUND



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Scan the
QR code
for details



Honouring the care in our community

This May, we recognise and thank the dedicated nurses, midwives and volunteers who support our community every day.

In Whitehorse, our 32 Maternal and Child Health nurses, qualified as both nurses and midwives, delivered more than 12,000 consultations last year, providing trusted guidance and care to local families during the early years. Our 12 Immunisation Nurses also play a vital role in protecting community health through local vaccination programs.

During National Volunteer Week (18–24 May), we celebrate the many volunteers who give their time to strengthen and connect our community. Box Hill Town Hall will light up red on 22 and 23 May as a visible thank you for the care, compassion and commitment that help our community thrive.

International Day of the Midwife – 5 May

International Nurses Day – 12 May

National Volunteer Week – 18–24 May



Your place to connect

Neighbourhood and Community House and Centre Week | 11–17 May

Every week, more than 400,000 people across Australia connect through neighbourhood houses and community centres, welcoming spaces to learn, share and belong.

We are celebrating the important role these local hubs play in bringing communities together. In Whitehorse, our 10 houses support more than 1,000 people to connect, build skills, volunteer and get involved.

Whether you're looking to try something new or meet new people, there's something for everyone.

Learn more and get involved:

whitehorse.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/neighbourhood-houses-and-community-centres



Whitehorse One Voice 2026

One song, many voices, one united community

Calling on choirs, community groups, schools and residents.

Whitehorse City Council's Positive Ageing Team, in partnership with Creativity Australia, invites you to join Whitehorse One Voice 2026, a free community music project celebrating connection, creativity and inclusion. All resources provided and it's FREE to participate.

Join here:

withonevoice.org.au/choirs/whitehorse



Kingsley Ward
Cr Kirsten Langford
Mayor



Council has purchased 383, 385 and 387 Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert to provide much needed public open space in an area with only 7m² of public open space per person. Watch out for public consultation on design in approximately 3 months.

3 Kingsley Ward businesses were recognised at the 2025 Whitehorse Business Awards: Matilda in Mont Albert North, Saint Albert's Pizza in Mont Albert and Quest Mont Albert. Congratulations!!

It was an honour to lay wreaths at ANZAC Day Ceremonies in Wattle Park and Surrey Hills.

Cr Kirsten Langford
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Eley Ward
Cr Daniel Griffiths



At Eley Park, a recent rubbish truck fire caused by crushed batteries highlights why **electronic waste doesn't go in your kerbside bins**. Find battery disposal services at supermarkets, Bunnings and council.

I returned to Orchard Grove Primary to help Year 4 demystify what councillors do, bathroom breaks during long meetings and how much we are paid – \$41,992 as set by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal.

We need your input on the proposed budget 2026/27 to help shape how we deliver services, infrastructure and opportunities and help me represent you. The last budget redirected an extra \$1 million towards fixing roads, allowing Eley Rd to be resurfaced.

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Elgar Ward
Cr Blair Barker



Providing access to quality open space is an important way we can protect and improve people's lives, especially in areas where population density continues to rise. Box Hill City Oval was originally opened in 1937 and will fully re-open in 2027 (the oval will be open in the next few months), not just for sporting clubs, for the entire community to enjoy.

The underutilised carpark on Court St and abandoned Childcare centre on Watts St will soon become a permanent nature-based park, providing space to play, exercise, dream and meet friends. Across Elgar ward we have unlocked more than 45,000 square metres of previously restricted open space.

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Walker Ward
Cr Ben Stennett



Over the past month, I've enjoyed connecting with our community at local events, including the Antonio Park Community Fun Fair, the Mitcham Night Market at Britannia Mall, and the ANZAC Day service at Halliday Park, where I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of Council. I've continued advocating on key local issues such as community safety and planning, and listening to residents on the Walker Park and Charles Rooks/Dagola Reserve Master Plan consultations. It's been valuable hearing directly from residents. I remain committed to representing our community—please reach out with feedback, ideas or concerns.

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Wattle Ward
Cr Andrew Davenport



I recommend attending some upcoming events at Gardiners Creek in Burwood. Firstly, Park Run for Hope, a 5km run or walk to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, organised by the Lions Club of Box Hill Silk Road. The event is on 31 May from 9am-11 am and the cost is \$40. To book, please visit events.humanitix.com/park-run-for-hope/tickets

KooyongKoot Alliance is also running a series of planting events throughout the year. The next event is on 10 May between 10 am and 12 pm. BBQ is offered afterwards. To assist with catering, please book at events.humanitix.com/gardiners-creek-reserve-biodiversity-project-tf4sygpq/tickets

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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 meetings

- Monday 11 May 2026
- Monday 1 June 2026

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.





Children's Advisory Group members with the Mayor in the old Council chambers at Box Hill Town Hall.

Big ideas, bright futures

Whitehorse is proud to be a Child Friendly City, where children are valued as active and engaged citizens.

This year 40 students from 15 primary schools joined our Children's Advisory Group. They met Mayor Cr Kirsten Langford at their first meeting and explored leadership and community.

The program empowers students to share ideas, connect with Council, and build confidence while helping shape the future of their city.

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Street sweeping season is here

As autumn arrives, our street sweeping crews are out in full force helping keep Whitehorse clean, safe and looking its best. Streets across the municipality are swept once a month, with some leafier areas scheduled more frequently during peak leaf fall.

While we aim to service areas around the same time each month, sweeping is a flexible service so crews can respond to changing conditions such as weather, debris and safety hazards.

How you can help

- Please place private leaves and garden waste from your property in your green bin, not on the street.
- Avoid parking over heavy leaf build-up where possible.
- Help keep roads clear of debris where you can.

Thanks for supporting our crews as they work to keep Whitehorse looking great this autumn.

Rates reminder

The fourth and final instalment of Council rates for the 2025/26 financial year is due by Sunday 31 May. As this date falls on a weekend, rates will be due on the next business day, Monday 1 June.

If you are experiencing hardship, you can contact Council's Rates Department to explore your options.
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/your-rates



Italian | Italiano

La pulizia delle strade inizierà a breve

Il Comune provvederà alla pulizia delle strade residenziali dalle foglie una volta al mese. Alcune strade con più alberi e foglie saranno pulite più frequentemente.

Repair Café

Ripara i tuoi oggetti rotti invece di buttarli via. I volontari possono aiutarti a riparare vestiti, piccoli dispositivi elettronici e mobili.

Impara semplici competenze e incontra altre persone.

Quando: il secondo sabato di ogni mese, dalle h 10:00 alle h 14:00

Dove: Strathdon House e Orchard Precinct

Nuova illuminazione sui campi sportivi

È possibile utilizzare le luci quando non ci sono attività sportive prenotate.

Dove sono disponibili le luci:

- Koonung Park
- Mont Albert Reserve
- Morton Park
- Springfield Park
- Ballyshannassy Park
- Elgar Park
- Surrey Park
- Terrara Park

Come funziona l'illuminazione:

- Entra sul campo. Le luci si accenderanno per 30 minuti.
- Le luci si attenueranno prima di spegnersi.

Approfitta dei nostri spazi locali quando preferisci.



Servizio di interpretariato gratuito

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

Simplified Chinese | 简体中文

街道清扫即将启动

市议会每月为居民区街道清扫一次落叶。树木密集、落叶较多的路段将增加清扫频次。

Repair Café (修理咖啡馆)

修好损坏物品，减少丢弃。志愿者协助维修衣物、小家电及家具。

轻松学技能，结识邻里。

活动时间: 每月第二个周六上午 10 时至下午 2 时

活动地点: Strathdon House 和 Orchard Precinct

运动场新增照明

无体育活动预订时开放使用。

开放场地:

- Koonung Park
- Mont Albert Reserve
- Morton Park
- Springfield Park
- Ballyshannassy Park
- Elgar Park
- Surrey Park
- Terrara Park

照明使用方式:

- 进入场地。灯光自动亮起，持续30分钟。
- 熄灭前渐暗提示。

欢迎随时使用本地运动场地。



免费口译服务

请致电 131 450，告知您的语言需求，并要求接通 Whitehorse 市议会。

Greek | Ελληνικά

Ο καθαρισμός των δρόμων ξεκινά σύντομα

Ο Δήμος θα καθαρίζει τους προαστιακούς δρόμους από φύλλα μία φορά τον μήνα. Ορισμένοι δρόμοι με περισσότερα φύλλα και δέντρα θα καθαρίζονται πιο συχνά.

Repair Café (Καφέ Επισκευών)

Επισκευάστε τα χαλασμένα σας αντικείμενα αντί να τα πετάξετε. Εθελοντές μπορούν να βοηθήσουν στην επισκευή ρούχων, μικρών ηλεκτρονικών συσκευών και επίπλων.

Μάθετε απλές δεξιότητες και γνωρίστε άλλους ανθρώπους.

Πότε: Κάθε δεύτερο Σάββατο του μήνα, 10:00–14:00

Πού: Strathdon House και Orchard Precinct

Νέος φωτισμός σε αθλητικά γήπεδα

Μπορείτε να χρησιμοποιείτε τα φώτα όταν δεν υπάρχει προγραμματισμένη αθλητική δραστηριότητα.

Πού υπάρχουν φώτα:

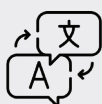
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Πώς λειτουργεί ο φωτισμός:

- Περιπατήστε στο γήπεδο. Τα φώτα ανάβουν για 30 λεπτά.
- Τα φώτα θα χαμηλώσουν πριν σβήσουν.

Αξιοποιήστε τους τοπικούς μας χώρους όποτε σας εξυπηρετεί.



Δωρεάν υπηρεσία διερμηνείας

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

Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt

Việc quét rác đường phố sắp bắt đầu

Hội đồng thành phố sẽ quét dọn lá cây trên các tuyến phố khu dân cư mỗi tháng một lần. Những tuyến đường có nhiều lá và cây hơn sẽ được dọn dẹp thường xuyên hơn.

Repair Café (Quán cà phê sửa chữa)

Hãy sửa chữa những món đồ bị hỏng thay vì vứt chúng đi. Tình nguyện viên có thể giúp sửa chữa quần áo, đồ điện tử nhỏ và đồ nội thất.

Học những kỹ năng cơ bản và gặp gỡ những người khác.

Thời gian: Thứ Bảy tuần thứ hai mỗi tháng, từ 10 giờ sáng đến 2 giờ chiều.

Địa điểm: Strathdon House và Orchard Precinct

Hệ thống chiếu sáng mới tại các sân thể thao

Quý vị có thể sử dụng đèn khi không có sự kiện thể thao nào được đặt trước.

Nơi nào có đèn chiếu sáng:

- Koonung Park
- Mont Albert Reserve
- Morton Park
- Springfield Park
- Ballyshannassy Park
- Elgar Park
- Surrey Park
- Terrara Park

Cách hoạt động của hệ thống chiếu sáng:

- Bước ra sân. Đèn sẽ bật sáng trong 30 phút.
- Đèn sẽ mờ dần trước khi tắt hẳn.

Hãy tận dụng tối đa các không gian công cộng địa phương phù hợp với quý vị.



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.



Reduce your house fire risk this winter

As the weather cools, now's the time to check your home and reduce fire risk.

- Clean dust from heater filters.
- Check electric blankets, heaters and appliances for damaged cords and have faults repaired by a licensed electrician.
- Test your smoke alarm batteries every year.
- Service gas heaters every 2 years.
- Test electric blankets every 3 years.
- Always extinguish candles before bed.
- Keep a fire blanket or fire extinguisher in the kitchen for quick response to small fires.
- Have a fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in an emergency.

For more tips, visit:
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/fires



Positive Ageing Connect and Support Service

Our Connect and Support Team is here to listen and help you explore the many options available to you.

We can assist you to:

- understand and navigate the aged care system
- connect to other community services
- connect to carer supports and services
- connect to local health, social and recreational activities, groups and programs

Contact us to learn more.

Phone: 9262 6333

Website: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/connect-support-service



Contact Whitehorse City Council

Mail: Whitehorse City Council
Locked Bag 2, Nunawading, VIC 3131

Email: customer.service@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Website: whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9262 6333

NRS: 133 677 then quote 9262 6333

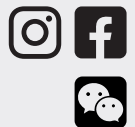
Acknowledgement of Country

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: Sacred Kingfisher at Blackburn Lake – Greg Wallace

Connect with us on social media

Search '**Whitehorse City Council**' or **@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



Sports field on-demand lighting

We're making it easier for our Whitehorse community to stay active for longer by installing sports field on-demand lighting at some of our reserves.

This initiative gives our community the flexibility to access lighting when it's needed, supporting casual training, recreation and greater use of our open spaces beyond daylight hours and scheduled club activities.

Subject to community feedback, we're planning for on-demand lighting to become a feature of future sports field upgrades across the municipality.

On-demand lighting is currently available at:

- Koonung Park
- Mont Albert Reserve
- Morton Park
- Springfield Park
- Ballyshannassy Park
- Elgar Park (North East Synthetic)
- Surrey Park (North East and South East Ovals)
- Terrara Park

The lighting system is simple and convenient to use. Lights can be activated either by walking onto the oval, where sensors trigger a 30-minute cycle, or by pressing the green button located on the pavilion or as signed at the site.

Towards the end of each cycle, the lights gradually dim to signal they are about to turn off. Lights can be reactivated during operating hours.

Whether you're having a kick, going for a run or enjoying an evening walk, we're helping you make the most of our local spaces when it suits you.

Have your say in May

Did you know you can help shape Council decisions through Your Say? We want to hear from you to ensure decisions reflect what our community needs. Community engagement is about sharing ideas, listening to different perspectives and helping shape decisions.

List of engagements that are open in May:

- Proposed Budget 2026/27 (closes 10 May)
- Ballyshannassy Park Pavilion Design
- Mahoney's Recreation Reserve Master Plan
- Indoor Sports Plan
- Disability Action Plan



Ready to have your say?

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Whitehorse News Update

This community newsletter, Whitehorse News, will soon move to a new publishing schedule. From June 2026, Whitehorse News will change from a monthly publication to every 2 months.

To support this change, each edition will also increase in size, providing more space for local news, events, and updates from your councillors.