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Mayor's message Cr Kirsten Langford

Over the past month, I've had the opportunity to connect with many of the people, places and projects that make Whitehorse such a vibrant, creative and welcoming community.

I recently caught up with artist and curator Rona Green (pictured) to explore Irrepressible: Exchanging ideas through printmaking at Whitehorse Artspace in Box Hill. The exhibition was a tremendous success, showcasing the imaginative work of 53 Victorian artists specialising in relief printmaking. It was wonderful to see such a diverse collection of works on display and to celebrate the important role local galleries and creative spaces play in bringing people together and supporting Victoria's thriving arts community.

It was also fantastic to attend the first Box Hill Hawks game back at the newly refurbished Box Hill City Oval. The upgraded oval now features a brand-new playing surface, new cricket training nets and a synthetic exercise track around the perimeter. Improvements to the South Pavilion are already benefiting players, clubs and visitors, while work continues on the new West Pavilion and lighting upgrades.

I'm also proud to have personally welcomed more than 500 residents as new Australian citizens so far



Mayor Cr Kirsten Langford with artist and curator Rona Green.

this year. Citizenship ceremonies are always among the most meaningful events I attend as Mayor, as we celebrate people from many different cultural backgrounds choosing to make Whitehorse, and Australia, their home. It is a privilege to share this important milestone with new citizens, their families and friends, and to reflect the rich multicultural identity that makes our community so welcoming and diverse.



Vermont East streetscape works on track

Drainage, concrete kerbing and 2-toned exposed aggregate concrete footpath have been constructed. Improvements to car parking, furniture and landscaping will follow with work on track for completion by the end of June.

Despite some impacts to parking, local businesses in this area remain open and we encourage you to support them during this time.



Smoother roads for Blackburn North residents

Recently completed resurfacing works on some of Springfield Road in Blackburn North are helping improve the condition and longevity of this important local road connection.

Delivered as part of Council's annual road maintenance program, the works included repairing particular sections of the road surface and laying new asphalt.



First bounce at a new-look Box Hill City Oval

Box Hill City Oval was reopened in May for the first home game of the Box Hill Hawks 2026 VFL and VFLW season.

The milestone marks the return to home turf following months of major redevelopment works, with players and umpires stepping onto a brand-new playing surface and upgraded amenities within the refurbished South Pavilion.

The improvements include a new first aid room and warm-up area, flexible change rooms to support gender-inclusive participation, and refurbished function spaces and bar facilities.

The new-look precinct also includes new cricket training nets and a synthetic exercise track around the oval.



Work continues on the new 2-storey West Pavilion, with completion expected mid-2027, alongside a lighting upgrade that will deliver improved energy efficiency and higher lighting quality.

Once finished, the West Pavilion will include tiered undercover seating, multi-purpose indoor and outdoor spaces, player amenities for training and match day, and dedicated administration areas.

The Box Hill City Oval project is being funded by Council in partnership with the Australian and Victorian governments.

We encourage you to come down and check out the new oval – whether you're playing or cheering on the footy or cricket, looking for a space for your next function or just keen to get active outdoors.

Read more: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/major-projects-and-works/box-hill-oval



Pavilion progress

Construction is progressing across 3 major pavilion redevelopments across Whitehorse, delivering modern, accessible spaces and facilities to support a wide range of users in the community:

- Mirrabooka Reserve Pavilion in Blackburn South
- Vermont Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment (pictured)
- East Burwood Reserve South Pavilion

The projects have been shaped through consultation with local communities and sporting clubs, with a focus on sustainability and delivering long-term community benefits.



Do you need support to understand My Aged Care?

Join this discussion to learn about:

- My Aged Care services to support living at home
- how to obtain a My Aged Care assessment
- how to connect to services
- any questions you have about My Aged Care

Where: **Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House**

When: Tuesday 16 June, 11am to 12pm

Where: **Forest Hill Community Space (Whitehorse Churches Care)**

When: Wednesday 17 June, 10.30am to 12pm
Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am to 12pm

Where: **Vermont South Library**

When: Monday 27 July, 11am to 12pm

Cost: Free, registrations required, via phone **9262 6333** or email **connectandsupport@whitehorse.vic.gov.au**



Whitehorse Aged Care Community Expo

This expo will bring together local aged care providers and support services, helping residents explore options for healthy ageing and future planning.

Learn about in-home care, residential aged care, health services, financial planning and more in a welcoming environment.

When: Tuesday 30 June, 10am to 1pm

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

Cost: Free, registrations required, register here:

events.humanitix.com/whitehorse-aged-care-community-expo



2026 ResourceSmart Schools Awards – Box Hill High

Congratulations to Box Hill High for being announced as a finalist in the 2026 ResourceSmart Schools Awards. The school was recognised for its creative and innovative approach to addressing sustainability in lesson plans, units of work or school-wide curriculum.

Box Hill High is one of 10 schools in Whitehorse that participate in ResourceSmart Schools – Sustainability Victoria's free program. Together they have made an incredible impact including the following achievements:

- saved more than **\$1.1 million** on utility bills
- reduced carbon emissions equivalent to **removing 937 petrol-powered cars** from the road each year
- saved **6 Olympic-sized swimming pools of water**



- reduced energy usage equal to powering **557 houses each year**
- diverted **36 shipping containers of waste** to landfill

The awards are Victoria's largest sustainability celebration for primary and secondary school students, teachers and school volunteers.

We wish Box Hill High all the best ahead of the awards event on Thursday 11 June at the MCG.

Planet Ark's National Tree Day

Join us to help plant trees and contribute to a greener, healthier future for our community.

This important event supports our Urban Forest Strategy by enhancing urban biodiversity, expanding our urban forest, and working towards our goal of increasing canopy cover across the municipality.

When: Sunday 26 July

Where: Cootamundra Walk East

More information: Find a local site and register **whitehorse.vic.gov.au/national-tree-day**



Community Conversation: Nutritious and sustainable local food access solution

Hear how local communities are strengthening their food system, share innovative ideas and look at opportunities for Whitehorse.

When: Thursday 25 June at 2pm

Where: Webinar

Cost: Free, registrations required

More information:
communitywellbeing@whitehorse.vic.gov.au



Empowering young people to shape their community

Young people across Whitehorse are being encouraged to speak up, share ideas and help shape the future of their community through the growing Whitehorse Youth Voice initiative.

Whitehorse Youth Voice gives young people aged 12 to 25 the opportunity to share ideas, provide feedback and contribute to projects, programs and services that matter to them. Between January and March 2026, the initiative connected with 61 young people and engaged 36 participants across 2 Whitehorse Youth Voice meetings.

Young people shared ideas on making information more accessible and engaging, improving representation in library collections, and creating more affordable and inclusive activities for young people.

The initiative is also creating leadership opportunities, with a youth-led newsletter currently being developed in partnership with Council teams.



Young people interested in joining Whitehorse Youth Voice can email:

youth.worker@whitehorse.vic.gov.au or contact the Youth Connexions team on **8873 9140**.



Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July™ is a simple way to cut down on single-use plastics and build everyday low-waste habits at home, at work and on the go. Join the challenge online or take part in one of the free events we are hosting to help you get started.

Tuesday 14 July:
Navigating the low-waste cleaning world

Friday 24 July:
Waste-wise library storytime

Saturday 25 July:
Low-waste gardening

Join a session, try a small swap and be part of a cleaner, more sustainable Whitehorse.

Explore all our Plastic Free July events:
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/sustainable-whitehorse



SUSTAINABILITY

Thinking about swapping to reusable products at home?

Whitehorse residents can access support to make the switch easier, with Council expanding its reusable period product and cloth nappy program to include reusable continence aids.

Disposable nappies, period products and continence items (pictured) create a significant amount of household waste. By switching to reusable options, even just some of the time, households can reduce what goes to landfill while also saving money on ongoing costs.

To help with the upfront expense, eligible residents can access subsidised reusable products through the program. The expanded initiative supports residents at every stage of life, from families with young children to people managing continence needs.



Reusable products are designed to be practical, comfortable and long-lasting, helping make sustainable choices more affordable and accessible for the community.

Find out more:
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/nappy-period-products-program



Electric Vehicles 101: Smarter driving and lower bills

Thinking about making the switch to an electric vehicle? Join EV expert Bryce Gatton from EV Choice and local EV owners to learn what it's really like to own and drive an EV.

Learn how EVs can help reduce household fuel and maintenance costs, when it makes sense to buy one, and how to choose a model that suits your lifestyle and daily needs. Whether you're ready to buy or simply curious, this session will help you make a more informed decision about going electric.

When: Saturday 18 July, 10.30am to 12pm

Where: Nunawading Library

Cost: Free, registration required, events.humanitix.com/electric-vehicles-101-smarter-driving-and-lower-bills



Composting made simple!

Want to get better at composting but not sure where to start? Join Compost Revolution for a hands-on workshop and learn how to turn your food scraps and garden waste into nutrient-rich compost for your garden.

This practical session will cover the basics of composting, different composting systems and simple troubleshooting tips to help you compost with confidence at home. There'll also be plenty of time to ask questions and get advice tailored to your setup. Attendees will also receive composting vouchers to help get started.

When: Saturday 13 June 2026, 3pm to 4.30pm

Where: Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct

Cost: \$7, registration required, creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-on/composting-made-simple



Are you recycling right? 你把垃圾放进正确的垃圾桶了吗?

Have you ever asked yourself, "Which bin does this go in?" Or wondered where to put soft plastics, containers or glass bottles?

Learn what goes in each bin: recyclemate.com.au

Type in an item or upload a photo to find out whether it belongs in your kerbside recycling, garbage or food and garden organics bin!



Batteries and e-waste do not belong in any bin.



**Kingsley Ward
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Connecting with the community has been a priority over the last month with "Meet the Mayor" listening posts in Mont Albert and Blackburn.

At the Mont Albert listening post (see photo) topics discussed included:

- It was rewarding to hear the support of Kingsley Ward locals on the purchase of 383-387 Mont Albert Rd for much needed open space. The new open space will be completed in the 2026/27 financial year.
- Satisfaction that there are allocated funds for new drainage and enhanced streetscape for Hamilton Street, Mont Albert in the 2026/27 budget.
- Overwhelming support for the deferral of the glass purple bin with majority of constituents saying they do not want a 4th bin.

It was terrific to visit the Repair Café at Strathdon House and meet the many volunteers who help people repair all sorts of things: clothing, whitegoods,

tools, kids' toys, bikes and more. It is a great way to keep your things working and usable in a sustainable way. They also provide coffee and morning tea. The Repair Café is open to all on the second Saturday every month from 10am to 2pm and best of all its free!

Box Hill City Oval is open again and it was terrific to see the Box Hill Hawks win their first home game on the new ground. The Council staff have done a wonderful job overseeing the upgrade of the Southern Pavillon and the new playing surface and nets on the oval. Still to come is the Western Pavillon which will open next year.

Works have also been completed on the extended decking at Mont Albert Reserve.

**Cootamundra Ward
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Every year the budget process gives Councillors the opportunity to look at what's working, what is not, and where ratepayer dollars can be better spent. In the draft budget, a couple of waste management proposals stand out as genuinely good news for residents.

First, the purple glass bin. Council has decided to defer its rollout, and as Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee I believe it is the right decision.

The glass bin was locked in before the Container Deposit Scheme started. Since the CDS launched, it has been a

remarkable success, diverting tonnes of containers — glass in particular — away from rubbish and co-mingled recycling bins. Residents have embraced it enthusiastically and the data speaks for itself.

The results from councils that have already rolled out the purple bin tell the story: very few households are actually putting it out. And when they do, the bins are rarely full. That means trucks are doing full rounds to collect bins that are largely empty — burning diesel at a cost, both financially and environmentally. With diesel prices where they are, and likely to remain, this is not a situation that improves in the short-medium term.

Council is part of a coalition that believes the smarter path forward is to invest in expanding the Container Deposit Scheme rather than duplicating infrastructure that is, by the evidence, already

underperforming in other areas.

The second piece of good news flows from the first. Because the budgeted cost of waste and recycling services for the coming financial year is less than what was budgeted in the previous year, there will be a reduction in the waste service charge. The waste service charge continues to reflect the real cost of providing these services, and the charges are not used for any other purpose. That is fiscally responsible governance.

These may seem like small details in a large budget document. But they reflect the kind of evidence-based decision-making that I committed to deliver and I hope the State Government agrees to, at the least, make the glass bin optional.

If I can assist in any way, feel free to contact me via email, phone, or Facebook @crkieransimpson.

**Eley Ward
Cr Daniel Griffiths**



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"Daniel, help me get out of this unfair parking fine". No matter the reason, the law prohibits councillors from getting involved with parking infringements.

"My nature strip tree is dangerous, do something". Council has a team of arborists that assess trees against Council policies. A recent case in Burwood East led to tree removal for blocking path access.

"Please get someone out to mow the long grass in the park". Reserves are mowed every 28 days (weather-dependent). Councillors cannot direct Council staff, so all operational matters are referred to the Council's CEO for action.

"Can I have a 'pickup your dog poo' sign stenciled near Highbury Park?" Yes.

Public open space. In response to community Budget feedback regarding the significant Open Space Fund (~\$70m), Council is shifting towards a more proactive strategy for land acquisition. We are now more actively identifying and pursuing strategic land purchases to ensure these developer-contributed funds are directly reinvested into expanding our public parkland.

Transparency. Council will now systematically review and release confidential reports once commercial sensitivities have passed — such as those involved in land negotiations. This ensures residents are kept informed while still protecting the community's financial interests during active deals.

**What's on?
Wurundjeri Walk Group Planting.**

Join a community planting session 27 June, 10am, Orchard Grove carpark.

Coffee with your councillor
Join me Sat 18th July, 10am Burwood Brickworks (near Woolworths) or 1pm Burwood One (near Coles).



Avenue Neighbourhood House at Eley:

(1) Annual Art Competition
Exhibition open 13–25 July (Mon-Sat),

(2) Sleeping Star Productions
This local youth drama group (ages 7–14) will perform Mary Poppins Jr on 17 and 18 July.

(3) Makers Market: Sat 20th June

**Elgar Ward
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Thank you for providing me with the great privilege of representing you. None of the progress we are making would be possible without your ideas.

I am pleased to say we're continuing to innovate to improve services and facilities while keeping costs contained. Ideas and innovations started in the Elgar Ward are rolling out to other parts of the city; I am thankful to have been supported by other Councillors, the CEO Mr McMillan and other staff willing to 'push the envelope'.

It's pleasing to report, that subject to the budget passing, the price of a swim for locals that have a concession card visiting an aquatic centre during off-peak hours will nearly halve. Making sure everyone gets a fair go and increasing the usage of our pools in the less busy hours is a win we can be proud of.

Despite the impact of the Big Build projects, we are improving the liveability of the area, and I am confident we can continue this trend.

- Local parks are improving with more trees, solar lights and sensor lights that enable more people to be more active more often.
- I am also pleased that, despite economic challenges and rising fuel costs, the budget's expected average rate rise of 2.75% remains, as promised, below inflation.

Thank you for your efforts, for sharing your ideas and giving me this amazing privilege.

Please say hi if you see me and Paddy (pictured) out and about.



**Lake Ward
Cr Hayley Weller**



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I am delighted to be chairing the Whitehorse Disability Advisory Committee (WDAC) this year. The WDAC plays an important role in advising Council on how we can remove systemic, structural, cultural and social barriers that affect people with disability in our community.

Council has recently appointed 15 community members to the Committee, including people with disability, carers and family members, and representatives from local organisations. Their lived experience and expertise ensure our work is grounded in what truly matters.

A major focus for the WDAC this year is the development and implementation of the

Disability Action Plan 2026—2030 (DAP). This Plan outlines Council's commitment to creating an inclusive municipality where people with disability experience belonging, independence and full participation in community life. It has been shaped by extensive community engagement, legislative requirements under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Victorian Disability Act 2006, and best practice research. It also aligns with Council's Integrated Council Plan.

The DAP identifies 5 priority areas:

- Improving access to goods, services and programs
- Enhancing the built environment
- Reducing employment barriers

- Increasing community participation
- Addressing discriminatory attitudes

The Plan adopts a human rights and social model of disability, emphasising universal design, accessible communication, meaningful engagement and strong partnerships. Actions include improving accessible information, reviewing services, expanding inclusive programs, enhancing public spaces, advocating for accessible transport, strengthening inclusive employment pathways and delivering disability awareness training.

The DAP uses an outcomes framework focused on access, participation, influence and respect, supported by 6 Conditions for Inclusion. The Plan is anticipated to be considered by Council in June.

**Mahoneys Ward
Cr Jason Martin**



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Having an open mind and a sense of curiosity are two qualities I believe are essential to being an effective local councillor and achieving positive outcomes for our community.

In May, I attended a feedback session for the Mahoney's Reserve Masterplan and had the opportunity to meet with many residents and stakeholders. As our community continues to grow, it is vital we maximise the potential of community assets such as Mahoney's Reserve.

During the engagement session, I spoke with residents about several key issues including the need for modern sporting facilities to support the growing participation in female sport,

fencing adjacent to neighbouring properties, proposed off-leash dog areas, and parking and traffic concerns. The feedback and conversations were positive and valuable to me as your local councillor.

A number of residents also raised concerns regarding community safety in the area. I will be discussing these matters with the newly formed Whitehorse Community Safety Committee and Victoria Police. Council can play a role in improving safety within public spaces through urban design, improved lighting, and encouraging greater community activation of parks and reserves.

In planning matters, I continue to see a gap in community awareness regarding Victorian Government planning reforms. Terms such as deemed-to-comply standards, low-rise and mid-rise housing codes,

and activity centre programs are becoming common.

As our city grows, I will continue advocating for best-practice planning outcomes from a local government perspective. It is important both local and State governments clearly communicate these changes to the community.

Major events during May also included the opening of the basketball courts on the top-level car park at Forest Hill Chase. These courts are an innovative solution helping meet increasing demand for basketball and other indoor sports.

On Sunday 31 May, I participated in a Park Run to help raise funds for cancer support and the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

**Simpson Ward
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Thank you to Mitcham resident Thea for her suggestion for a water fountain in Somers Trail, Mitcham.

Many important projects and improvements were delivered across Simpson Ward during 2025-26, helping make our community safer, more accessible and more enjoyable for people of all ages.

- Council successfully advocated to the Department of Transport and Planning for speed limits to be reduced along Whitehorse and Deep Creek roads, including a 40 km/h school-time speed limit near Antonio Park Primary School, improving safety for students, families and the wider community.
- Vermont Reserve Pavilion is progressing towards practical completion in late June, featuring a new pavilion wing with 4 female-friendly change rooms, umpire rooms and a medical room.
- Accessibility improvements were delivered at Rangeview shops, including lowered footpaths near the pedestrian crossing to assist people using walkers and mobility aids, along with improved disabled parking arrangements in the eastern car park.

- Purches Street resurfacing works were completed between Denis Street, Vermont, and Kulnine Street, Mitcham.
- New outdoor fitness equipment is being installed at Somers Trail, Mitcham, near the Chasta Crescent playground on the former scout hall site.
- The Vermont East shopping strip upgrade continues to progress well, improving accessibility and supporting local businesses ahead of completion in late June. **Please support these businesses at this time of significant disruption.**
- Detailed design work was completed for new indented parking outside the 1st Heatherdale Scout Hall in Purches Street, Mitcham, with construction scheduled for 2026-27.

**Sparks Ward
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The 2026/2027 Annual Council Budget has virtually been finalised, at time of publication, and the Council's overall rate rise is 2.75% in keeping with the State Government's rate cap. Council has no borrowings. The operational budget provides \$194 million for the delivery of services and \$85 million in capital works.

Council will continue to deliver the Whitehorse Integrated Council Plan 2025-2029 in its second year.

Both Council and I will continue to advocate for partnerships with the State Government for the construction of the new Surrey Park Sporting and

Community Pavilion, with a possible cost of \$13 million.

Council also continues to advocate for the former 'Box Hill Brickworks' site (formerly Standard Brickworks) to be rehabilitated and turned into open space. The State Government should assist Council to acquire the 7ha site and eventually make it open space for the whole community. The amount of proposed very high density dwellings and towers planned for Box Hill almost requires the State Government to step up to the plate for the Box Hill community. Council could also assist.

Council is very much awaiting the public release of the Suburban Rail Loop Panel Report, which has been submitted to the Minister for Planning by the Panel in February. This has followed months of submissions and hearings from Council and the community in 2025.

We need its release to provide certainty on future development in Box Hill.

Council is also looking at establishing better indoor sports facilities and a possible new table tennis facility within the city and has been consulting the relevant sporting clubs and bodies for input. Council has recently provided an update on its Open Space Strategy and is updating its Housing Strategy.

The establishment of the proposed Chinese Community and Cultural Centre in Box Hill is continuing in its early stages and hopefully will get support from the State and Federal governments in regards to the feasibility study, which will look at site options, community needs, governance models, financial sustainability and concept design for the Centre.

Please feel free to contact me on the above matters and any Council issue by email or mobile.

**Terrara Ward
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A number of improvements to Terrara Park are nearing completion, making this much-loved community asset available more often for more users. Motion detection lighting has uplifted use of the space of an evening, resulting in increased passive activity and safety outside of club use.



The perimeter walking track (pictured) has also resulted in increased use of otherwise underutilised areas of the park and has created a safer (and less wet!) walking experience for all. Keep a look out as next steps will be for improvements to the playground and active play space. Similar lighting upgrades are underway at Billabong Park, while play space upgrades to Tyrol Park will commence construction later in 2026.

Council officers and contractors have also been busy at East Burwood Reserve with velodrome upgrades, while the redevelopment of the south pavilion, cricket nets and internal road access is also underway.

I am pleased to advise of proposed changes to Council's Tree Management Policy (for trees on Council land). Many residents have been calling out for greater flexibility

and I am grateful that officers have responded with some amendments that will go out for consultation soon.

Speaking of trees, I am loving the colours of the leaves as we enter winter, signifying the constant of change and renewal. Just beautiful.

My door knocking has slowed down due to weather and work commitments, but I intend to get across the entire ward throughout 2026 – I hope to speak with you soon.

As always, if you have any concerns or ideas I would love to hear from you.

Reach out via my contact details or follow me on Facebook for more regular updates.

**Walker Ward
Cr Ben Stennett**



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As we move into the middle of the year, it's encouraging to see a number of important community projects and initiatives continuing to progress across Walker Ward and throughout City of Whitehorse.

One of the most significant occasions in recent months was attending the ANZAC Day service at Halliday Park, where I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of Council. It was wonderful to see veterans, families, schools and community members come together to pay tribute to those who have served our country. The strong attendance reflected the deep respect our community continues to hold for the ANZAC spirit.

I've also continued my involvement across several Council committees, including serving as Chair of the Whitehorse Sports and Recreation Committee and Deputy Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee. These committees play an important role in helping shape Council's priorities around active recreation, sporting participation, environmental sustainability and open space planning.

Locally, I've continued advocating for a number of important improvements within Walker Ward. This includes progressing plans for weather protection infrastructure for cafes and restaurants at Britannia Mall in Mitcham to help support local traders and create a more welcoming outdoor dining environment.

Work is also continuing to finalise the Walker Park Master Plan, helping guide future improvements for this important community sporting precinct. In addition, Council has now adopted the Master Plan for Charles Rooks Reserve and Dagola Reserve. The Plan includes several exciting initiatives, including a large new playspace, a half basketball court, and consultation with the community on proposed BMX pump track facilities and pathway lighting through the reserves.

The proposed 2026/27 Council budget includes continued investment in local infrastructure, parks, roads and community facilities, including funding towards waterproofing works at the Walker Park Grandstand.

As always, I encourage residents to reach out with ideas, concerns or feedback about local issues. I look forward to continuing to work with the community over the coming months.

**Wattle Ward
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Matsudo Week

On 15 May 2026, I attended the Boite Voice of the Earth concert to celebrate Whitehorse Matsudo Week. This year marked the 55th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Whitehorse and Matsudo.

The Boite presents a number of concerts throughout the year; for details, visit boite.com.au

National Tree Day

On 26 July 2026, Whitehorse will conduct planting at Cootamundra Walk East as part of National Tree Day. If you would like to register to attend, please visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/national-tree-day

Single Day Residential Parking Permit

There are a number of areas within Wattle Ward that have 30-minute parking restrictions. Some residents have told me they would like the ability to host visitors at their property for more than 30 minutes when a residential parking permit is not available. Council is currently considering a single-day residential parking permit to respond to these challenges. The first round of community consultation has now been completed and feedback received is currently being considered as part of development of the draft plan. A second round of consultation on the draft plan is expected to commence shortly, providing the community with a further opportunity to review and provide feedback before the plan is finalised.

Please visit yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/permit-parking

Box Hill City Oval

On 16 May 2026, I attended Box Hill City Oval to see the first VFL match following the refurbishment of the oval and the Southern Pavilion. The western pavilion construction is well underway, and I look forward to its completion, which will provide more opportunities for community groups to access high-quality facilities.

Melbourne Loong Football Club

On 10 May 2026, I participated in a Melbourne Loong Football Club community training session. Melbourne Loong plays a modified version of AFL called AFL Nines, which features no tackling, a shorter game format, and a smaller rectangular pitch. It is designed to be a more social game. I look forward to seeing the results of the upcoming competition.

Council meetings

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

Next meetings

- Monday 1 June 2026
- Monday 22 June 2026
- Monday 13 July 2026
- Monday 3 August 2026

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

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.



Ready to have your say?

Visit our Your Say webpage to see what is currently open for your input and discover how you can help shape your community's future: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au





Our new Advisory Committee members

We are proud to welcome our newest Advisory Committee members, who will help ensure Council decisions are informed by lived experience, specialist knowledge and strong community connections.

This year also marks the introduction of the new Multicultural Advisory Committee, creating an important platform to strengthen cultural inclusion, elevate diverse voices and help Council better understand the needs and aspirations of Whitehorse's multicultural communities.

Council looks forward to working collaboratively with all committee members to help create a more connected, inclusive and thriving community for everyone.

Find out more about Whitehorse's Advisory Committees and the important role they play in shaping our community:
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/volunteers



Now recruiting: Volunteers to help one of our 10 Parkland Advisory Committees and 6 Friends Groups to protect and maintain our beautiful parks and reserves. They run local working bees and work in collaboration with Council to improve local parklands. Read more about environmental volunteering and express your interest in getting involved: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/environmental-volunteering

Building a safer community

Feeling safe in the places we live, work and spend time matters to everyone. However, a recent community survey found that 65% of respondents identified locations across Whitehorse where they do not always feel safe.

In response, we are proud to introduce the Whitehorse Community Safety Advisory Committee, led by Cr Prue Cutts (Chair) and Cr Jason Martin, bringing together local representatives from Victoria Police, Crime Stoppers, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse, EACH, Eastern Health, DFFH, Rotary Club Box Hill Burwood, and residents. The Committee will meet 4 times a year to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships and help create safer neighbourhoods for everyone.

Coffee with a cop

Events such as Coffee with a Cop create opportunities for community connection between representatives from Victoria Police, Crime Stoppers, Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse and Council. You're invited to drop-in for a free coffee, raise any safety concerns and contribute to a safer, more connected community.

June session

When: Tuesday 30 June, 10am to 12pm

Where: Leeroy Café, 37 Centre Road, Vermont

July session

When: Tuesday 14 July 10am to 12pm

Where: Norwood Café, Burwood Brickworks

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required.



Business Permit Support Service helps bring local café dream to life

Café Kahvila opens in Box Hill North.

In August last year, Keegan and Lor contacted Council's Business Support Service with an exciting idea to open their own café in Box Hill North. After several years working in the IT industry, Keegan had a vision to open a café featuring a delicious range of sandwiches and amazing coffee, made with locally sourced ingredients.

To help bring this vision to life, they worked closely with Council's Business Support Advisor, who provides a single point of contact for new



and expanding businesses. With the proposal requiring input from several regulatory teams, our Business Support Advisor helped coordinate the process and guide the owners through each step.

Café Kahvila officially opened its doors in February and has quickly become a valued part of the Box Hill North community. We wish Keegan and Lore every success as Café Kahvila continues to grow and thrive. We encourage everyone to visit and support this wonderful new business.

Looking to start or grow your business? Complete our short questionnaire to receive expert guidance and support throughout your journey.

Start your journey:
businesswhitehorse.com.au/your-business-whitehorse



Navigating today's economy and tomorrow's opportunities

We are delighted to have nationally recognised demographer and economic commentator Bernard Salt present on what's next for business.

Explore how current economic conditions, including inflation, cost of living pressures and interest rates, are reshaping behaviours across businesses and consumers, while considering the longer-term impact

of demographic change. Gain valuable insights, explore emerging trends and join the discussion on how to stay future-focused in a changing environment.

Be captivated by Bernard Salt's memorable and engaging presentation. This is a must-attend event!

When: Friday 10 July, 9.30am to 12pm

Where: The Round, Nunawading

Cost: \$49 (includes light refreshments)

Bookings: Required,
businesswhitehorse.com.au



Italian | Italiano

Riapertura del Box Hill City Oval

Lo stadio Box Hill City Oval ha riaperto al pubblico a maggio, dopo mesi di importanti lavori di riqualificazione.

Vi invitiamo a venire a scoprire il nuovo impianto. Che vogliate giocare, assistere ad una partita di football, organizzare il vostro prossimo evento o semplicemente praticare attività all'aria aperta, questo spazio è aperto a tutti.

Celebriamo i nostri nuovi cittadini

Siamo orgogliosi di aver accolto più di 500 residenti come nuovi cittadini australiani nella prima metà di quest'anno. Ogni cerimonia di cittadinanza ha rispecchiato la ricca identità multiculturale di Whitehorse.

Congratulazioni a tutti i nuovi cittadini e grazie per aver scelto di fare di Whitehorse la vostra casa.

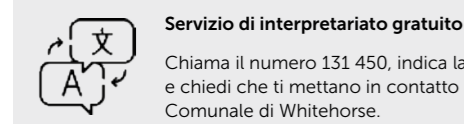
Partecipate allo Spring Festival 2026 (il Festival della Primavera 2026)

Sono aperte le richieste di partecipazione per gruppi comunitari, organizzazioni non-profit ed enti di beneficenza che desiderano prendere parte al Whitehorse Spring Festival di quest'anno, che si terrà domenica 18 ottobre.

Le domande chiudono domenica 12 luglio.

Per maggiori informazioni e per presentare domanda:

yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/spring-festival



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.

Greek | Ελληνικά

To Box Hill City Oval άνοιξε ξανά

To Box Hill City Oval άνοιξε ξανά για το κοινό τον Μάιο, μετά από μήνες εκτεταμένων έργων ανακατασκευής.

Σας ενθαρρύνουμε να έρθετε και να δείτε το νέο γήπεδο. Είτε παίζετε είτε υποστηρίζετε το ποδόσφαιρο, είτε ψάχνετε έναν χώρο για την επόμενη εκδήλωσή σας ή απλώς θέλετε να δραστηριοποιηθείτε σε εξωτερικό χώρο, όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι.

Γιορτάζοντας τους νέους μας πολίτες

Με υπερηφάνεια καλωσορίσαμε περισσότερους από 500 κατοίκους ως νέους Αυστραλούς πολίτες κατά το πρώτο εξάμηνο του έτους. Κάθε τελετή απονομής υπηκοότητας αντικατόπτριζε την πλούσια πολυπολιτισμική ταυτότητα του Whitehorse.

Συγχαίρουμε όλους τους αποδέκτες υπηκοότητας και τους ευχαριστούμε που επέλεξαν να κάνουν το Whitehorse σπίτι τους.

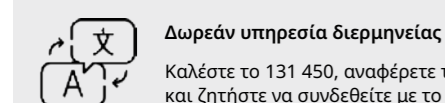
Γίνετε μέρος του Spring Festival (Ανοιξιάτικο Φεστιβάλ) 2026

Οι εκδηλώσεις ενδιαφέροντος είναι ανοιχτές για κοινοτικές ομάδες, μη κερδοσκοπικούς οργανισμούς και φιλανθρωπικά ιδρύματα που επιθυμούν να συμμετάσχουν στο φετινό Whitehorse Spring Festival, το οποίο θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Κυριακή 18 Οκτωβρίου.

Οι αιτήσεις κλείνουν την Κυριακή 12 Ιουλίου.

Μάθετε περισσότερα και υποβάλετε αίτηση στο:

yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/spring-festival



Δωρεάν υπηρεσία διερμηνείας

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

Simplified Chinese | 简体中文

Box Hill City Oval (城市椭圆球场) 重新开放

经过数月的大型翻新工程, Box Hill City Oval 已于五月向公众重新开放。

我们诚邀您前来参观这座焕然一新的球场。无论您是想参与比赛、为球队加油助威, 寻找举办活动的场地, 还是单纯希望到户外活动锻炼, 这里都欢迎您的到来。

庆祝我们的新公民

今年上半年, 我们自豪地迎来了500多名居民成为澳大利亚的新公民。每一次入籍仪式都展现了 Whitehorse 丰富多彩的多元文化特色。

我们向所有获得公民身份的人士表示祝贺, 并感谢他们选择 Whitehorse 作为家园。

参与 Spring Festival 2026 (2026年春季庆典)

现正向社区团体、非营利组织及慈善机构开放报名, 欢迎加入今年10月18日(星期日)举行的 Whitehorse 春季庆典。

报名截止日期为7月12日(星期日)。

如需了解详情并提交报名, 请访问:

yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/spring-festival



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。

Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt

Sân vận động bầu dục Box Hill City Oval mở cửa trở lại

Box Hill City Oval đã mở cửa trở lại cho công chúng vào tháng Năm, sau nhiều tháng cải tạo lớn.

Chúng tôi khuyến khích quý vị đến tham quan sân vận động mới. Dù quý vị đến chơi hay cổ vũ bóng đá, tìm kiếm không gian cho sự kiện tiếp theo của mình hay chỉ đơn giản là muốn vận động ngoài trời, tất cả mọi người đều được chào đón.

Chào mừng những công dân mới của chúng ta

Trong nửa đầu năm nay, chúng ta tự hào chào đón hơn 500 cư dân trở thành công dân mới của Úc. Mỗi buổi lễ trao quốc tịch đều phản ánh bản sắc đa văn hóa phong phú của Whitehorse.

Chúng tôi chúc mừng tất cả những người nhận quốc tịch và cảm ơn họ đã chọn Whitehorse làm nơi sinh sống.

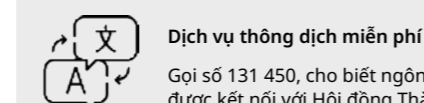
Hãy cùng tham gia Spring Festival (Lễ hội Mùa xuân) 2026

Ban tổ chức đang mở đăng ký tham gia Lễ hội mùa xuân Whitehorse năm nay, diễn ra vào Chủ nhật ngày 18 tháng Mười, dành cho các nhóm cộng đồng, tổ chức phi lợi nhuận và tổ chức từ thiện.

Hồ sơ sẽ đóng vào Chủ Nhật, ngày 12 tháng Bảy.

Tìm hiểu thêm và nộp hồ sơ:

yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/spring-festival



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.

Adopt a Tree program

Thank you for enthusiastically embracing our first Adopt a Tree program where 80 indigenous trees were adopted by our community.

The program helps residents access locally grown indigenous species that are difficult to source commercially. It also supports Whitehorse's Urban Forest Strategy target to increase canopy cover to 30% by 2050, enhancing biodiversity by improving habitat for local wildlife.

Residents shared heartfelt stories about planting trees for future generations and in memory of loved ones, while many were eager to learn more about caring for indigenous trees.

Following the strong response, Council plans to expand the program next year.



Be part of Spring Festival 2026!

Expressions of interest are open for community groups, not-for-profits and charities to join this year's Whitehorse Spring Festival, taking place on Sunday 18 October.

Spring Festival is a great way to showcase your group, connect with the community and be part of one of Whitehorse's biggest events.

Applications close Sunday 12 July.

Find out more and apply: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/spring-festival



Contact Whitehorse City Council

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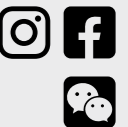
Acknowledgement of Country

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: Lyn and Ray celebrating the first match at Box Hill City Oval.

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



The Faces of our Spaces

Meet the Seniors Happy Life Club. This lively local seniors group has found the secret to happiness! Offering community connection, dancing, singing, music and tai chi. The Seniors Happy Life Club brings our community halls to life, with members meeting weekly to perform and connect.

Do you need a local venue for your community group? Browse our wide range of bookable venues, from flexible community halls to unique heritage spaces at Box Hill Town Hall, sports pavilions with room to move, or elegant function spaces at The Round in Nunawading.

Find out more at:
whitehorse.bookable.net.au



EVENTS



Image: Askolds Petersons, Josephine Burak – Artist, 2025, oil on canvas 101 x 76 cm. Image courtesy and © the artist.

CREATIVE WHITEHORSE

@ creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au

Askolds Petersons – A Way of Seeing exhibition

In this striking series of studio portraits, local artist Askolds Petersons seeks to capture the internal weather of a human life – the quietude of morning, the weight of memory, or the transformation of age. Through this work he aims to reveal the essence of his subjects.

Having followed his father into the discipline of architecture, portraiture became a vehicle for Askolds to free his storytelling through the medium of oil paint on canvas. With expressive strokes these raw paintings sharpen our focus of reality – they are a way of seeing the world.

A long-time member of the Whitehorse Arts Association and resident of Box Hill, Askolds draws inspiration from both the community and the built environment around him. Askolds Petersons was the successful recipient of the Whitehorse Artspace EOI call out for local artists to exhibit at Artspace in 2026.

When: Saturday 30 May to Saturday 18 July, Tuesday to Friday: 10am to 4pm, Saturdays: 12pm to 4pm

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

creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-on/askolds-petersons-way-seeing



Walk in Her Shoes: an evening exploring homelessness and pathways forward

Whitehorse City Council is partnering with the Council to Homeless Persons to bring this powerful touring exhibition to Whitehorse. Did you know that nearly 60% of people who accessed Victorian homelessness services last year were women? Walk in Her Shoes follows the journeys of 3 of these women, challenging common assumptions about what homelessness looks like today.

The evening includes an immersive exhibition, a panel discussion with Aiv Puglielli MP, Sally Houguet (Liberal candidate for Box Hill), John Cullen (Salvation Army), Michelle Thompson (Family Access Network) and Annerliegh Pappos (Lived Experience Advocate), and discussion about the growing impact of homelessness and the responses needed across the sector.



When: Wednesday 1 July, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre
Cost: Free, catering is provided. Registrations required via QR code, or eventbrite.com.au

The exhibition is on display from 29 June to 5 July 2026.



WHAT'S ON AT THE ROUND



SEA WOLVES HOWL

FRIDAY 12 JUNE, 7.30PM*
 SATURDAY 13 JUNE, 1.30PM*

*Q&A POST SHOW



ALPHABET OF AWESOME SCIENCE

FRIDAY 19 JUNE, 10AM & 1PM



GERALDINE HICKEY

SATURDAY 11 JULY, 7PM



ARTERIAL

SATURDAY 25 JULY, 8PM*

*Q&A POST SHOW

THE ROUND



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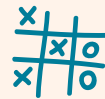




WHITEHORSE Winter



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School Holiday Program

Gear up for awesome school holidays with these fun and affordable activities across Whitehorse.



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

3D Printing for Kids

Design shapes in TinkerCAD and watch them come to life with 3D printing!

When: Thursday 2 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Age: 9 to 13 years

Cost: \$75

Bookings: Required



Toy Swap and Toy Hospital

Exchange pre-loved toys for something 'new' while avoiding waste, and visit a special Toy Hospital for soft toys needing repairs.

When: Friday 3 July, 10am to 12pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Age: 2 to 8 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Required



Kindy Woodwork – Make a Robot

Build a wooden robot using real tools and gain skills with Hammer & Heart!

When: Wednesday 8 July, 10am to 11.30am

Where: Strathdon House and Orchard Precinct

Age: 3 to 5 years

Cost: \$36

Bookings: Required



IMAGINE LIVE

See the iconic book, 'Imagine' performed live on stage! Spot leopards, dive with dolphins and dig up dinosaurs.

When: Thursday 9 July, 10am and 1pm

Where: The Round

Age: 4+

Cost: From \$22*

Bookings: Required



Chill Zone

Dive in! Jump off the 3m board, 1m board, or swing on the Tarzan rope!

When: Mon-Fri, 12pm to 4pm | Sat-Sun, 1pm to 4pm

Where: Aqualink Box Hill

Age: All ages – families

Cost: Free with regular pool entry

Bookings: Not required



Mystery at Schwerkolt Cottage!

The 1882 prize-winning wine has gone missing! Follow the clues, solve the puzzle, and earn your certificate.

When: Saturdays and Sundays – 27 June to 12 July

Where: Schwerkolt Cottage

Age: 6 to 12 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required

