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Mayor's message

Cr Andrew Davenport

Council recently had the pleasure of hosting the annual Whitehorse Community Dinner which included our Civic Awards ceremony. The event was a great opportunity for Councillors to meet with members of the community and to celebrate our 10 award recipients.

The Civic Awards are designed to recognise people and community groups and clubs who are active in the Whitehorse community. Award recipients are selected based on outstanding achievement or contribution towards our shared values of tolerance, democracy, equity and equality of opportunity.

Congratulations to our Citizen of the Year Rufina Chan JP, Young Citizen of the Year Tom Walsh and all our Community Achievement Award recipients. I encourage everyone in Whitehorse to consider nominating someone for next year's awards. Read more on page 3.

I know the job market can be tough at the moment. Council is committed to providing opportunities for young people to gain valuable experience through



our Work Experience Program. We have set a new target in the Integrated Council Plan of providing 30 work experience placements across the organisation over the next year.

How did you mark National Tree Day on Sunday 27 July? Along with members of the community, we planted approximately 4000 grasses, shrubs and trees to create new habitat for wildlife and help achieve our target of increasing tree canopy cover in Whitehorse to 30% by 2050. Our environment and wildlife is supported by a team of parks and bushland officers along with important community volunteers to ensure all community plantings establish well and thrive into the future.

Getting ready for rates

2025/26 Valuation and Rate Notice

Your 2025/26 Valuation and Rate Notice will arrive this month either in the mail or via email.

If you currently receive your notice by mail, consider switching to email delivery to avoid postal delays and lost mail. Visit **whitehorse.ezybill.com.au** to register for email delivery.

Make sure your contact details are current to ensure you receive your notice. Email any changes to **customer.service@whitehorse.vic.gov.au**.

Flexible payment options

Check out flexible payment arrangement options at **pay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au** or simply scan the QR code on your rate notice. You do not need to wait for the new notice – the QR code on an existing notice will work.

Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

From 1 July 2025, the State Government's Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) replaced the current Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL). This change has been introduced by the State Government and will appear on your Valuation and Rate Notice.

Council is legislated to collect this levy on behalf of the State Government. Current pensioner concessions apply.

Volunteer rebate

Eligible emergency services volunteers can apply for a rebate on the ESVF through the State Government. To qualify, applicants must:

- provide a copy of their current rate notice
- have no more than \$50 in arrears

For more information, visit the **Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance** website at **dtf.vic.gov.au/emergency-services-and-volunteers-fund**, or call the **ESVF support line** on **1300 819 033**.

Experiencing hardship?

We understand that financial difficulties can arise. If you are experiencing hardship or are unable to pay your rates on time, please contact us as soon as possible for a confidential discussion. We may be able to offer support or arrange a payment plan that suits your circumstances.

For details about Council's Hardship Policy, call **9262 6292** or visit **whitehorse.vic.gov.au/rates**



Celebrating our 2025 Civic Award recipients

On Tuesday 22 July the annual Whitehorse Civic Awards were presented at our Community Dinner. The awards recognise outstanding individuals and groups who go above and beyond to make Whitehorse a better place. All nominations come from members of the community and recipients are selected by Council.

Community Achievement Award recipients

The Community Achievement Award recognises individuals or community organisations, clubs or groups that have exceeded expectations to improve the Whitehorse community.

Jennifer Brosnan

**Forest Hill Chase
Community Space**

Brian Kemp

Nourishing Our Neighbours

Phra Maha

Boonsom Uttan

Bihong Wang

Michael Wang

Geoff White



Citizen of the Year – Rufina Chan JP

A long-time Whitehorse resident, Rufina is a tireless volunteer and community leader passionate about cultural inclusion and community health and wellbeing. Her community engagement spans more than 30 years. Her initiatives range from promoting multicultural understanding and public health, to empowering seniors through digital literacy, raising environmental awareness, and providing compassionate support to the most vulnerable members of our society.



Young Citizen of the Year – Tom Walsh

Last summer Tom, a Whitehorse local and Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) volunteer, risked his life to save the lives of 2 young girls in the water at Venus Bay. Putting himself in harm's way, Tom battled the turbulent conditions to complete the rescues. Tom has recently become the face of 'Mission Zero', a SLSA campaign aimed at raising vital funds to install safety equipment at Australian beaches.

Congratulations to our 2025 award recipients.
Read more at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/civic-awards

Your bins are changing



Whitehorse households will soon be switching to a 4-bin waste and

recycling service, as required by the State Government. We want to hear how we can make this service work best for you.

Subscribe to have your say at yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/4bins

Capture Whitehorse: share your photos for our 2026 calendar



Have you taken a great photo of something special in our beautiful area?

We are inviting photo submissions for our 2026 Whitehorse calendar.

Your photo could feature architecture, flora or fauna, public art, a cultural activity, or a little-known local spot you love visiting.

Submissions will go into the running to be part of our 2026 calendar, which will be available to Whitehorse residents at the end of this year.

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

Image credit: Greg Wallace



Join our new Multicultural Advisory Committee

We are proud to announce the formation of the Whitehorse Multicultural Advisory Committee. This group will help Council to connect more effectively with our culturally diverse community.

We are seeking 15 community members from a range of cultural backgrounds with a connection to Whitehorse and an interest in making a positive difference.

The committee will meet 4 times a year and requires a commitment of 2 years from members, who will give advice on Council plans, services and projects, supporting inclusion and community connection.



We value the contribution of all our volunteers and support a safe, inclusive and rewarding experience.

Interested in joining? To learn more contact Community Strengthening on **9262 6333** or apply now via the Better Impact volunteer portal, <https://bttr.im/a0hp6>

Nominations close Sunday 31 August.



2025 Community Satisfaction Survey results

Like many councils across Victoria, our overall score has slightly declined since 2022.

But we're listening, and we're committed to using this feedback to improve our services and better support our community.

The survey was conducted by an independent market research organisation on behalf of the Victorian Government with 56 participating councils. When reviewed against the state-wide average, we scored above the average for most services. We rated higher in overall performance, community consultation, waste management, value for money and sealed local roads.

Vermont Reserve Pavilion upgrades underway

Work on a substantial upgrade of the pavilion at Vermont Reserve is starting this month.

The \$4.9 million project involves partial demolition of the existing sports pavilion and the construction of a new addition with multiple change rooms, amenities and facilities to support sporting clubs and community use.

We are delivering this project with funding contributions from the State Government and the Vermont Sports Club Inc.



The works are expected to be completed by June 2026.

For further information, visit our website, whitehorse.vic.gov.au/vermont-pavilion

Our urban forest is growing

We are on our way to achieving our goal of 30% canopy cover by 2050 through our Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2031.

Every tree we plant today becomes tomorrow's natural air conditioner, wildlife sanctuary and neighbourhood beautifier. During 2023-24, we planted more than 4500 trees on Council land, each one a small investment in our community's future.

Did you know, the trees in your backyard are just as important as the ones in our community parks and gardens? Trees on private land are a vital component of our urban forest, contributing significantly to our overall canopy cover.



Before you prune, chop or lop, know the rules

We want to help you care for your trees properly while protecting our growing urban forest. In Whitehorse, tree protection controls are in place to preserve our landscape character and environmental benefits.

If you are planning to remove more than 10% of any tree on your property, you will need to submit a planning permit application. This applies to all tree removals, lopping or pruning work.

Our qualified arborists review each application using science-based criteria to ensure we balance property owners' needs with environmental protection. This process helps us maintain healthy trees and preserve the character that makes Whitehorse special.

Together, we are growing more than just trees; we are cultivating a healthier, more beautiful community for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about tree permits or our Urban Forest Strategy, visit our website, whitehorse.vic.gov.au/trees



Your Say can help to shape Whitehorse



Did you know you can influence and inform Council decisions by having Your Say?

Whether you live, work or study here, enjoy our facilities, visit regularly, or have business interests in Whitehorse – your connection to our city means your voice counts.

Visit Your Say Whitehorse 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



Round we go: giving playgrounds a second spin

Did you know, when we upgrade play spaces the existing equipment does not go to waste?

Through our partnership with Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds, we relocate functional playground equipment to communities worldwide. This gives children access to dedicated play areas they might not otherwise have.

Our Apex Park Burwood playground recently found new life at a primary school in Port Blair, India. It's one of 21 playgrounds Council has successfully rehomed so far.

Read about other circular economy initiatives at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/recycling

Heritage Week – ‘Changing Fashions’ 14-21 September

During Heritage Week 2025, we are celebrating ‘Changing Fashions’ in our local area with activities that showcase changes in clothes, books, research and more.

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Finding the One: Wedding Dresses from Whitehorse

View wedding dresses on loan from the Whitehorse Historical Society and enjoy a history of happy moments.

When: Saturday 13 September to Saturday 25 October

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

Cost: Free (no bookings required)



Schwerkolt Cottage Heritage Family Day

Whitehorse Historical Society invites you to discover a day of heritage fun with old-fashioned games, live music, crafts, animals, bubbles, great food, and more.

When: Sunday 14 September, 11am to 4pm

Where: Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, 2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free (no bookings required)



DNA Trends in Family History Research with Family History Connections

Explore how science and traditional research come together to make genealogy more personal, accessible and revealing than ever.

When: Monday 15 September, 10.30am to 11.30am

Where: Vermont South Library, Pavey Place, Vermont South

Cost: Free (bookings required)

Browse the program and book online at creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/heritage-week

Whitehorse City Council gratefully acknowledges our partners for Heritage Week.



THE ROUND SHOWCASE 2025

We are proud to share that following a very competitive Expressions of Interest process, The Round recently hosted Showcase Victoria 2025. Presented by the Victorian Association of Performing Arts Centres with support from Creative Victoria and Creative Australia, this is the first time Whitehorse has hosted this significant sector event.

An incredible mix of artists, projects and presenters from across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia gathered at The Round over two inspiring

days, showcasing the remarkable calibre and creativity of the performing arts sector.

More than 40 producers and venue representatives experienced musical acts, performances, productions, circus and physical theatre works.

This fantastic event showcased all that The Round has to offer to industry professionals.





Shopfront Stories: Mai-Ha, Alter Smart Professional Tailor

Meet Mai-Ha, a talented tailor and proud Whitehorse home business owner.

Since 2007, Mai-Ha has brought warmth, colour and craftsmanship to the Whitehorse community. Taught to sew as a young girl in Vietnam by her uncle, she has since owned and managed successful tailoring and alterations businesses. After migrating to Australia with her husband and daughter, Mai-Ha continues her family's legacy of resilience and enterprise. Her studio, filled with vibrant fabrics and maple trees, reflects her passion for helping people look and feel their best.

Do you own a business? We want to hear from you

We are seeking your input to create a program of events and workshops that will support our business community.

Share your thoughts on what topics and event preferences matter to you most so we can develop a calendar of events and workshops that are relevant and meet the real needs and interests of the local business community.

Find out more at businesswhitehorse.com.au



Celebrating 20 years of unity – Whitehorse Interfaith Network

For 20 years, the Whitehorse Interfaith Network (WIN), supported by Whitehorse City Council, has brought together people of different faiths and cultures, fostering connection, mutual respect and a sense of belonging.

To mark its 20th anniversary, WIN has created a short film featuring personal stories from local residents about what faith, culture and belonging mean to them.

One of the film's highlights is the **Peace Banner Project**, a 10-metre-long artwork that symbolises collective hope, peace and unity.

WIN welcomes new members from all backgrounds. To learn more and to watch the video, scan the QR code or visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/interfaith-network



Buy Local: Why shopping in Whitehorse matters



Whitehorse is home to more than 19,000 businesses, from family-run cafés to local makers and retailers. These businesses are the heart of our community and every local purchase makes a difference.

Shopping locally helps create jobs, keeps money circulating within Whitehorse, and reduces environmental impact by supporting nearby producers and suppliers. It also fosters a stronger sense of community and encourages connection, just like Sissys Chocolates.

Founded by Sylvia, who migrated from Austria as a teenager, Sissys Chocolates

began as a passion project inspired by her love of baking and family recipes. After a long career in welfare and with encouragement from her daughter, Sylvia launched her business baking biscuits. Now, 25 years on, her business is known for handmade continental biscuits and chocolate-making workshops and has a loyal local following.

"Meeting a cross-section of our community in our workshops is the most rewarding part of what I do," Sylvia says.

You can support local businesses and help keep Whitehorse thriving. Shop locally this August and enter our Think Local Buy Local competition for your chance to win \$800 worth of vouchers and products from local businesses.



Submit your receipt and read the terms and conditions at businesswhitehorse.com.au/whats/think-local-buy-local

Sign up to What's happening in WHITEHORSE

'What's happening in Whitehorse' is your new look, fortnightly update on local news, events and opportunities to have your say in Whitehorse.

Scan the QR code for details



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 11 August, 7pm
- Monday 25 August, 7pm

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

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Simpson Ward Cr Prue Cutts Deputy Mayor



It's been a joy to participate in many Council and community events recently. A standout was opening the Annemieke Mein OAM exhibition at Box Hill Town Hall. Annemieke grew up in Heatherdale Road, Mitcham, and is an internationally celebrated textile artist creating works inspired by nature.

I also opened Council's Men's Health Week, Ageing Well seminar, and mid-year Whitehorse Arts Association exhibition. I've spoken at community groups including Tunstall Probus, LinC, Box Hill Prostate Cancer Support Group and on Radio Eastern 98.1FM. I always welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and questions – please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Lake Ward Cr Hayley Weller



Trees are highly valued in Lake Ward. Residents have contacted me about tree pruning around powerlines. Council prunes to comply with State Regulator clearance requirements and can be fined for non-compliance. We recognise this harsh pruning negatively impacts the look of a treed streetscape and contributes to short-term canopy loss and sometimes tree life expectancy.

The regulations are being reviewed and Council has advocated to the relevant Minister for uninsulated low voltage wires in low bushfire risk areas to have a 30cm clearance (instead of the current 1m clearance requirement, plus additional clearance pruning to allow for regrowth).

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Mahoneys Ward Cr Jason Martin



Whitehorse has many free events for our community. On the second Saturday of each month the Blackburn Craft Market is held at South Parade, where you can grab a coffee, visit some wonderful stalls and catch up with friends, family or your local member.

HealthAbility host a FREE repair café the same day where volunteers can repair clothes, furniture, toys and bicycles. Small donations are appreciated. On the second Sunday of each month try the Whitehorse Farmers market for some great produce.

Lastly for business owners and networking, look up the Whitehorse Business Group networking event held once a month. Enjoy!

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Sparks Ward Cr Peter Allan



Open space in Whitehorse is highly valued by the community. It's used for recreation, leisure, environmental and cultural benefits and visual amenity.

By 2056, Box Hill's population is expected to more than double. By 2041, the Box Hill Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) Structure Plan area is forecast to grow from 13,300 to 29,100 due to the expected increase in multi-storey residential buildings.

Council is preparing a detailed response to the Advisory Committee and I am pushing for more open space in Sparks Ward, particularly in proximity to the Box Hill Activity Centre.

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Terrara Ward Cr Jarrod Gunn



There has been a lot happening across Council. With the passing of our first budget, I can confirm a number of improvements – here are a few ward highlights.

In addition to improved lighting which is nearing completion, a circular track will be installed at Terrara Park providing year-round amenity for all ages and a sturdy platform for walkers and pooches alike throughout soggy winters. This will ensure the park remains a favourite spot for our community for casual and active recreation. Pleasingly Morack Golf will also receive ground irrigation works with additional course improvements to come.

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Walker Ward Cr Ben Stennett



It's always a pleasure to join Whitehorse's annual Tree Planting Day. Local residents and groups planted thousands of trees, shrubs, and grasses to support wildlife.

Congratulations to the newly formed Mega Mile Traders Association! Cr Weller and I have followed this closely. A recent milestone was the election of a committee and creation of a strategic plan to help keep the area vibrant and competitive.

In response to changes at Britannia Mall, including Coles' closure, Council has temporarily changed 1-hour access road parking to 3 hours. Existing 15-minute, accessible, and taxi parking remains unchanged.

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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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Comitato consultivo multiculturale

Invitiamo i membri della comunità provenienti da diversi contesti culturali a far parte di un Comitato consultivo multiculturale.

Il comitato fornirà consigli sui piani, sui servizi e sui progetti del Consiglio comunale.

Le riunioni si terranno in inglese, ma, su richiesta, potranno essere disponibili degli interpreti

Le candidature possono essere presentate fino a domenica 31 agosto.



Presenta ora la tua candidatura tramite il portale dei volontari Better Impact, <https://bttr.im/a0hp6>

Notifica di valutazione e tariffario 2025/26

Questo mese riceverai la tua Notifica di valutazione e tariffario 2025/26 tramite posta o email.

Se stai attraversando difficoltà finanziarie o non puoi pagare le tariffe dovute entro la scadenza, ti preghiamo di contattarci al numero **9262 6292** oppure visita whitehorse.vic.gov.au/rates



Servizio di interpretariato gratuito

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

Greek | Ελληνικά

Πολυπολιτισμική Συμβουλευτική Επιτροπή

Προσκαλούμε μέλη της κοινότητας από διάφορα πολιτισμικά υπόβαθρα να συμμετάσχουν σε μια Πολυπολιτισμική Συμβουλευτική Επιτροπή.

Η επιτροπή θα παρέχει συμβουλές σχετικά με τα σχέδια, τις υπηρεσίες και τα έργα του Δήμου.

Οι συνεδριάσεις θα πραγματοποιούνται στα Αγγλικά, ωστόσο μπορεί να διατεθούν διερμηνείς αν ζητηθεί.

Οι προθεσμίες δηλώσεων για υποψηφιότητα λήγει την Κυριακή 31 Αυγούστου.



Κάντε αίτηση τώρα μέσω της πύλης εθελοντών Better Impact, <https://bttr.im/a0hp6>

Ειδοποίηση Εκτίμησης περιουσίας και Δημοτικών Τελών 2025/26

Η ειδοποίησή σας για την Εκτίμηση περιουσίας και τα Δημοτικά Τέλη 2025/26 θα φτάσει αυτόν τον μήνα είτε ταχυδρομικά είτε μέσω ηλεκτρονικού ταχυδρομείου.

Εάν αντιμετωπίζετε οικονομικές δυσκολίες ή δεν μπορείτε να πληρώσετε τα τέλη σας εγκαίρως, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας στο **9262 6292** ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/rates



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

多元文化咨询委员会

我们诚邀来自不同文化背景社区成员加入多元文化咨询委员会。

该委员会将就市议会的计划、服务和项目提供建议。

会议将用英语举行，但如有需要，可提供口译协助。

提名于 8 月 31 日 (星期日) 截止。



请马上通过 Better Impact 志愿者门户申请，网址为: <https://bttr.im/a0hp6>

2025/26 年度估值及市政费率通知

您的 2025/26 年度估值及市政费率通知将于本月通过邮件或电子邮件送达。

如果您有财务困难或无法按时缴费，请致电 **9262 6292** 联系我们，或访问网站: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/rates



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。

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Ủy ban Cố vấn Đa văn hóa

Chúng tôi mời các thành viên cộng đồng từ nhiều nền văn hóa khác nhau tham gia Ủy ban Cố vấn Đa văn hóa.

Ủy ban sẽ tham vấn về các kế hoạch, dịch vụ và dự án của Hội đồng.

Các cuộc họp sẽ được tổ chức bằng tiếng Anh, tuy nhiên có thể có phiên dịch viên nếu được yêu cầu.

Hạn chót đề cử là Chủ Nhật ngày 31 tháng 8.



Hãy nộp đơn ngay qua cổng thông tin tình nguyện Better Impact, <https://bttr.im/a0hp6>

Thông báo Định giá và Thuế địa ốc năm 2025/26

Thông báo định giá tài sản và thuế địa ốc năm 2025/26 của quý vị sẽ được gửi đến trong tháng này, qua đường bưu điện hoặc email.

Nếu quý vị đang gặp khó khăn về tài chính hoặc không thể thanh toán đúng hạn, vui lòng liên hệ với chúng tôi theo số **9262 6292** hoặc truy cập whitehorse.vic.gov.au/rates



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.

Dementia Action Week Roadshow

Learn practical tools for carers, family members and community members living with dementia or who are managing dementia for the first time.

The event will feature presentations and workshops from expert Eastern Health Professor Peteris Darzins (Clinical Director Geriatric Medicine) and colleagues specialising in exercise science and dietary supports for cognitive health.

When: Wednesday 24 September, 2pm to 4pm

Where: The Round, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Cost: Free, registration required, trybooking.com/DCFBW or phone **9262 6333**.



Switch to electric and save

Did you know you could save up to 40% on your energy bills each year by switching from gas to electric appliances?

Researching energy upgrades can be time-consuming and overwhelming but **Solar Savers**, a Council-supported program, makes it easy.

Solar Savers now offers free quotes for energy efficient heating/cooling systems, hot water heat pumps, insulation, draught proofing, induction cooktops, solar panels, batteries, EV chargers and home energy assessments. Register and receive quotes from trusted, accredited suppliers vetted by Council, as well as help to access government rebates and discounts.

Get started now and call **1300 548 598** or register at solarsavers.org.au/register



Contact Whitehorse City Council

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

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Website: whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9262 6333

NRS: 133 677 then quote 9262 6333

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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: Local trader Sylvia from Sissys Chocolates in Blackburn.

Connect with us on social media

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



On WeChat, search **'Councillors Whitehorse'**



Customer service centres

Whitehorse Civic Centre
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Box Hill Town Hall
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.

Calling young creatives!

Whitehorse Youth Connexions is calling on young creatives to put their spin on our brand-new logo! Show off your creativity for a chance to win an epic prize pack, as well as having your design featured on our merchandise!

The challenge: We love our new look, now we want to see YOUR take on it! We're asking creatives aged 10-25 years, who live or study in Whitehorse, to put their mark on Youth Connexions, by creating a unique design that fits within our new logo.

How to Enter

Grab your tools: Whether it's digital, pen, textas or watercolour – we want you to get inspired and use our logo as your blank canvas.

Create your design: Make your mark on the template above or download a copy via the QR code for digital use.

Your design here:



Submit by 31 August 2025:

- Email your design to **youthconnexions@whitehorse.vic.gov.au**
- Or drop off at Whitehorse Civic Centre or Box Hill Town Hall customer service centres

Don't forget to include your name, age, postcode and contact details.

Scan the QR code to visit our website for prize details, submission requirements and terms and conditions.

whitehorse.vic.gov.au/youth-services



A decade of support for learner drivers

Whitehorse City Council recently celebrated 10 years of participation in the L2P program for young drivers.

The program allows learners who do not have access to a car or driving supervisor to get the driving experience needed to gain a probationary licence.

Each year about 10 volunteer driving supervisors and 15-20 learner drivers join the L2P program. In the last decade, Whitehorse L2P learners had more than 8000 hours of supervised driving!

For young people, the program builds their safe driving skills, confidence and independence to access employment and educational opportunities.



To learn how to join the program as a learner driver or volunteer supervisor, scan the QR code or visit **whitehorse.vic.gov.au/road-safety**

