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Mayor's message

Cr Andrew Davenport

Planning on the agenda

Our recent community forum on State Government planning reforms was attended by around 260 people, with informative presentations from a range of independent planning experts. Thank you to all who came along, I hope you found it valuable.

Many of you have shared concerns about the various State Government projects and planning reforms that impact Whitehorse. You can make your voice heard by making a submission to the State Government's draft structure plans for the Suburban Rail Loop East stations at Box Hill and Burwood.

The structure plans provide a blueprint to guide how the areas will develop over time, so it is important that the government hears from local residents. Council will also be making its own submission, and we're seeking your feedback to help inform this. See the story below for details on how you can share your views.



Anzac Day

I look forward to attending the Box Hill RSL Anzac Day dawn service later this month. Anzac Day is a special event on the calendar, and I always enjoy meeting and hearing the stories of our returned service people. There are 5 Anzac Day events across Whitehorse that you're welcome to join – see page 7 for details.

Share your views on the State Government's proposed major changes to Box Hill and Burwood

The State Government is proposing major changes to Box Hill and Burwood and we are calling on residents to share their views.

The State Government's draft structure plans for the precincts surrounding the proposed Suburban Rail Loop East stations at Box Hill and Burwood will guide future growth in the broader area around each station and will inform changes to planning controls.

Have your say by visiting the Engage Victoria website and making a direct submission to the Suburban Rail Loop Authority, prior to Tuesday 22 April at engage.vic.gov.au/srl-east-structure-planning

Council will make its own submission to the Suburban Rail Loop Authority this month and a comprehensive formal response will be presented later this year to the Advisory Committee appointed by the Minister for Planning. To ensure that our submission reflects the views of our community, we are inviting you to take an online survey.

To have your say, and to stay up to date on the Suburban Rail Loop precinct projects, scan the QR code or visit yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au



Latest news and events

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Thousands of trees planted as part of transport projects

Protecting trees and increasing the number of trees planted in Whitehorse is an important priority for our community and our local environment. Council's strong commitment to trees is outlined in our Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2031.

However, several major State Government projects, including the North East Link, the Suburban Rail Loop (Box Hill and Burwood stations) and the Mont Albert Road level crossing removal have required a significant number of tree removals.

Council has been actively advocating to the State Government to retain as many existing trees as possible, as well as working in partnership with them to plant replacement trees around each of these major project sites.

Funded by the State Government, Council is growing, planting and maintaining new trees, most of them propagated at our own nursery from locally collected seeds.

We have already planted thousands of trees, with efforts focused on keeping new trees as close as possible to the areas where vegetation was removed. Since not all replacement trees fit within the project boundaries, we are planting the remaining trees at sites across Whitehorse.

The State Government has committed to replanting more trees than it removes for each of its projects.



You told us through last year's Shaping Whitehorse community survey that planting more trees is important to our community.



Last financial year, we planted more than 3000 trees in parks and nature strips and we're working to plant more. Find out more about how we're using your feedback to shape Whitehorse: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/shaping-whitehorse

To date, Council has planted 1518 trees in parklands, reserves and nature strips as part of our partnership with the State Government, with a further 400 trees set to be planted in the coming months.

Be an eggs-ellent recycler this Easter



You can recycle:



Foil

Save up enough so that you can scrunch it into a tennis-ball sized ball.

Cardboard

Just like the box your Easter egg came in.



Hard clear plastic

The plastic that holds your Easter egg in the box.



The following items are **NOT** able to be recycled. Try to reuse, gift or donate them if in good condition, otherwise, they can be disposed of in your garbage bin:

- cellophane
- bows and string
- plastic toys (no batteries)

To learn more, visit the RecycleMate website at recyclemate.com.au

One-way traffic for Hamilton Street

Hamilton Street and part of Churchill Street in Mont Albert will change to one-way traffic (northbound).

During the State Government's level crossing removal works, Hamilton Street was temporarily made one-way. Some traders and residents preferred this arrangement.

After consulting with the Mont Albert community and receiving a petition requesting to make the street one-way, Council unanimously endorsed this request.



This decision will:

- increase pedestrian and traffic safety
- improve the streetscape
- help revitalise the shopping precinct

Our next steps are to obtain further community input and independent traffic safety advice to inform the streetscape plan. Works will commence in 2026.



Welcome Swallows take flight

The Welcome Swallows, a group of talented artists who participate in the Hands On Pottery All Abilities classes at Box Hill Community Arts Centre, are showcasing their first exhibition this month. 'Treasure Trove' features a vibrant collection of works created over the past 3 years under the guidance of renowned ceramic artist and tutor Madeleine Thornton-Smith.

The group's name is inspired by the way swallows construct their nests using mud, symbolising resilience, creativity and community.

Hands On Pottery classes welcome students of all skill levels in a supportive and creative environment. Here individuals living with disabilities can explore their artistic potential and express themselves through clay.

Treasure Trove pottery exhibition

When: Until Sunday 27 April

Opening event: Friday 4 April, 5pm to 7pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Cost: Free



Pet registration renewals are due Thursday 10 April

All dog and cat owners should have now received notices for their pets' registration renewal. If you have not received yours, please contact our Customer Service team.

To renew, update your details or cancel your pet registration, visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/register-pet

Recycling hubs are back

The Recycling Hubs at all customer service locations are back in service. There has been an update to the accepted material to ensure safety when depositing unwanted items for recycling.

It's free to drop off the following items:

- light globes, X-rays
- DVDs and cases
- CDs and cases
- VHS and cases
- floppy disks
- eyeglasses and sunglasses (a new addition), but not cases
- household batteries (coming soon)

Free flu vaccinations available now

Children aged between 6 months to 5 years are eligible for a free influenza vaccination.

Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious virus that spreads through droplets in the air from coughing or sneezing and by hands carrying the virus.

As the flu virus is constantly changing, it is important to get vaccinated each year to protect yourself and others.

Children receiving the flu vaccine for the first time will require 2 doses, 4 weeks apart. Each following year only 1 dose of flu vaccine will be required.

Bookings can be made via Council's website at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/flu-program

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Events Calendar

There's always something happening in Whitehorse. Check out our full events calendar online at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-happening-whitehorse



Moonlight Movies

Join us for 2 free outdoor cinema experiences these school holidays and dive into an evening of family-friendly fun for all ages. Bring along your chairs, blankets and picnic baskets, and settle in for a night of entertainment under the twinkling stars (we'll have ice cream and coffee trucks waiting!).

Inside Out 2 (PG)

When: Friday 4 April, 7.30pm screening

Where: Box Hill Gardens

Cost: Free

Mufasa (PG)

When: Friday 11 April, 7.30pm screening

Where: Livingstone Primary School Reserve

Cost: Free

Find out more on our website at creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-on



Whitehorse Toy Swap

Swapping is a great, planet-friendly way to update your child's toys without hitting the shops. Bring up to 6 clean and undamaged toys to swap.

When: Wednesday 16 April, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Age: All ages

Cost: Free, registration required, events.humanitix.com/whitehorse-toy-swap



Dads Stay and Play

Fathers and male caregivers are encouraged to bring their children (aged 0-6 years) along to enjoy a casual play session to meet other local families and enjoy morning tea while the children play.

Where: Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House

When: Friday 11 April, 9.30am to 11am

Cost: Free, registration required, trybooking.com/CZIHQ



Benefits of early years literacy

Join us for a free online session where families of children aged 0-5 years will discover how reading aloud, sharing stories, and singing with your child can boost their early literacy skills.

Where: Online

When: Wednesday 21 May, 7pm to 8pm

Cost: Free, registration required, trybooking.com/CZNOJ



Anzac Day services 2025

A range of local RSL sub-branches and community groups will be hosting Anzac Day services this year at locations across Whitehorse. Councillors will be in attendance at various services.

Wattle Park Heritage Group

When: Sunday 13 April, 1pm

Where: Patriotic Area, Wattle Park (opposite Wattle Park Chalet), Riversdale Road, Surrey Hills.

Box Hill RSL

When: Friday 25 April, 5.30am

Where: World War I Memorial in Box Hill Gardens, Shipley Street, Box Hill, followed by a gunfire breakfast at the Box Hill RSL, 26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill.

Blackburn RSL

When: Friday 25 April, 5.45am

Where: Cenotaph at Morton Park, Central Road, Blackburn, followed by a gunfire breakfast at Blackburn RSL, 2 Diggers Way, Blackburn.

Rotary Club of Mitcham

When: Friday 25 April, 5.45am

Where: Cenotaph at Halliday Park, 310 Mitcham Road, Mitcham, followed by a gunfire breakfast at Mitcham Bowling Club, 306 Mitcham Road, Mitcham.

Surrey Hills ANZAC Day Organising Committee

When: Friday 25 April, 6am

Where: The Shrine, Surrey Gardens, 88-90 Union Road, Surrey Hills.



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Autumn School Holiday Program

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



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dates**



Whitehorse Business workshops and events

We're excited to announce our upcoming calendar of business workshops and events.

How to become a Council supplier

This free workshop provides essential guidance for businesses looking to become suppliers for Whitehorse City Council. Attendees will learn about the procurement process, requirements for tender submissions, and tips for creating competitive proposals.

When: Wednesday 30 April, 6pm to 7.30pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Setting yourself up for social media success – hosted by The Digital Picnic

Learn to leverage platforms such as Instagram and Facebook to grow your brand, build engagement and stay ahead of 2025 trends. Plus, enjoy networking opportunities with like-minded business owners! Limited spots available.

When: Tuesday 6 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Where: The Round, 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Cost: \$49

Australian Taxation Office masterclasses

Strengthen your small business knowledge with 2 masterclasses delivered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Speak with experienced tax officers, ask questions and gain insights tailored to your business needs.

Record Keeping

When: Thursday 15 May, 12 noon to 1pm

Goods and Services Tax

When: Thursday 19 June, 12 noon to 1pm

Where: Online

Cost: Free

To find out more, visit the Whitehorse Business website, wbiz.com.au/events



Shopping strip spotlight: Norcal Road Industrial Precinct

Meet Dean Spicer, founder of RECIPS, a local electrical contracting business. With a strong focus on eco-smart solutions, RECIPS began more than 20 years ago in Dean's home and has since grown to an established location within one of Nunawading's several industrial precincts along Norcal Road.

Dean says: "Nunawading is a bit of a well-kept secret in Melbourne, quite central to the CBD, quiet, great people, and on the right side of the Eastlink tunnel to avoid the tolls."

The RECIPS team hosts an EV charger that is available to use anytime using the EVERTY app.

Dean is dedicated to his community, serving as the president of the industry association NECA, a long-standing member of the St John's Parish Fete committee and a Cub Leader at 1st Heatherdale Scout Group.

Norcal Road Industrial Precinct is located on Norcal Road, Nunawading.

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 14 April, 7pm
Search 'Council meetings' on Council's website for agendas, minutes and more information.

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



COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Simpson Ward Cr Prue Cutts Deputy Mayor



LET'S CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSES FIRST! Thank you to those people who made submissions to the State Government's Ringwood Activity Centre proposed plans, along with Whitehorse Council and a submission from myself, which resulted in the Mitcham area near Heatherdale Station being removed from the 'Catchment' area of the Ringwood Activity Centre. It's a great outcome and shows that the State Government did listen to our feedback. I look forward to my meetings with local State MPs to discuss the housing crisis, State Planning Reforms, and retaining liveability and tree canopy across Whitehorse. Please contact me with any suggestions or questions you may have.

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Lake Ward Cr Hayley Weller



Local government maintains local roads, which make up 85% of Victoria's road network. In Lake Ward, residents have raised traffic safety issues with me at Central Road, Lake Road, both ends of Junction Road and Jeffery Street (speed limit reduction). I have met with Council Officers about these issues. They are experts with innovative ideas about how to fix them or which state government bodies to work with as sometimes approval is required to make changes. Please continue to contact me about traffic issues so improvements can be made in our area and keep calm and drive safely.

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Mahoneys Ward Cr Jason Martin



Change is occurring in Whitehorse and Mahoneys Ward. In my first five months at council, I see a real focus from council on some core issues including community safety, planning, and sustainable rates. In planning, Whitehorse held a community forum in February and our goal is to keep the community informed through this time of change and growth. The State Government has set a target of 76,500 net new dwellings in Whitehorse by 2051. For rates, watch out for guidance as the budget is finalised for next financial year. Your feedback is valued and needed so please read our publications and visit our website to see how.

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Sparks Ward Cr Peter Allan



I have been meeting with residents and local groups/clubs such as the Box Hill United Football Club, Tzu Chi Buddhist Charity Foundation, Box Hill Rugby Union Club, Elgar Contact, and I attended an exhibition by Chinese artists from the Australian Vision Photographic Club. It was fantastic to see so many people at the Whitehorse Community Forum on the proposed Victorian Government planning reforms. These reforms will have a dramatic and long-term effect on our amenity and liveability, especially in Box Hill. It's planned to have more towers up to 40 storeys around key sites, and 3-6 storeys and 7-8 storeys in 'residential neighbourhoods'.

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Terrara Ward Cr Jarrod Gunn



Since my last update there have been a number of significant improvements across the ward. East Burwood Football/Netball/Cricket Clubs and Blackburn Cycling Club were advised of a new pavilion coming their way. An incredible shared community asset that will be heavily used. Residents near Billabong Park will have noticed the new paths and batting cages installed, with more improvements to come. So far, the best part of this role has been connecting with residents who really care about this community. I hope to build on your collective enthusiasm and ideas to continue to advocate for improvements to Terrara Ward.

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Walker Ward Cr Ben Stennett



I was delighted to be invited to speak at Antonio Park and Mitcham primary schools. The students were learning about the democratic process and the role of Council.

I'm sure you have noticed there has been an increase in graffiti in some parts of the city. I will be discussing ways in which Council can improve its efforts in cleaning and removing graffiti.

I will be attending the annual Anzac Day service at Halliday Park, Mitcham, and laying a wreath. I invite you to join me at 5.45am on 25 April for the service, followed by breakfast at the Mitcham Bowling Club.

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Italian | Italiano

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Greek | Ελληνικά

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- Bia cứng
- Bao bì nhựa cứng trong suốt

Những vật dụng sau đây không tái chế được.

Thay vào đó, quý vị có thể tái sử dụng chúng, không thì có thể vứt vào thùng rác.

- Giấy bóng kính
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Có thể đặt chỗ qua trang web của Hội đồng, whitehorse.vic.gov.au/immunisation-dates



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Be a host for Seniors Festival 2025

The Whitehorse Seniors Festival is back this October and we're inviting community groups, clubs and organisations to take part in this incredible celebration.

Last year, over 70 hosts delivered an amazing 160+ activities, bringing joy and connection to our community.

Some hosting ideas include garden tours, wellness talks, sport, hobby, trivia and music activities. To register visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/whitehorse-seniors-festival

Stronger clubs workshops

Club leaders and committee members are invited to learn how to help their community group run smoothly, grow and stay strong.

Sessions will cover leadership, decision making and club management. For information email positiveageing@whitehorse.vic.gov.au



Quarter 2 Performance Report

Council's latest Quarterly Performance Report for October-December 2024 has landed.

We had some significant achievements during this period, including the opening of social enterprise cafés at Harrow Street carpark in Box Hill, operated by Alkira, and the Nunawading Community Hub, operated by Villa Maria Catholic Homes.

We secured a Thriving Suburbs grant of \$5.5 million for a new pavilion at East Burwood Reserve, which will see a new modern pavilion constructed between the two ovals.

We are proud to have achieved carbon-neutral certification for our operations in the 2022/23 financial year, becoming the 10th local government in Victoria to earn this recognition through the Climate Active program.

To learn more, search '**Quarterly Performance Report**' on Council's website.

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Acknowledgement of Country

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Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm

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Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm

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