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Mayor's message Cr Andrew Davenport

I'm pleased to share that on Monday 16 June, Council adopted our Budget 2025/26 and Integrated Council Plan 2025-2029, marking the beginning of a new journey shaped by fresh ideas and renewed purpose. These documents demonstrate Council's strong commitment to listening to our community and doing things differently.

Earlier this year Council shared our Proposed Budget 2025/26 and Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan with the community. Thanks to everyone who took the time to share your thoughts, this feedback helps shape Council decisions and ensures we're on the right track. Read more about current opportunities to have your say on page 6.

Whitehorse Councillors and I are currently focused on meeting regularly with your representatives from the other levels of government so we can better serve the community and streamline processes wherever possible. We recently met with Federal Government representatives Gabriel Ng (Member



for Menzies) and Matt Gregg (Member for Deakin) to thank them and Carina Garland (Member for Chisholm) for their election commitments to Whitehorse.

I also recently met with the Deputy Premier's Chief of Staff to discuss how we can help unlock school sports facilities on the weekends and in the evenings to cater to the overwhelming demand for ovals in Whitehorse. This process can be lengthy but we are all committed to making the process faster, so teams have space to train and play.

Integrated Council Plan 2025-2029

Our Integrated Council Plan 2025-2029 is a shared roadmap for the future and will guide our program of work for the next 4 years. It represents a new direction for Council as we embrace change and seek to create a resilient and future-ready organisation. Through the implementation of our Integrated Council Plan, we aim to create a city where everyone can live, work, learn and thrive.

The Integrated Council Plan is built around 5 new Strategic Directions.

Community:

We aim to foster a connected, inclusive, safe and active community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Built:

We are aspiring to develop safe, accessible and attractive public spaces and infrastructure that meet community needs and adapt to growth.

Economy:

We are prioritising a resilient and dynamic economy, with support for local businesses, diverse opportunities, and job and investment attraction.

Natural:

We are committed to protecting natural areas, promoting environmental sustainability, building climate resilience, and managing waste responsibly.

Governance:

Strong governance will be achieved through transparent, accountable management and the efficient and financially sustainable delivery of valuable core services.

Council Budget 2025/26

The 2025/26 Budget outlines the services, initiatives and extensive Capital Works Program that Council plans to deliver in the coming financial year. The Budget also details the funding and resources required to deliver the actions outlined in the Integrated Council Plan.

Highlights of our 2025/26 Budget

\$53.1 million Capital Works Program including:

- \$20.8m for land, buildings and building improvements
- \$7.1m for plant and equipment
- \$7.5m for roads and off-street car parks
- \$6.5m for recreational, leisure and community facilities
- \$5.1m for footpaths and cycleways

Capital Works highlights include:

- A significant investment in Box Hill City Oval, including \$8.0m to begin a major redevelopment of the ground's pavilions and buildings, \$3.4m for the renewal of the playing surface, plus \$0.9m for upgrades to the cricket training nets
- \$4.3m to continue the Vermont Reserve pavilion upgrade
- \$0.3m on cycling and active transport infrastructure improvements

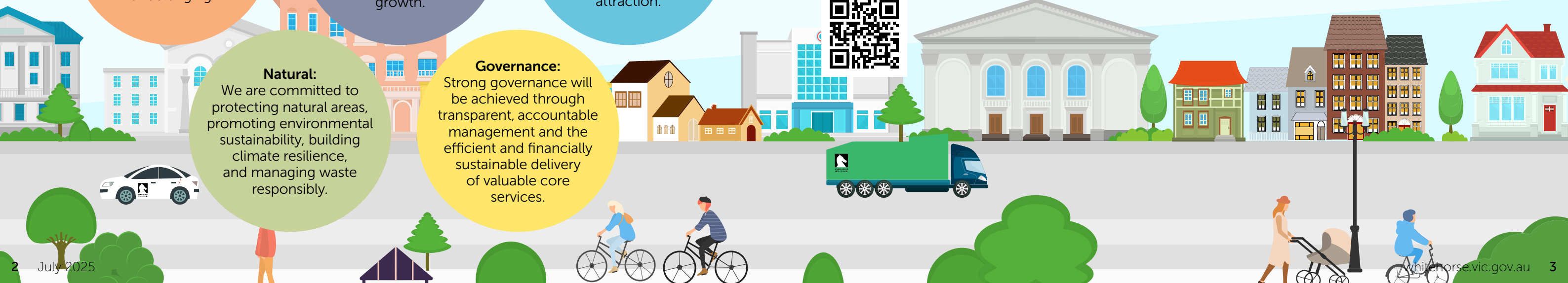
This year's operational budget provides \$187.5 million for the delivery of services, including \$26.3 million for Kerbside and Public Waste Services, \$12.7 million for health and family services, and \$10.3 million for community safety.

Other significant operational initiatives for 2025/26 include:

- Creation of a Community Safety Crime Prevention committee to help address community safety concerns and create a safe environment
- Development of a Whitehorse Integrated Transport Strategy (including walking and cycling) to guide Council in delivering advocacy, programs and services
- Development of a Master Plan for Koonung Park to guide its renewal and improvements over the next 15 years
- Completion of a technical and feasibility study on options for a dog park within the municipality
- Continued advocacy for improved open spaces for the community
- Working with the State Government to monitor and provide strong support for businesses, employees and customers displaced and impacted during the Suburban Rail Loop development
- Continuation of the Strategic Property Program to improve the utilisation and management of Council's property portfolio, which will inform community consultation and Council decisions

To read the full approved 2025/26 Budget and Integrated Council Plan, visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/budget2526

\$m = million



Young voices, big ideas: Junior Voicenaters help to shape the future of Whitehorse

Whitehorse recognises children as active and engaged community members. As a 'Child Friendly City' we value and respect children's voices.

To provide children in Whitehorse with the opportunity to lend their voices to important Council matters, we have created a Children's Advisory Group.

Named by the members at their inaugural meeting, the 'Junior Voicenaters' is made up of 32 students from 14 primary schools across Whitehorse. The group meets quarterly, providing students with an opportunity to learn about the role of local government, share their perspectives

on topics relevant to them, and build their skills and confidence.

Teams within Council can attend these meetings to seek advice and help inform future projects and services. Recently the group members were involved in consulting on a playground masterplan and contributing their ideas for kid-friendly programming at The Round.

A student from Blackburn Primary School said her highlight so far had been "designing a playground. I liked thinking of activities that would be the best for all ages in a playground".

Another student said he had enjoyed "meeting new people and working with them on the activities".



Flexible payment options for your rates – including Payble

Your 2025/26 Valuation and Rate Notice will be sent during August 2025. Council offers a range of payment options to suit your needs. Last year we introduced a new payment platform, Payble. Payble gives you greater control and flexibility in how you manage your rates. Thousands of ratepayers have already made the switch to Payble and are enjoying its convenient features, including:

- options for weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or one-off payments
- payment options via your bank account, credit or debit card
- SMS reminders before your payment is due
- email receipts (an opt-in feature)
- the ability to log-in to update your information at any time
- various safety and security features.

To find out more or to set up your payments through Payble, visit the **Your Rates** section on Council's website or scan the QR code on your 2025/26 Valuation and Rate Notice.



National Tree Day

Come along and contribute to local biodiversity by planting with us on National Tree Day, Sunday 27 July at Wurundjeri Walk in Blackburn South.

We will be planting approximately 4,000 grasses, shrubs and trees to create new habitat for our wildlife, and celebrating with a free community barbecue.

Scan the QR code to find out more and register to attend the event.

When: Sunday 27 July, 10am to 1pm

Where: Orchard Grove, Blackburn South

Cost: Free, registrations required via QR code.



New green space at Hay Street

An old car park at 35 Hay Street in Box Hill South, purchased by Council in 2024, has been transformed into green open parkland. The large bitumen area was removed while the existing mature trees were retained.

There has been extensive planting of indigenous trees and plants to increase biodiversity, support wildlife and expand the Gardiners Creek corridor.

A large open grass area now features seating, a picnic table, and a new gravel path lined with stone blocks links to the Gardiners Creek Trail.



Shopfront Stories Healthways Recreation Centre

Established in 1961 as Victoria's first ever bowling alley, Healthways Recreation Centre has long played a role in local life. Today, it continues to lead through sustainability and inclusivity. Healthways employs more than 100 local residents, offering high-quality programs and operating on ground-source renewable energy as part of its ongoing commitment to environmental responsibility.

Healthways Operations Manager Theresa says: "Generations have learned to swim, stayed active and grown with us. As the community has evolved, so have we—always here, always people-first."



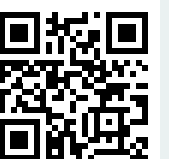
Think Local, Buy Local Competition

Would your business like to be involved in this year's 'Think Local Buy Local' Competition? As part of this initiative, Council will purchase vouchers from selected local businesses to create a prize pool that encourages our community to shop locally.

To express your interest, please complete the form via QR code or reach out to the team:

business@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Submissions close Monday
21 July.



Your voice matters, have your say!

Did you know you can influence and inform Council decisions by having Your Say? We want to hear from you to ensure we're making decisions that reflect what our community needs.

Why should you get involved? Your unique perspective, experiences and ideas help shape better outcomes for everyone in Whitehorse. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the area, your input helps create a community that works for all of us.

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

How can you get involved? There are many ways to share your thoughts, depending on what works best for you and the topic at hand. Council designs different engagement activities to make it as easy as possible for you to participate in the conversations that matter to you.

Ready to have your say?

Some of the current topics open for community feedback in July include:

- Domestic Animal Management Policy
- Hamilton Street
- Wurundjeri Walk (Mirrabooka, Orchard Grove and Fulton Reserves Draft Master Plan)

Visit our Your Say page 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



Elgar Park North East Oval's transformation is taking shape

Synthetic grass is going in now and we are on track to open the new multi-use pitch soon. Once open, it will support club use and be available to the community outside of training and games.

Works are well underway – stay tuned!



WOW Factor: Students wheel-y excited about riding to school

More than 100 students at Parkmore Primary School in Forest Hill are participating in the WOW – 'Walk or Wheel' to school program.

The school presents a weekly 'Golden Boot' award to the class with the highest number of WOW participants, which helps to foster a fun and active culture.

Whitehorse's Active and Safe Schools program encourages primary school students to use active modes of transport to travel to school. Students take part in road safety incursions, bike education and designing resources to encourage walking and wheeling within their school community.



Wattle Ward Cr Andrew Davenport Mayor



Budget 2025/26

Thank you for those who made a budget submission to the 2025/26 budget. Through your feedback, we have adjusted the budget to allow an additional \$150K for an integrated transport strategy, as well as an adjustment of focus to further aims for the provision of a dog park.

Community Soup: at Strathdon House

Join me for soup at Strathdon House on Sunday 20 July for either cream of cauliflower or pea and ham soup from 1pm to 2.30pm as part of the Community Soup Series. The series runs from Sunday 20 June to Sunday 31 August. Cost is \$15 and tickets are available at creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/community-soup

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Elgar Ward Cr Blair Barker



It was energising and uplifting to join over 30 locals at Box Hill Town Hall for the first meeting of a community-led initiative 'Safe Streets-Box Hill (SSBH) North' set up by local mum Kelly.

I was especially proud of the evident motivation to continue building a local community where people care for one another and cooperate to make our little corner of Melbourne a little better every day.

I look forward to supporting Kelly and the SSBH group as they continue local action and am sure it will help inform city-wide initiatives.

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Cootamundra Ward Cr Kieran Simpson



Well done to Blackburn High School Jazz Band, one of 3 international school bands that competed in the Essentially Ellington festival.

It was great to celebrate the recent completion of the electronic scoreboard at Koonung Reserve.

Thank you to all those who took part in the budget consultation process.

I was pleased to support Council no longer relying on carbon credit schemes but working towards emission reductions. I was also proud to bring a motion to the chamber to continue to improve transparency in Council. If I can assist in any way, feel free to contact me via email, phone, or Facebook.

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Kingsley Ward Cr Kirsten Langford



Recent activities include:

- After significant collaboration, Council's new Integrated Council Plan and Budget were approved
- Community Consultation on traffic calming measures in Rostrevor Parade
- Whitehorse Road, Mont Albert – we are working closely with local businesses and VicRoads for a better parking solution
- Mont Albert Village placemaking workshop provided inspiration and ideas to make Hamilton Street a significant destination for locals and visitors.

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Eley Ward Cr Daniel Griffiths



Remember when community bonds felt stronger and public spaces were better cared for? You are invited to meet with me to discuss setting up a community group focused on improving Blackburn South, Burwood East and surrounding areas. Interested? Join me from 10am, Saturday 19 July at The Hollow, Burwood Brickworks Shopping Centre (70 Middleborough Rd, Burwood East).

Visit Council's 'Your Say' webpage by 15 July to provide feedback on a substantial long-term plan for improving Mirrabooka, Orchard Gr and Fulton Reserves. On 27 July (National Tree Day), you can also join me in planting 4,000 plants at Wurundjeri Walk from 10am followed by a BBQ.

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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.



Winter School Holiday Fun

Looking for the perfect way to keep your kids busy and happy?

Whether it's active sports, creative arts and crafts, cooking, festive winter activities, eco-friendly experiences or quality family time – we have options for every child and family.

Spaces are disappearing quickly.

Create magical memories these winter school holidays!

Secure your spot today!

Scan the QR code to check out our full program and make bookings or visit:

whitehorse.vic.gov.au/school-holidays



WHAT'S ON AT THE ROUND

A premier performing arts centre. The perfect place to celebrate, entertain, create, and connect.



WALTZING THE WILARRA

FRIDAY 11 JULY AT 7.30PM

SATURDAY 12 JULY AT 1.30PM*

*Q&A post-show



LEGRAND AND BEYOND

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY AT 11AM



SUN RISE: THE STORY OF THE KING OF ROCK 'N' ROLL

FRIDAY 18 JULY AT 7.30PM

SATURDAY 19 JULY AT 1.30PM



PAULINI: SINGS THE AMERICAN DIVAS

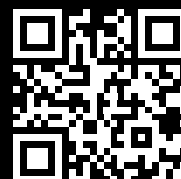
FRIDAY 8 AUGUST AT 7.30PM

THE ROUND



THEROUND.COM.AU

Scan the QR code for details



ANNEMIEKE MEIN: Nature Revealed

Annemieke Mein OAM is famed for her exquisitely made and incredibly detailed textile art that represents Australian fauna and flora.

The 'Nature Revealed' exhibition at Whitehorse Artspace features a selection of works generously loaned from the Gippsland Art Gallery, which holds the most comprehensive public collection of Mein's extraordinary art, including her private collection.

This is a rare opportunity to view the art of Annemieke Mein in metropolitan Melbourne and experience this international phenomenon in person.

Whitehorse Artspace, Box Hill Town Hall

11 July – 30 August

Tuesday to Friday, 10am – 4pm

Saturday, 12pm – 4pm

Free exhibition, bookings are required.

creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au



To celebrate the Annemieke Mein: Nature Revealed Exhibition at Whitehorse Artspace, we are hosting an exciting line-up of activities and events across multiple locations. Immerse yourself in hands-on workshops and classes, inspired by the art of this international phenomenon — there's something for all ages to enjoy.

Annemieke Mein, Dance of the Mayflies, 1988, high-relief textile wall sculpture with relief areas extending beyond the frame, 110 x 180 x 10cm. Collection Gippsland Art Gallery. Donated by John Leslie OBE through the Australian Government Cultural Gifts Program, 2009 © Annemieke Mein 2024. Printed by kind permission of the artist.

The Box Hill Town Hall is celebrating 90 years!

This prominent landmark on Whitehorse Road was built to the design of J.S. Gawler and J.C. Aisbett and was originally opened in 1935 by the City of Box Hill, before the City of Whitehorse was proclaimed in 1994.

The Art Deco Main Hall has hosted thousands of memorable moments over 90 years including weddings, debutante balls, political debates, exhibitions, concerts, theatre productions and even filming for *Neighbours*, *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries* and other TV shows.

The Town Hall is now registered with the National Trust and remains a core part of community life. With regular events, citizenship ceremonies, the gallery - Whitehorse Artspace and the Community Hub.

Take a tour and experience the grandeur of this heritage-listed Art Deco-style building yourself:

creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/venues/box-hill-town-hall



Italian | Italiano

Bilancio 2025/26

Lunedì 16 giugno, il Consiglio comunale ha adottato il bilancio 2025/26 e l'Integrated Council Plan 2025–2029 (Piano integrato del Consiglio comunale 2025–2029, disponibile solo in inglese).

Il **bilancio 2025/26** descrive i servizi, le iniziative e il programma di Capital Works che il Consiglio comunale prevede di realizzare nel prossimo anno finanziario.

Per saperne di più: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-budget

Chiusura del Centro assistenza clienti

Il centro assistenza clienti del Consiglio comunale di Forest Hill ha chiuso definitivamente venerdì 27 giugno 2025.

I nostri centri di assistenza clienti di Nunawading e Box Hill restano aperti come di consueto.

Esprimi la tua opinione

Sapevi che puoi influenzare e contribuire alle decisioni del Consiglio comunale esprimendo la tua opinione?

Visita la nostra pagina *Your Say* per vedere quali consultazioni sono attualmente aperte e scoprire come puoi contribuire a dar forma al futuro della tua comunità: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Simplified Chinese | 简体中文

2025/26 年度预算

6月16日星期一, 市议会通过了我们的 2025/26 年度预算和 2025 至 2029 年 Integrated Council Plan (市议会综合计划, 仅提供英文版)。

2025/26 年预算概述了市议会在下一财政年度计划提供的服务、举措和 Capital Works 计划。

如需了解更多, 请访问网站: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-budget

客户服务中心关闭

市议会位于 Forest Hill 的客户服务中心于 2025 年 6 月 27 日 (星期五) 永久关闭。

我们的 Nunawading 和 Box Hill 服务中心照常营业。

发表您的意见

您知道吗?您可以通过“发表意见”来影响市议会的决策并为其提供信息。

请访问我们的“*Your Say*”页面, 查看当前征集意见的内容, 了解您如何能够助力塑造您所在社区的未來:
yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt

Ngân sách 2025/26

Vào thứ Hai ngày 16 tháng 6, Hội đồng đã thông qua Ngân sách 2025/26 và Integrated Council Plan 2025–2029 (Kế hoạch Hội đồng Tích hợp, chỉ có bằng tiếng Anh).

Ngân sách 2025/26 trình bày chi tiết các dịch vụ, sáng kiến và chương trình Capital Works (tức chương trình đầu tư xây dựng cơ sở hạ tầng) mà Hội đồng dự kiến triển khai trong năm tài chính sắp tới.

Tìm hiểu thêm: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-budget

Đóng cửa Trung tâm dịch vụ khách hàng

Trung tâm dịch vụ khách hàng Forest Hill của Hội đồng sẽ đóng cửa vĩnh viễn vào thứ Sáu ngày 27 tháng 6 năm 2025.

Các trung tâm dịch vụ Nunawading và Box Hill vẫn mở cửa bình thường.

Hãy chia sẻ ý kiến của quý vị

Quý vị có biết rằng mình có thể ảnh hưởng và đóng góp ý kiến cho các quyết định của Hội đồng thông qua chương trình Ý kiến của Quý vị không?

Truy cập trang *Your Say* để xem các nội dung đang được lấy ý kiến và khám phá cách quý vị có thể đóng góp vào việc định hình tương lai cộng đồng của mình:
yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au



Whitehorse PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum

Come and talk with Victoria Police about what issues are important in our community. Questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

When: Wednesday 30 July, 6pm to 9pm

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

Registrations required via QR code.



Carer Supports and Services Workshop

Do you provide unpaid care and support to an older family member, friend or neighbour? Come along and learn about the support services available to carers and their families.

When: Tuesday 19 August, 1pm to 3pm

Where: Willis Room, Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379–399 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading

Cost: Free, registrations are required trybooking.com/DCEUN



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 meeting

- Monday 14 July
- Monday 28 July

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

Greek | Ελληνικά

Προϋπολογισμός 2025/26

Τη Δευτέρα 16 Ιουνίου, το Δημοτικό Συμβούλιο ενέκρινε τον Προϋπολογισμό 2025/26 και το Integrated Council Plan 2025–2029 (Ολοκληρωμένο Σχέδιο του Συμβουλίου 2025–2029, διαθέσιμο μόνο στα Αγγλικά).

Ο **Προϋπολογισμός 2025/26** περιγράφει τις υπηρεσίες, τις πρωτοβουλίες και το Πρόγραμμα Capital Works που σκοπεύει να υλοποιήσει το Συμβούλιο κατά το επόμενο οικονομικό έτος.

Μάθετε περισσότερα στην ιστοσελίδα: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-budget

Κλείσιμο του Κέντρου Εξυπηρέτησης Πελατών

Το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πελατών του Δήμου στο Forest Hill έκλεισε οριστικά την Παρασκευή 27 Ιουνίου 2025.

Τα κέντρα εξυπηρέτησης στο Nunawading και στο Box Hill παραμένουν ανοιχτά όπως συνήθως.

Πείτε μας τη γνώμη σας

Γνωρίζετε ότι μπορείτε να επηρεάσετε και να ενημερώσετε τις αποφάσεις του Δήμου μέσω του Πείτε τη Γνώμη σας;

Επισκεφθείτε τη σελίδα «*Your Say*» για να δείτε ποια θέματα είναι ανοιχτά για τη συμμετοχή σας και ανακαλύψτε πώς μπορείτε να βοηθήσετε στη διαμόρφωση του μέλλοντος της κοινότητάς σας στον ιστότοπο: yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Contact Whitehorse City Council

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Website: whitehorse.vic.gov.au

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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: Whitehorse Children’s Advisory Panel

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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.

Information correct at time of printing: Thursday 26 June 2025.
For the latest news updates and online content, visit the ‘**News**’ page at whitehorse.vic.gov.au



New-look Whitehorse City Council website

We have heard your feedback – you want a faster, easier way to find information about our services, facilities and events.

We are launching a new-look Whitehorse City Council website, redesigned with you in mind.

Whether you are applying for a permit, paying a bill, reporting an issue, or just exploring what's on, our improved website will help you do it all quickly and easily, whenever and wherever it suits you.

What's new?

- An easy-to-follow menu
- Better quick link access
- Improved search
- Search in your preferred language
- Self-service, your way

Check it out: whitehorse.vic.gov.au



Stay well this winter

This year has seen an increase in recorded influenza cases across Australia. Colds and flu are more common in winter when people spend more time indoors with each other, increasing the chances of infection.

Simple steps can help stop the spread of illnesses:

- Handwashing
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Surface cleaning
- Avoid crowds
- Stay home when sick
- Healthy lifestyle
- Flu vaccination



Visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/stay-well or scan the QR code to learn more.



Do you have a home emergency plan?

During the cool winter weather, and all throughout the year, it is vital to have an emergency plan if a fire, flood or storm hits your home.

Whitehorse is not immune to extreme weather events. By taking steps to be prepared, you will know what to do when you are at risk and if you need to evacuate your home.

We have a range of resources to help you develop your home emergency plan on our website, including tips and guides from emergency services providers such as the CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria, the SES and Australian Red Cross.

Visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/preparing-emergency or scan the QR code to learn more.

