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Mayor's message Cr Kirsten Langford

It has been a great privilege to
serve as Mayor of Whitehorse
over the past year.

A highlight of my Mayoral term
has been welcoming more than
1,300 new Australian citizens
to Whitehorse at citizenship
ceremonies. Each ceremony is a wonderful celebration of the
people and cultures that make up our community, and a reminder of
what makes Whitehorse such a welcoming place to call home.

Taking on the role of spokesperson for this wonderful community
has been an absolute honour. I have been a strong advocate on
many local and state issues from protecting public open space,
calling for greater transparency in planning changes and genuinely
listening to what the people of Whitehorse want and need.

Some standout achievements include:

- Fighting alongside the community for the Box Hill Brickworks site
to become a new public park.
- Progressing the Nunawading Indoor Sports Centre redevelopment,
which will help meet growing demand for basketball and other
indoor sports.
- Taking a stand on kerbside glass collection, listening to our
community and voting against the proposed glass bin roll out.

One of my most recent highlights was being nominated as an
Emerging Leader at the VLGA's Mary Rodgers awards (pictured),
acknowledging the significant contributions of women in local
government.

Above all, I am continually inspired by the people who contribute
to our city, our volunteers, community groups, sporting clubs,
businesses and residents. It has been an incredible honour to
serve as your Mayor. I look forward to continuing to represent
Kingsley Ward for the next 2 years and working for the future of
our community.



Could your photo feature in our 2027 calendar?

Show us what you love about Whitehorse. We're inviting residents
to submit your favourite photos of our community for a chance to
be featured in the 2027 Whitehorse Calendar.

Your photo could capture local architecture, flora and fauna, public
art, cultural activities or a hidden gem in the area. Whether you're
a keen photographer or have snapped a great shot while out and
about, we'd love to see it.

Submit your photos by Sunday 18 October via
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/calendar

The 2027 Whitehorse Calendar will be available for
residents to collect from Council service centres in
December 2026.



Turning our plan into action

The Integrated Council Plan 2025–2029 sets out Council's priorities across 5 areas. In 2025/26, 90% of the actions in our annual action plan were completed, helping turn these priorities into practical outcomes for our community.



Community

Working with our community

We strengthened our connection with the community by establishing the Whitehorse Community Safety Crime Prevention Committee and **Multicultural Advisory Committee** (pictured), creating new opportunities to work with community representatives and partners on the issues that matter to them.



Built

Investing in our places

We progressed the redevelopment of **Box Hill City Oval** (pictured). Council's overall investment in this project is \$5.5 million, alongside \$13.6 million from the Federal Government and \$6 million from the State Government. The upgraded facilities will benefit the community for years to come. We also expanded open space by purchasing land on Mont Albert Road to establish a new neighbourhood park in Mont Albert.



Economy

Supporting local opportunities

We became a Small Business Friendly Council by signing the Small Business Friendly Charter. We also supported apprenticeships, traineeships, work placements and strengthened our partnership with Deakin University.



Natural

Caring for our environment

We planted 3,360 street trees across Whitehorse and continued work to improve biodiversity and open space. We also progressed our kerbside transition, voted against the proposed glass bin and continued advocating for better glass recycling solutions.



Governance

Improving how Council works

We progressed a review of Whitehorse's 10 Neighbourhood and Community Houses, looking at their programs, services and facilities and how they can best support our community as it changes and grows.

Calling for better roads across Whitehorse

Potholes and damaged roads are a common concern raised by our community.

We continue to hear from residents about the condition of some major roads across Whitehorse, including potholes, cracked surfaces and sections of road that are wearing out.

Many of these roads are managed by the State Government, not Council.

We are calling on the **State Government** to repair damaged sections and invest more in regular road maintenance and resurfacing, so problems can be fixed before they become worse.

We will continue to advocate to the State Government for better maintenance of these important roads.

Council has identified 6 key roads where more investment is needed:

- Burwood Highway
- Station Street
- Elgar Road
- Springvale Road
- Canterbury Road
- Whitehorse Road

Canterbury Road, particularly around the intersection with Mahoneys Road in Forest Hill, is one area where road conditions are regularly raised by the community.

These roads are important transport routes for our community, and proactive maintenance can help address problems before they reach a critical condition.

Report a pothole

If you see a road on the map below that requires maintenance or repair, please report it to **13 11 70** or via Transport Victoria's website at transport.vic.gov.au/contact-us/road-issues-and-enquiries.

For potholes or road issues on local Council-managed roads, please report them please report them to us on **9262 6333** or through **Snap Send Solve**.

These roads in Whitehorse are managed and maintained by State Government



The responsibility for State Government roads extends into the intersections of local roads. For intersections with traffic lights, this extends to 1 metre past the detector loops in the road pavement. For other intersections, it is to the end of the splitter island.

Proposed SRL updates for Box Hill

Council welcomes the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) Authority's proposal to reduce the construction footprint in Box Hill Gardens from around 25 per cent to around 10 per cent.

Box Hill Gardens is a valued community space and will become even more important as Box Hill continues to grow.

However, while the proposal would reduce impacts on the Gardens, it would also require the acquisition of up to 10 additional residential, commercial and heritage properties, and reduce the amount of new open space created within the community.

Council is concerned about the people and properties directly affected and does not want to see buildings acquired or demolished earlier than necessary.

Council is asking to be involved in early planning for these sites, to ensure they contribute positively to the future of central Box Hill.

Read more about the project: bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/suburban-rail-loop

"Protecting more of Box Hill Gardens is a good outcome, but it shouldn't come at the expense of residents and businesses, and it certainly shouldn't be used to wind back public open space that has already been promised to our growing community." Whitehorse Mayor, Cr Kirsten Langford.



Whitehorse Mayor Cr Kirsten Langford being interviewed by ABC News about Box Hill Gardens.

This is the place for open space

Around 1,500 residents rallied in Box Hill on Sunday 23 August to call for the seven-hectare Box Hill Brickworks site to be protected as public open space.

The rally, organised by the Box Hill Brickworks Parkland Association, brought together residents, community advocates and Whitehorse Councillors united in their call for more parkland in the growing suburb.

Whitehorse Mayor Cr Kirsten Langford said the turnout sent a clear message that the State Government's decision to preserve five per cent of the privately-owned site for open space was not enough.

Opposition Leader Jess Wilson attended the rally to announce that upon a successful purchase of the site by the Whitehorse City Council, an elected Liberal Government would invest \$20 million towards remediating the Box Hill Brickworks into a permanent public parkland and revoke Labor's planning rules.

This commitment is subject to Council acquiring the land.





**FREE
EVENT**

When: Sunday 18 October,
10am–4pm

Where: Whitehorse
Civic Centre Precinct,
379–399 Whitehorse Road,
Nunawading

WHITEHORSE SPRING FESTIVAL 2026

Celebrate community, culture and creativity at this year's Whitehorse Spring Festival.

Join us for a free, family friendly, all ages event showcasing more than 60 local artists performing music and dance across 4 stages. Wander through the makers' market and more than 90 community stalls. Learn about and experience our diverse community.

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Community performances
- Face painting
- Petting zoo
- Community stalls
- Amusement rides
- VR trailer **NEW**
- Sand art activity **NEW**
- Inflatable dodgeball **NEW**
- Eco Hub
- Active Living Hub
- Emergency Services Zone
- Roving performers
- Food vendors
- Silent Disco **NEW**



GETTING THERE

Limited street parking – take active transport!

We suggest catching a ride with a friend, using public transport, or riding your bike then locking it at the on-site bike stations.

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FESTIVAL SEASON

2026–2027

Whitehorse Carols 2026

When: Saturday 19 December, 6.30pm–9.30pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year at Whitehorse Carols.

Hosted by Tottie Goldsmith, this free family event will feature festive performances from Kings of Christmas, starring Bobby Fox

and Rob Mills, Casey Donovan, Whitehorse Churches Care, Mark Andrew and more!

Enjoy food trucks, amusement rides, face painting, roaming entertainment and a special visit from Santa.

Warm up your singing voices, gather your carolling crew and mark Saturday 19 December in your Christmas calendar.



Australia Day Concert 2027

When: Tuesday 26 January 2027, 7pm–10pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct

Enjoy a summer night out with free entertainment for the whole family at the Whitehorse Australia Day Concert.

Get ready for powerhouse performances from Ruva Ngwenya (star of TINA – The Tina Turner Musical), Lee Harding (Australian Idol) and Boyband, starring Stephen Mahy, Matt Hetherington and Chris Durling, with a high-energy mix of pop favourites, rock anthems and iconic hits.

With food trucks, amusement rides, face painting and roaming entertainment, there will be plenty to enjoy before the evening ends with a spectacular fireworks finale.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Whitehorse Twilight Markets

When: December 2026, January, February & March 2027 (Stay tuned for dates)

Where: Britannia Mall, Mitcham

Culture Fest

When: Sunday 21 March 2027, 11.30am–3.30pm

Where: Box Hill Town Hall **NEW**

Jazz at the Lake

When: Sunday 7 March 2027, 3.30pm–7.30pm

Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Moonlight Movies

When: Thursday 25 March & Friday 2 April 2027, 7.30pm

Where: Box Hill Gardens (Thursday) Livingston Reserve in Vermont (Friday)

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Whitehorse Seniors Festival 2026 – time to Connect Create Celebrate

Looking to connect with others, learn something new or revisit a favourite pastime? The 2026 Whitehorse Seniors Festival, held from 1 to 31 October, offers more than 200 free and low-cost activities across the municipality.

Part of the statewide Victorian Seniors Festival, this year's theme, Connect, Create, Celebrate, reflects the diverse program on offer.

Delivered by more than 50 community organisations, clubs, neighbourhood houses,

businesses and Council, the festival showcases the people, interests and experiences that make Whitehorse such a vibrant community.

From arts, crafts and performances to exercise, technology, cultural experiences and lifelong learning, there are plenty of opportunities to stay active, connected and involved.

View the full program at
whitehorse.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival



Whitehorse Seniors Festival Grand Opening

When: Thursday 1 October, 10am–3pm

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

Cost: Free, no booking required

Join us for the grand opening of the festival and discover the joy of lifelong learning. Enjoy dancing, choir and swing band performances, browse art and craft displays, exhibitions and try activities. Hosted by U3A Nunawading.



Whitehorse One Voice Choir – The Big Sing

When: Sunday 18 October, 1.45pm for a
2pm start

Where: The Round, 379 Whitehorse Road,
Nunawading

Cost: Free, no booking required

Come one, come all and sing with Whitehorse One Voice at the Whitehorse Spring Festival. All ages welcome, no singing experience required.

The Big Sing rehearsal details:

When: Tuesday 13 October, 7pm–9pm

Where: Studio 2, Nunawading Community Hub,
96–106 Springvale Road, Nunawading

Cost: Free, booking required:
trybooking.com/DODRD

Come along to a fun community rehearsal before the Spring Festival performance. Sing familiar tunes and enjoy supper.



Beyond Age Exhibition

When:

Monday 19 October
to Sunday 25 October

Where:

Box Hill
Community Arts Centre,
470 Station Street, Box Hill

Cost: Free, no booking required

This inspiring exhibition features photographs and personal reflections from Beyond Age, a project that invited 20 Whitehorse community members to share their unique experiences of ageing.

Celebration event

When: Thursday 22 October,
10.30am–12.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre,
470 Station Street, Box Hill

Cost: Free, booking required:
trybooking.com/DNYCX

View the exhibition, hear
conversations about ageing and
share light refreshments.



Read your bills workshop

When: Wednesday 28 October, 2.30pm–4pm

Where: Forest Hill Community Space,
Shop 215a, Level 2/270 Canterbury Road,
Forest Hill

Whether you are simply looking to understand your bills better or considering improvements to your home, this workshop will give you practical information to help you feel more confident about your choices. You will receive personalised advice to help you lower your energy bills. Short individual consultations with our expert will be available during the session. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Cost: Free, booking required:
events.humanitix.com/reading-your-bills-and-save-workshop



Still woodturning at 96: meet Cliff Walsh

At 96 years of age, Cliff Walsh is proof that you're never too old to keep learning, creating and sharing your skills.

A long-time member of the Forest Hill Woodturners & Community Shed, Cliff has been turning wood for almost 80 years. His journey began in 1946 when he started an apprenticeship in pattern making, an engineering trade that required him to learn woodturning as part of his work.

From there, Cliff developed a passion for the craft, taking on increasingly complex projects that challenged both his creativity and problem-solving skills.

Among his many creations, one stands above the rest: a detailed wooden replica of the Eiffel Tower.

Taking around 2 months to complete, it remains the piece he is most proud of.

Over the years, Cliff's talent has earned international and national recognition.

Cliff joined Forest Hill Woodturners & Community Shed around 30 years ago after moving to the area, recognising that being part of a club was the best way to continue learning.

Today, he values the opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow members more than ever and believes that learning never stops.

Forest Hill Woodturners has a stall at the upcoming Whitehorse Spring Festival (see page 4), be sure to stop in and say hello.



National Recycling Week (November 9–15)

Clothes swap and slow fashion talk

Refresh your wardrobe without buying new at our clothes swap. Exchange up to 8 items for something new to you, saving money and reducing waste. Learn practical tips for building an ethical wardrobe, avoiding fast fashion and spotting greenwashing with slow fashion advocate Jenna Flood.

When: Saturday 14 November, 10am–12.30pm

Where: The Round, Nunawading

Cost: Free, booking required via QR code

For more information on our sustainability events or to book your spot, scan the QR code or visit: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/sustainable-whitehorse



Storytime with a recycling truck

Celebrate National Recycling Week at our special Waste-Wise Storytime, with children's books on recycling and a special visit from the recycling truck!

When: Tuesday
10 November,
11am–11.45am

Where: Nunawading Library

Cost: Free, no booking required



The Rookie Gardener with Chloe Foster

Join horticulturist Chloe Foster for a practical introduction to gardening and Q&A. She'll share tips on soil, light, plant selection and creating habitat for local wildlife.

When: Monday 19 October, 6.30pm–7.30pm

Where: Nunawading Library

Cost: Free, booking required via QR code

The Urban Farmer with Justin Calverley

In this engaging and interactive session, urban agriculture expert Justin Calverley will explore the natural systems that support sustainable food production and share practical tips for growing your own fruit, vegetables and herbs.

When: Monday 9 November, 6.30pm–7.30pm

Where: Nunawading Library

Cost: Free, booking required via QR code

Urban greening and cooling

Presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia

This session explores how increasing urban greenery can help reduce heat in our communities, with practical examples of how everyone can contribute to a healthier urban forest.

When: Saturday 14 November,
10.30am–11.30am

Where: Meeting Room 2, Nunawading Community Hub

Cost: Free, booking required via QR code

Make your backyard safer for native wildlife

Did you know that in Victoria, netting on household fruit trees must have a mesh size of less than 5mm x 5mm at full stretch? Nets with a larger mesh size are illegal and can entangle and injure birds, bats and other native animals.

That's why Whitehorse City Council is participating in the Net Swap Program, giving residents the opportunity to swap fruit netting that can harm native animals for a legal alternative.

Find out when and where replacement nets will be available for Whitehorse residents:

whitehorse.vic.gov.au/fruit-tree-netting

The Net Swap Program is delivered by the Conservation Regulator in partnership with participating Victorian councils.



**This dumped rubbish
didn't disappear.
It cost our community.**



If you see someone deliberately dumping rubbish, report it via Snap Send Solve.

snapsendsolve.com



Every clean-up comes at a cost

That old dresser on the nature strip. The unwanted fridge. The pile of dumped rubbish down the street.

It might be out of your home, but it hasn't disappeared. Council spends significant time and resources removing dumped rubbish from our streets and disposing of it.

Before putting unwanted items out and hoping someone will take them, think twice. If your dresser, fridge, furniture or appliance is still in good condition, consider selling, donating or giving it away so someone else can give it a second life.

If it can't be reused, there are still responsible ways to dispose of it. Depending on the item, you may be able to recycle it, book a hard waste collection or take it to our Recycling and Waste Centre.

Instead of leaving it on the nature strip, ask yourself: Could someone else use this? Can it be donated, reused, recycled or disposed of properly?

Learn more: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/reduce-reuse-recycle

Are you recycling right? Let's bust some myths!

Think you know what belongs in your household bins? You might be surprised! This National Recycling Week, we are busting some common recycling myths to help make sure your waste ends up in the right place. Correct recycling helps reduce contamination, protect workers and ensure valuable materials can be recovered and reused.

Myth: Textiles can go in the yellow-lidded recycling bin.

Busted! Textiles can contaminate your recycling. If clothing or other textiles are in good condition, consider reusing, repurposing or rehoming them. Specialty textile recycling programs may also be available.

Update your recycling knowledge by visiting our **What Can Go In My Bin?** webpage or downloading the **Recycle Mate** app to check where your items belong. **When in doubt, check it out!**

whitehorse.vic.gov.au/what-can-go-my-bin



Myth: Everything in household bins goes to the same place.

Busted! Your bins have different destinations. Recycling from your bin with a yellow lid is turned into new products. Food and garden organics from your bin with a lime-green lid are processed into products such as mulch and compost. Garbage from your bin with a red lid goes to landfill.

Myth: Soft plastics can go in the yellow-lidded bin.

Busted! Soft plastics do not belong in your recycling bin. Use a participating specialty soft-plastics recycling program where available, or place them in your garbage bin. Better still, avoid unnecessary soft plastics where you can.



Kingsley Ward Cr Kirsten Langford Mayor



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Box Hill Brickworks – This is the Place for Open Space

Surrey Hills and Mont Albert have some of the lowest square metres of open space per resident in Melbourne. Having Box Hill Brickworks as Open Space would make up for the lack of it in Kingsley Ward. At the Community rally, I highlighted Council's unanimous October 2025 decision to seek to purchase Box Hill Brickworks. We remain open to negotiations with the owner, a position supported by more than 1,500 rally attendees. This space would give the residents of Kingsley,

Box Hill and Whitehorse a more liveable city. Remember DENSITY + OPEN SPACE = LIVABILITY

Hamilton St Streetscape

Community Engagement during August via Community Meeting where 50+ traders and residents attended, a street pop-up and Your Say, has been very successful with over 1000 people interacting with the draft design. We are looking forward to the final design prior to works commencing in 2027.

Mont Albert Moon Festival

On the 19th September Hamilton Street Mont Albert had an incredible Dragon and Lion Dance Parade to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. This was followed by a treasure hunt through the Mont Albert Village which was enjoyed by children and parents.

New Mont Albert Road Park

Draft designs for the new Mont Albert Rd Park are currently being prepared – once they are finalised, Council would love to hear what you think. Your Say is due to kick off around November.

Meet the Mayor

Check out my social media to find out about my Coffee Catch Ups.



Cootamundra Ward Cr Kieran Simpson Deputy Mayor



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Good local decisions are rarely made by Councillors alone. They are stronger when they are informed by people who understand our community and the practical impacts of policy.

That is why Council's decision last year to change the Environment Sustainability Reference Group into the Environment Sustainability Advisory Committee mattered. It gave the now Committee a clearer pathway to provide advice before decisions are made.

As the Committee's chair, I am proud to work with members who bring a wide range of knowledge, skills and experience. They come from different backgrounds but

share a commitment to the local environment and a willingness to contribute their time in service of Whitehorse. Environmental decisions touch everyday life, from how we reduce waste to how we protect local places and plan responsibly for the future. The Committee gives Council access to practical, local and long-term perspectives as it considers how best to respond to environmental challenges.

Their advice has helped inform Council's consideration of a soft plastics recycling facility, the Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan, tree management policies and masterplan consultation.

These examples show the real value of Council committees. At their best, they are a genuine way for community members to turn their experience, professional knowledge or local passion into practical advice to help shape policy and improve decisions Council makes on behalf of the wider community.

If you have knowledge, skills or lived experience that could assist Council's work, or simply a strong commitment to Whitehorse, I encourage you to consider putting your hand up when advisory committee opportunities arise. Your contribution can help shape better outcomes for our community. Council's committees are listed on our website.

Council has also recently concluded consultation on the Integrated Transport Strategy, which considers how to better connect our city. Active transport is an important consideration, particularly given about a quarter of car trips are under 5 kilometres. That means there are congestion-busting opportunities to improve walking and cycling infrastructure across Whitehorse. I look forward to reading the feedback and seeing how community input can help shape this important work.

Eley Ward
Cr Daniel Griffiths



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The future of Whitehorse

I strongly believe Council's focus should be local, and on getting the basics right. However, State Government decisions directly impact Council's rates, roads and rubbish. Council is advocating for the State to fix their potholes, and restore equitable co-funding for our libraries and maternal child health services. We've opposed increased state levies that push up Council waste fees and rate bills above the 'Fair go' rates cap. At the same time, planning reforms removed local council powers and community consultation, while rezoning land to unlock future high-density housing near train stations. The state election outcome has big consequences for Whitehorse.

It will affect open green space, Big Build projects, bin collection policy, and even the design of local democracy itself. Be well-informed as you head to the ballot box. Every vote counts, but in marginal seats like ours even more so.

Could joining a club change your life?

If you find yourself '**ticking away the moments that make up a dull day**', as described by the song 'Time' by Pink Floyd, the Whitehorse Seniors Festival draws together more than 200 **free** and low-cost activities for you throughout October. They are designed for seniors, but most are open to all ages – including those still young at heart, or wondering where all the time went. Source the full program details online or from Council offices. A few highlighted activities:

- 3-hour bus tour to **Bio Gro** to discover what happens after your green bin is collected
- guided bird walk and bird-friendly garden advice with **Bungalook Plant Nursery**
- **Neighbourhood House at Eley** – Sewing, Knitting, Tango for Parkinson classes

I've recently visited my local retirement village communities at Regis Inala Village, Barina Gardens, and Ryman's John Flynn Retirement Village. Together, we celebrated the successful Council delivery of a requested safer pedestrian crossing on Foundation Boulevard. I also gathered a new list of well-considered resident priorities and action items to follow up on.

Navigating Council issues can feel daunting against a large bureaucracy, red tape, and competing priorities, but **I am here to help as your Councillor.**

Elgar Ward
Cr Blair Barker



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Welcome to spring – what a great time of year to be out in our parks, so a park-focused update.

Many will have noticed some parts of Box Hill Gardens have been fenced off. Thankfully, this is only temporary and enables the Suburban Rail Loop to build a new toilet and build some other improvements to the western side of the gardens prior to major long-term works on the western side.

It was great to attend the 'Make the Brickworks a Park' rally. The huge turnout of locals and generous announcement by the coalition to help Council make it happen has filled me with

optimism. Council has supported significant development in Box Hill, always balancing the need for housing supply while protecting the liveability of the area. A new open space park is a sensible future proofing of the liveability of Box Hill. Locals overwhelmingly agree it is a low-risk, common sense outcome compared to attempting to build apartment towers on a former toxic landfill. It will be a long journey, but I am certain it will be worth the effort.

The new park being built on the old car park in Court Street and abandoned childcare centre on Watts Street is close to finished and it looks fabulous. It's nearly 2,500 square metres of 'nature based' park with the old trees retained, some nice paths and terrific grassed areas. Set back from Whitehorse Road and visible to all near apartments, the site offers some serenity

and relief from the noise and concrete. I know it will be treasured for generations to come. I am really proud of the Elgar locals who imagined the space and supported the project. In this case we have prioritised open space over more dense housing and revenue.



Lake Ward Cr Hayley Weller

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In February I shared that progressing the future of Silver Grove is a key priority for Lake Ward – and it still is. Silver Grove is one of our most significant strategic sites. It's a 2.4 hectare parcel right in the heart of the Nunawading Activity Centre, with strong potential to support new housing, open space and broader investment in the area.

The site is eligible for the Department of Transport and Planning's (DTP) Unlocking Strategic Sites Program (Tranche 2), and Council is now preparing the required information, including our preferred land use and zoning intent.

An early concept for the site shows a high-density mixed use precinct with apartments



alongside retail and commercial spaces, improved public areas and a modern community facility, which could include a library. Environmental assessments confirm the land is suitable, with only minor design measures needed to manage potential noise, dust and odour impacts.

Later in 2026, Council will run community engagement to hear your views on land use options. This will help shape the business case before any detailed design work begins.

Once Council has confirmed its preferred land use intent, 2 rezoning pathways are available:

the DTP's accelerated process or a Council-led pathway offering greater control. The state election outcome, along with rezoning timing and valuation evidence, will guide which pathway Council takes and how windfall gains tax may affect our financial position. A Council report and decision is expected in early 2027, once updated modelling gives us a clear picture of the impacts.

You can find more information at yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/silver-grove

Mahoneys Ward Cr Jason Martin

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We've now reached the halfway point of the current Council term, and it's a good moment to reflect on where things stand and to thank residents for their ongoing engagement.

Rate notices have recently landed in letterboxes, and I know cost-of-living pressures are front of mind for many households. Council remains committed to a financially responsible budget, delivering the core services residents rely on for roads, footpaths, drainage and sporting facilities among them, while living within our means. Managing these demands is genuinely extensive, and it's a balance we take seriously.

On roads specifically, I've had a number of residents raise potholes on Mahoneys Road, Canterbury Road, Station Street and Middleborough Road. These are state roads, and while we'd love to see them fixed, Council isn't funded to carry out these repairs. What we do is report every issue to the Department of Transport. If you spot a pothole on a local road where Council is responsible, please report it directly to our customer service team or via Snap Send Solve, and we'll respond.

It's no surprise that many small businesses and sole traders across Whitehorse are doing it tough at present, and supporting them locally matters more than ever.

Planning is also shifting; with State Government announcing that developments of up to 4 homes on a single lot are to be fast-tracked to a 10-business-day approval process. These

changes are expected to be in place from October 2026.

A change worth keeping an eye on as our neighbourhoods evolve.

I've genuinely enjoyed seeing Mayor Cr Langford out in the community and active in the media, advocating for Whitehorse. It's Council's job to go into bat for our community, today and tomorrow. As your local representative for Mahoneys Ward, I will always represent the best interests of all residents in Whitehorse.

Lastly, I also want to thank residents who take the time to share ideas, particularly around our parks. As your local Councillor, I receive many emails and calls covering a wide variety of issues, and I always appreciate hearing from you. Please keep those queries coming – I'm always glad to help however I can.

**Sparks Ward
Cr Peter Allan**



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As your Sparks Ward Councillor, my focus is always on ensuring our community remains a highly liveable, vibrant and well-connected place to call home. Looking ahead, Whitehorse City Council is driving forward several new initiatives designed to support our growing community while preserving the local amenity we value so dearly.

A major focus of our future vision is the transformation of the historic Box Hill Brickworks site. Council remains firmly committed to advocating that this 7-hectare site be turned into dedicated public open space. With high-density residential towers continuing to rise around Box Hill, securing this parkland is essential for our health, well-

being and environment. We are actively urging the State Government to step up and co-invest with Council to deliver this vital green lung for current and future generations.

In tandem with expanding our green spaces, we are investing heavily in local sport and community connections. Council is currently planning upgraded indoor sports infrastructure, as well as a new sports pavilion at Surrey Park, to promote active lifestyles across all ages. Furthermore, proposed projects such as the Chinese Community and Cultural Centre in Box Hill will centralise support, ensuring residents can access vital services close to home.

At the same time, we must carefully balance growth with liveability. We continue to advocate strongly on behalf of residents regarding major transport and state planning reforms, including the Suburban

Rail Loop. Our goal is to ensure that future development respects the unique character of our neighbourhoods. We must ensure that, into the future, we provide the 'engine room' for growing our local economy and local jobs.

The future of Sparks Ward relies on your feedback. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts. As always, please reach out to me with your ideas, concerns or feedback.



**Terrara Ward
Cr Jarrod Gunn**



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Another winter season ends across the city and we prepare for our summer sports and Council's events season to recommence. First up will be Spring Fest!

This summer season will see East Burwood Cricket Club operate out of new multisport nets. Having grown to 5 teams along with a junior development program, this addition will be most welcome and is being delivered alongside the pavilion renewal. The best part is these nets will also support netball and other uses throughout the year. The pavilion renewal project itself continues with delivery expected around May 2027.

The park is so awesome now - I feel like a total rockstar when I'm first there and all the lights turn on 🤖

A local resident's recent description on Facebook of motion sensor lighting at Terrara Park.

After the highly successful Terrara Park lighting project, recently described by a resident as 'feeling like a total rock star' when they automatically come on as you are first to enter the field, attention now turns to Billabong Park. Lighting renewal at Billabong Park should be due for completion around the end of October after delays due to heavy rain. On demand lighting allows residents to be more active, more often. The LED globes are cheaper and better for the environment too!

Speaking of Billabong Park – there is a new tenant sport now

being played out of this ground called Kho Kho! The inaugural launch of the city's first Kho Kho club will take place during this newsletter's publication. I urge you to Google/YouTube Kho Kho to see what it's all about!

While online, be sure to follow my Facebook page for more regular updates and to be informed of upcoming activity and consultation, as well as a planned Mid-Term Council Performance Survey (October 2026). Type @jarroddgunnforterrara or search Councillor Jarrod Gunn on Facebook to find me.

Walker Ward Cr Ben Stennett

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One of the things I enjoy most about representing Walker Ward is seeing people come together at the many local events that make Nunawading and Mitcham such great places to live.

It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the Heritage Week Family Day at Schwerkolt Cottage. This is always a special event, bringing our local history to life and giving people of all ages the chance to enjoy one of Whitehorse's most treasured heritage sites.

As we move into November, I look forward to joining the community for the Remembrance Day service at Halliday Park in Mitcham. It is always a moving occasion and an

important opportunity to pause, reflect and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

November will also see the return of the St John's Fete, another wonderful local tradition. Events like these rely on the hard work of volunteers and are a great reminder of the strong community spirit we have across our neighbourhoods.

I'm also looking forward to the Mitcham Twilight Markets returning to Britannia Mall. The markets have become a great way to enjoy a relaxed evening locally, support traders and catch up with friends and neighbours.

I hope to see many of you out and about over the coming months. As always, please feel free to stop and say hello or get in touch with any local ideas, concerns or suggestions.



Wattle Ward Cr Andrew Davenport

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As the winter sports season ends, congratulations to everyone who took part in our local clubs. Whether you played your first game, reached a personal goal or cheered from the sidelines, you helped make this season special. A big thank you to the parents, carers, coaches and volunteers who keep community sport going and provide opportunities for participation for all. From driving to training and washing uniforms to running the canteen, your time and care make a real difference. You help people of all ages stay active, build friendships and feel welcome.

Special congratulations to Wattle Park Amateur Football Club on winning the 2026 Division 3 Men's premiership! What a wonderful reward for the hard work of players, coaches, volunteers and supporters. Enjoy celebrating this proud achievement together.

Our community spirit has also been on display along Gardiners Creek. Congratulations to KooyongKoot Alliance, Urban Guerrillas and Friends of Gardiners Creek Reserve on their successful volunteer planting activities over the last 12 months. Your efforts create homes for wildlife and make our green spaces better for everyone to enjoy.

I also welcome Whitehorse Council's Open Library concept for longer access to Nunawading Library. Giving people more time to visit would help students, workers and families fit reading

and learning into busy lives. Libraries are valuable places to learn, find information and connect with others.

Lastly, Whitehorse Council has a photo competition for our annual calendar. If you would like to submit a photo for consideration, please visit yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Simpson Ward

It's an exciting time for Simpson Ward, with several projects now complete and more on the way!

One of the most popular new additions has been the outdoor fitness equipment in Cochrane Street, Mitcham, near the Chasta Crescent playground and opposite Simpson Park. From the day it opened on 25 June, it has been incredibly well used by everyone from youngsters to teenagers to older adults. It has been wonderful to see so many residents embracing this fantastic new facility to keep active and enjoy the outdoors.

Another milestone is the completion of the new pavilion extension at Vermont Recreation Reserve. The modern, female-friendly facilities include four change rooms, umpires rooms, a medical room and an accessible toilet, all thoughtfully integrated

with the existing social rooms to create one seamless building. It's a terrific outcome for our growing sporting community.

The Vermont East Shopping Centre streetscape upgrade is now complete. The improvements, including a new accessible parking space near the pharmacy, are already making the precinct more welcoming and accessible for shoppers and local businesses.

Looking ahead, the 2026-27 Budget includes several important Simpson Ward projects:

- Talbot Street, Mitcham, road construction
- Vermont Village Shopping Centre, rear laneway construction
- Bellbird Dell, Vermont, stormwater diversion and creek rehabilitation

- Campbells Croft historical marker, Vermont
- Purches Street, Mitcham, indented parking outside the 1st Heatherdale Scout Hall

These investments reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a safer, more accessible and connected community.

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 5 October 2026
- Monday 26 October 2026
- Wednesday 11 November 2026 (mayoral election)
- Monday 16 November 2026
- Monday 7 December 2026

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

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.

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



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Delivered every 2 months, Council's community publication keeps you up to date with local news, events, projects and services.

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Building a better Whitehorse

Vermont Recreation Reserve

Corner Terrara and Canterbury Roads, Vermont

A major 2-year redevelopment of Vermont Recreation Reserve is now complete, delivering upgraded facilities for local sporting clubs and the wider community.

Shaped by community feedback, the project delivered a refurbished and expanded pavilion, a reconstructed oval and new LED sports field lighting, creating a more functional, accessible and sustainable reserve for players, volunteers and visitors.

The redevelopment responds to the growing needs of local clubs, who have experienced increasing female participation. As a result, the upgraded pavilion includes modern unisex changerooms



and amenities, supporting more inclusive participation in sport.

Accessibility has also been enhanced through the addition of new accessible toilets, both inside and outside the pavilion.

As a hub for local sporting clubs, Auskick and Vermont Primary School, the reserve experiences high levels of use. The reconstructed oval means it can now sustain more hours of play.

The new LED lights are more energy efficient, have better directed light for participants and reduce light-spill into neighbouring properties.

The project was funded by Whitehorse City Council, in partnership with the State Government and Vermont Sports Club Inc.



Mirrabooka Reserve

80–140 Holland Road, Blackburn South

The Mirrabooka Pavilion redevelopment is progressing well, with major external works now complete including the steel frame, brickwork, windows and roof. Internal works are continuing.

The pavilion is due to be completed in late 2026, with final site works and landscaping scheduled for early 2027.

The new facilities will support greater participation in sport while creating flexible spaces for community use.

The project is funded by Whitehorse City Council, in partnership with the State and Federal governments.



East Burwood Reserve

300 Burwood Highway, East Burwood

As part of the Master Plan, construction of the new South Pavilion is progressing well, with ground floor foundations complete and wall construction underway. The pavilion is on track to be delivered in May 2027.

Significant progress has been made on the new multicourt facility, with existing cricket nets being replaced with new multipurpose training nets. Completion is expected in November 2026.

This project is funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government through the Thriving Suburbs Program.



Elgar Park

653–661 Elgar Road,
Mont Albert North

A new on-demand sports field lighting system was installed at the Elgar Part south-west oval. The new system extends opportunities for community use for dog-walking, passive exercise or unstructured recreation.

On-demand lighting has also recently been installed at Surrey Park North East, Surrey Park South East and Billabong Park, Vermont South.



Shaped by you

Community feedback plays an important role in shaping the future of Whitehorse.

From local upgrades to major projects, your feedback helps ensure our work reflects the needs and priorities of our community.

Have your say on upcoming projects at Your Say: **yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au**.

Information is **available in 15 languages** and accessibility settings allow you to adjust text size, contrast and more.



Britannia Mall, Mitcham

Earlier this year, 73% of community members supported a permanent shelter at Britannia Mall to help support local traders and create a more welcoming, comfortable space year-round.

Following a second round of community consultation, Council has confirmed plans for 3 separate dark brown shelter structures. The preferred design retains the mall's open character while responding to community feedback.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2027 and be completed by April 2027. Council will continue working closely with traders to minimise disruption during the works.

This project is supported by the Victorian Government through Business Victoria.



Raleigh Street, Blackburn South

This project included the removal and reconstruction of the existing kerb and channel, while also delivering upgrades to the new underground drainage, reconstructed roundabout at Sandra Street and a new asphalt road surface.

This project received Roads to Recovery Funding provided by the Federal Government.



Investing in our local road network

Last financial year Council invested an additional \$1 million into our road renewal budget, which included road renewal projects like Springfield Road.

As part of Council's commitment to proactively addressing road defects, approximately \$1 million has been added to the 2026/27 budget, in addition to the existing road renewal budget. This additional funding will help improve road safety and asset condition across the municipality.

Simplified Chinese 中文
Greek ελληνικά
Hindi हिंदी
Italian Italiano
Vietnamese Tiếng Việt
Plus more!

Italian | Italiano

Festival degli anziani di Whitehorse 2026

Il festival di quest'anno si svolge dal 1° al 31 ottobre e offre più di 200 attività gratuite o a basso costo in tutto il territorio di Whitehorse, organizzate da oltre 50 associazioni comunitarie.

C'è qualcosa per tutti i gusti, con tante opportunità per rimanere attivi, mantenere i contatti sociali e partecipare alla vita comunitaria: arte, artigianato, spettacoli, attività fisica, tecnologia, esperienze culturali e occasioni di apprendimento per tutte le età.

Consulta il programma completo: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival

Ottobre è il mese della sicurezza pubblica

Questo è un buon momento per controllare la sicurezza della tua casa e abituarti ogni giorno a "chiudere tutto a chiave". Sia che tu esca per l'intera giornata o solo per pochi minuti, prenderti un momento per chiudere porte e finestre ti può aiutare a proteggere la casa, l'auto e gli oggetti personali.

Partecipa ad un incontro informale e cordiale con i rappresentanti di Victoria Police, Crime Stoppers e Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse.

Mercoledì 28 ottobre, dalle 10:00 alle 12:00

Vermont South Library, Pavey Place, Vermont South

Per iscriverti: chiama il 9872 8650 o scrivi a ver@wml.vic.gov.au

Rifiuti abbandonati

Invitiamo i residenti a riflettere bene prima di lasciare oggetti indesiderati sul ciglio della strada sperando che qualcuno li prenda.

Se un oggetto non può essere donato o riutilizzato, esistono comunque modi responsabili per smaltirlo. A seconda dell'oggetto, potresti poterlo riciclare, prenotare una raccolta di rifiuti ingombranti o portarlo al nostro Centro di riciclo e smaltimento rifiuti.

Se vedi qualcuno abbandonare rifiuti intenzionalmente, segnalalo tramite l'app Snap Send Solve.



Servizio di interpretariato gratuito

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

Simplified Chinese | 简体中文

2026 年 Whitehorse 长者节

今年的长者节将于10月1日至31日举行，社区内将有超过50个组织提供200多项免费或费用低廉的活动。

无论您是喜欢艺术手工、表演观赏、锻炼健身、科技体验、文化活动还是终身学习，都能找到适合自己的乐趣，并有机会保持活力、增进联系、积极参与社区生活。

如需查看完整活动安排，请浏览网站: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival

十月是社区安全月

现在正是检查居家安全、将“锁好门窗”纳入日常习惯的好时机。无论外出一整天还是几分钟，请随手锁好门窗，守护您的住宅、车辆和财物安全。

欢迎参加由 Victoria Police、Crime Stoppers 以及 Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse 代表带来的轻松友好的交流活动。

10月28日（星期三）上午10时至中午12时

Vermont South Library、Pavey Place、Vermont South

报名方式: 致电 9872 8650 或发送邮件至 ver@wml.vic.gov.au

随意丢弃垃圾

打算将不需要的物品放在路边供他人取走? 行动之前请三思。

如果物品无法捐赠或重复使用，仍有负责任的处理方式。根据物品类型，您可以选择回收、预约大件垃圾清运服务，或将其送至我们的回收与废物中心。

如发现有人故意乱扔垃圾，请通过“Snap Send Solve”应用程序进行举报。



免费口译服务

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

Greek | Ελληνικά

Φεστιβάλ Ηλικιωμένων Whitehorse 2026

Το φετινό Φεστιβάλ Ηλικιωμένων πραγματοποιείται από την 1η έως τις 31 Οκτωβρίου και περιλαμβάνει περισσότερες από 200 δωρεάν και χαμηλού κόστους δραστηριότητες σε όλη την κοινότητά μας, οι οποίες προσφέρονται από πάνω από 50 κοινοτικούς οργανισμούς.

Υπάρχει κάτι για όλους να απολαύσουν, καθώς και ευκαιρίες να παραμείνετε δραστήριοι, συνδεδεμένοι και ενεργά συμμετέχοντες, όπως τέχνες, χειροτεχνία, παραστάσεις, άσκηση, τεχνολογία, πολιτιστικές εμπειρίες και δια βίου μάθηση.

Δείτε το πλήρες πρόγραμμα στην ιστοσελίδα: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival

Ο Οκτώβριος είναι ο Μήνας Κοινοτικής Ασφάλειας

Τώρα είναι η κατάλληλη στιγμή να ελέγξετε την ασφάλεια του σπιτιού σας και να κάνετε το «κλειδωμα» μέρος της καθημερινής σας ρουτίνας. Είτε φεύγετε για όλη την ημέρα είτε βγαίνετε απλώς για λίγα λεπτά, το να αφιερώσετε μια στιγμή για να κλειδώσετε πόρτες και παράθυρα μπορεί να βοηθήσει στην προστασία του σπιτιού, του αυτοκινήτου και των υπαρχόντων σας.

Απολαύστε μια χαλαρή και φιλική συνάντηση με εκπροσώπους της Victoria Police, της Crime Stoppers και της Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse.

Τετάρτη 28 Οκτωβρίου, 10:00-12:00

Vermont South Library, Pavey Place, Vermont South

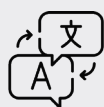
Εγγραφή: Καλέστε στο 9872 8650 ή στείλτε email στο ver@wml.vic.gov.au

Απορριψη Απορριμμάτων

Ενθαρρύνουμε τους κατοίκους να το σκεφτούν καλύτερα πριν αφήσουν ανεπιθύμητα αντικείμενα στη ζώνη γρασιδιού (nature strip) μπροστά από το σπίτι τους, ελπίζοντας ότι κάποιος θα τα πάρει.

Αν ένα αντικείμενο δεν μπορεί να δωριστεί ή να επαναχρησιμοποιηθεί, υπάρχουν ακόμα υπεύθυνοι τρόποι απόρριψής του. Ανάλογα με το αντικείμενο, ίσως μπορείτε να το ανακυκλώσετε, να κλείσετε ραντεβού για συλλογή οικιακών απορριμμάτων ή να το μεταφέρετε στο Κέντρο Ανακύκλωσης και Απορριμμάτων μας.

Αν δείτε κάποιον να απορρίπτει σκόπιμα σκουπίδια, παρακαλούμε αναφέρετέ το μέσω της εφαρμογής Snap Send Solve.



Δωρεάν υπηρεσία διερμηνείας

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

Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt

Lễ hội Người cao tuổi Whitehorse 2026

Lễ hội Người cao tuổi năm nay diễn ra từ ngày 1 đến 31 tháng 10 với hơn 200 hoạt động miễn phí và giá rẻ trên khắp cộng đồng, do hơn 50 tổ chức cộng đồng thực hiện.

Có rất nhiều hoạt động thú vị dành cho mọi người, cũng như những cơ hội để duy trì sự năng động, kết nối và tham gia, bao gồm nghệ thuật, thủ công, biểu diễn, thể dục, công nghệ, trải nghiệm văn hóa và học tập suốt đời.

Xem chương trình đầy đủ: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival

Tháng Mười là Tháng An Toàn Cộng Đồng

Đây là thời điểm tuyệt vời để kiểm tra an ninh nhà cửa và biến việc “khóa cửa” thành một phần thói quen hàng ngày. Dù quý vị ra ngoài cả ngày hay chỉ vài phút, việc dành chút thời gian khóa cửa và cửa sổ có thể giúp bảo vệ nhà cửa, xe cộ và tài sản của quý vị.

Hãy tận hưởng buổi gặp gỡ thân thiện và thoải mái với các đại diện từ Victoria Police, Crime Stoppers và Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse.

Thứ Tư, ngày 28 tháng 10, 10 giờ sáng – 12 giờ trưa

Vermont South Library, Pavey Place, Vermont South

Đăng ký: Gọi 9872 8650 hoặc email ver@wml.vic.gov.au

Bỏ rác bờ bãi

Chúng tôi khuyến khích người dân hãy suy nghĩ kỹ trước khi vứt những vật dụng không cần thiết ra lề đường và hy vọng ai đó sẽ mang chúng đi.

Nếu một món đồ không thể quyên tặng hoặc tái sử dụng, vẫn có những cách xử lý có trách nhiệm. Tùy thuộc vào loại vật phẩm, quý vị có thể tái chế, đặt lịch thu gom rác thải công kênh hoặc mang đến Trung tâm Tái chế và Xử lý Rác thải của chúng tôi.

Nếu quý vị thấy ai đó cố tình vứt rác bờ bãi, vui lòng báo cáo qua ứng dụng Snap Send Solve.



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.

More than just printing at Kwik Kopy Burwood

Meet Kevin from Kwik Kopy Burwood, where customers often come in for printing and leave with a business solution.

Kwik Kopy Burwood has been operating on Burwood Highway for more than 35 years, with Kevin and his wife Glenda taking ownership in 2002. Kevin tells us some customers have been coming back for more than 20 years!

Drawing on decades of marketing and management experience, Kevin enjoys helping local businesses solve problems, refine ideas and achieve their goals. Customers might come in for printing, but often leave with a fresh idea or some business advice too.

He also proudly supports local schools, churches, the Whitehorse Art Show and the Whitehorse Farmers Market.

Sustainability plays a big role too. Kwik Kopy was one of the first print groups to achieve Sustainable Green Printer certification. The team reduces paper waste, recycles materials and gives old equipment and cartridges another life.

After more than 2 decades in Burwood, Kevin still enjoys helping people turn ideas into reality, 1 page at a time.

Visit Kevin, Glenda and the Kwik Kopy team at 6 Burwood Highway, Burwood.



Nearly 100 mattresses saved from landfill in 4 months

The Save My Mattress initiative is making a difference in Nunawading's MegaMile.



The program is a partnership between Whitehorse City Council and:

- MegaMile Precinct Group
- Australian Bedding Stewardship Council
- Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN)

Snooze, Forty Winks and Bedshed stores in Nunawading identify mattresses that could be safely reused. The program then cleans and sterilises the mattresses before they find a new home. We also supported the initiative through our Community Grants Program. This funded specialised mattress sterilisation equipment to help ensure mattresses can be safely prepared for reuse.

Through Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN), mattresses are being provided to people experiencing hardship, including those affected by family violence, homelessness and refugee settlement.



Cr Hayley Weller with the Snooze Nunawading Team and an EERN volunteer.

The initiative has also been recognised as a finalist in the Sustainable and Net Zero Initiatives category at the 2026 National Economic Development Awards for Excellence.

Next time you are visiting MegaMile, consider supporting these businesses and learning more about the local initiative helping reduce waste while supporting vulnerable members of our community.

Thanks to Community Bank, Blackburn South for helping fund this initiative.

Community Safety Month

October is Community Safety Month, a great time to check your home security and make “lock up” part of your daily routine.

Lock Up. Live Safe.

Unlocked doors and windows can provide easy entry points for offenders. Whether you're heading out for the day or just popping out for a few minutes, taking a moment to lock up can help keep your home, car and belongings safe.

Make it a habit to:

- remove valuables from your car or place items out of sight
- lock your vehicle
- lock your home (doors and windows)
- lock your garage (including internal doors)
- leave an outside light on

It only takes a few seconds to lock up, but those seconds can make a big difference.

Coffee with a cop

Enjoy a relaxed and friendly session with representatives from Victoria Police, Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood

Watch Whitehorse then stay for a cuppa.

When: Wednesday 28 October, 10am–12pm

Where: Vermont South Library, Pavey Place, Vermont South

Register: wml.vic.gov.au

Phone: 03 9872 8650



Managing bushfire risk for our community

With warmer, drier weather on the way, Council is preparing for the fire season to help protect our community and valuable bushland reserves.

We have recently completed a Bushland Reserves Fire Risk Assessment and Fire Management Toolbox, developed with the support of a specialist fire management consultant and endorsed by the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV).

Actions Council is taking to help reduce the bushfire risk across Whitehorse include:

- reducing dry vegetation in higher-risk bushland areas
- maintaining clear areas around key community assets
- keeping reserve access tracks and fire hydrants clear
- working with FRV and other emergency services

To learn more about fire management in Whitehorse, visit: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/fires



Here are some simple actions you can take throughout spring to help reduce fire risk around your property:

- remove dry leaves, fallen branches and other flammable materials.
- keep lawns and grassed areas well maintained.
- clear leaves and debris from gutters and roofs.
- review your household emergency and bushfire plans.

Whitehorse Art Prize

Celebrating the centenary of the Whitehorse Art Collection in 2027, we are proud to launch the inaugural Whitehorse Art Prize, an exciting new opportunity for artists to showcase art inspired by the natural environment.

Open to artists across Victoria, the prize honours Whitehorse's unique artistic heritage while celebrating contemporary creative practice. Selected by a judging panel, the winning artist will be awarded the Main Prize of \$20,000, and their work will become part of the Whitehorse Art Collection – one of the oldest and largest local government art collections in the Melbourne region.

Local entries from artists who live, work or study in Whitehorse will also be considered for a \$10,000 Local Prize, work or study in Whitehorse, with the winning work also acquired into the collection. A People's Choice Prize will give the community the opportunity to recognise and celebrate their favourite artwork.

As the birthplace of Australian Impressionism through the famous Box Hill Artists' Camp of



the 1880s, Whitehorse has a rich history of artists drawing inspiration from the natural world such as Frederick McCubbin and Tom Roberts. The Whitehorse Art Prize builds on this legacy, encouraging both emerging and established artists to explore themes of nature, landscape and environment through contemporary artistic expression. Online entries open Monday 2 November 2026.

For more information visit creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/art-prize



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