

## Meet your new Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Council is pleased to introduce Councillor Kirsten Langford as the City's new Mayor, supported by Councillor Kieran Simpson as Deputy Mayor.

Both were elected by their fellow Councillors at the annual election of the Mayor at the Council Meeting for the Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor on Wednesday 12 November.

Cr Langford (Mayor) represents Kingsley Ward and has been a proud Whitehorse resident for more than 30 years. She is also Council's representative on a number of committees including Whitehorse Business Group and Whitehorse Disability Advisory Committee. Cr Simpson (Deputy Mayor) represents Cootamundra Ward. He is Council's representative for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Metropolitan Transport Forum.

Cr Langford said this position is about being a leader amongst equals and representing the whole community. Cr Langford also highlighted the importance of celebrating and preserving the City in the face of future challenges.

Cr Simpson spoke to the need for collaborative leadership with a focus on local issues and building out shared services. He also said he looked forward to embracing the challenges and opportunities the Deputy Mayor role would bring.



Cr Langford thanked outgoing Mayor Cr Andrew Davenport and outgoing Deputy Mayor Cr Prue Cutts for their service over the past 12 months. Both will continue as representatives for Wattle Ward and Simpson Ward respectively.

Cr Langford (Mayor) and Cr Simpson (Deputy Mayor) will serve in their new positions until 12 November 2026.

To find out more about the new appointments, visit whitehorse.vic.gov.au/councillors

#### **Festive Season Hours**

Our customer service centres will have different trading hours over the festive season.

 Box Hill Town Hall: closed from Monday 22 December, reopening Tuesday 6 January.

 Civic Centre Nunawading: closed from 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December, reopening 9am Monday 29 December. Closed Thursday 1 January.

For urgent hazards, call our after-hours service, **9262 6333**.

Our online services are open 24/7 at whitehorse.vic.gov.au

For operating hours of other Council facilities, refer to their websites.





#### 2026 Whitehorse Calendar

Get ready for the new year! Collect your free 2026 Whitehorse Calendar from our customer service centres before they run out.





SLEIGH THE NIGHT AWAY AT

# Whitehorse Carols



Rhonda Burchmore



Johanna Allen



David Hobson



Dale Burridge



Whitehorse Churches Care

## Come and celebrate the most wonderful time of year at our annual Carols event.

Australian entertainment royalty Rhonda
Burchmore headlines our stellar line-up, joined
by acclaimed tenor David Hobson, talented
vocalist Johanna Allen, charismatic Dale
Burridge, and beloved locals Whitehorse
Churches Care. Popular Matt Hetherington
returns to Whitehorse as our Christmas host
with the most.

The festivities kick off at 5.30pm with free rides, face painting, amusements and delicious food to purchase. Come early to secure the perfect spot on the lawn to sing along to all your Christmas favourites from 6.30pm.

Bring your blankets, picnic baskets, Santa hats and festive cheer for an unforgettable evening under the stars. Invite your friends and family and enjoy a night of music, laughter and holiday magic.

When: Saturday 13 December

**Rides and activities:** 5.30pm onwards **Carols concert:** 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Where: Whitehorse Civic Centre

Precinct, Nunawading

Cost: Free

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# **Festive Season**



The countdown has officially begun for the Whitehorse Festive Season! Join us to celebrate with family and friends at one of our many fun and affordable events for all ages here: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/festive-season



# Quilling Christmas Decorations

Learn the art of quilling and make festive decorations. Shape and assemble intricate designs in this hands-on adult or family session.

When: Sunday 7 December, 10am to 12pm (adult) 1pm to 3pm (family)

Age: All ages Cost: \$65

**Bookings:** Required



# Enamelled Jewellery Making

Make your own enamelled jewellery for yourself or as a gift. Learn techniques from metal prep to firing in a beginner-friendly workshop.

When: Sunday 7 December, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Age: Adults Cost: \$150

**Bookings:** Required



#### Mont Albert Village Twilight Jazz Carols

Get ready, Santa is on his way! Come celebrate at the Mont Albert Village Twilight Jazz Carols. Free festive fun for the whole family.

When: Friday 12 December,

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Where: Mont Albert Village

**Age:** All ages **Cost:** Free

**Bookings:** Not required



Learn to make an easy festive paper decoration inside Schwerkolt Museum. After, explore the parklands and Cottage.

**When:** Saturdays and Sundays in December, 1pm to 4pm

Where: Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex Age: Children 4 to 12 years

Cost: Free

**Bookings:** Not required

#### **Festive windows**

Celebrate the festive season in Blackburn Station Village and Mont Albert Village by exploring our beautifully painted festive windows.

When: Until early January Where: Blackburn Station Village and Mont Albert Village

Age: All ages Cost: Free

**Bookings:** Not required









# Make this Christmas more sustainable



Christmas is a time for family, friends and celebration, but it can also mean extra food waste, unwanted gifts and lots of packaging. Here are a few easy ways to celebrate more sustainably.



#### Get creative with your tree

Every plastic Christmas tree will eventually end up in landfill. This year, why not try dressing up an existing plant, using a potted Christmas tree or making one from twigs?

If you're opting for a real tree this year, Council is running free collections for natural Christmas trees from Monday 5 January to Friday 6 February. Bookings open from Monday 22 December and are limited to 1 tree per household. Bookings can be made via whitehorse.vic.gov.au/hard-waste

#### Reduce food waste

Plan your festive meals before shopping so you only buy what you need. Share leftovers with guests in reusable containers and put food scraps in your green FOGO bin loose, or in a bright green AS 4736 liner.

#### Recycle right

You can recycle:

- Paper and cardboard –
   paper wrapping, greeting cards
   and flattened boxes
- Glass bottles and jars lids on
- Metal cans, trays and foil clean and scrunched into a ball
- Hard plastic bottles and containers – like soft drink bottles, milk bottles and ice cream tubs (lids on)
- Keep out of your bins: batteries and e-waste (anything with a plug, battery or cord) do not go in any bin.
   Visit RecycleMate.com.au to find out how to dispose of them correctly.

#### Buy or make sustainable gifts

A gift in the form of a donation to a worthy cause, something homemade or an experience such as a pamper session or voucher for a show at The Round can be great sustainable options. If you are going shopping, remember to shop local!

#### **Cut down on packaging**

Choose wrapping paper that can be recycled or get creative with newspaper or kids' artwork. The same goes for decorations. Reuse what you have for a unique, eco-friendly touch, or make your own at Schwerkolt Cottage!

Learn more tips for a sustainable christmas at whitehorse. vic.gov.au



#### Support during the festive season

While the festive season is often a time of joy, for some, it can bring up feelings of loss, grief or loneliness.



We offer a range of services at Council that can help including:

- Positive Ageing Connect and Support Service:9262 6333, connectandsupport@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
- Youth Services: 8873 9140, youth.worker@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
- Maternal and Child Health Services: 9837 1116

Additionally, you can always connect with the following services for immediate support:

- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636, beyondblue.org.au
- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14, lifeline.org.au
- Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800, kidshelpline.com.au

## Whitehorse 2024/25 Annual Report out now

Whitehorse City Council's 2024/25 Annual Report is out, and it is packed with good news for our community.

The annual report showcases how we are delivering on our commitments and charts our progress against our Council Plan 2021-2025.

Over the past year, Council invested \$46 million in capital works projects, created new open spaces, upgraded sporting facilities, and improved roads across the city.

Council received a record of 207 Community Grant applications and awarded \$242,000 to fund community projects.

Whitehorse also ranked as the top council in Victoria for community responsiveness through the Snap Send Solve app.

We're proud to be building a stronger, greener and more connected Whitehorse – together.

Read more at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/annual-report





Visits to our aquatic facilities

1,696,075



Trees planted by Council

34,682



Attendance at Council festivals and events

525,972



Tonnes of green waste and recyclables collected

29,487



Community feedback received on YourSay

8900+



Number of

library loans

1,619,441

Planning application decisions made

1,120



New citizens welcomed through citizenship ceremonies

872

# Asset Plan and Financial Plan endorsed

Council recently endorsed 2 key strategic documents, the Whitehorse City Council Financial Plan 2025–2035 and the Whitehorse City Council Asset Plan 2025–2035.

The Whitehorse City Council Financial Plan 2025–2035 provides a strategic framework for managing Council's financial resources and ensuring sustainability over the decade ahead.

Some of the key highlights from our Financial Plan include:

- \$2.90 billion operational budget for the continued delivery of services to the community over the next 10 years
- \$845 million capital works program to renew and improve Whitehorse community facilities and infrastructure.

The Whitehorse City Council Asset Plan 2025–2035 provides a strategic framework for managing Council's extensive and diverse asset portfolio, ensuring assets are maintained, renewed, and expanded to meet the needs of the community now and into the future, underpinning the Council Plan, Financial Plan and Capital Works Program.

Read more at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/corporate-documents







# Working together, living better

Whitehorse is joining local organisations to support healthier, happier and more connected communities.



The Whitehorse Health and Wellbeing Steering Committee (pictured) will support the implementation of the health and wellbeing goals of our Integrated Council Plan 2025–2029. It is made up of members from the following organisations and services:

- AMES
- EACH
- Eastern Health
- Eastern Community Legal Centre
- FVREE
- healthAbility
- Migrant Information Centre
- Neighbourhood and Community Houses

- North-Eastern
   Public Health Unit
- Whitehorse Manningham Libraries
- Women's Health East
- University of Melbourne – Melbourne Climate Futures

The committee delivers projects and partnerships that encourage meaningful connections, create positive health outcomes, counter ageism and promote equality.

Read more about the work of the committee on our website, whitehorse.vic.gov.au/ health-plan



#### Shopfront stories: Macro Auto Services driven by passion

At just 17, Nick discovered what would become his lifelong love: working with cars. He started as an apprentice, learning the mechanics and the magic behind every engine. By the age of 21, he had opened his own workshop.

Since 2009, Nick has proudly shared his expertise at Macro Auto Services in Mitcham. He still wakes up every day, 16 years later, excited to serve his community, keeping vehicles safe, reliable and well-maintained.

What drives Nick most are the people he serves. Every repair is about more than just the car; it's about helping someone get back on the road with confidence. Nick proves that when passion meets purpose, the results are AUTO-matically great.

## Championing Small Business in Whitehorse

Whitehorse City Council has signed the Small Business Friendly Charter, strengthening our commitment to the small businesses that make up 98% of all businesses in our city.

Signing the charter highlights the vital role small businesses play in creating local jobs, supporting community groups and bringing vibrancy to our neighbourhoods.

Council has already taken steps to make it easier for businesses to operate, including the introduction of the new Business Permit Support Service, a range of placemaking initiatives such as the Box Hill Food Tours and activations in Britannia Mall as well as our ongoing support of our trader groups representing Mont Albert Village and the MegaMile Precinct.

A recent example, our Business Permit Support Service assisted a new French patisserie in Mont Albert Village to navigate permits and remove a decades-old oven, allowing the owner to focus on re-opening the business.

The Charter signing reinforces our commitment to reducing barriers and supporting small businesses to thrive across Whitehorse.

#### Wattle Ward – Resurfacing of McCommas Grove, Burwood

Following the completion of the Suburban Rail Loop East's early works program in Burwood, McCommas Grove has received a facelift. Council collaborated with Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) to resurface the road between Burwood Highway and Sinnott Street.

The works, which were funded by SRLA, were managed by Council, including patching, crack sealing, pavement resurfacing and line marking.





#### Walker Ward – Rangeview Shops pedestrian safety upgrades, Mitcham

Improvements have been made to the pedestrian crossings and car park at Rangeview Shops on Mitcham Road. These updates make the area safer and more accessible for all pedestrians, particularly people using wheelchairs, walking frames or prams.

Works included upgrades to kerbs, footpaths and pedestrian crossings to meet accessibility standards, as well as road resurfacing and updating road markings.

These upgrades were part of our Local Roads and Community Improvements Program for 2024-25.

#### Mahoneys Ward – Forest Hill Reserve Pavilion upgrade, Forest Hill

Thanks to \$1 million in funding from the Federal Government, the Forest Hill Reserve Pavilion has been upgraded with new and improved facilities that will allow more people to participate in sport. The existing building now features:

- upgraded female and male change rooms
- new unisex toilets
- umpire rooms
- upgraded kitchen facilities and flooring in the kitchen.

The project aligns with Council's commitment to provide modern, inclusive, and welcoming facilities, and remove barriers to participation in community sport, especially for women and girls.





# Council partners with Deakin Uni to turn aspirations into community impact

We are very excited to have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Deakin University, setting out goals and opportunities for collaboration over the next 5 years.

Council and Deakin have a shared vision for enhancing outcomes for the Whitehorse community.

We look forward to working together across areas such as employment, education, training, community health and wellbeing and the environment.



Deakin University Vice Chancellor Professor Iain Martin, Cr Andrew Davenport, Cr Prue Cutts and Cr Daniel Griffiths.

Some of the key projects Whitehorse and Deakin plan to deliver include:

- a formalised student internship program and the promotion of Council roles to Deakin students
- partnering on key funding and grant applications

- exploring shared community safety initiatives
- working together to research and conserve local history
- coordinating restoration activities around Gardiners Creek
- working together on a plan to enhance Bennettswood Reserve.

# Council participates in the Suburban Rail Loop Precinct planning hearings

The Minister for Planning has appointed a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) to review submissions on the Suburban Rail Loop Authority's (SRLA) draft structure plans and planning scheme amendments for Burwood and Box Hill.

The SAC public hearings for Box Hill finished in late October and the hearings for Burwood are currently in progress.

For the Burwood precinct, the SRLA's plans aim to significantly increase population and development density in the area, targeting more housing and commercial growth to provide jobs and investment in areas such as Greenwood Business Park and along Highbury Road.

Council has raised concerns about the costs and responsibilities of upgrading infrastructure, acquiring additional open space and links, and providing new community facilities such as libraries and kindergartens for the new population.

Council's April 2025 submission called for a clear funding strategy, more open space along Gardiners Creek and the Lundgren Chain, limits on building heights to allow for direct sunlight to public spaces, biodiversity protection, community facilities at Sinnott Street station, and to deliver affordable housing.

With the Burwood SRL station due to open in 2035, we will continue to advocate to the State Government for more public open space and improvements to local transport, health, environmental, economic, and social infrastructure.

Learn more about our advocacy: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/advocacy



#### **Lake Ward** Cr Hayley Weller

Whitehorse Manningham Libraries has released its Library Plan 2025-2029, setting a vibrant and inclusive vision for the future. As Chair of the Library Board, I am proud to share highlights from this strategy, shaped by the voices and needs of our changing community.

With branches across Whitehorse and Manningham, our libraries are more than places to borrow books they are trusted hubs for early literacy, digital inclusion, social connection and lifelong learning. In 2024/25 alone, the library service recorded over 3.7 million loans, nearly 1 million branch visits and more than 950,000 website visits.

The plan sets 5 strategic goals:

- Delivering value through outreach and partnerships
- Creating inspiring, flexible library spaces
- Shaping services around community needs
- Fostering digital confidence and inclusion
- Supporting climate resilience

These goals are grounded in our values.

You can read the full plan at wml.vic.gov.au, and I encourage you to visit your local branch for summer holiday reads and to discover all that is on offer.

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#### **Mahoneys Ward** Cr Jason Martin

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the residents, community groups and local businesses who have connected with me during my first year as a councillor. The strength and spirit of our community make Whitehorse a wonderful place to live. While I can't always solve every issue, I will always do my best to help.

My focus remains on community safety, advocating for best-practice planning outcomes, active transport, delivering core services, and maintaining a responsible budget that recognises costof-living pressures.

Community consultation on the Mahoneys Reserve Masterplan will open in early 2026. Davy Lane Sport and Recreation Precinct awaits Council progress, subject to state and federal support, and will be vital as our population grows.

Council endorsed the Tally Ho Activity Centre Structure Plan, and Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre will soon add 3 new indoor basketball courts in partnership with Nunawading Basketball — a fantastic community addition.

Recently, I received 2 wonderful letters from local students, Isla and Alba, whose enthusiasm and care for our community were inspiring.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish everyone a safe and joyful festive season and a happy New Year.

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#### Simpson Ward **Cr Prue Cutts**

What a great honour to serve as your Deputy Mayor for the last year. Thank you for the privilege! Pictured here with my son, my #1 supporter!



It's been great to get out with Linda from Council's Community Safety team, who was recently appointed to work on a number of initiatives including establishing a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee. While visiting local businesses, we discovered that 3 of the 9 shops in the Vermont East shopping strip have new owners - welcome to all!

Excitingly, the strip will receive an upgrade this financial year, informed by 2 rounds of consultation. Adult fitness equipment will be installed in Somers Trail, Cochrane Street, Mitcham, by June 2026. Further works include Purches Street road upgrades and new indented carparking outside the Scout Hall, new drinking fountains in Abbey Walk and Somers Trail, and an additional \$1 million annually towards road maintenance. Plus continued advocacy for fenced off-lead dog parks across Whitehorse.

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Search 'Council meetings' on Council's website for agendas, minutes and more information. To read updates from our Councillors online, scan the QR code.



#### **Sparks Ward** Cr Peter Allan

Council recently passed a motion to start negotiations to purchase the former Box Hill Brickworks site for open space use. All Councillors supported the motion, an important signal of Council's firm intent on this process. As the Sparks Ward Councillor, I'm concerned the State Government's new planning 'reforms' will leave us with high density housing and more towers in central Box Hill. This may take years due to market forces and finance by developers. If these reforms are implemented, open space will be at a premium. Council must provide as much as possible for the existing and future population. We hope we are successful.

Council is pressing ahead with early plans for a new pavilion for the Surrey Park Football Club and Surrey Hills Cricket Club (south-west oval) and for community uses. Thanks to everyone who shared their feedback during our recent community consultation. This new pavilion is not only for the 2 sporting clubs but also will be available for community use mainly during week days when not being used by the clubs.

On 10 November, Council endorsed my motion for a report on establishing the Whitehorse Music Festival over a weekend at multiple venues across our city showcasing local artists, school bands, and national artists!

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#### **Terrara Ward** Cr Jarrod Gunn

December brings warmer weather, festive cheer and the odd pang of nostalgia. It is a time to reflect. "How did I spend this year, was it purposeful?"

January began with a \$5.5m commitment to renew the East Burwood Reserve pavilion, adding to resurfacing works completed in June. During the federal election, \$45m was earmarked for the Nunawading Basketball Stadium.

Recent upgrades include: Terrara Park (drainage and lighting), Billabong Park (drainage, pathways, accessibility and a new batting cage) and Bellbird Dell (pond, boardwalk and path works).

December is a time to think of those doing it tough and reflect on the great work by our local emergency relief provider, East Burwood Care.

I'm uplifted by communityminded individuals like Meg and her neighbours who will no doubt bring cheer to the neighbourhood at the Raheen Court Christmas lights.

I also think of hard-working small business owners who look for a well-earned break. Along with sports clubs and community providers, these services stitch our community together.

I want to thank you all for giving me this first year. I hope you feel I have spent it purposefully in your service.

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#### Walker Ward Cr Ben Stennett

I believe it is my role as your local Councillor to listen, advocate, and speak up on your behalf to help improve our community.

I continue to advocate strongly on behalf of residents in Alwyn Street, where large trucks continue to use the street as a cut-through. I've asked Council to write to our local Members of Parliament and the relevant Minister to progress the outstanding matters from the community petition submitted to Council.

I'm also advocating for residents to be notified by SMS or email in a timely manner when their street is scheduled for Council's leaf street sweeping program.

I'm also focused on improving how small business owners interact with Council. By signing the Small Business Friendly Council Charter and appointing a dedicated officer to manage businessrelated requests, we can make it simpler and faster for local businesses to work with Council. This will support the thousands of small businesses that are vital to our local economy.

I'm listening carefully to residents who have raised concerns about the proposed Activity Centres in Blackburn, Nunawading and Mitcham.

Your feedback is important please contact me anytime to discuss these or any other local matters.

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The views expressed are those of individual Councillors and do not necessarily reflect Council policy or the views of Council as a whole.



#### 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 8 December 2025

Please note there are no Council meetings during January 2026. Council meetings will resume on Monday 2 February 2026.

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#### Senior of the Year Awards recognise Whitehorse locals

Whitehorse City Council proudly congratulates local residents Dilnaz Billimoria, Terry Hart, and Tony Morrissey for being recognised at the 2025 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards, held at Government House on Wednesday 22 October.

They were among 17 outstanding older Victorians celebrated for their kindness. community spirit and dedication, supporting others through transport, education, social connection, music, mentoring and cultural activities.

Congratulations to all nominees and award winners for making Victoria a better place to live and age well.

#### **Springfield Park Multipurpose Courts** and Cricket Net project, **Box Hill North**

Works were recently completed at Springfield Park in Box Hill North.

Works included:

- installation of retaining walls
- installation of cricket net slab, synthetic grass and fencing
- installation of netball slab, superior wearing acrylic surface and fencing
- installation of storage enclosures for football, cricket and netball clubs
- upgrades to the carpark, including resurfacing.





#### Your say can help to shape Whitehorse

There is still time to have your say on our final community consultations for 2025. Your say can make a difference. Visit yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au to provide your feedback.





#### Local student awarded Spirit of ANZAC prize

Congratulations to Emmaus College student Hayden, who was recently awarded the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize to undertake a study tour to Türkiye. The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize offers young Australians an opportunity to connect with their nation's military history and honour the legacy of those who served.

The 11-day experience took Hayden and fellow prize recipients deep into the heart of the Gallipoli Peninsula, where they spent 3 days exploring the sites of the 1915 campaign that shaped Australia's national identity. Under the guidance of expert historians, the group hiked the same rugged trails once traversed by Australian diggers, gaining firsthand appreciation for the steep and unforgiving terrain that defined the campaign.

"One of the most moving moments was standing at Anzac Cove, the very place where Australian and New Zealand troops first landed in 1915," Hayden reflected. "To stand on that shoreline, knowing the history that unfolded there, was both surreal and humbling."

Well done, Hayden!



#### Young citizen champion continues to break barriers in sport

Young Whitehorse local Olivia shows no signs of slowing down, continuing to gain impressive achievements since being named Young Citizen of the Year in 2022 and Junior Sportsperson of the Year in 2024.

Olivia's accomplishments include representing Australia in international ice hockey at the Winter Youth Olympics and 2 World Championships, with her latest milestone being selection to compete at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Poland.

A passionate advocate for female participation in male-dominated sports, Olivia was part of the inaugural School Sports Victoria leadership group and played a key role in securing a Victorian Government grant to deliver an on-ice development program for women. Her leadership has been further recognised through a scholarship to participate in the Empowered to Lead program led by Play Like a Girl Australia later this year.

Congratulations Olivia on your outstanding achievements!



#### Italian | Italiano

#### Canti di Natale 2025 a Whitehorse

Celebra il Natale al nostro evento gratuito annuale di canti natalizi. Si potrà assistere a spettacoli entusiasmanti, andare gratuitamente sulle giostre e ci saranno inoltre divertimenti, truccabimbi e vendita di cibo.

Quando: sabato 13 dicembre

Giostre e attività: a partire dalle 17:30, canti di Natale dalle

18:30 alle 21:30

Dove: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading

Costo: Gratuito

#### Orari d'apertura durante le festività

Durante le festività gli orari di apertura dei nostri uffici assistenza utenti subiranno delle variazioni.

Il Box Hill Town Hall chiuderà lunedì 22 dicembre e riaprirà martedì 6 gennaio.

Il Civic Centre di Nunawading chiuderà a mezzogiorno di mercoledì 24 dicembre e riaprirà alle 9:00 di lunedì 29 dicembre.

In caso di emergenze o pericoli, contatta il nostro numero per le emergenze 9262 6333 che risponde fuori dall'orario di lavoro. I servizi online sono disponibili 24 ore al giorno, sette giorni su sette, al sito whitehorse.vic.gov.au



#### Servizio di interpretariato gratuito

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

#### Greek | Ελληνικά

#### Χριστουγεννιάτικα Κάλαντα του Whitehorse 2025

Γιορτάστε τα Χριστούγεννα στη δωρεάν ετήσια εκδήλωσή μας με Κάλαντα. Πέρα από τις εντυπωσιακές παραστάσεις, θα υπάρχουν δωρεάν παιχνίδια, ψυχαγωγικές δραστηριότητες, ζωγραφική προσώπου και φαγητό προς αγορά.

Πότε: Σάββατο 13 Δεκεμβρίου

Δραστηριότητες και παιχνίδια: από τις 5.30 μ.μ. — Συναυλία με κάλαντα από τις 6.30 μ.μ. έως τις 9.30 μ.μ.

**Nou:** Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading

Κόστος: Δωρεάν

#### Ώρες συναλλαγών στις Εορτές

Τα Κέντρα Εξυπηρέτησης Πελατών μας θα έχουν διαφορετικό ωράριο κατά την εορταστική περίοδο.

Το Box Hill Town Hall θα είναι κλειστό από τη Δευτέρα 22 Δεκεμβρίου και θα ανοίξει ξανά την Τετάρτη 6 Ιανουαρίου.

Το Δημαρχείο στο Nunawading θα κλείσει στις 12 το μεσημέρι, την Τετάρτη 24 Δεκεμβρίου, και θα ανοίξει ξανά στις 9 π.μ. τη Δευτέρα 29 Δεκεμβρίου.

Για επείγοντα περιστατικά ή κινδύνους, καλέστε την υπηρεσία εκτός ωραρίου στο 9262 6333. Οι διαδικτυακές μας υπηρεσίες είναι διαθέσιμες 24 ώρες το 24ωρο 7 ημέρες την εβδομάδα στον ιστότοπο whitehorse.vic.gov.au



#### Δωρεάν υπηρεσία διερμηνείας

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

#### Simplified Chinese | 简体中文

#### 2025 年 Whitehorse 圣诞颂歌音乐会

诚邀您莅临一年一度的免费圣诞颂歌盛会, 共庆佳节。

活动除呈现精彩纷呈的文艺演出外,还将提供免费游乐设施、 趣味娱乐项目、面部彩绘服务及可供选购的各类美食。

活动时间: 12月13日(星期六)

游乐项目及活动: 下午 5 点 30 分开始, 颂歌音乐会从下午 6 点 30 分

持续至9点30分

地点: Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading

费用: 免费

#### 节日期间服务安排

节假日期间,各客户服务中心将调整对外服务时间。

Box Hill Town Hall 将于 12 月 22 日 (星期一) 起暂停开放, 于次年 1月6日(星期二)恢复运营。

位于 Nunawading 的 Civic Centre 将于 12 月 24 日 (星期三) 中午 12:00 起暂停服务, 并于 12 月 29 日 (星期一) 上午 9:00 恢复开放。

如遇紧急安全隐患,请致电我们的非办公时间服务热线: 9262 6333。 我们的在线服务可通过官方网站: whitehorse.vic.gov.au 全天候访问,全年无休。



#### 免费口译服务

请致电131450,告知您的语言需求,并要求接通 Whitehorse 市议会。

#### Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt

#### Lễ hội hát mừng Giáng Sinh Whitehorse 2025

Hãy cùng đón mừng Giáng Sinh tại sự kiện hát mừng thường niên miễn phí của chúng tôi. Bên cạnh những tiết mục biểu diễn đặc sắc, chương trình còn có các trò chơi cưỡi xe, khu vui chơi, vẽ mặt nghệ thuật miễn phí và thức ăn để mua.

Thời gian: Thứ Bảy ngày 13 tháng 12

Cưỡi xe và các Hoạt động: Từ 5:30 chiều trở đi, Ca nhạc bắt đầu từ 6:30 chiều đến 9:30 tối.

**Ở đâu:** Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct, Nunawading

Chi phí: Miễn phí

#### Giờ làm việc mùa lễ hội

Các Trung tâm Dịch vụ Khách hàng của chúng tôi sẽ có giờ làm việc khác nhau trong mùa lễ hội.

Box Hill Town Hall sẽ đóng cửa vào Thứ Hai, ngày 22 tháng 12 và mở lại vào Thứ Ba, ngày 6 tháng 1.

Civic Centre tại Nunawading sẽ đóng vào 12 giờ trưa ngày Thứ Tư, 24 tháng 12 và mở lại vào 9 giơ sáng ngày Thứ Hai, 29 tháng 12.

Đối với các tình huống nguy hiểm khẩn cấp, vui lòng gọi dịch vụ ngoài giờ của chúng tôi theo số **9262 6333**. Các dịch vụ trực tuyến hoạt động 24/7 tại whitehorse.vic.gov.au



#### 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.



# Family 2026







Robot Sona THU 26 FEB 1pm & 7.30pm



The Box Show by Junkyard Beats THU 16 APR 10am & 1pm



The Alphabet of Awesome Science FRI 19 JUNE 10am & 1pm



IMAGINE LIVE THU 9 JULY 10am & 1pm



Mario the Maker Magician **SUN 20 SEP** 10am & 2pm



Trash Test Dummies WED 23 SEP 10am – Theatre Show 12.15pm – Workshop



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#### **Contact Whitehorse City Council**

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

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Phone: 9262 6333

NRS: 133 677 then quote 9262 6333

#### **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.

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Connect with us on social media Search 'Whitehorse City Council' or @whitehorsecitycouncil







On WeChat, search 'Councillors Whitehorse'

#### **Customer service centres**

Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Box Hill Town Hall. 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm

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### **Keeping our pets** and wildlife safe this summer

With a hot summer approaching, our pets and local wildlife face real risks from dehydration and heat stress. A few simple actions can make a big difference.

#### Create a wildlife-friendly haven

Turn your garden into a cool retreat for native animals.

- Add water: Place shallow bowls of fresh water in shady spots. Avoid metal dishes that heat up, and add rocks or sticks for small creatures to perch on.
- Mix it up: Keep some bowls on the ground for reptiles and insects, and others higher up near shrubs for birds and small mammals. Refresh regularly to prevent disease and mosquitoes.
- Plant local: Indigenous plants provide shelter from heat and predators and they're hardy, low-maintenance and built for our dry summers.
- Stay alert: Heat-stressed wildlife may appear weak or disoriented. If you find an animal in distress, call Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300, never try to handle it.



Our pets depend entirely on us to keep them safe when temperatures climb. Here's how to ensure they stay comfortable and well during extreme heat.

- Shade and water: Ensure constant access to shade and multiple containers of fresh water. Try frozen treats like dog-safe fruit ice blocks.
- Cool walks: Exercise pets early or late in the day. If the pavement's too hot for your palm, it's too hot for their paws.
- Never leave animals in cars: Temperatures can double in a matter of minutes and pets can suffer severe, potentially fatal heat exhaustion.

Whether you're caring for wildlife or pets, the essentials are the same: shade, water, and rest.

By taking these precautions, you can make a significant difference in protecting animals from extreme conditions this summer. Learn more: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/summer-animals









#### Calling all paw-rents!

Show off your furry family members. We're looking for the most adorable photos of your petsto feature in Council promotions and marketing materials. Just like Chips, Luna and friends here.



