



WHITEHORSE
CITY COUNCIL

Whitehorse City Council

MINUTES

Council Meeting

on

Monday 16 March 2026 at 7:00 PM

**Held in the
Council Chamber
Nunawading Civic Centre**

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present: Cr Kirsten Langford Mayor
Cr Kieran Simpson Deputy Mayor
Cr Blair Barker Virtual
Cr Peter Allan
Cr Prue Cutts
Cr Andrew Davenport
Cr Daniel Griffiths
Cr Jarrod Gunn
Cr Jason Martin
Cr Ben Stennett
Cr Hayley Weller

Officers: Stuart Cann Acting Chief Executive Officer
Fran Nolan Acting Director Corporate Services
Jeff Green Director City Development
Lisa Letic Director Community Services
Steven White Director Infrastructure
Siobhan Sullivan Executive Manager Transformation
Vivien Ferlaino Manager Governance and Integrity
Sarah Candeland Coordinator Governance
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1 Welcome

Prayer for Council

We give thanks, O God, for the Men and Women of the past whose generous devotion to the common good has been the making of our City.

Grant that our own generation may build worthily on the foundations they have laid.

Direct our minds that all we plan and determine, is for the wellbeing of our City.

Amen.

Acknowledgement of Country

Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land we are meeting on and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from communities who may be present today.

2 Apologies

Nil

3 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Hayley Weller declared a material conflict of interest for Item 9.1 & 9.2 as a family-owned property is included in the review.

Cr Jarrod Gunn declared general conflict of interest for Item 10.1 in relation to neighbourhood houses, as a result of his position on the board.

Cr Daniel Griffiths declared general conflict of interest for item 10.1 declared in relation to neighbourhood houses, as result of his position on the board.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Council and Confidential Council Meeting 23 February 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Weller

That the minutes of the Council and Confidential Council Meeting 23 February 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 Urgent Business

Nil

6 Requests to Speak

6.1 Adam Nguyen, Direct Chemist Outlet Kerrimuir

6.2 Nicolette Hiep, Direct Chemist Outlet Kerrimuir

6.3 Susan Barnett, Surrey Hills Historical Society

6.4 Helen Harris OAM, Box Hill Historical Society

6.5 Amanda McNeill, Blackburn

7 Public Question Time

7.1 Kathleen Cummings, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.

Question

With the increase in multi-storey buildings in Whitehorse, what provisions are Council making for the ageing drainage system originally designed for single level houses?

Response

Stormwater drainage and site runoff are not determined by the height of a building. The key factor is the amount of impervious surface on a site. When land is redeveloped, areas that were previously permeable, such as backyard lawns, are often replaced with buildings or paving.

Where redevelopment reduces site permeability and a planning permit is required, developers must install on-site stormwater detention systems. These systems restrict runoff to pre-development levels, helping to minimise impacts on the drainage network and reduce the need for infrastructure upgrades.

7.2 Kevin Earl, Box Hill

Question 2

Enquiring to when council will make it legal to use parking permits issued by council in Poplar St Box Hill?

Response

It is currently legal for up to 11 properties in Poplar Street to be issued with and use parking permits. As the remainder of the properties in the street contain apartment buildings, they are not eligible for parking permits under Council's Parking Permit Policy.

8 Petitions

8.1 Kerrimuir Neighbourhood Shopping Strip Bollards

SUMMARY

A submission has been received requesting that Council consider removal of bollards at the Kerrimuir Neighbourhood Shopping Strip. Upon review, the submission does not meet the requirements of Council's Governance Rules for a petition. The submission is therefore being treated as joint correspondence and will be referred to the organisation for administrative consideration and response.

KEY MATTERS

- The correspondence contains 361 signatures.
- The correspondence requests that Council removal of bollards as they are a tripping hazard, and replace them with vertical metal bollards at the Kerrimuir Neighbourhood Shopping Strip.
- Under Council's Governance Rules, petitions must be formally received and referred for administrative consideration.
- The submission does not meet the prescribed requirements of Councils Governance Rules for a petition. In accordance with standard administrative practice, the submission is being treated as joint correspondence.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the correspondence listed and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration and response; and
2. Notifies the organiser of the outcome of this resolution.

Cr Davenport moved an amendment, not accepted by the mover or seconder.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition listed and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration and response; and
2. Notifies the organiser of the outcome of this resolution.

LOST

In accordance with Rule 59.10 the Mayor asked Councillors to vote if they wish to accept the correspondence as a Petition and continue the debate of this amendment.

Voted FOR the item: Cr Davenport, Cr Allan (2)

Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (9)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Stennett

That the Motion be put.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the correspondence listed and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration and response; and
2. Notifies the organiser of the outcome of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Barker, Cr Simpson, Cr Davenport, Cr Allan (4)

Attendance

Prior to consideration of Item 9.1 & 9.2 regarding the City of Whitehorse Heritage Review, Cr Weller declared a conflict of interest and vacated the Chamber at 7.38pm.

9 Notices of Motion

9.1 Notice of Rescission - City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024

Submitted by Cr Jason Martin

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Martin, Seconded by Cr Griffiths

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

It is the intention of Councillor Martin to move at the first possible meeting of Council to be scheduled for 16 March 2026 that the motion of Council passed on 23 February 2026:

That Council:

1. Note Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 (the Review), shown in Attachment 1.
2. Defer a decision on whether to adopt Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 until a future Council meeting, but not before priority A review under item 10.4 is complete.
3. Notify the landowners of places listed in the Review prior to a report being considered to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning under section 16F (1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay.

Be rescinded and subject to that motion being carried in its place, Councillor Martin proposes to move:

CARRIED

Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (8)

Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (2)

Spoke to item: Cr Martin, Cr Griffiths, Cr Davenport, Cr Simpson, Cr Barker, Cr Cutts (6)

9.2 Notice of Motion - City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024

Submitted by Cr Jason Martin

Cr Cutts foreshadowed the officer recommendation.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Martin, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Note Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 (the Review), shown in Attachment 1.
2. Defer a decision on whether to adopt Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 until a future Council meeting.
3. Notify the landowners of places listed in the Review prior to a report being considered to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning under section 16F (1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay.

Cr Barker moved an amendment that wasn't accepted by the mover or seconder of the motion.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Barker,

That Council:

1. Note Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 (the Review), shown in Attachment 1.
2. Defer a decision on whether to adopt Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 until a future Council meeting.
3. Notify the landowners of places listed in the Review prior to a report being considered to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning under section 16F (1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay.
4. Refers an amount equal to \$400,000 to the budget to provide legal and heritage support to pensioners or other concession holders that many be subject to the heritage action.

LAPSED

As there was no seconder, the amendment lapsed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Martin, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Note Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 (the Review), shown in Attachment 1.
2. Defer a decision on whether to adopt Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft City of Whitehorse Heritage Review 2024 until a future Council meeting.
3. Notify the landowners of places listed in the Review prior to a report being considered to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning under section 16F (1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay.

CARRIED

Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Langford, Cr Barker (6)

Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (4)

Spoke to item: Cr Martin, Cr Simpson, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (4)

Attendance

Cr Weller returned to the chamber at 8.14pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Simpson, Seconded by Cr Cutts

That item 10.11 is tabled before Item 10.2.

CARRIED

Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Langford, Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin, Cr Weller (10)

Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Barker (1)

Attendance

Cr Griffiths having declared a conflict of interest for item 10.1 Neighbourhood and Community Houses - Service Review left the Chamber at 8.15 pm.

Cr Gunn having declared a conflict of interest for item 10.1 Neighbourhood and Community Houses - Service Review left the Chamber at 8.15 pm.

10 Council Reports

10.1 Neighbourhood and Community Houses - Service Review

Department Communities, Engagement and Integrated Planning
Director Community Services

Attachment

SUMMARY

A comprehensive service and asset review of the City of Whitehorse's ten Neighbourhood and Community Houses (NCH) has been undertaken. Commencing in 2024, the Review assessed equity and effectiveness in current funding arrangements and explored opportunities to strengthen community outcomes and financial sustainability.

The findings provide a contemporary evidence base to inform future decision-making regarding Council's role, level of investment and strategic approach to the City of Whitehorse's NCH network.

A Findings Report is attached for reading in conjunction with this report.

Overall, recommendations pertaining to a revised partnership agreement, including a revised funding model, and asset-based recommendations are being proposed for adoption. It should be noted that while this Review focuses specifically on Neighbourhood and Community Houses, these organisations and facilities operate within a landscape of competing pressures from other community organisations and facilities, all requiring levels of Council investment in a constrained financial environment.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Continue to provide recurrent financial support to Neighbourhood and Community Houses, recognising them as a valued and strategic component of Council's community services and neighbourhood infrastructure.
2. Continue to contribute to the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria service review and advocate to the Victorian Government for more sustainable funding for the Neighbourhood and Community Houses sector.
3. Implement a revised four-year Partnership Agreement 2026-2030 comprising of outcome-focused reporting, clear roles and responsibilities, performance mechanisms and formal arrangements

10.1 (cont)

<p>that improve collaboration between Council and Neighbourhood Community Houses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Endorse funding model 1A, as outlined in this report, for Neighbourhood and Community Houses Partnership Grant comprising an equal baseline allocation (based on the approved budget) with funding adjustments linked to the asset. 5. Note that new funding model will result in an increase of \$7,200 in the Partnership Grant program, funded from within the existing approved budget. 6. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with The Avenue Neighbourhood House to explore transitioning from the current licence arrangement to a lease, with a further report being provided at a Council Strategy meeting on the progress of these negotiations. 7. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with Blackburn North Neighbourhood House to explore alternate accommodation needs to address their current facility constraints, with the outcomes of this exploration to be presented to Council at a future strategy meeting. 8. Note that the sustainable long-term asset modelling for Neighbourhood and Community House facilities will be aligned with broader strategic asset planning across Council and considered as related strategic work progresses.
<p><i>Cr Allan moved an amendment; the mover did not accept the amendment, the seconder did.</i></p>
<p>AMENDMENT</p> <p>Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Stennett</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to provide recurrent financial support to Neighbourhood and Community Houses, recognising them as a valued and strategic component of Council's community services and neighbourhood infrastructure. 2. Continue to contribute to the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria service review and advocate to the Victorian Government for more sustainable funding for the Neighbourhood and Community Houses sector. 3. Implement a revised four-year Partnership Agreement 2026-2030 comprising of outcome-focused reporting, clear roles and responsibilities, performance mechanisms and formal arrangements that improve collaboration between Council and Neighbourhood Community Houses. 4. Endorse a funding model that provides an equal allocation of \$45,000 per annum to each Neighbourhood and Community House.

10.1 (cont)

5. Note that the new funding model will require additional Council contribution of \$75,299.44 per annum in the Partnership Grant program and be included in the draft 2026/27 budget.
6. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with The Avenue Neighbourhood House to explore transitioning from the current licence arrangement to a lease, with a further report being provided at a Council Strategy meeting on the progress of these negotiations.
7. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with Blackburn North Neighbourhood House to explore alternate accommodation needs to address their current facility constraints, with the outcomes of this exploration to be presented to Council at a future strategy meeting.
8. Note that the sustainable long-term asset modelling for Neighbourhood and Community House facilities will be aligned with broader strategic asset planning across Council and considered as related strategic work progresses.

LOST**Voted FOR the item:** Cr Allan, Cr Stennett (2)**Voted AGAINST the item:** Cr Davenport, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin, Cr Weller (7)**AMENDMENT**

Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Cutts

That Council:

1. Continue to provide recurrent financial support to Neighbourhood and Community Houses, recognising them as a valued and strategic component of Council's community services and neighbourhood infrastructure.
2. Continue to contribute to the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria service review and advocate to the Victorian Government for more sustainable funding for the Neighbourhood and Community Houses sector.
3. Implement a revised four-year Partnership Agreement 2026-2030 comprising of outcome-focused reporting, clear roles and responsibilities, performance mechanisms and formal arrangements that improve collaboration between Council and Neighbourhood Community Houses.
4. Endorse a funding model that provides an allocation of \$45,000 per annum to Vermont South, The Avenue and Mitcham Houses identified as A in Option 2 of the Report and \$39,000 per annum to all other Houses identified as B in Option 2.

10.1 (cont)

<p>5. Note that the new funding model will require additional Council contribution of \$33,399 per annum in the Partnership Grant program and be included in the draft 2026/27 budget.</p> <p>6. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with The Avenue Neighbourhood House to explore transitioning from the current licence arrangement to a lease, with a further report being provided at a Council Strategy meeting on the progress of these negotiations.</p> <p>7. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with Blackburn North Neighbourhood House to explore alternate accommodation needs to address their current facility constraints, with the outcomes of this exploration to be presented to Council at a future strategy meeting.</p> <p>8. Note that the sustainable long-term asset modelling for Neighbourhood and Community House facilities will be aligned with broader strategic asset planning across Council and considered as related strategic work progresses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts (5)</p>
<p>Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Weller, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker, Cr Martin (4)</p>
<p><i>The amendment was incorporated into the motion.</i></p> <p><i>Cr Cutts moved that the motion be put.</i></p>
<p>PROCEDURAL MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Allan</p> <p>That the Motion be put.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Weller, Cr Davenport, Cr Martin (8)</p>
<p>Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Barker (1)</p>
<p>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Simpson</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to provide recurrent financial support to Neighbourhood and Community Houses, recognising them as a valued and strategic component of Council's community services and neighbourhood infrastructure.

10.1 (cont)

2. Continue to contribute to the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria service review and advocate to the Victorian Government for more sustainable funding for the Neighbourhood and Community Houses sector.
3. Implement a revised four-year Partnership Agreement 2026-2030 comprising of outcome-focused reporting, clear roles and responsibilities, performance mechanisms and formal arrangements that improve collaboration between Council and Neighbourhood Community Houses.
4. Endorse a funding model that provides an allocation of \$45,000 per annum to Vermont South, The Avenue and Mitcham Houses identified as A in Option 2 of the Report and \$39,000 per annum to all other Houses identified as B in Option 2.
5. Note that the new funding model will require additional Council contribution of \$33,399 per annum in the Partnership Grant program and be included in the draft 2026/27 budget.
6. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with The Avenue Neighbourhood House to explore transitioning from the current licence arrangement to a lease, with a further report being provided at a Council Strategy meeting on the progress of these negotiations.
7. Authorise officers to enter formal discussions with Blackburn North Neighbourhood House to explore alternate accommodation needs to address their current facility constraints, with the outcomes of this exploration to be presented to Council at a future strategy meeting.
8. Note that the sustainable long-term asset modelling for Neighbourhood and Community House facilities will be aligned with broader strategic asset planning across Council and considered as related strategic work progresses.

CARRIED

Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Cutts, Cr Davenport, Cr Langford, Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett (6)

Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Barker, Cr Weller, Cr Martin (3)

A Division was called.

Division

For	Against
Cr Allan	Cr Barker
Cr Cutts	Cr Martin
Cr Davenport	Cr Weller
Cr Langford	
Cr Simpson	
Cr Stennett	

On the results of the Division the motion was declared CARRIED

10.1 (cont)

Spoke to item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Simpson, Cr Davenport, Cr Martin, Cr Cutts, Cr Stennett, Cr Barker (8)

Attendance

Cr Griffiths returned to the Chamber at 8.44 pm.

Cr Gunn returned to the Chamber at 8.44 pm.

10.11 Victorian Government Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres – Update on Phase 2 Consultation for Draft Maps: Blackburn to Mitcham Cluster

Department City Planning and Development
Director City Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the State Government’s Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program (TTZACP) Phase 2 community consultation for draft maps for the Blackburn, Nunawading and Mitcham Activity Centres (The Blackburn-Mitcham Cluster). It also seeks Council to endorse a submission to the State Government

Phase 2 consultation is being undertaken from Wednesday 11 February to Sunday 22 March and is seeking community feedback on the draft maps, including the proposed core and catchment boundaries, building heights for The Blackburn–Mitcham Cluster.

The protection of existing permanent Significant Landscape Overlays (SLOs) near the activity centres represents a key outcome of the Phase 1 consultation in October/November 2025 and is clearly reflected in the Phase 2 released draft maps. Following strong advocacy from the local community, Councillors and Council officers, these environmentally sensitive areas in Blackburn and Mitcham have been successfully excluded from the proposed activity centre catchment boundaries.

The Phase 2 consultation represents the final opportunity for the community and Council to provide input on the Train and Tram Zone Activity Centre plans, which are expected to formally come into effect through a planning scheme amendment in mid-2026.

This report seeks Council’s endorsement of a submission to State government on the Phase 2 draft plans (refer Attachment 1).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council:

1. Endorse Council’s response to the State Government regarding Phase 2 consultation on draft maps and proposed planning provisions for the Blackburn, Nunawading, and Mitcham Activity Centres, as detailed in Attachment 1, and authorise the Director of City Development to finalise and submit the document incorporating any minor technical refinements.

10.11 (cont)

2. Endorse and support the exclusion of existing permanent Significant Landscape Overlay areas (SLO1–SLO4) in Blackburn and Mitcham from the proposed Activity Centre catchment boundaries, noting the State Government’s exclusion of these areas from the draft Activity Centre maps as an outcome of the Phase 1 community engagement.
3. Reaffirm Council’s resolution of 24 November 2025 advocating to the Minister for Planning for the inclusion of Silver Grove, Nunawading Reserve site, as a major redevelopment opportunity within the future core of the Nunawading Activity Centre.
4. Urges the State Government to release the Housing Capacity Assessment Platform without delay and provide housing targets for each activity centre.
5. Request the public release of key technical analyses and supporting evidence, including supplementary documents on built form typologies, rezoning proposals, and Infrastructure Contribution Plans (ICPs), prior to the finalisation of the Activity Centre Plans.
6. Expresses its disappointment that comprehensive proposed Activity Centre Plans like those previously released for the 10 pilot activity centres have not been included in the Phase 2 engagement for the 50 Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres.
7. Request that the State Government clearly demonstrate how Phase 2 community consultation outcomes and Council’s submission has informed the final plans, including identification of feedback that has been adopted, partially adopted, or not incorporated.
8. Request the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to specifically address the following critical strategic planning matters:
 - A. Reclassify Blackburn from Housing Growth Index 3 to Index:2 and review the proposed maximum building heights across the Blackburn Activity Centre core to ensure that future development intensity aligns with infrastructure capacity, local character, and community expectations.
 - B. Proposed building heights; built form typologies and setbacks, including:
 - i. Reducing the building heights along South Parade, Blackburn to a maximum of 8 storeys
 - ii. Extensions to landscaped setbacks on several streets across the activity centres
 - iii. Assigning a typology to large Commercial 2 Zoned (C2Z) sites in Nunawading and Nunawading Reserve / Silver Grove
 - iv. The need for a more site-responsive approach to height allocation near heritage assets and landmarks
 - C. Overshadowing and solar access protections, including:
 - i. High protection for existing and future open space with mandatory sun access (no additional overshadowing) between 10 am - 3 pm on June 21.

10.11 (cont)

- ii. Solar protection of key public realm such as Britannia Mall between 10am -2pm, 22 September 2026
- D. Expand the Nunawading activity centre core boundary to include the new public open space and the Mixed Use Zone (MUZ) located in the northern portion of 56–74 Station Street, Nunawading (former Daniel Robertson Brickworks) within the core boundary.
- E. Changes to catchment boundaries to:
 - i. Exclude those parts of the catchments beyond the 800-metre/10-minute walkability thresholds as detailed in Council’s submission
 - ii. Exclude the following sensitive areas from the catchment boundary:
 - a. Candlebark Estate in Nunawading which is affected by SLO11.
 - b. Gillies/Deakin/Fellows/Haines Street, the area north of Burnett Street to William Street and the area west of Simpson Park, Mitcham in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ).
 - c. the Thomas Street heritage precinct in Mitcham
 - iii. Apply the Outer Catchment to:
 - a. the Percy Street/Creek Road area and to the interface with the Thomas Street heritage precinct in Mitcham
 - b. Laughlin Avenue in Nunawading
 - c. Laburnum Street/South Parade area, Broomhill Avenue and the area north of O’Hara Street in Blackburn.
 - iv. Consider additional catchment areas suggested in Council’s submission.
- F. Master planning of large opportunity sites exceeding 5,000 square metres as well as some strategically located smaller sites as detailed in Council’s submission.
- G. Rezoning the Commercial 2 Zone land opposite the Whitehorse Civic Centre to the Commercial 1 Zone and Nunawading Reserve in Silver Grove to a suitable zone to facilitate its redevelopment.
- H. Rezoning part of the Mitcham Hotel from General Residential Zone to the Commercial 1 Zone
- I. Heritage and environmental overlay protections, to consider:
 - i. additional planning controls for sensitive interfaces like Laburnum Street in Blackburn and the northern and southern outer catchment in Mitcham to protect the integrity of existing SLOs, Vegetation Protection Overlays (VPOs), Heritage Overlays (HOs) and NRZ areas
 - ii. applying the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) to parts of the activity centres with current or past industrial uses such as south of Railway Road (east section) and 2 – 4 Central Road in Blackburn.
- J. Embedding affordable housing as an outcome of the Activity Centre Program work.

10.11 (cont)

- K. Emphasise that increased housing density must be supported by clear articulation and adequate provision of infrastructure, including:
- i. transport improvements, open space, community facilities, integrated water management and climate-responsive planning outcomes,
 - ii. State Government funding for major infrastructure items such as a pedestrian/cycling crossing over the railway between Harvey Norman and Home HQ to Station Street in Nunawading.
9. Reiterates its opposition to the removal of third-party appeal rights and continues to advocate for genuine community input in planning decisions.
10. Seek a genuine partnership with the State Government in the refinement and implementation of future planning controls to ensure that place-based outcomes, community priorities, and local strategic planning objectives are effectively integrated into the final Activity Centre Plans.
11. Urge the Minister to refer all submissions, the draft plans, and all technical information to an independent Advisory Committee for review and advice before deciding to amend the Whitehorse Planning Scheme. This will provide all parties with a fair opportunity to be heard and ensure that all strategic considerations are fully considered for this state-significant program.
12. Share Council's submission with the relevant local State Members of Parliament to ensure awareness of Council's position and the concerns raised by the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Cutts, Cr Weller, Cr Allan, Cr Martin, Cr Barker, Cr Simpson (6)

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor called a ten-minute adjournment from 9.06pm until 9.16pm as the meeting had exceeded the 2 hour duration.

The meeting re-commenced at 9.16pm with all councillors in attendance.

10.2 2025/26 Quarter 2 Quarterly Performance Report

Department Corporate Planning and Performance
Director Community Services

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report provides information on Council's progress on the Integrated Council Plan (ICP) 2025-2029, Council's strategic roadmap for the four-year term, covering the period October-December 2025. The ICP fulfils the core planning requirements of section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and marks a significant new direction for Whitehorse. For the first time, it incorporates the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP), as permitted under section 27 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic)*. This integration ensures that community health and wellbeing are embedded across all Council priorities and decision-making.

The ICP sets out five Strategic Directions: Community, Built, Economy, Natural, and Governance.

Progress against The Plan is reported to the community through the Whitehorse Quarterly Performance Report (QPR). The Q1 and Q3 QPRs provide status updates on Integrated Council Plan actions, while the more detailed Q2 QPR includes all actions, supporting commentary, and results for both Strategic Indicators and Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) indicators.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Martin

That Council notes the 2025/26 Quarter 2 Quarterly Performance Report including the capital works budget forecast changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Barker, Cr Martin (2)

10.3 Whitehorse Planning Scheme – Proposed Amendment C260whse - Changes to Public Use Zone Signage Controls

Department City Planning and Development
Manager City Planning & Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval to submit a request to the Minister for Planning to authorise the preparation and exhibition of a proposed planning scheme amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme.

The proposed amendment seeks to amend the Schedule 6 to Clause 36.01 Public Use Zone – Local Government (PUZ6) to apply Category 3 signage controls (High Amenity Areas) to nine specified Council-owned and/or managed sites, replacing the current default Category 4 signage controls (Sensitive Areas).

The amendment responds to the overly restrictive nature of Category 4 signage controls as they apply to civic and community facilities, and their inconsistency with the functional, urban and strategic role of those sites. The amendment is limited to signage controls only and does not propose any changes to zoning, overlays, land use or built form provisions.

The proposed amendment introduces a consistent, flexible and contextually appropriate signage framework for key municipal sites while retaining planning permit oversight and amenity protections under Clause 52.05 (Signs) of the Planning Scheme and Clause 15.01-1L-01 (Signs) within the Built Environment provisions of the Whitehorse Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Note the signage amendment background planning report in Attachment 1.
2. As Planning Authority, seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning (the Minister) under section 16F (1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act) to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to amend the Schedule to Clause 36.01 Public Use Zone to apply Category 3 signage controls to specified Council-owned and/or managed land as shown in Attachment 2.
3. Authorise the Manager of City Planning & Development to update the amendment to meet any conditions of authorisation from the Minister and to make minor changes, provided these are consistent with the

10.3 (cont)

intent of the amendment, prior to submitting the amendment to the Minister for exhibition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Cutts, Cr Simpson (2)

10.4 Whitehorse Housing Strategy Review Phase 1 - State of Play report and Phase 2 approach

Department City Planning and Development
Director City Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

SGS Economics and Planning has prepared the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report which comprises a summary document and background report, for Council's consideration. The Report is the output from Phase 1 of the Housing Strategy Review project, an action in the *Integrated Council Plan 2025-2029*.

The State of Play Report assesses progress with the delivery of the 2014 Whitehorse Housing Strategy ('the Housing Strategy') and explores whether housing outcomes have aligned with the objectives of the Housing Strategy, updates demographic and housing information and provides a summary of the changes in State housing policy over the past 10 years. It also provides recommendations for review of the Housing Strategy in the context of the State Government's current housing reforms.

The State Government reforms have focused on increasing housing supply by freeing up and streamlining planning controls, representing a different approach to the 2014 Housing Strategy which was a local response to the planning policy and growth challenges of the time. The Housing Strategy directed growth to preferred locations such as identified activity centres and gave considerable weight to neighbourhood character and landscape qualities.

10.4 (cont)

MOTION

Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council:

1. Adopt the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report (23 December 2025) and accompanying Background Report prepared by SGS Economics and Planning (Attachments 1 and 2).
2. Endorse the release of the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report and Background Report together with the Housing Supply Market Advice prepared by Charter Keck Cramer (August 2025) (Attachment 3) on the Council website as part of early community engagement for the Housing Strategy Review.
3. Note a project brief will be prepared for Phase 2 of the Housing Strategy Review to commence in the first half of 2026 and align with State Government timelines for the housing targets, Suburban Rail Loop precinct planning and the Activity Centre Program.

Cr Simpson moved an amendment; it was not support by the mover, it was supported by the seconder.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Simpson, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Adopt the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report (23 December 2025) and accompanying Background Report prepared by SGS Economics and Planning (Attachments 1 and 2).
2. Endorse the release of the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report and Background Report together with the Housing Supply Market Advice prepared by Charter Keck Cramer (August 2025) (Attachment 3) on the Council website as part of early community engagement for the Housing Strategy Review.
3. Note a project brief will be prepared for Phase 2 of the Housing Strategy Review to commence in the first half of 2026 and align with State Government timelines for the housing targets, Suburban Rail Loop precinct planning and the Activity Centre Program.
4. Acknowledges that the scale of the housing crisis can not be solved through supply side measures alone.
5. Write to the Hon. Tony Burke MP Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration and former Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water and Population urging action to lower population growth to a level that reduces the scale of the housing crises and associated impacts on infrastructure, services and open space.

10.4 (cont)

The Mayor voted the amendment in parts
<p>PART 1</p> <p>4. Acknowledges that the scale of the housing crisis cannot be solved through supply side measures alone.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (8)</p>
<p>Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Davenport, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett (3)</p>
<p>PART 2</p> <p>5. Write to the Hon. Tony Burke MP Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration and former Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water and Population urging action to lower population growth to a level that reduces the scale of the housing crises and associated impacts on infrastructure, services and open space.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LOST</p>
<p>Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Martin (5)</p>
<p>Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts (6)</p>
<p><i>Part 4 was incorporated into the motion.</i></p>
<p>MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded Cr Weller</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report (23 December 2025) and accompanying Background Report prepared by SGS Economics and Planning (Attachments 1 and 2). 2. Endorse the release of the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report and Background Report together with the Housing Supply Market Advice prepared by Charter Keck Cramer (August 2025) (Attachment 3) on the Council website as part of early community engagement for the Housing Strategy Review. 3. Note a project brief will be prepared for Phase 2 of the Housing Strategy Review to commence in the first half of 2026 and align with State Government timelines for the housing targets, Suburban Rail Loop precinct planning and the Activity Centre Program. 4. Acknowledges that the scale of the housing crisis cannot be solved through supply side measures alone.

10.4 (cont)

<i>Cr Martin moved an amendment to add a point 5.</i>
<p>AMENDMENT</p> <p>Moved by Cr Martin, Seconded Cr Allan</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report (23 December 2025) and accompanying Background Report prepared by SGS Economics and Planning (Attachments 1 and 2). 2. Endorse the release of the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report and Background Report together with the Housing Supply Market Advice prepared by Charter Keck Cramer (August 2025) (Attachment 3) on the Council website as part of early community engagement for the Housing Strategy Review. 3. Note a project brief will be prepared for Phase 2 of the Housing Strategy Review to commence in the first half of 2026 and align with State Government timelines for the housing targets, Suburban Rail Loop precinct planning and the Activity Centre Program. 4. Acknowledges that the scale of the housing crisis cannot be solved through supply side measures alone. 5. Write to the Hon. Tony Burke MP Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration, urging the government to clarify its population policy acknowledging the issues surrounding housing crisis and associated impacts on infrastructure, services and open space. <p style="text-align: right;">LOST</p>
<p>PROCEDURAL MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Cr Stennett, Seconded by Cr Davenport</p> <p>That the Motion be put.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LOST</p>
Voted FOR the item: Cr Langford, Cr Davenport, Cr Stennett (3)
Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Griffiths, Cr Simpson, Cr Weller, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts (8)
<i>Debate continued on the amended motion.</i>
<p>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Weller</p> <p>That Council:</p>

10.4 (cont)

1. Adopt the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report (23 December 2025) and accompanying Background Report prepared by SGS Economics and Planning (Attachments 1 and 2).
2. Endorse the release of the Whitehorse Housing Strategy: State of Play Report and Background Report together with the Housing Supply Market Advice prepared by Charter Keck Cramer (August 2025) (Attachment 3) on the Council website as part of early community engagement for the Housing Strategy Review.
3. Note a project brief will be prepared for Phase 2 of the Housing Strategy Review to commence in the first half of 2026 and align with State Government timelines for the housing targets, Suburban Rail Loop precinct planning and the Activity Centre Program.
4. Acknowledges that the scale of the housing crisis cannot be solved through supply side measures alone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Barker, Cr Weller, Cr Simpson, Cr Allan, Cr Martin, Cr Griffiths, Cr Davenport, Cr Gunn, Cr Cutts (9)

10.5 Draft Nunawading Basketball Centre Feasibility Study

Department Leisure and Recreation Services
Director Community Services

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Draft Feasibility Study for the Nunawading Basketball Centre (NBC) redevelopment to enable immediate advocacy to the State Government as part of the May 2026 Budget process and progression to a Business Case to advance towards delivery.

The Draft Feasibility Study establishes a vision for a contemporary 10-court regional indoor sporting hub to meet projected community participation and elite pathway demand over the next 50 years. The study aligns with the Integrated Council Plan 2025–2029, East Burwood Reserve Master Plan 2023 and the Tally Ho Activity Centre Structure Plan 2025, and is informed by comprehensive market research, stakeholder engagement, facility condition audits, and benchmarking against 19 comparable regional facilities. Preliminary testing of viable management models and associated financial modelling has been undertaken and will be further refined through the Business Case phase.

The findings confirm that existing indoor basketball facilities in Whitehorse are operating at or near capacity, particularly during peak periods, with a projected shortfall of up to 31 indoor courts by 2046. This demonstrates a clear strategic rationale for investment.

Subject to Council endorsement of the feasibility study, a Business Case will be developed as the next stage, in accordance with Council's governance requirements for projects with budgets exceeding \$10 million. The Business Case will assess the most appropriate operating model, delivery approach and key project risks, providing the necessary due diligence to advance the project toward delivery.

Attendance

Cr Davenport left the Chamber at 10:17 pm

Attendance

Cr Davenport returned to the Chamber at 10:18 pm and was present for the vote.

10.5 (cont)

MOTION

Moved by Cr Gunn, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Feasibility Study for the Nunawading Basketball Centre redevelopment to support State Government advocacy in advance of the 2026/27FY Budget and the election in late 2026
2. Endorse the project proceeding to the development of a Business Case, as per the proposed scope outlined in this report.

Cr Davenport moved an amendment it was not supported by the mover or seconder.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Barker

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Feasibility Study for the Nunawading Basketball Centre redevelopment to support State Government advocacy in advance of the 2026/27FY Budget and the election in late 2026
2. Endorse the project proceeding to the development of a Business Case, as per the proposed scope outlined in this report.
3. Confirms our commitment to a maximum contribution of \$35 million dollars not indexed.

LOST

Attendance

Cr Martin left the Chamber at 10:37 pm

Attendance

Cr Martin returned to the Chamber at 10:39 pm and was present for the vote.

10.5 (cont)

<i>As the amendment was lost, the substantive motion was put to the vote and carried as follows:</i>
Voted FOR the item: Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (2)
Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (9)
COUNCIL RESOLUTION Moved by Cr Gunn, Seconded by Cr Simpson That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Endorse the Draft Feasibility Study for the Nunawading Basketball Centre redevelopment to support State Government advocacy in advance of the 2026/27FY Budget and the election in late 20262. Endorse the project proceeding to the development of a Business Case, as per the proposed scope outlined in this report. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin, Cr Davenport (10)
Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Barker (1)
Spoke to item: Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Davenport, Cr Martin, Cr Cutts (7)

10.6 Review of Parking Restrictions in Box Hill and Burwood

Department Engineering and Investment
Director City Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of a comprehensive review of the existing parking restrictions in the Box Hill Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) and in nominated residential streets in Burwood and for the appointment of a temporary Transport Engineer within the Transport Team to undertake this work.

A parking review is required as the existing parking restrictions in the Box Hill MAC and Burwood were implemented several years ago. There have been many changes as a result of large-scale development and land use changes in both precincts, and therefore the existing parking restrictions no longer reflect the current parking needs of the community.

Several streets within the Box Hill MAC and in Burwood have been identified as part of this review. To ensure that a comprehensive assessment is undertaken, the appointment of a temporary Transport Engineer within the Transport Team is required given that the Team does not have capacity to undertake this extensive parking review within its current resources.

Council's endorsement of a temporary Transport Engineer will enable this parking review to be undertaken within a reasonable timeframe. This review provides an opportunity to incorporate projected population growth and land use changes expected in Box Hill and Burwood associated with State Government projects such as the SRL and the State's Planning scheme housing targets.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Endorse a Review of Parking Restrictions in the Box Hill Box Hill Metropolitan Activity Centre and in nominated streets in Burwood.
2. Endorse the appointment of a temporary 12 month Transport Engineer.

CARRIED

Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (9)

10.6 (cont)

Voted AGAINST the item : Cr Griffiths, Cr Barker (2)

Spoke to item: Cr Davenport, Cr Allan, Cr Martin, Cr Griffiths, Cr Simpson (5)
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ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor called a ten-minute adjournment from 10.57pm until 11.04pm as the meeting had exceed the 2 hour duration.

The meeting re-commenced at 11.04pm with all councillors in attendance.

Attendance

Cr Barker left the meeting at 10:57 pm and did not return.

10.7 Contract 30733 - Supply of Merchandise for Aqualink Facilities

Department Leisure and Recreation Services
Director Community Services

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval for the appointment of a preferred supplier for the supply of leisure and aquatic merchandise across both Aqualink facilities. The purpose of the tender was to ensure the ongoing provision of high-quality, competitively priced merchandise that meets operational requirements, customer expectations, and value for money, quality, and sustainability.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Gunn, Seconded by Cr Griffiths

That Council:

1. Accept the tender and sign the formal contract document for Contract 30733 for the Supply of Merchandise for Aqualink Facilities received from Pentland Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 96 001 031 634), of PWC building Level 23, 480 Queen Street, Brisbane QLD 4000, trading as Speedo Australia Pty Ltd, for the tendered amount of approximately \$1,300,000, including GST; as part of the total expected project expenditure of \$1,300,000 including GST.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to award an extension of this contract, subject to a review of the Contractor's performance and Council's business needs, at the conclusion of the initial three-year contract term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Gunn (1)

10.8 Statutory Planning Report January 2026

Department City Development
Director City Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

At the 25 August 2025 Council Meeting, Council adopted a Motion which requires:

That Council:

...

2. Receives a noting report each month at Council Meetings on town planning applications lodged, dealt with under delegation by Council officers and under consideration by VCAT (or other authority i.e. State Planning Minister)

This report includes the following for noting by Council:

Report	
Applications lodged (for the month)	79
Applications determined under officer delegation (for the month)	63
Matters currently under consideration by VCAT	9
Other Matters under consideration by the state government within Whitehorse	1

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council receives and notes the Statutory Planning report for the month of January 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Allan, Cr Simpson (2)

10.9 Statutory Planning Report Box Hill Precinct

Department City Development
Director City Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

At the 25 August 2025 Council Meeting, Council adopted a Motion which requires:

That Council:

...

- 1. Receives a report that states details of current Town Planning applications in the central and wider Box Hill precinct and this to include addresses, type of development proposed, the applications under consideration and approved (and who was the approval authority and time of expiry of the permits) and under appeals to VCAT or other authority. And that this report be updated every 6 months.*

This report includes the following for noting by Council:

Report	
Current Applications under Assessment	7
Applications Determined	19
VCAT	0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Simpson

That Council receives and notes the Statutory Planning reports for applications within Box Hill Precinct since the motion was passed and every six months moving forward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to item: Cr Allan (1)

10.10 Records of Informal Meetings of Councillors

Department Governance and Integrity
Director Corporate Services

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report presents the Records of Informal Meetings of Councillors held since the last Council Meeting. In line with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules, noting these Records promotes transparency, supports informed decision-making and ensures any conflicts of interest are publicly disclosed.

Records of Informal Meetings of Councillors are non-decision-making briefings used to share information and discuss matters that may later come before Council. Reporting these Records is standard governance practice and forms part of Council's public accountability framework.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Gunn

That Council notes the Records of Informal Meetings of Councillors attached to the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Councillor Delegate and Conference / Seminar Reports

11.1 Reports by Delegates and Reports on Conferences / Seminars Attendance

Department	Governance
	Director Corporate Services

Verbal reports from Councillors appointed as delegates to community organisations/committees/groups and attendance at conferences and seminars related to Council Business.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Gunn

That Council receives and notes the:

1. Reports from delegates, and;
2. Reports on conferences/seminars attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor	Organisation/ Committee/Group	Date of Attendance
Deputy Mayor Cr Simpson	Municipal Association Victoria	12 March
Cr Griffiths	Health & Wellbeing Committee Meeting	3 March 2026
	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	4 March 2026
Cr Weller	Whitehorse Disability Advisory Board Committee Meeting	2 March 2026
Cr Martin	Whitehorse Business Group Meeting	3 March 2026
Cr Cutts	Health & Wellbeing Committee Meeting	3 March 2026
Cr Gunn	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	4 March 2026
Mayor Cr Langford	Victorian Local Government Forum on Antisemitism and Social cohesion	26 February 2026
	VLGA Conference	27 February 2025
	Whitehorse Business Group Meeting	3 March 2026
	VLGA International Womens Day Event	13 March 2026

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

12 Confidential Reports

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Weller

That in accordance with Section 61(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council closes the Meeting to members of the public and adjourns for five minutes to consider the following items:

12.1 2026/2027 Whitehorse Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee Recruitment

This report is designated as Confidential Information in accordance with Section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. This ground applies because the matter concerns disclosure of personal information.

12.2 2026/2027 Community Safety Committee Recruitment

This report is designated as Confidential Information in accordance with Section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. This ground applies because the matter concerns disclosure of personal information.

CARRIED

Voted FOR the item: Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (9)

Voted AGAINST the item: Cr Griffiths (1)

RELEASED CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**12.2 2026/2027 Community Safety Committee Recruitment**

Department Community Safety
Director City Development

Attachment

SUMMARY

This report seeks endorsement from Council to appoint eight nominees to the new Whitehorse Community Safety Committee (WCSC) for a two-year term (2026 to 2028). The WCSC also includes two Councillors, Cr Prue Cutts and Cr Jason Martin.

An Action outlined within the Integrated Council Plan 2025-2029, committed to establishing a new Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee to work collaboratively with safety partners across the municipality.

Therefore, a recruitment process was activated in December 2025 and January 2026, resulting in a total of nine applications received for the eight available appointments. Nominees have been initially assessed by officers against the WCSC Terms of Reference (TOR) (Attachment 1) to support Council's consideration throughout this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Martin

That Council appoints:

1. John Baston, Gerardine Daniels, Raymond McLeod-Dryden, Tara Nicholls, Paul Rudd, Richard Shi, Kelly Taylor, and Joanne Wasley, to the Whitehorse Community Safety Committee for a period of two years (2026 to 2027).
2. Advises all successful and unsuccessful individuals of Council's decision.
3. Resolve that unreleased aspects of the report, attachments and discussion relating to it remain confidential, except to the extent that the Director City Development Services (or delegate) must disclose aspects of it to give effect to these resolutions.
4. Upon resolution of this item authorise the release of the confidential minutes to be incorporated in the Open Minutes and a redacted version of the report be uploaded on Council's website on the Transparency Hub.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spoke to Item: Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (2)

13 Close Meeting

The open Council Meeting was closed at 11.17pm and did not reopen to the public.

The confidential section of the Council Meeting opened at 11.20pm in order to deal with item 12.1 and 12.2. The meeting closed at 11.34pm.

These minutes are circulated subject to confirmation by Council at the next Council Meeting to be held on 30 March 2026.