



WHITEHORSE  
CITY COUNCIL

# Whitehorse City Council

## MINUTES

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### **Council Meeting**

on

**Monday 20 April 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 Peter Allan  
Cr Blair Barker  
Cr Prue Cutts  
Cr Andrew Davenport  
Cr Daniel Griffiths  
Cr Jarrod Gunn  
Cr Jason Martin  
Cr Ben Stennett  
Cr Hayley Weller

**Officers:** Simon McMillan Chief Executive Officer  
Stuart Cann Director Corporate Services  
Jeff Green Director City Development  
Lisa Letic Director Community Life  
Steven White Director Infrastructure and Sustainability  
Siobhan Sullivan Executive Manager Futures and Technology  
Vivien Ferlaino Manager Integrity and Performance  
Alex Wintle Senior Governance Officer  
Jenna Moore Council Business Officer

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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

Nil

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Council and Confidential Council Meeting 30 March 2026

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Gunn

That the minutes of the Council and Confidential Council Meeting 30 March 2026 be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5 Urgent Business

Nil

## 6 Requests to Speak

### 6.1 Barry Fox, Blackburn

### 6.2 Katrina Gyngell, Blackburn

### 6.3 Graeme Churchward, Blackburn

### 6.4 Ivy Hammerton, Vermont South Cricket Club

## 7 Public Question Time

### 7.1 Peter Carter, Box Hill North

#### Question 1

Low-Stress Bicycling and Network Connectivity' is a detailed report with a methodology extensively used throughout Australia (including Whitehorse) to measure the Level of Traffic Stress.

The report notes that a cycling Route often comprises some sections that are low stress, and others a higher stress.

However the overall Route Traffic Stress, is the Stress of its most stressful section.

Given that Whitehorse is considering linking service roads on Whitehorse Road knowing that major intersections will still be part of the route and present very high traffic stress, what is the Route LTS for that Route?

#### Response

Cycling connection and safety upgrades at identified key intersections along the Whitehorse Rd service road are currently being investigated and assessed.

The Level of Traffic Stress upon cyclists is determined by the psychological and physical stress cyclists experience due to vehicular traffic, speed, and intersection configuration. Riding along the Whitehorse Rd service road naturally generates a lower Level of Traffic Stress than riding along Whitehorse Rd itself.

Given Council's interest to provide cycling routes for the "interested but concerned" cyclist, a Level of Traffic Stress 2 will be considered between intersections (where possible), acknowledging that Level of Traffic Stress 3 may result at key intersections. Appropriate upgrades, or cycling options, will be considered to encourage cycling and enhance cyclist safety.

#### Question 2

The Whitehorse Cycling Strategy was released in 2016. The Strategy anticipated a target completion of the Easy Ride Network by 2023.

However today, only 8 Easy Ride Routes (some only partially) have been completed - of a total of 19 routes that would form a Network.

How many sharrows were installed on each of the 8 individual routes?

#### Response

An evaluation of Council's 8 Easy Ride Routes (ERRs) used a multi-criteria assessment combining quantitative and qualitative analysis, focused on 'interested but concerned' riders and guided by best practice principles: safety, directness, cohesion, attractiveness and comfort. To build on demonstrated cycling interest and increase use of the ERR network, the evaluation recommended introducing more bike-friendly infrastructure beyond wayfinding, decals and sharrows, and addressing existing infrastructure and wayfinding issues before expanding the network.

Council officers are now progressing improvements to existing ERR routes, resolving wayfinding issues, and developing connections between ERRs and the Strategic Cycling Corridor network in Whitehorse.

Sharrows are typically spaced 75–150m apart, resulting in a high number installed across the 8 completed ERRs.

## 8 Petitions

### 8.1 Traffic and Parking at Tirana Street, Mitcham

#### SUMMARY

A petition has been received requesting that Council consider a trial of time restricted “No Standing” parking controls to address traffic congestion, unsafe parking, and road safety risks associated with activities at Mullauna Secondary College during construction.

In accordance with Council’s Governance Rules, the petition is presented to Council for formal receipt and referral to the organisation for consideration and response.

*‘We, the undersigned residents and community members, support the petition requesting Mullauna Secondary College to review basketball court operations, parking arrangements, and session scheduling to reduce traffic congestion, unsafe parking, and late night disturbances impacting Tirana Street and surrounding areas.’*

#### KEY MATTERS

- The petition contains 16 signatures.
- The petition requests that Council
  - Reduces on-site school parking due to construction that has significantly increased overflow parking into residential streets.
  - Requests a trial of time-restricted “No Standing” parking controls on the opposite side of Tirana Street to the school hall.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Stennett, Seconded by Cr Cutts

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition listed, and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration;
2. Notifies the Lead Petitioner of the outcome of this resolution and any subsequent investigation; and
3. Receives an update following the completion of investigations into the matter raised in the Petition.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts (2)

## 8.2 Modification to Walker Park Draft Master Plan

### SUMMARY

A petition has been received requesting that Council consider modifying the Walker Park Draft Master Plan to ensure the ongoing operation of the Mitcham Tennis Club at Walker Park.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the petition is presented to Council for formal receipt and referral to the organisation for consideration and response.

*'We undersigned, request that Council: Consider a modification to Walker Park Draft Master Plan so as to ensure that Mitcham Tennis Club can continue to operate at Walker Park.'*

### KEY MATTERS

- The petition contains 2377 signatures.
- The petition requests that Council consider modifying the Walker Park Draft Master Plan to ensure the ongoing operation of the Mitcham Tennis Club at Walker Park

*Cr Davenport moved an amendment to add point 4 that was accepted by the mover and seconder*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Stennett, Seconded by Cr Cutts

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition listed, and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration;
2. Notifies the Lead Petitioner of the outcome of this resolution and any subsequent investigation; and
3. Receives an update following the completion of investigations into the matter raised in the Petition.
4. Place a copy of the outcome of the resolution and any subsequent investigation on Council's website.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts (2)

### 8.3 Traffic Review Naughton Grove, Blackburn

#### SUMMARY

A petition has been received requesting that Council consider an independent review of traffic conditions in Naughton Grove and to consider traffic-calming measures, including reinstating a 40 km/h speed limit.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the petition is presented to Council for formal receipt and referral to the organisation for consideration and response.

*'Commission an independent review of Council's view that traffic volumes and speed in Naughton Grove are 'satisfactory', and Residents' view that Councils' own data, benchmarks, and nationally recognised traffic authorities, unambiguously indicate Naughton Grove warrants intervention to calm the volume and speed of traffic, plus a speed limit of 40 kmph.'*

#### KEY MATTERS

- The petition contains 60 signatures.
- The petition requests that Council consider an independent review of traffic conditions in Naughton Grove and to consider traffic-calming measures, including reinstating a 40 km/h speed limit.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition listed, and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration;
2. Notifies the Lead Petitioner of the outcome of this resolution and any subsequent investigation; and
3. Receives an update following the completion of investigations into the matter raised in the Petition.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Weller, Cr Allan, Cr Barker, Cr Martin, Cr Griffiths (5)

## 8.4 Duck Crossing Signage, Vermont South

### SUMMARY

A petition has been received requesting that Council consider lowering the height of the duck crossing signage near Bellbird Dell, Vermont South and install a fourth sign.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the petition is presented to Council for formal receipt and referral to the organisation for consideration and response.

*'We, the undersigned, request the Council: To lower the two signages at a height similar to the 1st one on George Rd and install a 4th duck crossing signage on Terrara Rd.'*

### KEY MATTERS

- The petition contains 15 signatures.
- The petition requests that Council
  - The petition relates to duck-crossing warning signs near Bellbird Dell in Vermont South.
  - Residents are concerned that two existing signs on Terrara Road are installed too high, making them difficult for drivers to see.
  - Petitioners report ongoing risk to ducks and other birds crossing the road, with near-misses and some animals being struck by vehicles.
  - The petition asks Council to lower the two signs to a more visible height, consistent with the sign on George Road.
  - It also requests the installation of an additional duck-crossing sign for traffic approaching from the Burwood Highway end of Terrara Road.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Gunn, Seconded by Cr Barker

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition listed, and refers the matter to the relevant Director for appropriate consideration;
2. Notifies the Lead Petitioner of the outcome of this resolution and any subsequent investigation; and
3. Receives an update following the completion of investigations into the matter raised in the Petition.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Gunn (1)

## 9 Notices of Motion

Nil

**10 Council Reports****10.1 Contract 30439 Extension Receival, Processing and Management of Green and Timber Waste at the Whitehorse Recycling and Waste Centre****Department**

City Services

Director Infrastructure & Sustainability

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**SUMMARY**

This report is to consider an extension of Contract 30439 Receival, Processing and Management of Green and Timber Waste at the Whitehorse Recycling and Waste Centre, on a Schedule of Rate basis for a period of two years commencing on 1 July 2026 and to consider the estimated expenditure over the term of the contract extension. The contract is with Repurpose It Pty Ltd that has an original term of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026, with an option to extend the contract for two years at Council's discretion.

This report also recommends approval of an additional service as a variation under the Contract which is the processing of street sweeping debris into products for reuse. Currently this debris is sent to landfill. The contractor has proposed to modify the area allocated to green and timber waste and commence providing this service as soon as the infrastructure is in place. This would result in additional expenditure under the Contract, however, would result in an overall saving for Council. The cost to process the debris is considerably less than the cost to dispose of the debris in landfill.

**Attendance**

Cr Simpson left the Chamber at 7.39pm.

**Attendance**

Cr Simpson returned to the Chamber at 7.41pm and was present for the vote.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council approves:

1. Extension of Contract 30439 Receival, Processing and Management of Green and Timber Waste at the Whitehorse Recycling and Waste Centre with Repurpose It Pty Ltd (ABN 85 617 095 413), of 460 Cooper Street Epping on a Schedule of Rates basis for a period of two years from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028; and
2. An additional service as a variation under Contract 30439 for the processing of street sweeping debris for reuse. The additional service is to commence as soon as the required infrastructure is in place.
3. Total expected Contract 30439 expenditure, including the contract extension and contract variation, of up to \$6,500,000 excluding GST.
4. Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate to execute both the extension and variation documents.

**CARRIED**

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (9)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Griffiths, Cr Davenport (2)

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Cutts, Cr Weller, Cr Martin, Cr Griffiths (4)

## 10.2 Draft Strathdon Davy Community Precinct Master Plan Endorsement for Round 2 Community Consultation

**Department** Active Whitehorse  
Director Community Life

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### SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the draft Strathdon Davy Community Precinct Master Plan for the second-round community and stakeholder consultation. The Master Plan sets a 15-year vision for improvements at Strathdon Davy Community Precinct, shaped by community feedback, technical investigation, and site-specific opportunities and constraints.

The Master Plan considers the extensive community engagement conducted in 2024 and the 2022 Davy Lane Activation Project consultation results. Feedback was received from a wide range of reserve user groups, residents, the broader Whitehorse community, council staff, and key stakeholders.

Subject to Council endorsement, the Draft Strathdon Davy Community Precinct Master Plan will be released for public consultation in June/July 2026, allowing feedback to inform the development of a final Master Plan for Council consideration later in 2026.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Martin, Seconded by Cr Gunn

That Council endorses the Draft Strathdon Davy Community Precinct Master Plan to proceed to Round 2 community and stakeholder consultation in June/July 2026.

**CARRIED**

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (10)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Davenport (1)

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Martin, Cr Gunn, Cr Barker, Cr Allan, Cr Davenport, Cr Cutts, Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett (8)

### 10.3 Charles Rooks and Dagola Reserve- BMX Feasibility and Lighting Investigation

**Department** Active Whitehorse  
Director Community Life

Attachment

#### SUMMARY

On 25 August 2025, Council endorsed the Landscape Concept Plan for Charles Rooks and Dagola Reserves. The resolution also requested further investigation and report on:

- at least one option for a BMX pump track or similar;
- a solution for pathway lighting through the main path of the reserve from Lucknow Street to the shared path, and
- measures to mitigate impacts on ecologically sensitive areas of Charles Rooks and Dagola Reserve while providing solutions to these two proposed changes.

This report provides the requested information.

*Cr Stennett moved a motion that differed from the recommendation as printed in the Agenda.*

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Stennett, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Receives this report in response to Council Resolution 10.7 Charles Rooks – Dagola Reserve Landscape Concept Plan Endorsement of 25 August 2025.
2. Provide in principle support for Option 1 provision of BMX track in Charles Rooks Reserve and supports commencement of further assessment including community consultation on design and layout, and undertaking of environmental impact assessment, detailed design and costings.
3. Provide in principle support for the provision of pathway lighting along the primary shared pathway running diagonally through Charles Rooks Reserve and Dagola Reserve Precinct and supports commencement of further assessment including community consultation on design and layout, and detailed site investigations, detailed design and costings.
4. Receives a further report on these assessments and to consider a future budget allocation and amendment to the endorsed Charles Rooks Dagola Reserve Landscape Concept Plan.

**CARRIED**

## 10.3 (cont)

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (10)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Simpson (1)

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Stennett, Cr Allan, Cr Barker, Cr Cutts, Cr Simpson, Cr Martin (6)

## 10.4 Mt.Scopus Memorial College - Master Plan (Development Facilitation Program Referral)

**Department** City Planning and Development  
Director City Development

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### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about the proposed rezoning and master planning of the Mt Scopus Memorial College site at 245 Burwood Highway Burwood. The amendment is being led by the Development Facilitation Program (DFP) of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and was referred to Council in February 2026.

Despite the site's strategic importance, its rezoning and master planning did not form part of Am.GC248 and was not considered during the Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) led Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) 2025 process for Burwood. As a result, key land use and master planning matters tabled at the hearings have not been incorporated into the proposal.

Council officers believe that rezoning and master planning of the site should be delayed until a more comprehensive and informed masterplan has been developed.

Council officers responded under delegation to the DFP raising concerns about the proposal. This report seeks that Council advocate on behalf of our community for a more transparent and genuine process for Council and our local community.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Barker

That Council:

1. As a matter of urgency, write to the Minister for Planning expressing that:
  - a) The exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment Am.GC248 should have included the Mt Scopus Memorial College school site.
  - b) The Suburban Rail Loop Authority led Standing Advisory Committee process was not able to comprehensively consider the site and its strategic regional importance and has not incorporated key evidence tabled by Council at the hearings which is critical to the master planning of this site.
  - c) The use of the Development Facilitation Program for this site is a misuse of this pathway given the recent Suburban Rail Loop Precinct Planning process and Standing Advisory Committee, especially given the timing of Mt Scopus lodging with the Development Facilitation Program. This raises concerns of

## 10.4 (cont)

procedural fairness to the local community and Council, and more broadly issues of integrated planning.

- d) If the Development Facilitation Program continues to consider this proposal, that there must be genuine community engagement (in line with recent findings of the 2025 Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee Inquiry into Community Consultation Practices) followed by the appointment of an independent advisory committee to consider submissions and the proposed Master Plan.

2. Advocate on behalf of the community for greater accountability in state government development facilitation, including public engagement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Davenport, Cr Barker, Cr Martin, Cr Cutts, Cr Allan, Cr Simpson (6)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor called an eight-minute adjournment from 8.52pm until 9.00pm as the meeting was approaching the 2 hour duration.

The meeting re-commenced at 9.00pm with all councillors in attendance.

## 10.5 Arts & Civic Collections Policy

**Department** Creative Whitehorse  
Director Community Life

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### SUMMARY

The Art & Civic Collections Policy 2026–2033 sets the strategic direction for the governance, care and development of the Whitehorse Art and Civic Collections. Building on extensive curatorial analysis, community engagement, and advice from the Visual Arts Advisory Committee, the revised Policy strengthens the Collection’s focus, clarifies acquisition pathways, and ensures continued eligibility for the Australian Government’s Cultural Gifts Program.

The Policy identifies five Collection focus areas – Portraits, Environment, Ceramics, First Peoples and Australian Impressionism – reflecting community feedback, curatorial analysis of the Art Collection and the unique heritage of the Box Hill Artists’ Camp. Enhancements to transparency, programming, impact measurement and opportunities for shared services with cultural partners have also been incorporated.

The revised Policy reaffirms the development a nationally relevant Collection while continuing to honour works of strong local significance, building on existing practices and strengthening future acquisitions in this area.

Art purchases by delegation were temporarily paused in 2025/26, and this report includes a proposed acquisition: Annemieke Mein OAM’s major textile work *Leaping Lacewings* (2024) and two preparatory works. Mein is a distinguished textile artist with childhood ties to Mitcham, her recent exhibition at Artspace drew record attendance. The works align with the Environment collection focus area and the acquisition was unanimously supported by the Visual Arts Advisory Committee.

### Attendance

Cr Weller left the Chamber at 9.37pm.

### Attendance

Cr Weller returned to the Chamber at 9.38pm and was present for the vote.

### MOTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised Art & Civic Collections Policy 2026-2033.

## 10.5 (cont)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Approves the purchase of Annemieke Mein 'Leaping Lacewings' textile, colour plan and sketch utilising the adopted 2025/26 capital works budget for Art Acquisitions and Conservation.</li> <li>3. Endorse the updated Art and Culture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.</li> <li>4. Adopts the name change of Whitehorse Artspace to Whitehorse Art Gallery.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Cr Griffiths moved an amendment, that was not accepted by the mover or seconder.</i></p>
<p><b>AMENDMENT</b></p> <p>Moved by Cr Griffiths, Seconded by Cr Davenport</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopts the revised Art &amp; Civic Collections Policy 2026-2033 subject to changes that reflect: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. all future acquisitions require a connection to Whitehorse.</li> <li>b. establishes an expression of interest only process for art acquisition.</li> <li>c. that when loaning art, terms and pricing should be no more onerous than the Federal Government Artbank program.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Adopts the name change of Whitehorse Artspace to Whitehorse Art Gallery.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>LOST</b></p>
<p><b>Voted FOR Item:</b> Cr Griffiths, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (3)</p>
<p><b>Voted AGAINST Item:</b> Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (8)</p>
<p><b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Weller</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopts the revised Art &amp; Civic Collections Policy 2026-2033.</li> <li>2. Approves the purchase of Annemieke Mein 'Leaping Lacewings' textile, colour plan and sketch utilising the adopted 2025/26 capital works budget for Art Acquisitions and Conservation.</li> <li>3. Endorse the updated Art and Culture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.</li> <li>4. Adopts the name change of Whitehorse Artspace to Whitehorse Art Gallery.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

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10.5 (cont)

<b>Voted FOR Item:</b> Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (7)
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<b>Voted AGAINST Item:</b> Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (4)
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<b>Spoke to Item:</b> Cr Cutts, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Davenport, Cr Stennett, Cr Simpson, Cr Martin, Cr Barker, Cr Allan, Cr Gunn (10)
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## 10.6 Glass Recycling Service and Advocacy

**Department** City Services  
Director Infrastructure

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### SUMMARY

This report is in response to the Council Report from 8 December 2025, 'Waste Management Strategy – 5-Year Action Plan – Changes to Kerbside Bin Services', where Council resolved to delay the decision on the introduction of a kerbside glass bin recycling service until April 2026. On 13 October 2025, Council resolved to object to the introduction of a kerbside glass bin recycling service.

The draft Household Waste and Recycling Service Standards, which specify how councils must provide the proposed new kerbside glass bin recycling service to all households by 1 July 2027 under the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, have been repeatedly deferred and there is no confirmed date for their release.

Since late 2024, Council has been involved in cross-council advocacy efforts to oppose the kerbside glass bin recycling service, which now represents 35 councils across metropolitan and rural councils. As part of the glass advocacy group, concerns have been raised about investing in new infrastructure to collect relatively small amounts of glass when more practical, efficient and cost-effective alternatives may exist. A key focus of the group is calling on the State Government to expand the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to include wine and spirit bottles.

As there have been repeated delays in the Household Waste and Recycling Service Standards, with no indication on when they might be implemented, the introduction of a kerbside glass bin recycling service is not recommended. The State Government has not released a business case or finalised the Service Standards, making the environmental and financial benefits unclear. Without clear standards, there is a risk of delivering a costly service that may not meet legislative requirements or community needs.

It is recommended that Council continues its position to oppose the State Government mandatory kerbside glass bin recycling service in its current form until the business case and Service Standards are released.

## 10.6 (cont)

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Barker

That Council:

1. Does not support the State Government imposed mandatory kerbside glass bin recycling service in its current form.
2. Supports the expansion of the Container Deposit Scheme to include wine and spirit bottles.
3. Calls upon the State Government to permit alternative glass recycling service options.
4. Defers implementation of a kerbside glass bin recycling service due to the State Government business case and Service Standards not being released and notes that the 2026/27 Proposed Budget will require amendment to reflect not progressing to implement a Glass Bin recycling service.
5. Continues to support collaborative council advocacy, including being named in multi-council media campaigns calling for an expanded Container Deposit Scheme, the removal of the requirement to implement a mandatory kerbside glass bin recycling service, or to delay its implementation to future years.
6. Notes the risk of non-compliance if deferral of a kerbside glass bin recycling service puts Council outside legislated requirements.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Davenport, Cr Barker, Cr Simpson, Cr Allan, Cr Martin, Cr Cutts, Cr Gunn (7)

## 10.7 2026/27 Proposed Budget

**Department** Finance  
Director Corporate Services

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### SUMMARY

*The Local Government Act 2020* ('the Act') requires Council to take an integrated approach to planning and reporting under a principles-based approach. The principles-based legislation is designed to support Council with an adaptive response based on the local needs of the community; social, economic, environmental and cultural context; and the capacity of Council.

The 2026/27 Proposed Budget has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Budget is a rolling four-year plan that outlines the financial and non-financial resources that Council requires to achieve the strategic objectives described in the Integrated Council Plan (ICP) 2025-2029.

The 2026/27 Proposed Budget has been informed by a range of community engagement activities, including the 2024 *Shaping Whitehorse* community engagement program and community feedback on the 2025/26 Budget. The feedback highlighted several consistent themes, with a strong emphasis on infrastructure priorities, open space and overall liveability. In particular, respondents emphasised the importance of well-maintained parks, increased access to green spaces, and improved walking and cycling connections, alongside considerations regarding the balance of investment between organised sport and broader community use.

Key projects funded within the 2026/27 Budget that align with these priority areas are detailed in Section 4 of the Budget which includes the ICP Year 2 Action Plan.

The Proposed Budget 2026/27 will be available for community feedback on Council's website between Wednesday 22 April 2026 and Sunday 10 May 2026, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Notices will be included on our website and across Council's social media channels to promote the availability of the Proposed Budget. Printed copies will also be available at Council's two Customer Service centres and four libraries. Council will also hold 4 pop-up sessions at various locations across the municipality during the consultation period. Further information will be available on Council's Your Say website.

All community feedback will be reviewed prior to final adoption in June 2026.

## 10.7 (cont)

*Cr Weller moved a motion that differed from the recommendation as printed in the Agenda.*

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Notes the Proposed 2026/27 budget has been developed for the purposes of Sections 94 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020.
2. Amends the 2026/27 Proposed Budget to reflect not progressing to implement a Glass Bin recycling service
3. Endorses in principle the Proposed Budget 2026/27 for community consultation, to be undertaken from 22 April 2026 to 10 May 2026, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
4. Invites community feedback on the Proposed Budget 2026/27 during the consultation period of 22 April to 10 May 2026, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
5. Adopts the 2026/27 Budget at the Council Meeting on Monday, 22 June 2026, in accordance with Sections 94 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020.

*Cr Davenport moved an amendment, not accepted by the mover but accepted by the seconder. The amendment was put to the vote and carried.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Weller, Seconded by Cr Allan

That Council:

1. Notes the Proposed 2026/27 budget has been developed for the purposes of Sections 94 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020.
2. Amends the 2026/27 Proposed Budget to reflect not progressing to implement a Glass Bin recycling service
3. Endorses in principle the Proposed Budget 2026/27 for community consultation, to be undertaken from 22 April 2026 to 10 May 2026, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
4. Invites community feedback on the Proposed Budget 2026/27 during the consultation period of 22 April to 10 May 2026, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
5. Considers the 2026/27 Budget at the Council Meeting on Monday, 22 June 2026, in accordance with Sections 94 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.7 (cont)

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Weller, Cr Allan, Cr Barker, Cr Davenport, Cr Cutts, Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett, Cr Griffiths (8)

## 10.8 Proposed Sale of Land - Part Former Laneway Adjacent 105 Kenmare Street, Mont Albert North

**Department** Commercial  
Director Corporate Services

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Attachment

### SUMMARY

Council officers have reached agreement in principle with the property owner of 105 Kenmare Street, Mont Albert North (Proposed Purchaser) regarding the potential sale of a Council owned section of former Drainage and Sewerage Reserve which is currently incorporated within their fenced boundary.

The subject land, measuring 15.24 metres long x 4.57 metres wide and having an area of approximately 70m<sup>2</sup>, is located adjacent to the rear of the Proposed Purchaser's property, and is effectively landlocked having no frontage to Kenmare Street or connection to any other part of the public road network. Given its small size, landlocked location and that the land is not reasonably required for current or future community purposes, officers consider that its best use is to be sold and incorporated in the adjoining owner's property with Council directing sale proceeds to more effective community benefit.

The Proposed Purchasers have agreed in-principle to purchase the land from Council at current market value, as determined by independent valuation, subject to Council completing statutory processes pursuant to section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

It is recommended that Council publish notice of its intention to sell the land to the owner of the adjacent property at 105 Kenmare Street, Mont Albert North, undertake a community engagement process in accordance with the requirements of section 114 of the Act, and enter into a Heads of Agreement in relation to the proposed sale.

## 10.8 (cont)

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Simpson, Seconded by Cr Griffiths

That Council:

1. Being of the opinion that the section of former road known as Lot 21 on PS600530A is not required for municipal or community use, resolves to publish notice of its intention to sell the land to the adjacent owner (Lot 45 on LP8375) for a price of \$65,000.00 + GST, and commence a community engagement process pursuant to section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*
2. Authorises the CEO or delegate to sign a Heads of Agreement in relation to the proposed sale.
3. At the conclusion of the engagement process, receive a further report which incorporates Community feedback received, to consider whether the land should or should not be sold.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Simpson

## 10.9 Draft Pavilion Development Policy Endorsement for Community Engagement

**Department** Active Whitehorse  
Director Community Life

Attachment

### SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement.

The current Pavilion Development Policy was adopted in 2019. Since then, there have been significant changes in community expectations, participation trends, facility standards and funding that necessitate a policy review. The draft policy establishes an evidence-based framework to guide the planning, design, funding, and delivery of pavilions across the municipality to reflect contemporary needs and provide clear direction for future pavilion development projects.

The draft policy introduces key recommendations for Council consideration, including a revised pavilion classification framework, pavilion funding and co-contribution principles, updated facility standards, and a prioritisation framework to guide investment decisions. It also addresses delivery considerations such as modular construction, temporary facilities during construction, and design guidelines to support shared and inclusive use.

The report recommends Council endorse the draft policy for community and stakeholder engagement to seek from stakeholders and the broader community before a final version is prepared.

### MOTION

Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Barker

That Council endorses the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement.

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

### AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Griffiths

That Council endorses the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement, subject to the following amendments:

- a. Section 5 – Delivery Approaches, Item 7 be amended to require cost comparisons between modular and traditional construction to

## 10.9 (cont)

<p>be undertaken on a cost-per-square-metre (\$/m<sup>2</sup>) basis, rather than on a like-for-like comparison of construction materials;</p> <p>b. Design Principle 6 – Inclusive, Safe and Sustainable be amended to remove reference to Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) and instead reference compliance with the National Construction Code (NCC) as a minimum standard; and</p> <p>c. Two additional Design Principles be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Pavilion design will prioritise functional performance over architectural form; and</li> <li>ii. Modular or prefabricated construction will be the preferred delivery approach for pavilion projects.</li> </ul>
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*The Mayor ruled that the vote be undertaken in parts.*

**PART 1**

That Council endorses the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement, subject to the following amendments:

- a. Section 5 – Delivery Approaches, Item 7 be amended to require cost comparisons between modular and traditional construction to be undertaken on a cost-per-square-metre (\$/m<sup>2</sup>) basis, rather than on a like-for-like comparison of construction materials;

**LOST**

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (4)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (7)

**PART 2**

That Council endorses the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement, subject to the following amendments:

- b. Design Principle 6 – Inclusive, Safe and Sustainable be amended to remove reference to Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) and instead reference compliance with the National Construction Code (NCC) as a minimum standard;

**LOST**

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Davenport, Cr Barker (2)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Simpson, Cr Langford, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Martin (9)

**PART 3**

## 10.9 (cont)

That Council endorses the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement, subject to the following amendments:

- c. Two additional Design Principles be included:
  - i. Pavilion design will prioritise functional performance over architectural form; and
  - ii. Modular or prefabricated construction will be the preferred delivery approach for pavilion projects.

**LOST**

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett (5)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller, Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Martin, Cr Cutts (6)

**A Division was called for Part 3.****Division****For**

Cr Cutts  
Cr Davenport  
Cr Griffiths  
Cr Gunn  
Cr Simpson  
Cr Stennett (6)

**Against**

Cr Allan  
Cr Barker  
Cr Langford  
Cr Martin  
Cr Weller (5)

**On the results of the Division the motion was declared CARRIED**

*Part 3 was incorporated into the substantive motion and put to the vote*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Moved by Cr Simpson, Seconded by Cr Stennett

That the Motion be put.

**CARRIED**

**Voted FOR Item:** Cr Langford, Cr Barker, Cr Martin, Cr Cutts Cr Griffiths, Cr Gunn, Cr Davenport, Cr Simpson, Cr Stennett (9)

**Voted AGAINST Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Weller (2)

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Allan, Seconded by Cr Barker

## 10.9 (cont)

That Council endorses the Draft Pavilion Development Policy for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement; subject to the following amendments:

- a. Two additional Design Principles be included:
  - i. Pavilion design will prioritise functional performance over architectural form; and
  - ii. Modular or prefabricated construction will be the preferred delivery approach for pavilion projects.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Allan, Cr Barker, Cr Griffiths, Cr Davenport, Cr Stennett, Cr Cutts, Cr Simpson, Cr Martin (8)

**10.10 Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report - October 2025 to March 2026**

**Department** Integrity & Performance  
Director Corporate Services

Attachment

**SUMMARY**

Whitehorse City Council has established an Audit and Risk Committee (Committee) pursuant to section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act).

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter (Charter) and section 54(5) of the Act, requires the Committee to:

- Prepare a biannual audit and risk report that describes the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee and includes its findings and recommendations; and
- Provide a copy of the biannual audit and risk report to the Chief Executive Officer for tabling at a Council meeting.

The Committee at its meeting held Wednesday, 4 March 2026 approved the attached biannual report to Council for the period October 2025 to March 2026, contingent upon the inclusion of updated information for the March 2026 Committee meeting.

**Attendance**

Cr Martin left the Chamber at 10.38pm was not present for the vote.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Griffiths, Seconded by Cr Gunn

That Council note the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period October 2025 to March 2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Spoke to Item:** Cr Griffiths (1)

## 10.11 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.

### Attendance

Cr Martin returned to the Chamber at 11.00pm and was present for the vote.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Simpson, Seconded by Cr Weller

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

<b>Department</b>	Performance and Integrity
	Manager Performance and Integrity

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 Simpson

That Council receives and notes the:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Organisation/ Committee/Group</b>	<b>Date of Attendance</b>
Deputy Mayor Cr Simpson	Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee	15 April 2026
Cr Martin	Whitehorse Business Group	9 April 2026
	Community Safety Committee	31 March 2026
Cr Cutts	Community Safety Committee	31 March 2026
Cr Stennett	Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee	15 April 2026
Mayor Cr Langford	Whitehorse Business Group	9 April 2026

**12 Confidential Reports**

Nil

**13 Close Meeting**

The open Council Meeting was closed at 11.04pm.

*These minutes are circulated subject to confirmation by Council  
at the next Council Meeting to be held on 11 May 2026.*