Actions completed in 2017

Safe travel by school and pre-school aged children

	Action	Timelines	Progress in 2017
Safe	travel by school and pre-school aged	l children	
1.1	Promote the correct selection and installation of child restraints by providing literature and opportunities for residents to have restraints professionally fitted.	Ongoing	 Child Restraint Fitting Clinics: 16/3/2017 – 41 restraints checked 18/3/2017 – 66 restraints checked
1.2	Provide assistance to schools and pre-schools to incorporate road safety into their curriculum for students.	Ongoing	 Road Safety session held at Sweetland Road Kindergarten on 28/4/2017.
1.3	Promote safe walking, cycling, scooting, car pooling and using public transport as sustainable, fun and healthy methods of travelling to school and preschool. Support programs such as 'BikeEd', 'Transit', 'Bike itl', 'School Travel Planning' and other walking and cycling programs.	Ongoing	 School Holiday Bike Ed Program: 6-7/4/2017 Mums on Bikes –Bikes skills course to target mothers as a way of encouraging more children to ride to school. (Oct-Nov 2017) Bike It! 2017 held on 22/11/2016 with 11 schools (10 Whitehorse schools) Walk to School 2017 held during October with 29 schools participating. Transit Program run with 13 schools and 724 students: Burwood East (8/8/2017) St Timothy's (17/8/2017) St Lukes (15/9/2017) St John's (12/10/2017) Antonio Park PS (24/10/2017) St Scholasticas (23/11/2017) St Scholasticas (23/11/2017) St Scholasticas (23/11/2017) St Thomas the Apostle (5/12/2017) Blackburn (11/12/2017)
1.4	Support behavioural programs with engineering projects to improve the safety, accessibility and wellbeing of road users around schools.	Medium - Long	'Easy Ride' routes being investigated that lead to key destinations such as schools. 'Whitehorse Active and Safe School Program' in Whitehorse Primary School being implemented.
1.5	Encourage parents to safely drop off and pick up students from school by providing information and enforcing the parking restrictions.	Ongoing	Regular parking enforcement at schools during drop off and pick up times. Parent information provided during programs such as Transit and Walk to School 'Walk to School' month of activities hosted in October 2017
1.6	Continue to advocate for increased State Government funding for the School Crossing Supervisor program.	Ongoing	Council applies annually to the state government for funding of the School Crossing Supervisor program, including requests for additional locations. Council participated in a State Gov't review of 'Safety in School Areas' on 12 September 2017.

	Action	Timelines	Progress in 2017
Road	users aged 16-25 years		
2.1	Continue to support and promote novice driver education programs (such as those listed below) delivered in schools, sporting clubs, Scout and Girl Guide groups as well as other youth venues: 'Fit to Drive' 'Looking After Our Mates' 'Court Room Drama' 'Keys Please' 'SpinChat' 'Make a Film Make a Difference' (MAFMAD)	Ongoing	 Three Fit to Drive sessions held at: Koonung Secondary College, 8/5/2017 Mullauna College, 17/8/2017 Forest Hill College, 23/11/2017 Ten Keys Please sessions held at: Our Lady of Sion, 16/2/2017 Koonung Secondary College, 15/3/2017 Vermont Secondary College, 1/5/2017 Vermont Secondary College, 2/5/2017 Presbyterian Ladies College, 2/5/2017 Kingswood College, 12/5/2017 Emmaus College, 6/6/2017 Mullauna College, 21/6/2017 Mount Scopus Memorial College, 18/7/2017 Nunawading Christian College, 6/9/2017 Box Hill High School, 20/9/2017 Six Looking After Our Mates sessions delivered: Four x Presbyterian Ladies College, 27/3/2017 and 1/5/2017 East Burwood Football Club, 29/5/2017 Whitehorse Pioneers Football Club, 27/6/2017
2.2	Encourage parents and other supervising drivers to participate in the 'Lessons from the Road' program and accompany Learner drivers participating in the 'Keys 2 Drive' program.	Short	Council is an active member of RoadSafe Eastern Metro, which actively participates in these programs. The Lessons from the Road program is promoted at the activities listed in Action 2.1.
2.3	Apply for funding through Council and VicRoads to implement the 'L2P' Learner driver program.	Short	Continued delivery of youth road safety programs including the 'L2P' learner driver mentor program
2.4	Encourage novice drivers to purchase safe vehicles through promoting the 'ANCAP' and 'Used Car Safety Rating' resources.	Long	The "How Safe is your First Car" website is promoted during the Fit2Drive program.
2.5	Support RoadSafe Eastern Metro to deliver road safety programs to youth members of sporting clubs.	Ongoing	Two Looking After Our Mates sessions delivered at sporting clubs: o East Burwood Football Club, 29/5/2017 o Whitehorse Pioneers Football Club, 27/6/2017

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Vuln	erable road users		
3.1	Implement programs that enable community members to be safe, healthy and confident cyclists, eg 'BikeEd', 'Transit', 'Bike it!' and 'CycleWise'.	Ongoing	 o Co-hosted "The Women's Ride" with Deakin University and Wheel Women, 25/3/2017 o Cyclewise - Intermediate Course o 18/3/2017 o 5/11/17 o 10/9/2016 (7 people) o Cyclewise - Beginners 18/3/2017 22/10/2017 Bike Skills School Holiday Program 4-5/4/2017 Bike Skills School Holiday Program 4-5/4/2017 Bike Maintenance Course held on 3/6/17 Hosted Ride to Work Day Community Breakfast in Box Hill Mall, 18/10/2017 Mums on Bikes -Bikes skills course to target mothers as a way of encouraging more children to ride to school. (Oct-Nov 2017) Bike It! 2017 held on 22/11/2016 with 11 schools (10 Whitehorse schools) Transit Program run with 13 schools (see 1.3 for full list) Funded 4 teachers to complete the Bike Ed Teacher Training Course (2 x Kerrimuir PS and 2 x Whitehorse PS) Cycling promoted as part of Walk to School Month, October 2017
3.2	Support safe cycling campaigns conducted by external stakeholders, such as the Amy Gillett Foundation, Bicycle Network Victoria, RoadSafe Eastern Metro, VicRoads and the TAC. Prioritise campaigns that focus on visibility of cyclists and etiquette between drivers and cyclists, and vice-versa.	Ongoing	Co-hosted 'The Women's Ride' with Deakin University on 25/3/2017. Promotion and distribution of 'We care for Cyclists' bumper stickers to encourage better sharing of the roads. Cohosted Women's Ride with Deakin University 25/3/17 Promotion of Bicycle Network's 'Ride to School Day' on 17/3/17 Publicised 'Box Hill Ride a Bike' group in the June 2017 edition of the Whitehorse News; Participating in the VicRoads 'promo bike' program with branded bikes placed on shared paths displaying etiquette messages. Ongoing use of Amy Gillett Foundation's 'A Metre Matters' and 'It's a Two Way Street' materials to promote respectful sharing of roads and paths. Implemented Bicycle Network's 'Ride to Work Day' event in conjunction with Box Hill Instititute on 18/10/17 Implementation of joint Bike It event with RoadSafe Eastern Metro and Boroondara Council; VicRoad's Travel Happy campaign promoted at Bike It event;

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3.3	Include information regarding safe pedestrian behaviour in existing road safety programs.	Ongoing	Pedestrian safety information disseminated as part of programs such as Seniors Stepping Out Safely, Wiser Driver, Walk to School and Transit One Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller course run at Box Hill South Neighbourhood House, Feb-March 2017 One Seniors Stepping Out Safely (12/10/17)
3.4	Work with road safety stakeholders to develop and implement programs that highlight the vulnerability of older pedestrians.	Medium – Long	Partners include RoadSafe Eastern Metro, Mitcham Community House and VicRoads to develop, implement and fund programs such as 'Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller' and 'Seniors Stepping Out Safely'. Participated in the Victoria Walks 'WalkSpot' program to understand community concerns regarding pedestrian safety.
3.5	Work with RoadSafe Eastern Metro and neighbouring municipalities to promote safe motorcyclist behaviour and wearing of appropriate protective and high visibility clothing.	Long	No progress against this action in 2017.
3.6	Advocate to other levels of government for safety improvements to public transport, pedestrian and cyclist services and infrastructure.	Ongoing	Ongoing advocacy to the State Government for: Pedestrian and cyclist improvements connected with the Chirnside Park to Mordialloc Strategic Cycling Corridor Construction of a shared use path along the former Healesville Freeway Reservation Improvements to the Box Hill to Ashburton Strategic
3.7	Continue to implement education programs such as 'Transit' that encourage the use of transport modes that are safe, sustainable and active, such as cycling, walking and using public transport.	Ongoing	Cycling Corridor Annual programs include Transit, Bike Ed, Bike It, Wiser Driver, school holiday bike skills courses, CycleWise, Mums on Bikes; Ride to Work Day, Ride to School, Women's Ride, and Speed Observation Trailers; Continued promotion regarding respectful sharing of roads and paths by cyclists, motorists and pedestrians. Two CycleWise programs for Adults hosted on 18/3/17 and One course held on 8/4/17. Ride to School Day promoted for 17/3/17 School holiday bike skills course held 6-7/4/17 Women's Ride hosted 25/3/17 'Walk to School' month of activities hosted in October 2017. Bike It event hosted on 22/11/17
3.8	Continue to carry out works throughout the Box Hill Central Activities Area to improve the safety and accessibility of pedestrians and cyclists (see 'Safe Roads and Paths' section).	Ongoing	Working with VicRoads and the LXRA on the Box Hill to Ringwood Shared Use Path project. Implementing TAC Grant for Cyclist Safety improvements at Traffic Management Devices. Improvements made to:

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	Other		
Elder	ly road users and road users with lin	nited mobility	
4.1	Implement road safety education programs for senior road users that aim to keep them safe, healthy and active in the community, eg 'Wiser Driver', 'Keeping Safe and Mobile', 'Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller', 'Safer Scooter Wiser Wheelchair'.	Ongoing	 Seven Wiser Driver courses held: Feb 2017, Mitcham March 2017, Box Hill May 2017 Mitcham May 2017, Box Hill North July/Aug 2017, Mitcham November 2017, Mitcham November 2017, Box Hill South Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller course held: February/March , Box Hill South Seniors Stepping Out Safely course held: 12 October 2017 at Forest Hill Chase SC
4.2	Identify and address access and safety issues for people with limited mobility (see 'Safe Roads and Paths' section for further information).	Medium - Long	Pedestrian safety issue raised with VicRoads about an unsafe zebra crossing on Station St, Box Hill at the Transport Interchange.
4.3	Raise the awareness of the impacts of disability on travel. Highlight the disability consequences of road trauma through programs such as 'SpinChat'.	Long	Public Transport Victoria hosted a "Try Before you Ride" at the Box Hill Tram Terminus on 18/10/2017
4.4	Promote the safe use of motorised mobility scooters through existing or new road safety programs, such as 'Wiser Driver', 'Keeping Safe and Mobile', and 'Safer Scooter Wiser Wheelchair'.	Ongoing	(see 4.1 for detail) Seven Wiser Driver courses held. One Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller course held. One Seniors Stepping Out Safely course held.
4.5	Promote the availability of alternative forms of transport, eg community transport and public transport for community members who no longer drive so that they can continue to interact with their community and avoid social isolation.	Long	One Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller course held. Public Transport Victoria hosted a "Try Before you Ride" at the Box Hill Tram Terminus on 18/10/2017

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	Other		
Safe	vehicles		
5.1	Promote the importance of vehicle safety technology, the 'ANCAP' program, the 'Used Car Rating System', and the 'First Car List' at relevant events and programs. Encourage the use of applications such as 'Speed Alert' and 'Road Mode' that assist with safe driving. Investigate new vehicle safety technologies as they become available and advocate for their inclusion in business and private vehicles.	Ongoing	Vehicle safety discussed during Wiser Driver and Fit to Drive courses Council annually reviews its fleet policy and as part of this review, investigates vehicle safety technology advances. Incorporated in the latest revision of Council's Fleet and Vehicle Safety Policy 2017. Reviewing data from 2014 to 2016 on fleet vehicle crashes and fleet driver traffic infringements. Council successfully applied for a TAC Grant to review Council's Fleet and Vehicle Policy to improve driver behaviour and fleet safety. Review commenced in August 2017.
5.2	Promote the correct selection and installation of child restraints by providing literature and opportunities for residents to have restraints professionally fitted.	Ongoing	Child Restraint Fitting Clinics: o 16/3/2017 – 41 restraints checked o 18/3/2017 – 66 restraints checked
5.3	Encourage businesses within Whitehorse with vehicle fleets to develop and implement policies to guide the selection, safe use and maintenance of vehicles. Encourage participation in the 'National Road Safety Partnership Program' which is designed to assist businesses to share information about how to improve road safety in their workplace.	Ongoing	No progress against this action in 2017.
5.4	Continue to review Council's 'Fleet and Vehicle Safety Policy' annually to ensure fleet passenger vehicles have appropriate safety features and a 5 star ANCAP rating. Increase the number of other Council vehicles (eg utes and vans) that have a 5 star ANCAP rating as new models become available.	Ongoing	Council continues to review its 'Fleet and Vehicle Safety Policy' each year.
5.5	Review Council's 'Safer Driving Policy' to ensure Council staff are appropriately trained and display safe travel behaviour.	Short	Council successfully applied for a TAC Grant to review Council's Fleet and Vehicle Policy to improve driver behaviour and fleet safety. Review commenced in August 2017.

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Risk	contributors	1	
6.1	Continue to implement the 'Not So Fast' program that uses speed observation trailers to detect and display the speed of oncoming vehicles. Use trailers in 50 km/h local streets and 40 km/h school speed zones to remind motorists to slow down.	Ongoing	Speed observation trailers placed in 290 locations.
6.2	Liaise with Victoria Police to advocate for enforcement in high speed locations.	Ongoing	Police/ Council road safety network meetings: o 6/3/2017 o 5/6/2017 o 4/9/2017 o 4/12/2017
6.3	Implement programs that highlight the impact that alcohol and drugs (legal and illegal), fatigue, speed and distractions have on driving abilities, eg 'Fit to Drive' 'Looking After Our Mates' 'Responsible Serving of Alcohol' 'Wiser Driver' 'Keeping Safe and Mobile' 'Fatality Free Friday'	Ongoing	 Whitehorse News in May had stories for "Shine a Light on Road Safety" and Road Trauma Support Services Victoria. Box Hill Town Hall illuminated yellow during the "Shine a Light on Road Safety" campaign. Three Fit to Drive sessions held at: Koonung Secondary College, 8/5/2017 Mullauna College, 17/8/2017 Forest Hill College, 23/11/2017 Six Looking After Our Mates sessions delivered: Four x Presbyterian Ladies College, 27/3/2017 and 1/5/2017 East Burwood Football Club, 29/5/2017 Whitehorse Pioneers Football Club, 27/6/2017
6.4	Look for opportunities to cross promote road safety issues with other Council programs and events, eg promote anti drink driving messages at Christmas functions.	Ongoing	Article in Whitehorse Leader with Christmas road safety message from Mayor, 18/12/17 Assisted Victoria Police with using Council's VMS signs to promote police road safety operations over five long weekends in 2017.

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Safe	roads and paths		
7.1	Advocate for the State Government to address high crash locations on arterial roads, as well as locations where there is high potential for crashes to occur.	Ongoing	Met with VicRoads and Victoria Police at the site of a fatal pedestrian crash at Station Street, Burwood Crash hotspots are discussed at the quarterly Police-Council-VicRoads road safety meetings.
7.2	Continue to address local streets where inappropriate speed and volume cause safety concerns.	Ongoing	Speed observation trailers placed in 290 locations.
7.3	Encourage walking as a safe, healthy and sustainable mode of transport by improving infrastructure in high pedestrian areas, eg in vicinity of schools and shopping centres.	Ongoing	Streetscape upgrades made to improve pedestrian amenity around the Mitcham shopping centre. Stage 1 of pipe track shared use path complete
7.4	 Prioritise actions within Council's key strategic planning documents, such as the 'Whitehorse Integrated Transport Strategy 2011', the 'Box Hill Structure Plan 2007' and 'MegaMile(west) and Blackburn Activity Centres Urban Design Framework, 2010' to improve the safety and accessibility of pedestrians and cyclists, eg Continue to construct footpath improvements, Improve the bicycle access to 	Long	'Easy Ride' routes being investigated to connect to get destinations.
	Box Hill train station Advocate for a review of the speed limits within the Box Hill Central Activities Area		
7.5	Ensure road and path infrastructure meets the needs of senior pedestrians and those with limited mobility. Treatments could include trimming overhanging branches, installing audio tactile devices at traffic lights, increasing the green walk phase at pedestrian crossings, ensuring signage does not obscure visibility for people in wheelchairs, and ensuring compliance with legislative requirements such as the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.	Ongoing	 Maintenance program has resulted in greater accessibility through the following projects: Melbourne Water Pipe Track Shared User Path between Highbury Road and Ballantyne Street Station Street Mitcham road and streetscape reconstruction
7.6	Consider preparing a position paper that identifies the existing bicycle network and recommends opportunities for improving the safety of cyclists.	Short	Completed in 2016 – Whitehorse Cycling Strategy.

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7.7	Continue to consider allocating Council funds each year to maintain and improve footpaths as well as on and off road bicycle paths to a high standard.	Ongoing	Completed Stage 1 of the Pipe Track in Burwood East. Considerable design and feasibility work completed with VicRoads on other sections of the Pipe Track. (Note that in early 2018, this project was put on hold due to maintenance and renewal issues of the Melbourne Water underground pipes.) Ongoing funding allocated for the maintenance of footpaths and shared use paths.
7.8	Advocate to other levels of government for funding to improve on and off road bicycle paths and other infrastructure to improve the safety and opportunities for bicyclists.	Medium	 Implementing TAC Grant for Cyclist Safety improvements at Traffic Management Devices. Council continues to advocate to the State Government for appropriate design and construction of the Laburnum sections of the Box Hill to Ringwood shared path. Council is working with VicRoads and Active Transport Victoria to improve safety and connectivity of sections of the Chirnside Park to Mordialloc Strategic Cycling Corridor (via pipe track) and the Box Hill to Ashburton Strategic Cycling Corridor (via Gardiners Creek) Ongoing advocacy for the construction of the Strategic Cycling Corridor along the former Healesville Freeway Reservation.
7.9	Review and update the 'Whitehorse Traffic Management Strategy' which assists Council to determine appropriate traffic treatment locations as well as areas within the municipality where the speed limit may require review.	Medium	No progress against this action in 2017.

	Action	Timelines	Progress in 2017
	Other		
Lead	ership, communications and evaluati	ion	
8.1	Advocate strongly on behalf of our community on issues controlled by State and Federal Governments, eg the upgrade of the Box Hill Transport Interchange and Box Hill to Ringwood Bicycle Path.	Ongoing	Strong ongoing advocacy for the upgrade of the Box Hill Public Transport Interchange through media campaigns, meetings with state government politicians and meetings with state government officers. Ongoing advocacy regarding the alignment of the Box Hill to Ringwood shared use path through Laburnum. Ongoing advocacy for the construction of a shared use path along the former Healesville Freeway Reservation.
8.2	Actively participate in regional and state committees, eg RoadSafe Eastern Metro, to increase knowledge and advocate for improved services in Whitehorse.	Ongoing	Police/ Council road safety network meetings: o 6/3/2017 o 5/6/2017 o 4/9/2017 o 4/12/2017 Attended monthly RoadSafe Eastern Metro committee meetings Coordinated Two Local Government Road Safety Officer Network Meetings (Feb & Aug 2017)
8.3	Lead by example by ensuring Council staff are knowledgeable about road safety and display safe travel behaviours.	Ongoing	Staff induction training conducted: 17/3/2017 24/8/2017 4/10/2017 6/12/2017
8.4	Raise awareness of Council staff regarding issues that impact on road safety such as alcohol, drugs, speed and fatigue. Ensure Council policies and procedures are adequate to promote a culture of safe behaviour.	Ongoing	Staff induction training conducted: 17/3/2017 24/8/2017 4/10/2017 6/12/2017 Council successfully applied for a TAC Grant to review Council's Fleet and Vehicle Policy to improve driver behaviour and fleet safety. Review commenced in August 2017.
8.5	Utilise appropriate and innovative communication methods to ensure road safety messages reach target audiences. Ensure the needs of our diverse community are addressed by communicating in languages other than English, are culturally sensitive, and are accessible for people with disabilities.	Ongoing	Use of the Speed Observation Trailers to provide different road safety messages at times. These messages have assisted programs such as Shine a Light on Road Safety (May 2017) and Walk to School (October 2017). Assisted Victoria Police with using Council's VMS signs to promote police road safety operations over 5 long weekends in 2017.
8.6	Keep up to date with road safety research and apply relevant outcomes to ensure Council programs represent best practice.	Ongoing	 Events/ seminars/ training/ conferences attended: Bike Futures Conference, February 2017 National Road Safety Partnership Program webinars, April & June 2017
8.7	Report to Council annually on the progress of this Strategy.	Ongoing	Report provided to Council that summarised the programs and crash statistics for the 2016 calendar year on 21/8/2017.

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8.8	Evaluate all actions in this Road Safety Strategy using a range of methods to gauge the effectiveness of reducing the number and severity of road injuries and fatalities in Whitehorse.	Ongoing	Road trauma statistics are regularly reviewed throughout the year to identify trends in the crash statistics.