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25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

19 November 2024, 6pm

Council Chamber, Council Offices,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang







Due to Council Elections, there will be no Council Meetings during September and October 2024.

 Meetings can be viewed live on the City of Whittlesea YouTube channel.

For the latest information about Council Meetings, including how you can get involved, visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings



Connect with us

-  **South Morang**
25 Ferres Boulevard
Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm
-  **Whittlesea**
63 Church Street
Monday to Friday, 9.30am–5pm
-  9217 2170
(including after hours emergencies)
National Relay Service
133 677 (ask for 9217 2170)
-  Locked Bag 1,
Bundoora MDC VIC 3083
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Lydia Wilson
Chair of Administrators




Peita Duncan
Administrator



Christian Zahra AM
Administrator

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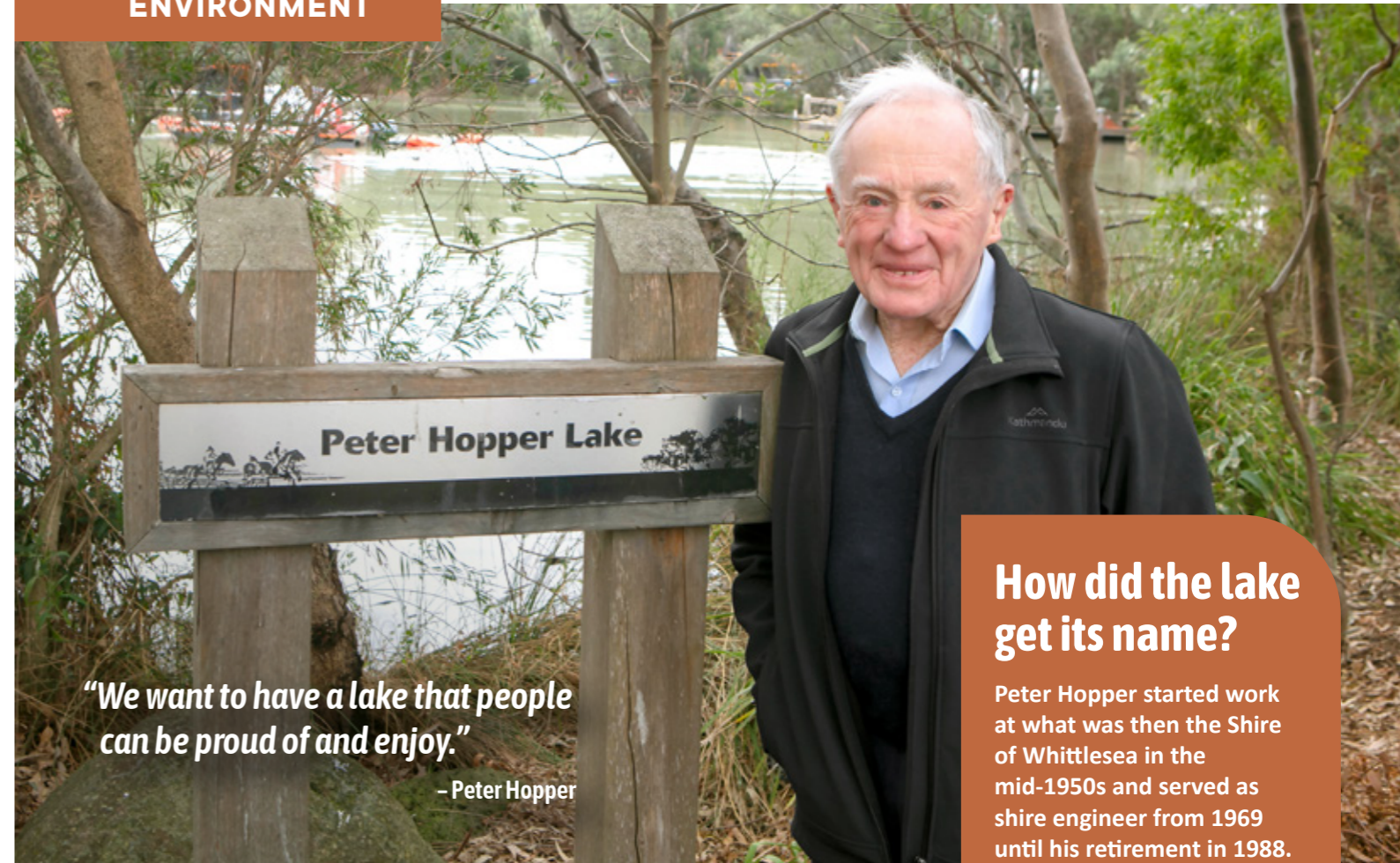
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Italian Servizio di interpretariato telefonico gratuito

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Persian/Farsi خدمات مترجم شفاهی تلفنی رایگان
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Turkish Ücretsiz telefonla tercümanlık servisi
Vietnamese Dịch vụ thông dịch qua điện thoại miễn phí

We recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

ENVIRONMENT



“We want to have a lake that people can be proud of and enjoy.”
– Peter Hopper

ABOVE Peter Hopper at the lake in Redleap Reserve, Mill Park.

How did the lake get its name?

Peter Hopper started work at what was then the Shire of Whittlesea in the mid-1950s and served as shire engineer from 1969 until his retirement in 1988.

As his retirement approached, it was a conversation with long-serving councillor and the City of Whittlesea’s first mayor VR Michael that led to the lake being named in his honour.

A bright future for Peter Hopper Lake

These days Peter Hopper is only an occasional visitor to the lake that bears his name, but he still takes a keen interest in its fortunes.

The 89-year-old former long-serving shire engineer is delighted at the works under way to return Peter Hopper Lake to its former glory.

The lake, which began life as a farm dam before the area was subdivided in the 1970s, has been plagued by poor water quality in recent years.

In February this year, the City of Whittlesea started a multimillion-dollar revitalisation project designed to restore it to health.

The first stage, which concluded in June, involved dredging the lake to remove silt and other pollutants that had accumulated on the lakebed.

The second stage, which is now under way, will see the lake drained to allow for the

installation of equipment that will filter and circulate the water.

A final stage, expected to commence towards the end of this year, provides for the construction of a raingarden and landscaping.

Mr Hopper said he was thrilled to see a comprehensive plan in place to improve the water quality and thanked the Friends of Peter Hopper Lake group for their advocacy.

“It’s great to see it happening,” he said.

City of Whittlesea Administrator Peita Duncan said Council’s expert staff, including engineers and environmental scientists, had worked with specialist consultants to devise a long-term solution to the water quality issues.



“Peter Hopper Lake is an important community asset and we want to see residents enjoying it to its full potential,” she said.

The Peter Hopper Lake revitalisation project is jointly funded by the City of Whittlesea and the Federal Government.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/phlr

Make a *difference* in your local community

Stand for Council and help shape the future of the City of Whittlesea.

Local government elections will be held in October this year, where a new group of councillors will be elected to represent the City of Whittlesea.

Local community leadership is vital in ensuring that the voices of our community are heard and that our elected Councillors represent the diverse needs and perspectives of our residents.

Serving as a councillor is a fantastic opportunity to represent your community and actively participate in shaping the future of our municipality.

Your ideas, your vision and your leadership can make a real difference.

If you are considering nominating as a candidate, a number of information sessions are being held over the coming months where you can find out more about what it means to be a councillor and have your questions answered.

Upcoming information sessions

City of Whittlesea Candidate Information Session
 Thursday 25 July
 2pm–4pm
 Great Hall,
 City of Whittlesea Council Offices,
 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang

MAV Stand for Council Community and Candidate Information Session
 Thursday 18 July
 6.30pm–8.30pm
 Broadmeadows Town Hall,
 10 Dimboola Rd, Broadmeadows



For more information and to register, visit

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/councilelections

Out and about with our Administrators



Clockwise from top left: Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson at the Spring Street Community Hall 100th birthday celebration; Administrator Christian Zahra AM at the Council Meeting; Administrator Peita Duncan speaks at Council's Sorry Day event; Administrator Duncan takes part in a smoking ceremony at Council's Sorry Day event; City of Whittlesea CEO Craig Lloyd and Lydia Wilson join award winners on stage at the 2024 City of Whittlesea Business Awards.

Memories unite our community

We have marked both celebrations and commemorations in the City of Whittlesea over recent months.

Our local businesses took centre stage at the recent City of Whittlesea Business Awards.

It was wonderful to see everyone among the glitz and glamour enjoying a night out to celebrate their hard work.

We were delighted to recognise the winners for demonstrating excellence in customer service, innovation, sustainability, community, diversity or as a home-based business.

You can read all about the winners on page 13.

We also enjoyed celebrating 100 years of the Spring Street Hall in Thomastown, which was originally known as the Thomastown Mechanics' Institute Hall. This delightful historic building has served as a dance hall, movie theatre, schoolroom, library, concert hall, senior citizen club, local scout meeting place and a venue for numerous community groups and activities.

We enjoyed hearing stories of the memories of this important place.

On a more sombre note, Council marked National Sorry Day with an emotional ceremony remembering the Stolen Generations. Sorry Day is held each year on 26 May to commemorate the tabling of the Bringing them Home report in Federal Parliament in 1997.

A reminder that our Council Meetings are held monthly at the Civic Centre in South Morang on a Tuesday evening at 6pm. You can find out more at:

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

If you have any matters you would like to discuss at any time, you can reach the Administrators at [@panel@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:panel@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)



Supporting our community to flourish

Did you know Council provides 147 services to our community, from weekly waste collections, home support for people in need and maternal and child health services to parks and open spaces, local roads and footpaths, playgrounds and sports fields?

We also build much-needed facilities and upgrade infrastructure across the City of Whittlesea.

Each year Council sets a Budget to deliver these important services and projects. The 2024–25 Budget includes \$315 million operating and \$108 million for capital works.

Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson said preparing the Budget was always a balancing act.

“With the increased cost of living right across Australia right now and the tightening of funds from other levels of government, Council is very aware of our expenditure.

“Our community needs us to deliver important infrastructure and services but we must also ensure we are financially sustainable to continue to deliver into the future,” she said.

The main source of funding for projects and programs in the City of Whittlesea is Council rates.

Council offers support through its financial hardship program for anyone having difficulty paying rates on time. You can reach out to Council on 9217 2170 for information.

View the budget at whittlesea.vic.gov.au/budget



ABOVE The Doreen Splash Park and Playground will be a highlight for the area.

Some key highlights of our building program this year:

- Commencing construction of the **Regional Sports Precinct** in Mernda
- Completing the construction of the **Aboriginal Gathering Place**
- Continuing the construction of the **Granite Hills Major Community Park**
- Continuing the construction of **Patterson Drive Community Centre** in Donnybrook
- Completing the design and construction of the **West Wollert Community Centre**
- Continuing the upgrade of **Peter Hopper Lake** in Mill Park
- Commencing construction of the **Doreen Splash Park and Playground**.



ABOVE Mernda Netball Club secretary Alicia Frigo and her daughter Ruby are looking forward to the Regional Sports Precinct opening.

Home game advantage

Sports players celebrate as work begins on the future Regional Sports Precinct in Mernda.

Netballers in the northern suburbs are excited at the prospect of having purpose-built courts close to home to play and train on.

The ever-growing popularity of netball means that courts are at a premium, with players regularly having to travel outside the municipality.

But with work ramping up on the Regional Sports Precinct in Mernda, there is relief in sight.

Preliminary groundworks are under way on the Everton Drive site on which an indoor stadium housing four multi-purpose courts and up to eight outdoor netball courts will sit.

Work on the gateway to the Regional Sports Precinct started in April with the extension of Everton Drive to Plenty Road and the creation of a new intersection.

The roadworks, which are expected to continue until early next year, will provide safe and convenient access to the sports precinct.

Mernda Netball Club secretary Alicia Frigo, whose daughter Ruby took up netball about four years ago, said the club had outgrown the area’s facilities.

“Netball has become really big because it’s a community sport that girls and boys can play and because of that there’s such a need for more courts,”

– Alicia, Mernda

“We have over 100 players and this season we’re looking at 14 teams and we have to have somewhere that accommodates us all year round – rain, hail or shine,” she said.

City of Whittlesea Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson said the precinct will help address the shortage of netball and basketball courts in the northern suburbs.

“Council is committed to ensuring residents across the municipality have easy access to the facilities they need to live healthy lifestyles,” she said.

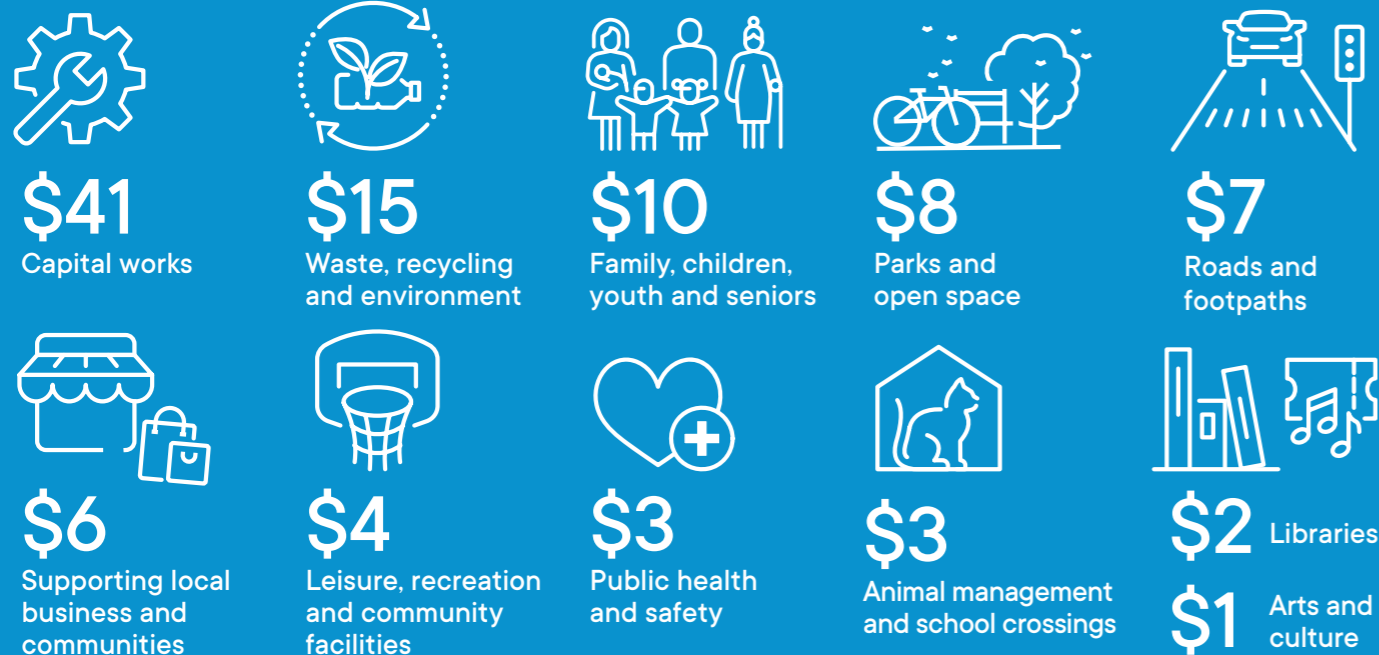
The transport infrastructure servicing the future Regional Sports Precinct will be delivered by the City of Whittlesea in partnership with the Victorian Government.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/regionalsportsprecinct

How our rates revenue will be spent in 2024–25

For every \$100 of rates and charges received, the City of Whittlesea will deliver the following services:



New centre set to serve growing community

A young Donnybrook family is counting down the days until the Murnong Community Centre opens its doors and provides the growing suburb with easy access to a range of vital services.

Beth and Ryan Wilson, who live just a short walk from the centre's Olivine Boulevard location, were excited to see construction begin in mid-May.

The \$11.4 million community centre, the first one to be built in Donnybrook, will provide a range of important services catering to residents of all ages, including a three and four-year-old kindergarten program, Maternal and Child Health Services and mini-branch library.

Organisations, community groups and residents will be able to hold events or run programs out of the centre's large community hall and multi-purpose activity rooms.

There will also be a Changing Places facility to support people with high care needs and an accessible public toilet available seven days a week.

"The Murnong Community Centre will provide interactive programs for people of all ages, as well as family and childhood support."

- Administrator Christian Zahra AM

"I think the library will be a massive one for us," Beth said. "Currently there is nothing close by unless you go to Beveridge."

City of Whittlesea Administrator Christian Zahra AM said the centre, which is expected to open in early 2026, will reduce the need for residents to travel to access key services.

The City of Whittlesea is contributing more than \$4 million to the project, with the Victorian Government providing additional funds via:

- **\$4.5 million from the Victorian School Building Authority**
- **\$2 million from the 2021-22 Growing Suburbs Fund**
- **\$709,500 from the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program 2021-22**
- **\$180,000 from the Changing Places Funding Round 2023.**



For more information, scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/murnongcentre

The community centre will provide important services catering to residents of all ages:



a three- and four-year-old kindergarten program



Maternal and Child Health Services



mini-branch library for place-based events and programming



large community hall and multi-purpose activity rooms



a Changing Places facility and accessible public toilet.



ABOVE The Wilson family look forward to having family-friendly services closer to home.



"Walking in Quarry Hills helps us switch off after a week of stress."

- Vinay, Epping

ABOVE Vinay Nair, of Epping, walks often at Quarry Hills.

Connecting with Quarry Hills

The picturesque natural environment of Quarry Hills Parkland will be even more accessible to residents and visitors when 4.5 kilometres of new walking and cycling trails are added to the existing network.

The trails, which are expected to be complete in late 2024, will provide access to key lookout points with breathtaking views of the city and mountain ranges.

Epping-based mental health counsellor Vinay Nair has run the Whittlesea Walk and Talk group for more than two years.

"I think that Quarry Hills has such tremendous potential and it needs to be appreciated more, which these new trails will help to do."

- Vinay, Whittlesea Walk and Talk group

Each Saturday morning at 9am, the group meets at Foothills Park and walks for about an hour in the Quarry Hills Parklands.

"We don't necessarily talk much; we just enjoy nature and the sunrise and the views of the city."

City of Whittlesea Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson said the Quarry Hills Connecting Trails, together with the Granite Hills Major Community Park and Aboriginal Gathering Place, will transform the park.

"Quarry Hills Parkland is the region's premier open space and the new trails will allow more people than ever to appreciate the site's stunning natural beauty," she said.

"The additional 4.5 kilometres of trails will be supported by interpretive signage that will highlight the site's significance to the traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri Willum Clan."

The project is funded by the City of Whittlesea, a \$322,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburb Fund and \$1 million from the Suburban Parks Program.



For more information about scan the QR code or go to whittlesea.vic.gov.au/connectingtrails

Shining a *light* on solar recycling: From rooftops to recycling

Council is excited to be part of the circular economy and reduce environmental impacts by ensuring materials from old solar panels live on to create new products.

Council's very first solar PV system was installed on Thomastown Library in 2004 and recently decommissioned to make way for a larger system. But the journey doesn't end there for the solar panels.

In Victoria, solar panels are deemed e-waste and banned from landfill, so recycling becomes a vital way of reducing waste at the end of a panel's 20-25 year lifespan.

For our Thomastown Library solar panels, Lotus Energy, Australia's first solar panel recycler, based locally in Thomastown, will ensure an impressive 95 per cent of the materials in the solar panels are recovered and re-used. Materials such as silicone, glass, aluminium, copper and plastic are salvaged and ready to be re-purposed into items, such as tiles, benchtops and electronic cables.



ABOVE The solar array on the roof of Thomastown Library.

Power up your recycling

Did you know batteries don't go in your bin? Take them to your nearest drop-off point and:

- Reduce environmental contamination
- Reduce the risk of fires in landfill and rubbish trucks
- Improve the recovery and reuse of valuable materials.



Scan the QR code to learn more about drop-off points or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/a-zwaste



New soft plastics recycling trial

Soft plastics recycling is now available in a new trial program.

Residents can drop off soft plastics into designated bins at the Wollert Landfill Transfer Station.

You can recycle soft plastics including plastic bags, bread bags, pasta and ice packets, vegetable produce bags and more.

If the plastic can be crunched into a ball, it's likely acceptable for recycling through this service. Cling wrap/glad wrap is made from a different type of plastic and cannot be recycled through this service.

The soft plastics collected through this program will be transformed into oil for new plastic products. This process not only helps divert waste from landfill but also supports the creation of a circular economy, where materials are reused and repurposed.

The soft plastics recycling trial is an action from our Rethinking Waste Plan 2021-2030, which outlines our goal to become a low waste city.



Scan the QR code to learn more.

Pocket *pets* make perfect companions

Thinking about getting a pet? A rabbit or guinea pig could be the perfect choice. Like all pets they require love and care and make excellent buddies for lots of reasons:



They make you feel good:

Pocket pets need lots of love and care, which can make you feel less stressed and happier.



Perfect for smaller spaces:

If you don't have a big yard or lots of room, these pets don't need a lot of space to be happy and they are quiet.



Trainable:

Many are toilet trained to a litter box and bond very quickly to new owners.



Learn while you love:

For kids, these pets are a fun way to learn about caring for others and understanding animals.

The wat djerring Animal Facility is the perfect place to adopt a pocket pet.

- **Healthy:** Before you adopt, the animals at wat djerring Animal Facility are given a health check by a vet.
- **Helpful:** You will be given all the advice and help you need, making the first days with your new pet easier.
- **A real home:** By adopting, you're not just getting a pet, you're helping an animal that really needs a home.

Find out more at

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animalfacility

BELOW Council have all sorts of animals available for adoption.



ABOVE Historical celebrations at Yan Yean Reservoir.

Reservoir celebrates 170 years

Yan Yean Reservoir hosted a 170th anniversary celebration earlier this year, led by the Friends of Toorourrong community group.

Located near Whittlesea, Yan Yean Reservoir is an important part of Melbourne's history and has served as a major water source for 170 years. It still supplies clean water to millions in Melbourne's northern and western suburbs.

During the recent celebration event, it was clear that many locals still have a special connection to it.

"It's one of Melbourne's landmarks. It's a secret that no one seems to know about," said Rob Walker, whose family once lived in the reservoir's cottage.

The Friends of Toorourrong are instrumental in raising community awareness of the entire Yan Yean Water Supply System through events such as this.

"We are lucky to have this hidden gem in our municipality – a beautiful place to find respite from the bustle of city life," said Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson.

Take a virtual tour of Yan Yean Reservoir along with 49 other historical sites of significance across the City of Whittlesea.



Scan the QR code to learn more.



ABOVE The Beveridge Intermodal Precinct will allow transit of goods by road and rail.

Funding win for transport hub

Work is progressing towards the development of a freight and logistics hub in Beveridge – the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct – following a Federal Budget announcement.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese recently visited the site to announce \$750 million additional funding in the Federal Budget towards the delivery of the Camerons Lane Interchange.

This funding will facilitate the delivery of the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct as a major freight and logistics hub in Melbourne’s north.

The project will be developed in stages to balance operations, local infrastructure and longer-term master planning in and around the precinct.

The precinct is expected to contribute \$2.5 billion to the Victorian economy each year and, when fully developed, generate 20,000 jobs in the north.

National Intermodal has asked the Minister for Planning to prepare a change to the planning scheme to help get the first stage under way.

This stage will start with the construction of a basic rail terminal and aims to be up and running in 2025.

The next phase of development will see the expansion of the terminal, the addition of warehousing, and supporting infrastructure. The goal is to have this operational by around 2028/29.

Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson said, “The north of Melbourne is home to more than one million people with the population forecast to grow to just under 1.5 million by 2036. This investment in an important foundational piece of the project and will ensure job creation both now and into the future.”

For further information visit


nationalintermodal.com.au/intermodal-precincts/beveridge

Rebates for reusable shopping carts

Investing in reusable items at home is a great way to reduce waste and save money in the long term.

Our Zero Waste Rebate Program supports residents to claim a rebate when they invest in reusable products and take steps towards sustainable living.

The program has now been expanded to include shopping carts made from sustainable materials, such as metal and aluminium, with minimal plastic parts.

 A rebate of 50% of the purchase price up to \$200 spent is available.

The Zero Waste Rebate program also allows residents to claim a rebate for reusable nappies, reusable sanitary products, compost bins and composting tools each year.

Residents are also encouraged to shop locally to reduce their carbon footprint.

Our goal is to become a low waste city, and initiatives such as this are another step towards keeping more waste out of landfill.



To learn more or apply for a rebate, scan the QR code.



Business Award winners of 2024

City of Whittlesea’s business community gathered in May for the annual Business Awards to celebrate local businesses that demonstrate core values of excellence, sustainability and responsibility.

Chair Administrator Lydia Wilson said the awards not only recognise outstanding achievements but also strengthen the bonds within the business community.

“This annual gala is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our dynamic local business community,

celebrate the exceptional businesses in our municipality and foster a thriving environment for growth and innovation in the City of Whittlesea,” she said.

Congratulations to all the nominees and award recipients.

BELOW Mantra Melbourne Epping received the coveted Business of the Year award.



JOIN NOW

Stay connected with the Business Network



Join a thriving community of local entrepreneurs and business enthusiasts by signing up to the City of Whittlesea Business Network.

Get access to valuable insights and resources, including:

- Monthly e-newsletter with the latest information and exclusive event offers
- Updates on upcoming events to boost your networking opportunities
- Insights on grants, incentives and funding opportunities
- Council initiatives and support services tailored to your business
- Education, mentoring and training opportunities to stay ahead in your industry
- Connections with local businesses through featured profiles.



For more details visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/businessnetwork

The clever companion for every business

Let us introduce you to BOE, the Business Opportunities Explorer.

The City of Whittlesea has introduced a new, online Business Opportunities Explorer to help businesses fast-track their research to find an ideal location. You can shortlist potential locations quickly and easily using this innovative online tool.



Search for your next business location...

Visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/BOE



ABOVE Share your ideas with the Community Engagement team at an in-person pop-up or online.

Join the conversation

The City of Whittlesea has a strong tradition of community engagement and consultation on key projects.

Let's talk
Last year, more than 10,000 of you shared your feedback with us online or in person at focus groups, information sessions and community-based pop-ups.

Council regularly consult with community to help inform its decisions and shape policies, plans and projects that will affect our community.

You may have seen our friendly Community Engagement team out and about asking community members what they think on a range of plans and projects.

The Engage Whittlesea website makes it easy to share your feedback and ideas online. Here, you can sign up to stay informed of upcoming projects and opportunities to have your say and help shape your local community.

For more information visit
engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au



Welcome to the neighbourhood

Informed by community consultation, Council updated its 2024–2034 Community Local Law to make the City of Whittlesea a safer, more welcoming place for everyone.

Now in effect, the law sets out responsibilities and expectations for people in the City of Whittlesea to ensure we can live together harmoniously. It aims to make the community safer, care for public property and enhance local neighbourhoods.

Some of the topics covered:

- Cars, streets and parking
- Pets and animals
- Rubbish and littering
- Fire safety
- Construction sites

Stay informed – read the Community Local Law and the Frequently Asked Questions at
engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LocalLawReview

What's on this winter

These events may be subject to change – please check whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events for the latest information.



Kindergarten information session

Friday 19 July 2024, 9.30am–1pm
 Thomastown Library,
 52 Main Street, Thomastown

Come along to this pop-up session for help completing your kinder application. City of Whittlesea's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Outreach team will be available on the day to support families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

No booking required.



Australian Bush Comfort & Confidence Workshop

Sunday, 14 July 2024, 3pm–5pm
 8 Doreen Rogan Way, South Morang

Come along to this free session to build your skills and confidence to help you enjoy the great outdoors within the City of Whittlesea. Join the City of Whittlesea and Rob Richards, Emma Swann and the team from Its Naturally You for this interactive and fun session helping you to enjoy the outdoors.

For more info and to register, scan the QR code

National Tree Day

Sunday 28 July, 10am–1pm
 Mernda Villages Conservation Reserve
 Corner Moorland Way and Mernda Village Drive

Join us to plant native trees and wildflowers and explore a range of free family-friendly activities.



To register visit
whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events



Young Parents Group

Every Thursday
 excluding school holidays
 The Y Plenty Valley,
 415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park
 (upstairs, beside Pancake Parlour)

Are you a parent under 25 years old? Join us at the Young Parents Group, brought to you by the City of Whittlesea in partnership with DPV Health and Westfield Plenty Valley. Connect with other young parents in a supportive and welcoming environment.



To register visit
whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events



ABOVE Dip into environmental research techniques.

Join Nature Stewards this spring

Keen to connect with nature and meet like-minded people?

The City of Whittlesea is proud to support Nature Stewards, a 10-week program designed to provide you with valuable knowledge about the local environment and ecosystems.

Through both classroom and outdoor sessions, you will cover topics including the benefits of nature for humans, connecting with Country, climate change, and local geology, soils, plants, vegetation and animals.

The program is presented by an expert facilitator with specialist presenters across First Nations communities, the environmental industry and the volunteering sector.

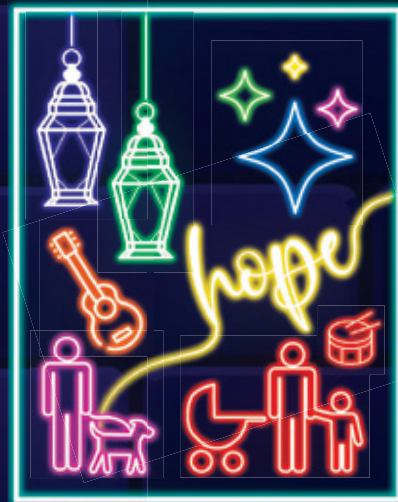
Nature Stewards is open to anyone over 18 years old and there is no prior study or training required.



To apply scan the QR code or visit
vnpa.org.au/apply-for-nature-stewards

WALKING Thomastown

From Main Street Recreation Reserve
to Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum & Heritage Garden.



31
AUGUST
2024
6PM
UNTIL
9PM



Grab your torch and walking shoes and join us on a night time walk exploring Thomastown's rich and unique history.

- Art and light installations
- Live music and entertainment
- Cultural performances
- Lantern making activity and more

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events