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25 Ferres Boulevard
Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm
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Upcoming Council Meetings


Tuesday 17 June, 6pm

Tuesday 22 July, 6pm


Tuesday 19 August, 6pm

Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang.

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

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 whittlesea.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

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Lalor Ward
Vacant

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Chinese Simplified 免费电话传译服务
Chinese Traditional 免費電話傳譯服務
Greek Δωρεάν τηλεφωνική υπηρεσία διερμηνέων
Italian Servizio di interpretariato telefonico gratuito

Macedonian Бесплатна телефонска услуга за преведување
Persian/Farsi خدمات مترجم شفاهی تلفنی رایگان
Punjabi ਮੁਫਤ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੇਵਾ
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.



ABOVE Vearings Road, Epping is a hotspot for the dumping of illegal rubbish.

Investigation leads to clean-up and fine

A large pile of renovation waste was discovered earlier this year during a routine patrol of a known litter hotspot – Vearings Road, Epping. But where did the illegally dumped rubbish come from? And who put it there?

That day, we investigated and identified key pieces of information within the illegally dumped rubbish – two sets of signage from separate businesses. These were two critical leads in the investigation that kicked off a line of enquiries.

We traced the signage to two major shopping centres in Melbourne and a skip company located in Campbellfield, which led to the identification of a private waste company, believed to be responsible for illegally dumping the rubbish.

When we issued a notice to the alleged offender, the waste was removed and returned to the company's sorting facility in Campbellfield. The street was back to what we love – clean, beautiful and safe.

A fine of \$9,880 is set to be issued.

We often work closely with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and in this instance, the EPA were investigating a similar, related offence

involving the same company. By working together, we were able to achieve better enforcement outcomes and help catch and fine repeat offenders.

Your reports, including CCTV or licence plate information, can be incredibly useful to support our investigations. You can provide these to us via our website or by calling us.

We continue regular patrols, surveillance and enforcement, but we also support our residents with education and options to get rid of unwanted items and waste – see pages 15 and 16 for more information on what's available to help you get rid of your waste properly.

Dumped rubbish

See it  **Report it**

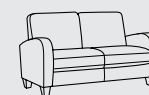
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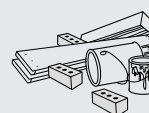
After

Fined \$9,880

We investigate:



Unwanted household items dumped on kerbs and in parks



Dumped renovation and building materials



Private waste companies dumping household and commercial waste



Donations left outside charity shops or donation bins that become waste.

LOVE
where we live



Message from the Mayor

Cr Martin Taylor

Welcome to the June edition of *Local Scoop*.

In April, I had the great honour of being elected Mayor by my fellow Councillors to serve until November this year. I am deeply humbled by their confidence in me and by the opportunity to lead our Council during what promises to be a pivotal period for our City.

As your Mayor, I am committed to serving every corner of our diverse and growing municipality. I approach this role with a strong sense of duty and a steadfast commitment to integrity, accessibility, fairness, and sound governance. Above all, I pledge to keep your interests, your families, your businesses, and your aspirations at the heart of every decision we make.

Over the past few months, Council has been actively listening and engaging with our community through initiatives such as Coffee with Council, our Budget consultations, and the shaping of our Community Vision. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contribute your ideas and feedback. Your voice is not only heard, but it also helps shape the future of Whittlesea.

Work is progressing on our new Community Plan, which will guide the strategic direction of Council throughout our current term. Your input has already been invaluable, and I look forward to checking in with you again when we release the draft plan for further feedback in July.

Recently, we celebrated our local business community at the annual City of Whittlesea Business Awards. Congratulations to all our finalists and winners, your passion and achievements continue to strengthen our local economy and community spirit.

In April, I had the honour of attending several local Anzac Day services alongside my fellow Councillors. It was a moving reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and service of those who have fought for our country and our freedoms. We will continue to honour their legacy through our commitment to service and unity.

As always, I look forward to being out in our community in the coming months. If you see me at a local event or visiting your neighbourhood, please don't hesitate to come and say hello. It is a true privilege to serve as your Mayor.

Mayor Cr Martin Taylor

Councillors out and about



ABOVE Cr Stow and Cr Brooks attended the Westgarthtown 175th anniversary celebration.



ABOVE L-R: Jason McClintock, Cr Colwell, Cr Stow and Deputy Mayor Cr Zinni at the BAPS Ramnavmi Celebration; Cr Cox at the Greek Anzac Day Memorial.



ABOVE L-R: Doreen RSL president Wes Wridgway, Rob Mitchel MP, Cr Gunn, Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, Cr Lappin and Mayor Cr Taylor at the funding announcement for the Doreen RSL sub-branch; Deputy Mayor Cr Zinni and Cr Stow at the BAPS Ramnavmi Celebration.



ABOVE Deputy Mayor Cr Zinni and Cr Brooks at Coffee with Council in Bundoora; Cr Lenberg at the opening of Interroll in Epping; Cr Cox, Mayor Cr Taylor and Cr Stow at the Whittlesea Anzac Day service.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



ABOVE William (left) is loving the free skate workshops led by Richard and the All Aboard Skateboarding Sessions team, proudly supported through the City of Whittlesea Community Grants program.

Skate workshops take off with grant fund support

Skateboarders of all ages are shredding up the local skate parks thanks to a range of free learn to skate sessions.

With the support of a City of Whittlesea Community Grant, the All Aboard Skateboarding Sessions offered locals the opportunity to learn to skate with the help of expert coaches.

With skateboards and safety equipment included, participants were able to have some fun, meet others with a similar interest and learn new skills.

Victorian Skateboard Association's Richard Flude, said the grant has enabled them to hold 35 sessions locally.

"It's been a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and activate these great skate parks and skateable spaces across the City of Whittlesea."

– Richard,
Victorian Skateboard Association



For more information, scan the QR code or visit

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/grants

Do you know how to apply for a community grant?

We regularly hold information sessions and grant writing workshops to help you:

- master the skill of writing grant applications
- understand the eligibility criteria
- ensure you have all the relevant information you need to submit your application.

Keep an eye on our website for details on upcoming sessions.

To find out more about Community Grants, including how to apply, visit

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/grants



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PROJECT UPDATES



Regional sports precinct

Construction of the next stage of the regional sports precinct at Mernda will soon begin. The works will deliver four multipurpose indoor courts and eight outdoor netball courts. It also includes a reception, kiosk, bathrooms, meeting rooms, first aid room, storage areas, outdoor pavilion, landscaping, footpaths and car parks.

The Australian Government has committed \$11.5 million towards construction of the indoor stadium and outdoor courts, while the Victorian Government has committed \$10 million towards transport infrastructure and a further \$10 million for the indoor stadium.



Alexander Avenue

Visitors to the shopping strip along Alexander Avenue in Thomastown are enjoying the benefits of major upgrades. New seats, bins, drinking fountain, garden beds, trees and concrete paths have made the site a more pleasant place to shop and spend time. Improvements to car parking make visiting the precinct safer and a new 2.5m wide footpath connects the north and south sides of Nick Ascenzo Reserve.

This project is supported by a \$200,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Living Local Suburban Grant program and \$256,670 from the Road Safety Program 2023-2025.



For more information on our major projects, scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



Aboriginal Gathering Place

Work on the Aboriginal Gathering Place at bunjil nganga (Quarry Hills) Parkland has entered the final stages ahead of its opening in the coming months. Construction began in July 2024 and its design honours the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People's connection to Country.

The Gathering Place features spectacular views and connections to 6.5km of walking trails, as well as a range of indoor and outdoor multi-purpose spaces. The centre will help foster a sense of belonging through activities, programs and services that strengthen culture and enhance wellbeing.



Granite Hills Major Community Park

A world of adventure awaits when the Granite Hills Major Community Park in South Morang opens soon.

The park features a playground with giant slides, flying fox, lawn maze, swings, boardwalk, walking trails and nature and water play, as well as barbecues, picnic settings and public toilets. The attraction is designed to maximise the area's natural beauty.

The City of Whittlesea is contributing \$5.5 million towards the project, with the Victorian Government providing \$2.5 million from its Growing Suburbs Fund.



Gorge Road streetscape

The Gorge Road shopping precinct in South Morang is a safer and more appealing place to visit after a series of upgrades. Features include an expanded outdoor dining area with seating, tables, bins, bike racks and trees, while safety has been improved with parallel parking in front of the shops, a raised pedestrian crossing and new streetlights.

Attention will now turn to expanding and asphaltting the Reid Street car park and adding more lights and trees.

This project was funded by the City of Whittlesea and the Victorian Government via a grant from its Growing Suburbs Fund.



Plenty Road-Everton Drive intersection

Construction of the new traffic light-controlled Plenty Road-Everton Drive intersection at Mernda is well advanced. The intersection will provide motorists and pedestrians with a safe and convenient way to access the regional sports precinct and Mernda Village. Once work is complete, the traffic lights and street lights will be connected and the intersection will open.

The Victorian Government has contributed \$10 million from its Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution fund towards transport infrastructure for the precinct.

MAJOR PROJECTS



ABOVE Ash is kicking goals at the new soccer pitch at Partridge Recreation Reserve in Lalor.

Partridge Recreation Reserve pitch perfect

Come rain, hail or shine, the new soccer pitch at Partridge Recreation Reserve in Lalor will ensure players can take to the park and play thanks to a \$2.3 million project to convert a grass soccer field into a FIFA-accredited synthetic pitch.

The new pitch, which is complemented by the installation of energy-efficient LED lighting, has seen usage double from 20 hours a week to more than 40 hours a week. The synthetic pitch's ability to allow greater playing time than a grass pitch is good news for tenant Mill Park Soccer Club and its 300-plus members.

It also means that residents, community groups and schools will have greater opportunities to use the facilities.

City of Whittlesea Mayor, Councillor Martin Taylor said the new pitch was a welcome addition to the municipality's sporting facility landscape.

"Council is committed to providing the community with the sporting facilities that residents need and removing barriers to participation, particularly for women and girls."

— Mayor, Councillor Martin Taylor

"Our municipality has one of the highest soccer participation rates in the state and this pitch will help ensure even more people can join in the fun," he said.

The upgrade, which was fully funded by the City of Whittlesea, also includes new fencing and pathway connections from Partridge Street to Monash Street.

Sustainability was a focus of the project, with an estimated 145 tonnes of plastic and rubber waste diverted from landfill and used to create the pitch's 25mm thick underlay.

Another notable feature was the use of repurposed olive pith – a waste product from the olive oil industry – as an organic infill material, which will reduce the pitch's surface temperature in the warmer months.



For more information visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



ABOVE West Wollert will welcome a new community centre.

Construction begins on new centre

Work is continuing on the \$16.2 million West Wollert Community Centre, which will provide a welcoming space for people of all ages and abilities to access vital services.

Construction of the centre, located on the corner of Jardin Road and Meadow Lane, began in April 2025 and is expected to be finished in early 2027.

The centre will have a three-room kindergarten creating 198 new places and two Maternal and Child Health Services consulting suites. There will be a number of spaces for groups including a community hall, kitchen, lounge, activity room and garden.

Residents will also be able to enjoy use of a mini-branch library providing access to Yarra Plenty Regional Library's extensive collection of books, magazines and digital materials.

The centre will focus on accessibility to ensure all residents can enjoy its facilities, including provision of a Changing Places facility for people with high care needs.

Council is investing \$7.7 million towards the project, with the Victorian Government contributing \$6.75 million from its Building Blocks Fund and \$1.5 million from its Growing Suburbs Fund. Melbourne Water is also contributing \$168,663 to deliver paving within the car park.

For more information visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



ABOVE Local resident, Iain, and pup Mochi enjoy the leafy streets of Thomastown.

Life is cooler with trees

Thomastown local Iain knows the difference trees make. He's watched the trees in his street grow into a shady, green canopy.

"The street trees soften the street and give it a much more natural feel which looks great. They also provide shade during summer, keeping our street cooler which is welcome when taking the dog for a walk," said Iain.

This winter, we're growing more trees in streets around the City of Whittlesea just like Iain's.

As part of our annual Street Tree Renewal Program, we have planted 500 new trees in residential streets and more than 1,000 along main roads and popular streetscapes.

This includes trees with beautiful colours, like jacarandas and kurrajongs, and dwarf apple gums, which are loved by native wildlife.

"There are younger trees that have been planted in the streets around ours and I look forward to seeing them grow over the coming years. They will make Thomastown an even better place to live."

— Iain, Thomastown

Join us for National Tree Day!

Sunday 27 July, 10am–1pm

Come along and help us plant native trees and wildflowers and join us in Greening Whittlesea.



Scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/National-Tree-Day



ABOVE Mitch Tambo

Organise epic events with FReeZA

Mitch Tambo's electric performance at the 2025 Community Festival wasn't just a concert, it was an unforgettable experience.

The City of Whittlesea's FReeZA crew played a key role in shaping Mitch's performance to ensure it was the perfect match for the festival's celebration of culture and community.

The FReeZA crew, made up of young people who help plan and run local youth events, got a behind-the-scenes look at how performances like Mitch's come together. They gained confidence, developed industry skills, and had the chance to see how their ideas can create real-life events that rock the community.

"I love helping run amazing events... seeing everyone enjoy the music is my favourite part of FReeZA."

— Hadi, FReeZA crew member



Scan the QR code to learn more

youth@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

FReeZA is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to plan and run alcohol, drug, smoke and vape-free events for other young people.



CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

This winter keep active and connected

When the weather gets cold, it's easy to stay indoors. But winter is a great time to focus on your health and wellbeing.

The City of Whittlesea's leisure centres, Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre (TRAC) and Mill Park Leisure, offer warm and welcoming places to help you stay active and feel good.

At TRAC and Mill Park Leisure, you can enjoy heated pools, saunas, gyms, and more than 200 fitness classes every week. There is something for everyone.

Reformer Pilates at TRAC is new and already a popular choice. This gentle workout helps you build strength, flexibility and good posture. It's great for all fitness levels.

TRAC member Tony, 54, loves it. "I was soon addicted thanks to benefits such as being able to stretch my body further, exercising muscles I had never noticed before and, of course, building my core strength. I just wish I had tried it sooner."

Whether you're trying something new, recovering from an injury, or just want to move more this winter, TRAC and Mill Park Leisure have something for you.

We also offer free women-only swim sessions every Monday evening from 8pm–9.30pm, supervised by a female swim teacher in a private pool.



Our free social events include monthly morning teas and breakfasts and are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a friendly chat.

Eligible members can also access free or subsidised exercise physiology services.

These programs help people with chronic conditions, injuries or disabilities, often at no extra cost, thanks to Medicare, NDIS, My Aged Care and other funding options.



Scan the QR code to learn more about what's on offer or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/leisure

ABOVE Tony is enjoying all the new Reformer Pilates space at TRAC has to offer.

BELOW TRAC offer free women-only swim sessions every Monday evening in a private pool.

Are you aged 50 and over?

Did you know that the LEAP (Let Everyone Actively Participate) program offers affordable, enjoyable fitness and social activities across the City of Whittlesea.

LEAP members also receive discounted entry at TRAC and Mill Park Leisure.

It's easy to join – visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LEAP or call 9217 2170 (option 4).



Understanding safety signs and emergency markers

Safety signs are all around us in the community. Knowing about them helps keep you and others safe. Here are some common signs and what they mean.

Emergency and fire signs



Bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place sign

Marks a place to go as a last resort during a bushfire.



Red and white fire hydrant marker

Don't park in front of these – fire trucks need access in emergencies.



Fire rating sign

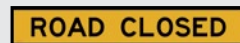
Shows the current fire danger level for today and reminds you to have a fire plan.



Emergency trail marker

Unique codes help emergency services find you on shared trails.

Road safety signs



Road closed

Don't enter. The road is unsafe.



Wildlife sign

Be careful, animals may be crossing.



Worker sign

Slow down for road workers ahead.



Slashing ahead

Roadside slashing is happening.

If you're unsure about a sign, email @ compliance@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

BELOW Watch for wildlife – our roads are shared spaces. Together, we keep our community safe for all.



Noise restrictions and complaints

Noise is a part of our everyday environment, whether it be barking dogs, cars, music, machines, power tools or people going about their daily activities. If you're dealing with loud sounds disturbing your peace, here's how to address the problem.

What to do first

If it's safe and appropriate, we encourage you to talk to the person or business making the noise. They might not even realise that it's causing a disturbance and could fix it right away. Sometimes, a simple conversation can solve the issue.

Who to contact

Noise in Victoria is regulated by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), local councils like the City of Whittlesea and Victoria Police. But many people don't know exactly who to contact for specific types of noise.

If you're unsure, don't worry! The City of Whittlesea can help guide you, and if we can't handle the issue, we will refer you to the right authority.

How we can help

For more details on common noise sources, visit our website. You'll find a helpful table that makes it easy to know exactly who to reach out to.



Scan the QR code to learn about noise restrictions and how to file a complaint.

[whittlesea.vic.gov.au/noise](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/noise)



ABOVE There are always plenty of friends waiting to find their fur-ever homes at wat djerring Animal Facility.

A second chance for a furry family

Recently, the team at wat djerring Animal Facility welcomed a stray cat brought in by Ranger Rosie. Later that day, Rosie responded to another call – a box of tiny kittens found abandoned in a local park – and brought them to the facility for care and rehoming.

In a heart-warming twist, Rosie soon realised the stray cat was their mother. Thanks to her quick thinking and the compassionate care of the Facility staff, the little family was safely reunited.

Now, they are being lovingly looked after by the dedicated team at wat djerring Animal Facility while they await their forever family to adopt them.

It's just one of many stories that shows how much the team cares for every animal that comes through their doors.

"Seeing the mother cat reunite with her kittens was incredibly moving," said a team member at the facility.

"Moments like this remind us why we do what we do – every animal deserves a second chance and a safe place to call home."

– wat djerring Animal Facility team member

Every pet that comes to the wat djerring Animal Facility receives a full health check, behaviour assessment, is desexed and



Donations needed

Have you got old towels and bedding lying around that you no longer need?

The wat djerring Animal Facility accept donations of blankets, sheets and towels to help with the pets in their care. Your generosity makes a world of difference to animals in need.

Any donations can be dropped off at 20 Companion Place, Epping during opening hours.

[whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animalfacility](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animalfacility)

microchipped. The staff make sure they are happy, healthy, and ready for their forever home.

If you're thinking about welcoming a pet into your life, there are many loving cats, dogs and even pocket pets like rabbits and guinea pigs waiting to meet you.



To learn more about pet adoption visit [whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animalfacility](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animalfacility)

STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY



ABOVE Local resident Joanne received the 2025 Start Up Business Award for her wellness centre.

Celebrating our Award winners

In May, the City of Whittlesea's business community came together for the highly anticipated 2025 Business Awards, recognising outstanding local businesses that embody excellence, sustainability and community responsibility.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the exceptional businesses that drive our local economy.

"Winning this award is a dream come true. I have lived in the City of Whittlesea my whole life and I am grateful to be running my business here too. I am a true 'local' who loves where she lives, loves where she works and loves supporting our community."

— Joanne,
Winner, Start Up Business Award

The awards not only celebrate local business achievements but also strengthen the connections that make our business community thrive.

A huge congratulations to all the finalists and winners.

The dedication, passion and hard work of our local businesses is shaping a stronger community here in the City of Whittlesea.



[whittlesea.vic.gov.au/
BusinessAwards](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/BusinessAwards)



Congratulations to our 2025 Award Winners

Business of the Year 2025
DPV Health

Start Up Business Award
Joanne's Temple Colonics & Wellness Centre

Customer Service Award
Fastflex Heating & Cooling Supplies

Innovation and Enterprise Award
Iconyx

Sustainability and Environment Award
Eriez Magnetics

Community Contribution Award
DPV Health

Workplace Diversity Award
NLA Trucking

Small Business Award
Lashes On Point Salon

GET INVOLVED



ABOVE Our Community Vision focus group sessions was a great platform for community discussion.

Community voices matter

You may have seen us out and about talking to people in your local shopping area, at a festival or event or in a community centre asking for your feedback.

Community Engagement is an important part of ensuring your voices are represented in the decisions Council makes on projects and programs in the City of Whittlesea.

As well as online surveys and community pop-ups we also host focus groups to allow for more in-depth discussion on important projects.

Recently, we held three focus groups to help inform the development of Council's Asset Plan and Vision.

We also held focus groups to better understand our Community's priorities to help us shape the upcoming Budget and Community Plan.

If you'd like to join a focus group or participate in Community Engagement to ensure your voice is heard, visit our engage platform and stay tuned to Council's social media pages where opportunities will be advertised.



Find out more at
engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Have your say
Sign up and help shape our community

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Let's talk

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Thanks for your feedback

A number of key documents are due to be presented at the June Council Meeting, following extensive community consultation.

The 2025-26 Budget, the Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35, the Rating and Revenue Plan 2025-26 to 2028-29 were developed with the input of our community.

Starting in August 2024, we asked you what your top priorities are, with more than 1000 people sharing their thoughts.

We again checked in with our community early this year and recently went out with the draft documents for a final round of feedback.



Thank you to everyone who has participated in these consultations – your input has helped shape these important plans.

The final documents and summary of the consultation will be available shortly at
engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

What's on this season

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



Winter School Holiday Fun

5 July – 20 July

There's plenty to do these winter school holidays! We've got a great line-up of low-cost or free activities for young people aged 10 to 18 years.



See the full list of activities. Scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/youthevents

Planning Ahead – Money, Ageing and Family

Thursday 12 June, 10am–12pm
Council offices, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Life presents many different circumstances. As people age it's important to ensure that they have planned for the future. This session presents information in a simple and interactive way. Booklets will be available at the session as well as other printed resources.

Presented by Senior Rights Victoria in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



Scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events to register.



Refugee Week

Thursday 19 June, 9.30am–1.30pm
Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre
35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Join us in celebrating Refugee Week and recognising the remarkable contributions refugees have made to our community. Enjoy a fun day filled with music, dance, multicultural performances, a cultural fashion parade, guest speakers, food, community displays and more.



Scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/refugeeweek



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Monday 4 August, 10am–1pm
Brookwood Community Centre,
25 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen

A time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to celebrate their children and for all people to learn about the culture. The day will be filled with activities including traditional games, music, face painting, arts and crafts. Bookings encouraged but not essential.



Scan the QR code or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events

PRACC on show

Plenty Ranges Art and Convention Centre
35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang



CAPOW Moments of Magic

Friday 20 June, 7pm

Join us for an intimate, funky soiree celebrating our rich creative, cultural community. From performers to visual artists, to musicians, to digital artists and everything in between and beyond.



Tenori Morning Melodies

Wednesday 2 July, 11am

Tenori's singers David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor bring fun and sophistication to classics from the worlds of Opera, Musical Theatre, Jazz and everything in between.



FRITZ School holiday event

Thursday 10 July, 11am

Step into the charming universe of FRITZ, an eccentric and lovable magician rabbit. Suitable for the whole family. Ages 5 years+.



Book your tickets at pracc.com.au

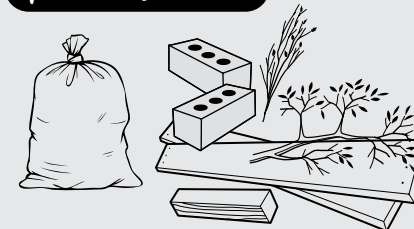


Your waste and recycling services

Doing a spring clean, moving house or just keen to clear some space? We've got free and simple ways to help you get rid of your waste the right way.

These services are here for everyone in our community – whether you're renting or own your home.

Free or discounted



Waste and recycling vouchers

Access your vouchers online via our Customer Portal and drop off waste and recycling at participating locations.

Each year, households get:

- One discounted voucher for general waste
- Four free vouchers for green waste
- Four free vouchers for timber waste
- Two free vouchers for brick and rubble waste



General waste
1 voucher



Green waste
4 vouchers



Timber waste
4 vouchers

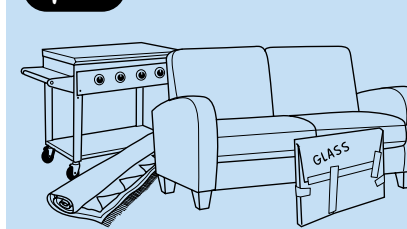


Brick and rubble
2 vouchers



To learn more visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/waste vouchers

Free



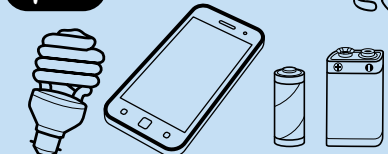
Hard rubbish

Book your two free collections each year. You can book online or by phone and then place your items out for collection on the day. We'll handle the rest.



To learn more visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Free



Recycling stations

Drop off small items like light globes, x-rays, batteries and mobile phones at free recycling stations across our community.

It's free, convenient and means valuable materials can be recovered and reused.

Find your nearest drop off location at

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/recycling-stations

We can help you find the right place for any unwanted or broken item.

We are always happy to help you find the best place for your unwanted items. Whether you're looking to repair, reuse, repurpose, recycle or dispose of something, we can connect you with local (often free!) options that make it easy to do the right thing.

Call ☎ 9217 2170 or email info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Free



Bundled branch

We collect bundles of small branches for all households from the nature strip. Call ahead to book our free collection service.

☎ 9217 2170

Free



Repair cafes

If you have items that need fixing, visit one of our repair cafes. Skilled local volunteers help to reduce waste in our community through minor repairs to bikes, small electrical items, clothing and jewellery.

Visit our website to learn more about the Mernda Repair Café and Donnybrook Repair Corner.

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/repaircafes

**Planning ahead is free.
Dumping rubbish costs everyone.**

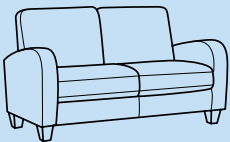
LOVE
where we live

Top 10 items to keep off our streets

and how to get rid of them correctly

Tear me out and stick on your fridge

1. Free



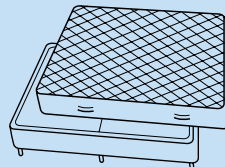
Household furniture
Book a hard rubbish collection (2 each year)

2. Fees may apply



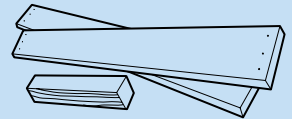
Whitegoods
(fridges, washing machines etc.) Take to SRS Metals (scrap metal drop-off) or Heidelberg Materials (Wollert Landfill)

3. Free



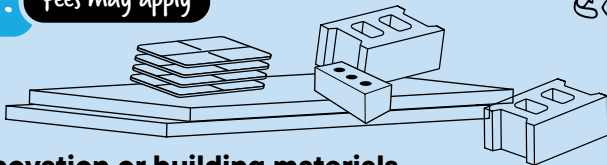
Mattresses
Book a hard rubbish collection (2 each year)

4. Free



Timber
Use your timber waste recycling voucher (4 each year)

5. Fees may apply



Renovation or building materials

For plaster, tiles and other materials:
take to Heidelberg Materials (Wollert Landfill)

For brick and rubble:
use your recycling vouchers (2 each year)

Free

6. Discounted



General household rubbish
Use your general waste voucher (1 each year)

7. Free



Toys
Take to Big W for in store drop off to be recycled or reused

8. Fees apply



Tyres
Ask your local tyre store when you book in for a replacement

9. Free



Garden waste
For small branches:
book a bundled-branch collection, or use a voucher for green waste recycling for branches, cuttings and leaf litter.

For soil: Fees may apply
take to Heidelberg Materials (Wollert landfill).

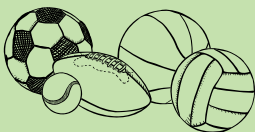
10. Free



Packaging
For cardboard, take to Heidelberg Materials (Wollert landfill) to be recycled. For polystyrene packaging, take to Foamex.

Other items

Free



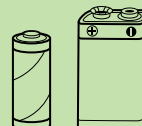
Balls
Drop off at your nearest Rebel Sport store

Free



Baby products
Good quality baby products – contact Big Group Hug

Free



Batteries
Drop off at our local recycling stations or at any battery drop off location

Free



E-waste
(if it has a cord or battery) – get it fixed at our local repair cafes or take to Heidelberg Materials (Wollert landfill) or SRS Metals

