

The Blue Line

A Message from the incoming
Local Area Commander for Whitehorse:

Building Safety Through Visibility and Community Engagement

As I begin my role as Local Area Commander, I want to first express my gratitude for the warm welcome I've already received. It is an honour to serve this community, and I take seriously the responsibility of keeping your neighbourhoods safe, secure, and thriving. I would also like to thank Inspector Lisa GILHAM for her work over the last 3 years and wish her the very best in her new role.

My highest priority as your Local Area Commander is to ensure that police members are not only present in the community, but that they are actively engaged with the people they serve. Policing is most effective when it is built on trust, visibility, and genuine connection. That means you will see our members walking the beat, attending community events, visiting schools, and taking the time to meet with and listen to our residents.

A visible police presence is not simply about enforcement—it's about prevention, reassurance, and partnerships. When our members are available to community, listening to concerns, answering questions, and building relationships, we create a safer environment for everyone.

I believe that safety is a shared responsibility. Victoria Police cannot do it alone; it requires cooperation between our members and the community. By working together—sharing information, supporting one another, and keeping communication open—we strengthen the bonds that protect us all. Can I ask that you lock your doors at home and put away any valuables before leaving your cars in public spaces. Evidence shows that simple personal guardianship has a profound impact on opportunistic offenders.

In the months ahead, you will notice our commitment to being approachable and accessible. My door, and the doors of our members, will always be open to constructive conversations about how we can serve you better.

I look forward to walking alongside you, not just as your Local Area Commander, but as a partner in making our community safer, stronger, and more connected. Together, we will ensure that this is a place where everyone feels safe and secure.

Regards, Paul RUDD

Inspector Whitehorse Local Area Commander Eastern
Region | Division 1 | Victoria Police

Prevention is better than response!



Small changes can make a big difference in deterring crime! Watch out for our suburb-based 7 – day Crime Prevention Challenge on our Facebook, Oct 5 – 11 daily, designed to get folk thinking, talking and acting about **Crime prevention!**

Whose suburb will come up tops? Find out at the NHW Whitehorse stall @ Whitehorse Spring Festival October 19th – Visit the NHW stall - we are there to help- offering fun kids activities, resources, support and guidance to strengthen your local safety efforts!

Connected Communities are safer communities.

Knowing your neighbours and watching out for one another enhances both safety and well being.



Coffee with a cop
10am - 12pm

Diarise these dates now.

18th Sept	Thursday	at Blackburn Square
30th Sept	Tuesday	at Burwood One SC
14th Oct	Tuesday	at Forest Hill Chase
6th Nov	Thursday	at Box Hill Centro
18th Nov	Tuesday	at Forest Hill Chase
4th Dec	Thursday	at Blackburn Square
18th Dec	Thursday	at Box Hill Centro

NHW Whitehorse Community Meetings!

Box Hill Police Station 1 Kangerong Rd, Box Hill
Every 2nd Wednesday, every month, 6.30pm

AGM Oct 8th: Come along & meet, maybe even join the team! All Whitehorse residents are welcome to attend!

Recent Crime Narratives

from Whitehorse Crime Prevention Officer -
Ldg Snr Const Curtis Williams

Theft of Motor Vehicle Burwood East

The victim had parked their Toyota Hilux in a sports stadium car park. The victim left their keys in the ignition with the car running while speaking nearby with friends. Offender entered the vehicle, drove away in convoy with another. The victim's friend followed the vehicle until it was dumped at an address in Glen Waverley. The offender left in the convoy vehicle.

Theft of Motor Vehicle Nunawading

The victim rents out vehicles for private use. The victim rented a vehicle to a male who provided an interstate drivers licence, paid by cash for the bond and three days rental. The male did not return the vehicle, stating he was going to continue using it for another three days without providing payment. The male then disconnected his mobile phone and did not return the vehicle.

Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle Vermont South

Two offenders wearing masks manipulated the electric sliding gate to the victim's driveway, causing it to open. They entered the victims unlocked Toyota Landcruiser & used an electronic device to start the vehicle. The victim interrupted them at which point they fled without the victim's vehicle.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

Two offenders stole the victim's unlocked Mazda 2. The keys were left inside the car.

Attempted Theft from Motor Vehicle

Unknown offender has attempted to jimmy open the toolbox on the back of victims Toyota Hilux using a crowbar. Victim yelled at the offender who fled in a dark coloured sedan.

Affray and Assault Box Hill

The victim and offender are known to each other. The victim attended a club in Box Hill which is frequented by the offender. The offender and several associates forced the victim into an elevator down to the carpark where he was repeatedly punched and kicked to the face and body. The victim was conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

Assault Blackburn

The victim resides in a share house arrangement. One of the other residents has ripped the victim's bedroom door off the hinges and destroyed it. As the victim was walking to the bathroom, the offender has thrown half a brick, hitting the victim's lower leg.

Threat to Inflict Serious Injury

Two youths were being abusive and aggressive to staff at a fast food restaurant. A screwdriver was produced and the one of the youths threatened to stab the manager. No physical assault occurred.

Theft Vermont South

The male offender entered Coles and filled a basket full of meat, went to a different aisle and put the meat underneath his clothing. He leaves without paying, goes to his car and puts the meat into cooler containers, changes his clothing and re-enters Coles, repeating the process.

Criminal Damage Box Hill South

The victim was driving their child to school when a male who is known to Police threw a rock at the victim's vehicle damaging the bodywork on the passenger side. Witnesses took photos of the male, capturing the incident.

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The victim was driving their child to school when a male who is known to Police threw a rock at the victim's car, smashing the rear passenger window on the child's side of the vehicle.

Attempted Burglary and Criminal Damage by Fire

The victim's property is currently under construction. A tradesperson arrived in the morning to find a burnt patch in the back yard and damage to the rear door where the offender attempted to force entry. Fire damage was also evident in the garden shed.

Do You Have CCTV Cameras?

VICTORIA POLICE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

If you have CCTV that covers driveways, front yards, streets, rear lane-ways and security doorbells that activate when pressed, then Box Hill Police Station would like to add this to our secure database.



Contact Box Hill Police Station via email BOXHILL-UNI-OIC@police.vic.gov.au, or call 8892 3200. All we need is a contact name, address, contact number, camera locations and how long the footage is stored – we will do the rest.

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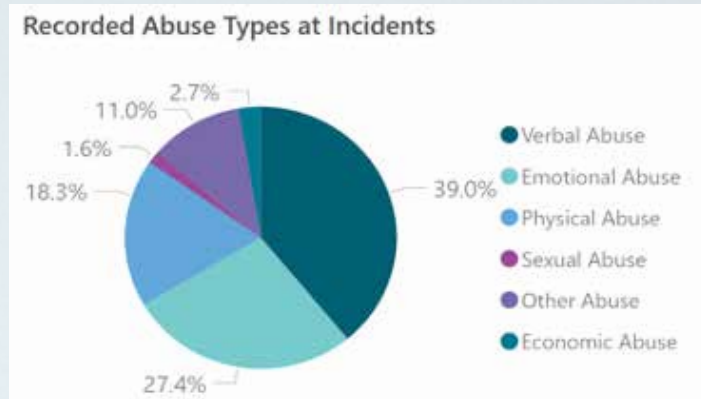
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FORUM

A full report of the 30 July 2025 Forum is on our website www.nhwwhitehorse.org.au Several issues for Whitehorse PSA were addressed at the Forum.

All stats have been derived from CSA website www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au - (see Ed 10 StaySafe for help)

Figures depict CSA annual data for April to March each year.

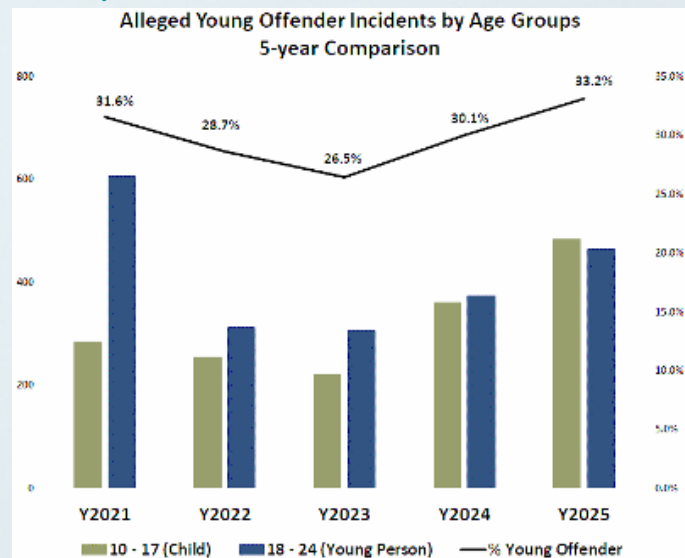
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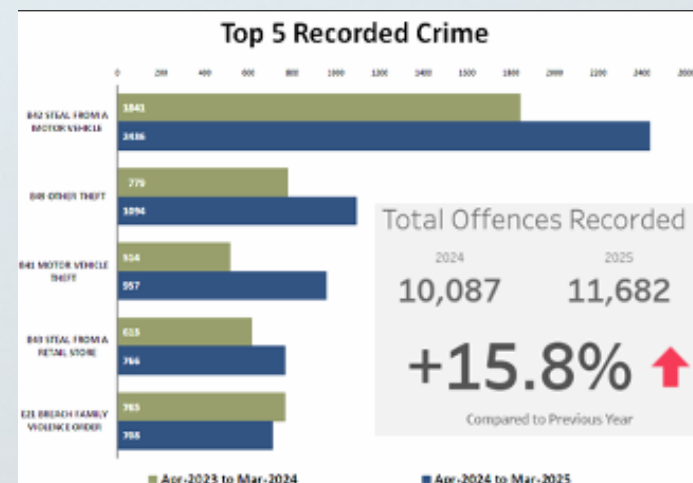
Total Family Incidents in Whitehorse;

2024: 1,492 **2025:** 1,483 ↓ 0.6%

YOUTH /YOUNG OFFENDERS

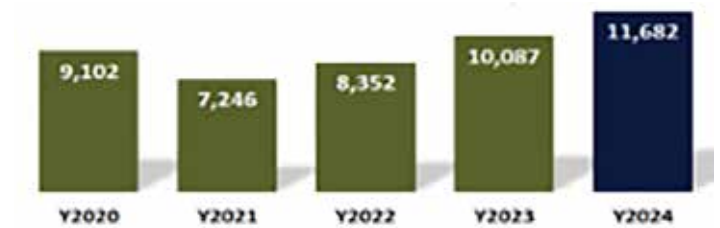


CRIME: Whitehorse is below the State Offence Rate per100,000 population



CRIME: Offences recorded

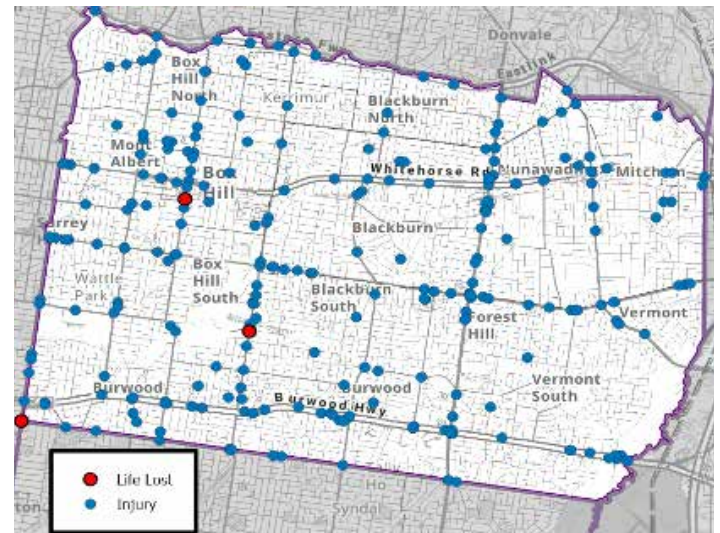
5-year comparison



ROAD POLICING

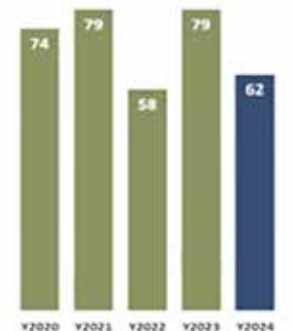
INJURY / LIVES LOST MAP

April 2024 to March 2025



HOSPITALISATION CLAIMS

Age range		Road User	
0 to 17	2	Bicyclist	5
18 to 25	15	Driver	24
26 to 39	18	Motorcyclist	12
40 to 50	8	Passenger	8
60 & over	19	Pedestrian	13
Unknown	0	Unknown	0



Want to feel safer? NHW is here to help



5 top tips - to prevent being a victim of crime

1. Lock the car - even in your driveway. Opportunistic thieves check for unlocked doors. Make it a habit, every time.
2. Lock the House – even when you are home, most break-ins happen during the day. Don't make it easy!
3. Keep valuables out of sight - Inside your car or by your windows, if they can see it, they might take it!
4. Light up entry points – motion sensors or solar lights deter unwanted visitors at night
5. Know your neighbours – a trusted community is your first line of defence. **Look out for each other!** www.nhw.com.au

Neighbourhood Watch Let's watch out for each other



We look forward to continuing to service the City of Whitehorse.

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Box Hill 24/7 – **03 8892 3200**
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Don't have a dog? Going for a bike ride, or a walk, maybe? **Lock up before you go!** Even if you're staying at home with your pup, don't forget to lock the security door too!

Before walkies, lock it down!

Top tips to protect your home while you're out with your pup:

1. Lock all your doors and windows — including the garage and side gates
2. Take your keys — not just the leash!
3. Don't broadcast you're out — turn off location tags on social media
4. Use smart tech — cameras, timers, and alarms add peace of mind
5. Neighbourhood Watch has your back — join your local group today

Your dog is off-duty at the park. Make sure your security isn't.

Check out how safe is your place at www.howsafeismyplace.com.au




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