

## Good News!

*All Whitehorse residents are invited!  
Whitehorse Police will again present a*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FORUM

at Box Hill Town Hall Whitehorse Rd Box Hill 6pm – 9pm Wednesday July 30th 2025

The key speakers this year will include:

- Eastern Division 1 Superintendent Matthew BAYNES,
- Whitehorse Local Area Commander (LAC) Lisa GILHAM,
- Criminal Investigations Unit (Detectives),
- Family Violence Unit
- Highway Patrol re Road Policing.
- Others TBA closer to the date.

This is your chance to let the Police know your concerns,  
and hear how we can all help Police keep our community safer.

**All welcome!** Check our website for updated information!



## Newsflash!

*We're Back Online!*

*Exciting Update for Our Community!*

We are thrilled to announce that our website and Facebook page are now fully operational again! Following an extensive upgrade, we're up and running, with an easier-to-remember web address, active QR Code, ready to serve you with updates, resources, and all the latest news. Stay connected with us:

- **Website:** Visit us for comprehensive information and Stay Safe Newsletters.
- **Facebook:** NHW event details; stay engaged with the community.

[www.facebook.com/NHWWWhitehorse/](https://www.facebook.com/NHWWWhitehorse/)  
[www.Nhwwwhitehorse.org.au](https://www.Nhwwwhitehorse.org.au)

Thank you for your patience and support during this period.



We're looking forward to reconnecting with you!

*More good news for the Community!*

*NHW Whitehorse will host a*

## Community Safety Session

Brickworks Shopping Centre, Burwood,  
Wednesday, 25 June 2025 at 2:15PM.

Residents are invited to join us at "The Hollow" Community Room on Level 1 and meet with representatives from Victoria Police, NHW Victoria, NHW Whitehorse, and Whitehorse City Council Officers & Councillors

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*Coffee with a cop*

**10am - 12pm**

3rd June Tuesday,  
Burwood One SC at the  
café near Coles  
23rd July Wednesday,  
Peddler Cafe, Nunawading

## NHW Whitehorse Community Meetings for 2025!

Box Hill Police Station, 1 Kangerong Rd Box Hill

**Please Note: Change of venue, same times:**

**Every 2nd Wednesday, every month, 6.30pm**

**All Whitehorse residents are welcome to join us!**

**Police will join us if possible when duties permit.**

## Recent Crime Narratives

from Whitehorse Crime Prevention Officer -  
Ldg Snr Const Curtis Williams

These crimes were reported over a 7 day period mid-May!

**Theft of Motor Vehicle Box Hill South** The victim left their car keys unattended while at the gym. The keys were used to steal the victim's Toyota Corolla from the car park.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle Nunawading** The victim's Toyota 86 was parked on the street overnight. Came out the next morning to find broken glass on the ground and the car missing.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle Mitcham** The victim's Toyota Land Cruiser was parked on the street overnight. It is not known how access was gained as the victim has the keys and there are no signs of forced entry.

**Criminal Damage Blackburn North** The rear passenger window of the victim vehicle was smashed during the night. The victim's neighbour and several other vehicles nearby were also damaged.

**Criminal Damage by Fire Box Hill** A male ripped the security camera to a business off the wall. The male lit items on fire and held them to the back door of the business. The male has been identified and is yet to be spoken to by Police.

**Burglary Mitcham** Two youths wearing school uniforms were captured on CCTV entering a multi-business premises using a piece of wire to actuate the internal door handle of locked door into the lobby. They accessed the fire control cabinets and rummaged around before leaving empty handed.

**Burglary Mont Albert** Unknown offenders forced entry through the back door of the victim's house. It does not appear that anything was stolen.

**Burglary Box Hill North** The offender entered an open garage and stole the victim's e-scooter worth \$6899.

**Storage Cage Burglary Burwood East** The victim's storage cage was repeatedly broken into over a two-month period. The victim did not realise until the end of that period. Several suitcases worth \$5000 were stolen.

**Threats to inflict injury Box Hill** The victim sub-let a room in his home to the offender. After some behavioural issues the victim asked the offender to find alternate accommodation. The offender picked up a knife and threatened to put holes in the victim.

**Carjacking Burwood East** The victim was sitting in their car for approximately 30 mins when an unknown vehicle drove up next to him. Unknown offenders smashed the victim's window and pulled them from the car. The victim received a laceration from a knife that was produced during the incident.

**Assault Vermont South** The offender, aged in their 20's, attempted to steal from Coles and was confronted by staff. The offender punched one of the staff members in the face before leaving on foot without the items.

**Assault Box Hill** The victim was walking alone to the shops to purchase food for dinner. The victim was approached by four youths. One of the youths stepped up to the victim, who stepped up against the youth. A second youth produced a large knife and swung it at the victim who received a cut to their finger. The youths fled on foot prior to Police arriving.

**Aggravated Burglary Blackburn South** Unknown offender gained entry via the back door. The victim was initially asleep but woke up when the offender fell down the stairs before leaving the address. A passport and car keys were stolen.

**Robbery Box Hill** The victim was heading home from school when they were approached by an unknown youth who was part of a nearby group in their late teens. The youth threatened to punch the victim if they didn't hand over their AirPods. The victim complied. Police used tracking on the devices to locate the group travelling on a bus. Three were arrested at the scene and the victim's AirPods recovered.

## Some valuable advice from Eyewatch Whitehorse

**"Driver distraction is a leading cause of road trauma.**



When a driver takes their eyes off the road for 2 seconds, the risk of crashing doubles. Avoid the temptation. Put your phone somewhere out of sight when you get behind the wheel and avoid taking calls. As part of National Road Safety Week, we're urging all road users to take the pledge to drive so others survive."

**Let's make every week a road safety week!**

**The key to home safety!**

**Offenders regularly admit that they keep trying homes until finding one that's unlocked**



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**As many as 80% of aggravated burglaries are due to either unlocked doors/windows or unsuccessful attempts when the offender realises the home is locked**

**Don't make it easy for offenders.**

**Learn how to make your home safe.**

[crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)

**Neighbourhood Watch** Let's watch out for each other





### Do you have a CCTV SECURITY SYSTEM?!

At **Neighbourhood Watch Victoria**, we proudly fill the gaps where Victoria Police need community support—and one of the most important of these is making it faster and easier for police to access CCTV footage when investigating crime.

That's why we've partnered with **Safer Places Network (SPN)** as an inaugural supporter to help build a state-wide—and eventually national—resource that saves police time, energy, and ultimately, public funds.

### Why CCTV Matters—But It's Not the Whole Story

**CCTV is not a silver bullet. It's one of several target hardening measures Victorians should use to prevent crime. Removing opportunity for crime to occur—such as locking doors, installing lighting, & fostering neighbourhood connections—remains essential.**

But when used appropriately, **CCTV footage can be an invaluable tool for police in both investigating and prosecuting crime.** It provides evidence, timelines, and crucial leads that help keep our communities safe.

Alternatively, you can supply the footage and information via Crime Stoppers, which can be done anonymously if people have concerns about their details becoming known. This should be in preference to uploading it to social media.

### Saving Time, Saving Resources

Currently, police often need to physically walk door-to-door to find cameras, identify owners, and request footage. This is time-consuming and delays investigations.

Imagine the difference if police could instantly identify where cameras are located and request footage directly through a secure, consent-based system. That's what the **Safer Places Network** offers.



### Join the Movement

We call on our members—and all Victorians—to take this simple but powerful step to support crime prevention efforts:

**Register your security cameras today at <http://saferplaces.com.au>**

**By doing so, you're not only protecting your home or business—you're helping protect your whole community.**

Safer Places Network - Neighbourhood Watch Victoria

### What to consider when installing CCTV.

- ✓ Cover all entry and exit points, your driveway and the street in front of your house.
- ✓ **Ensure CCTV cameras only cover your property.**
- ✓ Avoid angles that capture your neighbours' property.
- ✓ **Make CCTV cameras visible. Do not use fake cameras.**
- ✓ Securely attach the camera or video-doorbell to the house.
- ✓ **Ensure the system has adequate storage space.**
- ✓ Understand the security settings for your network.
- ✓ **Ensure the storage system is well hidden, secured and backed up off site.**
- ✓ Consider the image quality during the day and at night. For offenders to be identified, images need to be clear.
- ✓ Pair CCTV with sensor lights and alarms to maximise protection.
- ✓ **Look for systems which send alerts to your mobile phone.**
- ✓ **Holiday Hint:** going away for the winter? Fill out an Absence From Residence Form at your local Police Station, or register online at <https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/housing-and-property/register-your-absence-from-residence>

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Emergency: Triple Zero (000)  
– Fire, Police, Ambulance  
Non-urgent crimes: Police Assistance Line – **131 444**  
Forest Hill 7am-11pm – **03 8847 3600**  
Box Hill 24/7 – **03 8892 3200**  
Report Anonymously: Crime Stoppers – **1800 333 000**

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## STAYING SAFE IN CYBER SPACE

Do you know it is a crime to bully people on the internet or the phone? It is called cyber-bullying and it happens when people say nasty things or tease people over the internet or by sending text messages. You should never cyber-bully anyone. If someone is cyber-bullying you, you should tell your mum, dad, teacher or an adult you trust.

**To keep safe when you are on the internet, you shouldn't add people you don't know, tell them your name or where you live.**

### For the mums and dads:

There are loads of great online resources and kids activities that other organisations have developed to help kids feel safe and learn about safety.

Have a look at

[nhw.com.au/kids/kids-safety-learning-zone/](http://nhw.com.au/kids/kids-safety-learning-zone/)

### Playing IT Safe



Do you accept Tim Smith as one of your friends?  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_



Give some examples of cyber-bullying:

Why shouldn't you give your name and address online?

