



## Your Invitation

To CROWAG individual members and members of affiliated groups.



### Maintaining our Open Space.

**When** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, **7.30 pm – 9.00 pm**

**Where** - *Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre.*

**Presenters** – Lisa Letic, City of Whitehorse Director of Community Services and Iris Wang, Coordinator Recreation and Open Space Development

**Background** – The rapidly growing Whitehorse community is rightly concerned about availability of public open space (open to the sky) for passive and active recreation, access to nature, and its greening and cooling role.

Whitehorse Council have developed a new 15 year Open Space Strategy, open for [public comment until 30<sup>th</sup> August](#). Local knowledge and feedback are important to ensure the Strategy is addressing community needs and members are encouraged to provide comments.

The 2024 Open Space Strategy aims to improve and increase the diversity of facilities of existing open space as well as adding new sites, expanding existing open space and improving street amenity through street tree planting. Protecting and strengthening biodiversity and mitigating heat island effect are key directions.

Lisa will explain how council has developed the strategy and how it will be implemented and regularly evaluated to achieve the strategy outcomes.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the session.

**Seating and Covid Protocols** – Individuals may choose to wear a mask. Seating will be well separated. **Seating is limited so bookings are essential.**

**RSVP** – attendance is allocated on a 'first in' basis. Bookings are essential.

**\$** To assist CROWAG meet the increasing cost of public liability insurance, we ask attendees to make a small donation at the venue on arrival.

Please email [crowag.inc@gmail.com](mailto:crowag.inc@gmail.com) by 19<sup>th</sup> August to book a place.