

# **A Free Public Forum. The Clash: Higher Density Living and a Changing Climate.**



The Arbour, Whitehorse Community Arts Centre  
Cnr. Combarton and Station Streets. Box Hill.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 1.00 – 4.00pm

It's FREE

## **Objectives – to explore:**

1. What we can expect in Whitehorse from further destabilising climate change.
2. How state government housing policy clashes with climate change mitigation/adaptation strategies.



[Link to QR Code for Bookings and more information.](#)

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**19th October 2024.**

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[The Clash:](#)

[Higher Density Living and a Changing Climate.](#)

[Link to Forum References.](#)

[State of the Climate Report \(BoM, CSIRO\) issued 31/10/24](#)

[Link to presenters slides -](#)

[Neil Plummer, Joe Hurley, Stephen Rowley](#)

**Event description**

**The Clash: Higher Density Living and a Changing Climate – A free public event.**

Would you like to know more about coming climate change impacts in Whitehorse, do you worry about how planning laws will address those climate impacts?

Come along to our special forum on 19th October 2024 at the Whitehorse Community Arts Centre, Box Hill . We are lining up some excellent speakers who are experts in their field.

Please note:

**1. Parking** is available, restriction free on weekends on Combarton St. and the 2 nearest streets off Combarton - Hannaslea and Patricia Sts. Also on the west side of Station St, opposite the venue along Alexander and Kent Sts. There is a pedestrian crossing to the venue.

[Click to view venue Location Map.](#)

**2. Bookings essential** through the Humanitix site. [Book Now.](#)

**3. Register by 12.45** and be seated for a 1.00 start.



### **About the Forum.**

#### **Forum Aim:**

- To learn from climate experts about the realities of what we can expect in Whitehorse from further destabilising climate change including some surprises.
- Explore how new state government housing policy (Sept 2023) will inevitably clash with climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives.
- And have your say about what the government and City of Whitehorse are doing to address the climate emergency and the threat of the new housing policy.

#### **Program**

Planning Minister Sonia Kilkenny in a statement has said Plan Victoria would ... “give Victorians a once-in-a-generation opportunity to have a say on how we shape our cities, towns, regions and communities for decades to come. We want to talk about a wide range of topics that affect how we live now, and what people’s lives will be like in the future: that includes housing affordability and choice, jobs and equity, **liveable and thriving neighbourhoods, and climate action and sustainability.**”

## **Speakers.**

### **Neil Plummer**

Board Director and Climatologist, Out of the Box Executive

Neil supports organisations in mitigating risks, and capturing opportunities, from the impacts of climate change and the clean energy transition. He also facilitates training on strategy, leadership, governance and business planning for government agencies and businesses.

Neil is a non-executive director on the boards of Wannon Water and Geelong Sustainability, an executive director with Out of the Box Executive and on the Technical Advisory Board of Climate Communications Australia. In 2020 Neil became a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company of Directors and, in 2019, his climate services expertise was recognised with a Pacific Meteorological Council Lifetime

### **Professor Joe Hurley.**

Joe is a Professor with the Sustainability and Urban Planning program; and a member of the Centre for Urban Research. His research focuses on the intersection between urban planning and urban sustainability, and on the role of urban governance and policy in producing sustainable outcomes. He is a chief investigator on several research projects funded by the Australian Research Council; Victorian Department of Planning; and the Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network (AURIN).

Joe takes a particular interest in the relationship between research and practice worlds and is actively involved in work to reduce the barriers to exchange and enhance collaboration.

### **Dr Stephen Rowley**

Stephen Rowley is a Senior Associate at SGS Economics and Planning, an independent planning consultant (as RCI Planning), and an adjunct Senior Lecturer in Urban Planning and Design at Monash University. He has 25 years of experience as a planner across state and local government, and in private practice.

He is a recognised expert in the Victorian planning system, having written the standard text *The Victorian Planning System: Practice, Problems and Prospects*, the second edition of which was published in June 2023.

**Panel Discussion** with presenters and filtered questions from the floor.

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