

Wyndham 2040 Community Vision

2022/23 Progress Report





Acknowledgment of Country

Wyndham City Council recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Peoples of Australia. We acknowledge the Wadawurrung and Bunurong Peoples as Traditional Owners of the lands on which Wyndham City operates. The Wadawurrung and Bunurong Peoples have and always will belong to the Werribee Yalook (river), creeks, stars, hills and red clay of this Country. We pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders who always have, and always will, care for Country and community today and for future generations.

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Understanding the Wyndham 2040 Community Vision

In 2021, the Council engaged the community to update the Wyndham 2040 Community Vision. As a result of an extensive and deliberative consultation process, the community came up with the following vision for Wyndham:

“A safe, connected and inclusive community. We respect, acknowledge, value and celebrate the First Nations people, our heritage, cultural diversity and multicultural strengths.

Our community has the infrastructure and services it needs to support holistic health and wellbeing for all. Local employment and education facilities are plentiful, and there are a variety of recreational, leisure, tourism, art and cultural opportunities for everyone to experience throughout the municipality.

We preserve our natural environment and rural lifestyle; we are able to get around easily and get to where we want to go efficiently. We are self-sufficient and pride ourselves on being green and sustainable.”

This vision is supported by the following four themes which further describe the community's aspirations for the future of Wyndham as written by our community in 2016 and refreshed in 2021.

These themes are broad areas that contribute to the healthy, vibrant Wyndham municipality our community wants to see in 2040 and beyond.

The community's vision for Wyndham in 2040 is laid out over the next few pages.

It is presented with the following for each of the four themes:

- A theme statement;
- What we know about Wyndham;
- What we heard from the community;
- Indicators to help us know if we are making progress.



The Place Based Priorities

During the deliberative consultation process, the community identified a set of place-based priorities that were deemed important to ensuring the vision is progressed.

LITTLE RIVER, WERRIBEE SOUTH & THE RURAL AREAS

- Improve public and active transport
- Promote, maintain and improve our open spaces
- Eliminate homelessness
- Encourage, mentor and guide youth
- Help re-skill and up-skill mature aged unemployed people
- Tourism must be prioritised
- Protect market gardens/food bowl
- Upgrade local facilities in local communities
- Promote opportunities to bring community together

TARNEIT, TRUGANINA & PARTS OF MOUNT COTTRELL

- Public transport
- Infrastructure ready in advance
- Mental health programs for everyone
- More public hospitals and specialists
- Commercial hubs and business parks
- Entertainment and socialising activities
- COVID-19 recovery program
- More green spaces
- Accessibility to facilities
- All-in-one community hub

POINT COOK & WILLIAMS LANDING

- Providing 20 minute neighbourhoods
- Take the lead on climate/ environmental action
- Support for local businesses
- Create/advocate for more high quality schools
- Improve/invest in sports facilities
- Improve public health/hospital access
- More bus routes and integration between trains
- Form sub-committee to assist Council decision making

WYNDHAM VALE, MANOR LAKES & WERRIBEE'S WEST

- Improving infrastructure planning and delivery
- Making more employment opportunities locally
- Safety
- Education
- Focus on holistic mental health
- Access to everything hospital
- Focus on welfare
- Expand on composting to have more sustainable waste management

WERRIBEE & HOPPERS CROSSING

- Roadworks/shared paths/ease congestion
- Improve public open spaces
- Create local employment opportunities
- Improve security and safety
- Improve local education opportunities
- Create/improve community hubs
- Better community engagement
- Advocate for specialist services in local hospitals
- Create age specific activities for young people
- Create a Wow-factor for Wyndham

About this progress report

Everyone who lives, works, studies or visits the municipality has a role to play in helping achieve the [Wyndham 2040 Community Vision](#).

As do all levels of government, businesses, industry groups and community organisations.

This progress report provides the community with information showing progress of the place-based priorities over 2022/23.

Progress is presented in line with the four themes of the Vision. In addition, every two years Council will conduct the Tracking the Community Vision survey to measure results against indicators assigned to each theme of the Vision. These indicators will be reported again in the 2023/24 progress report. The results of the 2021/22 survey can be found [here](#).

Additional information about Council's performance can be viewed in the [Annual report 2022/23](#) and the [Council Adopted Strategies and Plans Progress report 2022/23](#).





People & Community

We recognise the Bunurong and Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation and their heritage as the Traditional Owners of the lands, waterways and coast on which this City is being built. We recognise the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culture and stories that continue to shape our lives together.

The country beginnings of our towns and shire are remembered.

Our communities are warm, welcoming, caring, family friendly and inclusive of all.

The people of Wyndham feel safe and connected to each other.

We listen to and learn from the diversity of all residents.

Wyndham celebrates its many cultures and participation in the arts and recreation is fostered.

We create and share stories that challenge and inspire.

Everyone is able to access services for health and wellbeing, and these are delivered to a high standard. It is easy to stay fit and healthy.

Community members are collaborative participants in creating strong, supportive and environmentally sustainable neighbourhoods.

Priorities related to health

The Local Government Act requires Council to provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community. Through its Council Plan goal of delivering a healthy and accessible community, Council works to influence the health and wellbeing of Wyndham residents through the provision of services, programs and infrastructure. In turn, the Public Health and Wellbeing Act requires Council to have a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing plan to guide its work to make Wyndham a municipality where people can achieve maximum health and wellbeing.

Whilst Council plays a limited role in delivering health services such as Maternal Child Health Services, Council is not a direct provider of hospitals or core health services, through its Council Plan, Council has committed to the *provision of high-quality, equitable and accessible services and community facilities that cater for all ages and life stages as well as to advocate and plan for increased investment in health and support services to improve the wellbeing outcomes of all residents.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
Improve public health in immediate term. Improve local hospital access and building more hospitals and medical facilities.	● Point Cook and Williams Landing	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> delivered the second year of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, which guides Council’s priorities for ensuring the wellbeing of its municipal population. established the Community Connector Program, a dedicated team of Council officers who assist members of the community to find and connect with local services such as mental health support, family, youth supports and council services. developed the draft Access and Inclusion Plan 2023-2025 which drives equitable engagement and participation for people with disability. provided 28,252 Maternal and Child Health visits. provided over 21,0008 Immunisations as part of National Immunisation Program schedule only, not including COVID19 vaccinations. provided 1,123 free Youth counselling sessions. hosted a Mental Health and Personal Wellbeing event in May 2023. supported sixteen community leaders to complete accredited Mental Health First Aid and First Aid Training; learning how to provide initial help, where and how to seek professional help and how to provide both mental health and first aid in a crisis. handed out ‘Dignity packs’ from our Community Centres, filled with donations of toiletries to assist vulnerable people during their time of hardship. The community donations received and distributed was overwhelming, with many large businesses donating toiletries, blankets and gift vouchers. This was undertaken during Homelessness Week from 1-7 August 2022, as part of Council’s commitment to raising awareness of the challenges confronting people without stable accommodation, and to shine a spotlight on the impact of homelessness and help educate communities on how they can make a difference. continue to deliver the Affordable Housing Strategy which addresses housing insecurity in Wyndham. <p>More information on services and support available to Wyndham residents can be found on Council’s website.</p> <p>Council advocated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Point Cook Community Hospital, construction is due for completion in 2024. The Point Cook Community Hospital will be located at 140 Dunnings Road, Point Cook and will be managed by Western Health. an expansion to the emergency department at Werribee Mercy Hospital. The Victorian Government is investing \$109.6 million to double the current capacity. Upgrades are due to be completed in late 2025.
Mental health programs for everyone.	● Tarneit and Truganina	
More public hospitals and specialist health services, including disability, mental health, emergency, aged care.	● Tarneit and Truganina	
Advocate for specialist services in local hospitals (Werribee Mercy Hospital).	● Werribee and Hoppers Crossing	
Focus on holistic mental health and welfare for everyone (more access to it and light shone on it). Promote quality and availability of local mental health services and properly trained mental health workers. Focus on prevention rather than cure.	● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee West	
Access-for-everything' hospital no matter what you need.	● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee West	
Focus on welfare (family violence, alcohol, drugs, victim support).	● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee West	
Eliminate homelessness in Werribee: Provide facilities for people experiencing homelessness including services.	● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas	

Priorities related to safety

Whilst Council is not a direct provider of policing or security, it does have an important role to play in relation to community safety. Council can enact local laws to deal with important community safety, peace and order issues such as public health, management of council property, environment and amenity. Local laws often apply to noise, fire hazards, abandoned vehicles, parking permits, disabled parking, furniture on footpaths, graffiti, burning off, animals in public spaces and nuisance pets. Council

also has a role to play as an advocate for the municipality, working with relevant stakeholders and Federal and Victorian Governments to ensure issues affecting the municipality are heard and community concerns are addressed.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to *protecting and promoting community safety*.

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>Improve security and safety: More police, ambulance and security services.</p>	<p>● Werribee and Hoppers Crossing</p>	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued to convene the Community Safety portfolio. This portfolio, chaired by the Mayor Cr Susan McIntyre and is leading efforts to improve safety of people in their homes and neighbourhoods by exploring, implementing and advocating for programs to intervene or prevent crime, raise community safety awareness and improve perceptions of safety. Community safety conversations were held in July 2022 to help Council better understand community safety priorities, which forms the basis for safety projects and activities to be delivered. worked in partnership to deliver the Municipal Emergency Management Plan, which covers mitigation, response and recovery. provided key support for ‘Exercise Walkaway’ on 28 August 2022, an emergency management exercise in the Jubilee Estate, Wyndham Vale. This exercise simulated a large-scale emergency for training and provided an opportunity for residents to prepare for emergencies and become familiar with emergency agencies. supported the safe passage of children to and from school with the operation of 155 school crossings in Wyndham. reviewed Council’s Community Amenity Local Law 2015 and sought feedback from the community on the Draft Community Amenity Local Law 2023. welcomed the construction that has commenced on the new emergency services hub on Point Cook Homestead Road, Point Cook. The hub will be home to Victoria Police and the State Emergency Service (SES), aiming to enhance public safety and provide expanded services to residents. partners with local police to host ‘Coffee with a Cop’ each month.
<p>Safety (managing crime, new police station, secure children’s crossings).</p>	<p>● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West</p>	

Priorities related to community hubs and activities

Council is a major provider of community centres and/or hubs which provide a range of services, activities and programs that are low-cost for all ages and interests. Some centres are integrated with library services, youth services and customer service desks. Council is also proud of the suite of events it hosts and supports each year. All events are promoted on Council's website ['What's On'](#).

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to the *provision of high-quality, equitable and accessible services and community facilities that cater for all ages and life stages and to the delivery, support and promotion of creative industries including the arts, events and festivals that contribute to the vibrancy and liveability of the City.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>All-in-one (libraries, cafes, pool, dancing classes, playground for younger children):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for all ages • Better branding and signage- consumer facing (What's the offer/ What's the purpose?) • Better promotion and integration of services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tarneit and Truganina 	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivered a range of events and supported many activities across Wyndham. For more information see 'What's On'. Three of Council's major events and activations were recognised at the Australian Event Awards including LIT, the Winter Street Party and the Firefly Night Market. Collectively these events had a total attendance of over 95,000 people. The 'Meet me in Tarneit' program and the Kite Festival were also well attended by the community. • opened the Bembit Bag-rook Community Centre in Tarneit and the Birnbial Family Centre in Manor Lakes. • commenced construction of a new community centre located at 1 Everton Road in Truganina, due to open in 2024. • campaigned for funding for the following community facilities as part of its advocacy efforts in the lead up to the Victorian State Election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$15m for Tarneit Community and Performing Arts Centre in Tarneit. – \$25m towards Riverdale Aquatics and Health Club in Tarneit. – \$20m towards the Black Forest Road North Community Library and Performing Arts Centre in Wyndham Vale. – \$15m towards Point Cook Indoor Sports Centre in Point Cook. <p>Unfortunately, the Victorian Government did not make any commitments to fund these projects however it did commit to \$500k for the Tarneit Community and Performing Arts Centre business case to be developed and \$5 million funding for an Indian Cultural Centre, with the location still to be determined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continued to deliver activities for young people via Youth Services across several locations in Wyndham. The Council's Youth Service's team deliver weekly programs and hosted over 60 events specifically for young people as well as weekly programs and courses. • refurbished the Youth Resource Centre in Hoppers Crossing. The project, jointly funded by Council (\$143,000) with the Victorian Government (\$150,000), included upgrades to the quiet room, multipurpose room, consulting room, foyer, flooring and lighting. Work also included a refit of the kitchens and new furniture inspired by Indigenous artwork.
<p>Create / improve community hubs: Cater for people with disability, 'aged care' and needing employment pathways. Providing culturally diverse activities and promoting them, addressing racism.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Werribee/Hoppers Crossing 	
<p>Creating age specific (12-18yo) activities for young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Werribee and Hoppers Crossing 	
<p>Entertainment and socialising activities (not just in shopping centres).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tarneit and Truganina 	



Places & Spaces

We are responding effectively to the impacts of climate change and are working to ensure our natural environment is respected, preserved and protected.

Growth has been managed effectively and we have the infrastructure, services, housing types, jobs, education and recreation opportunities required to support a good quality of life for residents of all ages and abilities.

The city, coast and country elements of the municipality continue to be protected and enhanced through thoughtful and innovative planning and appropriate development.

People are able to move around Wyndham easily. They are able to get to where they want to go efficiently and with greater access to active, accessible and sustainable modes of transport.

Our parks and open spaces encourage people to be active and connect them with nature and the outdoors.

Wyndham provides safe and welcoming destinations for residents and visitors.

Priorities related to open and green spaces

Public open spaces play a vital role in the life of a community and are highly valued because they provide the space for exercising, playing and watching outdoor sports, meeting, socialising with friends and family or relaxing and unwinding. Council has many roles to play in this space, starting with how land is used and how developments are designed. Council is also the primary owner and manager of open spaces for its residents, workers

and visitors and is the key decision maker about open space and how it is planned, provided, developed, used and managed.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed *to encouraging residents to be physically active and healthy through the provision of accessible and diverse sporting facilities, leisure and recreational opportunities.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
Promote, maintain and improve the character of our open spaces and environmental corridors and green wedge. Educate about the value of green and clean spaces.	● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> invested \$131.1 million into the capital works program, delivering essential infrastructure such as parks and open spaces for our growing community. Capital works projects completed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Alcock Road Reserve, Truganina – Moondara Street Park upgrade, Tarneit – Fraser Street Park upgrade, Hoppers Crossing – the upgrade of 11 parks and open spaces throughout the municipality as part of Council's Parks Asset Renewals Program. made significant progress on several other capital works projects in the past 12 months, including opening stages one and two of Point Cook's newest active open spaces, the \$15.95 million Webster Street Reserve and \$5.6 million Brookdale Road Reserve. Keep up to date with Council's capital works projects on Council's website. increased Wyndham's tree canopy cover by planting 9,152 trees and 26,000 tube stocks. A highlight was Council's annual Reconciliation Community Planting event with over 400 members of the community coming together to plant over 3,000 trees and shrubs in Presidents Park, Wyndham Vale. commenced the review of the Open Space Strategy, which guides the provision of Council owned and/or managed open spaces including parks, sportsgrounds, trails, and natural areas in Wyndham. installed electric vehicle chargers and solar panels at Council owned facilities as part of the Wyn-R Program (Reduction, Renewables, Resilience). advocated for community and sports infrastructure. <p>Unfortunately, the Victorian Government did not make any commitments against our priorities, but did commit to the following for improvement of open spaces in Wyndham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$1.4m towards the redevelopment of the Point Cook Football Club clubroom in Point Cook. – \$280k to install lighting and a scoreboard at Mainview Oval in Truganina. – \$200k towards an electronic scoreboard and other amenity upgrades at Wyndham Vale South Reserve in Wyndham Vale. – \$50k towards a new score board for Wooten Road Recreation Reserve in Tarneit. – \$12k for ground hire by Point Cook Centrals Sporting Club. recognised the importance and initiated the development of an Agribusiness Strategy to support the long-term commercial sustainability of the region. hosted an industry insights session on Horticulture and Agribusiness, in May 2023, as part of the Opportunity Wyndham Program to supports local job creation in industries experiencing labour shortages.
More green spaces (be more engaged with nature, activities for everyone, trees, and parks).	● Tarneit and Truganina	
Improve public open spaces: Revegetation planning, re-populating natural spaces, tree planting. Maintaining the ratio of green space to development. Improve mental health and wellbeing through green spaces.	● Werribee/Hoppers Crossing	
Take the lead on climate / environmental action, increasing tree canopy and grassland protection. Focusing on protecting the natural environment and biodiversity.	● Point Cook/Williams Landing	
Protect market gardens/ food bowl and promote our rural community. Honouring our primary producers, prioritising rural land for farming.	● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas	

Priorities related to public transport

Whilst Council is not a direct provider of public transport, it does have a role to advocate for the municipality, working with relevant stakeholders and Federal and Victorian Governments to ensure issues affecting the municipality are heard and community concerns are addressed.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to *delivering and advocating for a quality, sustainable and accessible transport network that enables the community to move around the city easily. Over the past few years Council has been fostering active transport through the provision of bike and footpaths.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
More bus routes within Point Cook.	● Point Cook/Williams Landing	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued to invest in the municipality's active transport network, to provide better access for the community who want to walk or ride on shared paths. Council spent \$5.38 million on footpaths and cycleways/shared paths. delivered the Point Cook Bike Park which supports the use of shared paths and provides a new shelter, bike repair station, bike racks, drinking fountain with a water bottle refill tap, wayfinding signage, new picnic settings, additional seating, and more canopy trees and plants. <p>Keep up to date with Council's capital works projects on Council's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advocated for the following public transport priorities in the lead up to the Victorian Elections and within Council's Victorian and Federal budget submissions: <p>Better Rail Links: Integrating Geelong Fast Rail and other major rail projects. <i>No commitment has been made by Victorian or Federal Government.</i></p> <p>Better Rail Links: Western Rail Plan Election commitments by the Victorian Government included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a new Davis Rd Railway Station in Tarneit West by 2026 with 400 parking spaces and a four-bay bus interchange. to fund planning for a new railway station in Truganina. <p>Better Buses <i>No commitment made by Victorian or Federal Government</i> for investment in a bus network that better meets the public transport needs including new routes or technology to facilitate demand.</p> <p>Better Connected Neighbourhoods <i>No Commitment made by Victorian Government</i> for funding to improve cycling and walking paths.</p>
Better integration of busses and trains with more train stations and station parking.	● Point Cook/Williams Landing	
Improve public and active transport (including walking and cycling paths) to connect communities.	● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas	
Public transport (car parking and buses on demand, including active transport).	● Tarneit and Truganina	

Priorities related to roads

One of the biggest challenges for a growth area Council, is to ensure the required infrastructure and services are properly in place before residents move in. Roads are a major part of that infrastructure, and whilst Council currently has ownership and responsibility for over \$3.4 billion of community assets, including infrastructure such as roads, drains, buildings, and open spaces, it does not provide all roads and associated infrastructure needed by the community. As such, Council also has a role to play as an advocate for the municipality, working with relevant

stakeholders and Federal and Victorian Governments to ensure issues affecting the municipality are heard and community concerns are addressed.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to *the provision of sustainable infrastructure through the construction of new assets and renewal of existing assets, and to the creation of neighbourhoods which allow residents to get around easily.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>Roadworks: Ease congestion</p> <p>Invest in / improve roads, shared paths, footpaths (and maintenance thereof).</p> <p>Create more frequent and active transport options</p>	<p>● Werribee/Hoppers Crossing</p>	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> invested \$131.1 million into the capital works program, delivering essential infrastructure including roads, shared paths and more for our growing community. spent \$20.26 million on roads including the following works to improve our local road network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a \$5 million rehabilitation of Sayers Road (between Tarneit Road and Reflections Boulevard) in Tarneit Boundary and Davis Road intersection upgrade, Mount Cottrell rebuilding 12 local roads and resurfacing another 49 through our annual Road Reconstructions Program and Road Surface Renewal Program constructed 58.7kms of roads graded 279kms of roads completed 9,688 reactive repair works on roads swept 22,083kms of roads constructed 106.1kms of new footpaths repaired 13,220m² of footpaths inspected 4,535kms of roads and identified 2,261 defects inspected 2,413kms of footpath and identified 31,700 defects. <p>Keep up to date with Council's capital works projects on Council's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advocated for the following road priorities in the lead up to the Victorian Elections and within Council's Victorian and Federal budget submissions: <p>Wyndham Westlink</p> <p>Commitment made by the Victorian Government for \$58 million towards the Ison Rd Rail Overpass and Freeway interchange. This complements the funding committed by the Federal Government in May 2022 in a 50/50 funding split to enable construction to start in 2023/24.</p> <p>Additional transport commitments made by the Victorian Government outside Council's Road priorities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$120m to improve Ballan Road, upgrading the intersections of McGrath and Greens Road. \$5m for a traffic management action plan for Wyndham. \$79m for the Point Cook Road and the Central Avenue intersection including introducing lights to the intersection and widening Central Avenue to Skehan Boulevard. <p>Outer Metropolitan Ring Transport Corridor</p> <p>In the Federal budget submission Council has advocated for the Outer Metropolitan Ring Transport Corridor to be fully funded to improve transport connectivity in the north and west of Melbourne between key employment and residential growth areas and to link key transport hubs.</p>

Priorities relating to community infrastructure

The ownership and care of assets owned in common by the community is a core Council service. No other organisation can do this on behalf of the Wyndham community. The responsibility to care for the community's assets brings the expectation that Council will ensure assets are fit for purpose, safe and managed to minimise whole of life costs. As Wyndham ages, the maintenance, renewal and replacement of assets will have a significant impact on Council's financial operations and long-

term financial sustainability. For this reason, ensuring Council's work is guided by community input, strong evidence and data is critical to ensuring that Council can continue to deliver the wide variety of work it does into the future within available resources.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to *aligning service delivery expectations with available funding so that the sustainable management of all required supporting assets is achieved.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
Infrastructure ready in advance (Roads, schools, hospitals, community centres, emergency services).	● Tarneit and Truganina	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> invested \$131.1 million into our capital works program, delivering essential infrastructure such as roads, parks and open spaces, community centres and more for our growing community including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opening Bembit Bag-rook Community Centre, Tarneit. opening Birnbial Family Centre in Manor Lakes. construction commenced on a new community centre in Truganina, due to open in 2024. construction commenced on the Regional Football Facility in Tarneit. opening Williams Landing Library Lounge, Williams Landing. opening stages one and two of Point Cook's newest active open spaces, the \$15.95 million Webster Street Reserve, and \$5.6 million Brookdale Road Reserve. upgrades to sporting pavilions. finalised the repair of Eagle Stadium roof to resolve water leaks which were disruptive to the facility. <p>Keep up to date with the capital works projects on Council's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advocated for the following infrastructure priorities in the lead up to the Victorian Elections and within Council's Victorian and Federal budget submissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15m for Tarneit Community and Performing Arts Centre in Tarneit. (<i>The Victorian Government commit \$500k for a business case to be developed</i>). \$25m towards Riverdale Aquatics and Health Club in Tarneit. \$20m towards the Black Forest Road North Community Library and Performing Arts Centre in Wyndham Vale. \$15m towards Point Cook Indoor Sports Centre in Point Cook. The Federal Government to return Financial Assistance Grants to one per cent of Federal taxation revenue in the 2023/24 Federal Budget to enable Councils to plan and deliver a pipeline of critical social infrastructure projects their community needs, when they need it. <p>Unfortunately, no commitments have yet been made to fully fund these infrastructure priorities by either the Victorian or Federal Governments on any these priorities.</p>
Improving infrastructure planning and deliver (emergency access, roads, telecommunications and public transport).	● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West	
Ensure sustainable community building, providing 20-minute neighbourhoods and safe pedestrian and public transport access and community facilities (all through improved planning).	● Point Cook/Williams Landing	
Accessibility to facilities (libraries, pools, community centres):	● Tarneit and Truganina	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness relating to access to information and communication (promoting the services and activities that are available). Proximity, extended opening hours and cost of council facilities. 		
Upgrade local facilities in local communities.	● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas	
Improve / invest in indoor sports facilities and more adult outdoor gyms.	● Point Cook/Williams Landing	

Priorities related to the environment

Through its Council Plan, Council is committed to the creation of a green city by leveraging opportunities and invest in environmentally sustainable, renewable energy, waste and resource management initiatives which increase the community's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>Expand on composting initiative to have more recycling, more responsible and sustainable waste management. (Free composting, green recycling at schools and across community inc. health centres etc.)</p>	<p>● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West</p>	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued to deliver the ‘Green Living Series’ an annual program with a wide range of sustainable living workshops and events, aimed at building skills and providing tips to live a little greener including composting and sustainable waste management. installed electric vehicle chargers and solar panels at Council owned facilities as part of the Wyn-R Program (Reduction, Renewables, Resilience). For further information on Council’s work in this space, view Council’s environment and sustainability activities or the Resilient Wyndham Strategy 2021-2025.





Earning & Learning

Our City offers varied and plentiful employment opportunities that respond to the skills and expertise of the community. Wyndham is a place of choice for diverse businesses and it has a thriving network of small business operators.

Wyndham offers a high standard of educational opportunities, particularly through early childhood, schools and tertiary institutions.

There are lots of ways for people to learn and gain employment. Residents are able to share skills and build knowledge through lifelong learning opportunities.

Wyndham has a wide variety of retail and hospitality opportunities.

Local events and attractions build Wyndham's reputation as a place to visit and are a source of community pride.

Priorities related to education

Whilst Council is not a direct provider of education, it does have a role to play as an advocate for the municipality, working with relevant stakeholders and Federal and Victorian Governments to ensure issues affecting the municipality are heard and community concerns are addressed.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to ensuring the needs of the community are well represented through effective advocacy and strong collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders and all levels of Government.

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>Create / advocate for more high-quality schools. Ensure they have better resources and cater for disability and additional needs and lifelong learning.</p>	<p>● Point Cook/Williams Landing</p>	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advocated for a school provision plan for Wyndham, and a commitment to delivering and upgrading local schools resulting in the 2022/23 Victorian budget funding was allocated for new schools including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – P-9 in Point Cook. – A specialist school in Point Cook. – Tarneit Plains Primary School. – Riverdale North Primary School, Tarneit. <p>Upgrade to Manorvale Primary School, in Werribee.</p> <p>Of the 100 new schools being constructed across Victoria, 21 of these will be built in Wyndham.</p>
<p>Encourage, mentor and guide youth through education and stewardship into local work.</p>	<p>● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered the Learning Community Strategy 2018-2023, including The Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF) is Wyndham's largest annual learning event, focusing on promoting and celebrating lifelong learning. Full highlights are on the strategy update and for any learning opportunities on offer at libraries or community centres see the Wyndham 'What On'.
<p>Improve local education opportunities.</p>	<p>● Werribee/Hoppers Crossing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the annual Mock Job Interview Program with Warringa Park Specialist School, a program providing secondary school students with the experience of being interviewed for an employment opportunity, in a safe environment with support and encouragement.
<p>Education (local schools across stages, high quality tertiary options, public standards match private, more focus for years 9-12).</p>	<p>● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West</p>	



Priorities related to employment

Local employment contributes to making the municipality a desirable place to live. Council has many roles to play in this space, starting with how land is used and developed, as well as advocacy.

Through its Council Plan, Council has committed to *taking an active role in attracting investment opportunities that grow the local economy and create more jobs and over the past few years* has also been a direct provider of employment supports, fostering pathways residents to address barriers to employment.

Priorities	Place	Progress
Help re-skill and up-skill mature aged unemployed people.	● Little River, Werribee's South and Rural areas	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advocated for the 'Activation of East Werribee' (East Werribee Employment Precinct - EWEP) to deliver 60,000 jobs in the lead up to the Victorian Victorian Election (November 2022). A \$2.8 million investment was made as part of the 2022/23 Victorian Budget to review the Precinct Structure Plan and develop a roadmap for the site. Discussions continue with relevant stakeholders in the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industries and Regions (DJSIR) as well as Victorian Government Ministers. hosted the Wyndham Jobs Summit in October 2022, to build on support and collaboration for the campaign. welcomed the \$6.1 million allocated to the planning for the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal which is estimated to create 39,000 jobs for Melbourne's West. The terminal site is in Truganina, Melton City Council, on the boarder of Wyndham. worked in partnership with Wyndham businesses to deliver Opportunity Wyndham. Council received a \$1.93 million from the Victorian Government to scale up our work supporting local people facing barriers to employment into local work. The Priority Workforce Projects component of the Jobs Victoria Fund supports large scale job creation, including helping organisations recruit, train and support priority community members looking for work. delivered the Wyndham City Emerging Talent Traineeships Program which offered four 12-month funded traineeship opportunities, at Council, for Wyndham community members to achieve a certification, build confidence and upskill for their future career. invested in volunteering by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hosting this year's Wyndham Volunteer Expo on Saturday 18 March 2023, supporting 55 local volunteer-involving organisations, with 450 people participating. offering 22 different volunteer roles, with over 115 volunteers regularly engaged. restarting the highly valued Community Connections and Care Services program in July 2022. This program had been on hold throughout the Covid pandemic. These volunteers assist community through Council's Delivered Meals service, Lunch with the Bunch, and 1.2.1 Transport programs. continued to deliver on its Resilient Wyndham Strategy that guides the way Wyndham adapts, survives and thrives in the face of future events such as climate change, extreme weather, natural disasters, pandemics, cyber-security attacks and economic downturn. Some highlights from the strategy's actions during 2022/23 included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council continued to deliver the Green Living Series which saw 44 events offered with over 3,000 residents in attendance, helping to encourage community to better protect the environment and live a little greener. Sixteen community leaders completed accredited Mental Health First Aid & First Aid Training; learning how to provide initial help, where and how to seek professional help and how to provide both mental health and first aid in a crisis. 40,000 Rapid Antigen Tests were distributed throughout our operations. The inaugural Leadership Excellence Program was delivered with 15 participating businesses. <p>Full progress details are available on Council's website.</p>
Create local employment opportunities: Invest in volunteering opportunities and business supports.	● Werribee/Hoppers Crossing	
Making more employment opportunities locally, across industry and other work stages and age groups.	● Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West	
COVID-19 recovery program (inc. welfare, business, family financial support).	● Tarneit and Truganina	

Priorities related to business and industry support

Council is working to ensure Wyndham is an attractive place to visit and invest in through its Council Plan commitment to enhancing the vibrancy and activation of the City by collaborating, supporting and promoting our entertainment,

hospitality, and small business industries. Through its Council Plan, Council is also committed to driving growth and activation of the tourism economy and activity centres.

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>Support for local businesses, which generate local jobs and draw on local expertise and support for local start-ups. Local business start-up support.</p>	<p>● Point Cook/ Williams Landing</p>	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supported shopping strips via place making projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hoppers Junction, Hoppers Crossing. – Vincent Crescent, Werribee. Consultation with shop owners and residents has commenced to renew the shopping area. – Woodville, Hoppers Crossing. The Help Woodville Thrive community engagement outcome report has been completed, with a plan to improve access and movement, public realm, open spaces, built form, community facilities, economic development, and placemaking. – Tarneit Revitalisation ‘Meet me In Tarneit’ activities, across multiple sites. delivered the Innovate Business Growth Program for 22 selected small and medium sized businesses and an additional six business workshops for existing and new Wyndham businesses. hosted the WYNnovation Festival with five events for local businesses and entrepreneurs to attend. continued to operate the SPARK Innovation Hub which provides a collaborative environment to support tech start-ups and entrepreneurs who are creating innovative solutions for the priority sectors of Health, Education, Professional and Technical Services, Manufacturing, Logistics, Construction, Visitor Economy and Agribusiness, based in the Wyndham municipality. There are currently 15 members operating out of the Hub. hosted two Smart Cities Summits. The first in November 2022 focused on Urban Heat and the second in June 2023 explored the challenges and opportunities that Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers the business community. held two pop-up Visitor Information kiosk at Pacific Werribee over the summer (29 December 2022 to 28 January 2023) and Easter school holidays, which aimed to capitalise on Wyndham’s visiting friends and relatives’ market and reach and inform locals about attractions and things to do in their ‘own backyard’. The outcome of the initial trail has determined that Council run regular pop-ups each year. was awarded Silver at the Victorian Tourism Awards in the Tourism Marketing and Campaigns category on 1 December 2022 for the Visit Werribee and Surrounds destination campaign, A Delightful Lil’ Detour. hosted the Visitor Information Services Summit in September 2022 which showcased our region to over 120 stakeholders within the tourism industry. Werribee was a finalist in the Victorian Top Tourism town awards for the second. hosted an Industry Insights into Tourism online webinar in March 2023, to focus on tourism in Wyndham, provide an understanding the industry and its breadth. Industry Insights is a panel discussion which brings together business representatives and community members to discuss industries and employment opportunities. hosted a calendar of major events, including LIT, 24, Children’s Week Picnic, State Rose and Garden Show. All events are promoted on Council’s website ‘What’s On’. the Werribee Visitor Information Centre has assisted over 17,700 visitors to experience the region. the destination website ‘Visit Werribee & Surrounds’ has had over 299,900 visits.
<p>Commercial hubs and business parks (supporting local business and supporting local jobs).</p>	<p>● Tarneit and Truganina</p>	
<p>Tourism must be prioritised, more festivals, events and celebrate the many nationalities and talents. Push the country to coast element. Rebrand the Werribee image.</p>	<p>● Little River, Werribee’s South and Rural areas</p>	
<p>Promote opportunities to bring communities together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community information forums- What’s happening in the community? Festivals and events. 	<p>● Little River, Werribee’s South and Rural areas</p>	



Leadership & Participation

Our City is home to engaged and informed residents who use their skills, knowledge and passion to effectively work together and advocate for the needs of the community.

Residents are empowered and contribute their ideas in meaningful conversations about issues and matters which affect their municipality.

Strong and effective partnerships with all levels of government, community, industry and the business sectors deliver outcomes in the best interests of the community.

Wyndham will have a variety of ways for community members to volunteer in support of others.

Together, we attain the Wyndham 2040 Community Vision.

Priorities related to leadership and participation

As the closest level of government to the community, communicating and engaging effectively is important to Council in order to understand community needs and issues. Despite its many functions and responsibilities, Council is not always legislatively able to do everything. Council's leadership is vital for strong, successful advocacy and lobbying which influences the

decisions made by other levels of government investment in the municipality for the benefit of the entire Wyndham community.

Through its Council Plan, Council is committed to *ensuring the needs of the community are well represented through effective advocacy and strong collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders and all levels of Government.*

Priorities	Place	Progress
<p>Form a sub-committee from each Council ward to assist with Councillor decisions. Council to improve communications.</p>	<p>● Point Cook/Williams Landing</p>	<p>In 2022/23 Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> led a range of Portfolio Committees and the People's Advisory Panel to assist Council to hear from the community to inform their decision making. <p>Council's Portfolio Committees assist Council to hear from the community and inform their decision making. Each Portfolio Holder is led by a Wyndham City Councillor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Creative City: Cr Marcel Mahfoud – Destination Wyndham: Cr Heather Marcus – Climate Futures and Environment: Cr Robert Szatkowski – Learning City: Cr Jasmine Hill – City Design: Cr Josh Gilligan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued to build up the People's Advisory Panel, a group of over 1,500 active community members who have the opportunity to give regular advice to Council and work with other residents to shape the future of the City. Examples of key projects panel members have participated in the development of are, the Annual Plan and Budget 2023-24 and Council's Customer Experience Strategy.
<p>Better community engagement: More events like this and more contact from Council - Bring back 'Wyndham News'.</p>	<p>● Werribee/Hoppers Crossing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaged the community on 42 projects and services that affect the Wyndham community via The Loop, its community engagement platform, which had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 5,140 community contributions – 103,825 visits – 9,290 members continued the publication of the Wyndham News, Council's monthly magazine for residents to keep up to date about Council's key projects, initiatives, major events as well as programs and activities across Libraries, Community Centres, Youth Services and the Arts. Copies are available online and delivered to Wyndham households. <p>To find all Council related information, community can connect with Council on their preferred social media channel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter • YouTube • Linked In



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