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Mayor's Message

There are so many people and organisations that contribute to making Wyndham a wonderful place to live. The Community Volunteer Awards Gala Dinner was held on 14 August to recognise the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and to announce the Citizen of the Year - Walter Villagonzalo. Walter is a man with a big heart who has given over 20 years of community service.

On 28 August the Wyndham Business Awards Presentation Evening was held. Now in its 21st year, these awards celebrate the significant contribution local businesses make to our community. There was strong competition in all categories which is testimony to the diversity and innovation of businesses across Wyndham.

Over the last few months there have been some fantastic events in Wyndham including the annual Pet and Animal Expo, and the glitz, glamour and colour of the Indian Film Festival came to Wyndham - the first time the festival has had a presence outside of Melbourne's CBD.

In the coming months, there are many free Wyndham City events for residents to enjoy including the inaugural Community Safety Expo on 18 October, the annual Children's Week Picnic on 25 October and the State Rose & Garden Show on 14-15 November.

The dramatically refurbished Encore Events Centre is open for business and with the recent appointment of VMS (Venue Management Services) it will become a destination for functions and events for the whole community.

We remain focused on meeting the needs of a growing community and that's why we are expanding our many services - the new library at Tarneit and the Saltwater Community Centre are both taking shape.

Wyndham City Mayor,
Cr Peter Maynard



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2015/16 BUDGET a closer look

Wyndham City's budget for 2015/16 was adopted in June this year. While many of our services like waste collection and local roads are the most visible to our residents, this budget also features some fantastic new initiatives as well as the building of new facilities to meet the needs of our growing population.



Habitat Heroes

We have significant biodiversity in Wyndham however our rapid growth has the potential to impact the wide variety of animal and plant life. Habitat Heroes is a new initiative that has been created to help increase Wyndham's natural habitat, decrease environmental weeds and promote healthy communities. The program is free and open to all.

Residents who get involved will be provided with assistance to create or enhance their garden with habitat features like nest boxes and frog ponds. This initiative will also encourage the planting of indigenous vegetation which use less water than most exotic plants.



Arts & Cultural activation

Wyndham is developing an enviable reputation for its arts and cultural attractions, and exhibitions. Exhibitions at the Wyndham Art Gallery in the heart of Watton St Werribee, which include work from local artists, have attracted national media attention.

Wyndham City has also been instrumental in bringing exhibitions and other fantastic cultural experiences like the Women's Circus to local community centres. Great activation like this will be expanded as the new budget includes provision for an array of arts and cultural activities that the whole community can enjoy and participate in, whether young or old, or from indigenous or culturally diverse backgrounds.

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new facilities



New Tarneit Library \$2.75m

The new Tarneit library is being built at the Tarneit Community Learning Centre. When the doors open in December Wyndham City's newest library will showcase a dedicated program and activity room, science study room and a tele-conference meeting room. The site will also have 60 additional car parks and landscaped grounds.



Saltwater Community Centre Point Cook \$4.07m

This new community centre is being built adjacent to Wyndham City's sporting mecca and parkland Saltwater Reserve. Some of the features include a new kindergarten (open for term 1, 2016), maternal and child health facilities, a number of multi-purpose rooms, a community kitchen, sensory garden area and an outdoor Amphitheatre. It will also have a number of sustainable features.



Stage 2 Eagle Stadium \$15.83m

Works for Stage 2 at Eagle Stadium are well underway and without disruption to the current operations. These works will deliver 3 new indoor courts (bringing the total to 11 courts), a state of the art health club, an additional 1000 seats in the show court and much more!



CHERRY STREET LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL

Wyndham City recently met with local community members to talk about the removal of the Cherry Street Level Crossing.

The removal of level crossings along the Werribee train line and replacing them with bridges or underpasses has been a key campaign objective for Get Wyndham Moving.

The State Government has committed to removing 50 of the worst level crossings across Melbourne over the next 8 years. This includes the Cherry St crossing however it is not in the top 20 to be done in the first 4 years. This is despite it being identified as one of the 10 most dangerous crossings in Victoria, with a fatality there in May 2013.

We need your help to push for Cherry Street to be a priority. Get involved by joining the Get Wyndham Moving campaign.

Council will also run further information sessions once updates from the Level Crossing Removal Authority have been received.

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ROAD UPGRADES FOR WYNDHAM

Wyndham residents will continue to benefit from a number of road projects that are underway across Wyndham.

Dohertys Road

Wyndham City is funding the \$7million duplication of Dohertys Rd between Fitzgerald Road and Foundation Road. Works commence in October/ November 2015 and when completed there will be four traffic lanes, a landscaped median strip; and a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.

East Werribee Precinct

The \$71 million East Werribee Transport Improvement project is well underway. Roadworks include a new Sneydes Road interchange that will provide Melbourne and Geelong bound drivers direct access to the Princes Freeway. The Sneydes Road interchange, with Melbourne bound ramps, is expected to be completed by March 2016. The full interchange is due to be completed by late 2016.

Derrimut Road/Leakes Road intersection upgrade

The State Government has committed \$2 million for road works to ease congestion at the intersection of Derrimut and Leakes Roads, Tarneit by increasing the number and length of lanes and improving access to the nearby Tarneit railway station. Construction will start late 2016 and is due to be complete mid-2017.

For updates on these projects visit: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au



West Trails

A review of shared pedestrian and cycling trails in the 'West' including Brimbank, Melton, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley and Wyndham was recently done and a draft 'West Trails' strategic plan has been prepared.

The plan has identified the following improvements, which include:

- New trails as well as gaps, extensions and upgrades required for existing trails
- Creating a standard for trails across the West including construction and signage
- A management model for 'West Trails' and how to market them

Wyndham residents will be able to view the draft 'West Trails' strategic plan and provide comment in late 2015. See the website for updates.

To view a hard copy or if you have any question:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/westtrails 9742 0790



Going solar has never been easier!

Did you know that in Wyndham we have some of the highest use of solar panels in Victoria?

Now there's a great opportunity for even more homes in Wyndham to use solar energy.

Wyndham City has teamed up with the not-for-profit organisation Positive Charge who are independent energy experts, to help more homes and businesses go solar, from a reputable supplier, at a great price.

Consider this great solar deal so you can watch your bills drop, as well as enjoy the feel-good factor that comes with producing your own renewable energy!

Positive Charge is a not-for-profit organisation, who can also provide advice on other ways to save energy and money in the home. So give them a call to find out more today!

www.positivecharge.com.au 9385 8555



Activity Centre Strategy

Wyndham City is seeking community feedback on the draft Wyndham Activity Centres Strategy.

The strategy will guide Council when planning for Activity Centres, which include retail centres, but can also be characterised by non-retail functions such as commercial offices, community activities, residential, recreation, education and other services.

Public consultation for the Wyndham Activity Centres Strategy opened on 7 September and closes on 16 October.

To view the strategy and to provide comment;

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activitycentrestrategy
9742 0777 ACSF@wyndham.vic.gov.au

GRASSFIRES: KNOW YOUR FIRE RISK AND KNOW WHAT TO DO

Grassfires can start anywhere and spread quickly. You're at risk if you live on the edge of a residential area so:

Reduce your risk now – mow you grass and remove anything flammable from around your home

Keep an eye on conditions outside – you may know about a fire before emergency services

Avoid driving – Don't put your life or the lives or others in danger by getting in a car

If a grassfire starts – and you live directly next to grassland, quickly move one to two streets away from the fire

If you live close to grassland but not right next to it, it's safer to stay where you are – grassfire is unlikely to spread past the first row of homes

Stay informed – on hot, dry, windy days check for warnings and updates

www.cfa.vic.gov.au
1800 240 667 Victorian Bushfire Information Line



Wyndham rolled out the red carpet and shone a spotlight on some of its finest businesses at the 2015 Wyndham Business Awards, held on Friday 28 August.



Business of the Year

ebm-papst A&NZ

The 21st Business of the Year winner - ebm-papst A&NZ Pty Ltd is a 25 year old Australasian based manufacturer and distributor of market leading fans and motors. From their head office in Laverton North, the company supplies over 1500 products to 450 clients, backed by a principle that "every new product must be ecologically and economically superior to its predecessor", ebm-papst is leading the way to a greener future.

With the manufacturing sector under significant pressure in Australia, ebm-papst is proving that enterprises driven by innovation and continuous improvement can succeed.



Business Person of the Year - BORIS MUSA

As CEO of Mainstream Aquaculture, Boris leads this company which is committed to producing the world's best barramundi and for which it made the BRW's fast 100 company list in 2014.

Boris was recently awarded the prestigious young CEO of the year award from the Financial Review, reinforcing the high calibre at which he operates.



Mayoral Award - MONDELLS PATISSERIE

Mondells Patisserie is a great story of home grown success. Beginning from a tiny kitchen in the back of a Werribee home as a part time operation in late 2007, Mondells out grew their home base and moved to a factory in Lock Avenue before opening their Watton Street factory and shop front café and patisserie in 2013.

While the tempting offering of cakes, biscuits and pastries have become well known to many local residents and visitors, perhaps what is less known is the market Mondells have captured at a corporate level, supplying major hospitality chains, catering venues and international airlines.

CATEGORY WINNERS

- Manufacture Small**
ebm-papst A&NZ
- Manufacture Large**
Claytons
- Franchise**
Grill'd Healthy Burgers – Point Cook and Werribee
- Not for Profit**
Wyndham Community Legal Service Inc.
- New and Emerging**
Preserved & Pickled

- Business Large – Retail or Service**
Cummins South Pacific Laverton Branch
- Retail Small**
Big Picture People - Hoppers Crossing
- Tourism and Hospitality**
Corinthians
- Home Based**
Proven Resume Results
- Transport & Storage**
Swire Cold Storage
- Service Micro**
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- Service Small**
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WYNDHAM COMMUNITY AWARDS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Walter Villagonzalo was named as the 2015 Citizen of the Year at the Wyndham Community Volunteer Gala Awards Presentation Evening held on Friday 14 August.

You may not have met him but it's likely that his work in the community has touched your life or the lives of someone that you know. With over 20 years of community service, Walter Villagonzalo is often referred to as the 'go-to person' for local community information.

Walter has made an outstanding contribution to the community and was recognised for his work with the migrant community which includes providing accommodation and support to asylum seekers, and motivating new migrants to use their skills to start small businesses and create local jobs.

As the President of the Migrant HUB, Walter is also heavily involved with this organisation and spends much of his time inspiring and supporting the organisation and its members.

In his acceptance speech Walter said he was honoured to receive the award, and congratulated all of the category winners.

Also competing for the Citizen of the Year Award were 'Community Health & Wellbeing' award winner Bev Morrissey, 'Culture, Arts & Tourism' award winner Alan Thompson, 'Environment & Sustainability' award winner Craig Castree, 'Sport & Recreation' award winner Rebecca Nix and our Young Volunteer of the Year award winner Khurram Jahangir Khan.



ENCORE | OPEN FOR BUSINESS
EVENTS CENTRE

The Encore Events Centre was refurbished as part of Wyndham City's biggest ever capital works project and is now open for business.

Wyndham City appointed Venue Management Services (VMS) to manage the Encore Events Centre to maximise benefit for the community.

The dramatically refurbished Encore Events Centre now boasts an improved stage, sound and acoustics with rooms that can cater for 10 to 1,000 people making it great for meetings, concerts, theatre, banquets and performances.

www.encoreeventscentre.com.au

Established in 2002 VMS has had extensive experience in managing and marketing venues such as civic centres, town halls, performing arts centres and community facilities. The experienced and qualified team at VMS have over 100 years of combined experience in venue management and hospitality operations.

www.venuemanagement.com.au



Lots on @ Local Libraries

YOUTH AUTHOR TALK – REBECCA LIM



Rebecca Lim, a Melbourne writer and illustrator, is the author of the Mercy series, The Astrologer's Daughter, Afterlight and many others. Join Rebecca as she discusses her novels and offers her tips and insights on writing and the writing process.

Book signing and Q&A will follow the book talk.

Wednesday 28 October
Wyndham Vale Library 4-5pm

VALUE YOUR MIND



Come into your local library to relax or improve your mind by participating in our free Mental Health Week activities. There is something for everyone including yoga for seniors, adult storytelling and Kung Fu for kids. Be inspired by award winning and author Abdi Aden, participate in a Strengthening Family Relationships workshop, watch free films and more!

Monday 5 to Friday 9 October 2015

LOCAL HISTORY BUS TOUR

Discover the history of our local area with this bus tour and enjoy a free afternoon tea along the Werribee River.

Depart Werribee Library, Watton St Werribee
Tuesday 24 November, 2pm



HALLOWEEN @ THE LIBRARY!

Come in and celebrate Halloween with us. Watch a monstrous movie and make some spooky crafts if you dare! Don't forget to dress up! All materials provided.

Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 October



YOUTH Special Effects Makeup class

An exciting workshop for teens in special effects makeup! Learn to create bruises, burns, bites, black eyes and more.

Tuesday 20 October, Point Cook Library 4-6pm
Wednesday 21 October, Plaza Library 4-6pm



For bookings visit the online events calendar

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries 8734 2600

facebook.com/librariesinwyndham

Youth Services



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

An important information session for parents that will cover topics like helping parents support young people through exams and managing stress levels or other issues that may present at this time.

Date: Wednesday 21 October 2015

Time: 7pm

Where: Youth Resource Centre

SDRAWKCAB

SDRAWKCAB PARTY Celebrating Everything Backwards

A fantastic celebration of any and all things backwards for youth 12-17 at the Youth Resource Centre should be loads of fun.

Date: Friday 6 November 2015

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Where: Youth Resource Centre
Cost: \$5 including dinner, snacks and a drink

youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Youth Resource Centre
86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

COMMUNITY SAFETY EXPO

A FREE Wyndham City event to be held at the new Encore Events Centre, this will be Wyndham's first ever Community Safety Expo.

Come along and learn about how you and your family can be safer in your community. Learn about road safety, crime prevention, personal safety and much more. With family friendly activities, demonstrations and interactive activities for children this event is one not to be missed.

- Meet your local heroes from the emergency services
- Basic first aid, water safety and home safety workshops
- FREE fitting of anti-theft screws for number plates
- Stage performances
- Face painting
- Free Child seat restraint checks

When: 18 October 2015

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Encore Events Centre,
80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/communitysafetyexpo



Review of Aged and Disability services in Wyndham

Wyndham City is undertaking a review of how it can continue to play an important role in supporting people with additional needs to improve their quality of life.

Wyndham City currently provides planned activity groups, meals on wheels, social outings, respite and community transport services for many Wyndham residents who are older or who are living with a disability.

The Federal Government, who is the main funding source for these services is changing the way it allocates funding for these services so the review will look

at what role Council and our partners might play and how we can work together effectively in the future.

How can you get involved?

Wyndham City will be encouraging Wyndham residents to get involved in a conversation about the needs of those requiring aged and disability support services in the future. To find out more and view the Frequently Asked Questions visit;

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/ageddisabilityreview

Local Law Review

Wyndham City has been very active in reviewing its local laws – in fact, Councils are required to review local laws at least once every 10 years!

Councils make local laws to help protect amenities, minimise damage to public assets and to make the community safer. Wyndham City recently consolidated four existing local laws into one Community Amenity Local Law and asked residents to comment. Council now anticipates this new local law will be in operation from November.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/locallawreview

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FREE PET REGISTRATION

Wyndham City officially launched free pet registration at the Pet & Animal Expo on 27 September to encourage responsible pet ownership! Pet owners will be able to enjoy the initial free registration period for their pets.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/petregistration

Wyndham Art Gallery



Tabitha Moses

Award winning international artist Tabitha Moses will exhibit work that won the Liverpool Art Prize in 2013. Her work is about her experience of infertility and IVF. It includes embroidered hospital gowns with symbols depicting the experiences of women that she has worked with. While she is here from the UK for her exhibition she plans to work with women from Wyndham and produce a gown based on their experience.

Wednesday 23 September, 2015 - Sunday 15 November, 2015

The Tabitha Moses exhibition is on at the Wyndham Art Gallery located in the Wyndham Cultural Centre at 177 Watton St Werribee.

 www.wyncc.com.au

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STATE ROSE & GARDEN SHOW

NOVEMBER 14-15 2015

VICTORIA STATE ROSE GARDEN
WERRIBEE PARK | 10AM - 4PM

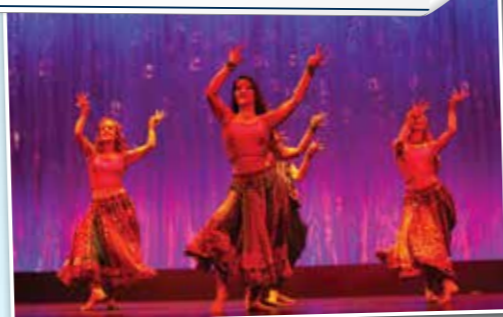
This year the State Rose & Garden Show will take place over two huge days. A FREE event ideal for gardening enthusiasts or those who just want to enjoy a beautiful day out amidst 5000 roses in bloom.

- Learn more about gardening from industry experts and celebrities
- Purchase plants and associated gardening products
- Kid's activities include garden workshops, face painting and lawn games

 www.stateroseandgardenshow.com.au



FROM MUMBAI TO WERRIBEE



The Indian Film Festival Melbourne came to Wyndham for the very first time on Sunday 30 August with 3 award winning films from the festival being screened at the Cultural Centre. The Piazza also came alive with pop-up marquees, Bollywood dancing, henna painting and all the fun, glitz and glamour associated with Indian culture.

DESTINATION MELBOURNE CLIENT DAY



Wyndham City hosted the annual Destination Melbourne Client Day on Friday 21 August which was a tremendous success. A group of 60 industry leaders visited many of our local tourist attractions including the Zoo and the new Wyndham Harbour raising the profile of Wyndham as a tourist destination.

WYNDHAM CRUISER AT PACIFIC WERRIBEE



The Wyndham Cruiser has been out and about visiting events, shopping centres and parks. Here we are at the Pacific Werribee Community Fair, where we connected with over 800 residents across the weekend.

WHAT'S ON IN WYNDHAM

EVENTS

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Healthy and Active Expo in Point Cook

Saturday 10 - Sunday 25
October 2015

Want to be more active or try a new activity then come along and participate in a wide variety of FREE activities ranging from walking to yoga and meditation with sports like netball, t-ball, cycling, boxing and tennis, dance fun including Zumba, Hip-Hop and Salsa - there's something for everyone!

Cost: FREE
Contact: Simon Crawford
P: 8734 5488 ext 2080
E: simon.crawford@wyndham.vic.gov.au
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/healthyandactiveexpo

Anh Do - The Happiest Refugee Live

Friday 16 October 2015

Back by popular demand Anh returns with his hit show Anh Do - The Happiest Refugee Live!!

Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre,
177 Watton St Werribee
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adult \$59.90
Contact: www.wyncc.com.au

Mums and Bubs Movie Session


Yves Saint Laurent
Friday 30 October 2015

A great way for mums and dads, or carers with pre-school children to see films on the big screen in a child friendly environment and at an affordable price.

Complimentary morning tea will be provided at all sessions.

Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre,
177 Watton St Werribee
Cost: \$10, Children under 5 FREE
Contact: www.wyncc.com.au

To publicise your community event visit

 www.experiencewyndham.com.au/submittevent

COMMUNITY EVENTS in Wyndham

Little River Art Show

Saturday 10 - Sunday
11 October 2015

Come along and experience artwork from local and surrounding artists. The exhibition will showcase paintings and photographic works. Art work will also be available for sale.

Where: Little River Mechanics Hall,
Rothwell Road, Little River
Time: 10am to 4pm
Cost: FREE
Contact: Les Anderson
ljsanderson148@gmail.com

Werribee Annual Craft Festival

Saturday 7 - Sunday
8 November 2015

Don't miss this 2 day fair with over 80 stalls showcasing different and interesting crafts for sale, children's craft activities and Devonshire teas.

Where: Wyndham Civic Centre
45 Princes Hwy, Werribee
Time: 9am - 4pm
Cost: FREE admission
Contact: werribeeecraftfestival@hotmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Werribee-Craft-Festival

St Andrews Parish Fair Saturday 21 November 2015

A family friendly day, featuring a wide variety of stalls, food and drink, rides and raffles throughout the day, including the major prize a car!

Where: St. Andrew's Primary School,
Cnr Greaves St Nth and Stawell Sts
Time: 10 am to 8 pm
Cost: FREE
Contact: standrewsparishfair@hotmail.com
or werribee@cam.org.au

Alamanda College Fair Sunday 29 November 2015

The inaugural Alamanda College Fair will have fun for the whole family including rides, sideshows, marketplace and farmers market, live entertainment, an international food court, petting zoo and more.

Where: Alamanda K-9 College,
88 Alamanda Boulevard, Point Cook
Time: 10 am - 4pm
Cost: Free
www.alamandacollegefair.com.au

COMPETITION

Wyndham City is giving away two double passes to the Mums & Bubs Movie Session, Yves Saint Laurent on 30 October, 2015.

To WIN, all you need to do is answer this question:

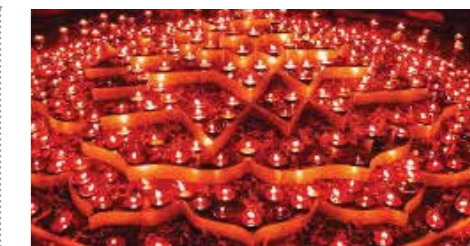
How do you get involved in helping Council push for the Cherry St Level Crossing to be removed?

Hint: see page 4

To submit your entry visit
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/competition

Competition closes
Monday 26 October, 2015.



The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 27/10/15 at Wyndham Civic Centre, 45 Princes Hwy Werribee. The winner will be notified by phone and email.




Cultural Day of Significance Diwali 11 November 2015

Diwali – the Festival of Lights is an ancient Hindu festival that is a colourful and happy celebration. Families prepare their homes and themselves for the special festivities that symbolise the victory of spiritual goodness and the lifting of spiritual darkness. Firecrackers are set off to drive away evil, oil lamps are lit, flower garlands are made, candles float in bowls of water outside homes and sweets are shared as part of the festivities.

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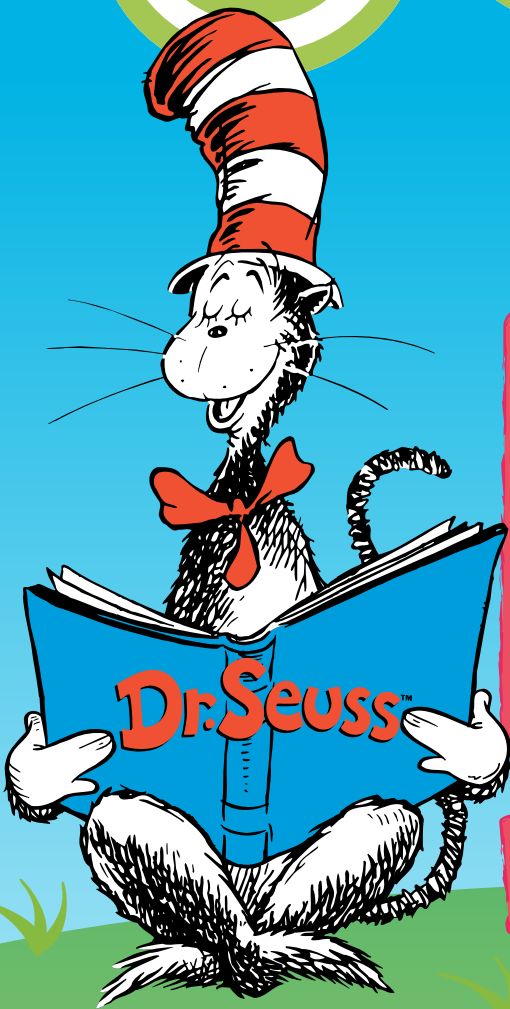
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Children's Week Picnic

at Werribee Park

Sunday 25 October
10am - 4pm
Gate 2, K Road,
Werribee South

A FREE Wyndham City Event



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