# Werribee City Scene – Edition 8 autumn 2015

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## Baptcare breaks ground at Werribee Aged Care Centre

On 10 February 2015 aged care provider Baptcare broke ground on a 120-bed extension to its Wyndham Lodge Community in Werribee. Wyndham City Council Mayor, Cr Peter Maynard said the City is thrilled to have such a great care facility within its borders. “The Baptcare centre adds to the ever-increasing list of valuable resources available to our residents.”

Baptcare Chief Executive Graham Dangerfield said the four storey addition to the existing residential aged care facility, worth about $20 million, reaffirms Baptcare’s commitment to addressing the shortage of aged care beds in the region. The multi-million dollar contract to construct the facility was awarded to Devco Project & Construction Management. Site mobilisation commenced in November last year and construction is scheduled for completion in mid-2016.

Mark Saric, Devco Project Manager, said Devco were excited to be part of this journey with Baptcare. “Devco are delighted to be working with the Baptcare team in delivering the new 120-bed facility as part of the Wyndham Lodge redevelopment. We are looking forward to delivering a quality aged care project that provides modern facilities for the residents of Baptcare.”

Mr Dangerfield said Baptcare acquired the facility in 2011 and also plans to refurbish the existing 30-bed facility before the end of 2016. “The existing component will be fully integrated with the extension, providing a 150-bed facility on completion.”

Designed by CHT Architects, the extension includes an internal pedestrian “street” through the primary day areas including activity spaces, lounges, dining, hair salon and nursing hub. Wyndham Lodge will provide 18sqm suites with views into landscaped courtyards.

Wyndham Lodge Community is located at 120 Synnot Street, Werribee. Baptcare is a community services organisation, founded in 1945, and currently works across 34 sites in Victoria and Tasmania. For more information on the Wyndham Lodge Community extension, please contact John Oleary, Developments Manager on 03 9831 7222 or visit [www.baptcare.org.au](http://www.baptcare.org.au).

CHT Architects have extensive experience in aged care and retirement living projects across Victoria and interstate. For more information on CHT Architects visit [www.chtarchitects.com.au](http://www.chtarchitects.com.au).

## Treasurer launches Wyndham Clinic expansion

Wyndham’s first private hospital, Wyndham Clinic, commenced its $20 million expansion project in February with the Treasurer, Tim Pallas MP, turning the first sod of the project. Wyndham Clinic is located in East Werribee opposite Werribee Mercy Hospital and next to Wyndham Private Medical Centre. With the recent announcement of St Vincent’s Health Australia’s private hospital and aged care facility, East Werribee is well on its way to becoming the premier health precinct in Melbourne’s new west region.

The new facility was developed by Techne Development and is being built by Kane Constructions and features an additional 22 new inpatient beds, a day program facility and an additional day surgery and expanded recovery area. The expansion further evidences the ongoing growth of the region and demand for medical services close to home.

Wyndham Clinic CEO Peter Bailey said “The hospital has been open for just over 12 months and to be embarking on this project demonstrates the need for additional health services in Melbourne’s West. Wyndham Clinic has filled a large gap for greater Melbourne with the provision of Mental Health services and Day Surgery procedures.”

“Following the expansion we will offer a total of 50 mental health beds and two dedicated theatres for day surgical procedures. This will allow us to offer increased services including a dedicated Drug and Alcohol detox and rehab service and youth mental health service. Our theatre lists are already busy with a number of specialisations being delivered including Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Endoscopy, IVF, Womens’ Health, plastic surgery and urology.”

Tim Pallas MP, Treasurer of Victoria and Member for Werribee said “I welcome the Wyndham Clinic’s investment in the Wyndham area, especially in the vital areas of mental health and addiction treatment. Wyndham is a rapidly growing community with a growing need for health services. It is very exciting to see the continuing growth in facilities and services within the Health precinct in Hoppers Lane.”

Wyndham Clinic is located at 242A Hoppers Lane, East Werribee. For more information on Wyndham Clinic visit [www.wyndhamclinic.com.au](http://www.wyndhamclinic.com.au) or call (03) 9731 6646.

## news bite

Victoria University’s Interprofessional Health and Community Clinic

Construction of Victoria University’s new Interprofessional Health and Community Clinic has been completed. Victoria University will continue to work with partners in Werribee to bring this state-of the-art teaching and training health and community service alive. The Clinic will deliver coordinated health services to the community of Wyndham.

## about your city scene

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## Spotlight on … Discover the rich history of the Werribee City Centre …

Did you know that Bungey’s Hole, a water-hole on a bend in the Werribee River, was once Werribee’s swimming pool and used for swimming carnival meets? Or that one of Werribee’s finest art-deco homes was featured in the Australian Home Beautiful magazine back in 1941?

The newly developed Werribee City Centre Heritage Trail allows you to discover all of this and more as you go on your own self-guided walking tour and explore the rich natural, cultural and architectural heritage of Wyndham.

The trail was officially launched as part of Wyndham City’s 150 Year Celebrations in October 2014 with guided bus tours taking community members to each of the sites. Feedback from the community has been positive and shows genuine passion for Werribee and its history.

To explore the trail yourself, pick up the Werribee City Centre Heritage Trail brochure from the Werribee Visitor Information Centre, 177 Watton Street, Werribee (inside Wyndham Cultural Centre).

For more information visit [www.experiencewyndham.com.au/attractions/major/heritagetrail](http://www.experiencewyndham.com.au/attractions/major/heritagetrail)

## 5 minutes with … A1 Bakery

**Hilda Moussalem’s passion for food is infectious. Her dedication to serving freshly made food cooked from scratch is enviable and provides Watton Street with a special treat. The part owner of the new A1 Bakery spoke to us about her commitment to serving high quality food and why she likes Werribee.**

**Can you tell us a bit about yourself and how A1 Bakery came about?**

Prior to setting up A1 Bakery, I had a long career working in administration across a range of different businesses. My husband and I had been encouraged by the owners of A1 Bakery to set up a franchise in Melbourne, and we decided to take the plunge.

**What’s special about A1 Bakery Werribee?**

A1 Bakery is a family run business. We pride ourselves on providing authentic Lebanese food prepared from scratch. Everything right down to the dips and sauces (except the pita bread which is delivered daily) is made on the premises from fresh, good quality ingredients. We don’t want to serve food to people that we wouldn’t eat ourselves. We also serve halal food and because we make the food while you wait, we can tailor it to suit any dietary requirements people have.

**Why did you choose to locate your business in Werribee?**

I always liked Werribee and see so much potential in Watton Street. I first came here 26 years ago to buy my wedding dress from a shop in Watton Street and gave birth to both of my daughters at Werribee Mercy Hospital. Watton Street has wide appeal and lots of people traffic – it could become the next Lygon Street! The Werribee River area brings a special feeling to the place and provides a natural attraction for people. We need to have a city to service the growing west and Werribee can be that place.

**What plans do you have for the future?**

We have a lovely deck overlooking the Werribee River, Werribee’s best kept secret. In the future we would like to increase the deck area and make the place more beautiful. We’d also like to have events with music and performers overlooking the River. Our aim is to build our reputation for a clean, fresh place for people to enjoy affordable good quality food.

## city scenes Station Places’ Vic Sammartino

Vito Sammartino has become a local legend in the Werribee City Centre. His Mens Hairstylist ‘Vic Sammartino’, was recently featured in a host of publications including the local Wyndham Star Weekly and Wyndham Leader.

Barber’s magazine, Cutthroat Journal also ran a double page spread in the winter 2014 edition, featuring an interview between Vito and Jimbo, editor of the Journal. Jimbo grew up in Werribee and had the pleasure of his first childhood trim at the Station Place barber – the inspiration for his future career.

Now a successful barber in Port Macquarie, Jimbo’s surprise visit to Werribee to see if Vito was still operating his business, became an exploration of the true success of the old barber and a step back in time. Vito established the store almost 50 years ago, after arriving from Sicily in 1966. He had been training as a barber since the age of seven. The shop retains its classic interior glory and has had little or no changes to its design. Vito brings an authentic character to Station Place and Werribee. It will be a sad day when Vito finally decides to retire.

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