Dear Business Operator,

Please find the August 2016 edition of Business Matters in Wyndham below which aims to provide useful and interesting information to the Wyndham business community.

If you require further information please feel free to contact Wyndham City’s Economic Growth, Industry Facilitation & Tourism Department on 9742 0771 or [business@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@wyndham.vic.gov.au).

**Wyndham’s Biggest Business Event – make sure you don’t miss out!**

Tickets for the 2016 Wyndham Business Awards Presentation Evening are now on sale.  The evening is attended by over 400 guests and is a great opportunity to dine and celebrate with Wyndham business leaders.

The event will be held on Friday 26 August at the Encore Events Centre.    
  
Click [here](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/business-investment/business-awards/22nd-annual-wyndham-business-awards-presentation) to download your ticket order form or call Amy Gilbert from the Economic Growth team on 8734 5416.

**With only a few tickets remaining make sure you don’t miss out.**

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Wyndham Business Awards Finalists

More than 50 businesses and business people have been named as finalists in the 2016 Wyndham Business Awards (see list below).

**Businesses**A Dry Bed  
Argo Print & Design  
Ausfork  
Austco Polar Storage  
b4w Natural Skin Care  
Black Seed Café  
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IO Architecture  
Kangatraining  
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Magnet Finishing Charters  
Melbourne Fruit and Veg Delivery  
Midas Service Centre  
MoneyQuest  
NAN Electrical Cable  
Negotiis  
Optimum Function Chiropractic and Sports Injury  
Pizza Hut Werribee  
Priya Indian Cuisine  
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Smart Money Solutions  
Smudge Dog Grooming  
The Hoppers Club  
Unique Foams  
Westgate Community Initiatives Group  
Whitelion  
WYNCITY Bowl and Entertainment  
Wyndham Veterinary Clinic

**Business Person Award finalists**

Karen Davies  
Edi De Pellegrin  
Sunil Kumar  
Amanda Newton  
  
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[First industrial facility in Victoria to achieve Green Star Award](http://waga.com.au/country-road-groups-new-5-star-green-star-building/)

The Country Road Group’s new distribution centre in Truganina is the first industrial facility in Victoria to receive a “5 Star Green Star – Industrial As Built v1” rating from the Green Building of Australia.

The distribution centre which is equivalent in size to the MCG has a number of energy and water-saving features including solar panels, natural lighting and rain-water harvesting.

[More information](http://waga.com.au/country-road-groups-new-5-star-green-star-building/)

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[New Chairperson for LeadWest](http://www.leadwest.com.au/news/LeadWest-Board-welcomes-new-Chairperson)

LeadWest has appointed Anne Barker as its new chairperson replacing Barry Harvey who has held the role since 2011. Ms Barker recently retired as Managing Director of City West Water after serving on their board from 2002 to 2016.

**Events, Training & Networking Opportunities**

[Gov 4U - Government Advice Support & Grants - 10 August](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/gov-4-u-advice-support-grants-available)  
 **Still a few places left but be quick!**

**Date:** Wednesday 10 August  
**Time:** 7.15am to 9.00am   
**Where:** Wyndham City Council  
45 Princes Highway, Werribee  
**Presenters:**[Department of Industry, Innovation and   
Science (AusIndustry)](http://www.business.gov.au/)  
[Department of Economic Development,   
Jobs, Transport & Resources](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/)  
[Australian Made Campaign](http://www.australianmade.com.au/)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Click [here](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/gov-4-u-advice-support-grants-available)   
Bookings essential

Find out about government grants and other assistance available.  
  
You will also have the opportunity to hear how the well-known green and gold kangaroo Australian Made logo can benefit your business.  
  
Light breakfast provided.

[Financial Planning for Small Business - 23 August](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/financial-planning-small-business)

**Date:** Tuesday 23 August  
**Time:** 6.00pm to 8.00pm   
**Where:** Wyndham City Council  
45 Princes Highway, Werribee  
**Presenter:** [Deakin University](http://www.deakin.edu.au)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Click [here](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/financial-planning-small-business)   
Bookings essential

[Cultural Diversity in the Workplace - 7 September](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/cultural-diversity-workplace-business-workshop)

**Date:** Wednesday 7 September  
**Time:** 9.45am to 12.30pm   
**Where:** Wyndham City Council  
45 Princes Highway, Werribee  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Click [here](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/cultural-diversity-workplace-business-workshop)   
Bookings essential

This workshop is being held by the Wyndham Humanitarian Network in collaboration with Wyndham City Council.

Small Business Bus in Wyndham – 12 & 13 September

The Victorian Government’s Small Business Bus is coming to Wyndham at the locations below.

A free 45-minute mentoring session is available on the bus from an experienced professional.

Suitable whether you’re planning, starting or growing your small business.

Bookings are essential and appointments can be made between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the days and locations listed below.

**Date:** Monday 12 September  
**Where:** Wedge St Piazza  
94 Watton St, Werribee  
**Bookings:** Click [here](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/events/view?id=E17891)

**Date:** Tuesday 13 September  
**Where:** Hoppers Crossing  
Shopping Centre Car Park  
24 Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing  
**Bookings:** Click [here](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/events/view?id=E17679)

[Get Found on Google with   
Search Engine Optimisation - 27 September](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/get-found-google-search-engine-optimisation-seo)  
  
**Date:** Tuesday 27 September  
**Time:** 6.00pm to 8.00pm   
**Where:** Wyndham City Council  
45 Princes Highway, Werribee  
**Presenter:** [Darebin Enterprise Centre](http://www.businessincubatormelbourne.com/)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Click [here](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/get-found-google-search-engine-optimisation-seo)   
Bookings essential

**Tips, Resources & Business Opportunities**

[Fair Work Help Line](http://fairworkhelp.com.au/)

Phone 1300 963 860 for free Fair Work advice for all employers and business owners.

Help is available with:

* Calculating wage rates and leave
* Interpreting awards
* Managing absenteeism and disciplinary processes
* Handling unfair dismissal, bullying and harassment claims

**Support for Business at Julia Gillard Library Tarneit Co-Working Space**

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 9.00am to midday, a Wyndham City Council Economic Growth staff member is based at the Julia Gillard Library Tarneit’s Co-Working Space to advise you about services and support available for small business.

Alternatively, appointments can be made to meet with Economic Growth staff at Wyndham City Council’s Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werrribee during business hours Monday to Friday.

Please email [business@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@wyndham.vic.gov.au) or call 9742 0788 to make an appointment.

[Jobs Fair at Broadmeadows](https://www.employment.gov.au/news/jobs-fair-be-held-broadmeadows-august)

*Opportunity for Wyndham businesses to recruit skilled staff and transitioning workers seeking employment opportunities*

**Date:** Wednesday 24 August  
**Time:** 2.00pm to 7.00pm   
**Where:** Hume Global Learning Centre  
1093 Pascoe Vale Rd, Broadmeadows  
**Cost:** Free  
  
The aim of the Jobs Fair is to provide workers in transition, in particular those affected by the closure of Ford, and unemployed jobseekers access to real employment opportunities.

A jobs board is available for businesses that do not have an exhibitor stand. Your current vacancies can be advertised on the jobs board even if you do not attend the event. The board currently has 600 jobs available.

The Jobs Fair will be open to all members of the community who are looking for work.

It is anticipated that the event will attract over 2,500 jobseekers on the day.

**More information**

Phone Afaf 9205 2858 or Janice 9205 2602 at Hume City Council

[Statistical Information Service](https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/statistical-information-service)

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s (DFAT’s) statistical information service can provide you with statistics on specialised trade and other economic data related to Australia and the rest of the world.

The service provides:

* Commodity trade data for Australia and the rest of the world
* Other economic and socio-economic information on specific countries

DFAT will provide your specific data request by hard copy, disk or email. Simple queries are answered over the phone.

For most of the inquiries, there will be a fee. DFAT aims to complete most requests in less than 48 hours. This can vary depending on the nature of the inquiry and the backlog of orders.

**Tenders, EOIs and Quotes**

**Invitations to Tender**

[Contract No C1781/16 – Supply of Plumbing Services](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/about-council/tenders-suppliers/contract-no-c178116-invitation-tender)

[Contract No C1782/16 – Supply of Minor Building Services](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/about-council/tenders-suppliers/contract-no-c178216-invitation-tender)

[Contract No C1807/17 – Wyndham Cultural Centre Seating Upgrade](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/c1807)

[Contract No C1740/16 – Alison Street Park Construction](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/C1740)  
  
[Contracts No C1792/16 – Construction of the Kindergarten Playground at Mainview Reserve, Truganina](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/about-council/tenders-suppliers/contract-no-c179216-construction-kindergarten-playground-mainview)

[Contract No C1795/16 – Mossfiel Reserve Development Landscape & Sporting Ovals](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/C1795)

[Contract No C1794/16 – Tarneit Rd – Heaths Rd to Hogans Rd northbound - Reconstruction](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/c1794)

**Grants & financial assistance**

Find out about government grants and other support available to business by [registering](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/gov-4-u-advice-support-grants-available) for a free business breakfast at Wyndham City on 10 August.

**Community Connections**

**Wyndham Community Leadership Forum**

Be inspired by Peter Kenyon on how Wyndham’s existing community strengths can build a stronger and more sustainable Wyndham.

**Date:** Wednesday 17 August  
**Time:** 6.30pm to 9.30pm   
**Where:** Encore Events Centre  
80 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing  
**Presenter:** [Peter Kenyon](http://bankofideas.com.au/),   
[Director Bank of I.D.E.A.S](http://bankofideas.com.au/)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Click [here](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/communityleadershipforum)   
Bookings essential

**Wyndham Community Food Forum**

Wyndham City Council is hosting a Wyndham Community Food Forum on 14 September 2016.

The forum will discuss the opportunities and barriers facing Wyndham’s food system as we work towards creating a healthy, sustainable, resilient and fair local food system.

Further details to be announced.

**Register** your interest at [food@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:food@wyndham.vic.gov.au).

**Wyndham City’s Economic Development team has moved**

The Economic Development Unit has a new home and a new name.  No longer in Watton Street Werribee, the now “Department of Economic Growth, Industry Facilitation & Tourism” has relocated to the Wyndham City Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee.

Team members’ contact numbers remain the same and for general enquiries please call 9742 0788.

**If you have any comments or suggestions on topics you would like to hear more about please** [**email**](mailto:business@wyndham.vic.gov.au) **us as we would welcome your feedback.**

Kind regards,

Economic Development Unit  
Wyndham City