

HARRISON WARD NEWSLETTER

Welcoming Saltwater Community Centre

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Community centres play an integral role in delivering services and programs for our growing Wyndham communities.

Officially opened in July, Saltwater Community Centre is Wyndham City's newest community centre offering a range of services and activities that will cater for all age groups. There are regular activities such as playgroups, Foodie Box Kids Cooking and Creative Dance classes for the young ones. Mums and bubs can also participate in Kanga training, a post-natal workout for mums and their babies.

For those looking to keep fit and healthy, classes such as 'Metafit', Karate, Aikido and Bollywood dance classes are also offered. The Centre also hosts the BizBuddy Co-working Hub and the Saltwater Coast Market every second month.

Saltwater Community Centre has a purpose built amphitheatre and art studio. During Term Three, an Adults Acrylics painting class and a ceramics class will be offered. Additionally, a program in partnership with Footscray Community Arts Centre to explore collaboration between artists with and without disabilities in an Open Studio will also be run in the Centre.

A range of Council services including four year old kindergarten and maternal and child health consulting are offered at Saltwater Community Centre.

THIS NEWSLETTER PROVIDES YOU WITH UPDATES RELATING TO YOUR WARD AND THE KEY PROJECTS WARD COUNCILLORS ARE INVOLVED IN.

your harrison ward

 Harrison Ward includes industrial precincts in Laverton, Laverton North, Point Cook, Truganina, Williams Landing and some parts of Hoppers Crossing.

It contains around one third of the Wyndham population (58,203, Census 2011) and is expected to increase to around 122,000 people by 2036 based on population forecasts.

Harrison is home to the newest Wyndham residents and is the most culturally diverse ward in Wyndham.





Cr Adele Hegedich (Mayor)

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Despite serving for two terms as a local Councillor, this is the first time I have had the honour of serving as Wyndham City's Mayor.

As a Mayor, you are exposed to far more things about how the local community works and our challenges as a municipality. I've enjoyed meeting with hundreds of local residents, business people and community groups and talking to them about the different challenges Wyndham is faced with and the great opportunities in our city.

It never ceases to amaze me how dedicated some of our local people are, not only to their families, but also to their community. As a busy stepmother, business owner and Mayor I know how hard it can be to find the time to put into your community, but without this effort our local area would be worse off.

If you haven't had the chance to see what projects have been approved as part of our 2016-17 Budget, visit Council's website. With nearly \$20 million in expenditure for the Harrison Ward, there are many local highlights worth catching up on.



Wyndham City is part of a very exciting project that will see 20,000 trees planted across our City this September. Greening the West is a partnership project with 22 other Councils, government agencies, water authorities and community organisations. It aims to improve the health and liveability of communities in Melbourne's West by planting one million trees.

Part of this fantastic project is Greening the Pipeline which aims to develop a community park in Williams Landing and convert 27 kilometres of the heritage listed Main Outfall Sewer Pipeline into an innovative place where people can meet, play and relax.

For more information about these projects visit: www.greeningthewest.org.au

WORKING TOWARDS wyndham 2040

The 2015-2019 Wyndham East District Plan presents the priorities and the work that Council and community members are doing together to deliver local actions.

Wyndham East includes the suburbs of Laverton North, Truganina, Williams Landing and Point Cook and is closely aligned with the Harrison Ward.

SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS DISTRICT IN 2015-2016 INCLUDE:

- Establishing the Youth Services Hub at the Point Cook Town Centre to provide better opportunities for young people in Wyndham East;
- Launching Positive Charge a free energy efficiency advice program; and
- Completing the Wyndham Integrated Transport Strategy to support better advocacy for transport in Wyndham.



To find out more about the Wyndham 2040 Community Plan visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham2040 or pick up a copy of the plan at your local library or community centre.



Cr Bob Fairclough

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In my role as the portfolio holder for Community Wellbeing, which includes the arts and aboriginal matters, I am pleased to report that \$3.16 million has been allocated in the recent budget for programs that strengthen community health and wellbeing for all members of the Wyndham community.

The Wellbeing programs include the Wyndham Healthy Together project which included the highly successful "Walk to School" project and the development of the Wyndham Healthy Catering Guide. Another successful program was the Healthy Eating in the Workplace project.

Since the last edition of Your Harrison, I've been working with Council staff on ways Council can respond effectively to recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence, including community partnerships.

Funding of \$2.2 million has been allocated to a number of Arts and Cultural Development programs which sponsor community participation though the Wyndham Arts spaces art exhibitions, Music in the City and a Public Arts program. Local artists will be provided with a range of Council run arts networking, development and sponsorship opportunities to assist in developing professional career paths. Two recent successes include the Wyndham Art Awards and the RACE program.

Keeping fit and healthy at Central Park

If you are looking to keep fit and healthy, Central Park Community Centre has a number of activities and programs on offer for free or for a minimum cost.

People over 55 years can join the 'Wyndham Gentle Exercise Group' every Wednesday. This involves gentle exercise programs with social activities that aim to maintain and improve mobility. They also offer a traditional body weight class, 'Switch to Fit' every Monday and Thursday.

For those who are interested in dancing, Central Park has two dance classes on offer for Term 3. They have the 'Flaming 50's Rock n Roll' class every Tuesday evening and the 'It Takes Two Ballroom' class every Wednesday night.

There are also a number of social and support groups that residents can participate in at Central Park Community Centre. If you are interested in joining any of the activities or programs on offer, contact or visit the Centre.

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Cr Glenn Goodfellow

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This may be my last opportunity to communicate with all of you and thank everyone who worked with me over the last 8 years in advocating for funding, projects and resources for our area before I retire from Council.

As I look back, my work as Council's Transport Portfolio Holder and the funding for Sneydes Road Interchange have been particularly significant. Council's recent adoption of the Wyndham Integrated Transport Strategy (WITS) resulted from many months of toil and consultation, and I'm sure it will be a huge legacy.

In addition to the our efforts and advocacy to secure State and Federal Government funding for roads and public transport, individual projects from WITS have been identified to start in 2016/17:

- Collaboration with VicRoads on concept plans for duplicating Leakes Road and Derrimut Road
- Construction of the Armstrong Road extension to Black Forest Road
- Developing a Parking and Walking Strategy
- Refreshing our Cycling Strategy and actively supporting the Western Region Community **Carpooling Project**



CAPITAL WORKS Project Update

Harrison Ward residents will continue to benefit from a number of road and infrastructure projects that are underway.

WORKS ARE UNDERWAY OR NEAR COMPLETION FOR:

- Clearwood Drive Pavilion and car park, Truganina
- Skeleton Creek Bridges and Talliver Terrace Park Construction
- Regatta Cove Reserve, Sanctuary Lakes

ROAD UPGRADES:

- Dohertys Road (between Foundation Road and Fitzgerald Road)
- FOOTPATH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT:
- Moorgate Street, Point Cook

While these projects are in progress, there are other projects in the pipeline for Harrison Ward.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/arts

RACE @ Harrison Ward is home to two exhibitions that are part of the RACE program, a two-month long event that aims to unmask and explore issues around race and what it means and celebrate diversity.



WEAVE - Bronwyn Razem, Vicki Kinai and Kinga Kaloumaira.

An evolving installation that depicts what happens when we weave our different cultures together.

Saltwater Community Centre 21 July to 3 September 6:00pm-8:00pm



INTIMACY - Hangameh Ghaderi.

Showcases photographic portraits that document and explore different expressions of diversity.

Point Cook Community Centre 28 July to 3 September 6:00pm-8:00pm



Did you know ...

The Saltwater Community Centre recently won two awards at the Victorian Architecture Awards! This innovatively designed centre has several sustainable features incorporated into the building such as the wind turbine resulting in great energy savings for Council, making it environmentally friendly!



Are you wondering what's around your area? Do you know about your local park where you can take your kids for a picnic or your nearby bike trail?

Here's a snapshot of what's around your area:

Laverton Skate Centre 2 Oakdene Grove, Laverton

Laverton Skate Centre is one of Melbourne's original roller skating rinks and has been operating since 1983.

Federation Bike Trail

Locations: Skeleton Creek, Hoppers Lane, Princes Freeway, Werribee River Trail

The Federation Trail is a safe off-road, sealed path for pedestrians and cyclists, providing a link between Werribee and Brooklyn. The trail passes through the Cities of Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Wyndham and is 24 kilometres from one end to the other. It will take most cyclists between 1-2 hours to ride. To find out more about the different bike trails around Wyndham, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au and search for bike trails.

To discover more about your ward, visit:



www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mywyndham



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Council's adopted Budget means we will have to tighten our belts to meet the State Government's cap on rates of 2.5%. I've been focusing on many exciting business and infrastructure developments as your Harrison Ward Councillor and Economic Development Portfolio Holder.

There's been more investment and planning approvals and this is exciting for Wyndham. State Budget funding for an upgrade to the Werribee Irrigation District water infrastructure; design works for a full diamond interchange at Duncans Road and the Indian Cultural Precinct will all contribute to local economic growth.

In relation to the East Werribee Employment Precinct, the first section of Sneydes Road interchange opened a few months ago and full completion of the double diamond is due to finish in October. Construction is also underway for the St Vincent's Private Hospital in Hoppers Lane. Over the past months, we've conducted many business forums and training sessions for local businesses and we've also seen significant reductions in ticket prices during trials of the Port Phillip Ferries.

What's happening around Wyndham?

For more information on these events, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au



Wyndham Learning Festival

1-8 September 2016

The Wyndham Learning Festival celebrates learning of all kinds, across all ages, interests and abilities, from pre-school to post retirement. Meg Cotter

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Pet & Animal Expo 11 September 2016

10am-4pm

It is a fun, 'family and pet' friendly day where all activities and entertainment are free – held at Wyndham Civic Centre, 45 Princes Hwy Werribee.



Healthy and Active Expo 4-30 September 2016

This FREE Healthy & Active Expo is a combination of events and activities that will be held at various times and locations throughout Wyndham. Registrations open mid-August.



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Seniors Festival

2-9 October 2016

Wyndham City will be hosting a series of events which are open to all seniors to celebrate the inspiring contributions of older Victorians.

There is sure to be something for everyone! Tickets go on sale Tuesday, 13 September 9am 8734 6000 or online www.wyncc.com.au



Children's Week Picnic 23 October 2016 10am-4nm

Children's Week Picnic provides an opportunity for children to explore new experiences and activities in a fun, safe and family friendly setting. FREE to all.

Did you know ...

Wyndham City has a new website! SITE FEATURES include:

- Improved navigation
- Mobile friendly designRefreshed content
- What's on calendar Refree
- Superior search function to help you find what you need

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

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