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Mayor's Message

It's an exciting time to be a Werribee local or business owner, with Wyndham City planning a transformation of the Werribee City Centre.

You may have noticed some projects already taking shape, like the new Cherry St car park, improved lighting in station place and additional hubs to lock up bicycles. The redevelopment of Chirnside Park has also been included in Council's latest Budget.

These are just the first steps in a series of major changes for Wyndham's Principal Activity Centre. As our municipality continues to grow and we plan towards 2040, the Werribee City Centre will embrace the Werribee River and be home to community hubs, more shopping options, offices and increased parking spaces.

The Werribee Park Tourism Precinct Economic Contribution Study found that attractions like the Werribee Park and Mansion, the Werribee Open Range Zoo and the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre had more than 1.1 million visitors and contributed \$224 million to Victoria's economy every year. You can read more about this on page 8.

This study, which was developed in collaboration with Wyndham City, shows that we have lots to be proud of here in Wyndham. I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy everything our municipality has to offer.

Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Adele Hegedich

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2016/2017 BUDGET

Wyndham City's Integrated Plan and Budget for the 2016/17 financial year has been adopted following consultation with residents.

The Budget includes \$100 million worth of important capital works, while still meeting the State Government's 2.5 per cent rate cap.

While Wyndham's overall rates have been capped at 2.5 per cent, with properties required to be re-valued this year, rates for some property owners may increase beyond that amount.

An increase in valuations does not mean that Council will generate more rates overall. Given that the amount needed from rates is spread across Wyndham, it results in some property owners paying more and others paying less.

By law, individual property values must be reviewed every two years based on market movements and recent sales trends.

During a property revaluation year, the rates paid by residents depend on their new property valuation as it compares to other properties in Wyndham.

Some submissions to the Budget made by Wyndham residents have also been accepted.

The adopted submissions will see a new pedestrian crossing built and a footpath reconstructed in Werribee South. Both of these changes will help improve safety for residents in Werribee South.





Wyndham City Budget Delivers \$100 Million in Capital Works



The Budget includes funding for the following projects;

\$24.8 million for local roads including;

- \$4 million for the duplication of Dohertys Rd between Fitzgerald Rd and Foundation Rd
- \$3.5 million for the duplication of Tarneit Rd between Hogans Rd and the Good News Lutheran School

\$7.8 million for the reconstruction of existing roads throughout Wyndham, including;

- Tarneit Rd between Heaths Rd and Hogans Rd
- The Princes Hwy service road between Old Geelong Rd and David Crt
- Bulban Rd between Ballan Rd and McGrath Rd

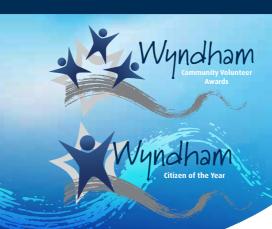
Funding for sports and recreational facilities across Wyndham, including;

- \$6.5 million for the Chirnside Park redevelopment
- \$2.9 million for the Mainview Blvd Reserve pavilion and car park
- \$1.6 million for the Hummingbird Blvd pavilion and car park (pictured)
- \$6.4 million on parks, open space and streetscapes

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SHINING A LIGHT ON WYNDHAM'S VOLUNTEERS

WYNDHAM CITY HAS RECOGNISED SIX TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS AT THE 2016 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS.





Wyndham Citizen of the Year JULIE TONER

Community Health and Wellbeing award winner Julie Toner was recognised as the 2016 Citizen of the year.

A lifelong Wyndham resident, Julie has volunteered for local organisations including the Hoppers Crossing CFA, Werribee Mercy Hospital, Heathdale Community Centre and Yerambooee Kindergarten.

Julie has also volunteered for Relay for Life, is an ambassador for Bowel Cancer Australia and has dedicated 28 years supporting Royal Children's Hospital and the Good Friday Appeal.

After being diagnosed with bowel cancer at the age of 40, Julie used her experience to help others. She wrote a book 'Just a Little Unwell', in which she shares her journey of surviving cancer. She has donated many copies of this book and speaks to groups and organisations to help others going through a similar situation to her.

Despite her personal health struggles and being a busy mother of five children, Julie has never given up on her volunteering commitments, raising more than \$32,000 for Cancer Australia through events that she has organised.

Working in fields ranging from environment and sustainability, community health and wellbeing, and sports and recreation, each of the volunteers were honoured for their dedication to the Wyndham community.

THE 2016 AWARD CATEGORIES AND WINNERS ARE:



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY AWARD Rob Bradley

Keeping Wyndham clean and beautiful is one of Rob's passions. He was instrumental in the formation of Litter Watch four years ago and in 2015, the group launched the Beach Patrol where they regularly collect litter and monitor dumping on local waterfronts.



CULTURE, ARTS & TOURISM AWARD

Terri Spearing

Terri is a devoted volunteer at the Werribee Open Range Zoo. For over 15 years, she has been sharing her knowledge of animals. Her dedication and creative skills help provide positive welfare for the animals.



YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD Zoe Bryant

A member of the Wyndham City Skate Committee, Zoe spends almost all of her spare time organising events for young people that give them an outlet to celebrate the talent of their peers and be included in the wider community.



SPORT & RECREATION AWARD Gagan Sethi

As the founder of the Williams Landing Sports Club, Gagan has launched many programs aimed at instilling children with a love of being active and healthy.



ENGAGEMENT AWARD Catherine O'Connor

COMMUNITY

The Founder of the Saltwater Coast Business Chicks, Catherine is a tireless advocate for supporting and empowering women in business.



COMMUNITY GROUP AWARD

Shoestring Gardening

Shoestring Gardening, a small not-for-profit organisation that seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents by encouraging them to grow and prepare healthy food.

2016 MULTICULTURAL ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

Inspirational Entrepreneurs Awarded

Some of Wyndham's newest and most inspirational business leaders

The first ever Wyndham Multicultural Entrepreneur Awards were held at the Wyndham Civic Centre in Werribee on Friday 8 July, 2016. The awards recognised Wyndham business owners who had moved to Australia less than 10 years ago.

FOUR AWARD WINNERS WERE CHOSEN FROM AN IMPRESSIVE FIELD OF NOMINEES.

Jacob Thang was recognised in the Emerging Male category. He was recognised for coordinating the development of a local gardening social enterprise, The Burmese Garden.

A member of the Chin community of Myanmar, a minority community that are persecuted in their native country, Jacob came to Australia as a refugee in 2013. He has used his success to help create employment opportunities for other newly-arrived refugees from Myanmar.

Diksha Khanna from

have been recognised as part of the inaugural Multicultural Entrepreneur Awards.

Amazeology Australia was recognised as Multicultural Entrepreneur of the Year in the Emerging Female category. Diksha's business creates personalised marshmallows, macaroons and fortune cookies by printing customised designs on them.

After developing a successful business, she now hopes to set up a community service organisation to help vulnerable children and their families.

Harpreet Singh Bedi was

recognised in the Established Male category. In 2014 he set up his own business, BDS Autocare, which now services approximately 3,000 cars across Wyndham.

Harpreet recently expanded his business by opening a second shop in Williamstown and he has created employment opportunities for other people from diverse backgrounds.

award, each of the winners will receive a free two hour business planning consultation, which will help them add to the success they have already achieved.

As part of their

Ta Eh Paw Palay was recognised in the Established Female category for her hard work in establishing a successful Asian grocery shop.

A member of the Karen community, Ta Eh is helping future generations by providing local high school students with work placements in her store.

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There was cause for celebration in Wyndham recently when some of the municipality's finest businesses were recognised at the 2016 Wyndham Business Awards.

The 22nd annual awards saw businesses crowned in 16 categories, with Encore Tissue taking out the prestigious Business of the Year Award as well as the Manufacture Medium-Large Award.

Dr Karen Davies from Direct Vet Services in Point Cook was named Business Person of the Year while Magnet Fishing Charters was presented with the Mayoral Award.



Business of the Year

Encore Tissue

Encore Tissue from Laverton North is the fourth largest manufacturer of toilet tissue and paper towel in Australia. They are Australian owned, manufactured locally and are committed to investing heavily in the domestic market.

Encore Tissue has a significant presence in the Australian market, supplying major retailers throughout the country with their products. They also produce products for other companies, which are branded accordingly.

Despite operating in a highly competitive environment, the business has grown its position and is now a major industry player.



Business Person of the Year

DR KAREN DAVIES

After wanting to be a veterinarian from a very young age, Dr Karen Davies opened her own practice, Direct Vet Services, in November 2010.

She prides herself on providing the best visit to the vet experience by offering caring, impartial advice with the accountability of a local family business.



Mayoral Award

MAGNET FISHING CHARTERS

Founded in 2011 by Jason Farrugi and his partner Juliann DeBrincat, this niche business operates from Werribee South, running chartered fishing trips most months of the year.

Tourism is an important growth industry for Wyndham and Magnet Fishing Charters adds an additional element of activity to the bay for locals and visitors alik

CATEGORY WINNERS:

New and Emerging

David McCarthy Plumbing

Franchise

Midas Service Centre Pacific Werribee

Home Based

Smudge Dog Grooming

Manufacture Small

Branded Chocolates and Confectionary

Manufacture Medium-Large

Encore Tissue (Aust) Pty Ltd

Not for Profit Westgate Community Initiatives Group

Potail

Melbourne Fruit and Veg Delivery

Service Sole Trader

A Dry Bed

Service Micro

Cat Napping Suburban Retreat

Service Small

Negotiis Business Advisors and Accountants

Service Medium

Wyndham Veterinary Clinic

Tourism and Hospitality Small

Priya Indian Cuisine

Tourism and Hospitality Medium

Shadowfax Wines

Transport and StorageCountry Road Logistics Group

Mayoral Award Magnet Fishing Charters

Business Person of the Year

Dr Karen Davies, Direct Vet Services

Business of the Year

Encore Tissue (Aust) Pty Ltd

MAJOR SPONSOR: Williams Landing proudly developed by Cedar Woods.

CATEGORY SPONSORS: Commonwealth Bank, Crowe Horwath, Homestead Financial Group, MatchWorks, Victorian Government through Small Business Victoria, Victoria University, Wyndham BizNet, Wyndham Star Weekly.

MEDIA PARTNER: Wyndham Star Weekly. **SUPPORT PARTNER:** Encore managed by Venue Management Services.





Customer First Wyndham introduces new structure

Wyndham City's CEO, Kelly Grigsby, has restructured the Council organisation to improve customer service and modernise the structure to meet community expectations in the best possible way as we grow.

The first phase of the changes, which aim to make Council less bureaucratic, more outward looking and customer friendly, were officially implemented at the start of this financial year.

Four existing Council directorates have been modernised to help lead Wyndham into the future. These directorates will cover all of the services that Council currently provides the community while transforming it into a more contemporary organisation.

Transport planning, as well as revitalising existing rural and urban town centres, while at the same time planning for the delivery of new centres have all been prioritised in the new structure. We recognise that these are key issues affecting our existing residents and the future development of the City.

Further restructuring will now occur at more operational levels of Wyndham City to ensure that Council is doing more with less while being prepared for the future.

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On Saturday 22 October, 2016 Wyndham City's Council elections will be held. This is residents' chance to help choose the people that will represent their municipality for the next four years.

It is compulsory for all Wyndham residents between the ages of 18 and 70 to vote in the Council election. If you do not vote you could face a fine of \$77.50.

In Wyndham, like other municipalities in Victoria the election is conducted by postal vote.

Early next month, residents will receive a ballot pack from the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

The pack will include a ballot paper, reply paid envelope, instructions on how to vote in multiple languages and information about the candidates. It is recommended that you complete and post your ballot paper as soon as possible.

If you do not receive a ballot pack by the middle of October you should contact the VEC on 131 832 or visti www.vec.vic.gov.au

Frequently asked questions. . .

Who decides who will be the Mayor?

Wyndham residents elect the Councillors that will serve them for the next four years and these 11 Councillors will decide which one of them will act as Mayor.

What if my postal vote does not make it in time?
All postal votes must be post-marked by Friday 21
October at the latest. The VEC will accept postal votes that are received within five working days following the close of voting.

How many Councillors are there in my Ward?

There are three Councillors in the Iramoo Wards and four Councillors each in the Harrison and Chaffey Wards.

✓ How are the Councillors decided?

Council elections use the preferential voting system. If your preferred candidate is not able to achieve the margin required to be elected, then your vote will be counted for your next preferred candidate.



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Werribee City Centre Set to be Transformed

Wyndham City is working on an exciting transformation of the Werribee City Centre, helping it to grow as the Capital of Melbourne's New West.

Council recently purchased two iconic sites in the City Centre - the land currently occupied by Toyota on the corner of Watton and Synnot Streets and the Bridge Hotel site in Watton St - to help achieve its long-term vision.

The plan is to build a car park on the Toyota site and at the rear of the Bridge Hotel so Council can meet short-term car parking requirements while planning for the future.

Plenty of other projects are underway in the Werribee CBD, including the recently completed lighting project in Station Place, additional places to lock up bicycles and the establishment of Cherry Street car park.

FREE WiFi is now available for all to enjoy in Kelly Park as a way to encourage more use of Wyndham's open spaces. There are no download limits, so it makes it easy for people to get the most out of WiFi while they are in the area.

Council also plans to capitalise on Wyndham Park by transforming it into an inviting parkland that will be an ideal space for hosting public events.

The growth of the City Centre is important for the future of Wyndham. As the population of Melbourne's New West grows, the City Centre needs to grow with it to provide opportunities for local employment and services.

The Werribee City Centre of the future will be an inviting, interesting and memorable space in which to live, work, shop, visit or relax.

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Wyndham's top tourist attractions contribute more than \$224 million towards Victoria's economy every year.

An Economic Contribution Study of the Werribee Park Tourism Precinct by EY (*formerly Ernst & Young*) found more than 1.1 million people visit the area every year. Commissioned by the Werribee Park Precinct Partners in collaboration with Wyndham City, the study found that by drawing in visitors, attractions like the Werribee Park and Mansion contribute more than \$116 million to Wyndham's economy.

The precinct has experienced an annual growth in visitors of 10 per cent over the last decade - a rate which is expected to continue.

Wyndham City recently developed a guide to bird watching in Wyndham to cater for one of the most popular drawcards for visitors in Wyndham.

The Western Treatment Plant attracts 7,000 visitors every year, with the area considered second only to Kakadu for birdwatchers.

Free copies of the brochure can be collected at the Werribee Visitor Information Centre at the Werribee Park Precinct, K Road, Werribee South.

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WYNDHAM CITY LIBRARIES

Finished all of the books on your reading list? Why not head to your local library to find something new.

It's not just books on offer at Wyndham City Libraries. They offer a host of free benefits for members including access to all five libraries, wi-fi, resume classes, study spaces, DVD borrowing, access to e-books and e-magazines and a range of programs suitable for all ages.

Our libraries are constantly evolving to meet the needs of our growing community and to stay one step ahead of the game. Items are available in a variety of languages and we offer a free home library service for housebound Wyndham residents.









MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL AUTHOR CONVERSATION: CRIME FICTION

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 2016 - 6.30PM - 7.30PM JULIA GILLARD LIBRARY TARNEIT

What makes a good crime novel? How do writers represent victims and perpetrators, in both life and death, on the page? Aoife Clifford (*All These Perfect Strangers*) and Jane Harper (*The Dry*) dissect the art of writing crime fiction.

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WRITING THE WAR EXHIBITION PERSONAL STORIES FROM WW1

9 - 13 NOVEMBER, 2016 PLAZA LIBRARY

Visit the Plaza Library and see extraordinary stories of war in this moving exhibition about the Australian experience of WW1

There will also be a range of events on offer to celebrate this wonderful exhibition including researching your WW1 soldiers, war film movies, author talk by Joshua Funder and much more.







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Werribee CBD lit up this Winter as over 4000 people came along to the Winter event. The umbrella displays were popular, providing the perfect backdrop for an amazing selfie. The event was delivered by Wyndham City and the Wyndham Business and Tourism Association.



Local dance crew Raw & Rugged entertained over 70 guests at the official opening of Saltwater Community Centre in July. The building has unique artistic designs and sustainable features and has recently won the Sustainable Architecture Award and the prestigious Melbourne Prize at the Victorian Architecture Awards.



Over 100 volunteers got out their green thumb at this year's National Tree planting day. This year's effort is part of Wyndham City's broader commitment to plant 30,000 trees as part of the Greening the West initiative.



greening

Wyndham City is part of an ambitious plan to plant one million trees in Melbourne's West.

The first major phase of the Greening the West initiative will see at least 20,000 trees planted in Wyndham this spring.

Community groups, schools and organisations are being invited to take part in the project to help Council reach its goals.

More than 20 other Councils, government agencies, community organisations and even the Western Bulldogs Football Club are on board and ready to see Wyndham and the rest of the West go green.

More trees and green space in Wyndham will provide habitats for wildlife, improve the quality of air we breathe and reduce temperatures by up to eight per cent.

By Greening the West we can help to provide a more liveable and healthy community for future generations.

www.greeningthewest.org.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COVERED IN WYNDHAM





If you are looking for something interesting for your teenager to do these school holidays, the Youth Services Holiday Action program is for you.

The program is run out of the Tarneit Community Learning Centre. Youth Services @ Point Cook, Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre and the Youth Resource Centre in Hoppers Crossing.

Tailored for young people aged between 12 and 15, the program includes Centre based activities and excursions.

These school holidays kids can enjoy trips to the Royal Melbourne Show, a tour of the MCG, and even a Pokémon hunt.

The Breakaway Disability program is held at the Youth Resource Centre, providing young people with a disability, a range of activities and excursions.

All excursions leave from the Youth Resource Centre in Hoppers

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Wyndham City has a new website!

We've created a new website for our residents, businesses and visitors to Wyndham. The new mobile friendly website has improved navigation, refreshed content, and provides a much better user experience.

Website features include:

- A 'What's On Calendar' for all the events and activities in Wyndham
- A new 'search this site' bar and search functionality to help you find what you need
- A new Services section where you can see at glance the services Council provides



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WHAT'S ON **IN WYNDHAM**

EVENTS brought to you by Wyndham City

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 on sale 9am Tuesday, 13 September www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival

On A Humourous Note Sunday 9 October, 2016

Join Hilary Henshaw and Will Convers on this rib-tickling tour de force as they remember best-loved comedy pieces of yesteryear, rediscovered gems, more recent funnies and sensational signature songs from Gracie Fields, Beatrice Lillie, Joyce Grenfell, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Blossom Dearie, Noel Coward and Stephen Sondheim...to mention iust a few!

Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm Cost: Adult \$45, Conc/Group 10+ \$35, Under 25 \$25, School Student \$15 Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton Street, Werribee Contact: 8734 6000 www.wyncc.com.au

Boredom Protection Policy Friday 21 October, 2016

Rod Quantock is a vital voice in many social and political debates, and his shows are always relevant to the moment and change with the headlines of the day. Boredom Protection Policy revisits the issues that flared on the front pages of the press in the post-9/11 world fourteen years ago and concludes the more things change the more they stay the same.

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: Adult \$45, Conc/Group 10+ \$35, Under 25 \$25, School Student \$15 Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre,

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arts in wyndham www.wyndham.gov.vic.au/arts

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Wednesday 7 September -Sunday 6 November, 2016

Artists from all corners of the globe will play with our expectations of what is sacred, from our beliefs to a moment of peace in an unexpected place. This exhibition will unpick your preconceptions and open up new ways of seeing what is

Where: Wyndham Art Gallery, 177 Watton St Werribee

Emerge Cultural Leadership Program

Wednesday 14 September, 2016

Artists from culturally diverse backgrounds are invited to gather, learn and develop new skills and connections. Led by Multicultural Arts Victoria and supported by Wyndham City, Emerge supports artists to create exciting opportunities in their community and beyond.

Wyndham Arts Incubator, Old Shire Offices, 49 Watton St, Werribee.

Keep up to date about What's On in Wyndham www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Wyndham Arts Incubator a new space for artists

The rear of the Old Shire Offices in Werribee has been opened up as a new space that local artists can use and meet, hold workshops and pop up markets or work on their own creative projects. The program will seed artist-led projects, spaces and groups. Artists who are interested in becoming involved can attend one of the monthly meet-ups.

COMPETITION

Wyndham City is giving away tickets from the theatre season at the Wyndham Culture Centre.

WIN: A Double pass to Rod Quantock (Boredom Protection Policy)

For your chance to win, simply tell us who the 2016 Wyndham Citizen of the Year is? (Hint – see page 4)

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

Competition closes 5pm Friday 30 September, 2016.

The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 3/10/2016. The winner will be notified by phone and email



SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2016

10AM-4PM

WYNDHAM CIVIC CENTRE
45 PRINCES HIGHWAY WERRIBEE

FEATURING

Nick Jr's. PAW Patrol Ready for Action Show



