



Alumni e-Newsletter

What's on in Wyndham?

Victoria State Rose Garden Show: Saturday 19th November – Sunday 20th November 2016, 10am to 4pm, K Road Werribee South VIC 3030. A free event showcasing the beautiful rose gardens. Includes gardening products, unique plant varieties, food trucks, entertainment and kids' activities.

Immunisation Sessions: Wednesday 16th November and Thursday 17th November, various times, Point Cook Community Learning Centre, 1-21 Cheetham Street, Point Cook. The Wyndham City Immunisation Unit is running public immunisation sessions to vaccinate against many diseases. The National Immunisation Program is a schedule of all free vaccines for babies, secondary students to adults at 65 years of age. To see if you are eligible for free vaccines, please visit

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-vaccine-eligibility-criteria> and see the following link for more details: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/immunisation-session-52>.

Wyndham News:

New sporting facilities under development:

Wyndham City Council is developing a plan for new infrastructure to support a variety of sports between now and 2045. The number of sporting reserves is expected to increase from 32 to 66, and planning for a new aquatic centre will begin in early 2017. See <http://www.starweekly.com.au/news/wyndham-on-ball-for-sports-growth/pub/wyndham/>, by Charlene Macauley, for more information.

If you wish to take part in the planning process, please see the following link and take the survey:

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/community-consultation/wyndhams-sport-strategy>.

Major road funding boost for Wyndham: The State Government has announced that it will invest \$1.8 billion on upgrading and maintaining roads in the Western suburbs. These upgrades, set to begin in 2018, will help to reduce traffic congestion for Wyndham's residents. For more information, please visit

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/news/major-road-funding-boost-wyndham>.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Wyndham City Council currently has volunteer opportunities available in four programs, including:

- Delivered Meals Program
- Lunch with the Bunch Program
- 121 Transport Program
- Homework Club Volunteer

For position descriptions and to apply, please visit <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/volunteering-grants/how-apply-volunteer-opportunities-wyndham-city>.

Volunteering Victoria:

Research has shown that volunteers are happier and healthier! Find volunteer opportunities through Volunteering Victoria at the link below:

<http://volunteeringvictoria.org.au/go-volunteer/>

General Opportunities:

Applications for Volunteer Grants are now open. On behalf of the Department of Social Services, the Community Grants Hub is now inviting individuals and organisations representing volunteer based community groups to apply for funding. The grants provide a small amount of funding to support volunteers who assist disadvantaged Australian communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life. Please see <https://www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants/funding-open-for-application/volunteer-grants-2016> for more information and to apply.

Volunteer and Community Training 2017:

We are currently developing next year's training calendar. Please forward any topics for consideration to volunteers@wyndham.vic.gov.au.

If you'd like to complete one of the remaining Grant Information Sessions (22nd November, 2016), or Grant Writing Sessions (28th November 2016), please enrol by [clicking here](#).

The new Wyndham Learning Community's Building Blocks Program is open and taking

enrolments:

Whether you are young, old or somewhere in-between, in places like school, work, home, in the community or online, we are always learning. To support your own learning and community leadership journey, this program will inspire and challenge you to identify how your strengths can improve learning in the Wyndham community. Drawing on the vision and partnership approach of Wyndham's Learning Community Strategy, the program will bring together people with a passion to make a difference, as well as key organisations, to invent new responses to the learning challenges and opportunities in our community.

If you know someone who may be interested in the program, an application form and more information can be found at:

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/community-support/building-blocks-community-leadership-program/building-blocks-learning>. Applications close midnight, Sunday 20th November 2016.

We need your help!

Wyndham City Council Aged and Disability Services is currently reviewing its role in Aged and Disability Services and would like feedback from the community via surveys.

Please take the 'Community survey' if you are a resident of Wyndham and would like the opportunity to have a say in the future of aged and disability services in Wyndham.

If you currently receive services as a carer for supporting a family member who has a disability or is ageing, please take the 'Carer survey'.

If you currently receive services from an aged or disability service provider as you are either ageing or you have a disability, please take the 'Service User survey'.

If you are a service provider supporting people who are ageing or have a disability who live in Wyndham, please take the 'Service Provider survey'.

Please click the following link to take the survey that is relevant to you:

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/community-consultation/aged-disability-services-community-consultation-2016>.

Surveys are also available in Chinese, Vietnamese and Italian. Hard copies can also be posted on request, and close Friday 18 November.

Our new Councillors:

The caretaker period is over, and Wyndham has elected its new Councillors for the 2016-2020 term. Congratulations to the following individuals:

Chaffey Ward:

- Josh Gilligan – first time Councillor
- Henry Barlow – previously served as Councillor
- Walter Villagonzalo – first time Councillor
- John Gibbons – returning Councillor

Iramoo Ward:

- Heather Marcus – returning Councillor
- Peter Maynard – returning Councillor
- Mia Shaw – first time Councillor

Harrison Ward:

- Tony Hooper – first time Councillor
- Aaron An – first time Councillor
- Intaj Khan – returning Councillor
- Kim McAliney – previously served as Councillor

A Statutory Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 16th November, 2016, where the new Council team will take their oath and elect the Mayor. For more information on your Councillors, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au.



Wyndham's new Councillors: Photo by Adem Saban. Source: <http://www.starweekly.com.au/news/meet-your-new-council/>

Building Blocks End of Year Social Event – Expressions of Interest:

Some of the Building Blocks alumni have suggested an informal end of year social gathering. This will be a picnic, held on Sunday 4th November, 2016, 11am-2pm – location to be confirmed.

If you are interested in assisting with planning the event, please email

buildingblocks@wyndham.vic.gov.au by Monday 14th November.

Please include your name and availability to discuss the specifics of the event (approx. 1 hour).

If you'd like to attend, please book your place by emailing

buildingblocks@wyndham.vic.gov.au. Family welcome.

