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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Just a few short weeks ago I was elected your Mayor for the 2016/17 term. This is an honour that I do not take lightly, but rather one that I take on with excitement and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Following the busy Council elections recently, in which some new faces were chosen to represent the people of Wyndham, myself and my colleagues underwent an intense induction process.

Over several days we were given in-depth information about the different roles that Council has and the many projects it is undertaking as we speak. Needless to say, we all learnt a lot about this organisation and the communities that we will be working for over the next four years.

Now that we are on the other side of that induction process and all 11 Wyndham City Councillors have been formerly sworn in, the real hard work has begun.

Despite being in the early days of my third Mayoral term, my fellow Councillors and the Wyndham City staff that I have met so far have instilled confidence in me that we can achieve a lot for this municipality.

I look forward to working with you, the residents, over the next four years and I encourage you to get in touch with myself or one of your Ward Councillors if you have any issues we can assist with.

Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Henry Barlow

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5 minutes with WYNDHAM CITY'S NEW MAYOR Henry Barlow

You're at a dinner party where no one knows anything about Wyndham. How do you describe it in one sentence?

It's a constantly growing region with immense opportunities for families and businesses.

Since you were first elected Mayor in 2000, how has Wyndham changed?

The sheer size of the urban area and the growth in demand for social and physical infrastructure. We also have a far more diverse community now.

What's your signature dish? Spaghetti Marinara.

What has been your favourite thing about raising your children in Wyndham?

My four children were born in Wyndham, went to school in Wyndham and have grown into adults in Wyndham.

Wyndham gave my wife and I the opportunity to provide our children with all of the services they needed, from schools to sport and other recreational activities. It also provided them with an opportunity to be involved in our growing community.









OPEN HOURS*

REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY (MUNICIPAL TIP) Wests Rd, Werribee Sunday 25 December, 2016 – CLOSED Sunday 1 January, 2017 – CLOSED

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE COLLECTION WILL BE UNAFFECTED

CIVIC CENTRE

45 Princes Highway, Werribee Monday 26 December, 2016 – CLOSED Tuesday 27 December, 2016 - CLOSED Monday 2 January, 2016 – CLOSED

DEPOT

241-253 Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing

Monday 26 December, 2016 - CLOSED Tuesday 27 December, 2016 – CLOSED Monday 2 January, 2017 – CLOSED

LIBRARIES

Monday 26 December, 2016 - CLOSED Tuesday 27 December, 2016 - CLOSED Sunday 1 January, 2017 – CLOSED Monday 2 January, 2017 – CLOSED

AQUAPULSE

80-82 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing Saturday 24 December, 2016 – 8am - 5pm Sunday 25 December, 2016 – CLOSED Monday 26 December, 2016 – 8am - 6pm Tuesday 27 December, 2016 - 8am - 6pm Saturday 31 December, 2016 – 8am - 5pm Sunday 1 January, 2017 – 9am - 6pm

EAGLE STADIUM

35 Ballan Rd, Werribee

Saturday 24 December, 2016 – 9am - 5pm Sunday 25 December, 2016 – CLOSED Monday 26 December, 2016 – 9am - 5pm Tuesday 27 December, 2016 – 9am - 5pm Saturday 31 December, 2016 – 9am - 5pm Sunday 1 January, 2017 – 9am - 5pm Monday 2 January, 2017 - 9am - 5pm

WERRIBEE OUTDOOR POOL Watton Street, Werribee

Sunday 25 December, 2016 - CLOSED Monday 26 December, 2016 – 10.30am - 6pm Tuesday 27 December, 2016 – 10.30am - 6pm Saturday 31 December, 2016 – 8am - 6pm Sunday 1 January, 2017 – 10.30am - 6pm

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New Council reflects the Wyndham community

Wyndham residents have elected a mix of experienced and fresh faces, along with people from diverse backgrounds, to represent them for the next four years as Wyndham City Councillors.

Six Councillors are returning after previously serving the community at Wyndham City, while five people will be holding the position for the first time. Four of the Councillors were born overseas in what is a reflection of Wyndham's proudly multicultural community.

From long-term Wyndham residents to people who have recently made Wyndham their home, our new Councillors also come from a range of different age groups from 23 to 70+. Get to know our new Councillors and check out their short profiles.

CHAFFEY WARD



Cr Henry Barlow (Mayor)

Mayoral Portfolio: **Growth and Transport** Councillor Portfolio:

Cultural Diversity

At the end of these four years, what do you hope your legacy will be?

That I continued to represent the community on big and little issues to ensure everyone lives in a community that helps each other.



Cr John Gibbons Portfolio: Tourism and Major Events

What made you want to run for Council?

I have a lot of unfinished business. We're at an exciting stage in our history and in the development of our City.

The Catalyst Sites that Council are developing in the Werribee City Centre present a lot of opportunities for Wyndham and it's a good feeling to be able to facilitate that.

HARRISON WARD



Cr Aaron An **Portfolio: Smart City**

What is your occupation outside of being a Councillor and what occupations have you held in the past?

I'm an IT professional with over 15 years of industry experience. Eight years of that experience is within state and federal government departments and agencies.

I worked on award winning IT projects within the state government back in 2010. I have worked on several Victorian Government IT projects, thus I had experience in collaborating across different departments.



Cr Tony Hooper Portfolio: Arts, Culture and Heritage

Since commencing your role, what has been the biggest surprise so far?

Despite coming from many different walks of life. the councillors of this term do share a concern about Wyndham getting its fair share.

This view has also been supported by the community itself through Wyndham 2040, which highlights what needs the people of this community themselves have raised. I look forward to working with my fellow councillors in tackling these over the next four years.



Cr Kim McAliney (Deputy Mayor) Portfolio: Safer Communities

Since commencing your role, what has been the biggest surprise so far?

While I've had the experience of seven years on Council, two years as a Mayor and one year as a Deputy Mayor previously, I have been excited by the enthusiasm of many new staff and the change in the organisation following a restructure.

* Cr Intaj Khan did not provide a profile



IRAMOO WARD

Cr Heather Marcus Portfolio: **Environment and** Sustainability

What is your favourite place to visit in Wyndham and why?

The Werribee River. The history of this river is amazing and few people know about it. I can visit and stay there all day and always see some unique and amazing things.

It is calming and has an amazing effect on me, new dreams are made. It is utopia



Cr Peter Maynard Portfolio: **Sports Development**

What made you want to run for Council?

> I wanted to continue to help local residents with their issues and concerns as I enjoy this part of the role the most.

I also wanted to continue contributing to securing a much better future for our community.



Cr Josh Gilligan Portfolio: Learning City

What is your occupation outside of being a Councillor and what occupations have you held in the past?

I recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Management from Deakin University. I currently work for the National Australia Bank (NAB) in superannuation and investments.

I am also an executive board member of Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) - a \$15 million not-for-profit organisation providing services to thousands of Deakin students.



Cr Walter Villagonzalo **Portfolio: Future Focused Economy**

At the end of these four years, what do you hope your legacy will be?

I would like to be remembered as a community servant who saw the opportunities in the under-utilised resources we have in Wyndham and came up with innovative ways to use them to benefit the economy, the environment and the community of Wyndham.



Cr Mia Shaw Portfolio: Family Friendly City

Since commencing your role, what has been the biggest surprise so far?

How passionate people are to ensure Wyndham is a great place to live and work. There are many people out there who really want to make a difference and that makes our job that little bit easier.

We all have a real opportunity to make Wyndham a great place to live and be proud of.

Arts in Wyndham



Wednesday 14 December -Thursday 22 December, 2016

Artist Carla Gottgens will collaborate with local artists to create large scale sculptures throughout the Werribee City Centre. Smaller "hidden" works will also be created for the community to find. Where: Werribee City Centre







Saturday 17 December. 2016

Station Place in Werribee will come alive with this music event, presented in partnership with the Park Hotel.

Tracy McNiel and The Good Life are fresh off a national tour and were dubbed one of the standout performers at this year's Bigsound, held in Brisbane. They will perform, along with ARIA award-winning musician, Michael Spiby and local artists.

Where: Station Place, Werribee



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Wednesday 18 January -Sundav 19 March, 2017

As part of Midsumma, the exhibition OTHER OTHER will confront the

discrimination members of LGBTIQ communities face from within their own communities. Aboriginal LGBTIQ people will be represented, along with people from other cultural backgrounds, members of the trans and gender diverse communities, and people with disability.

Where: Wyndham Art Gallery, 177 Watton St Werribee



There are 1,345km of Council managed roads in Wyndham?

> That's the equivalent of 67,250 **D** Class Trams







Wyndham's road network is valued at \$2.9 billion

ROADS GALORE IN WYNDHAM

We all know that Wyndham is a big municipality that is only getting bigger. We also know that getting from A to B is front of mind for many Wyndham residents. That's why Council works hard to upgrade and maintain existing local roads, while building new roads to make it easier and safer for us all to travel around Wyndham.

Wyndham City has 1,345 km of roads, each year for the past 10 years on average 50 km of road has been added. In 2015/16 Council spent over \$7 million on road maintenance, \$3 million on asphalt re-surfacing and \$9 million on road upgrades and re-builds.

In addition there is 124 km of VicRoads managed roads in Wyndham which includes Point Cook Rd, Derrimut Rd, Palmers Rd, Sayers Rd, Old Geelong Rd, Duncans Rd, Ballan Rd and Boundary Rd.

Currently there is \$28 million of Council road works planned to be delivered in this financial year including:

- Widening Dohertys Rd between Fitzgerald Rd and Foundation Rd. a \$4 million project that will improve traffic flow and safety
- \$3.5 million on the widening of Tarneit Rd between Hogans Rd and the Good News Lutheran School and intersection upgrade at Hogans Rd
- \$8 million on Armstrong Rd between Greens Rd and Black Forest Rd

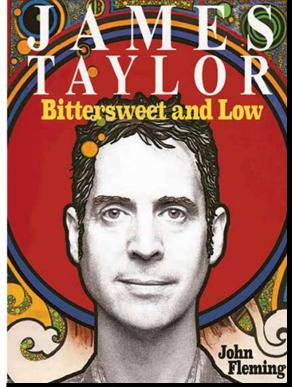
Other road works coming up in Wyndham include:

- Bethany Rd between Callistemon Dr and Melaleuca Dr
- Princes Highway Service Rd and Drainage - David Ct to Old Geelong Rd
- Forsyth Rd widening between Old Geelong Rd and Sayers Rd
- Bulban Rd rebuilt between McGrath Rd and Ballan Rd.

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The 2017 theatre season has something for everyone from drama to dance as well musicals and comedy from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Did you know that the Wyndham Cultural Centre showcases an art gallery upstairs, bar and lounge area downstairs and is right in the heart of some of the best places to eat and drink in the West.

Experience a great night out close to home and treat your friends or loved ones – gift vouchers are also available. Subscribe and save, discounts are available when you subscribe to three or more shows.

The theatre is located at the Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton St, Werribee. www.wyncc.com.au



WELCOME TO WYNDHAM CITY **LIBRARIES**

If your New Year's Resolution is to read more books, Wyndham City Libraries has got you covered!

This festive season, Wyndham's libraries will be hosting plenty of free events aimed at encouraging learning.

It's not just books on offer. Wyndham City libraries provide 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.



SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 2016 -**TUESDAY 31 JANUARY, 2017 ALL BRANCHES.**

Discover a love for reading and explore the wonderful world of books at Wyndham City Libraries. Read lots of books to be in the running to win some great prizes.

ACCESS YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY ANYWHERE, ANYTIME





Thousands of families descended upon Werribee Park for one of Wyndham City's most popular events, the Children's Week Picnic. Performances by the Kazoos, Little Red Train rides around Werribee Park and bungee trampolines were some of the highlights from the day.

WYNDHAM CITY WINS MULTICULTURAL AWARD 13 OCTOBER 2016



Wyndham City was presented with the Award for Community Innovation at Victoria's Multicultural Awards on 13 October, 2016. It was the second year in a row that the Victorian Multicultural Commission has recognised Council for successfully celebrating, promoting and supporting diversity.



The Wyndham City Mayoral High Tea saw people enjoy delicious cakes and great company - all for a great cause. The classy event raised money to support younger people with disabilities and high care needs, while giving people the opportunity to catch up over a cake and cup of tea.





Werribee City Centre Transformation Moving Forward

of Werribee.

Project Delivery Agreements have been signed with major developers The Burbank Group and Pelligra, who have been selected to develop the Riverbend, Cherry St and Gateway development sites.

The developments are on track to progress quickly, with Council wanting to ensure that much needed jobs and car parking spaces are delivered for the Werribee City Centre as soon as possible.

Planning applications have been submitted to Council this week for the Cherry St development site, with a view to providing a state of the art, commercial A grade office building that will appeal to small and large businesses, bringing much needed jobs to the City Centre.

Planned in accordance with the Werribee City Centre Structure Plan (2013), the major projects are set to reshape the Werribee City Centre as the 'Capital of Melbourne's New West'.

Both of the developers chosen by Council have experience delivering successful projects across the office, retail, industrial and residential sectors. The Burbank Group partnered with the City of Greater Dandenong and Places Victoria in revitalising Central Dandenong. Their Mosaic Apartments development won best urban renewal project in the Urban Development Institute of Victoria (UDIA) Awards for Excellence.

Pelligra is a local developer that has worked on successful industrial and multiresidential projects, delivered both nationally and internationally.

- for the City Centre)

BAYVIEW PARK SETS SAIL

A much-loved community playground is set to be opened to the public, with pirates and buccaneers celebrating the occasion.

After being destroyed by fire in late 2014, and following extensive community consultation, the pirate ship playground at Bayview Park in Point Cook has been rebuilt. With an improved design that includes bushfire resistant timber, the park is likely to be a hit with the children.



Adult Events

Youth Events

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Wyndham City has officially signed agreements with two major developers to deliver landmark buildings on the four development sites in the Werribee City Centre that will transform the area, bringing approximately 600 new jobs, 300 residential apartments and 1,400 new car parking spaces to the heart

The reshaped Werribee City Centre will soon be home to, approximately:

1,400 new parking spaces (both private and public)

• 5,000sqm of office space

• 2,500sqm of retail / café space; and

• 300 residential apartments (providing over 700 new residents

• 100 serviced apartments to accommodate visitors



Bright Future for Wyndham

The sun will be shining on Wyndham for years to come with one of the largest rollouts of rooftop solar panels by Local Government in Australia currently underway.

To keep pace with Wyndham's population growth and increasing energy demands, Wyndham City has launched the Large Scale Solar project.

Solar panels will be installed on the roofs of 52 different Council buildings throughout Wyndham, including Community Centres, AquaPulse, the Wyndham Civic Centre and sports pavilions.

Over the next 20 years the project will reduce the number of greenhouse gas emissions by 58,000 tonnes and save Wyndham \$10.9 million in energy costs.

But it is not only solar panels that will help to make Wyndham more energy efficient. A solar energy storage trial site is being developed to allow a sports facility to light its grounds at night using renewable energy. An innovative monitoring system will also minimise unnecessary maintenance costs.

TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE YOUR GRASSFIRE RISK

With the arrival of summer, it is important to be aware of the risks of grassfires. They can start anywhere and spread quickly.

You're at risk if you live on the edge of a residential area so:

- Reduce your risk now by mowing your grass and removing anything flammable from around your home
- Keep an eye on conditions outside. You may know about a fire before Emergency Services
- Avoid driving. Getting in a car may put your life and the lives of your passengers in danger
- If a grassfire starts and you live directly next to grassland, quickly move one or two streets away from the fire
- If you live close to grassland but not right next to it, it's safer to stay where you are. Grassfires are unlikely to spread past the first row of homes
- Stay Informed. On hot, dry, windy days, check for warning and updates.

HI WELEN



With almost 40 free community environmental events, the upcoming annual Green Living Series will be the biggest one yet.

Held over February and March 2017, the event will include a wide variety of sustainable living workshops, inspiring speakers, movies and excursions to kick start your green thumb this summer.

While the Green Living Series will teach you new skills to help you live a greener and more sustainable life, Wyndham City has also developed a new Waste and Recycling Guide.

The guide showcases the wide variety of waste services on offer to the community and includes recycling or donation options for common household items.

It will also help you work out what items should go in which coloured bin at home.

You can view an online version of the guide by heading to the Wyndham City website, or you can get a hard copy at your local Community Centre or the Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee.





FOR A LIMITED TIME ... FREE PET REGISTRATION

Are you lucky enough to have a pet that is a beloved member of your family?

It is important to make sure their registration details are up to date so that your furry friend can be returned to you if they ever get lost.

All cats and dogs must be registered with Wyndham City once they reach three months old, and with Council offering free registration for the initial new registration of pets until April 10, 2017, there are now more reasons than ever to get your cat or dog registered.

WYNDHAM CITY WELCOMES MAJOR ROAD FUNDING

Wyndham City has welcomed the State Government's announcement that it will invest \$1.8 billion on western suburbs road upgrades and maintenance works – with the overwhelming majority being in Wyndham.

After years of advocacy work by Wyndham City, through initiatives like the Get Wyndham Moving campaign, the State Government has indicated that it will be making Wyndham's roads a priority.

With construction expected to begin in 2018 and almost 30 kilometres of lane duplications flagged, it is expected that these upgrades will help to reduce traffic congestion in Wyndham.

The funding will include the duplication and widening of some of Wyndham's busiest roads, including sections of Dunnings and Palmers Rd in Point Cook, Derrimut Rd in Tarneit, Leakes Rd in Truganina, Dohertys Rd in Laverton North, the Princes Freeway and Forsyth Rd interchange in Hoppers Crossing and the Duncans Rd interchange in Werribee South.





Wyndham's new job searching tool

Are you a Wyndham resident looking for a job close to home or a local business looking for staff? Wyndham's new employment tool, Wyndham Joblink, is here to help!

Wyndham Joblink allows job seekers to connect with local employers and access exclusive job opportunities. Businesses can add job opportunities at no cost and access a community of willing and active local candidates.

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, be sure to check out Wyndham Joblink.

www.wyndhamjoblink.com.au

WHAT'S ON

Events brought to you by Wyndham City

Christmas Fridays in Werribee City Centre Fridays in December, 2016

Join the Christmas cheer with lots of family fun including Santa, a photo booth, children's workshops and face painting every Friday in Decemeber.

Where: Station Place, Werribee Cost: FREE Time: 11am till 2pm Contact: 9742 0788

Movies in Station Place Saturdays in January 2017

Come down and enjoy a family night out every Saturday in January at Station Place, with an outdoor movie screening, music and children's activities.

Where: Station Place, Watton St Werribee

Cost: Free

Time: Children's activities begin at 6pm and movie screening begins at 7pm Contact: 9742 0788

Australia Day Thursday 26 January, 2017

Celebrate Australia Day with family and friends on the waterfront, with live entertainment, rides, food trucks and fireworks. A family friendly, alcohol free event.

Where: Wyndham Harbour

Cost: Free Time: Evening Contact: 9742 0777 www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Community Events in Wyndham

Jeep Christmas Polo Friday 16 December, 2016

Hosted at the home of Victorian Polo in the spectacular grounds of Werribee Park, the day includes fashion, entertainment, two exhilarating games of Polo and a visit from Santa!

Where: Werribee Mansion Polo Ground Cost: \$40, pre-purchase \$33. Packages available Time: 12pm -5:30pm, gates open at 11am Contact: 9816 5500 http://victorianpoloclub.com.au/events/

10th National Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Festival Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 January, 2017

One of the biggest events on our showing calendar in 2017 and celebrating the 10th birthday.

Spectators will have the opportunity to see breeds they may not see at any other event.

Where: Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre 170 K Road, Werribee South 3030 Cost: \$10, Children under 16 free Time: 9am - 4pm Contact: 0408 534 881

COMPETITION

Wyndham City is giving away Three Family passes to AquaPulse

For your chance to win, simply tell us how many kilometres of Council managed roads there are in Wyndham? (*Hint* – see page 6)

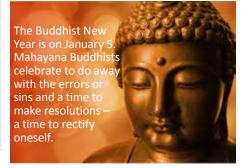
To submit your entry visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/competition

Competition closes 5pm Friday 20 January, 2017.

The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 23/1/2017. The winner will be notified by phone and email.

Cultural Day of Significance NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is widely celebrated across the globe. A time of celebration as one year passes to the next, often a time of reflection, planning and celebration.



These Summer School Holidays, make the most of the warm weather by purchasing a Super Family Pass to AquaPulse and Werribee Outdoor Pool.

The pass will give the whole family (2 adults and 3 children) unlimited access to AquaPulse pools, including the tippy bucket and adventure playground, giant waterslides, Summer Festival and lots more!

Also includes unlimited access to Werribee Outdoor Pool and free access to the Summer Beach Party.

All this for only \$179, pass valid from 5th December 16 – 31st January. On sale from the 5th December, 2016.

Keep up to date about what's on in Wyndham www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

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