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# **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

It's now been roughly three months since your new Council team was elected, and it is fair to say that we have been working very hard, with lots more work ahead of us.

Each of your 11 Councillors has been elected to chair portfolios that address important issues in the community. I personally have the Cultural Diversity and Growth and Transport portfolios. Wyndham is one of the only Councils in Victoria that operates this way, and while a great deal of work is involved, the result is that the Councillors you have chosen to represent you are able to focus more in-depth on the issues that matter to you. You can read more about this on page three.

One of the biggest challenges for the year ahead will be budgeting with a cap on rates. Recently the State Government announced that it would cap Council rates at two per cent for the 2017/18 financial year. This is lower than the Essential Services Commission's recommendation of a cap of 2.15 per cent, and presents significant challenges for Council to continue to provide the services we now have, let alone look at providing additional services. Working in a belt tightening environment, a lot of work will need to go into ensuring that Council can continue to provide the services that residents currently expect of Council.

This Council is not afraid of hard work and you can expect to hear and see lots more exciting announcements about the future of Wyndham in the coming months.

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# Councillor portfolios focus on community issues

On 16 November 2016 a new Wyndham City Council team was elected, signalling the start of an exciting four years. On this day another significant event took place when each of the 11 Councillors were assigned Portfolios – specific policy areas that they will focus on during their time on Council.

Each of the portfolios will have a Committee made up of experts in their field and Wyndham residents that meet regularly and share their insight with the Councillors.

In this addition of Wyndham News, we hear from Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Henry Barlow, and Deputy Mayor, Cr Kim McAliney, about what they hope to achieve through their portfolios.









# Cr Kim McAliney: Safer Communities Portfolio

The Safer Communities portfolio is responsible for perceptions of safety, justice, family violence, gender equity and emergency management.

Cr McAliney said she was excited to head up the portfolio, which would work closely with other organisations and the wider community to develop strategies to improve perceptions of safety.

"Having been a volunteer with emergency services from a young age, it excites me now to work with the many local organisations that provide essential services and genuinely care about the community they live in," Cr McAliney said.

"This portfolio is important to the community because our residents want to feel safe. They want to bring their families up as part of a community and feel safe both in and out of the home."

Cr McAliney said Council would act as a voice for the community through her portfolio.

Through the Safer Communities portfolio, Council can be a rich source of reliable information on important issues of public safety, while also providing advice on the likely impact of relevant State and Federal Government policies.

# Cr Henry Barlow: Cultural Diversity Portfolio

The Cultural Diversity portfolio is responsible for cultural understanding and appreciation of diversity.

Cr Barlow said cultural diversity had become an increasingly important issue in Wyndham

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"This is a challenging portfolio. Our community is now much more diverse than any time in our history," Cr Barlow said.

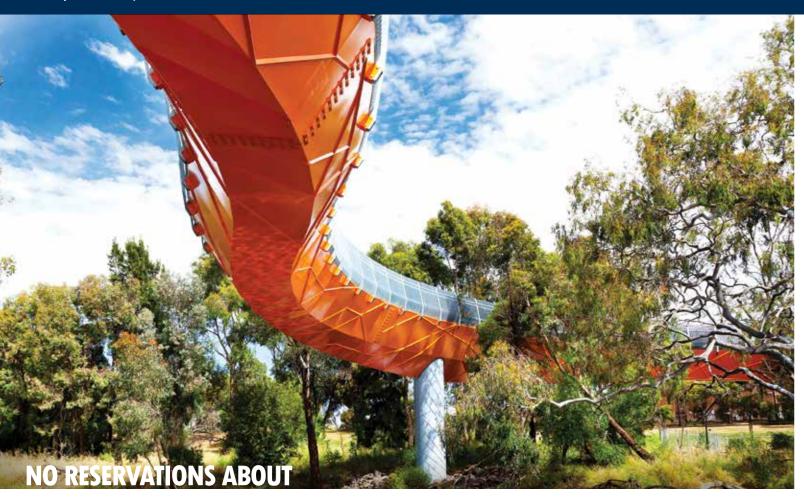
"This portfolio is important because we want to have a society that is tolerant of each other, to support people in need, to reach out a helping hand and prove to the world that Australia is built on a fair go for everyone."

 $\label{lem:community} \textbf{Cr Barlow said his portfolio would help residents connect with their community}.$ 

Council has services that will assist our new residents to settle in a new country. We provide education opportunities, safety and health.

"As the head of this portfolio, I am currently meeting as many groups as possible to get a better understanding of their needs. This will allow us to look at opportunities to deal with the Federal and State Governments to assist our new residents, thereby spreading the cost of providing these services."

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# PARKS IN WYNDHAM

Whether you love visiting them to spend lazy days with the family or you're more likely to hit the track and go for a run, there has never been a better time to check out Wyndham's local parks and reserves.

Recently the State Government announced it would invest \$3.2 million towards the \$11 million redevelopment of one of Werribee's finest assets, Wyndham Park.

Construction on the redevelopment is expected to start late this year and will transform Wyndham Park into an urban recreational and events space. With the Werribee City Centre also set to undergo a major transformation, the park will be the perfect place for people working in the area to visit on their lunch breaks.

The Williams Landing Boulevard Reserve is also expected to be completed later this year. The \$5.7 million project will include one full size oval, a multi sports turf area able to fit a full size oval or two rectangle pitches, six tennis courts, two of which can also be used for netball and a playground.

Two other reserves, the Mossfiel Reserve in Hoppers Crossing and the Mainview Boulevard Reserve in Truganina, have also received funding from Wyndham City and the State Government to develop them into spaces that will boost sports participation in Wyndham.

The Mossfiel Reserve project will see the existing area redeveloped into one that will be a centre of community activity, hosting rugby, cricket, netball matches and collectable car events. A state of the art pavilion that can be used by sports clubs, community education groups and senior's programs, will also be built at the reserve.

The Mainview Boulevard Reserve project will see a new pavilion built to cater for the rapidly growing Truganina population.

The cherry on top of the cake is the reopening of Bayview Park in Point Cook. The pirate ship playground was rebuilt late last year after being destroyed by fire, and is proving to be a huge hit with

With all this work going on to improve Wyndham's parks and reserves, there is bound to be one near you that suits your needs.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

# Wyndham gets into the Clean Up Australia Day spirit

If you love Wyndham's beautiful parks and natural icons and would like to help protect them, make sure to come along for this year's Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 5 March, 2017.



The event is a great way to come together with other members of the community to help keep Wyndham clean.

With several clean-up sites already set up throughout Wyndham, you can either join in with other volunteers or choose your own location and invite others to help you clean it up.

www.cleanupuaustraliaday.org.au

# **RECYCLE** TO WIN REWARDS

HAVE YOU SEEN WYNDHAM CITY'S NEW REVERSE **VENDING MACHINES?** 

THE MUNICIPALITY IS OFFICIALLY HOME TO THE ONLY MACHINES OF THEIR KIND IN ALL

You can help tackle littering in Wyndham by inserting empty cans and bottles into the machines in return for instant rewards like vouchers, entries into major prize draws, food and drink offers and donations to charity.

The machines separate and crush the bottles and cans before they are recycled, and have already proven to be a huge success, being used thousands of times.

Look for the machines at the Point Cook Town Centre, Eagle Stadium and AquaPulse and keep your eyes open for a fourth machine, soon to be installed.





POP UP DRIVE-THRU



# And the award goes to... AquaPulse!

While Wyndham residents are more than aware that AquaPulse is a great place to get some exercise done, the premier sports and fitness centre has been recognised for a slightly different reason.

Wyndham City recently received the Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Award for Inclusive Sport, Recreation or Open Space Infrastructure over \$500,000 for designing and building AquaPulse.

With a design that includes accessible toilets in key locations, ramps, a lift to the second story gym, wheelchair compatible gym equipment, a warm water pool that can provide privacy from the rest of the centre and much more, it's no wonder AquaPulse has been awarded for its accessibility.

Visit AquaPulse at 80-82 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing, to see what all the fuss is about!



can clear out the clutter and feel good knowing that your items will be recycled or donated to great organisations like West Welcome Wagon, the local Men's Shed and Red Cross.

furniture, whitegoods, mattresses and much more. Visit the website to find out about other Green Living Series events.



www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries



# Your feedback shaping Wyndham's future

Committees made up of local residents who are passionate about building a better Wyndham have presented community feedback they have received to Wyndham City Councillors.

This information will assist Council in developing its new City Plan for the next four years and its Budget for the 2017/18 financial year.

The community feedback was gathered at open days hosted by Council's District Advisory Committees. These Committees were set up to support the Wyndham 2040 Community Plan, which includes a 25 year collective vision for the whole municipality.

In 2016 Wyndham City developed the Wyndham 2040 Community Plan, which includes a 25 year collective vision for the whole municipality.

This vision is supported by four district plans which detail what will be done in specific areas in Wyndham over four years to help make the Wyndham 2040 vision a reality.

Each district plan covers multiple suburbs across Wyndham and is supported by a District Advisory Committee. They are:

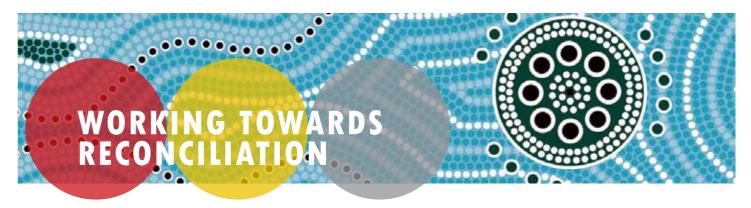
- Wyndham East Point Cook, Williams Landing, Truganina and Laverton North
- Wyndham West Werribee, Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes
- Wyndham Central Hoppers Crossing Tarneit
- Wyndham Rural Little River, Werribee South, Mt Cottrell and other rural areas

The District Advisory Committees represent another way for the community to shape what happens locally and provide input to Council on how to make the most of opportunities

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham2040







Did you know that Wyndham is home to the largest population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Melbourne's Western Region?

Wyndham City has committed to encourage greater understanding, acknowledgment, respect, inclusion and opportunities for Aboriginal people in Wyndham and that's why Council endorsed the 'Statement of Commitment' on April 2, 2015.

The 'Statement of Commitment' lays the foundation for the development of a four year Reconciliation Action Plan. One of the pivotal steps towards reconciliation was the making of a possum skin cloak by Council staff and the local community, which was presented during NAIDOC week last year.

Council is currently developing the Reconciliation Action Plan in collaboration with the Wyndham Reconciliation Advisory Committee. Wyndham residents will shortly have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan.

Wyndham City is developing its draft Reconciliation Action Plan for the final stage of public consultation to begin in April. To register your interest in the RAP or the consultation contact community.development@wyndham.vic.gov.au or visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au in April 2017.



If you are heading to work or university in the western suburbs, Wyndham City's latest innovation, Carpool the West, could allow you to connect with someone who you can share the ride with.

Wyndham City has become the first Victorian Council to introduce a free online service that allows people to use their smart phone to connect with other people that are travelling to the same location, so they can carpool together.

Maribyrnong City Council, Brimbank City Council, Melton City Council, Mercy Health, Southern Metropolitan Cemetery Trust, Western Health, Vic Roads and Victoria University have all signed up as partner organisations.

While the program is currently open to employees or students from the participating organisations, people from across Melbourne can join in by having their workplace, club or organisation sign up.

www.carpoolthewest.org

### Plan to **HAVE YOUR SAY**

Wyndham City is working hard to prepare its Draft Budget and Integrated City Plan for the 2017/18 financial year, with residents invited to have their say soon.

In preparing for the City Plan, Council will be talking to the community in the coming months about priorities for the City Plan.

The documents will then be presented to a Council meeting in April before being open for public consultation. On 13 June, 2017 a Special Council Meeting will be held for submissions to the Integrated City Plan and Budget to be heard.

If there is a project that you think Council should be funding, you are encouraged to make a submission through Council's website.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au





# New A to Z guide to **exploring Wyndham**

If you or someone you know would like to discover Wyndham's hidden treasures, the Werribee, Point Cook and Surrounds Official Visitor Guide is for you.

The newly released guide, produced by Wyndham City with the support of the local tourism industry, is full of all the information you will need to discover Wyndham, making it the perfect travel companion.



From the Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee Park and Mansion and the beautiful K Road Cliffs, to the RAAF Museum and historic Little River, this free guide has it all.

So if you want to see more of your own backyard, or you have friends or family visiting, get your hands on the Official Visitor Guide.

The Werribee, Point Cook and Surrounds Official Visitor Guide can be collected for free from the Werribee Visitor Information Centre. You can also call 8734 6006 to have a copy sent to you.

www.experiencewyndham.com.au

# **WYNDHAM TO HOST BMX STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Thousands of visitors are expected to descend on Wyndham when the municipality hosts the 2017 Open Victorian BMX State Championships later this vear.

> With the support of Wyndham City, the Wyndham Warriors BMX Club successfully bid to host the championships, which will help promote the area as a premier sports destination.

> > This is the third new major sports tournament to be held in Wyndham, with both the 2016 and 2017 Netball State Titles being contested at Eagle Stadium.

More than 1,000 competitors and 4,000 visitors are expected to bring an economic boost to Wyndham when they attend the 2017 BMX State Championships, to be held from 16 to 19 November.

www.bmxv.com.au

### FREE TRAINING FOR **VOLUNTEERS**

Are you a member of a community group or a not-for-profit organisation and would like to expand your skills?

Wyndham City is offering free volunteer and community training covering a range of topics from understanding financial reports and managing volunteers to social media strategies and marketing on a shoestring.

A calendar of the training schedules is available on Wyndham City's website, so check it out to see how you can increase your skills this year.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/volunteering



# HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN WYNDHAM









IF THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN WYNDHAM IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO YOU, THEN NOW IS THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON A VITAL COUNCIL STRATEGY.

Wyndham City's Housing and Neighbourhood Strategy, a 20 year plan to manage housing growth and change in Wyndham, is now open for submissions from residents.

The Strategy, which was adopted at an Ordinary Council Meeting in August 2015, also presents a vision for housing growth in Wyndham The Strategy proposes introducing new residential zones and

overlays in some areas throughout Wyndham, which could impact on what developments may occur in the future.

This is an important Strategy for all residents and ratepayers, so council is inviting everyone to have their say on it by

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/housing











# Wyndham City upgrading Community Centres

While the Point Cook Community Learning Centre receives an important upgrade that will allow it to better serve the community, Wyndham City is working hard to minimise any disruptions.

Wyndham City is reinvesting in local infrastructure so that the Community Learning Centres in Point Cook, Tarneit and Wyndham Vale will be places where residents can get more of what they need from Council and find out more about what's happening in their

You can already do lots of things at these centres like pay your rates, register your pet or submitting a service request with Council, and this year Council will be trialling other services at these sites as well as new approaches to being in the community.

With construction happening at all three buildings this year, rooms at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre will be unavailable for hire. Groups that already use them are being relocated to other centres in Point Cook and Truganina.

The library and kindergarten will stay open throughout the year, so why not stop by and have a chat with staff about what's new and how you can get involved.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/communitycentres





### TWO WHEELIE **IMPORTANT STRATEGIES**

If you ride a bike or walk to get around Wyndham, then Wyndham City has two very important strategies for you.

Council is updating its Cycle Strategy and developing a Pedestrian Strategy to help guide our capital works program and the way we advocate for State Government

Ultimately they will lead to better connected cycling and pedestrian paths in Wyndham, making it easier and safer for people to get from A to B.

If you would like to be notified when public consultation begins, please email integrated.transport@ wyndham.vic.gov.au or write to the Transport Planning Unit, Wyndham City Council, PO Box 197, Werribee, Victoria, 3030.

**WELCOME TO** 

# **WYNDHAM CITY** LIBRARIES www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries

(AGES 0-5)

11AM-12PM

Learning is always exciting at Wyndham City Libraries. Our libraries offer programs and activities for people of all ages to enjoy and share.



Youth Events

**1000 BOOKS BEFORE** 

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH. 2017 -

**JULIA GILLARD LIBRARY TARNEIT** 

Ambassador and author of popular

a special storytime to launch 1000

Books Before School, a Read for Life

campaign aimed at developing early

literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading. Bookings required.

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY** 

SATURDAY 18 MARCH -

**SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017** 

Calendar for more details.

Wyndham City Libraries will be

celebrating Wyndham's diverse

community with a range of activities

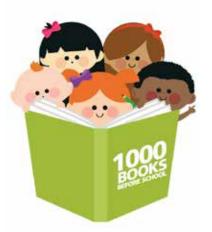
for all ages during Cultural Diversity Week 2017. Check the Library Event

WEEK

picture books "Whose..." and "Smarty Cat" series, Jeanette Rowe will hold

SCHOOL LAUNCH

Playgroup Victoria's Literacy



### **LOUD IN THE LIBRARY** (AGES 13-19)

FRIDAY 24 MARCH, 2017 -6.30PM-8.30PM

### **PLAZA LIBRARY**

The Plaza Library is hosting a funfilled youth event with lots of food and freebies. There will be a range of activities on the day including an escape room, fortune-telling, retro games and much more.



### **WAY OUT WEST YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** (AGES 13-25)

**EXHIBITION OPENING** 

### FRIDAY 31 MARCH, 2017 - 4PM - 6PM **PLAZA LIBRARY**

Love photography? Join the WOW Photo Competition for your chance to win awesome prizes! Enter your photos on Instagram using the tag #wowwyndham17 until Friday 17 March. Winners will be announced at the Exhibition Opening. Visit the Library Event Calendar for more information.





The Werribee City Centre was buzzing in December with Christmas Fridays, with loads of activities and even Santa. The streets came alive with the return of RED, a series of large and 'hidden' art installations and path decals leading the way.

### WYNDHAM'S INNOVATION ON TV

**4 JANUARY 2017** 



Wyndham City's initiative, the first of its kind in Victoria – vending machines that reward you for recycling has received massive media coverage including the Channel 7 News, showcasing us as a 'Smart City'.



Hundreds of people came along to enjoy special movie nights in Station Place in January. Every Saturday night an outdoor cinema was set up, with food, music and kid's activities making the event extra special.

# **Arts in Wyndham**

### WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL - SUNDAY 11 JUNE, 2017

Now in its' third year, the Wyndham Art Prize leads the way in exhibiting contemporary arts in the suburbs.

Attracting artists who bring their diverse creative styles to compete for the lucrative suite of prizes including the \$10,000 Wyndham Art Prize as well as the \$2,000 People's Choice Award. Deakin University offers two prizes for prospective students to study at a post-graduate level

Last year, the Wyndham Art Prize attracted more than 100 applicants coming from across Australia and as far away as Japan and Europe and works included painting, sculpture, photography, ceramic and textiles, animation and video.

The Wyndham Art Prize exhibition is open to the public and is free. Where: Wyndham Art Gallery, 177 Watton St, Werribee.



### at Station Place

FRIDAY LIVE - GO AMERICANA FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2017

If you love LIVE outdoor music, then head along to Friday LIVE in the heart of the Werribee City Centre this Summer.
Friday LIVE returns with amazing live acts in the heart of the Werribee

City Centre in 2017. Featuring The Weeping Willows and more, 'Americana music in Australia' builds on Americana styles melded with uniquely

Bring your family and friends for a great night out in the 'City' in the heart of Wyndham.

#wyndhamarts



### FRIDAY 17 MARCH, 2017

Written and directed by Paul Malek, Yours Truly is an Australian wartime inspired story about the poignant journey of love, loss and mateship. Set against the backdrop of World War II and 1940s rural Australia, this critically acclaimed production uniquely combines dance and drama to tell the powerful story of three couples separated by war.

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: Adult \$46, Conc/Group 8+ \$36, Under 25 \$26, School Student \$16



### FRIDAY 31 MARCH, 2017

Hannie Rayson is one of Australia's bestloved playwrights whose writing has always been driven by her deep curiosity about contemporary Australian life – how we live and the challenges we face. Hello, Beautiful will take you through Rayson's adventurous life from her childhood at East Brighton to the treacheries of Hollywood, and from share-houses in Fitzroy to the beauties of rural Australia.

Time: 8.00pm

Cost: Adult \$46, Conc/Group 8+ \$36, Under 25 \$26, School Student \$16



Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton Street, Werribee

Contact: 8734 6000

# WHAT'S ON IN WYNDHAM

# **Events brought to you by Wyndham City**



# The W Factor - Heat

Final - Sunday 19 March 2017

Wyndham City's Youth Talent competition is open for all young people aged between 12-25 who live, work or study within Wyndham. The 20 Performances overall from the heats will go on to play at the Final Sunday 19 March, applications close Friday 24 February 2017.

Cost: Free

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Contact

bianca.mancuso@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Where: Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

### **COMPETITION**

Wyndham City is giving away

Five Family passes to AquaPulse

For your chance to win, simply tell us how much Council has spent on fixing and upgrading local roads over the last 10 years? (Hint – see roads feature)

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

Competition closes 5pm Friday 24 March, 2017.

The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 27/3/2017. The winner will be notified by phone and email.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS IN WYNDHAM

# Australian International Airshow 2017

### Friday 3 Mar 2017 - Sunday 5 Mar 2017

Combat jets from home and abroad, bombers, heavy lift aircraft, military display teams and rotary winged warriors will strut their scintillating stuff. See firsthand the best collection of aerobatic daredevils ever to be gathered together for an Australian aviation event.

Where: Avalon Airport, 80 Beach Rd, Lara VIC 3212

Cost: from \$10

Time: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Contact: airshow@adma.com.au
Where: Avalon Airport, 80 Beach Rd,

Lara VIC 3212

### 2017 Weerama Festival Saturday 18 Mar 2017 -Sunday 19 Mar 2017

Weerama, meaning "TO PLAY" brings Wyndham's diverse community to come together and participate in a host of exciting, interesting and fun activities including rides, live music, street vendors, market stalls and much more

Cost: Free

Time: Saturday 18 March (11am to 9pm), Sunday 19 March (10am to 1pm)

Contact: 0400 410 041 or info@weerama.org.au

Where: Watton Street and President's Park



### Wyndham Grand Annual Yoga Trail

8 weeks of Progressive Community Yoga at 8 Iconic Wyndham Tourist Destinations- in the great outdoors! Bring your loved ones and friends for an enjoyable healthy, active and positive kickstart to the new year.

Cost: \$16 single class \$120 full Yoga Trail with FREE tee, \$60 February sessions (4)

Time: refer schedule on website

Contact: http://newdayyoga.com.au/

grand-annual-yoga-trail/

Where: Werribee Open Range Zoo,

K Road Werribee South

### ObstaSplash VIC Saturday 1 April and Sunday 2 April, 2017

A mixture of wet and dry inflatable Belly Busting obstacles that are challenging but a lot of fun, including three additional themed ObstaDance Stations evenly spread around a 3-5km course.
Ideal for all ages 13 plus.

Where: Werribee Racecourse, 2-10 Bulban Rd, Werribee VIC 3030

Cost: Early bird \$55, Standard \$85

Time: 8:00am - 2pm

Contact: http://www.obstasplash.com/



# CULTURAL DAY OF SIGNIFICANCE

# International Women's Day – Wednesday 8 March 2017

International Women's Day encourages effective action for advancing and recognising women.

Annually on 8 March, thousands of events are held throughout the world to mark International Women's Day.

In 2017, the theme is #BEBOLDFORCHANGE Call on the masses or call on yourself to help forge a better working world- a more inclusive, gender equal world.



International Women's Day