WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE ‘YOUR CHAFFEY’ NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will keep you up to date on the issues affecting your ward and the key projects Councillors are involved in.

Your Chaffey Ward

The Chaffey Ward is situated in the centre of the Wyndham municipality. Chaffey comprises part of the suburbs of Werribee and Hoppers Crossing and is primarily residential in nature.

BRINGING SPORTS, RECREATION & FUN TO TARNEIT

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A new sports pavilion and car park is proposed for the reserve on the corner of Hummingbird Blv and Cloverdale Rd in Tarneit. The proposed new pavilion will serve local clubs and community members and will form part of the Council’s master plan for a new sports facility. Construction is expected to begin in July 2015.

Also in Hummingbird Blvd, two rectangular sporting fields are under construction, with an oval, additional play and BBQ facilities also to be included as part of the project.

The playground, electrical, irrigation and concreting works are over 80% complete and works on the BBQ and picnic area now underway.

These $2.2 million works are expected to be complete in March 2015.

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Join us at Quantin Binnah
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Quantin Binnah Community Centre offers a wide range of activities and services for all ages in a friendly and welcoming environment. The Wyndham City centre encourages community spirit and growth in a nurturing environment.

The Centre offers a wide range of adult courses such as Women Returning to the Workforce, Belly Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Massage for Relaxation, Learn to Paint on Canvas, Cooking for Diabetes, Introduction to Computers, Working with Word, to Surfing the Internet and Using Email.

Regular services include:

1. Childcare
2. Before school, after school and vacation care
3. Kindergarten
4. Activity groups
5. Playgroups
6. Maternal & child health
7. Adult community education
8. Further education programs

From Cr John Gibbons

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I’m pleased to join my fellow Councillors to provide updates on the important work we are doing to improve Wyndham.

I’ve seen a lot of change in my time at Council but some of our biggest challenges still remain. We need to determine whether developers are providing sufficient diverse housing stock while respecting the valued character of more established areas. To answer this, I hosted a forum of 30 local developers to get their feedback on our Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy. I was glad to see local developers openly provide useful feedback and am optimistic that our strategy will help provide more diverse housing stock locally.

If I can assist with any other Council matter, feel free to contact me.

Rosella Avenue rehabilitation works underway

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Stage 2 of the Rosella Avenue Rehabilitation Works ($1.9m) are now underway.

The upgrade is taking place between Heaths Road and Cassowary Avenue in Werribee.

Existing road pavement will be upgraded and sealed with asphalt and new concrete kerb and channel (gutter) will be constructed. Drainage pits are being fitted with grates to capture litter and three new raised road humps will be constructed to encourage a low speed environment.

Stage 1 of the $1.06m Rosella Ave works (between Kookaburra Ave and Cassowary Ave) were completed last year.

Did you know ...

In 2014/15, Wyndham City will spend $33.3 million on upgrading buildings, roads and parks and reserves in the Chaffey Ward.

This newsletter will be published quarterly to help keep you informed about how these projects are progressing.

From Cr Michele Wharrie

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As a Ward Councillor for Chaffey, I am continually impressed with the new and improved facilities being built in our area. For anyone who hasn’t visited the Penrose Promenade Community Centre in Tarneit, I encourage you to stop by and experience all that is happening.

Constructed at a cost of $9.4 million, the Centre represents state of the art infrastructure that we are pleased to deliver to our residents. Located in the Tarneit Gardens estate, the Community Centre features, five community meeting rooms, two kindergartens, maternal and child health services, space for planned activity groups, a sensory garden and a specialised ageing well facility for older residents.

With Tarneit’s population expected to grow to more than 25,000 residents by 2031, it is so important that Council continues to plan for the future and build facilities such as Penrose Promenade Community Centre. Meeting the needs of current and future residents continues to be a priority and we look forward to continuing to work with the community to find out what else needs to be done in our local area.

For more information on the Centre’s upcoming programs and events phone 8734 4500, join the mailing list by e-mailing penrosepromenadecc@wyndham.vic.gov.au or drop to the Centre for a visit at 83 Penrose Promenade, Tarneit.

From Cr Marie Brittan

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Before I talk about some good outcomes for Chaffey Ward residents, I wanted to

express our shared frustration at the parking situation at Werribee Plaza while the redevelopment takes place. From my meetings with the Plaza, I am confident that the short-term pain will be worth it, but please be patient for the next few months.

Most Chaffey Ward residents would know of the huge water slides that have recently been erected at 80 Derrimut Road. The west’s largest water facility is expected to be completed mid year, with works to include a café and piazza, an aqua play zone, 3 new pools, 2 giant waterslides, a gym and redeveloped Events centre as well as a reconfigured car park.

Just next door at the Youth Resource Centre there have been some wonderful events I have been involved with over this last year as Council’s Youth Portfolio Holder.

One of the most pleasing developments to me has seen ‘Council go out to the community’ with an increased youth service presence in the Point Cook Community Learning Centre and the Penrose Promenade Community Centre in Tarneit.

This will meet the needs of Wyndham’s growing youth population and youth workers will oversee after-school programs, youth committees, Friday Night Events, dance parties, personal development programs and Parent Information Sessions.

Another success has seen hundreds of young private and public secondary students attend the Wyndham Youth Forum to share their views and ideas openly and in a non-judgemental way on issues affecting them. I enjoy talking with local residents, and welcome your contact should you need any assistance with a Council matter.

**Galvin Park: A great place to visit**

Chaffey Ward is home to the fantastic Galvin Park, which hosts a number of local sporting clubs and associations.

The park is also a great place for a picnic with the family and a perfect spot to get out and active in Wyndham. Check out the facilities the park has to offer, like football fields, cricket ovals and nets, soccer fields and much more.

Wyndham City is currently working to make Galvin Park even better, with the construction of an asphalt car park at the Soccer Club Pavilion to replace the existing gravel car park. The new car park will include 80 spaces with lighting.

Work began in January and is expected to be complete by late April 2015.

From Cr Gautam Gupta

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Since being elected as one of your Chaffey Ward Councillors I’ve enjoyed speaking with and meeting hundreds of local residents, community groups and business owners.

I’m delighted that Council’s new way to engage with community has been well received. It is evident from your feedback that now we’re ‘walking the talk’ by holding a number of Listening Posts in the local community. Many such events have been scheduled for 2015, where we will have opportunities to interact and discuss issues that matter.

In 2014, we focussed on revisiting our policies and practices. This has led to many new initiatives including our first Multicultural Policy and Action Plan which I championed. This policy, while focusing on customised services is designed to ensure everyone is included and respected for their culture, religion and language.

There are so many projects I want to add value to this year. In 2015, I am personally looking forward to concentrating on social participation of our kids, early childhood services, healthy living and related policies. As the father of two young daughters, I have first-hand experience of the opportunities and the challenges many local parents and teachers talk to me about.

If these or any other issues interest you, please make sure to contact me via the contact details provided in this Newsletter.

**Loyola Rd Park upgrade**------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

The upgrade of Loyola Park will include a full size basketball court/futsal court, a fitness circuit, a new playground and shelters. The landscape upgrade works will be tendered at the end of January 2015 and are due for practical completion at the end of June 2015.