‘YOUR CHAFFEY’ NEWSLETTER

This newsletter provides you with updates relating to your ward and the key projects Ward Councillors are involved in.

# Your Chaffey Ward

The Chaffey Ward is primarily residential in nature. It is situated in the centre of the Wyndham municipality which includes the suburbs of Tarneit and parts of Werribee and Hoppers Crossing.

Chaffey is the largest ward in Wyndham and makes up around 40% of the municipality’s population *(65,812 Census 2011)*. Based on population forecasts, it is estimated that Chaffey’s population will increase by 35,000 people between 2016 and 2036.

Residents are culturally and linguistically diverse and a large proportion of the residents were born overseas. The top countries of birth for residents not born in Australia are India, New Zealand, Philippines, England and Malta. Filipino/Tagalog is the most widely spoken language other English, followed by Punjabi and Arabic.

# From Cr Marie Brittan

Chaffey Ward has been a hive of activity lately, with many exciting developments. Of course, AquaPulse has been a huge hit over the summer months. Pacific Werribee is taking shape with the final stages due for completion in July/August this year. Apart from the variety of shops and facilities, the expansion will create job opportunities for many of our locals.

Construction of the Hummingbird Pavilion will commence around end of April, giving areas of Tarneit much needed sporting facilities. We are also looking at our grounds/Clubs in the established part of Chaffey to see what upgrades we can do.

The Opening of the Julia Gillard Library Tarneit has seen lots of visitors borrowing, using computers and youngsters attending the many activities and programs. The Customer Service area at Tarneit Community Centre is also a huge bonus for those living in the north of Chaffey Ward. Please check out the programs being offered at your local community centre; something for all ages and many of them free or very reasonably priced.

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# From Cr John Gibbons

In my 20th year on Council, I have seen a lot of changes in Wyndham. Our growth is obvious, with 80 births a week, 3,368 housing approvals in 2015 and approximately 30 active residential estate Greenfield subdivisions simultaneously under development.

I have personally supported all of Council’s investments in local parks and other facilities in more established parts of Wyndham. It is important Council continues to provide support to more established areas and residents, in addition to new areas under development.

Whether you’re a new resident or you’ve been here for a while, we know you take great pride in where you live. Like you I am also proud of where I live, so I’m committed to keeping it that way and so I am committed to tackling illegal dumping. Together we can make a difference to keep Wyndham litter free. Please join me in reporting dumped rubbish by calling us on 9742 0777 and help me keep our streets clean.

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# From Cr Gautam Gupta

It is an exciting time of growth for Wyndham. We have seen a year of many successful milestones and the growth of our diverse community. I have been most touched by the stories I have heard from all of you during the dinners and forums we have organised over the past months. Each story is relevant and will help shape our City’s future. I thank you for these.

The Multicultural Awards that we are announcing soon will be our way of supporting small businesses in our community and ensuring they are recognised. Each business adds value to our growth and we need you to know that we’ve got your back!

My focus is on continuing to empower young families through infrastructure and childcare services. We have made massive headway in resolving the shortage that we were faced with a year ago. As a father of two young girls and a husband to a working wife I know what these mean for a young family.

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# From Cr Michele Wharrie

Council encourages more parking spots for people with disabilities, particularly at local shopping centres and so it's great that Pacific Werribee has significantly increased their parking spaces, providing for easier access for our residents living with a disability or chronic illness.

For seniors, the Wyndham Senior Citizens Register is a free service operated by Council in partnership with Werribee Police. It is a great community initiative to help Wyndham’s senior citizens feel safer living in their own home. It can give you and your relatives’ peace of mind by recording personal details with police who ensure seniors receive regular welfare calls. Confidential details are only available to police, ambulance and the fire brigade. Call the Police on 9742 9497 to register.

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**Julia Gillard Library Tarneit**

Wyndham City libraries play a critical role in delivering programs and activities for our growing communities. Since it opened in mid-December 2015, the Julia Gillard Library has become a well-loved addition to the local Tarneit community and neighbouring suburbs.

There have been 44,324 library visits and 86,536 loans issued since its opening. The Library now has 1,577 new members and these numbers continue to grow.

The Library offers a variety of programs and activities that cater to all age groups such as the Language Café, Author Talks, Craft and Conversations, Back to School, and even Photography Workshops. Since opening 3,618 people have participated in a library program or activity.

Julia Gillard Library is situated alongside Tarneit Community Learning Centre which makes it very convenient for people to visit kindergartens, classes, maternal and child health appointments and of course, borrow books, study and use computers all in the one visit.

Website: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries)

Facebook: facebook.com/librariesinwyndham

**Did you know?**

A learning tree has been planted in the garden area of the Julia Gillard Tarneit Library. This Australian native, known as Brachychiton, has been planted to grow with the community and become a lovely and shady tree where our children can enjoy some of our fabulous activities like Story Time.

# What’s happening @ Chaffey?

**Customer Service at Tarneit Community Learning Centre**

Wyndham City continues to improve its way of engaging with the community by adding new locations to make it easier for residents to access Council services. This time, Council has brought customer service closer to residents in the Ward.

Residents can now make Council transactions such as lodging enquiries, paying rates, registering pets, applying for a kinder spot or booking a hard waste collection at the Tarneit Community Learning Centre instead of coming into the Civic Centre.

Tarneit Community Learning Centre also offers a range of services including a kindergarten, library, dance classes, parenting groups and youth programs.

Tarneit Community Learning Centre

150 Sunset Boulevard, Tarneit

Opening hours are between 8.30 and 4.30pm

**Youth Resource Centre at Hoppers Crossing**

The demand for youth services is continuing to increase and it is estimated that Wyndham’s youth population will reach 44,605 by 2021 and will exceed 57,000 by 2031.

During the 2014/2015 financial year, 13,432 young people participated in programs, events and activities at the Youth Resource Centre. On average, there are 250 young people attending programs at the Hoppers Crossing Youth Resource Centre on a weekly basis.

The Youth Resource Centre offers several programs that cater for the needs of our young community members such as the Vibes Program, Just for Guys and Just for Girls, as well as holiday action and programs for young people with a disability.

For a full list of activities and programs, visit [www.youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au)

**Penrose Promenade Ageing Well Facility**

We have a great team of staff who deliver a diverse range of Planned Activity groups including a specific program for Wyndham residents living with Dementia. Eligibility assessment is required. To find out more about this service, contact 8734 4550.

**Your Community at The Grange**

The Grange Community Centre offers a wide range of activities and services for all age groups in a friendly and welcoming environment. The programs available include School Holiday Program, 3+ Activity Group, Morning Melodies, Walking Group, Outdoor Café, Seniors Lunch and many more.

This fantastic centre is run by a group of dedicated volunteers through the Volunteer Committee of Management. If you are interested to volunteer or know more about the programs they offer, you can contact the Centre for more information.

260-280 Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing

Phone: 03 8742 8000

Email: enquiries@grangecommunity.org.au

**Pacific Werribee**

Pacific Werribee’s makeover is progressing well and is on schedule, with Myer and the new shops expected to be completed and launched by late July. Additional 10 bus bays have been installed. Road works to widen Derrimut Rd and Heaths Rd intersections are also nearing completion with slip lanes and new traffic signals under construction. Works are expected to be completed by late May.

**Did you know…**

Since the opening of the Regional Rail Link stations at Wyndham Vale and Tarneit, Public Transport Victoria undertook a major restructure of the bus network and frequencies. To find out more about these changes and check the new bus timetables, visit [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au)

# Capital Works Project Update

Chaffey Ward residents will continue to benefit from a number of road and infrastructure projects that are underway across the Ward.

Road Upgrades are current taking place at Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing; Leakes Road and Darbyshire Place and Jackson Place Hoppers Crossing

New footpaths are being constructed at Patterson Avenue and Geddes Crescent – Hoppers Crossing. Works are underway or near completion for Glen Orden Reserve BMX Pavillion and Mossfiel Reserve. Design works are also underway for Baden Powell Drive Reserve Development.

While these projects are in progress, there are other projects in the pipeline for Chaffey Ward which are currently in the planning and design phases.

# Support available for businesses

# Starting or running a business can be overwhelming and challenging. Wyndham City’s Economic Development Unit offers a range of services and support for small home-based, medium or large businesses in Wyndham.

Residents who are considering starting a business can access Council’s free business counselling provided in partnership with the Kangan Institute. Training is also available for small to medium business owners at no cost to help equip them with the right knowledge and tools they will need as entrepreneurs.

So if you are looking at starting up a business or have a business related enquiry, have a chat with one of our staff. Wyndham City’s Economic Development Unit is located at Werribee Development Centre, 2/10 Watton Street, Werribee and look forward to hearing from you.

Alternatively, you can meet with staff at the Tarneit Community Learning Centre every second and fourth Thursday of the month, April through to June, 9am to 12noon, for one on one business consultations.

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# Discover Chaffey Ward

Do you want to know when your waste collection days are? Or are you wondering what’s around your area? Do you know about your local park where you can take your kids for a picnic or are you looking at taking your new bike for a ride but don’t know a nearby bike trail?

**myWyndham** displays a range of location-based information including waste collection days, your ward and councillors, as well as places of interest, features and services based on a specific address and search area.

**Mossfiel Reserve**

130-146 Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing

This facility features soccer pitches, cricket practice nets, tennis courts, netball courts, pavilion, playground, BBQ and picnic facilities. It also has a skateboard ramp which includes a half-pipe and mini ramp.

**Heathdale/ Glen Orden Wetlands Bike Trail**

*Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing*

The Heathdale / Glen Orden Wetlands Bike Trail is one of the many across Wyndham.

To find out more about the different bike trails around Wyndham, visit [www.experiencewyndham.com.au](http://www.experiencewyndham.com.au)

**Rose Grange Boulevard Playground**

Kulin Drive, Tarneit

To find out what’s around you, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mywyndham](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mywyndham)