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

Chaffey Ward is situated in the centre of the Wyndham municipality and includes the suburbs of Tarneit and parts of Werribee and Hoppers Crossing.

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

Filipino/Tagalog is the most widely spoken language other English, followed by Punjabi and Arabic.

**Revamping Baden Powell Drive Reserve**

The Baden Powell Drive Reserve development is underway, with construction scheduled to commence later this year. Once completed, the facility will be the ‘recreational and social heart’ of the Tarneit community.

The concept design for this $3.4 million project was finalised in July and it incorporates the feedback Council received from the community and stakeholders as part of the consultation and workshop process.

The developed design meets the requirements of the local skaters and wider community. It includes a regional level skate/BMX/scooter area, recreational spaces for all ages, fitness trails, BBQ areas, as well as unique shelter and seating to hold events.

As part of the Wyndham Skate, BMX and Bike Strategy adopted in 2013, Council will continue to look at other facilities and existing skate parks which can be developed and/or upgraded to meet the needs of the wider Wyndham community.

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Local residents know my passion for helping younger people. This is where I brought my children up and we’re still one of Melbourne’s youngest areas. I enjoy meeting young people and providing support through my roles as a local representative and Council’s Youth Portfolio Holder.

Sometimes Council’s support is not given in traditional ways. I’ve been advocating that we provide support not only to traditional sporting facilities but also to more flexible spaces where families and young people can enjoy themselves.

I’m therefore glad to see strong local feedback on the redevelopment of the Baden Powell Drive Reserve.

As a result of your feedback, it will be the recreational and social heart of Tarneit with regional level skate/bmx/scooter terrain to be complemented by active and passive recreational spaces. A unique shelter will provide for events, incorporating audio visual and toilet facilities. We’ve just approved this project in our 2016-17 Budget and construction will commence towards the end of this year.

**Greening Wyndham**

Wyndham City is part of a very exciting project that will see 20,000 trees planted across our City this September. Greening the West is a partnership project among 22 other Councils, government agencies, water authorities and community organisations. It aims to improve the health and liveability of communities in Melbourne’s West by planting one million trees.

Two of the locations included in this project are in Chaffey Ward: Glen Orden Reserve and floodway behind Aquapulse through to Railway Line and the floodway between Sayers Rd and Morris Rd Hoppers Crossing.

Council is calling on our community groups, schools, organisations and residents to help plants these new trees. For more information about this project visit: [www.greeningthewest.org.au](http://www.greeningthewest.org.au)

**Working towards Wyndham 2040**

The 2015-2019 Wyndham Central District Plan presents the priorities and the work that Council and the community are doing together to deliver local actions. Wyndham Central includes the suburbs of Hoppers Crossing and Tarneit and is closely aligned with the Chaffey Ward.

Some of the accomplishments in this district achieved in 2015-2016 include:

* The opening of AquaPulse and Encore providing opportunities for health, fitness, recreation and community celebrations and events;
* Welcoming The Huddle to be based in Hoppers Crossing and providing new opportunities for young people in Wyndham Central; and
* Opening the Julia Gillard Library Tarneit and providing a new space for the community to meet, learn and grow together.

To find out more about the Wyndham 2040 Community Plan, please visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham2040](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham2040) or pick up a copy of the plan at your local library or community centre.

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You often hear about our challenges in managing Wyndham’s growth. While these problems are more pressing now than when I first had the privilege of serving as a local Councillor over 20 years ago, it’s also important that we focus on renewing and improving existing community assets like our parks and reserves.

Although Council is often pressed to make ratepayer dollars stretch to cover our growing services and infrastructure needs, I have therefore supported our continuing spending on existing community assets.

As a result we’ve recently seen significant improvements in Galvin Park and Mossfiel Reserve (including netball courts) which included a playground and other extensions. Council has also invested in renewing much smaller neighbourhood parks for our residents and families to enjoy.

Working in partnership with the community, I was also pleased to see us collaborate with the Department of Justice and local high school students from The Grange P-12 College to complete a mural at Mossfiel Reserve.

**Opportunities for Chaffey Residents to be Healthy and Active**

Wyndham City continues to build and redevelop a number of playgrounds, recreational and sports facilities across the city.

Two projects that are underway for Chaffey are Mossfiel Reserve and Galvin Park.

Mossfiel Reserve is undergoing an exciting transformation. New netball courts have been completed and the design phase for the new sporting pavilions will start this financial year. The redevelopment will also include an upgrade of sports pitches and a third rugby pitch, walking and cycling paths, upgrade of existing playground and a car park relocation and upgrade.

The design phase for the final stage of the Galvin Park redevelopment (eastern tennis pavilion and car park) will commence this financial year with construction due to start in 2017/18. Once completed, these facilities will provide more opportunities for residents to get fit and healthy.

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As a busy local Councillor I attend hundreds of community, sporting and cultural events and meetings every year. One way I ensure we provide timely responses to local concerns is by working hard with residents and Council staff. In this way I believe my representations achieve better outcomes.

I’ve been thinking lately about how much has changed in this Council term and how we’ve become a more community-focussed Council. This is reflected in community satisfaction surveys and growing approval ratings over the last three years. We still face challenges such as our huge growth and dwindling sources of funding for important new projects.

Despite the challenges, we continue to deliver much needed and valued services like kindergartens, libraries and community centres. Another future challenge will be how we respond to rate capping and how I will have genuine discussions with you to decide how to keep rates low while maintaining services.

# 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.

Works are underway or near completion for:

* Glen Orden Reserve BMX Pavillion, Werribee
* Mossfiel Reserve, Hoppers Crossing
* Hummingbird Boulevard Pavillion and car park, Tarneit

Design Works:

* Baden Powell Drive Reserve Development, Hoppers Crossing
* Tarneit Road Duplication (Hogans Rd to Good News School), Tarneit

Road Upgrades

* Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing
* Leakes Road, Tarneit
* Alec Court, Tarneit
* Pentlowe Street, Hoppers Crossing
* Merrett Avenue, Hoppers Crossing

Footpaths will be constructed at the following locations:

* Sayers Road, Tarneit
* Guanine Avenue, Hoppers Crossing
* Bedford Court, Hoppers Crossing

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.

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As this will be the last newsletter for Chaffey Ward before the Council elections in October, 2016, I would like to reflect on how much Chaffey Ward has changed over the past four years.

We have seen our area grow extensively and we have faced many challenges with major road works, particularly at the intersection of Heaths and Derrimut Roads, and building works such as Encore and Aquapulse.

I have spoken with many of you over the phone or at events and forums where you have expressed your views on our ever expanding community. I encourage all of you to attend Council Forums and Listening Posts so you can meet with us and discuss your concerns and vision for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patience and understanding during the last three years. It has been such a privilege and a pleasure to represent you on Council.

**Tarneit Road Duplication and Hogans Road Intersection Upgrade**

The duplication of Tarneit Road (between Caraleena Drive and 200 metres south of the Hogans Road) and upgrade of the Tarneit and Hogans Road intersection is currently underway.

Council completed the removal of trees along Tarneit and Hogans Road. Sections of the trees have been stored and will be reused on other Council projects such as outdoor play features and habitat in waterways.

The design for relocation of the utility services has also been completed and works will commence once the planning permit for native vegetation removal has been issued. Council has also submitted a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

Works on the detailed road design are underway and construction is expected to commence within this financial year.

**Did you know…**

**Wyndham City has a new website!**

SITE FEATURES include:

* Improved navigation
* Mobile friendly design
* What’s on calendar
* Superior search function to help you find what you need
* Refreshed content

Visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au) and experience the difference.

**What’s happening around Wyndham?**

**Wyndham Learning Festival**

1-8 September 2016

The Wyndham Learning Festival celebrates learning of all kinds, across all ages, interests and abilities, from pre-school to post retirement.

For more information contact Meg Cotter on Ph: 9742 4013 E: megco@wyndhamcec.org.au

**Pet & Animal Expo**

11 September 2016 from 10am – 4pm

It is a fun, ‘family and pet’ friendly day where all activities and entertainment are free – held at Wyndham Civic Centre, 45 Princes Hwy Werribee.

**Health and Active Expo**

4-30 September 2016

This FREE Healthy & Active Expo is a combination of events and activities that will be held at various times and locations throughout Wyndham. Registrations open mid-August.

**Seniors Festival**

2-9 October 2016

Wyndham City will be hosting a series of events which are open to all seniors to celebrate the inspiring contributions of older Victorians. There is sure to be something for everyone!

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, 13 September 9am, contact 8734 6000 or online [www.wyncc.com.au](http://www.wyncc.com.au)

**Children’s Week Picnic**

23 October 2016 from 10am – 4pm

Children’s Week Picnic provides an opportunity for children to explore new experiences and activities in a fun, safe and family friendly setting. FREE to all.

For more information on these upcoming events, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au)

# Discover Chaffey Ward

Are you wondering what’s around your area? Do you know about your local parks where you can take your kids for a picnic or your nearby bike trail?

Here’s a snapshot of what’s around your area:

**Cobbledicks Ford Reserve**

*Cobbledicks Ford Road, Mount Cottrell (off Dukelows Road)*

This is a 25 hectare conservation reserve on the Werribee River in Mount Cottrell. It is one of Wyndham’s most valuable natural assets that the public can visit and enjoy, and has become an important part of history and culture for Wyndham and its residents.

**Skeleton Creek Bike Trail**

*Entry Points: Grevillea Crescent, Hoppers Crossing; Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing; Arcadian Place, Hoppers Crossing*

The Skeleton Creek Bike Trail is one of the many across Wyndham. To find out more about the different bike trails around Wyndham, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au) and search for ‘bike trails’

To discover more about your Ward, visit: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mywyndham](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mywyndham)