

HARRISON WARD NEWSLETTER

Your Harrison



Arndell Park Turns Five

Wyndham City community centres play an important role in delivering services and programs for our growing communities.

Arndell Park Community Centre in Truganina just turned five this year! Since it opened in 2011, the Centre has been providing its locals with a fantastic array of activities and programs that cater for everyone – from young bubs to the senior groups in the community.

The young ones can participate in programs such as Pre-School songs, 'Story Time' and 3+ Activity Programs. Kumon classes will also commence from early May and Beginners Computer classes will be offered again in Term 2.

For those who are looking at keeping fit and healthy classes such as 'FIT Boxing', 'Metafit', Bollywood Dancing and Zumba classes, are also offered. Senior Friendship Groups run weekly and welcome local residents to get to know their neighbours in a fun and friendly environment.

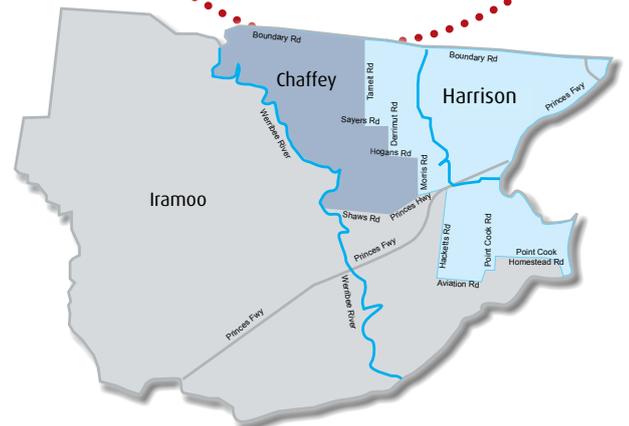
The Centre also offers a range of Council services including 4-year old kindergarten, immunisations, parenting group and maternal and child health.

your harrison ward

Harrison Ward includes industrial precincts in Laverton, Laverton North, Point Cook, Truganina, Williams Landing and some parts of Hoppers Crossing.

It contains around one third of the Wyndham population (58,203, Census 2011) and is expected to increase to around 122,000 people by 2036 based on population forecasts.

Harrison is home to the newest Wyndham residents and is the most culturally diverse ward in Wyndham.



THIS NEWSLETTER PROVIDES YOU WITH UPDATES RELATING TO YOUR WARD AND THE KEY PROJECTS WARD COUNCILLORS ARE INVOLVED IN.



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It's been a hectic and enjoyable time balancing the demands of being Mayor for the year and continuing to represent local residents in the Harrison Ward. I would like to thank all the locals who have warmly congratulated me in the streets; your support has been greatly appreciated. Please stay in contact and make sure you bring your ideas and concerns to my attention by emailing or phoning me.

As Council's Portfolio Holder for Services, I wanted to briefly mention a few recent achievements. The community can now choose to have rates notices delivered electronically. Council has also delivered secure e-payments for rates, infringements and registrations and Road Opening Permits.

Finally, the process for groups to book and have access to Community facilities has been improved to ensure it is a more seamless process for the community. If you'd like to know more about our services, drop me a message.



YOUTH SERVICES AT POINT COOK

Since Youth Services @ Point Cook opened its doors in September 2015, over 550 young community members have participated in the various activities offered at this facility.

There is a variety of programs for young people aged 12-25 such as (online video) 'Gamers Night', 'Urban Vibes', 'Just for Girls', 'Just for Guys' and 'Study Sessions'. The facility also features an internet café and onsite counselling services.

visit: www.youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au

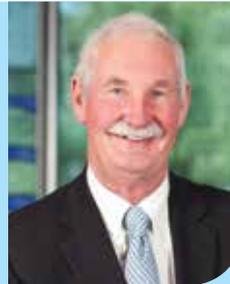


Harrison Ward Schools GET ACTIVE

Wyndham City schools celebrated the National Ride2School Day on Friday, 4 March. Nine schools in the Harrison Ward participated in this fantastic event organised by Bicycle Network Victoria.

Bellbridge Primary School celebrated the day with the installation of a new school crossing, which was funded as part of the Get Wyndham Moving Congestion campaign. Children now have a safer route to and from school.

Since 2014, Wyndham City has been working with schools as part of the Get Wyndham Moving and Wyndham Active Schools Travel program to encourage families to walk and ride to and from school, reducing traffic.



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As the Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing, I am pleased that a number of programs have recently been held within the Harrison Ward, including the highly successful Active Travel Schools program.

To date, Bellbridge Primary School in Hoppers Crossing and Alamanda P-9 College in Point Cook have increased the percentage of children walking, riding, skating and scooting to and from school from around 30% to over 75%. The program has resulted in students being more aware of the importance of physical exercise and there has been a substantive drop in traffic congestion around their schools. This is a fantastic result!

Our local artists will also benefit from the recent completion of the Saltwater Community Centre in Point Cook which includes an arts studio. Other major initiatives include exhibitions of artworks by local emerging artists and the 'Music in the City' concert at Station Place in Werribee.



CAPITAL WORKS Project Update

Harrison 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:

- Jamieson Way Tennis Courts, Point Cook
- Clearwood Drive Pavilion and Carpark, Truganina

ROAD UPGRADES:

The Dohertys Road (between Foundation Road and Fitzgerald Road - pictured) duplication project is being delivered in two stages. Stage One works on the northern lane are proceeding well with excavation almost complete and road and concrete kerb construction progressing rapidly. Once this section is completed, works will commence on the southern lane and traffic will be shifted across to the newly constructed road.

FOOTPATHS ARE ALSO BEING CONSTRUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS BY WYNDHAM CITY:

- Winter Way, Point Cook
- Yuruga Boulevard, Point Cook
- Tuana Place, Truganina
- Sayers Road, Truganina
- Derrimut Road Service Lane, Hoppers Crossing

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



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After eight years in Council, the release of our first ever Wyndham Integrated Transport Strategy (WITS) for public consultation is personally one of the most satisfying achievements for me in my capacity as Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport.

The Strategy's vision is ambitious - by 2040, Wyndham to be a connected city that offers a wide choice of transport options; supports efficient travel within its region; provides a sustainable transport system that maximises safety, health, equity, social inclusion, quality of life, environmental outcomes and economic prosperity.

I am really proud that the Strategy also includes solid ideas and actions that can be implemented by Council as well as other levels of Government. If you share my personal commitment to make transport work for, rather than against, local residents then drop me a note and I'll make sure to keep you informed of all the work we are doing to improve local transport options.

BACK ON TRACK: Lawrie Emmins Reserve

The redevelopment of Lawrie Emmins motocross track is underway. The project is now at the civil design phase which is expected to be completed by May 2016. This involves the detailed design of the track that considers drainage, services, noise impacts and the operational and safety requirements of Motorcycling Victoria.

Customer Service at Point Cook Community Learning Centre

Wyndham City continues to improve ways of engaging with the community by adding new customer services locations to make it easier for residents to access Council services. This time, Council has delivered 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 Point Cook Community Learning Centre instead of coming into the Civic Centre.

Point Cook Community Learning Centre also offers a range of services including a kindergarten, library, dance classes, parenting groups and youth programs. Visit us today! Point Cook Community Learning Centre, 1-21 Cheetham St, Point Cook - Ph: 9395 6399



DISCOVER HARRISON WARD

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 your nearby bike trail?

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



Saltwater Reserve

Saltwater Boulevard, Point Cook

This facility features a cricket and football oval, soccer pitches, tennis pavilion and courts, playground, BBQ and picnic areas. It also has a half basketball court and an enclosed dog off lead area.

Yerambooe Community Centre

55 Maple Crescent, Hoppers Crossing

The Centre offers a range of programs and activities from children's programs to arts and crafts, health and fitness as well as social groups. Maternal and Child Health and kindergarten services are also offered.

To discover more about your ward, visit:

 www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mywyndham



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Did you know ...

The oldest school in Wyndham is Truganina State School which was erected in 1869. It had between 70-100 students during its first five years. The school was destroyed in the bushfires of 1969.



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As Council's Economic Development Portfolio Holder I am committed to seeing local business prosper. I'm always telling people that a strong and diverse business community is critical to our City's long-term sustainability.

Business activity and the employment it generates are the backbone of any great community. Whether big or small, each business contributes to our local economy and is important to Wyndham's future. I recently represented Council at the launch of a new business, the Gemelli Café and the development of Harpley Display Village in Werribee. These are great additions to Wyndham's diverse and vibrant business community.

Council is committed to providing opportunities to develop and grow business in Wyndham and that's why we facilitate business training, business development and networking events including the recent Industry Roundtable event held at the Mansion Hotel and Spa at Werribee Park where a number of representatives from local and regional industry peak bodies attended.

Support available for businesses

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.

Have a chat with one of our staff at the Werribee Development Centre, 2/10 Watton Street, Werribee. Alternatively, you can meet with staff at the Tarneit Community Learning Centre every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, April through to June, 9am to 12noon, for one-on-one business consultations.

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