‘YOUR HARRISON’ NEWSLETTER

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

# Your Harrison Ward

Harrison Ward is situated in the north-eastern corner of the municipality. It incorporates industrial precincts in Laverton and Laverton North, commercial and residential areas in Point Cook, Truganina, Williams Landing and some parts of Hoppers Crossing.

The Harrison Ward contains around one third of the Wyndham population (*58,203, Census 2011*) and has the largest proportion of families with children in the municipality. It is expected that Harrison’s population will 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; India is the top overseas country of birth, followed by New Zealand, England, China and Philippines. The most common languages other than English spoken at home are Mandarin, Hindi, Arabic, Cantonese and Italian.

# Cr Adele Hegedich, Mayor

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. And 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.

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# Cr Bob Fairclough

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 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.

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# Cr Glenn Goodfellow

After 8 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 is a connected city that offers a wide choice of transport options; supports efficient travel within its region; and 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, 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.

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# Cr Intaj Khan

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 Industry Roundtable held at the Werribee Hotel and Mansion where a number of representatives from local and regional industry peak bodies attended.

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# Arndell 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.

There are plenty of programs for the young ones to participate in such as Pre-School Songs and Story Time and 3+ Activity Programs. Playgroups are also available for children to join plus Kumon classes will commence from early May. Beginners Computer classes will be offered again on Term 2.

For those who are looking at keeping fit and healthy, classes are also offered like FIT Boxing and Metafit. You can also join the fun at their Bollywood Dancing and Zumba classes or learn self-defence at the Flash Taekwondo class. 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.

If you are interested to find out more about the programs and activities on offer, fees and the class schedules, you can contact the Centre for more information between Mondays – Fridays from 9am-5pm.

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# What’s on @ Harrison?

**Customer Service at Point Cook 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.

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

**Youth Services at Point Cook**

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

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

Youth Services @ Point Cook is located at the Point Cook Town Centre (Level 1, Suite 703 Main St).

**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.

**Harrison Ward Schools Get Active**

Wyndham City schools celebrated the National Ride2School Day on 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 has been installed as part of the Get Wyndham Moving campaign. Children now have a safer route to walk or ride 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.

**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.

# 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.

**Dohertys Road Duplication Update**

The Dohertys Road (between Foundation Road and Fitzgerald Road) 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.

New footpaths are being constructed at Winter Way and Yurga Boulevard in Point Cook; Tuana Place and Sayers Road in Truganina and at the Derrimut Road Service Lane in Hoppers Crossing.

Works are underway or near completion for Jamieson Way Tennis Courts and the Clearwood Drive Pavilion and car park.

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

# 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 Harrison 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.

**Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary**

Point Cook Rd, Point Cook

The Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary is the largest Marine Park or sanctuary in Victoria that is home to an astounding arrange of native sea life.

**Yerambooee Community Centre**

55 Maple Crescent, Hoppers Crossing

**James Cook Playground**

James Cook Drive, Truganina

**Bushlark Crescent Playground**

Bushlark Crescent, Williams Landing

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