

Your Iramoo



TEAMS TAKE FLIGHT at Eagle Stadium

Wyndham City is committed to the development of quality leisure facilities that create more opportunities for our residents to keep active and participate in sport. Sports support our community's wellbeing and helps promote social cohesion. That is why we are proud to welcome the completion of Eagle Stadium in June last year.

Since Eagle Stadium opened its doors upon completion of Stage 1, community use has increased with over 200,000 visits recorded in 6 months and the majority of the users being Wyndham residents. The number of sports teams competing at Eagle Stadium has increased. Also we now have 380 basketball teams and 162 netball teams competing. There is badminton and table tennis matches as well as junior sports programs.

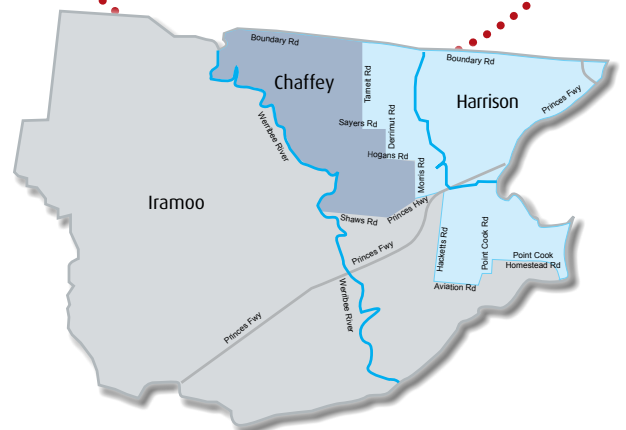
Eagle Stadium not only caters for junior and senior domestic sports. Since it opened, it has already hosted a number of regional sporting events. When fully completed in June this year, the facility will also have a gym area, conference rooms for hire, and a crèche.

There is definitely an activity for everyone at the Eagle Stadium. So if you haven't had the chance to visit this newly transformed leisure facility, now is a great time. We hope to see you there!

your iramoo ward

The Iramoo Ward contains around one quarter of the Wyndham population (44,917 Census 2011). Based on population forecasts, it is estimated that Iramoo's population will have the largest growth, with approximately 100,000 additional people living in this Ward between 2016 and 2036.

The top overseas countries of birth are England followed by India, New Zealand, Italy and Philippines. European languages are more common in Iramoo and Italian is the largest language other than English spoken at home.



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



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Many people know how passionate I am about local biodiversity and environment issues. So it has been a personal pleasure for me to contribute to our community as Council's Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability.

We're currently working hard to improve the water quality of the Werribee River which is so important for local biodiversity. I'm pleased to report that as a result of our advocacy, we received correspondence from the Minister for Environment highlighting the importance of the Werribee River and the need to release water for environmental flows, acknowledging current low storages.

Melbourne Water is also doing regular audits of gross pollutant traps, stormwater drain outlets and is investigating the feasibility of floating litter traps. Council is having ongoing meetings with Melbourne Water, the State and Federal Governments regarding this matter.

Speaking of litter, we've received State Government funding for our 'hook, line and litter' project to take a targeted approach to littering of our waterways and beaches and prevent the impact to amenity and wildlife.



Game on for Chirnside Park

It is definitely game on for the Chirnside Park redevelopment project with funding announced in December 2015. Wyndham City welcomed the Federal Government's contribution of \$3.25 million to this \$10.25 million project. Major construction is expected to commence in October this year.

The project will create a multi-purpose community and sports hub associated with AFL football, cricket and community education organisations. There will also be opportunities for residents to participate in programs delivered by the North Melbourne Football Club "Huddle", an award winning program that brings together young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds and the Wyndham Community Education Centre.

IRAMOO SCHOOLS Get Active

Schools in Wyndham celebrated the National Ride2School Day on 4 March. Seven schools within the Iramoo Ward participated in this fantastic event organised by Bicycle Network Victoria. 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 and congestion.





CAPITAL WORKS Project Update

Iramoo 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:

- Eagle Stadium (pictured)
- Galvin Park Ovals and car park construction
- Little River Sports Oval Lighting
- Chirnside Park Redevelopment

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

- Armytage Way and Nordic Crescent, Wyndham Vale
- Beach Road, Werribee South
- Elizabeth Avenue, Kelvin Grove and Eldan Drive, Werribee
- Hodge Street, Rainsford Street and Melita Avenue, Werribee
- Manor Street and Vincent Street, Werribee

The following footpaths will also be constructed before 30 June 2016 through the State Government Interface Growth Fund:

- Bolton Road, Wyndham Vale
- Cottrell Street, Werribee
- Parker Street, Werribee
- Duke Street, Werribee
- Endeavour Way, Werribee
- Shared Path on Ballan Road, Werribee to Wyndham Vale.

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



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I've previously spoken about my passion, which is high quality education for all ages because this creates more employment and improves family life. I wanted to share some local news about our secondary and post-secondary education developments.

MacKillop Catholic Regional College recently opened a new chapel and landscaped gardens and Werribee Secondary College students have just returned from visiting our sister city Costa Mesa in the United States. Manor Lakes Secondary College continues to grow at a huge rate and has a diverse curriculum that will no doubt equip students to meet whatever challenges and career path they choose. Wyndham Central College is also well underway to being a state-of-the-art school with the upgrade to their facilities through State Government funding.

As Council's Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Training, I'm also pleased to see local education providers focused on keeping disengaged young people at school or in alternative learning courses.

I'm also pleased that Council continues to talk with Deakin, Swinburne and other universities to see if we can expand tertiary education options locally.



Community HEROES

Emergency services and fire brigades play an important role in our communities. They rescue and save lives and help educate through training programs and activities. Most of all, these community heroes are volunteers! Iramoo is home to four of these groups - SES Werribee, Wyndham Vale CFA, Werribee CFA and Little River CFA.



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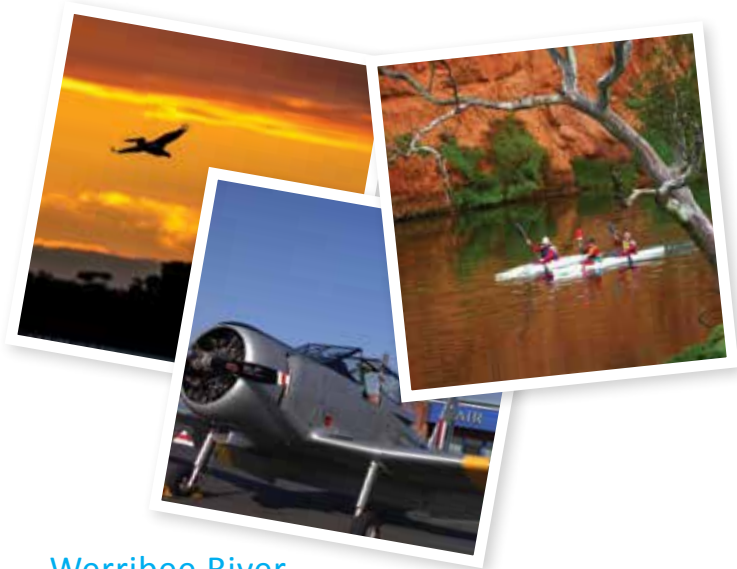
Volunteers make Wyndham a much better place to live in by providing services that improve community health and wellbeing. There are several service clubs and community groups in the Iramoo Ward which residents can join and participate in.



DISCOVER IRAMOO 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:



Werribee River

The Werribee River is a valuable natural asset that takes its name from the Aboriginal word meaning 'backbone' or 'spine'. With the River Red Gum trees providing shelter, nature lovers can also have the opportunity to see a diverse range of water birds.

RAAF Museum

Point Cook Road, RAAF Base Williams, Point Cook 3030

The Museum tells the story of the second oldest Air Force in the world, the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It is also the oldest continuously used Military Airfield in the world.


Western Treatment Plant

1 New Farm Road, Werribee VIC 3030

The Plant is one of the most popular sites for bird watching in Victoria. It is home to over 280 bird species. Some of them migrate annually from their breeding grounds in East-Asia, Siberia and the Arctic Circle to avoid the northern hemisphere winter and then return for the northern Spring/Summer breeding season.


(Access permit required, contact Melbourne Water)


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A rewarding part of being a Councillor is talking to residents. Having attended a number of listening posts in the Iramoo Ward, I have discussed with many residents issues that are of concern to them.

Some of Council's policies have recently changed that impact on sports clubs including naming rights, fees and charges. As Council's Chair of the Sport, Leisure and Open Space Portfolio, I will be attempting to visit all sporting groups on our Council database this year to discuss these changes.

Finally, I wanted to encourage local residents to continue to bring their concerns and issues to my attention. It is important for Councillors to be aware of your issues so we can ensure we are addressing the things concerning our community.

I look forward to working with my fellow Iramoo Ward Councillors and to being your eyes and ears on the ground in our local area.



WYNDHAM VALE Community Learning Centre and Library

Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre offers a range of services including kindergarten, dance classes, parenting and youth programs. Customer services such as paying rates and pet registrations are also available.

The Library has an array of activities and programs that cater for all age groups and interests – from Story Time to Bilingual Computer (English/ Karen) classes.

Visit us today!

Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre

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Did you know ...

In a recent survey conducted by RACV and The Leader Newspaper, the Regional Rail Link station at Wyndham Vale has been rated as the best in Victoria with a rating of 8.95.



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