

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

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## **Connecting Wyndham Residents**

#### Armstrong Road Construction

Armstrong Road has been identified as a key priority project for the Wyndham West area. This is a critical section in a new overall strategic connection for Wyndham West residents connecting Princes freeway.

Works will soon commence for this \$11.5 million Wyndham City road project that will improve the link from Wyndham Vale to Werribee.

The Armstrong Road (between Greens Road and Blackforest Road) project

will create a new arterial connection for Wyndham residents. There will be a straight connection between Greens and Blackforest Roads that will reduce the travel time to Wyndham Vale Station and will decrease congestion on the local road network.

City West Water also intends to construct a dual water main along Armstrong Road this year. Given the timing of these projects, Council has worked closely with them to combine the road and water main works into a joint venture project.

This partnership with City West Water in delivering these projects at the same time will not only benefit Wyndham residents because of reduced inconvenience due to road works but has potentially reduced project costs.

The construction is expected to be completed in mid-2018.



#### Iramoo ward

The Iramoo Ward contains around one quarter of the Wyndham population (53,000) as at 2016.

The Iramoo Ward is forecast to grow by 200%, the largest population growth in the municipality, with an additional 108,600 residents living in this ward between 2016 and 2036. By 2031, it is forecasted to be the largest Ward in Wyndham.

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.

## Council in the community

Wyndham City is bringing Council closer to the community by upgrading the Community Learning Centres in Point Cook, Tarneit and Manor Lakes.

The local community and staff at the Centre have identified improvements needed to the existing Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre in order to meet the increasing demand for existing services and to provide spaces that will enable expansion of Council services offered at the Centre.

It is important that Council is able to respond to the specific service needs of the local community. This project will make it easier for residents to connect with Council and find what they need locally.

Last year, Council introduced customer service staff to the Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre and made it easier for residents to access services such as paying rates, registering pets, or booking hard waste collection. Council will soon begin trialling other services at these sites, reducing the need for residents to travel to the Civic Centre.

Construction is expected to commence in July and completed by December 2017. You can visit the Centre and speak to staff to find out more about this project.

### Local community helping shape Wyndham's future

In 2015, Wyndham City developed the Wyndham 2040 Community Plan, a 25 year collective vision for our city. As our local communities have varying needs, the vision is supported by four District Plans and District Advisory Committees which are made up of local residents.

In 2016, the members of the District Advisory Committees consulted with their local communities and gathered feedback on what residents think are specific community priorities that will help build a better Wyndham. This feedback has been presented to Council and will be taken into consideration in the development of the 2017-2021 Wyndham City Plan. The plan will guide Council's decision making in the next four years.

#### WYNDHAM WEST – WERRIBEE, WYNDHAM VALE AND MANOR LAKES

- Transport
- Community Events
- Community Safety
- Local Employment Opportunities
- Education and Training Opportunities
- Sustaining the Natural Environment

- •) Opportunities for Young People
- Recognition and Preservation of Culture and Heritage
- Community Engagement

Council, together with the District Advisory Committees, will continue to engage with the community, as we develop the City Plan and continue our journey in achieving the Wyndham 2040 Vision and make Wyndham a 'Place for People'.

#### WYNDHAM RURAL – LITTLE RIVER, WERRIBEE SOUTH, MT COTTRELL AND OTHER RURAL AREAS

- Transport
- Sustainable Land Use and Development
- Tourism Development
- Recognition and Preservation of Culture and Heritage
- Sustaining the Natural Environment
- Strengthen Social Connection
- Improve Parks and Open Space



# 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 PROGRAMMED TO COMMENCE SOON OR UNDERWAY OR NEAR COMPLETION FOR:

- Chirnside Park Redevelopment, Werribee
- Armstrong Road (Greens to Black Forest Road), Wyndham Vale
- Cayleys Road, Masons Lane and Whites Road, Werribee South
- Drainage Installation:
  - Ballan Road, Werribee (service road between Duke to Mambourin Streets)
  - Recreation Close, Werribee (entry to Eagle stadium)
- Rothwell Street reconstruction, Little River
- Flinders Street upgrade, Little River
- Price Reserve Park upgrade

#### **DESIGN WORKS:**

- President Park, Werribee (landscape and urban design)
- Hoppers Lane, Werribee (Princes Hwy to Sneydes Road)
- Bulban Road, Werribee: (Ballan Road to McGrath Road) (Newtons Road to Manor Road)
- K Road, Werribee South (Duncans Road to Main Drive)
- Rothwell Street and Flinders Street, Little River
- Galvin Park Tennis Pavilion, Werribee

## FOOTPATHS ARE ALSO BEING CONSTRUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Vista Way, Wyndham Vale
- Watton Street at Chirnside Park, Werribee
- Winston Way, Wyndham Vale
- Diggers Road link between bus stop and Soldiers Hall, Werribee South
- Ballan Road link between bus stop and Macquarie Drive, Wyndham Vale
- Manly Street, Werribee
- Francis Street, Werribee
- Norman Nolan Grove link to Beach Road, Werribee South
- Melview Drive, Wyndham Vale
- Pyke Street, Werribee
- Academy Way link from station to park, Wyndham Vale
- Ballan Road pram crossing at Eagle Stadium signals, Werribee

#### STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECT - \$1.2 BILLION OUTER SUBURBAN ARTERIAL ROADS PROGRAM

• Duncans Road Interchange, Werribee/ Werribee South

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



# The future of housing in Wyndham

Council has recently completed an extensive consultation with the community on the draft planning controls in line with the implementation of Wyndham's Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy. Consultation involved a number of publications to all Wyndham residents and ratepayers, letter to owners in Limited Change Areas, direct notice to key stakeholders, postcards and posters displayed in locations across Wyndham (libraries, community centres), dedicated website, video promotion and information sessions across various locations in Wyndham.

Council is now considering all submissions relating to the implementation of the Strategy and will be reviewing the draft controls before deciding on how to proceed. Council will continue to communicate with the community on how the draft controls are being revised and the next steps. If you have any questions relating to this process, please contact Council's Planning Policy and Projects Unit on 8734 5493.



# Take pride of your nature strips

Nature strips are an important part of Wyndham's urban environment and can significantly increase the aesthetic and environmental appeal of our City's local streets and neighbourhoods. It adds character to our property and the street that we live in.

Nature strips also offer a range of benefits such as absorbing rainwater and reducing stormwater run-off. Likewise, it softens the effect of the harder surfaces such as road, footpath and driveway, making our properties more visually appealing. More importantly, nature strips can add to our properties' value.

This is why it is very important that as residents we look after our nature strips and take pride of our city's natural setting. Residents are responsible for maintaining their nature strips which may include mowing, weeding and litter control.

To find out more about nature strip landscaping guidelines, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

## **Local Heroes**

#### GET TO KNOW THE WERRIBEE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Wyndham is fortunate to have several community groups and service clubs that continuously make positive contributions to our growing community.

Since 1981, the Werribee River Association has been protecting the Werribee River. They host the Werribee Riverkeeper, deliver active programs that benefit our community such as education for schools or groups, citizen science out in the field and work with community groups and stakeholders such as Wyndham City, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water.

To find out more about Werribee River Association or how you can be a volunteer:

Web: www.werribeeriver.org.au Email: werribeeriver@gmail.com Facebook: Werribee River Association Werribee Riverkeeper Twitter: @werribeerivkeep

Did you know ...

Reducing our contaminated waste level will create potential savings of up to \$500,000 per year. So we encourage all our residents to continue recycling and manage our waste. For more tips on how you can help manage waste and keep Wyndham's environment sustainable, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au





As our City's population continues to grow, the number of families relying on kindergartens to help prepare their children for school continues to increase.

Kindergarten education has a positive impact on the numeracy, reading and spelling skills of students and it is important that the 2,800 Wyndham children continue to get the opportunity to receive the foundation of quality education.

Currently, the State Government funds 10 hours of kindergarten education and the Federal Government funds five hours.

The Federal Government is planning to end its kinder funding agreement in December 2017 and by doing so, will be cutting \$100 million from Victorian kindergartens. This will result to every child losing a day of kinder funding.

In the lead up to the Federal Budget, we encourage Wyndham residents to sign the petition calling on the Turnbull Government to deliver integral funding for our kindergartens.

The petition can be signed at http:// thismatters.org.au/kindercuts

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Portfolio: Environment and Sustainability

The Environment and Sustainability Portfolio is responsible for contributing to the development of strategies that will help achieve the Sustainability targets as part of the Wyndham 2040 Plan and provides advice on programs for habitat conservation, recycling and responsible pet ownership.

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Portfolio: Sports Development

The Sports Development Portfolio is responsible for promoting active lifestyles and provides advice on the provision of sports facilities and working to build support for emerging sports and clubs.



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Portfolio: Family Friendly City

The Family Friendly City Portfolio is responsible for assisting in the development of strategies that will improve the liveability for all people and to support the health and wellbeing of families.

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