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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The last couple of months have been an interesting time for all of us who live in Wyndham. From the moment we read about plans for a Youth Justice Centre in Werribee South we have come together to demand a better solution.

I have been very impressed with the community spirit that I witnessed during this time. As one of the people who spoke at the community rally in Station Place, Werribee, where 5,000 people showed up to make their voices heard, I could not be more proud to call Wyndham my home.

As you will now know, our efforts were ultimately successful in moving the facility from Werribee South and together we managed to get the State Government to move its new Youth Justice Centre to a more appropriate location on the outskirts of the City.

I understand that many residents are still concerned that this facility is being built in our municipality and I understand this frustration. Ultimately we were all in a situation where the decision making was out of our control and we needed to make the best of a less than ideal situation.

The new site is remote, roughly six kilometres away from housing estates and the facility will now be nowhere near as visible as it would have been if it was built in Werribee South. We should be proud that the State Government took our concerns seriously, when they ultimately made the decision about where Youth Detention Centre would be located.

I look forward to working with all of you again soon and you can be sure Council will continue to advocate for you in the future.

Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Henry Barlow

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Youth Justice Centre **NEW LOCATION**

Recently the State Government announced that it would be changing the location of its new Youth Justice Centre from Werribee South to a more appropriate location on the outskirts of Werribee.

This followed intensive campaigning by the community and Council, who urged the State Government to move the facility from Werribee South.

The new location is near the Werribee RDF (Municipal Tip) and guarry. It is also further away from all current and future residential estates and housing.

While the location of the Youth Justice Centre was a State Government decision, we have put together the below frequently asked questions which you may find useful.

FAQ'S

Q. Why is this facility being built in Wyndham?

A. The State Government is responsible for law enforcement, including the construction of facilities like the Youth Justice Centre. Ultimately, the location of this centre was a State Government decision and they made it clear that, from their view, Wyndham was the only acceptable location.

Q. Why can't the Youth Justice Centre be built next to existing prisons like Port Phillip or Barwon Prison?

A. Council suggested these locations to the State Government but was advised that there was not enough vacant land available on the Port Phillip or Barwon Prison Sites, making them unsuitable. We also proposed a location near the Ravenhall Tip, but were advised that a drainage issue made the site inappropriate for a development of this scale.

Q. Where exactly is the Youth Justice Centre going and how far away from estates like RiverWalk, Westleigh or Kingsley will it be?

A. The Youth Justice Centre is being built at Cherry Creek, on the outskirts of Werribee. If you are travelling from Werribee to Geelong, it is on the other side of the Werribee Refuse Disposal Facility (Municipal Tip) and Quarry. If you live in the Riverwalk, Westleigh, Kingsley or Farmers Rd estates, the Youth Justice Centre will be at least six kilometres away from the very edge of your estate. The previous location in Werribee South would have been closer to these estates than the new location.





Cr Aaron An Portfolio: Smart City HARRISON WARD 0419 297 931



Cr Tony Hooper





Q. Why is this new location better than the old one in Werribee South?

A. The new location is six kilometres outside of the Urban Growth Boundary, meaning it will be further away from any residential houses than the previous site in Werribee South.

If the Youth Justice Centre was built in Werribee South, not only would it have neighboured market gardens, it would have been just 250 metres away from future housing estates and close to Wyndham's tourism precinct, which attracts more than 1 million people every year.

The new location will include significant tree planting to screen the facility from neighbouring areas and the establishment of a conservation reserve will also create a further buffer around it.

Q. Where can I find out more information?

A. You can find out more information by calling the office of local Member for Werribee, Tim Pallas, on 9741 1133.









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CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who makes a big difference in your community?

Show your support for the volunteers who make Wyndham a better place by nominating them for a Wyndham Community Volunteer Award.

The Wyndham Community Volunteer Awards recognise and celebrate volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the Wyndham community. Their work may have begun this past year, or they may have served their community over a number of years - either way, we want to hear their story.

With a wide range of categories, there's bound to be someone you know who makes a difference to the lives of people living in Wyndham and deserves a nomination.

- THE 2017 AWARD CATEGORIES ARE:
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD
- COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING AWARD
- CULTURE, ARTS & TOURISM AWARD
- ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY AWARD
- SPORTS & RECREATION AWARD
- YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- COMMUNITY GROUP AWARD

Eligible winners from all individual categories will then go in the running to be awarded Wyndham's Citizen of the Year for 2017.

NOMINATIONS OPEN MONDAY 3 APRIL 2017 CLOSE FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017



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Priceless Wyndham volunteers honoured

IF YOU VOLUNTEER IN WYNDHAM, COUNCIL WANTS TO RECOGNISE THE AMAZING WORK YOU DO.

More than 12,000 people in Wyndham volunteer their time and energy on a regular basis, whether it's helping to clean up the Werribee River or delivering meals to elderly residents.

Wyndham City will be hosting a National Volunteer Week morning tea on Tuesday 9 May 2017, to say thank you to all the tireless volunteers who work to make our community a better place.

Bookings for the morning tea are essential, so make sure you secure a spot by registering online at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/volunteermorningtea

Do you volunteer in Wyndham's community?

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/volunteering

Entries Now Open

If your business makes a fantastic contribution to Wyndham and the broader economy then why not enter the Wyndham Business Awards.

Entries for the 2017 Wyndham Business Awards are now open. Launched at a luncheon on Friday 24 March, our sponsors together with more than 100 local business people were there to listen to the key note speaker Professor Bruce Wilson from RMIT.

Entries are now open and awards are up for grabs in numerous categories and this year there are some fantastic new categories that have been introduced, including the 'Innovation', 'Sustainability' and 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year award'.

The Wyndham Business Awards are made possible through the support of Wyndham City and our sponsors.

We'd love residents to let us know about businesses that they believe are deserving of an award, so we can contact them and encourage them to enter.

ENTRY WORKSHOP LUNCHEON Friday 5 May 2017

Want to find out more about the awards or how to enter - register now to come along to this workshop. The workshop will provide advice and information to equip you with the know-how to submit the best entry possible.

Please register your interest on the business awards website page. Entries must be received by Wyndham City by the close of business on Friday 16 June, 2017.

Winners will be announced and celebrated at the awards presentation evening, Friday 25 August 2017 at the Encore Events Centre.



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Wyndham City Draft Budget and City Plan

Wyndham City is currently developing its Draft Budget for the 2017/18 financial year and City Plan for the next four years, with residents invited to have their say.

Both the Draft Budget and the City Plan will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 2 May, 2017, before being open for public consultation. On 13 June residents will have the chance to make submissions on the Integrated City Plan and Budget at a Special Council Meeting.

The Draft Budget will include the capital works that Council intends to undertake over the next financial year, including upgrades to local roads and the construction and maintenance of sporting facilities. The City Plan details how Council plans to secure its vision for the future of Wyndham.

At a Council Meeting on Tuesday, 7 February, 2017, Wyndham City's Councillors voted to not apply for a variation to the State Government's rate cap, which means residential rate rises will be limited to two per cent. With a rapidly growing population, this means that we have had to work out ways to do more with less, and the upcoming draft Budget will reflect this.

For more information on the Draft Budget and City Plan, and to find out how you can have your say on both of these important documents, head to the Wyndham City website.

The future of play in

Local parks and playgrounds in Wyndham are home to some great areas for kids of all ages and adults to enjoy. That's why Council is developing a Play Space Strategy that will help guide how the planning of our play spaces in the future and how we can improve their quality.

Wyndham City wants to ensure that our residents of all ages have enough fun and safe places to play now and into the future.

An Issues and Opportunities Paper is open for community feedback until Sunday, 30 April, 2017 and will be used to draft the Play Space Strategy.

www.wyndhamcity.vic.gov.au/ playspacestrategy



BUCKINGHAM PALACE TO WYNDHAM

Wyndham City is excited to welcome the Queen's Baton on Tuesday 13 February, 2018. Local legends are being called on to carry the Queen's Baton in Wyndham. Nominations are NOW OPEN for community members to carry the Baton and close on Monday 15 May, 2017. Nominate here: www.gc2018.com/qbr

Share the greatness of the Queen's Baton Relay.

Nominations open >



Councillor portfolios a focussed approach

we gave you an insight into two of Wyndham City's Councillor Portfolios. Each of Wyndham's 11 Councillors are responsible for a unique portfolio, and in this edition we will introduce you to two more.

Iramoo Ward Councillor Mia Shaw Villagonzalo lead portfolios that focus on very different issues, but in the below article they share how they have a similar approach to making Wyndham a better place.





improve Wyndham's economy.

The Portfolio opens up opportunities to be innovative, to think outside the square, to work with visionary and talented members of our community to plan for what Wyndham can become. That is what excites me.

Cr Shaw said her portfolio covered a broad range of issues and would help to foster liveability in Wyndham.

"It is a broad Portfolio with plenty of opportunities to make a difference and an impact if we focus on the right initiatives, but more importantly we have some very passionate Wyndham residents joining this committee with great ideas. I am very much looking forward to working with them all."

"I'm a long-term resident and came back to Werribee with my young son as I have always felt this is a great place to raise a family. I know many newer residents have come here for similar reasons. We need to ensure we maintain a family-friendly focus across our municipality especially with the amount of growth we are experiencing."

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Cr Walter Villagonzalo: **Future Focused Economy**

The Future Focused Economy Portfolio is responsible for employment, industry attraction and business development.

Cr Villagonzalo said he was excited to make a difference through his Portfolio, which he said would allow Council to take advantage of opportunities to

"It is not enough for Council to just wait for Wyndham's economy to evolve and take its own course. Through the Future Focused Economy Portfolio, Council needs to identify opportunities and develop a strategy to exploit our strengths," Cr Villagonzalo said.

"Wyndham needs a strong and vibrant economy which is attractive to investors and businesses, maximising local jobs availability for our growing population."

Cr Mia Shaw: **Family Friendly City**

The Family Friendly City portfolio is responsible for supporting community health, wellbeing active participation and volunteering in Wyndham.



For me it's really about liveability, supporting the health and wellbeing of families and community connections to ensure our city is and remains family friendly for all residents, including the role businesses can play in supporting this.

Cr Shaw said her portfolio would look at ways to bring communities and families together to look at ways to address issues that impact families.

WERRIBEE CITY CENTRE the heart of Wyndham

Werribee turning on the charm

If you are looking for an event that is fun for the whole family, look no further than the Werribee City Centre.

Already this year we have seen a pop up cinema entertain adults and kids alike in Station Place, while bands like '80s rock sensation Pseudo Echo have also performed in the heart of Werribee. And this is just the beginning!

In April kids are taking part in an Easter egg hunt and mums will be spoiled with a special Mother's Day event (see below). In June the hugely popular Winter Fest will also be back - with lighting installations and performing artists roving Watton St and Station Place. Winter Fest is one event you won't want to miss this Winter, save the date Friday 30 June, 2017.

So if you're looking for something to do that will keep the entire family happy, why not check out the Werribee City Centre? A full list of upcoming events can be found at Wyndham City's website.

Mother's Day Promotion

Visit the Werribee City Centre, the heart of Wyndham and spend \$50 during the promotional period with a participating retailer to go in the draw for a chance to 1 of 3 luxurious packages for the special Mum in your life.

• 'Make Mum Over' • 'Health & Wellbeing' • 'Night off for Mum'

With Mother's Day just around the corner, there's no better time to discover the Werribee City Centre.

This competition commences 19 April 2017 and closes on 11 May 2017. Winners will be announced on the Werribee Business and Tourism Association facebook page.

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RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Wyndham City has a lot of great programs on offer through its Children and Family Resource Unit to support the emotional, mental, physical health and wellbeing of residents

One of these programs is the pram walking groups, which helps young parents meet new people and get some exercise in at the same time.

The groups meet weekly for two hours and are led by a Children's and Family Resource Officer. Walking can boost your energy levels and make you feel happier and healthier.

The pram walking groups are hosted by the Featherbrook and Penrose Community Centres. There are also groups operating from the Connect City Church in Hoppers Crossing and the Wyndham Vale Library.

There are also pop up parenting groups, shopping centre play groups and first time parent groups on offer, so why not give something new a go?

For more information visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au or phone 9742 0777



A spoonful (less) of sugar

Wyndham City has teamed up with Vic Health to encourage residents to sign up for the H30 Challenge and swap sugary drinks with water for 30 days.

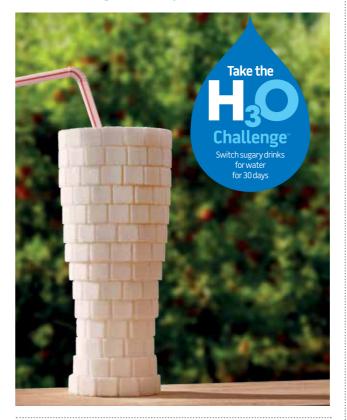
Wyndham City is one of 18 Councils to have joined the challenge, which could make a big difference to the health of Wyndham residents.

A regular bottle of soft drink contains about 16 teaspoons of sugar and there are about 11 teaspoons in a sports drink.

The H30 Challenge also encourages people to cut out energy drinks, fruit drinks, ready-to-drink iced tea, flavoured water and cordial.

Sign up to the challenge and see how much better you feel after 30 days.

www.h30challenge.com.au/wyndham



BOOK YOUR FREE Hard and green waste collection

Did you know that all households in Wyndham are entitled to two FREE Hard and Green Waste Collections per year? It's another great way to de-clutter our homes and keep our streets clean of illegal dumping.

Wyndham City will collect up to three cubic metres of hard waste from your front yard or driveway. Call Wyndham City to book a collection and visit the website to find out the items we collect

For other great ideas to manage waste and recycle, visit our website or pick up a copy from the Civic Centre.

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LOCAL Co RECYCLING **CHAMPION**

Hoppers Crossing resident Edna Sanchez has more than a few good tips on how to make your household more environmentally friendly.

Ms Sanchez has brought many of the good habits she learned in her native Mexico to her new home and said she enjoys discovering new ways to reduce her family's impact on the environment.

Recently she picked up a free Kitchen Caddy from Wyndham City, which allows residents to place food scraps in their green waste bin so they can be made into compost.

"In Mexico we usually separate the food scraps from other rubbish, so I have had that habit since I arrived here, but I didn't have a convenient way to do it," Ms Sanchez said.

"I got a Kitchen Caddy when I was at the State Rose and Garden Show. Since then I've realised that my rubbish bin has not been as full, which is really good."

Most food scraps, and even used paper towels, can be placed in the Kitchen Caddy, with the exception of meat and dairy. These scraps are then turned into compost and used for planting trees.

Recycling your food scraps is a big win for the environment because it avoids them being sent to landfill where they produce methane gas, which is 23 times worse than CO2.

"For me we should treat the planet like our own backyard. We wouldn't want to have all this rubbish in our backyard, so we should try to whatever we can to produce less of it," she said.

If you already have a green bin you can pick up your own Kitchen Caddy from the Wyndham Civic Centre or Point Cook and Tarneit Community Learning Centres.

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WELCOME TO WYNDHAM CITY LIBRARIES www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries

Discover that Wyndham's libraries are not just about books – did you know you can borrow DVD's, e-books and much more? There are also lots of free

events, programs and activities for people of all ages to enjoy. Visit www.wvndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy of the What's On brochure at your local library or Community Centre.

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Adult Events

Youth Events



LEST WE FORGET -**ONE MAN SHOW**

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017 6.30PM - 7.30PM **PLAZA LIBRARY**

Join Jan Wositzky in this spectacular music/storytelling theatre session. Using both Turkish and Australian song, poetry, oral history, maps and political statements, Jan tells two sides of the Gallipoli story and how that respect led to the friendship that Australia and Turkey share today.



GRAPHIC NOVEL WORKSHOP WITH BERNARD CALEO (Ages 15+)

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2017 6PM - 8PM **PLAZA LIBRARY**

In anticipation of our upcoming adult writing competition, graphic novelist and competition judge, Bernard Caleo, will be sharing tips and tricks on how to turn your idea into a graphic short story.

Your Library Everywhere - JOIN NOW FREE www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries 8734 2600

COUNCIL SERVICES A CLICK AWAY

Council understands that residents lead busy lives and that's why we have made it easy and convenient for residents to save time by making requests, applications and payments online.

Some of the many online transactions that residents can now do include: paying animal registration renewals, council rates or lodge a customer service request. You can also chat online with a customer service representative in 'real time' as well as viewing Town Planning applications.

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Thousands of Wyndham residents came together in the Werribee City Centre to protest State Government plans to build a youth detention centre in Werribee South. Farmers drove their tractors into the heart of Werribee as a show of strength from the Werribee South community.



'80s rock sensations, Pseudo Echo, had people dancing to all their hits in Station Place. The legendary Australian band was in Wyndham as part of Friday LIVE, a three week program of musical acts in the Werribee City Centre.



Hundreds of Wyndham students have taken part in the Annual Youth Forum, organised by Wyndham City's Youth Services. Over three different sessions kids from throughout Wyndham explored a range of topics including bullying, mental health, diversity and inclusion, and leadership.



Do you want to ensure your child gets the best start to their education? Make sure you have them enrolled in 4 year old kinder before 28 April 2017.

Applications are now open for 4 year old kindergarten places at Wyndham City and close soon - on the 28 April, 2017. Children must be 4 years old prior to 30 April 2018 to attend next year.

First round offers will be emailed to families by the end of June 2017 and you must respond to first round offer within 5 working days to confirm whether you wish to accept the place or would prefer to wait for a place in another Kindergarten or group.

To find out more or apply for a place; www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kindergarten 9742 8147 facebook.com/familiesinwyndham

KINDER MATTERS AT WYNDHAM LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Federal funding for 15 hour kindergarten programs is due to expire in December 2015.

your child's early education

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kindermatters



MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW FRIDAY 5 MAY 2017

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is hitting the road to deliver the freshest and funniest laughs from Australia's largest comedy festival here in Wyndham!

Featuring everything from stand-up to sketch, slapstick to song, each line-up is the best of the Festival in one hilarious show.

www.wyncc.com.au 8:00pm Adult \$34, Conc / Group 8+ \$26 Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton St, Werribee 8734 6000



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TREAT YOURSELF TO A UNIQUE ART EXPERIENCE

Unique art installations will soon be revealing some of the rich heritage behind Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant and Cocoroc Village in Werribee, from fresh perspectives.

The hugely popular temporary public art exhibition, Treatment, will be returning to Wyndham for the second time, presenting the work of 11 highly-renowned artists bringing new interpretations to the people, sites and stories behind what is now one of Wyndham's greatest assets.

Treatment 2017 – 'Flightlines', is presented by Deakin University with support from Melbourne Water and Wyndham City and curated by Cameron Bishop and David Cross from Deakin's Arts and Education faculty.

The exhibition will showcase the work of leading Australian and international artists working with installation, sculpture and performance to challenge stigmas and stereotypes while engaging with the Western Treatment Plant's technologies, innovation, and biodiversity. Free bus tours are the only way to enjoy this unique experience and bookings are essential.

Treatment 2: Flightlines dates: 22 - 29 April 2017 Western Treatment Plant -New Farm Road, Werribee To book visit: www.eventbrite.com.au

WHAT'S ON

EVENTS BROUGHT TO YOU BY WYNDHAM CITY

yCreative -Youth Arts Meet Up

Wednesday 10 May 2017 Meet with other young creatives - share

ideas and access the Wyndham Arts Incubator workshop space. #wyndhamarts team will be on hand to provide advice and answer questions.

Cost: FREE, basic materials included Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm Where: Old Shire Office, 49 Watton St, Werribee 3030 Contact: Wyndham Arts 9742 0777

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MyPhysio Werribee Mansion Fun Run Sunday 23 April 2017

Set on the grounds of Werribee Mansion, this event caters for all levels of fitness with distances including a two lap half marathon, 10km, 5.5km run/walk and a 1.5km Kids Dash. There will be early entry prize draws, online certificates and medals for all finishers.

Cost: \$15-\$60 depending on distance

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Where: Werribee Park Mansion, Werribee Park Mansion 306 K Road, Werribee South

Contact: Justin Higgins 0448 854 146, justin@pbevents.com.au www.pbevents.com.au/

Starting a Community Organisation Thursday 18 May 2017

Presented by Justice Connect Not-for-Profit Law. If you (and your group) have decided to start up a new not-for-profit organisation, thinking about legal issues from the start will impact the success and smooth progress of your organisation. This session will provide you with an overview of the key legal requirements.

Cost: Free

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm Where: Wyndham Civic Centre, 45 Princes Hwy, Werribee Contact: 9742 0777

CULTURAL DAY OF SIGNIFICANCE 27 May - 3 June 2017

Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum that saw Australians vote overwhelmingly to amend the constitution to include Aboriginal people and the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision.

The Theme for National Reconciliation Week 2017 is "forthcoming" and will tie in with these anniversaries.



COMPETITION

Wyndham City is giving away One Family pass to the play 'Stones in His Pockets' at the Wyndham Cultural Centre.

For your chance to win, simply tell us where you can pick up a free kitchen caddy from? (*Hint* – see page 9)

To submit your entry visit:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/ competition

Competition closes 5pm Friday 26 May, 2017.

The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 29/5/2017. The winner will be notified by phone and email.



Recognising Anzac Day in Wyndham

This April will mark 102 years since Australian soldiers landed in Gallipoli. But Anzac Day goes beyond this anniversary. It is a day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

The Werribee RSL will be commemorating Anzac Day this year with two significant occasions. Please note that road closures will be in place on both dates surrounding Watton Street.

Sunday 23 April 2017

A traditional Anzac march. *Time: 2.20pm Where: Starts at the Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton St Werribee and finishes at the Cenotaph in Station Place.*

A wreath laying ceremony will then be held, with all members of the public invited to attend. Following the ceremony the march will continue to the RSL in Kelly Park for light refreshments.

Tuesday 25 April 2017

A traditional Dawn Service. *Time: 6.30am Where: at the Cenotaph in Station Place. Following the service, breakfast will be served at the Kelly Park Community Centre.*

Contact: Werribee RSL 9741 5525