

March 2017

**Quarterly Growth Indicators**

The primary objective of the City of Wyndham *Quarterly Growth Indicators* is to provide a summary of growth information that meets the needs of Council and stakeholders. The City of Wyndham is the fastest growing municipality in Victoria. Between 2015 and 2016, Wyndham was the largest growing municipality Victoria wide, increasing its population by 5.7% and a total of 12,106 persons.[[1]](#footnote-1) Growth is forecasted to remain strong for the next 25 years, with a projected population of 424,476 people in 2036[[2]](#footnote-2). Large population growth presents opportunities and challenges for Council, stakeholders and the community.

The Quarterly Growth Indicators provide a snapshot of Wyndham’s strong population growth using the following Council data:

* Request for new Garbage services
* New dwelling approvals, and
* Birth notices

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| **QUARTERLY GROWTH INDICATORS** **1 July 2012 – 31 March 2017** |
|  | **New Requests for a Garbage Service[[3]](#footnote-3)** | **Building Approvals for New Dwellings[[4]](#footnote-4)** | **Birth Notices[[5]](#footnote-5)** |
| **31-Jun-12** | 790 | 527 | 932 |
| **31-Sep-12** | 1845 | 693 | 839 |
| **31-Dec-12** | 1082\* | 605 | 1083 |
| **31-Mar-13** | 520 | 329 | 927 |
| **30-Jun-13** | 631 | 563 | 988 |
| **31-Sep-13** | 405 | 521 | 1041 |
| **31-Dec-13** | 876 | 663 | 1059 |
| **31-Mar-14** | 538 | 569 | 1020 |
| **30-Jun-14** | 356 | 720 | 939 |
| **31-Sep-14** | 601 | 924 | 1060 |
| **31-Dec-14** | 1083 | 812 | 1101 |
| **31-Mar-15** | 526 | 661 | 1029 |
| **31-Jun-15** | 714 | 693 | 1023 |
| **31-Sep-15** | 596 | 1058 | 1109 |
| **31-Dec-15** | 799 | 956 | 1113\*\* |
| **31-Mar-16** | 537 | 970 | 1149 |
| **30-Jun-16** | 1335 | 919 | 1062 |
| **30-Sep-16** | 820 | 1221 | 1194 |
| **31-Dec-16** | 1644 | 847 | 1113 |
| **31-Mar-17** | 1263 | 832 | 1216 |

In the January to March 2017 quarter, birth notices remained at historically high levels (1216 births), increasing by 9% (103 births) from the previous quarter. The month of January 2017 had the highest birth rate with 433, equaling 14 babies born each day.

Building approvals for new dwellings saw a **decrease of** **1.7%** in the March 2017 quarter, from **847 to 832**. Similarly, the number of new requests for a garbage decreased **from 1644 to 1263**, as recorded in the Customer Requests Management system (CRM)\*\*\*.

Below is the **percentage increase from 2015 to 2016** of the three growth indicators:

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|  | **QUARTERLY GROWTH INDICATORS 2015-16 % INCREASE** |
|  | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **% Increase** |
| **New Requests for a Garbage Service[[6]](#footnote-6)** | 2578 | 2635 | 4336 | 64.6% |
| **Building Approvals for New Dwellings[[7]](#footnote-7)** | 3025 | 3368 | 3957 | 17.5% |
| **Birth Notices[[8]](#footnote-8)** | 4120 | 4274 | 4518 | 5.7% |

There was an increase in all three indicators from 2015 to 2016. The largest increase was seen in new requests for a garbage service (64.6%), which rose from 2,635 requests in 2015 to 4,336 in 2016. Building approvals for new dwellings increased by 17.4%, with a total of 3,957 new dwellings in 2016. The 2016 year recorded the highest number of births in Wyndham City with 4,518 births, an increase of 5.7% from the previous year. These figures are reflective of the growth that Wyndham continues to experience[[9]](#footnote-9).

*Note:*

*\* During the August to October periods reports were not running accurately, therefore 01/10/2012 to 31/12/2012 figures are inflated. October to December quarter includes a significant number of requests from the previous quarter. They reflect the delay and timing of new requests which occur when Council processes rate reviews.*

*\*\*November and December 2015 Birth figures have been calculated manually due to a new software system being piloted. Once this new system goes live, these will reviewed to ensure the figures are accurate.*

*\*\*\* April to June new garbage requests have had a query change to allow for monthly breakdowns. The table now uses the actual request entries from the CRM system whereby the total has increased. Essentially, this means that the requests have come through the Waste department but have not all been put onto properties at this stage. This will be the new method for new garbage requests from here forward.*

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2016). Regional Population Growth, Australia. Cat 3218.0 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Population and household forecasts, 2011 to 2036, prepared by [.id (opens a new window)](http://home.id.com.au/about-us/), the population experts, June 2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Rates database, Wyndham City Council [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Building Services and Strategic Planning, Wyndham City Council [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Maternal Child & health database, Wyndham City Council [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Rates database, Wyndham City Council [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Building Services and Strategic Planning, Wyndham City Council [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Maternal Child & health database, Wyndham City Council [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Residential Population , 3218.0 [↑](#footnote-ref-9)