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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As Wyndham City Mayor, my role involves working with Councillors, Council staff, business owners, volunteers and residents to help achieve the best results for our community.

It's been seven months since I was elected Mayor for the third time and a lot has changed since I was first in this office 17 years ago.

This rapid population growth we've experienced has meant that Council has had to become more forward thinking, innovative and consultative which is why I'm so proud to present the Draft Budget for 2017/18 and our City Plan for the next four years (see page 5).

The Draft Budget is now open for community consultation and includes \$133 million to be spent on vital infrastructure projects, including \$35 million on building, upgrading and maintaining Wyndham's roads.

The Wyndham City Plan sets out the priorities which will guide the work to be provided by Council over the next four years.

I am proud of everything this newly elected Council has managed to achieve in the last seven months and I'm sure this Budget and City Plan will help to build a stronger Wyndham for the future.

Make sure you visit the Wyndham City website to have your say on both of these documents and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you into the future.

Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Henry Barlow.

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Wyndham leads the way

In a first for government in Australia, Wyndham City has employed holographic mixed reality technology to provide stakeholders with a first-hand three-dimensional vision of what the future holds for Werribee.

Imagine being able to look into the future, take a walk through a more developed Werribee City Centre and admire all that the city has to offer. Now it's possible.

This mixed reality platform has already received rave reviews. The ground-breaking use of the technology impressed judges the 2017 National Awards for Local Government, securing the "Innovation to Create More Liveable Australian Cities" Award. Wyndham is now in the running for the National Award for Excellence in Local Government, to be awarded on 20th June.

Mixed reality is the merging of real and virtual worlds to produce new environments where physical and digital objects co-exist and interact.

Wyndham City has pioneered the use of this technology, and is transforming the way we work, engaging with our community, stakeholders and businesses.



Wyndham City has used this technology to firstly present a three dimensional vision of our future city, and secondly, lay the foundation for a revolutionary decision making tool.

Wyndham City is dedicated to leading the way in the Smart City space, and has recently appointed its Smart City Portfolio Committee, led by the Portfolio Holder, Cr Aaron An.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/holographiccity

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Sporting facilities, roads, and even a skate park... capital works currently underway across Wyndham have something for everybody.

Council has been busy over the past 12 months, working to deliver the projects funded in the last budget.

The redevelopment of Chirnside Park Oval is on track to be completed by the end of the year. The ground floor is nearing completion, and level one is looking to be finished by early August. The precinct is set to be open to the public just before Christmas. Council has contributed \$5.6 million to the \$11 million project, in partnership with the State and Federal Governments. Werribee Football Club, the AFL and AFL Victoria are also funding the project.

Work has kicked off on the \$6.1 million Williams Landing Boulevard Reserve Ovals, which will include two full-size ovals, six tennis courts, and a playground.

The construction of a pavilion and car park at Hummingbird Boulevard Reserve is complete, and construction of a new pavilion

and car park at Mainview Boulevard Reserve is well underway, scheduled for completion by September.

The \$3.85 million Baden Powell Drive Park project is progressing well, scheduled to be complete by the end of the year, with the final project providing a regional skate park for the City.

Council-owned roads have also received a lot of attention, with preliminary designs for the reconstruction of the stretch of K Road between the zoo entry and Duncans Road now under way.

The first stage of the reconstruction of Tarneit Road between Heaths and Hogans road is also complete, and ready for line marking.

For information on what this year's budget includes turn to page 5.



What do you get for \$100?

See how your Wyndham Council rates are spent:



2017/18 Draft Budget & 2017-21 Draft City Plan

UNVEILED

with a record **\$133.11 million** set to be invested in capital works, including **\$35 million** on local roads.

You can have your say on the Draft Budget for the 2017/18 financial year, along with the 2017-2021 City Plan, by lodging a submission for consideration by Council.

Copies of the Draft Budget and City Plan are available online or by visiting the Wyndham Civic Centre, your local library or Community Centre.

Council will consider all submissions at a special meeting, where submitters have the opportunity to present their ideas directly to Council.

The City Plan sets out Council's priorities for the next four years, while the Budget provides the funding needed to make the first year of this plan a reality.

Anyone interested in making a submission can visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au, call 9742 0777 or email mail@wyndham.vic.gov.au.



\$35 million local roads

including **\$9 million** on the extension of Armstrong Rd in Wyndham Vale.

\$10 million parks & reserves

Upgrading local parks and open spaces, including the redevelopment of Wyndham Park to transform it into a premier recreation space.



In addition to the **\$35 million** being invested on Wyndham's roads, the Draft Budget includes **\$6.34 million** on upgrading the Tarneit, Wyndham Vale and Point Cook Community Centres to deliver more services closer to where residents live.



\$12 million sports & recreation facilities

New sports and recreation facilities will be built while existing ones will be upgraded.

A Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 June, 2017, to consider any submissions from the community on the City Plan and Budget before they are adopted on Tuesday 27 June, 2017.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/budget
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cityplan



Councillor portfolios a focussed approach

Recently we've been giving you an insight into each of Wyndham City's 11 Councillor Portfolios. In this edition of Wyndham News we will introduce you to two more.

While Iramoo Ward Councillor Heather Marcus and Chaffey Ward Councillor Josh Gilligan lead portfolios focussing on very different areas, they both deal with ensuring that we leave our children with a bright future.



Cr Heather Marcus:
Environment and Sustainability

This portfolio is focussed on the environment, recycling, water, waste and litter issues, sustainability education, street and heritage trees, animals and pets.

Cr Marcus said her portfolio addresses these important issues for residents.

"The residents are very aware of the problems facing the environment. They are concerned with the water issues facing Wyndham, the health of the Werribee River and waste and litter issues."

"I am excited about this portfolio as many residents are now keen to work with Council to protect our environment."

Cr Marcus said she also had a personal connection to the work her portfolio will do.

"My family were in sheep farming and as a child it was wonderful to work in the environment and to have lots of animals to care for. This experience has not left me and it is more important than ever that we care for our environment."



Cr Josh Gilligan:
Learning City

This portfolio is responsible for community education, training, youth participation and educational advocacy.

Cr Gilligan said he was enjoying making a difference to important issues for the community.

"The Learning City Portfolio plays one of the most significant roles in Wyndham – working towards building a high skilled, well-educated Wyndham that can go on to gaining good quality jobs. That's what excites me," Cr Gilligan.

"Wyndham has great potential in this space and I am excited by what we can do in an advocacy role to attract more funding from the State and Federal Governments to invest in this challenge."

Cr Gilligan said that, among many other things in this space, Council was currently using his portfolio to review the Community Learning Strategy.

"We are also fighting hard to ensure the Federal Government doesn't seek to cost shift their responsibilities onto ratepayers in Wyndham including in the area of early childhood education."

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil



"Investing in skills based education and how we advocate for greater service delivery into Wyndham are just some of the projects underway in the portfolio."



Werribee's city centre will be transformed into a winter wonderland this month, with a range of exciting activities planned for Winter Street Party.

Station Place will be home to live musical performances, an umbrella lighting installation, and a giant breathing bubble that responds with light and sound when touched.

Take a stroll down Watton Street and enjoy the roving acts, a photobooth, choirs, lighting installations, and even an Ice Queen on stilts.

Lantern making and glow in the dark face painting will be on offer at the Wedge Street Piazza, while the Cultural Centre will have a free children's movie screening at 4pm.

A free Wyndham City event supported by the Wyndham Business and Tourism Association.

Friday 30 June, 2017 from 4pm onwards.
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/winter



WYNDHAM ART PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCED

A photographer's images of passengers on a moving train have seen her beat a record 130 artists to be named the winner of this year's Wyndham Art Prize.

Tina Barahanos took home \$10,000 for her artwork, entitled Commuter. This piece, along with the work of the 89 other competition finalists, including 18 local artists, will be on display at the Wyndham Art Gallery, until 11 June, 2017.

Ms Barahanos said her award-winning work was inspired by the connection that transport provides.

"These images were taken from my car window, while travelling alongside a moving train. I felt drawn to the people on the train involved in their own journey, I knew nothing about them but felt connected to them," Ms Barahanos said.

"Transport is the connecting link between regions and we all spend much of our time in transit. In this space we shed our regional identity and become commuter connected by the mundane routine of travelling."

Congratulations to Ms Barahanos and all the other talented artists who were selected as finalists in this year's Wyndham Art Prize.

The next major art exhibition coming to the Wyndham Art Gallery is Referendum, which will mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, in which Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the constitution to include Aboriginal people in the census. It will be held from Wednesday 21 June to Sunday 20 August, 2017.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/arts

#wyndhamarts



Resilient Melbourne Challenge

Do you find yourself getting frustrated as you sit in traffic every morning, coming up with great ideas on how to ease congestion? Now is the time to share your thoughts!

Wyndham City has joined forces with Resilient Melbourne to track down the best and brightest minds to share their ideas on how we can combat congestion on trains and roads across the state in a bid to combat social isolation.

Submissions are being received until Friday 23 June, 2017. To share your ideas: resilientmelbourne.com.au/citymart

Wyndham's newest park no pipedream!

If you live or work in Williams Landing you may have spotted a brand new park pop up recently.

The new park, near McLachlan Drive in Williams Landing has been built on top of the disused sewer pipeline that runs through Wyndham and has been made possible thanks to a partnership between Melbourne Water, Wyndham City Council, VicRoads and City West Water, with support from Greening the West.

It features natural play spaces for children, shaded areas, an exercise station, picnic tables, bike racks and plenty of trees.

The best part though is that this new park is hopefully the first of many! The Williams Landing park is the pilot project for the Greening the Pipeline initiative.

Greening the Pipeline aims to transform the entire 27 kilometres of the heritage listed Main Outfall Sewer, along Federation Trail, into a parkland.

With the Williams Landing Park complete, the next stage of the project will focus on creating a parkland between Lawrie Emmins Reserve and Skeleton Creek in Laverton.

Council and the other project partners are looking for input from the community on what the next stage should include and how the sewer should be converted to parks in the suburbs of Williams Landing, Hoppers Crossing, Truganina and Laverton North.

While funding for the entire project has not yet been allocated, following community consultation, we will be exploring further funding opportunities, so make sure you have your say!

www.greeningthepipeline.com.au



Wyndham's young people on the pathway to employment

Young people face a range of challenges as they leave school and transition to work. So many choices and the changing nature of the workforce make it increasingly difficult for young people to navigate.

Wyndham City's Youth Resource Centre has been providing traineeship opportunities to young people in Wyndham for over 10 years.

Ross Ison of Werribee started his 12 month traineeship in April, 2017.

"I put in for the job because I wanted to broaden my skill set, and I get to do it at a place that I know helps young people in my community," Ross said.

"What I would like to get from this experience is to make more connections with different types of people and learn new skills."

Throughout the traineeship Ross will be given the opportunity to work closely with the local community, including local businesses, Council departments and directly with other young people.

Employment and career opportunities are important drivers in their lives of young people, and Wyndham City has heard from many of them that they want to experience a great start to their career and need support in order to do that.

The Youth Resource Centre's traineeship in Business Administration supports young people to develop job ready skills, while providing support and mentoring. Participants are also exposed to formal training and gain valuable experience which they can then carry with them to their next workplace.



When he completes the program, Ross will receive a Certificate III in Business Administration, which will help him find a job in the future.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services



WYNDHAM'S STREET BINS JUST GOT A WHOLE LOT SMARTER

Wyndham has become one of the first municipalities in Victoria to introduce smart bins that run on solar power and automatically compact rubbish.

The bins can hold up to 600 litres of rubbish – five times the capacity of the average residential bin. 32 of them have been installed throughout Werribee and Point Cook.

Because the bins automatically compact rubbish, they can be emptied 80% less than other bins. Less trips by garbage trucks means less pollution in our local environment.

The bins are so energy efficient that the solar panels on top of them work even on cloudy days.

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THE COMMUNITY GROCER IS COMING TO WYNDHAM!

Since 2014, The Community Grocer initiative has aimed to give people on a low income access to affordable fresh food and vegetables through markets across Melbourne, and Wyndham is next in line.

A three month trial will launch in Wyndham on Thursday 17 August, 2017 between

3pm and 6pm, with more than 70 types of fruit and vegetables being sold for up to 20 per cent less than the supermarkets.

All profits generated go back into the community.

Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing.

www.thecommunitygrocer.com.au



The Sons of the West program is back for another season!

Men aged 18 and over living in the western suburbs are invited to join in on the free 10-week health program.

Wyndham City is proud to have partnered with the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation to deliver Sons of the West, a program which aims to improve the mental and physical health of men through a series of workshops, presentations, events and experiences.

Each session begins with a presentation from men's health experts, followed by some fun and exercise.

The last session, which wrapped up in April, saw more than 600 men from the western suburbs go through workshops learning about potential barriers to exercise, mental health, nutrition, and injuries.

There are plenty of giveaways and incentives for participants, including match day experiences, custom Sons of the West hoodies, and signed merchandise from the Premiership winning Western Bulldogs team.

To be a part of Australia's biggest men's health initiative all you need to do is turn up to any session across Wyndham in June or July.

Hoppers Crossing:
Tuesdays at The Grange P-12 College
4.30pm-6.30pm and 7pm and 9pm

Point Cook:
Wednesdays at Caranballac College
7pm and 9pm

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on

WELCOME TO WYNDHAM CITY LIBRARIES

They were once a place where you'd go to borrow a book, but today, Wyndham libraries are so much more.

Being a library member gives you access to books, CDs, talking books, magazines, audiobooks, e-books, DVDs, sheet music and more.

Libraries also offer a range of free events and programs for people of all ages.

Those with young ones can make the most of baby time, story time and rhyme time; while primary-aged kids can enjoy school holiday activities, become a part of a club, or get help with their after school reading.

Homework help, online competitions, youth events and workshops are an option for youth; while adults can join book clubs, delve into their family history, do arts and crafts, or participate in workshops and classes including Language Café, resume writing and more.

Brilliant authors also make the trip down to Wyndham to visit libraries and talk about their work. Over the coming months comedian Dave O'Neill will be chatting about his latest book *The Summer of '82*, and Jenevieve Chang will speak about her time as a Chinese showgirl, covered in her book *The Good Girl of Chinatown*.

Library members also have access to online and IT resources like Britannica Online, as well as free WiFi, IT classes, electronic gaming stations, and more.

Looking to expand your horizons? Libraries allow you to do so by learning to speak another language with resource kits available.

Libraries are an inclusive space for people of different cultures and backgrounds, with a range of items available in other languages.

For Wyndham residents who are housebound, the friendly team at Libraries are still happy to help out with the Home Library Service. Resources are selected to meet needs and are delivered by a friendly volunteer once a month.

So... why aren't you a member?

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries



SNAPPED

TREATMENT 2017 FLIGHTLINES
APRIL 2017



Hundreds of art-lovers made their way to the Western Treatment Plant in April to admire the work of 10 artists spread across the 10,500 hectare site. Treatment 2017 Flightlines, a joint project between Wyndham City Council, Deakin University and Melbourne Water, featured works that revealed artistic responses to the plant's technology, history and wildlife.

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU
4 MAY 2017



Sci-fi fans flocked to Wyndham's libraries last month to celebrate all things Star Wars. As part of Star Wars Day, celebrated annually, Julia Gillard Library in Tarneit, Point Cook Library and Werribee Library all hosted residents who shared their love of the popular film franchise.

IDAHOBIT DAY
17 MAY 2017



Pictured: Mayor Cr Henry Barlow, Bernard Sheedy from Outwest Gay & Lesbian Dineout & Deputy Mayor Kim McAliney.

Wyndham City Council proudly stood with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) community and their allies again this year at a special flag raising ceremony on 17 May for IDAHOBIT Day. Residents, students, faith communities and council staff were present outside the Civic Centre for the raising of the rainbow and Trans flags, all showing support to the LGBTIQ community.

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WHAT'S ON IN WYNDHAM

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EVENTS BROUGHT TO YOU BY WYNDHAM CITY

Art Gallery Tour

Wednesday 7 June, 2017

Join fellow lovers of art on a tour of galleries in July. Wyndham City is hosting a tour of the Wyndham Art Gallery and the Saltwater Wyndham Art Space, where patrons will be joined by curators and exhibiting artists. The tour also involves a unique guided tour of the National Gallery of Victoria.

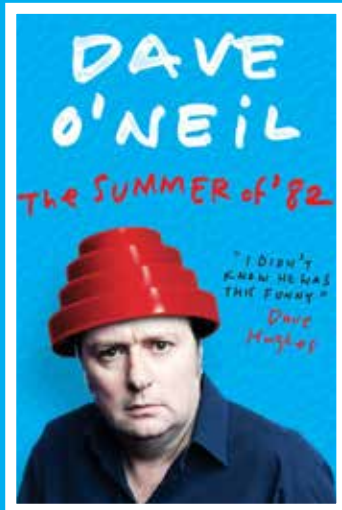
Transport and lunch provided, children welcome.

Cost: \$20

Time: 9.30am – 5pm

Contact: arts@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Where: Meet at Saltwater Community Centre



Author Talk with Comedian Dave O'Neil

Thursday 8 June, 2017

Dave O'Neil, one of Australia's most recognised comedians, is coming to Wyndham! Dave will be visiting the Plaza Library to talk about his new book *The Summer of '82*. Dave's book tells the hilarious and heartfelt story of a boy becoming a man in suburban Australia.

Cost: free

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Where: Plaza Library

Live Jazz in the Library

Friday July 7, 2017

A rising star in the Australian jazz scene, Georgia Brooks wows audiences wherever she goes. She has assembled some of the finest musicians alongside her and together they relish playing anything from a rip-roaring swing dance to the more subdued and dynamic concert setting. Don't miss the opportunity to see the Georgia Brooks Swingtet live!

Cost: free

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Where: Plaza Library

Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium

Friday 28 & Saturday 29 July, 2017

Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium is a stage show that invites children to step into the action of the performance and be immersed in a world where prehistoric creatures ruled the ocean. At each show performers will invite a small number of carefully selected young divers to join them on their quest to the bottom of the ocean, to 'swim' with an amazing array of aquatic creatures from bygone eras.

Cost: Adults \$19, Children \$14

Contact: 8734 6000

Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN WYNDHAM

Tai Chi – Qigong Classes

Every Friday

Qigong is a great way to reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality and enhance the immune system. It can also improve your cardiovascular, respiratory, lymphatic and digestive systems.

Cost: \$5

Contact: 8742 3688

Where: Iramoo Community Centre

CULTURAL DAY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chand Raat Eid Festival is a celebration marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan and the eve of Eid-Al-Fitr in the Islamic calendar.



Chand Raat Eid

Saturday 24 June, 2017

The festival offers patrons an opportunity to get together, shop, enjoy delicious food, watch live multicultural performances, and more. The festival is open to people of all cultural and religious backgrounds.

Cost: \$5, children under 5 free

Time: 3pm – late

Contact: info@chandraat.com

Where: Werribee Racecourse

COMPETITION

Wyndham City is giving away a Family Off Road Safari at Werribee Open Range Zoo.

WIN A FAMILY PASS* to enjoy a one hour off-road tour through the Zoo's African savannah, spotting giraffe, hippos, rhinos and zebra.

For your chance to win, simply tell us how much Wyndham City is planning on investing in local roads this financial year (hint – see page 5).

To submit your entry visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/competition.

Competition closes 5pm Friday, 28 July, 2017

The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 31/07/2017. The winner will be notified by phone or email.

*Family Off Road Safari pass includes 2 adults & 2 children (under 16) - entry fee not included.