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Mayor's Message

Recently I travelled to Canberra on behalf of Wyndham City to advocate for the needs of Werribee South farmers.

I was honoured to meet with the Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Joel Fitzgibbon. We discussed the important issue of irrigation and I urged Mr Fitzgibbon to raise this with his Parliamentary colleagues and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Irrigation in Werribee South is managed by the State Government, Southern Rural Water on behalf of the farmers and the Federal Government. We are calling on the Federal Government to do their part and commit to a vital upgrade of this irrigation system.

Our Werribee South food bowl produces roughly 70 per cent of Victoria's broccoli, cauliflower and lettuce, so getting this issue right is very important to myself and all of my fellow Councillors.

While I was in Canberra another delegation from Wyndham City was also in our nation's capital, with Council being named the 2017 National Winner for Excellence in Local Government at the National General Assembly of Local Government for our WynLens mixed reality project. I would like to congratulate everyone involved, including Council's Smart City portfolio holder, Cr Aaron An.

This is a very exciting project that is helping to place Wyndham at the forefront of innovation. You can read more about the WynLens project on page 6.

Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Henry Barlow.

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COMMUNITY HEROES AWARDED



Six outstanding individuals and one community group are being recognised by Wyndham City for their incredible contributions to the municipality as this year's winners of the annual Wyndham Community Volunteer Awards, which are now in their fifth consecutive year. An independent judging panel recognised people in six different categories.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

Daphne Womersley
 Community Engagement Award

John Campbell
 Community Health and Wellbeing Award

Shirley Cameron
 Culture, Arts and Tourism Award

Jeuss Polandaya
 Environment and Sustainability Award

Geoff Gook
 Sport and Recreation Award

Wishasad Somawansa
 Young Volunteer of the Year

Wyndham Anzac Project Volunteers
 Community Group Award

The volunteers are also in the running to be named Wyndham's 2017 Citizen of the Year which will be announced at a Gala Presentation Evening in August.

These awards provide a rare opportunity for Wyndham City to thank these champions who give so much to making Wyndham a better place to live.



www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cvawards

WHEELIE GOOD IDEA!

If you live near an open reserve in Wyndham you may have noticed some increased police activity lately.

Wyndham City recently purchased two new trail bikes for the local police to assist them in dealing with the issue of illegal dirt bikes.

At a cost of \$30,000, the trail bikes will allow Wyndham Police to patrol public reserves, helping them to keep these spaces safe for residents.

While Council is not responsible for purchasing this kind of equipment, we do work closely with our local police and assist them where possible and practical. The new trail bikes will be used to patrol public reserves like Skeleton Creek off Hawthorn Drive in Hoppers Crossing, where residents have raised the issue of illegal dirt bikes being ridden.



Wyndham's new approach to family violence

Wyndham City is launching a new family violence prevention program in partnership with the Wyndham Community Education Centre and one of the longest serving welfare organisations in Victoria, Drummond Street Services.

A \$120,000 grant from the State Government as part of the Community Partnerships for Primary Prevention Program will allow the Ready, Steady, Together Partnership to be launched in Wyndham.

The program will involve training local women from different culturally diverse communities, such as South Sudanese, Indian and Burmese, to act as cross

cultural facilitators to help new and expecting parents who are experiencing family violence.

From 2012 to 2016 there were over 12,000 reported incidents of family violence in Wyndham – the highest of anywhere in the western suburbs. That's why the Ready, Steady, Together Partnership, which brings together the commitment of Council, expertise of Drummond Street Services and local knowledge, experience and networks of the Wyndham Community Education Centre is so important.

Council's website has information on other family violence services available in Wyndham, so be sure to check it out if you or someone you know needs help.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/familyviolencesupport

Ready, Steady, Together Partnership



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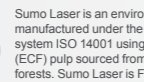
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2017-21 City Plan & 2017/18 Budget

ADOPTED

The 2017-2021 City Plan and 2017/18 Budget have been adopted, outlining Wyndham City's plan for the next four years as well as the key initiatives to be delivered this year.



\$35 million
local roads

Armstrong Road Extension

This Budget includes **\$9 million** towards the construction of a new arterial road between Greens and Blackforest Roads, acting as a new link between Werribee and Wyndham Vale.

The new road will remove thousands of vehicles from local roads in Wyndham Vale, including Haines Drive, Ribblesdale Avenue and Greens Road.

It will also reduce travel times to the Wyndham Vale Railway Station.

Due for completion by mid-2018.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cityplan

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/budget

Capital works will be a major part of the Council's spending over the coming 12 months, with a record \$133.11 million set aside to build the infrastructure needed by our growing community.

This includes:

- **Buildings**
\$37.45 million
- **Roads**
\$35 million
- **Footpaths and bicycle paths**
\$1.02 million
- **Recreation and leisure facilities**
\$11.8 million
- **Parks and open spaces**
\$9.5 million

Tarneit Road Duplication

\$6 million is going towards the widening of Tarneit Road, between Hogans Road and the Good News School, with two lanes going to four.

The project will improve traffic flow, cut travel times, and increase road safety along the busy stretch of road.

The works will also include the construction of a new Wetlands Park, and new traffic lights at the intersection in front of the school.

Due for completion by February 2018.



\$37.45 million
buildings

Community Centre Upgrades

This financial year, **\$6.34 million** is going towards the upgrades of the Tarneit, Wyndham Vale and Point Cook Community Centres which will see the existing facilities transformed into exciting mini town halls. The revamped centres will build on the existing services Council offers from its community centres, along with more space for meetings, programs, study, activities and more.



\$11.8 million
sports & recreation facilities

Chirside Park Redevelopment

Council is proud to partner with the State and Federal Governments, Werribee Football Club, AFL and AFL Victoria to fund the redevelopment of Chirside Park. The new and improved sport and recreation hub will feature a new state of the art pavilion, facilities for women's football, sports based training spaces, community spaces, accessible for **all, and more**. Due for completion by December 2017.

Mossfiel Reserve

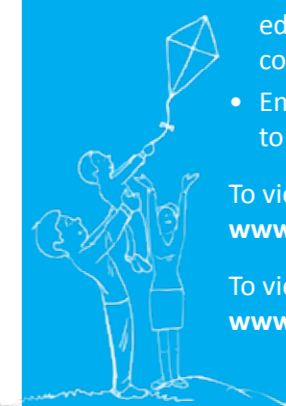
Mossfiel Reserve in Hoppers Crossing is set to be transformed, with the master plan for the site currently underway. This Budget includes **\$3.95 million**, going towards the construction of a brand new pavilion, new sporting fields, and more. Due for completion by 2019.

City Plan 2017-2021 Key Initiatives

Divided into four overarching themes, the City Plan sets out the priorities which will guide the work of Council over the next four years. Wyndham City's vision for a healthy, liveable city is a place that:

- Is future focused and plans for sustainable development.
- Embraces diversity and is welcoming and inclusive.
- Consists of connected, vibrant neighbourhoods that provide for the cultural, social, economic and recreational needs of the community.
- Encourages a healthy and active lifestyle.

- Supports the diverse educational needs of the community.
- Empowers the community to lead.



To view the City Plan visit:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/CityPlan

To view the 2017/18 Budget:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/budget



BIG WIN FOR WYNDHAM'S VISION

A Wyndham City project is under the national spotlight, winning an award for ground breaking use of holographic mixed reality technology.

The WynLens technology, which offers a three-dimensional image of what Werribee's CBD will look like in the future, was named the winner of the 2017 National Award for Excellence in Local Government in Canberra in June.

The use of mixed reality helps bring abstract or technical ideas to life, attract future investment, influence decision makers and consult with communities.

The Federal Minister for Local Government Fiona Nash labelled the project as extraordinary, saying it had potential to be rolled out across the country.

WynLens also won the Federal Government's Innovation to Create More Liveable Australian Cities and the IoT Hub Australian IoT Government Award earlier this year.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/holographiccity



Cr John Gibbons Tourism and Major Events



This portfolio explores ways to build on the City of Wyndham's tourism industry, attract major events to the municipality, and find ways to bring more visitors into the region.

Cr Gibbons said with City, Coast and Country all within the municipality, Wyndham is a tourism hotspot.

"I'm really excited about the work that we will be doing in this space over this term," Cr Gibbons said.

"We will be working to boost Wyndham's profile as a place for tourists to visit all year."

"We have a number of tourism attractions including Werribee Park Mansion, Wyndham Harbour, great shopping opportunities, and beaches."

Cr Gibbons said thousands of visitors flocked to Wyndham each year for a raft of major events, including the State Rose and Garden Show, Fromage A Trois, and the Werribee Mansion Polo.

"We will be working to identify other major events we can attract to Wyndham by developing and implementing a new Tourism Strategy over this term," Cr Gibbons said.

Cr Aaron An Smart City



This portfolio focuses on the production of services, technology and tools to optimise liveability in Wyndham.

Cr Aaron An said he was excited for what the future held in the realm of Smart Cities, Internet of Things, Big Data, and he is very excited to see council doing more with less using technology in the rate capping environment to tackle local issues.

"We have a lot of hard working young families living and moving into Wyndham, and I understand their needs for more and better services," Cr An said.

"During this term we will be developing Wyndham's Smart City Strategy, mapping out where we want to go in this space."

"We've already begun doing this, our ground-breaking use of mixed reality headsets to create a holographic three-dimensional plan of the city's future has already won us a number of awards across the country."

Cr An said other projects, like Wyndham's first ever GovHack, shows that Wyndham is committed to providing innovation and creative ideas that could benefit our community.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil

Councillor portfolios a focussed approach

In each edition of Wyndham News, we've been giving you an insight into Wyndham City's 12 Councillor Portfolios. In this edition we will introduce you to two more.

While Chaffey Ward's Cr John Gibbons and Harrison Ward's Cr Aaron An lead portfolios on very different areas, they both work hard to ensure that Wyndham City is a great place to live, work and play.



Wyndham's pet & animal EXPO

17 SEPT 2017
10AM-4PM

Calling all animal lovers... the annual Wyndham Pet and Animal Expo is back and bigger than ever.

This year's special guest is Chris Humfrey, from the Wild Action Zoo, along with some furry, fuzzy and scaly friends.

The industry's best brains will be present offering helpful tips and advice, while dog obedience demonstrations and exotic cat displays will also be crowd-drawing features.

Dog owners can also get their canine buddies micro-chipped at a discounted price.

A FREE WYNDHAM CITY EVENT
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/petexpo



It's all about the kids

Kids are being invited to head to Werribee Park this October to join in on the fun and festivity at the Children's Week Picnic.

The Minions will be a headline act at this year's event, guaranteed to leave the little ones in stitches of laughter.

A sport zone will be set up to keep the kids active, while the Toy Swap Party will give children the opportunity to swap the toys they no longer wish to play with for something fresh and new. All toys must be in good, working conditions.

The event and all activities are free. Food and drink available for purchase on the day, but people are also invited to bring their own picnic to enjoy on the lawn.

A FREE WYNDHAM CITY EVENT
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/childrensweekpicnic



Community groups receive funding boost

The important work being done by community groups and not-for-profit groups throughout Wyndham is being supported by more than \$560,000 worth of Wyndham City grants.

A project that will help homeless young people stay in school by providing them with free MyKi cards and an after school cooking program that will teach kids how to prepare a healthy breakfast are just two of the initiatives being funded through the latest round of Council's Community Grants Program.

This latest commitment to support local community group programs and events brings Council's investment through the program over the past two and a half years to more than \$2 million.

In total more than 120,000 people have participated in projects funded by the Community Grants Program.

More than 30 different programs, events and not-for-profits will be funded by Council over the next year.

Wyndham City is proud to fund each of these groups that work tirelessly to make a real difference in the lives of Wyndham residents.

To find out how you can apply for funding through the Community Grants Program, visit Council's website.



www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/grants

YOUTH COUNCIL LEADING THE WAY IN WYNDHAM

A new Youth Council Committee has been formed in Wyndham with the goal of informing Council policy and taking a lead on issues which are important to them.

The Committee is led by Wyndham City and was spearheaded by Learning City portfolio holder, Cr Josh Gilligan. It is made up of 16 to 25-years-olds from diverse backgrounds throughout Wyndham

who are committed to ensuring young people are supported through their education and employment journeys.

This new initiative will give a voice to young people in Wyndham, providing them with an opportunity to share their opinions with Council. With so many inspiring young people in Wyndham stepping forward, Council is excited to see what ideas and initiatives come out of this new partnership.

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



Courtesy of Wyndham Star Weekly

WERRIBEE GETS BRIGHTER, GREENER AND SAFER

The Lighting the West project – which ran from 2014 to 2016 and saw 12,000 streetlights changed across Wyndham's residential areas – has been revived.

This time 150 street lights across Werribee's CBD and surrounding major roads were upgraded from the existing high pressure sodium globes to energy efficient LEDs.

The move will save more than 500 tonnes of greenhouse gasses per year, the equivalent of taking about 150 cars off the road, and save Wyndham City roughly \$100,000 per year.

Studies have shown improved lighting can reduce crime by 20 to 30 per cent.

www.lightingthewest.com.au



Time to get healthy and active

Health and fitness will be under the spotlight this September, with the return of the Healthy & Active Expo.

The annual expo will run from 16 September to 8 October, 2017, and will feature a range of events and recreational activities to get people moving and feeling great while promoting the benefits of being active.

Regardless of whether you're a fitness guru or somebody who doesn't exercise often, the expo has something for all. There will be sessions on offer for all residents, regardless of age, gender, or cultural background.

The diverse range of activities on offer include group fitness classes, soccer clinics, runs, cricket, and much more. Everybody participating in activities will go in the draw to win a \$500 voucher from Rebel Sport.

All sessions at the Healthy and Active Expo are free, but registration is essential.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/healthyandactiveexpo



HEALTHY & ACTIVE EXPO 16 SEPT - 8 OCT 2017



It's your turn 2 learn

Over 100 free learning activities will be held throughout our municipality as the Wyndham Learning Festival returns for the second time from 1 to 8 September, 2017.

The community-wide event encourages people of all ages: early years, school years, young adults, adults and seniors, to learn something new.

This year the Festival will kick off with the Werribee Pop Up School, showcasing learning activities focussing on Werribee's history, language, craft and much more.

Rhyme Time at the Werribee Open Range Zoo, another signature event of the festival, will give children and families the opportunity to enjoy stories and songs with the animals. The Wyndham Learning Festival will offer something for everyone, from a digital photography bus tour and bee keeping, to salsa dancing, Chinese language classes and Maltese sweet making.

www.wynlearnfestival.org.au



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 DVDs, e-books and much more? There are also lots of free events, programs, and activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy of the What's On brochure at your local library or community centre.



KIDS LEGO CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY AT 4PM PLAZA LIBRARY

Little ones aged between 3 and 12 are invited to the Plaza Library every Friday afternoon to design, build and imagine with Lego. Kids will have the opportunity to hang out and play with other kids with a love of Lego, and even check out the Lego books.



YOUTH BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB

**8 AND 22 AUGUST
12 AND 26 SEPTEMBER 2017
3.30PM - 5PM WYNDHAM VALE LIBRARY**

Open to teens in Wyndham, the Book to Movie Club gives youths a chance to watch their favourite young adult titles on the big screen, and watch movies that they never knew began their lives as a book. Discover a new title each week.



YAK AND YARN

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
10.00AM PLAZA LIBRARY**

Join a group of avid knitters as they knit squares for the for charity group Kogo. Kogo provides woollen items for those in need. Knitted items can also be donated. Bring your own 4mm needles.

Adult Events Kids Events Youth Events



Senior Driver's Expo

Are you an older person who would like to improve or maintain your driving skills?

Then we have the perfect program for you. RoadSafe Westgate, with the support of Wyndham City, will be holding free and confidential driver safety session for senior drivers. You can learn about the latest changes to the road rules, driving when taking different medications and tyre safety. You can also receive a free driving assessment in your own car and have your car checked for problems.

The next expo will be held at the Penrose Promenade Community Centre in Tarneit on Saturday, 19 August, 2017 from 9.45am to 2.30pm. Places are limited.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/seniordriversexpo
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RECONCILIATION DINNER
2 JUNE, 2017



Aboriginal communities in Wyndham came together in early June in the spirit of reconciliation. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a traditional Possum Skin Cloak and Wyndham City's Draft Reconciliation Action Plan.

TARGET MOVES TO WYNDHAM
28 JUNE, 2017



The construction of Target's new head office in Williams Landing officially started on 28 June, 2017. The new office will accommodate 850 employees, representing significant investment in Wyndham's future. (pictured: Nathan Blackburn, Tim Pallas MP and Cr Walter Villagonzalo)

WINTER STREET PARTY
30 JUNE, 2017

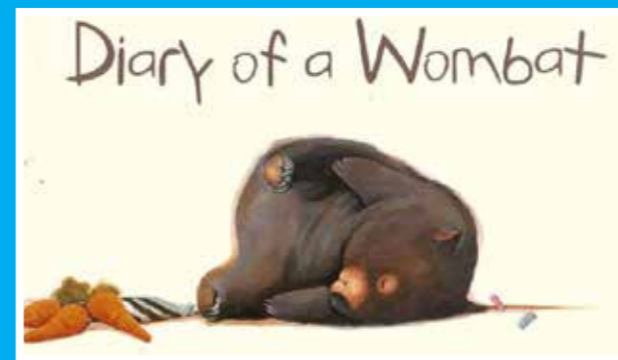


There was nothing hotter than winter in Werribee, when thousands of people flocked to the Winter Street Party. Stunning light displays, family movies, fire performers and businesses staying open late were just some of the highlights of the annual event.

WHAT'S ON IN WYNDHAM

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

EVENTS BROUGHT TO YOU BY WYNDHAM CITY



DIARY OF A WOMBAT

Thursday 10 August, 2017

Australian children's story book Diary of a Wombat has been brought to life and is coming to Werribee. Puppetry and live music will see the story of Mothball, the naughtiest wombat in Australia, take to the stage.

Time: 10am-1pm
Where: Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton Street, Werribee
Contact: 8734 6000

PLAY EXPO
Wednesday 23 August, 2017

The Play Expo provides local families with the opportunity to bring their infants and toddlers to a friendly space where they can play with low cost and everyday items. Staff engage with families while they play and are provided with the opportunity to talk about the value of play.

Time: 10am-2pm
Where: Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre, 86 Manor Lakes Boulevard, Manor Lakes
Contact: lyndall.mione@wyndham.vic.gov.au



FReeZA Pushstart Music Competition
Friday, 25 August, 2017

This FReeZA competition will see the best up and coming bands and musicians in Wyndham competing for a spot in the regional finals. Open to any style of music, including soloists, duos, electronic acts, acoustic acts and hip hop artists, the event gives people aged 12-25 a safe environment to hang out and support local talent.

Where: Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing
Contact: 8734 1355

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN WYNDHAM

THE COMMUNITY GROCER

Thursday 17 August - Thursday 19 October, 2017

Fresh produce is coming to Wyndham at an affordable price. The Community Grocer is setting up shop at the Youth Resource Centre in Hoppers Crossing, with 50 types of fruit and vegetables at the pop-up market every Thursday for three months. Everybody is welcome.

Time: 3pm-6pm every Thursday
Where: Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing
Contact: wyndham@thecommunitygrocer.com.au

MONTHLY BEACH CLEAN UP

Monday 4 September, 2017

The Australian India Foundation is joining forces with Beach Patrol 3030 to clean the beach at Werribee South. Meeting at the car park at the end of Beach Road in Werribee South, volunteers will collect rubbish along the beach to create a cleaner Wyndham for all.

Time: 11.30am-12.30pm
Where: last carpark while travelling east along Beach Road, Werribee South
Contact: 0423 731 710

CULTURAL DAY OF SIGNIFICANCE PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday 20 August, 2017

Join Sohni Dhart to celebrate the Independence Day of Pakistan. The celebration in Wyndham, now in its third year, will include the raising of the national flag, performances, cultural displays, comedy shows and more. The event is open to all.



Where: Encore Events, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing

COMPETITION

Wyndham City is giving away a \$100 voucher to Shadowfax Wines in Werribee

For your chance to win, simply tell us ... how much funding community groups are receiving through this year's Community Grants Program.

To submit your entry visit:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/competition

Competition closes 5pm Friday 29 September, 2017.

The winner will be the first randomly selected, correct entry drawn. Competition will be drawn 2/10/2017.

The winner will be notified by phone and email.

Children's Week Picnic

at Werribee Park

Sunday 22
October 2017

10am-4pm

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