YOUR CHAFFEY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter provides you with updates relating to your ward and the key projects Ward Councillors are involved in.

# Your Chaffey Ward

Chaffey Ward is situated in the centre of the Wyndham municipality and includes the suburbs of Tarneit and parts of Werribee and Hoppers Crossing.

Based on population forecasts, the Chaffey Ward population is estimated to be around 75,404 people as at 2016.

Over half of Chaffey residents were born in Australia. The top 5 most common countries of birth outside Australia are India, New Zealand, the Philippines, England and Myanmar. Punjabi is the most commonly spoken language other than English in the Chaffey ward.

**Planning for stronger, connected communities**

With rapid population growth comes the need for infrastructure to support the needs of new and existing residents.

Chaffey ward, which takes in Tarneit and parts of Werribee and Hoppers Crossing, currently has roughly 75,000 residents. This is expected to rise by 76% to 132,000 by 2036.

As the Ward continues to expand in the north, Council is committed to aligning infrastructure with residential growth. This is why Council has implemented the Development Contribution Plan – Project Implementation Program (DCP PIPs).

The plans map out the order in which Council-owned and run infrastructure and facilities that are funded through Development Contributions are rolled out, to best match with development of new housing estates.

The Wyndham North DCP PIP, which was adopted by Council in June, marks out where recreation reserves and community centres will go, while also identifying which roads are in need of upgrades.

The plan also coordinates infrastructure with state government infrastructure investments to deliver the best possible outcome for residents. For example, as the State Government’s $1.26 billion investment in upgrading roads in Wyndham kicks off, Council will also make upgrades to parts of Leakes Road to improve connectivity for drivers.

For more information on the DCP PIPS, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au)

**Warriors to host BMX state champs**

BMXers from across the state will descend on Hoppers Crossing later this year, as the Wyndham Warriors host the 2017 Victorians State Championships.

Wyndham City is excited to support the club as they welcome up to 1000 riders to battle it out on the world-class track. Residents are invited to attend the championships to watch on as the best in the sport compete.

The Wyndham Warriors cater for members aged from 4 to over 50, and always welcome new members to give the sport a shot. More information: <http://www.wwbmxclub.com.au>

**A Cleaner, Greener Wyndham**

Litter and illegal dumping is a frustrating issue for our community, especially in Chaffey.

From chip packets and lawn clippings to old mattresses, tyres and demolition waste – dumping can have a big impact on our local parks and open spaces, as well community pride and property values.

It also affects our very special native grasslands – home to amazing plants and animals found nowhere else in the world.

These grasslands are found along our roadsides, forming important conservation areas for endangered species.

Illegal dumping is one of the priority issues for Wyndham City. Please help us tackle the problem by protecting our roadsides within the Chaffey Ward and reporting Dumpers on 9742 0777.

# Capital Works Project Update

Chaffey Ward residents will continue to benefit from a number of road and infrastructure projects that are underway across the Ward.

Works recently completed:

* Tarneit Road Reconstruction (Heaths Road – Hogans Road Northbound)
* Snowgum Court Park Upgrade, Hoppers Crossing

Works are programmed to commence soon or underway or near completion for:

* Tarneit Road Duplication (between Hogans Road and Caraleena Drive)
* Princes Highway Service Road Reconstruction (David Crt – Old Geelong Rd)
* The Grange Soccer Reserve (Sports Floodlighting)
* Baden Powell Drive Reserve Development, Hoppers Crossing (Skate Park and Shelter)
* Mossfiel Reserve Development, Hoppers Crossing (Cricket/Rugby Sports Pavilion)
* Hoppers Lane (between Princes Hwy and Sneydes Road)
* Stella Way and Enea Place reconstruction

Design Works:

* Old Geelong Road Service Road, Hoppers Crossing
* Thames Boulevard Reconstruction, Werribee (between Hogans Road and Heaths Road)
* Tarneit Road duplication, Sayers Rd to Leakes Rd
* Hogans Road Upgrade between Davis creek and Basinview Drive.
* Frawley Court Rehabilitation
* Tarneit Community Centre Upgrade
* Mossfiel Reserve Development, Hoppers Crossing – Sporting Ovals, Landscape and Netball Pavilion

Footpaths are also being constructed at the following locations:

* Callistemon Drive, Hoppers Crossing
* Bolger Crescent, Hoppers Crossing
* Merrett Avenue, Hoppers Crossing
* Pram ramps to assist pedestrians to cross
  + Tarneit Road between Treeside Drive and Dunraven Drive, Tarneit
  + Hogans Road near Riversdale Drive, Werribee

State Government Funded Project - $1.2 billion Outer Suburban Arterial Roads Program

* Derrimut Road (from Sayers Road to Dohertys Road), Tarneit
* Leakes Road duplication Derrimut Rd to Skelton Creek

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

**Tarneit Community Centre Upgrade**

Design works for the Tarneit Community Centre upgrade are currently underway and the tender process will take place later in the year. Local community members will be invited to give feedback on the design drawings so keep an eye out for more information. You can also stop in and have a chat to one of our staff at the Centre about the improvements being made and take the opportunity to learn more about the programs and services on offer. More information is available on Council’s website.

**Have your say… are we doing okay?**

At Wyndham City, we take community satisfaction very seriously. That’s why we’re keen to hear from you, our residents, about what we’re doing well and where you think we could improve.

Wyndham City has engaged Metropolis Research to undertake the 2017 Annual Community Satisfaction Survey from 5 August to 8 October. Researchers will be out and about inviting residents to participate in the 15 minute survey.

With a goal of engaging 1200 residents, the survey will help Council to gauge satisfaction with Wyndham services and facilities, what services and issues are most important to residents, and community expectations of Council.

All participants will receive will receive a “thank you bag” for their contribution.

**Welcoming a new grocer to Wyndham**

A new, affordable grocer is setting up shop in Hoppers Crossing this month.

The Community Grocer, a not for profit organisation that aims to make fruit and vegetables accessible for all, will be running weekly markets at the Youth Resource Centre in Hoppers Crossing, with more than 50 types of fruit and vegetables on offer.

The Community Grocer has been a hit in Carlton, Fitzroy, Fawkner and Mernda – Hoppers Crossing is next with a three-month trial.

Running every Thursday between 3pm and 6pm, until 19 October, all produce is Australian grown and fresh from wholesale markets in the morning.

**Learning is Wyn-ning**

The Wyndham Learning Festival is returning for its second year from 1 to 8 September, 2017 with over 100 free learning activities and programs available for everyone.

Organised by the Wyndham Community & Education Centre (WCEC) and supported by Wyndham City, the programs on offer will cater to all ages and diverse range of interests. Some of the activities will include gardening, craft, cooking, dancing, music and sports.

The Werribee Pop-up School will kick off this year’s festival which will include activities on Werribee’s history, language, craft and much more. Rhyme Time at the Werribee Zoo will also be back where children and their families can enjoy stories and songs with the animals.

The Wyndham Learning Festival aims to celebrate and encourage lifelong learning for all people in Wyndham and we invite you to check out the activities and programs available across the city.

W: [www.wynlearnfestival.org.au](http://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au)

F: [www.facebook.com/WynLearnFestival](http://www.facebook.com/WynLearnFestival)

**Learn anywhere, anytime**

There are lots of ways Wyndham residents can gain knowledge and learn something new. Wyndham City Libraries are one of the greatest sources for community education. From Story Time and Rhyme Time for the young ones, to Author Talks and learning a new language, there is definitely an activity for everyone.

Residents can also join the library online and access our wide range of online resources anywhere, anytime for free.

Your local Chaffey Ward library is the Julia Gillard Library in Tarneit.

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries)

**Better communication around permits**

The way planning permit applications are advertised is changing! When advertising is required, there will now be rules and regulations around advertising on corner lots, in court bowls, and advertising over Christmas.

The new procedure also includes requirements for onsite advertising signs – instead of a hand-written sign it will now be bright yellow! This ensures all advertising is consistent and informs the community better. More at [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au)

# Message from Your Chaffey Councillors

Your Chaffey Ward Councillors spoke to many residents and groups prior to finalising the Council Budget, City Plan and Capital Works Program for the 2017/18 financial year in late June.

We are particularly proud that additional funds will see two major projects – costing $11.8 million collectively – completed during this period including the regional level Baden Powell Skate Park and the Tarneit Road duplication between Hogans Road and the Good News School.

The Baden Powell Skate Park will include shelters, public toilet and a car park. It will also include fitness facilities, play spaces, and community picnic facilities.

The Tarneit Road duplication will provide two traffic lanes in each direction. The project also includes the upgrade of the existing Tarneit Road/Hogans Road intersection. Once completed, the project will help address traffic congestion issues in the area as part of our Get Wyndham Moving project.

At a more local neighbourhood level, five Parks will undergo landscape upgrades with a focus on improving amenity, shade (via trees), seating and pathways. There is also the potential for up to 15 parks upgraded within the Ward during this financial year. The 5 parks are located in Alsace Avenue, Argyle Crescent, Giofches Crescent, Karinya Close and McMahon Crescent.

Ideas and suggestions from residents about projects or programs in our Chaffey Ward are always welcome.

Regards, Chaffey Ward Councillors

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