

# Your Harrison

HARRISON WARD NEWSLETTER

THIS NEWSLETTER PROVIDES YOU WITH UPDATES RELATING TO YOUR WARD AND THE KEY PROJECTS WARD COUNCILLORS ARE INVOLVED IN.



## Art Comes to Life at Saltwater

Located at Saltwater Community Centre, Saltwater Art Studio provides an intimate and enjoyable space to try something new or hone your artistic skills. Classes are taught by local professional artists who are all passionate about their practice and committed to help students develop their skills, whether they are a beginner or advanced in their chosen craft.

There is a diverse range of programs on offer – from ceramics with wheel throwing and hand-building, to acrylic painting, life drawing, and social craft. Classes are open to children, young people and adults and we welcome everyone with an interest in trying art. A new program is released each School Term. Please check Council’s website for details or visit the Saltwater Community Centre to find out more.

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## Harrison ward

Harrison Ward includes industrial precincts in Laverton and Laverton North, Point Cook, Truganina, Williams Landing and some parts of Hoppers Crossing.

The estimated population was 90,812 residents as of August 2016.

Harrison is the most culturally diverse ward in Wyndham. The Top 5 countries of birth other than Australia were India, China, New Zealand, the Philippines and England. Mandarin is the most commonly spoken language other than English.



Photo: Courtesy of Star Weekly

## RUGBY CLUB HOPS TO SUCCESS

The Truganina Rabbitohs have come far in just three years. When the Wyndham-based rugby team started out, there were just 40 kids on the roster. Today, the club boasts a whopping 150 players and 60 volunteers.

Nine women from the club are also making their mark on the game, making it through to the NRL VIC Women's state team.

The juniors are also kicking goals, learning to work as a team

and helping to spread the game of rugby league. One boy has been selected for the Victorian under-12 team.

With a commitment to courage, unity, respect and excellence the Truganina Rabbitohs are destined for big things.

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## Everybody loves a playground

They're fun, they're exciting and they are beneficial to the cognitive, physical and social development of a child.

While consulting with the community as part of Wyndham 2040, residents identified parks and open spaces as one of the City's most important features.

That's why in the 2017/18 Budget, Wyndham City allocated \$1.75 million to upgrade existing playgrounds across the municipality and building brand new ones.

Some of the parks being upgraded across Harrison Ward include:

**Alison Street Park:**  
A new park has been constructed, with exciting play equipment and a skate area.

**Landscape Drive Park:**  
This park has been upgraded, now including full-sized multi sports courts, new play equipment, and a shaded seating area to rest at.

**James Cook Drive Park:**  
A new basketball court, new play areas, and a central lawn area are among the additions to this park upgrade.



# Capital Works Project Update

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

## WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO COMMENCE SOON OR UNDERWAY OR NEAR COMPLETION FOR:

- Gracefield Court, Stella Avenue, and Enea Place, Hoppers Crossing
- Derrimut Heath Paved Roads Rehabilitation (Erica Court, Waterloo Court, Rudkin Court, Lawson Court, Amstel Court and Travis Court)
- Skeleton Creek Bridges and Talliver Terrace Park
- Cricket Nets at Prudence Parade, Point Cook
- James Cook Drive Park Upgrade, Truganina
- Landscape Drive Park Upgrade, Truganina
- Mainview Sports Pavilion Construction, Truganina (pictured)
- Point Cook Community Learning Centre Upgrade
- Bellbridge Drive Park, Hoppers Crossing
- Saltwater Soccer Sports Lighting, Point Cook

## DESIGN WORKS:

- Forsyth Road Duplication – Sayers Road to Old Geelong Road
- Dunnings Road between Palmers Road and Boardwalk Boulevard, Point Cook
- Boardwalk Boulevard between Dunnings Road and Sneydes Road, Point Cook
- Williams Landing Reserve Pavilion, Williams Landing
- Dunnings Road Reserve Pavilion – extensions and alterations
- Featherbrook Reserve Pavilion - extensions and alterations
- Old Geelong Road Service Road (south) between Heaths Rd and Wyndham Depot
- Reconstruction of Citrus Close, Hoppers Crossing

## FOOTPATHS ARE ALSO BEING CONSTRUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Birchwood Boulevard footpath to link bus stop to existing footpath in Bellbridge Drive, Hoppers Crossing
- Pram ramps to assist pedestrians to cross:
  - Fantail Crescent north of Waterways Boulevard, Williams Landing
  - Denman Drive, Point Cook

## STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECT - \$1.2 BILLION OUTER SUBURBAN ARTERIAL ROADS PROGRAM:

- Dunnings Road and Palmers Road (from Point Cook Road to Princes Freeway, Point Cook)
- Palmers Road, Truganina (from Princes Freeway to Western Freeway)
- Leakes Road, Truganina (from Fitzgerald Road to Derrimut Road)
- Dohertys Road (from Fitzgerald Road to Grieve Parade), Laverton North
- Dohertys Road (from Foundation to Palmers Road), Truganina
- Princes Freeway/ Forsyth Road interchange, Hoppers Crossing

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





## 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.



## POINT COOK COMMUNITY CENTRE UPGRADE



Temporary entrances have been set up for the Library and Kindergarten and larger scale demolition and construction works are scheduled to begin within the month.

Residents can still visit the Library, make a range of Council payments through Customer Service and the Kindergarten will remain in operation throughout the construction period. Select Library programs will be running from 24 July, please contact the Library for information.

Keep up to date with service changes and construction updates by visiting Council's website.

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## LEARNING IS WYN-ING

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.

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## Learn anytime, anywhere

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.

The Plaza Library at Pacific Werribee, the Werribee Library at the Wyndham Cultural Centre and the Wyndham Vale Library are all located in Iramoo Ward.

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## 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.

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# Message from YOUR HARRISON COUNCILLORS



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I'm continuing to advocate for more education and community facilities and services, more police, better public transport and infrastructure.

As Council's Smart City Portfolio holder I support new ways to connect communities, getting more services on Council's website, and form public and private partnerships to address issues across Wyndham. I continue to work with community representatives and Council staff to develop and deliver key projects that are of genuine benefit to the broader community.

In June, the WynLens project won several awards including the 2017 National Award for Excellence in Local Government. Council officially hosted the GovHack event for the first time in late July and is also working on other IT projects to improve efficiency and service quality.

In early August, Council released the draft Library Strategy and draft Sports Strategy for public exhibition and I encourage our residents to have a read and provide feedback. If you need assistance on any Council issue, please contact me.



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With the budget getting the final nod back in late June, Wyndham is about to roll out a series of minor upgrades and redevelopments across the region to our local parks. Fifteen are in the planning stages right now, and a lot more are in the pipeline. I am sure our community will be seeing the benefits of this program soon.

As Council's Arts and Heritage Portfolio Holder, I got the opportunity to join hundreds of people exploring temporary art (TREATMENT) installed out at the Western Treatment Plant. It was great to see the number of people visiting our city and embracing our local talent, particularly on a site that you wouldn't normally consider an art space.

I'm also looking forward to seeing local artists Wani LeFrere and Anindita Banerjee share their responses to TREATMENT at the Wyndham Art Gallery.

There is a lot more coming up at the Gallery for everyone so I encourage you all to visit.



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Wyndham's rapid population growth brings the need for more infrastructure. As the Portfolio Holder for Urban Futures, I am committed to aligning infrastructure with growth. Our recent Development Contribution Plan – Project Implementation Program (DCP PIPs) is a good way for Council to plan and map out the order of Council-owned infrastructure and facilities funded through Development Contributions.

The Wyndham North and West DCP PIP's adopted by Council in June mark out where recreation reserves and community centres will go and which roads need upgrades. One good example is the State Government's \$1.2 billion investment in upgrading roads in Wyndham. Council will also make upgrades to parts of Leakes Road to improve connectivity for drivers.

My Portfolio is also preparing the Quandong Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) which will guide the future development of an area to the north west of the Manor Lakes. This will be placed on public exhibition by the end of 2017.



## Cr Kim McAliney (Deputy Mayor)

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As Council's Safer Communities Portfolio Committee Chair I am keen for the community to work together as we all have a role in community safety. Recently I have been involved in:

- Partnering with Victoria Police, Crimestoppers and Neighbourhood Watch on joint ideas for a safer Wyndham.
- Promoting 'Coffee with a Cop' sessions for locals to chat with local Vic Police officers.
- Appearing on Indian Radio globally with Vic Police to discuss community safety, crime prevention and family violence matters.
- Patrolled with volunteers from the Victorian Maori Wardens and South Sudanese Patrol Groups to give me insight into their support for young people.
- Speaking at a Community Safety Forum organised by the Truganina Community Group, Point Cook Action Group and Williams Landing Estate Residents Association.

Please remember to report information to Police on 000 and Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 to help solve or prevent suspicious or criminal activity in the community.

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