YOUR IRAMOO NEWSLETTER

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

# Your Iramoo Ward

# Iramoo Ward includes the suburbs of Werribee, Werribee South, Cocoroc, Little River, Mambourin, Manor Lakes, Wyndham Vale, Quandong and Eynesbury. It is the largest ward in Wyndham by land size.

# It is home to almost a quarter of the Wyndham population with around 51,421 people as at August 2016.

# The top overseas countries of birth include England, India, New Zealand, Italy and Philippines. Italian is the most common language other than English spoken at home followed by Karen, Punjabi, Hindi and Mandarin.

# Iramoo Parks Get Upgraded

# Approximately 200 local and district parks will be upgraded as part of the Wyndham Parks 2021 project. The program for 2017/18 involves a $1.3 million investment which will upgrade 45 local parks across Wyndham making the spaces better, safer, more accessible and welcoming to everyone.

# The upgrade of the parks began this summer and will include improved entry, gardens, picnic facilities, more trees and seating as well as improved pathways and play facilities.

# 15 parks within Iramoo Ward will be upgraded and the first five parks are:

# Tyrone Street

# Mundara Drive

# Aloma Avenue

# Brougham Avenue

# Paisley Court

# To find out more about this project, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndhamparks2021](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndhamparks2021)

# Waste Watchers

Inspired by the ABC’s War on Waste, 10 families across Wyndham took the challenge and participated in Wyndham City’s Waste Watchers program to help reduce waste. The program equipped the participants with knowledge on how they can better manage and reduce their garbage through various methods such as compost bins, worm farms, keep cups, boomerang bags, kitchen caddies, and much more.

Over the four-week period, bin audits were conducted to monitor their progress and find out what areas they can improve on to better reduce their garbage.

TIPS ON HOW TO REDUCE YOUR WASTE:

* Compost all fruit and vegetable scraps
* Reduce single use plastic, something often used only once and then thrown into the recycling bin (such as plastic straws, plastic bags or take away containers)
* Collect all soft plastics and take them to your local supermarket to be recycled
* Don’t buy new clothing, furniture, homewares, & other items for a month
* Reduce unnecessary food wastage
* Recycle right – www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/recycleright

**Nature Strips**

Did you know that nature strips are part of Wyndham’s urban environment and helps increase the overall aesthetic appeal of our City’s local streets and neighbourhood?

As residents, it is important that we look after our nature strips by regularly mowing and picking up any litter to help keep our City clean and beautiful. Apart from enhancing the natural settings of the neighbourhood, nature strips also help absorb rainwater and reduce stormwater run-off.

To find out more about how you can maintain and landscaping guidelines for nature strips, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au)

# Give Happy, Live Happy

Have you thought of becoming a volunteer? Volunteering is a fun and an easy way to explore your interests and passions.

Apart from making a difference in your community, it also provides personal benefits such as gaining new skills and experience, developing confidence, and making new friendships and professional networks!

We are fortunate to have hundreds of service clubs and organisations that provide volunteering opportunities to our residents and serve our community for many years. In fact, the Wyndham Lions recently celebrated 100 years of service in conjunction with Werribee Lions Club, Lions Club of Little River and Lions Club of Point Cook. Congratulations!

For information on volunteering opportunities available within Wyndham, visit

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

# Your Local Community Centres

Community centres hosts a variety of programs and activities that cater to people of all ages. From art classes, to fitness programs, book clubs, and computer classes – there is something for everyone.

Visit your local community centre to find out what programs are on offer.

**Diggers Road Soldiers Memorial Hall**

Diggers Road (corner Whites Road)

Werribee South

**Iramoo Community Centre**

84 Honour Avenue

Wyndham Vale

**Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre**

86 Manor Lakes Blvd

Manor Lakes

**Old Shire Office**

49 Watton Street

Werribee

**Wyndham Community & Education Centre**

3 Princes Highway

Werribee

# 1000 Books Before School

Did you know that reading together is the best way to encourage a love of books in your child? Register for 1000 Books Before School at your local library branch to receive your first reading record and start your child on their journey of a lifelong love of reading and learning.

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

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# I Love Kinder Campaign

Join our campaign to get the Federal Government to commit to their share of kindergarten funding.

Attending a kindergarten program helps children and families build the foundations for future learning. It gives kids the best start to life and every child deserves this opportunity.

Tell us what kinder means to you and what your kids love most about kinder at [www.ilovekinder.org.au](http://www.ilovekinder.org.au)

# New Kinders at Wyndham Vale

Wyndham City, in partnership with bestchance Child and Family Care, has recently opened a kindergarten facility at Wyndham Vale to meet the needs of the growing number of young children in the local area.

This will help ensure that Wyndham children have access to a 4-year-old Kindergarten program in the year prior to commencing school.

Families wishing to enrol can simply nominate Wyndham Vale Primary School Kindergarten group as their preference on the Enrolment Form.

Wyndham Vale Primary School Kindergarten

85 Ribblesdale Avenue, Wyndham Vale

# Capital Works Project Update

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

Work are underway for:

* Chirnside Park Redevelopment, Werribee
* Armstrong Road (Greens to Black Forest Road), Wyndham Vale
* Bulban Road, Werribee (Ballan Road to McGrath Road)
* Manor Lakes Community Centre Redevelopment
* Wyndham Aboriginal Community Centre and Integrated Family Centre, Wyndham Vale
* LED Lighting Upgrade
  + Presidents Park Pitch
  + Wyndham Vale South Oval 2
  + Soldiers Reserve
  + Presidents Park Minkey Pitch

Recently completed:

* Reconstruction of Croxley Close, Wyndham Vale
* West End car park construction, Werribee
* Alterations to Soldiers Reserve Pavilion, Werribee
* Model Aircraft facility entry and car park upgrades

Works are programmed to commence soon:

* Rothwell Street reconstruction, Little River
* Flinders Street upgrade, Little River

Design Works:

* President Park, Werribee (landscape and urban design)
* K Road, Werribee South (Duncans Rd to Main Drive)
* Werribee River Stormwater Outlet and Landscape Design, Werribee
* Little River Pavilion Change Room Project
* Chirnside Park Master Plan Revision

Footpaths will also be constructed at the following locations:

* Duncans Road service lane, Werribee
* Carter Avenue, Werribee
* Pram ramp to assist pedestrians to cross:
  + Anderson Street near Carter Avenue, Werribee

Construction starts for State Government Funded Project as part of the $1.8 billion Western Roads Upgrade Program

* Duncans Road Interchange, Werribee/ Werribee South – commencing late 2018

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

**Armstrong Road Project**

The $11.5 million Wyndham City project is well underway and is due for completion mid this year. The new arterial road will provide a straight connection between Greens and Blackforest Roads, cut the travel time to Wyndham Vale Station and help decrease the congestion on local roads.

# Your Iramoo Councillors

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Portfolio: Environment and Sustainability

The Environment and Sustainability Portfolio is responsible for contributing to the development of strategies that will help achieve the Sustainability targets as part of the Wyndham 2040 Plan and provides advice on programs for habitat conservation, recycling and responsible pet ownership.

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Mayoral Portfolio: Growth and Transport

The Growth and Transport Portfolio takes on the difficult task of managing growth in our rapidly growing city and investigating how integrated planning can accommodate growth.

Portfolio: Sports Development

The Sports Development Portfolio is responsible for promoting active lifestyles and provides advice on the provision of sports facilities and working to build support for emerging sports and clubs.

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Portfolio: Family Friendly City

The Family Friendly City Portfolio is responsible for assisting in the development of strategies that will improve the liveability for all people and to support the health and wellbeing of families.