At last week’s Ordinary Meeting of Council I was pleased to see the adoption of the Werribee Transport Study and action plan in response to the Notice of Motion I put forward in March this year. The study confirmed what many residents have been raising with Council in relation to congestion during peak periods, sight lines and traffic flow issues in Synnot St and many roads in and around the City Centre being used to ‘rat-run’ to other locations.

It was also great to see the adoption of the Draft Active Wyndham Strategy for public consultation - this document aims to promote health and wellbeing of residents through both formal organised sports as well as informal unorganised play and leisure activities. I encourage residents to visit Council’s website and access The Loop to have their say.

In-keeping with our focus on keeping active – we also adopted the Draft Wyndham Vale and Mambourin Master Plan. It is also now out for public comment. The Plan details an upgrade to existing facilities as well as 2 ovals for cricket and 2 for soccer as well as new cricket nets and lighting. We would love to hear feedback on what is planned for this site.

One of the more difficult decisions we had to make last week related to the movement of the suburb boundary in the Werribee, Wyndham Vale and Mambourin area to avoid confusion from a developer naming their estate Mambourin, and the suburb of Mambourin being adjacent. Our decision has resulted in approximately 400 residents having their suburb changed which is an unfortunate outcome – however feedback from Police, Ambulance and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was that there could be confusion for people identifying their location when dialling 000. This is not something we could ignore. We will now write to the Minister of Consumer Affairs to raise the issue of the naming of Estates being unregulated as it clearly creates issues. This matter will now be referred to the State Government’s Office for Geographic Names for final decision.

Users of the Lawrie Emmins Reserve motocross track will be pleased to see that we awarded the $1.4 million contract for the remediation of the existing track and associated works. This is a long time coming and it will be great to see some work happening at this site.

Lastly – the $3 million contract for the reconstruction of Thames Boulevard, Hepburn Street and Chervil Street was awarded. It’s so important for us to continue to maintain our local roads so we were pleased to sign off on this contract so works can get underway.

The next Council Meeting will be held on 8th October 2019 – anyone is welcome to attend and meetings can be viewed online via the Council website at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Regards, Mia Shaw.