

INVEST IN OPPORTUNITY

WYNDHAM

CITY

STATE ELECTION PRIORITIES



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Wyndham City Council recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Custodians of the lands on which Australia was founded. We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Custodians of the lands on which Wyndham is being built. The Wadawurrung and Boonwurrung speaking people of the Kulin Nation have and always will belong to the Werribee Yalook (river), creeks, stars, hills and red clay of this Country.

The Bunurong and Wadawurrung people are the first custodians of the land and developers of ecological communities on these basalt plains around the Werribee Yalook.

We pay respect to Ancestors and Elders who always have, and always will, care for Country and community today and for future generations. We acknowledge any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in this tradition and call us to shared responsibility. We understand the urgent demand to build local government that enables life in this place to flourish together.

May our words and actions lead us to respect Country, learn from Elders and practice creative wisdom for future generations.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am pleased to present Wyndham City's priorities for the Victorian State Election 2022.

Wyndham City is asking Victorian political parties to Invest in the West in the upcoming state election, supporting our diverse and rapidly growing population.

As one of the state's fastest growing municipalities, half of Wyndham's households are families with young children and over 100 babies are born each week. By 2040, our population will grow to over 500,000 people. As Victoria adapts to the COVID-19 pandemic, investments in Wyndham present a unique opportunity to support the State's economic recovery, create new jobs and help our community thrive.

Wyndham City has identified key projects and policies that will:

- Boost access to jobs, support local education and create economic opportunities,
- Build better transport connections to make it easier to move around Wyndham and the region, and
- Build better communities through sport and community infrastructure.

Together, we can make these critical projects a reality for families, workers and businesses in Melbourne's West.

We look forward to your ongoing support.

ABOUT WYNDHAM



34%
of the Wyndham population come from non-English speaking countries, primarily from India, the Philippines, China, Pakistan and Malaysia



41%
of the Wyndham population was born overseas with residents coming from more than 162 different countries and speaking more than 170 different languages

INTRODUCTION

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties and candidates to invest in Melbourne's West.

Wyndham's increasing population, diverse communities and skills, and available land for infrastructure present significant opportunities for Victorian Government investment. As a vital link between regional Victoria and greater Melbourne, key investments can support Wyndham's continued development into a liveable city with flourishing local jobs, services, businesses, and recreational spaces.

Existing infrastructure and services are not keeping up with Wyndham's rapid population growth.

Wyndham needs State investment to further develop into a sustainable and liveable city. Wyndham's population of over 300,000 people can be supported by Victorian Government investments in community services and transport infrastructure. New projects and policies can be implemented to address our serious transport challenges, and ensure that much-needed services are accessible as the community grows.

Wyndham City has identified key projects and policies that will:

- Boost access to jobs, support local education and create economic opportunities,
- Build better transport connections to make it easier to move around Wyndham, and
- Build better communities through sport and community infrastructure.

We are asking all Victorian political parties to commit to our community and deliver these shared priorities in the next term of the Victorian Parliament.

Wyndham's community has adapted and responded throughout the pandemic. As we move through the recovery stage, targeted investment in Wyndham will ensure that the city, and State, grows and prospers in the future.

Wyndham is one of the largest and fastest growing municipalities in Australia, located in Melbourne's outer western suburbs. Wyndham is strategically located between Melbourne and Geelong, the two largest cities in Victoria outside of the Melbourne CBD, making it an area of great economic significance that extends beyond its own region and supports the prosperity of all Victorians. The Wyndham economy recorded a Gross Regional Product (GRP) of \$12.05 billion in June 2020, the second highest among all growth areas in Greater Melbourne.

There are over 23,000 businesses located within Wyndham, with jobs predominantly within the retail trade, transport, postal, warehousing and manufacturing industries.

Wyndham's population is diverse with over 50 per cent of residents born overseas in 162 different countries. The community is dominated by younger generations, with 58% of our residents under 35 years. Wyndham has a population of over 300,000 people – by 2041, this is forecast to grow to over 512,000 people, compared to only 390,000 people projected for the neighbouring City of Greater Geelong.



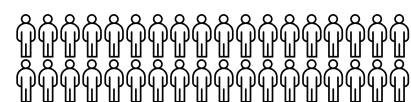
In 2021, the Wyndham population (302,650) can fill...

3.0 MCGs

and around...

5.1 MCGs by 2041

By 2041, the population is expected to grow to 512,591 people







ELECTION

PRIORITIES SUMMARY

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to invest in the West through announcements during the 2022 state election. Wyndham's rapidly growing population, diverse communities and skills, and available land for infrastructure present key opportunities and challenges.

Wyndham City's priority projects and policies will support local jobs, build better transport connections and deliver vital infrastructure for our growing community. Further details on each election priority are provided throughout this submission.

ELECTION PRIORITY	REQUEST	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
 ACTIVATE EAST WERRIBEE	<p>Activate East Werribee and create 60,000 jobs by formally identifying East Werribee as a new 'Priority Business Precinct,' supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a new East Werribee Precinct Board that provides for a partnership approach between the State Government, Wyndham City, and other key stakeholders to guide and coordinate East Werribee reactivation efforts, Funding to immediately commence a new East Werribee Master Plan process to identify and fast track shovel ready job projects, and to guide medium to longer term investment and employment opportunities, Investment to kick start the design, development and construction of an iconic, high job generating catalyst project for East Werribee, with the ability to attract further investment of all scales. 	Activating the East Werribee Precinct will create 60,000 jobs in the future, support existing community needs, cater for future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.
 WESTERN INTERMODAL FREIGHT TERMINAL	Ongoing support to enable the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal to be developed at Truganina.	Economic and employment opportunities for residents across Wyndham and the western region in combination with the Outer Metropolitan Ring Road – up to 39,000 new jobs.
 SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES: A PLAN FOR SCHOOLS IN WYNDHAM	A School Provision Plan for Wyndham, a commitment to delivering and upgrading local schools, and support to increase the accessibility of kindergartens, and Maternal and Child Health services.	Additional government schools are essential for Wyndham to keep up with the growing demand for school places. It will take pressure off current schools in Wyndham, which already experience high enrolment numbers. While new schools are being built, upgrades to existing schools are needed to provide quality education to increasing numbers of students. Schools are at the epicentre of community life and can provide better access to kindergartens, and maternal and child health.
 WYNDHAM WESTLINK	Deliver the next stage of the Wyndham Westlink by funding the construction of the Ison Road rail overpass bridge and the Princes Freeway Interchange, and commit to the remaining stages of the connection.	Investment in the Wyndham Westlink will relieve high levels of congestion towards the Werribee City Centre. This will improve productivity and support an existing development corridor.

ELECTION PRIORITY	REQUEST	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
 BETTER RAIL LINKS FOR GROWTH AND JOBS: INTEGRATING GEELONG FAST RAIL AND OTHER MAJOR RAIL PROJECTS	Ensure that the existing \$2 billion Geelong Fast Rail project includes the capacity for trains to stop in Wyndham and for Geelong Fast Rail services to be integrated with the Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.	Better rail links through Wyndham and the western region will create more economic, education and employment opportunities for all Victorians. It will better connect key western suburban and regional centres – making it easier to travel to jobs, businesses and community services in Geelong, Ballarat and Melbourne's West.
 BETTER RAIL LINKS FOR GROWTH AND JOBS: WESTERN RAIL PLAN	<p>Increased train services and capacity on the Wyndham Vale line to meet current and predicted demand. This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creating a Metro service through electrification of the rail line, delivering additional train stations, with Sayers Road Station in Tarneit West needed as soon as possible, to meet commuter demand in growth areas, and creating a connection between Wyndham Vale and the Werribee Line as part of the Western Rail Plan. This will also support the line's integration with the Geelong Fast Rail and better connect Melbourne's western suburbs to regional and metropolitan opportunities. 	Better rail connectivity between Wyndham and the wider Melbourne metro area will improve access to employment, economic and educational opportunities.
 BETTER BUSES	Investment in a bus network in Wyndham that better meets the public transport needs of our growing communities. This should include new routes and innovative new technology to facilitate demand responsive services.	Better bus services across Wyndham will improve access to services, education and employment opportunities, and reduce traffic congestion.
 BETTER CONNECTED NEIGHBOURHOODS	Funding for improved cycling and walking paths through Melbourne's western suburbs.	Improved active transport options will make it easier for Wyndham residents to walk and cycle, live locally and choose different modes of travel for employment, education, wellbeing and leisure.
 COMMUNITY AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15M towards the Tarneit Community and Performing Arts Centre \$25M towards the Riverdale Aquatics and Health Club \$20M towards the Black Forest Road North Community, Library and Performing Arts Centre \$15M towards the Point Cook Indoor Sports Centre (Stage 1) 	New community and sports infrastructure will meet the needs of Wyndham's growing population – increasing community wellbeing and strengthening community connections.
 FINANCE FOR GROWTH AREAS	Implement Infrastructure Victoria's recommendation to fund a third of the cost of the construction of library and aquatic centres in growth areas, increased commitments to the Growing Suburbs Fund and reform to Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) funds in line with the recommendations of the Victorian Auditor General.	These changes will support vital infrastructure in Melbourne's West – enabling Councils to plan and deliver a pipeline of critical social infrastructure projects their community needs, when they need it.

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ELECTION PRIORITY: ACTIVATE EAST WERRIBEE

REQUEST: Activate East Werribee and create 60,000 jobs by formally identifying East Werribee as a new 'Priority Business Precinct,' supported by:

- Establishing a new East Werribee Precinct Board that provides for a partnership approach between the State Government, Wyndham City, and other key stakeholders to guide and coordinate East Werribee reactivation efforts.
- Funding to immediately commence a new East Werribee Precinct Master Plan process to identify and fast track shovel ready job projects, and to guide medium to longer term investment and employment opportunities.
- Investment to kick start the design, development and construction of an iconic, high job generating catalyst project for East Werribee, with the ability to attract further investment of all scales.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Activating the East Werribee Precinct will create 60,000 jobs, support existing community needs, absorb future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to activating East Werribee and creating 60,000 new, high quality and secure jobs.

The Victorian Government has the opportunity to activate East Werribee as a 'Priority Business Precinct' to boost the State's economy and create sustainable jobs. This is a key opportunity to deliver the 'Capital of Melbourne's New West', alongside an integrated approach to developing the Werribee City Centre. This investment will support existing community needs, cater for future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.

We are asking all Victorian political parties to formally identify East Werribee as a new 'Priority Business Precinct,' which is supported by:

A new East Werribee Business Precinct Board that provides for a partnership approach between the State Government, Wyndham City, and other key stakeholders to guide and coordinate East Werribee reactivation efforts.

Funding to immediately commence a new East Werribee Precinct Master Plan process. This should identify and fast track shovel-ready job projects, and guide medium- to longer-term investment and employment opportunities.

Investment to kick start the design, development and construction of an iconic catalyst project for East Werribee – one that is high job generating and can attract further investment of all scales to the area.

Creating 60,000 jobs, this precinct provides the opportunity to build a different sort of hub – one with integrated transport systems, green construction practices, appropriate local housing and a wide range of easily accessible jobs.

Activating East Werribee will ease congestion challenges for Melbourne, boost employment options closer to where people live, generate new industries and learning opportunities, and deliver more health and community services for the western region.

An integrated transport strategy that connects the National Employment and Innovation Clusters (NEIC) of Sunshine and Werribee will also capture the collective benefits of the Geelong Fast Rail, Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.



ELECTION PRIORITY: WESTERN INTERMODAL FREIGHT TERMINAL

REQUEST: Ongoing support to enable the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal to be developed at Truganina.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Economic and employment opportunities for residents across Wyndham and the western region – up to 39,000 new jobs.

Wyndham City, along with Melton City Council, western regional organisations and industry partners, are asking all Victorian political parties to support the development of the Truganina site for Melbourne's new Intermodal Freight Terminal.

The Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT) is a project of national significance. It will capitalise on the benefits expected through the Federal Government's Inland Rail project, currently under construction.

A business case prepared with the Victorian Government has found that Truganina is the best site, given its close location to around 50 per cent of existing interstate freight rail customers and in close proximity to the Western State Significant Industrial Precinct with significant land availability for commercial investment attraction. The project would include a rail terminal for

transfers between trains and trucks, and connected related freight and logistics activities. The Federal Budget 2022-23, committed \$740M for the WIFT and an additional \$920M for the Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR) Transport corridor to provide access to the WIFT.

We are asking all Victorian political parties to further commit to the Truganina site in the lead up to the Victorian State Election 2022. Establishing this freight terminal and warehousing precinct has the potential to create 39,000 jobs and boost commercial productivity in Wyndham and the outer west.

ELECTION PRIORITY: SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES: A PLAN FOR SCHOOLS IN WYNDHAM



REQUEST: A School Provision Plan for Wyndham, a commitment to delivering and upgrading local schools, and support to increase the accessibility of kindergartens and Maternal and Child Health services.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Additional government schools are essential for Wyndham to keep up with growing demand for school places. It will take pressure off current schools in Wyndham, which already experience high enrolment numbers. While new schools are being built, upgrades to existing schools are needed to provide quality education to increasing numbers of students. Schools are at the epicentre of community life and can provide better access to kindergartens, and maternal and child health.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to ongoing funding for new schools and school upgrades in our community. We need to keep up with a growing population of young families in Melbourne's West, now and into the future.

More than half of Wyndham households are families with children. With over 100 babies born each week in Wyndham, we need 75 additional classrooms each year just to keep up with growing demand for school places. Wyndham's population of over 300,000 people is projected to grow to over 500,000 by 2040.

Even with more schools being built in recent years, there is still an urgent shortage of schools in Wyndham. Children in Wyndham's growth areas do not have the same access to primary and secondary schools as the rest of Greater Melbourne (based on 2021 enrolments).

We are asking all Victorian political parties to commit to developing a long term School Provision Plan in partnership with Wyndham Council and to an ongoing school building commitment.

WYNDHAM SCHOOL PROVISION PLAN

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to developing a **School Provision Plan covering all Wyndham localities** and planned developments in the LGA. This may include one or more of the following measures:

- Allocate additional sites in new or updated PSPs,
- Purchase additional land not currently allocated for government school provision,
- Construct new government schools or expand existing government schools with larger enrolment capacities including the development of multiple-storey schools.

ONGOING SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITMENT

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to setting a target for the number of new schools to be built state-wide by 2031 to match a projected growth in demand.

In addition, Wyndham City is asking Victorian political parties to take action with:

- Planning changes to ensure that sites that have been allocated for independent schools in PSPs are kept secured for that purpose,
- A commitment to appropriate limits on the use of relocatable classrooms, and
- Updates to guidelines for planning enough places for students with disabilities, which are currently based around standalone specialist schools rather than a more integrated approach.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

We are also asking all Victorian political parties to boost the accessibility of maternal and child health services by including these programs at 'Kinder on School' sites.

The existing Victorian Government program to deliver kindergartens at government schools is aimed at making kindergartens more accessible. Increasing the program's scope to include Maternal and Child Health services will make it easier for local families to access health and wellbeing support.

ELECTION PRIORITY: WYNDHAM WESTLINK



REQUEST: Deliver the next stage of the Wyndham Westlink by funding the construction of the Ison Road rail overpass bridge and the Princes Freeway Interchange, and commit to the remaining stages of the connection.

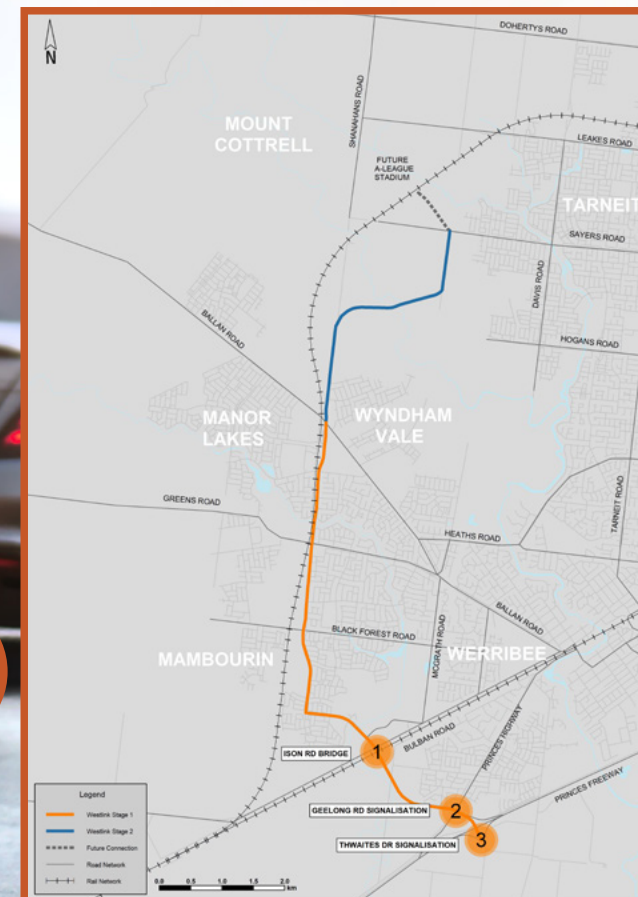
EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Investment in the Wyndham Westlink will relieve high levels of congestion towards the Werribee City Centre. This will improve productivity and support an existing development corridor.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties for a commitment to further invest in the Wyndham Westlink project to address congestion and boost productivity in Wyndham's western suburbs.

The Wyndham Westlink road and bridge project will boost connections through one of Australia's fastest growing areas and reduce congestion through Wyndham's western suburbs. As a continuous link connecting rapidly developing residential areas to the Princes Freeway, Westlink will provide an alternative for traffic currently funnelled through the Werribee City Centre.

Wyndham's growing population, new residential areas, and the need for many residents to travel long distances to work and education has increased congestion through Melbourne's West. Wyndham Westlink will make it easier to travel through Wyndham's west – enabling direct travel from developing residential areas to employment and education precincts.

Once all stages are delivered, Wyndham Westlink will support traffic, tourism and businesses around the new A-League Stadium in Tarneit and provide faster access to local jobs through Melbourne's West. As a significant connector through the western suburbs, its delivery will also support the Victorian economy by leveraging the faster realisation of land tax, stamp duty and developer contributions, as well as additional Growth Area Infrastructure Charges.



Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to funding the following projects:

- Construction of a four-lane Ison Road bridge over the Melbourne-Geelong railway line and additional works required at the Princes Freeway interchange,
- Signalisation of the Geelong Road roundabout, and
- Signalisation of the Princes Freeway off-ramp intersection with William Thwaites Drive, improving safety and reducing high-risk queuing on the Princes Freeway.

The Ison Road Bridge rail overpass is a key feature of Westlink. The rail overpass will connect two sections of Ison Road across the Melbourne-Geelong railway line, enabling freeway access from Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes. Once it is delivered, Wyndham City has committed to building a connecting section of Ison Road between Browns Road and the Princes Highway.

The Victorian Government has provided funding for early works for the construction of the Ison Road Bridge over the railway line and to develop a business case for upgrades to the Princes Freeway interchange.

Wyndham City is seeking additional commitments to further progress these projects.



BETTER RAIL LINKS FOR GROWTH AND JOBS



ELECTION PRIORITY: INTEGRATING GEELONG FAST RAIL AND OTHER MAJOR RAIL PROJECTS

REQUEST: Ensure that the existing \$2 billion Geelong Fast Rail project includes the capacity for trains to stop in Wyndham and for Geelong Fast Rail services to be integrated with the Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Better rail links through Wyndham and the western region will create more economic, education and employment opportunities for all Victorians. It will better connect key western suburban and regional centres – making it easier to travel to jobs, businesses and community services in Geelong, Ballarat and Melbourne’s West.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to make it easier for Victorians to travel to and through Geelong, Ballarat and Melbourne’s West by ensuring the Geelong Fast Rail stops in Wyndham and is integrated with the Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.

Victorian political parties should maximise the benefits of the Geelong Fast Rail project by including a plan for fast trains to connect Wyndham to Geelong, Melbourne’s CBD, and airports. These services can also be strategically integrated with the Western Rail Plan and the Melbourne Airport Rail Link.

Commitment to an integrated approach to major rail projects in the west would connect the National Employment and Innovation Clusters (NEIC) of Sunshine and Werribee with the regional cities of Geelong and Ballarat. Our growing communities in regional Victoria and Melbourne’s West should have the opportunity to experience the collective benefits of the Geelong Fast Rail, Western Rail Plan and the Melbourne Airport Rail Link – including better access to and from central Melbourne.

Enhancements of the existing Geelong Fast Rail project will improve rail connections between Geelong and Wyndham, including a stop in Wyndham that will maximise the benefits of better connections.

We are also asking for the design of the Geelong Fast Rail to appropriately cater for Wyndham’s longer term rail needs by future proofing more stations such as Derrimut Road.

Rail projects connecting Werribee and the growing western suburbs to Geelong and other regional cities will deliver greater shared employment, economic and educational opportunities. It will make it easier for families to live, work and learn in the West – and make it easier for local businesses to attract new workers and patrons.



BETTER RAIL LINKS FOR GROWTH AND JOBS



ELECTION PRIORITY: WESTERN RAIL PLAN

REQUEST: Increased train services and capacity on the Wyndham Vale line to meet current and predicted demand. This should include:

- creating a Metro service through electrification of the rail line,
- delivering additional train stations to meet commuter demand in growth areas, and
- creating a connection between Wyndham Vale and the Werribee Line as part of the Western Rail Plan. This will also support the line’s integration with the Geelong Fast Rail and better connect Melbourne’s western suburbs to regional and metropolitan opportunities.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Better rail connectivity between Wyndham and the wider Melbourne metro area will improve access to employment, economic and educational opportunities.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to deliver on plans to upgrade the rail capacity and services in the western suburbs under the Western Rail Plan.

The Western Rail Plan announced in 2018 envisaged a revitalisation of rail infrastructure in the western suburbs. However, more investments are needed to fulfill this plan and support Wyndham’s fast growing outer suburban areas. Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to:

- Increased train services to meet current and predicted demand by providing Metro train services on the Wyndham Vale line (rather than a V/Line service), and electrifying the line to make it fully integrated with the metropolitan train network.
- Additional train stations to meet growing commuter numbers, to be constructed at:

- Sayers Road Station in Tarneit West as soon as possible
- Davis Road Station in Tarneit West within 3 years,
- Black Forest Road Station in Wyndham Vale within 3 years, and
- Truganina Station in Truganina within 3 years.
- creating a connection between Wyndham Vale and the Werribee Line as part of the Western Rail Plan. This will also support the line’s integration with the Geelong Fast Rail and better connect Melbourne’s western suburbs to regional and metropolitan opportunities.



ELECTION PRIORITY: BETTER BUSES



REQUEST: Investment in a bus network in Wyndham that better meets the public transport needs of our growing communities. This should include new routes and innovative new technology to facilitate demand responsive services.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Better bus services across Wyndham will improve access to services, education and employment opportunities, and reduce traffic congestion.

Wyndham City is joining other councils and community organisations in asking all Victorian political parties to commit to better bus services – improving transport connections in the west and making smarter use of resources. Better bus routes, frequency and services hours will make it easier to travel around Melbourne's western suburbs.

Wyndham's rapidly growing suburbs need new and more frequent bus services as more residents move into the area. We also need better connections between trains and buses to improve access to public transport and create an alternative to more cars on our roads.

Providing new bus routes can be a challenge in new housing areas. We are asking Victorian political parties to work with Wyndham City and bus companies to deliver new and emerging transport innovations. This can include on-demand services, smart technology and with real time solutions. We also support state

investment in more electric buses which will help make Wyndham cleaner and greener.

If bus services are frequent and accessible, people will use them. Wyndham is home to nine of the top 20 most used bus services across the whole of metropolitan Melbourne. Better buses will increase access to community services, improve education and employment opportunities, and reduce traffic congestion.



REQUEST: Funding for improved cycling and walking paths through Melbourne's western suburbs.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Improved active transport options will make it easier for Wyndham residents to walk and cycle, live locally and choose different modes of travel for employment, education, wellbeing and leisure.

ELECTION PRIORITY: BETTER CONNECTED NEIGHBOURHOODS



Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to better shared user pathways and active transport projects – improving local connections and increasing pedestrian and cyclist access to key destinations.

The pandemic has changed the way people travel for work, school and leisure. Neighbourhoods with housing near local jobs and services encourage a vibrant and healthy local economy that can meet the majority of peoples' daily needs.

Wyndham is seeking funding for active transport projects which provide better connections to key local destinations including:

- Delivering a Shared Use Path connection to the Federation Trail along the Old Geelong Road bridge at Hoppers Crossing,
- Constructing the K Road Cliffs Trail in Werribee's tourism precinct,
- Strategic works to connect and improve trails through Melbourne's West, making them easier to access and more sustainable:
 - Greening the Pipeline at Hoppers Crossing and Laverton North,

- Fixing the missing link in the Lollypop Creek trail in Wyndham Vale,
- Connecting the Werribee River Trail to the Federation Trail and Werribee Regional Park at Riverwalk estate,
- Delivering crossing points at Derrimut Rd and Heaths Rd to link up the D1 drain path and provide active transport connections to local schools, sporting facilities, AquaPulse and the Youth Resource Centre.

By committing to key cycling and pedestrian links, Victorian political parties can support the social and physical health of Wyndham's community – making it easier and safer for our community to choose walking and cycling over other methods of transport.



ELECTION PRIORITY:
**COMMUNITY AND
SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE**

REQUEST:

- \$15M towards the Tarneit Community and Performing Arts Centre
- \$25M towards the Riverdale Aquatics and Health Club
- \$20M towards the Black Forest Road North Community, Library and Performing Arts Centre
- \$15M towards the Point Cook Indoor Sports Centre (Stage 1)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: New community and sports infrastructure will meet the needs of Wyndham’s growing population – increasing community wellbeing and strengthening community connections.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties for a commitment to help fund the delivery of sport infrastructure, aquatic centres and libraries needed to provide services to the growing and diverse population of our City.

Australians love being active, and sport and active recreation opportunities are vital to improving individual and community health. Access to community and sports infrastructure is vital – these are important settings for developing social connections with others and the community in which we live, especially at this crucial time.

Likewise, libraries are a crucial community service. They provide opportunities for lifelong learning, spaces to connect with community, help build culture and support the creative arts, provide access to digital and in-person services, and act as refuges for people in need.

However, the development of housing growth in Wyndham has outpaced the development of community and sports infrastructure. Wyndham has a population of over 300,000 residents and almost half our residents are born overseas, from 162 different countries.

To meet the diverse needs of our growing community, Wyndham is requesting a Victorian Government contribution to enable the delivery of major community and sports infrastructure, including:

- \$15M towards the Tarneit Community and Performing Arts Centre
- \$25M towards the Riverdale Aquatics and Health Club
- \$20M towards the Black Forest Road North Community, Library and Performing Arts Centre
- \$15M towards the Point Cook Indoor Sports Centre (Stage 1)

These are vital projects that will ensure that Wyndham has fair access to sports and community infrastructure.



ELECTION PRIORITY:
GROWTH AREA FUNDING

REQUEST: Implement Infrastructure Victoria’s recommendation to fund a third of the cost of the construction of library and aquatic centres in growth areas, increased commitments to the Growing Suburbs Fund and reform to Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) funds in line with the recommendations of the Victorian Auditor General.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: These changes will support vital infrastructure in Melbourne’s West – enabling Councils to plan and deliver a pipeline of critical social infrastructure projects their community needs, when they need it.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to ensuring that state funds for growth areas are sufficient to match the growing need for infrastructure and services in the outer suburbs.

INFRASTRUCTURE VICTORIA’S 30 YEAR STRATEGY

Infrastructure Victoria’s 30 Year Strategy recommends that Victorian Government should, “in the next five years, increase funding to support local government to plan and deliver libraries and aquatic recreation centres in Melbourne’s seven growth area municipalities.”

Infrastructure Victoria’s report found that growth areas have fewer libraries and aquatic centres than the rest of Melbourne and this will likely worsen over time as populations increase. Among the growth areas, Wyndham was rated in the bottom four for both libraries per person and aquatic centres per person.

Providing the infrastructure and services our community needs means people have greater opportunities to reach their full potential.

Wyndham City is asking all Victorian political parties to commit to implementing this recommendation – supporting critical social infrastructure in growth areas.

GROWING SUBURBS FUND

Wyndham City calls on all Victorian political parties to commit to the continuation of the Growing Suburbs Fund, adopting a longer-term pipeline approach and increase to the program’s funding to an amount that reflects the increase in eligible councils and the unique challenges faced by growing communities in outer suburbs.

Since 2015, Wyndham City has received funding through the Growing Suburbs Fund towards the construction of various local infrastructure projects

including upgrades to community spaces, and improvements to local sport and recreation facilities. However, since 2020 the Growing Suburbs Fund has increased in eligibility from 10 councils to 16 councils.

Increasing funding for the Growing Suburbs Fund will help support growing outer suburban areas such as Wyndham.

GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION

Victorian political parties should also commit to reforming growth area funding set aside from a levy on developments under the Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) funds.

In March 2020, the Victorian Auditor General Office tabled a report ‘Managing Development Contributions’. The report recommended that the Victorian Government reform developer contribution funds. This included developing a plan for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the outcomes achieved by development contributions, and seeking greater council input in selecting Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution-funded projects.

With greater Victorian Government investment in funding for growth areas and better accountability for the use of development contribution funds, we will improve living standards in outer suburbs and build a stronger local economy in the communities which have been among the areas hardest hit by the economic impacts of the pandemic.



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