

Wyndham Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025. Report Monitoring Outcomes 2021- 2022

THRIVING WYNDHAM		
Priority 1 – Opportunity Equity & Inclusion		
Outcome 1 – We have equal opportunity to contribute to our community, including through strong employment opportunities		
CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES		
Lifecourse Framework - Living Your Best Life in Wyndham	Wyndham Multicultural Policy and Action Plan	Wyndham Volunteering Strategy 2019-2024
Social and Economic Inclusion Strategy 2020-2023	Wyndham Disability Support Network	Growing Wyndham's Community Strength Policy and Framework
Child, Youth and Family Interim Plan 2019-2020	Accessibility Action Plan 2019-2022	Koling wada-ngal (Walking together) Committee
Wyndham Humanitarian Network	Growing Wyndham's Community Strength Policy	Multicultural Policy and Action Plan
Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025	Community Revitalisation Impact and Learning Plan 2022	The Learning Community Strategy 2018-2023
Social Inclusion		
Reconciliation Action Plan 2023 - 2025	Wyndham's second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2023-2025 is being developed during 2021-22. The RAP Management Group was re-established, and members recruited for the second Wyndham Reconciliation Advisory Committee. The Plan has been reviewed by Reconciliation Australia and is progressing well.	
Support for Carers	Council is a provider of the Victorian Support for Carers Program for carers. The program helps carers to maintain their own health and wellbeing, adding to their quality of life through respite, increased opportunities for social connection, and social and/or physical activities. The program assisted 20 Wyndham carers on a regular basis in 2021-2022.	
Home and Community Care Program for Younger People	Council's Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP) supports eligible residents living with physical and/or psychosocial functional impairment, chronic illness and short-term health needs who have difficulty with daily activities (due to related to disability for which they are not eligible for the NDIS). The program assists individuals, their families and carers to maintain and/or be more independent at home and in the community.	
Wyndham Volunteer Expo	On 14 May 2022, the Expo was held at Encore Events Centre attracting 44 stallholders (local volunteer-involving groups and organisations) and 375 attendees. The Expo was an opportunity to connect residents with organisations, educate and inform. The event included a prior information session with opportunities for networking and information on becoming 'volunteer ready'. Over 100 volunteers were recruited as a direct result of the Expo.	
Connected Community		
Wyndham Together	The Wyndham Together website delivered community information to help people to engage with and access Council programs and updates and enable service continuity during the pandemic and COVID lockdowns in 2021. Content is now transferred and accessible through the <i>What's On</i> section of Council's website.	

Building Blocks Community Leadership program 2022	Resilient Wyndham, Stronger Together Theme is a free program for people who live, work, study, volunteer or play in Wyndham and who are interested in working collaboratively with others to develop and strengthen their community leadership and participation skills. ¹
Tuning in to Teens Parenting program and parent information sessions	<p>Youth Services provided an eight week parenting program to the Epiphany Church community, many of African backgrounds who were facing difficulties in connecting with their teenage children. Participating parents reported that engagement with the program supported positive household change. Running of the program also led to strong connections with multicultural communities. There are plans to expand the program to other cultural groups in 2022.</p> <p>Youth Services provides family information sessions once each term with topics picked in consultation including via the Wyndham Youth Survey. Average attendance is 20-40 parents who engaged online and face-to-face whenever possible.</p>
Wyndham Learning Festival 2021	The Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF) is Wyndham’s largest annual learning event, focusing on promoting learning across the lifespan. With the theme of <i>Re-emerge, Connect & Thrive</i> , the 2021 WLF provided a celebration for the community living through a challenging time and offered hope for re-emerging brighter and better into the future. Led by the Wyndham Community and Education Centre with support from Wyndham City Council the WLF provides opportunities for learning and promotes the far-reaching social, economic, environmental, and cultural benefits of lifelong learning.
Global Learning Festival 2021	Co-hosted by Wyndham and Melton Councils, along with over 20 learning communities around the world, the 2 nd Global Learning Festival (GLF) wrapped up in November 2021. Over 95 live and recorded events delivered from across Australia, the USA, the U.K, Israel, Northern Ireland, Taiwan, Canada, Bangladesh, Kenya, Benin, Colombia, Finland, Italy, Lithuania, and Turkey. The 2021 GLF truly represented global learning. GLF aims to bring unity and connection to communities all over the world, and to give learners a firsthand experience of the benefits that lifelong learning can bring, particularly during uncertain and challenging times.
First Time Parent Groups	In 2021-2022, 700 families participated in First-Time Parent Groups (Department of Health funded). The program aims to enhance parental and emotional well-being and parent-child interaction, and to provide opportunities for first-time parents to establish informal networks and social supports. Overall aim is to increase parental confidence. Council provided the program face-to-face and online throughout the pandemic and ongoing.
Bump Baby and Beyond Parenting program	Young and expecting parents involved in <i>Bump Baby and Beyond</i> program had the opportunity to connect with one another in a weekly program held at the youth resource centre. The program includes quarterly outings and educational training and programs such as First Aid.
Williams Landing Library Lounge and Youth Hub	<p>Located at Williams landing Shopping Centre, the Library Lounge will provide a range of library programs during the day and Youth Services facilitated programs and events some evenings across the week and weekends. Consultation via The Loop ran from 9 May to 13 June 2022, with the Library Lounge due to open later in the year providing library services and programs, including free WiFi and a youth hub and event space in the evenings.</p>



¹ Retrieved 11 March 2022: <https://www.hothouseprojects.org/courses-1>

Outcome 2 - We can access to formal or informal learning opportunities		
CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES		
The Learning Community Strategy 2018-2023	Wyndham Family Friendly Charter 2018	Child, Youth and Family Interim Action Plan
Social and Economic Inclusion Strategy 2020-2023	Economic Growth Strategy	Wyndham Partnership Framework
Aged and Disability Service Access Policy	Family Friendly Charter	2021 Wyndham Learning Festival: Re-emerge, Connect & Thrive
Accessibility Action Plan 2019-2022	Pathways for local jobs in Horticulture and Land Management	LearnWest2021: Learning for Earning Festival
Library Service Strategy 2018-2040	Three-Year-Old Kinder Infrastructure Strategy	
Continuous Learning		
Tech Connect 2022	Wyndham Cultural Centre together with the Arts Centre Melbourne ran a free 10-week training program for community members in Theatre Production and Customer Service for theatres, galleries and cultural centres. Applications were sought from female-identifying young people who also identify as a First Nations person and CALD persons aged 18-30 to gain entry-level knowledge and experience.	
Learning for Earning Festival 2022	Now in its second year, the festival is a collaboration of six <i>LearnWest</i> network councils (Wyndham, Melton, Brimbank, Hobson's Bay, Maribyrnong and Darebin) supporting improved learning and earning outcomes across the north and west. Councils' collective impact across communities considers alternative pathways to employment, gaining knowledge on starting or changing careers, and upskilling through online forums - Opportunities in the West, Meet the Major Employers in the West and Want to Work in Local Government.	
Education Roundtable 2021	Council hosted the Wyndham Education Roundtable, facilitating discussions to identify key strategic planning and resource issues impacting Wyndham's learning sectors, with the goal of creating a collaborative and workable Action Plan for Education in Wyndham 2023. Educators and community leaders exchanged ideas about their vision for the future of learning in the municipality in the context of the wider Education and Learning Strategy focused on supporting lifetime learning.	
Library Community Programs	<p>In 2021-2022, 46,250 residents participated in-person or online at libraries and library events, an increase of 84% since 2020-2021.² Libraries provided 1,604 free activities and events to the community over the last 12 months, including through online, downloadable or in person format with 34,000 participants over all age groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For Early Years and parents</i> - Rhyme Time in the Park, return of in person Baby Time, Rhyme Time and Story Time, Parenting talks on Dyslexia and Managing Mealtimes. The Library also partnered with local speech pathologist Lisa Decker, delivering online <i>Speechie Talks</i>, aimed at increasing the awareness of speech pathology and the role of libraries in children's language and literacy development. • <i>2021-2022 Q&A series</i> with a Speech Pathologist combined with the <i>Speechie Talk</i> sessions (in-person) delivered across five library branches to foster children's speech, language and communication skills. With over 160 participants, This was selected as one of a handful of case studies highlighted in the launch of the <i>Libraries for Health and Wellbeing Strategic Framework</i> by State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria. The Q&A attracted many parents now awaiting appointments with a speech pathologist. • <i>Older children and youth – Code Club online; Smarts and Craft, Girls for Science, and STEAM programs</i> for 9-13 year-olds to promote love of learning, arts and science. 	

² Wyndham News, August 2022. Retrieved 5 August 2022: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/d4fbc99d-ae73-4bf4-bb16-e8018b9db846>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Friday Night Fiction</i> book club to promote love of reading and literature. During 2021-2022, two additional book groups began - <i>Inbetweeners Book Club</i> at Point Cook Library for 9-13 year-olds and the <i>Queer Book Club</i> (partnership with Youth Services) for young people at Hoppers Crossing Library. • Workshops delivered promoting life skills and informal learning included <i>Car Maintenance</i> and <i>Hip Hop</i> at Manor Lakes Library, <i>Mock Interviews</i> at Hoppers Crossing and Julia Gillard Libraries, and <i>photography</i> at Point Cook. • <i>Adults – English Conversation Café</i> Program ran at all five libraries and online, providing a space for people to practise their English in a fun and relaxed environment. A presentation on RAAF Point Cook and its history attracted 360 people online. 214 more viewed the recording in the 4 weeks it was available. • Starting a home business advice from entrepreneur and budgeting guru Jody Allen shared online. • Regular online writing group for adult writers of all levels, with a series of professional facilitated writing workshops. • <i>Craft and Conversation</i> program provided opportunities to learn new craft skills. 	
Skill Development for Young People	In 2021, young people involved in Council’s three committees (Youth Task Force, Multicultural Committee, Freeza) were transitioned to become official volunteers within Wyndham City Council. Being offered official volunteer status assists skill recognition for future employment, and to also be offered further volunteer opportunities beyond the age of 25. Young people received volunteer training and will continue to be offered leadership and project skills training in 2022 (funded through DFFH Engage Program).	
Priority 2 – Mental Wellbeing		
Outcome 3 – We are a cohesive and inclusive society, socially connected and able to ask for help when we need it		
CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES		
Aged and Disability Service Access Policy	Family Friendly Charter	Wyndham Partnership Framework
Child, Youth and Family Interim Action Plan	Lifecourse Framework	
Mental wellbeing		
Community Connectors	<p>In the final quarter 2021, 290 residents connected with local services and support (25% increase from previous quarter). Most referrals were to the Food Bank or financial services, and to Council or other government agencies such as My Aged Care, NDIS or Centrelink.³</p> <p>Translated brochures advertising the service were distributed through community centres, various departments, external agencies, and at events to familiarise community with the service and how it can support them to access the local services and programs they need. <i>Community Connector</i> also resumed at Community Learning Centres in Manor Lakes, Tarneit and Point Cook post lockdowns.</p>	
Mental Health First Aid Training	In December 2021, the Resilient Wyndham Strategy actioned accredited <i>Mental Health First Aid Training</i> with 12 community leaders completing the training. They learned the signs of common disabling mental health problems in adults, how to provide initial help, where and how to seek professional help and how to provide mental health first aid in a crisis situation. In March 2022, frontline Council staff also undertook the training with nine officers completing the course.	
Library Community Programs	<p>Social connection and improved mental wellbeing were key outcomes in evaluation of library programs. First time parents in particular with babies born during COVID lockdowns found community programs invaluable. Community feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rhyme Time in the Park</i> (25 Nov 2021); one participant said the online programs had sustained her and her child during 18 months of lockdowns. 	

³ WCC Quarterly Community Report, Oct-Dec 2021 Retrieved 3 March 2022: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02/Q2%20Community%20Report%202021.22.pdf>

- *Baby Time*; first time parents feeling overwhelmed with new parenthood said that learning songs and other activities for baby helped them get through the first months.
- *Arndell park Library Pop Up outreach*; *Rhyme time* provided valuable first socialising activity for mother and son born during COVID lockdowns.
- *Craft and Conversation*; one participant shared a craft idea with her Emergency Department colleagues at Mercy Hospital to promote mental wellbeing in a stressful work environment.

Youth and Children Counselling Services Children and Young people aged 8-25, as well as their families can access free counselling support in Wyndham. In 2021 the counselling team provided 1317 counselling sessions to children young people and their families. Current significant waiting periods for mental health services across the region also impact Council services with youth counselling experiencing similar difficulties. Over 50 children and young people are on waitlists.

Priority 3 – Gender Equality

Outcome 4 – We enjoy formal and substantive equality

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Gender Equity Policy Statement	Towards Equality in Wyndham	Women’s Participation in Sport & Active Recreation in Melbourne’s West Action Plan for Change
Active Wyndham Strategy	Wyndham Active Transport Strategy 2020	Wyndham's Building Blocks Community Leadership Program

Capacity Building

Gender equality Council provides community leadership with a commitment to apply a gender lens to all policies, services and programs. Council continues to work towards a gender equitable organisation and community. A gender lens is applied across all programs, initiatives and planning documents (Chair and member of Women of the West Action Plan).

Gender Equality in Sports The *Go Girls Soccer Program* continued in 2021-2022, including delivery of the *Football Victoria Girls Coaching Course* and planning for girl’s and women’s *Cricket Come and Try Days*.

In 2021-2022, Capital Works completed to better facilitate girls and women in sports include:

- The completed Galvin Park Soccer Pavilion redevelopment - outdated pavilion demolished and new compliant pavilion with female friendly change rooms constructed.
- Cambridge Tennis Pavilion Redevelopment completed with more modern design.
- Galvin Park Football and Cricket Pavilion redesign providing modern female friendly facilities.



Capacity Building Increased participation of women and girls in sport and recreation, including addressing cultural barriers to participation. Successful courses include:

- beginners running course
- support for *Go Girls Soccer* program
- Active Tarneit Girls & Women’s Fitness sessions, Bhangra workout (48 sessions, 745 attendees)
- *Active Holidays Program* activities – 52% of attendances were by girls
- 100% attendance by women at beginners cycling course

LIVEABLE WYNDHAM

Priority 4 – Accessible Services

Outcome 5 – We can access safe and culturally appropriate services

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Accessibility Action Plan 2019-2022	Securing Wyndham's Future Advocacy Strategy 2020	Storm and Flood Management Plan
Wyndham Partnership Framework	Child, Youth and Family Interim Plan	Lifecourse Framework

Inclusive Access

121 Transport Services	This Council service continued operations throughout COVID lockdowns adapting to support eligible older residents and those unable to drive or use public transport due to an illness or disability with door-to-door transport to medical appointments.
Pop-up Library Van	Introduction of a new library programs van in Term 3, visiting community centres and Council events across Wyndham, delivering programs for all ages and offering a small collection of books to browse and borrow directly from the van. Residents informed the types of programs and items available, as well as preferred van locations.
Dianella Community Centre	Opened 23 Nov 2021 servicing the Tarneit West community, the Centre supports residents, community leaders, associations and groups to run activities, programs and events for the wider neighbourhood. The centre hosts a suite of regular activities including Maternal & Child Health Services, Kindergarten, Live Life Get Active, Communi-tea Coffee Hour, Courtside Basketball Education & Training, playgroups, Youth Programs, Cultural Groups, Faith Based Groups, Markets & Events, and community gatherings.
Stepping Out – Reducing Harm from Gambling (Short Film)	Collaboration between Council (Community Strengthening), Gambler's Help and IPC Health to reduce gambling harm. The project involved a video (Stepping Out!) and workshops. The video provided information on gambling harm and its consequences, including lived experience stories. It also suggested ideas for Seniors activities in Wyndham that don't involve gambling or gaming venues.
Maternal Child Health (MCH) Recovery Project	<p>A key challenge facing Wyndham City (and other LGAs) in 2021-2022 has been attracting and retaining MCH nursing staff due to rising birth rates and a shrinking workforce. Appointments are being prioritised for babies under eight weeks and some MCH services are limited due to the strain on the system.</p> <p>However, an improved MCH triage process is in place. Council is working with IPC Health to refine referral pathways and explore opportunities to increase delivery of alternative nursing support and allied health programs to complement the MCH service, including the introduction of lactation consultants and promotion of local early parenting support programs delivered by local service providers. Council is also developing an interactive video series on key early parenting topics.</p> <p>New graduate nurses are also being recruited, retired nurses offered casual employment and a scholarship program due to be implemented. The recovery project is contracting services from other LGAs where appropriate including development of a Western Region Model to facilitate redeployment of staff across the Region.</p>
MCH – Sleep and Settling	The MCH <i>Sleep and Settling Care Model</i> assisted 100 families through evidenced-based informed support for parents and caregivers with sleep and settling concerns. The program supports delivery of consistent and high-quality MCH services for all Wyndham children and families.
MCH - Immunisation	Council implemented an online service to schedule and manage immunisations bookings with appointments scheduled up to 5 weeks in advance. Appointments can be rescheduled for any reason including illness.
MCH – Lactation Consultants	This service was re-established in 2022 to provide support to breastfeeding mothers, working to reduce complications and increase rates of successful long-term breastfeeding and to promote breastfeeding across Wyndham.

Outcome 6 – We are a resilient community and adapt to changing conditions

Drug Resistant Infections

Pop-Up Vaccination Hubs

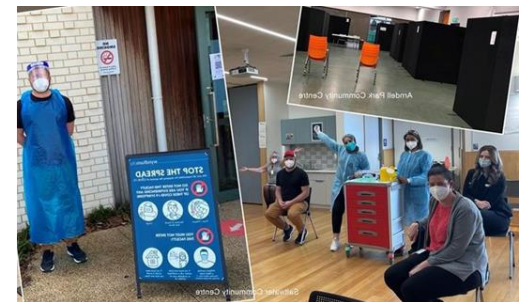
Council supports the community in gaining access to vaccinations including the facilitation of pop-up vaccination hubs. Examples include the Children’s Vaccination Hub at Dianella Community Centre in February 2022. Children could be registered at the Department of Health website or via the Coronavirus Hotline.

Saltwater Community Centre also ran fortnightly GP-run vaccination sessions at the beginning of 2022.

In Sep-Oct 2021, IPC Health held a pop-up vaccination hub at Arndell Park Community Centre in conjunction with the local Ethiopian community. The pop-up managed bookings of 150 per day and walk-ins in partitioned booths set up in the community rooms.

In June 2022, Seniors Club vaccinations were facilitated at Penrose Community Centre; a community-led initiative of the Tarneit Indian community.

United Seniors Club leaders connected with IPC Health whose nurses were on hand to provide free vaccinations to any users of the centre and surrounding community, including a bi-lingual nurse (speaking Hindi). 52 people were vaccinated on the day.



Pandemic Recovery

In July 2022 and in partnership with State Government, Council provided 7,500 masks to the most vulnerable residents in a further bid to help reduce cases and infection across the city. Council provided cloth masks to the Libraries, Foodbanks, Community support agencies and through Youth Services.

On 21 July 2022, in partnership with Western Health the Werribee Vaccination Hub was opened located at One Tree Werribee West Kindergarten, 37 Ballan Road, Werribee. The hub operates until the end of September 2022 (extension subject to State Government funding).

Priority 5 – Climate Change Health Impacts

Outcome 7 – We are a zero carbon community consuming locally and responsibly

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

City Forest and Habitat Strategy 2017-2040	Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016 – 2040	Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2016-2020
Greenhouse Action Plan 2018-2021	Tree and Urban Forest Policy	Coastal and Marine Management Plan 2020-2025
Draft Resilient Wyndham Strategy 2021 -25	Tree Policy 2018	Heat Action Plan
Solar City Project	Wyn-R Project	VECO Project
Municipal Fire Management Plan 2020-2023	Wyndham Refuse Disposal Facility Strategic Plan 2019-25	Waste and Litter Strategy 2016-2040
Water Action Plan 2015 - 2020		

Climate Change

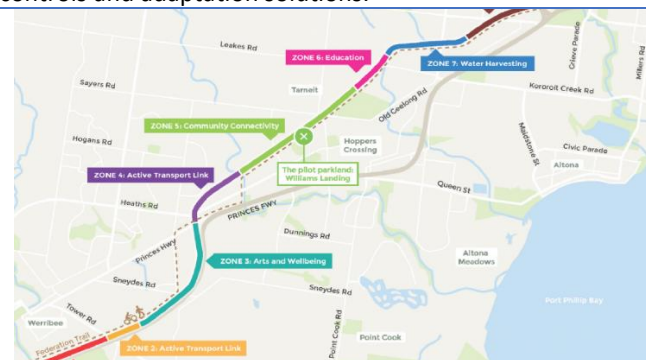
Climate change risk assessment - Council Facilities

Early in 2022 Council conducted a ‘climate vulnerability assessment’ to consider the vulnerability of Wyndham’s key systems and sub-systems to the physical impacts of climate change. The assessment identified the most vulnerable systems in relation to Council owned and operated buildings and the natural environment. Further work is being done on these two systems to prioritise climate risks and identify additional controls and adaptation solutions.

Greening the pipeline

In a collaborative alliance with Melbourne Water, Greater Western Water, Victorian Govt (DELWP & Transport) and Traditional Owners, Wyndham City supported Greening the West, a project to transform 27 kms of heritage-listed Main Outfall Sewer (MOS) reserve into continuous parkland.

Council’s vision is to create a vibrant space that will connect communities and provide a unique place to meet, play and relax. Council is working with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation to ensure Traditional Owner interests and values are embedded into park design and creation.



Priority 6 – Housing & Built Environment

Outcome 8 – We can meet our housing needs

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Wyndham Plan	Wyndham Municipal Strategic Statement	Wyndham Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2018
Smart City Strategy 2019-2024	Wyndham Recovery Plan Covid-19 2020	Affordable Housing Strategy
Wyndham Open Space Strategy 2045	Wyndham Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2018	Advocacy Strategy – Securing Wyndham’s Future
20 Minute Neighbourhood – Living Locally Research	Wyndham Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy	

Housing Provision		
Affordable Housing Development	<p>Planning policy in the Werribee City Centre supported two medium-density housing apartment developments, located close to public transport and amenities. Unison completed a two-storey affordable housing development in Market Rd, Werribee and is constructing a seven-storey affordable housing development in Cottrell Street, Werribee.</p> <p>Council continues working with Community Housing provider. New providers are Haven Home Safe, Housing All Australians and Homes Victoria. These providers will be added to group of providers for future developments in Wyndham.</p>	
Outcome 9 – We enjoy our neighbourhoods		
CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES		
Wyndham Plan	Wyndham Municipal Strategic Statement	Wyndham Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2018
Smart City Strategy 2019-2024	Wyndham Recovery Plan Covid-19 2020	Accessibility Action Plan 2019-2022
Urban Planning		
Wyndham Cultural Centre	The Forecourt Development created a new public space at the Wyndham Cultural Centre, providing an inviting entry and adding space for community participation in the heart of the Werribee City Centre.	
Sporting Reserves	Two new reserves as outcomes of the Sports Strategy. Bensonhurst Parade Reserve in Point Cook and Alcock Road Reserve in Truganina - nearing completion. The community informed programs, age groups, values and experiences important to them in the design.	
Capital Works Upgrades	<p>Construction commenced on greenfield Master Plans at Brookdale Road Reserve, Bensonhurst Parade Reserve and Alcock Road Reserve. Once completed in early 2022/23, the reserves will provide more capacity to Wyndham’s network of sport and recreation facilities in particular for tennis, soccer and cricket.</p> <p>Over \$2M of works were undertaken across Wyndham’s two aquatic facilities - AquaPulse and Werribee Outdoor Pool. Works at Werribee Outdoor Pool included renewal of the leisure pool filters with environmentally friendly filter, new public address system and a significant re-tile of the 50m and leisure pools. The AquaPulse steam room was refurbished, pool hall lighting upgraded to LED, plant room function improved and extensive re-painting throughout.</p>	
Fraser Street Park Upgrade	<p>Major upgrade to Fraser Street Park, Hoppers Crossing 2020-2022 completed with the park now open to the public. Wyndham City provided \$550,000 and the State Government (DELWP) \$300,000 for soft landscaping and play equipment. Upgrades include new play equipment, pathways, furniture, landscaping and a public toilet facility (the latter through Federal Govt funding \$150,000).</p>	
Activity Centres	<p>Council direction is to increase diversity and densification of housing in all Activity Centres. Key Centres are Mambourin (Black Forest North PSP, UDF approved) Manor Lakes, Tarneit Major Town Centre (UDF under review), Williams Landing, Truganina, Hoppers Crossing, Werribee PSP (updating and review underway). Riversdale PSP needs initial work on Major Town Centre Planning, and Service Planning on Community Facilities.</p>	
Housing and Neighbourhood Strategy	Project officers are finalising housing change areas and are preparing for the community engagement process.	
Wyndham Plan	<p>The long-term plan for urbanisation of Wyndham includes the concept for a City Heart and Pulse Area within the various Activity Centres in this development area. The Wyndham Plan has been presented to Council and is expected to proceed for adoption before the end of 2022.</p>	
SAFE WYNDHAM		

Priority 7 – Community Safety

Outcome 10 – Our neighbourhoods are safe and inclusive

Outcome 11 – Local spaces and places are age friendly and promote independence

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Community Amenity Local Law (2015)	Wyndham City Enforcement Policy	Festival and Events Framework
Footpath Trading Policy & Guidelines	Graffiti Management Strategy 2017-2022	Municipal Emergency Management Plan
Municipal Fire Management Plan 2020-2023	Single Use Plastic Policy 2019	Waste and Litter Strategy 2016-2040
Accessibility Action Plan 2019-2022	Growing Wyndham's Community Strength Policy	

Community Safety

Confident Living for seniors In 2021, Community Connections and Care in partnership with Victoria Police visited several retirement villages and Penrose to present on Home Safety, Driver Safety, Scams, Elder Abuse, Mental Health, Support Services and ways to best connect with Victoria Police

Community Safety in Wyndham – Empowering Communities Council received funding through the Victorian Government's Building Safer Communities Program to develop a community partnership to design and deliver local crime prevention initiatives. Community consultation is underway to begin discussions on a community partnership that will co-design and deliver local crime prevention initiatives. The Empowering Communities program supports local communities to design and lead innovative initiatives to address the causes of crime and improve perceptions of safety. A local community forum will be organised as the next stage of the project.

Outcome 12 – We are safe at home

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Gender Equality Strategy	MAV Networks
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Family Violence

Elder Abuse information Community Connections and Care services did a mail drop with information to clients about, Seniors Victoria Advocacy and Elder Abuse describing what constitutes Elder Abuse and what to do if you are experiencing it.

Orange Door (DFFH) Werribee The Orange Door secured premises in a new central commercial development in Werribee City Centre. The Orange Door is a front line family violence services, free for adults, children and young people experiencing family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

Maternal Child Health Services The universal nature of the MCH service means that MCH nurses are uniquely positioned to receive the first disclosure of family violence, offer support and strategies, assist with safety plans and refer to specialist agencies. MCH nurses screen all women for family violence at the 4-week maternal health and well-being consultation if it is safe to do so and at other times as clinically indicated.

Enhanced MCH Service - Family Violence Social Worker A specialist social worker is partnering MCH nurses in screening for family violence, providing ongoing follow up and support to families and staff in Wyndham. There were 3800 family violence incidents reported, up from 3301 incidents, in Wyndham from 31 March 2020 to 31 March 2021 (Crime Statistics Agency, 2022).

Infants 0-3 years

Wyndham is currently recruiting for a Social Worker to work with the Enhanced MCH service to improve outcomes for children aged 0-3 years who have been identified as experiencing a period of increased vulnerability, and who will benefit from targeted actions and interventions. The social worker will work collaboratively within the EMCH Team to provide

	short-term intensive support to families who have been identified as in need of additional support, to provide monitoring, follow up and short-term case management for Children in Out of Home Care and EMCH.
Youth Crisis Response Team	Position descriptions for the Youth Response and Mobilisation Team are in development with recruitment planned for the second half of 2022. Positions descriptions and workplans are being worked through with stakeholders.

HEALTHY WYNDHAM

Priority 8 – Healthy Living

Outcome 13 – We can make healthy food choices and have food security

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Wyndham Plan	Council Plan 2021-2025	Community Gardens Policy & Guidelines
Wyndham Recovery Plan COVID-19 2020	Lifecourse Framework, Living Your Best Life in Wyndham 2019	

Promote Healthy Eating

Healthy eating

VicHealth Impact Research Grant application 2022

This research project seeks to develop a transformative social justice agenda for food system equity in Melbourne’s west through local government capacity building.

The project involves councils and communities in developing one of Australia's first cross-council food systems policy and practice agenda. The research aims to further a bold and transformative social justice agenda for food system equity by building council capacity to develop more integrated, coherent and effective food system policy and program responses targeting the needs of low-income communities at risk of and/or experiencing food insecurity and health inequities.⁴

Strengthening Equity in Healthy Eating in Local Government Policy

Council’s Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 is based on the principle of health equity. In June 2022, Council contributed to the study by the Global Obesity Centre, Institute for Health Transformation at Deakin University exploring the application of equity in Council’s healthy eating policies and programs. Challenges include application of an equity lens in policies and programs and includes resources necessary to strengthen healthy eating policies and better address health inequities. The information Council provided will be used to design and test a tool to help develop and implement equitable policy action.

Penrose Community Garden

In May 2022, Penrose Community Garden opened with the Pasifika Community of Australia as custodians of the garden. Penrose is the first of its kind in the area to bring together Pasifika communities in a space where they can grow vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers. Residents and groups are also welcomed to share in the community gardening experience.



Food Systems Capacity Building – Wyndham Pilot Project

Participation in the *Towards a Healthy, Regenerative and Equitable Food System in Victoria* project with Sustain: The Australian Food Network. Acting in response to the unprecedented social and economic impacts of the public health

⁴ The state planning framework, below-poverty levels of government benefits and sufficient supply of social/affordable housing all contribute to food insecurity and health inequity in disadvantaged communities of Melbourne’s west. Age-standardised rate of Type 2 diabetes higher than the state average of 5.2% i.e. **Tarneit (Wyndham) at 10.3%** (AIHW 2018). Food retail environments of community characterised by few healthy food options (food deserts) and a saturation of unhealthy takeaway outlets (food swamps); common phenomena in areas of socioeconomic disadvantage across Melbourne (Needham et al. 2021). LGAs face challenges in tackling these complex corporate determinants of health, particularly legislative obstacles in a state planning framework that does not include health promotion in its determinations and favouring industry interests (Rose et al. 2021).

response to COVID-19 causing business closures, job losses, reduced hours and reduced income for many leading to spikes in demand for emergency food relief including Wyndham’s community.

The project recognises existing activities across the municipality that reflect existing community leadership and passion for healthy and sustainable food systems which will be recognised and built upon through the project, utilising an asset-based approach.

Outcome 14 – We can access open space and participate in recreational opportunities

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Wyndham Active Transport Strategy 2020	Active Wyndham Strategy	Wyndham Open Space Strategy 2045
Active Wyndham Strategy (walking and cycling) 2020-2025	Creative Communities and Cultural Places Strategy	Women’s Participation in Sport and Active
Wyndham Sports Strategy 2045	Living Your Best Life in Wyndham 2019	Recreation in Melbourne’s West Action Plan for
Accessibility Action Plan 2019-2022	Hard to Locate Sports Strategy 2017-2022	Change 2020-2025
Wyndham Skate, BMX and Bike Strategy 2013	Western Metropolitan Regional Trails Strategic Plan	

Promote Active Living

Active Wyndham Strategy	<p>Programs delivered by the Strategy were under a refreshed and consolidated <i>Active Wyndham</i> brand, intended to strengthen the alignment and recognition of the respective programs. Ultimately, this saw over 14,000 engagements from residents in programs aimed to support the community to be physically active.</p> <p>Council’s flagship programs ‘Active Kids’ and ‘Active Kinders’ rolled out to over 4,800 and 3,000 children respectively, providing education within primary school and kindergarten settings on physical activity and health eating and linking families with local opportunities to be active.</p> <p>A Family Event with Football Victoria connected residents with Council’s Sport and Recreation team activating the Walking Football for over 50’s program. The first 12-week session was held at Manor Lakes with activities to promote positive social and physical health and well-being.</p>
Wyndham Active Transport Strategy	<p>Completing missing path links, the Active Transport Network program is on track to design and construct paths under the \$4m million (incl. \$1.5M in Federal funding) capital works budget in the 2021/22 financial year.⁵</p> <p>Including completion of the shared path link along Davis Creek behind Davis Creek Primary School, completing the active transport link between Wootten Road Reserve and Butterfly Boulevard. The upgrade completes a circuit on both sides of Davis Creek for residents to walk and ride as well as a more accessible path for users of wheelchairs and prams.</p>
Active Holidays Program	<p>In January 2022, Sport & Recreation coordinated over 20 free sports, fitness and wellness activities, for children from 18 months to older adults 55+ years with opportunities to be active. Most sessions were fully booked (457 participants) including Karate, Disc Golf, Gymnastics, and AFL Football.</p> <p><i>Learn-to-Skate</i> at the new Werribee skate park adjacent to Wyndham Park providing much needed local access to skate, scooter and BMX amenity in Werribee and complements the provision at Loyola Reserve (completed in 20/21) in accordance with the <i>Skate, BMX and Bike Strategy</i>.</p>

⁵ Ibid

	<p>In July 2022, three Active Holiday programs ran in partnership with sporting clubs offering free <i>Come & Try</i> sessions with clear follow-on pathways (95 sessions, 1580 attendances).</p> <p>The Active Tarneit program provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-week Netball Beginners course partnering with a local Netball club (6 sessions, 65 participants). • <i>Summer Soccer</i> program (5 sessions, 100 attendees). • <i>Come & Try Wyndham Suns</i> Football Netball session (140 attendees). • <i>Come & Try Wyndham Tarneit Titans</i> Football Netball session (50 attendees). <p>Other Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uninterrupted opening following the end of COVID lockdowns provided the opportunity for CityMX to build momentum in its operations at Lawrie Emmins Reserve, a key initiative of the <i>Hard to Locate Strategy</i>, generating consistent attendances and strong engagement in school holiday and women and girls learn to ride programs. • <i>Active Kinders Program</i>, 125 groups, 2971 children. <i>Active Kinders Day</i>, 4 sessions, 155 participants. • <i>Footy4Fun Multicultural Program</i> – 4 sessions, 34 attendees. • Winter season recruitment drive with 42 x <i>Come & Try</i> sessions shared • <i>Active Wyndham Map</i> – online directory Sport and recreation organisations (245 organisations). • <i>Active Kids Schools Program</i> (8-10 yrs), 21 primary schools plus a number of sport and physical activity providers engaging 4851 participants. • <i>Australian Open</i> kids and adults <i>Come & Try</i> tennis sessions (13 sessions, 295 attendees). • Cricket Fun Day (family day) in partnership with Melbourne Renegades •
Facilities Improvements	Cambridge Tennis Club, Hoppers Crossing: car park and new court lighting installed, court surface upgraded.
2020/21 Active Transport Program	In line with Active Transport Audit findings, this program aims to facilitate active travel and reduce car dependency by prioritising improvements to the current active transport network.
Tarneit Youth Cup	On 11 June 2022, Youth Services hosted the soccer <i>Tarneit Youth Cup</i> at Hummingbird Reserve. Wyndham Youth Services seek to identify and remove barriers for sport participation. This was a culmination of the <i>Youth Empowerment Project</i> where young leaders received training and qualifications in Coaching, Leadership and Refereeing while participating in soccer training. 200 participants across 19 teams were supported by over 70 residents, engaging with Youth Workers, Headspace, and local Wyndham businesses.
Universal Access to Recreation and Fitness Programs	<p>The <i>Active Tarneit Program</i> partnered with a number of physical activity organisations to provide free weekly sessions, including Fitness, Dance, Skateboarding and Fundamental Sports Skills for various age groups including 3-6 year olds, older adults and before school sports sessions (205 sessions, 4235 attendees).</p> <p>Other activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Active Wyndham and Sport & Recreation webpages with information on how and where to participate • Active Wyndham Calendar and newsletter sharing free and low cost activity opportunities • Youth team Africa and Pasifika project with engaging young people in social football and Coaching and Refereeing courses (24 sessions, 114 participants). • Women’s & Men’s Health Week promotions and activities • Western Region Active Holidays Activity card • Western Region Disability Week activities • Wynopoly working with WynActive and sports clubs • Two beginner running courses and a social running course (36 sessions, 371 attendees). • Families week – activity session (65 participants) and promotion of 15 ways to get active as a family (14 participants).

- Active LED program running during the Winter at 6 reserves offering 11 times in the week that people can access lit reserves for recreation.

Cycling Activities

Active Tarneit:

- two beginner adult cycling courses
- two beginner children’s cycling courses

Funding secured for 2022/3 beginner cycling courses

Sporting Infrastructure

Point Cook: Bensonhurst Parade Reserve new multisport pavilion to include female friendly facility with changerooms, accessible bathrooms, community space, and kitchen/kiosk, providing a new base for local soccer and cricket clubs, and community celebrations and events (as part of the 2021-22 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund, the Government is investing \$800,000).

Tarneit: construction of six competition standard tennis courts, two multi-lined for tennis and netball due for completion in early to mid-2023.

Outcome 15 – We support smokers and e-cigarette users who want to quit

CONTRIBUTING COUNCIL PLANS & STRATEGIES

Local Laws

Support Smokers & e-cigarette Users to Quit

E-Cigarette Retailers Project

Due to an increase in tobacco complaints from the public and a noticeable decrease in compliance of tobacco retailers at education visits associated with the display of e-cigarettes Council proactively stepped up investigations.

Working with Victoria Police Westgate Proactive Policing Unit, Council initially targeted 10 retailers and then conducted follow-up inspections. Eight official warnings and three infringement notices for the display of e-cigarette products were issued.

Police issued cautions and warnings to retailers whom they had received underage sales against, and warnings for the excessive display of shisha pipes and display of drug paraphernalia. Meantime, the Youth Taskforce from both Werribee and Caroline Springs Police Stations conferred with Council’s Environmental Health officers on underage vaping and will



continue the partnership.

