



# WYNDHAM 2050 COMMUNITY VISION & PRIORITIES & RECOMMENDATIONS

# Introduction

**On Saturday 22 March 2025, 92 members of the Future Wyndham Community Panel met to:**

We are the Future Wyndham Community Panel members randomly selected from the Wyndham community to ensure diversity and a mix of voices.

We were given two key tasks. The first is to refresh the Wyndham 2040 Community Vision to create the Wyndham 2050 Community Vision. The second is to provide recommendations on how Council balances its resources to make it fair for all with focus on Financial Strategy, Asset Plan, Council Health and Wellbeing plan.

The Panel has been provided with the information from the Council, expert speakers and state representatives etc. We have evaluated the information through bringing together different views and healthy debates and presented these recommendations and the community priorities to the Council. This was a journey for all of us. Hearing divergent views and perspectives provided some healthy discussions which finally brought a general consensus across the group.

The following Panel report reflects our vision, recommendations and community priorities.

# Wyndham 2050 Vision

## **Refreshed Wyndham 2050 Community Vision**

We are the vibrant and diverse community of Wyndham, embracing a sense of belonging and inclusivity at all stages of life.

We value and celebrate the First Nations people and take pride in our arts, culture and heritage.

We are a thriving city that is safe, accessible and connected.

We champion health, well-being, education, enterprise, and innovation.

We nurture our land and environment for future generations.

# Wyndham 2050 Vision Priorities

The Vision is supported by the following agreed priorities for all of Wyndham:

Priority Heading	What does this mean to the community?
Health & Wellbeing	Fostering the wellbeing of Wyndham Citizens on all levels, physical, mental and social, with a focus on mental health, expansion of affordable community sports and access to cleaner and safer open spaces and facilities/amenities.
Public Safety and Crime Prevention	Prioritise and expand public safety and crime prevention measures through implementation of social cohesion programs, youth programs, and preventative community measures.
Infrastructure and Planning	Develop infrastructure early to meet planned and forecasted growth needs and enhance public transport with more buses, to bolster inter-suburb connectivity. Preserve the municipality's green wedge to strengthen economic growth.
Recreation and Tourism	Boost community events through arts, culture and activities for all Wyndham community groups. Encourage Tourism by showcasing Wyndham's hidden gems, history, heritage and culture.
Transport	Advocate for more frequent public transport (more and small bus loop), Infrastructure improvements i.e. Council owned roads and maintain existing roads
Connected Community	Foster community inclusion and engagement by boosting communication and transparency. On what's available and what's on in Wyndham, that supports a multicultural and diverse community.
Sustainability and environment	Nurture agriculture and work towards a climate focussed and sustainable environment with a focus on waste and recycle management.
Civic Pride and Beautification	Protect the land, sea and coastlines of Wyndham by keeping the area clean, increasing green space and canopy cover to improve the visual aesthetics and ensure Wyndham is an attractive and appealing city.

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Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
Reliable connectivity	<p>Sustainable and less stressed community as a result of more frequent and reliable public transport.</p> <p>For example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- advocate for more frequent and expanded services to improve accessibility throughout the day (flexi-bus)</li> <li>- advocate for more frequent bus services to access train stations and reduce reliance on cars</li> </ul> <p>Safer and happier community as a result of less congested, better maintained, and safer roads.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase double-laned roads (example, Leakes Road between Derrimut Road to Davies Road)</li> <li>- Advocate for more red-light cameras, speed cameras along major roads (for example, Leakes Road, Derrimut Road, Palmers Road)</li> <li>- Build new speed limiting devices</li> <li>- Proactive and timely maintenance of roads - e.g. potholes, large cracks.</li> </ul>
Increased parks and recreational facilities	<p>A healthier and more connected community.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tree planting increases shade coverage and improves sustainability</li> <li>- Council hosting or supporting more community events in local parks</li> <li>- Council reducing the red-tape surrounding hosting community events</li> <li>- Council supporting led initiatives</li> </ul>
Social hubs and programs	<p>Improved safety, crime prevention, and youth engagement.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Substantial increase of streetlights in pedestrian pathways and parks</li> <li>- Increase in CCTV coverage across parks and pedestrian pathways</li> </ul>
Enhanced greenspaces	<p>Sustainable suburbs that are also visually appealing to spend time within.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use sustainable materials (flora and fauna) for beautification</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tree planting increases shade coverage and improves sustainability</li> </ul>
Proactive council-planning around new housing	<p>New developments are built with robust infrastructure plans and strongly advocated for by the council, which allows liveability straight away instead of it being an afterthought.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mix-developments built near amenities like train stations</li> <li>- Major roads built before development</li> <li>- Try to have amenities within walking distance ("local" community)</li> </ul>
Proactive council-planning and design for business hubs and industrial areas	<p>We have a council which promotes business and employment within the municipality, and plans industrial zones and road-traffic away from main roads which are close to housing areas.</p>

## Little River, Werribee South + Rural Areas

Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
1. Defend Little River & Werribee South from industrialised exploitation thereby protecting the rural playground of Wyndham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of Wyndham has Little River as a countryside, open space escape for recreation and leisure. Its charm and beauty are available to the whole of Wyndham not just the locals of Little River.</li> <li>• The community relies on Council to actively fight federal, state and local led development proposals that show no awareness of the local culture and historical significance of Little River within Victoria's heritage.</li> <li>• Advocate for safe and appropriate developments in protected areas for example current threats include a proposed solar/renewable farm in the base of the You Yangs destroying the natural beauty and introducing a huge risk to a historical bush-fire endangered area.</li> </ul>
2 Promote Tourism and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to support farmers market, festivals, events, cycling tracks that will attract people from wider community to promote tourism at Wyndham.</li> <li>• support inclusivity for all from the elderly to disabled and youth</li> <li>• Promote the artistic talent within the Wyndham region for example Little River art show</li> <li>• Increase marketing and promotion of those events throughout Victoria and beyond.</li> <li>• Embrace our natural spaces for artistic purpose, events and tourism.</li> </ul>
3. Wedge Protect Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate to state government for alternative farming zones</li> <li>• Protect &amp; support farmland in green zones</li> <li>• We need to preserve and maintain our rural lifestyle, beaches and green wedge zone.</li> <li>• Protect rural area of Little River</li> </ul>
4. Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Werribee East with increased infrastructure to support the needs of the community</li> <li>• Maintain current infrastructure we currently have and upgrade as community needs change whilst</li> <li>• respect current protection overlays and environmental sensitivities</li> </ul>
5. Safety, Accessibility and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need better public transport to Werribee South to cater for Point Cook and Werribee South precincts.</li> </ul>

Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feeling Safe is imperative for our community and can be aided by Security Cameras, street lighting, road maintenance, Police monitoring and community initiatives like neighbourhood watch programs.</li><li>• Better recreation facilities that combine open spaces, wellness, mindfulness, co-working and short-term accommodation that will integrate our community for all age groups and all facets of life.</li></ul>

## Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes + Werribee West

Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
Crime & Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a safe environment for all where we don't feel at risk or restricted in our local communities, through better street lighting and crime preventative measures.</li> <li>• Advocate for stronger local police presence.</li> </ul>
Health & Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for increased levels of health services such as more government funded GP clinics, mental health support services, and introduce localised urgent care facilities.</li> <li>• Increase support services for older residents.</li> </ul>
New & Improved Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on improving our basic local facilities &amp; services to keep up with growing population.</li> <li>• Advocate for timely infrastructure planning and implementation.</li> <li>• Plan and introduce new recreational and community facilities in newer estates.</li> <li>• Improve and maintain existing facilities in the older Wyndham Vale areas.</li> </ul>
Accessible Transport & Connected Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a proactive approach in planning, advocating and implementing road connections between Wyndham Vale/ Manor Lakes, and the wider Wyndham Community, particularly the passage between Manor Lakes &amp; Tarneit.</li> <li>• Address congested roads through duplication of current congested roads or finding alternative solutions.</li> <li>• Ensure all newer estates, such as Lollipop Hill, have access to public transport, particularly around local government schools &amp; connectivity to Wyndham Vale train station.</li> </ul>
Youth & Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More youth focused, elderly, and multicultural offerings, particularly to foster an inclusive community that supports individuals at different stages of life.</li> <li>• Focus on the importance of connecting people of all cultures together.</li> <li>• Implement means-tested subsidies or programs to increase access amongst all members of the community, particularly children and youth.</li> </ul>
Education & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for more standalone secondary government schools in the Manor Lakes area, to take the load off Manor Lakes P-12 College.</li> <li>• Provide more local diverse employment opportunities.</li> </ul>
Maintenance & Beautification of Public Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive but efficient, low-maintenance, but visually appealing landscaping &amp; maintenance of local public spaces.</li> <li>• Maintaining our existing public spaces to a satisfactory level.</li> </ul>

## Werribee + Hoppers Crossing

Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
1 Safe and efficient transport	Engage residents during the design process and leverage local community knowledge when planning improvements to improve the safety and efficiency of our transport network. Prioritise active transport over driving, advocate for more public transport and find local solutions to produce viable alternatives to driving, alleviating congestion.
2 Update and Maintain/ Improve existing infrastructure	Investing in maintenance to roads, footpaths, streetlights, signage etc. to ensure they remain safe and accessible at all times. Update street designs when undergoing road reconstruction to improve accessibility for pedestrians and disabled persons.
3. Identify and enhance underutilised spaces	Get the most community benefit out of developed but underutilised land (e.g. replacing parking lots near Werribee Station and big box stores near Hoppers Station) to build vibrant places like Watton St) to promote local tourism and encourage business investment in Werribee & Hoppers Crossing, and create jobs.
4 Promotion of local events/ Groups	Enhance support and continue to advocate for arts & culture in Werribee and Hoppers Crossing. For example, host more events such as street parties (e.g. Winter party on Watton St), local performances (Music, Theatre, etc.) that bring the community together.
5 Improve and Enhance existing public spaces	<p>Improve and construct more local parks and plazas in Werribee and Hoppers to create more opportunities for outdoor recreation.</p> <p>Promote and enhance shared spaces for members of the community/community groups to meet.</p>
6 Protecting and preserving natural spaces	Prioritise protecting and preserving natural spaces in partnership with the community when making planning decisions.
7 Advocate for community safety	Ensure planning and designs consider community safety through passive surveillance measures such as good street lighting.

## Point Cook + Williams Landing

Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
1 Advocacy for accessible Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for more meaningful secondary schooling (i.e. 10,11 and 12) education facilities and services for Point Cook and Williams Landing</li> <li>• Strong advocacy for a school in Williams Landing</li> <li>• Advocate for a strong review and inclusion of an intersectional lens within schools</li> </ul>
2 Create, promote and advocate for professional opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create professional jobs and volunteering opportunities locally</li> <li>• Championing diverse talents and skills that are on offer in William's Landing and Point Cook</li> <li>• This balances mass commuting to the city by dispersing local traffic.</li> <li>• Boosting the local economy and preventing social isolation</li> </ul>
3 Management, beautification and protection of the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create more opportunities for community to connect, engage and assist in the protection and enjoyment methods of our biodiversity.</li> <li>• Increase social cohesion by promoting pride and beautification in our environment and living spaces (i.e. working with Parks Victoria to extend walking and cycling paths through Point Cook marine sanctuary).</li> <li>• More opportunities to protect our natural spaces and coastline whilst also preventing of climate change</li> </ul>
4 More opportunities for community to engage and connect with each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities and programs to build and promote more spaces for community to come together</li> <li>• An audit on social inclusion in Council assets and centres in Point Cook and Williams Landing.</li> <li>• This allows more opportunities for social and economic input and development back into our local community</li> <li>• This then allows for a ripple effect into other areas such as crime prevention, health and wellbeing, community engagement etc</li> <li>• Promotion of cultural (CALD, Disability, LGBTQIA+ etc) creativity and engagement</li> </ul>

Priority Heading/ Title	What does this mean to the community?
5 Reduction of loose waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighter and effective restrictions on loose waste</li> <li>• This means for both commercial and household waste collections (i.e. tighter enforcement on commercial properties, i.e. shopping centres)</li> <li>• which leads to better environmental outcomes</li> <li>• Community education around best practises</li> </ul>
6 Advocate for more accessible transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant increase frequency and quantity to bus routes and other public transport options (trams, trains etc)</li> <li>• Advocate and beautify bus shelters and routes</li> <li>• Strategize and audit the ways in which Council's transport is effective and efficient</li> <li>• This also prevents traffic on local roads</li> <li>• Advocate for more parking at William's Landing Station</li> </ul>
7 Increase accessible sporting and leisure opportunities for community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases accessibility and connection for all age groups (i.e. youth, seniors, adults and children - i.e. an open sports and leisure facilities to the wider public during non-club use).</li> <li>• Increase promotion and community awareness of the sports and leisure facilities that are currently in Point Cook and Williams Landing</li> <li>• Increase intergenerational cohesion through programs and events.</li> </ul>

# Panel Recommendations

## Our Remit

**FUTURE WYNDHAM – COMMUNITY PANEL TASK**  
**Wyndham City Council can't afford to do everything.**

**Future**  
Wyndham

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*How does the council balance its resources to make it fair for all?*



How can council better balance its budget and still deliver on what is important to the community?

**INFORM OUR  
FINANCIAL  
STRATEGY**



How can council better spend its money between the building of new assets and the maintenance of its growing asset base?

**MANAGE OUR  
ASSETS**



Should council deliver on a wide range of services or a smaller targeted range of services over the next four years?

**DETERMINE OUR  
FOCUS FOR THE NEXT  
FOUR YEARS**

# RECOMMENDATION 1

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Stronger Advocacy</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Stronger Advocacy is required because Wyndham is a growing municipality that requires a long-term relationship with the State/ Federal Government.</p> <p>The current contributions from the State/Federal Government is not sufficient to meet Wyndham's growing needs, such as Public Transport, roads, medical facilities, education, employment opportunities and recreational facilities.</p> <p>A means to measure achievements and outcomes to create transparency for the community.</p> <p>Further advocacy for safety measures like crime prevention.</p>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>To get maximum benefits from the State/ Federal Government for minimum expenditure.</p> <p>Strengthen the relationship between the Local, State and Federal Governments.</p> <p>It upholds a sense of community safety.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 2

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Asset Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Investment into higher quality assets</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Council should prioritise the construction and purchase of higher quality assets which can be more economically maintained in the future.</p> <p>If assets are created with the intention of minimizing future maintenance needs, council can save money in the long-term and provide assets which have more longevity. This makes assets more sustainable as they are built to a high enough standard requiring minimal upkeep, prolonging their lifespan.</p>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>Higher asset quality leads to longer asset lifespans, enabling the community of Wyndham to enjoy assets which function more efficiently for a longer duration of time.</p> <p>The low cost over time enables money to go into other services and assets which benefit the community.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 3

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Simplify communication and consultation with community</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Council should maintain and develop new means of two way communication between council and community. These should be user friendly, accessible, quick and direct. It should cater for differences in language and technical literacy across the community.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeping phone and in person customer service functions.</li> <li>- Keep sending the newsletter</li> <li>- Ensure important communications are translated into other languages</li> <li>- Adding short QR code surveys to facilitate immediate feedback</li> <li>- Choice to opt-in for a physical or digital newsletter</li> </ul> <p>Council should consider better leveraging community groups and leaders to disseminate messages and channel feedback.</p>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>The current systems of giving feedback are cumbersome, slow and difficult to navigate. It can take a long time to get quality feedback on assets and services from residents. There are also groups of disengaged residents who currently don't provide feedback at all.</p> <p>Providing new means of receiving feedback would provide transparency, efficiency and community driven ideas and solutions to the dilemmas. This information allows the council to be agile in building/maintaining assets and providing services.</p> <p>Choice to opt-in for a physical or digital newsletter allows reduction in unnecessary expenditure on physical newsletter, making it environmental-friendly.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 4

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Finance Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Self-sustainable revenue generation and strategic financial management</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>This will be a two-pronged approach with a focus on optimising existing assets, services and investing in the development of new revenue streams.</p> <p>Review current financial positions and leverage additional funding sources to invest in projects that generate strong returns and long-term community benefits. By strategically utilising available capital, the council can drive growth, improve services, and enhance financial sustainability without placing unnecessary strain on resources. Borrowing or using additional funding resources should be done strategically, focused on investments that generate a return rather than creating debt without a clear benefit.</p> <p><u>Optimise existing assets and services</u> Focus to be placed on strategic financial partnerships between council and private commercial organisations.</p> <p><u>Development of new revenue streams</u> Invest in the development of new revenue streams not currently utilised by the council.</p>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>It ensures that Council can invest in infrastructure, services and projects that improve residents' quality of life. Leverage additional funding sources wisely then Council can drive economic growth, create jobs and enhance public amenities without relying solely on rate increases. This approach supports long-term sustainability.</p> <p>The Council should not be reliant on just existing revenue streams to keep up with the maintenance and development of current, future assets and services.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 5

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Build an empowered, inclusive and engaged youth community</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To facilitate and assist young people feeling safe, confident, and included.</li> <li>- Greater promotion of youth-led events and activities.</li> <li>- Supported by the community that surrounds them, ensuring young people are connected and involved in their community.</li> <li>- Focus on disengaged and/or at-risk youth to ensure healthy community connection.</li> <li>- Establish two-way communication between council and Wyndham youth.</li> <li>- Foster inclusivity throughout the community to ensure an environment in which diversity can flourish (with consideration of CALD, genders, sexuality, abilities and economic background)</li> <li>- Create opportunities for youth in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• leadership</li> <li>• employment opportunities</li> <li>• education</li> <li>• vocational training</li> <li>• music and arts</li> <li>• sports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>As they are the next generation of our community we are proactively putting our youth on the right path to ensure a great future for the City of Wyndham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This ensures the youth are well represented in the council and that their voices are being heard</li> <li>- Ensures youth are not segregated and encourages them to participate in community and prepares them for adulthood.</li> <li>- Safer community for all residents.</li> <li>- To promote positive engagement for all youth.</li> </ul>

## RECOMMENDATION 6

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Asset Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Fostering effective Public-Private Partnerships-</b> <i>(Balancing Quality, Costs and Sustainability)</i>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Explore actionable strategies to achieve a balance of responsibilities between private entities and council and avoid complete Privatization</p> <p>Involve the community in the decision-making process, hold consultations this fosters transparency and build trust in partnerships</p> <p>Advocate for a clear and enforceable handover policy (e.g. when developer builds a park). Set benchmarks ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durability without inflating costs in future.</li> <li>• Establish a supplier accreditation program. Promote fair competition</li> <li>• Incorporate supplier rotation.</li> <li>• Quality and sustainability</li> <li>• Economic growth by supporting local business</li> <li>• Cost effective</li> </ul>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>Innovative strategies</p> <p>Evidence-based solutions</p> <p>Improves Service quality</p> <p>Encourages accountability on both private entities and councils to prioritize public interests</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 7

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Asset Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Enhanced and enforced obligations for contracted developers</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Council is to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• earlier development of community infrastructure and assets, to allow increased liveability within newly built areas.</li><li>• developers use higher quality materials and workmanship, to allow longer asset life and lower maintenance costs.</li><li>• the value of the developer contributions is not eroded by price increases for projects that run late, for example by indexing the dollar value of the developer's contribution to the producer price index;</li><li>• developers are accountable to their promised undertakings, with penalties for noncompliance up to and including no longer being considered for future Wyndham Council contracts.</li></ul>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	Enhanced and enforced obligations for contracted developers will generate better value for new community developments and assets.

## RECOMMENDATION 8

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Optimizing facilities and services</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The council should create policies, maximizing use of council facilities for multipurpose use by other external service providers and community members, so assets are more efficiently used and multiple services can be offered affordably, efficiently and with ease of access.</li> <li>2. Creating use of mobile services, for example health check for the community rather than the community coming to the services.</li> <li>3. Regularly assess the utilization of the services based on evidence and data collection to improve accessibility and effectiveness. Overseeing and strengthening collaboration with charities, volunteers, and private organisations to enhance community services, ensuring the required support is provided.</li> </ol>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>Provisioning multiple services within single facilities makes it easier for the community to access the services within one location and reduces cost to the council.</p> <p>This recommendation makes existing services more accessible by enabling service provision closer to home. This saves the council finance, as they do not need to spend more to create and maintain separate spaces.</p> <p>Regularly assessing the service utilization, the council can redirect funding from less impactful services to those that deliver real benefits and ensure minority communities are continually supported. Overseeing and strengthening partnerships with charity and private organisations allows for cost saving while enhancing the services.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 9

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Support and increase volunteering through community involvement</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Supporting and increasing volunteering through community led volunteer groups and council led initiatives.</p> <p>This will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increase sense of community and pride</li> <li>- supplement existing services to add value and increase quality (do not replace staff with volunteers)</li> <li>- raise council advocacy to minimise obstacles and promote awareness of volunteer opportunities</li> <li>- increase pathways for further education, employment opportunities and local investment</li> <li>- more community engagement helps to improve mental health and wellbeing.</li> <li>- Youth volunteering provides opportunities to engage them in community work and giving them the opportunity to work with different age groups and divert their energy constructively. This will result in reduction of crime.</li> </ul>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brings community connectivity and a sense of ownership - it turns residents into custodians</li> <li>- It's the tide that raises all ships - a good community full of volunteers strengthens and enhances every aspect of society</li> <li>- Relieves financial pressure from council and redirects expenditure</li> <li>-</li> </ul>

## RECOMMENDATION 10

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Streamline council operation with technology and innovation whilst maintaining the human interactions with community members.</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Improving efficiency and productivity across all sectors using technology.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Implementation of advanced technology, AI, and tech-powered insight for smarter decision making and budget optimization, enhanced public sector efficiency, and improvement of service delivery</li><li>2. Driving more efficient forecasting through a tech-enabled solution in Wyndham</li><li>3. Ensure all technology and innovations provide data security.</li><li>4. Ensure to provide ways to inform community members how to respond to any technological advancements involving their interactions with Council services.</li></ol>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Improved public services</li><li>2. Cost saving for ratepayers</li><li>3. Data-driven decision making</li><li>4. Increased transparency and accountability</li><li>5. Sustainability, long-term planning, and advocacy</li></ol>

## RECOMMENDATION 11

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellness</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>We recommend the creation and implementation of a comprehensive Health and Wellness Program within our community. This program will focus on promoting physical activity through recreational activities and sports, aiming to enhance the well-being of all residents and create a more active, engaged, and healthy community. Some examples are:</p> <p><b>Walking/Running Groups:</b> Organizing regular walking or running sessions for community members of all ages.</p> <p><b>Stress Reduction Workshops:</b> Techniques like breathing exercises, time management, and relaxation methods.</p> <p><b>Wellness Newsletters:</b> Regularly sharing tips on healthy living, mental well-being, and fitness.</p>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>The increasing rates of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and related health concerns within our community highlight the need for structured intervention. Physical activity is not only crucial for maintaining physical health but also for improving mental well-being, reducing stress, and fostering social connections. Furthermore, recreational activities and sports will be accessible to individuals of all ages and abilities, making them an ideal avenue for encouraging broader participation in health and wellness. This could also help to foster better prevention for drugs and alcohol use, since improved physical health can work to create healthier habits.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 12

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Embrace and promote local tourism and landmarks</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	Utilise and showcase local talent to promote what our region has naturally that enhances civic pride, embrace local produce. Celebrate heritage and landmarks, whilst preserving heritage buildings, sites, cultural and environmental areas. Identify appropriate areas for tourism development as well as identifying existing tourism attractions and protect them. Expand walking and bike trails to encourage healthy sustainable tourism options.
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	Tourism is an important part of Wyndham, we have rich heritage and cultural sites as well as strong tourism attractions like the Werribee Zoo open range, mansion, rose garden, winery, Werribee River and culturally significant sites that need to be protected and taken advantage and to increase interest in Wyndham and bring more people to spend money to support local businesses.

## RECOMMENDATION 13

<b>Dilemma</b>	<b>Council and Municipal Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</b>
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Business Growth and Innovation</b>
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>Position Wyndham as a hub for industry, business, and innovation by adopting strategies that fuel economic growth and sustainability. This can be achieved through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Boost manufacturing by leveraging advancements in technology and AI to modernize and enhance the manufacturing sector</li><li>- Enhancing food security through agritech and fostering the promotion of local businesses through Farm to Fork initiatives such as weekend farming markets</li><li>- Develop more co-working spaces like the Spark Hub to drive startup ecosystem, business and innovation. Go beyond co-working spaces to include funding, education and training and networking</li><li>- Enter into Public Private Partnerships to generate revenue for Council and also drive economic growth</li></ul>
<b>Why is this important to this community?</b>	<p>This comprehensive approach underscores commitment to innovation, collaboration, and sustainable development, ensuring a thriving future for Wyndham.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 14

Dilemma	Asset Plan
Heading	Optimizing Roads and Movement for a Growing Wyndham
Description & Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocating for the condition and capacity of state roads.</li> <li>- Making transportation options more accessible, safe and inclusive to all members of the community either through advocacy or through implementation: bike lanes, trains, buses, walking and roads.</li> <li>- Increasing accessibility and traffic flow through multiple movement options; therefore, decreasing demand on the road.</li> <li>- Exploring strategic urban planning options to improve movement through areas, both in newly established and previously established areas, making them more adaptable to the growing demands of Wyndham.</li> <li>- emphasise maintaining transportation assets so that they are safe and suitable for use.</li> </ul>
Why is this important to this community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More accessibility to community facilities, services and open space.</li> <li>- Decreases isolation in the community through movement options.</li> <li>- Improves health benefits for the community.</li> <li>- ensuring equitable and sustainable access.</li> </ul>

# MINORITY REPORTS

## Minority Report No. 1

### What is this minority report relating to?

Ref. Final draft recommendation no. 1 – Finance Plan

### What is the comment you want to make?

The Comment should encourage the council to conduct a thorough review to identify potential efficiency savings and cost optimisation, rather than implementing immediate systemic cuts that could have unintended long-term consequences.

Dilemma	V1 Finance Plan	V2 Finance Plan
Heading	<b>Instant systemic cuts across the board to save on budget.</b>	<b>Review Council Expenditure to Identify Potential Cost Cutting Opportunities</b>
Description & Rationale	Cut on Council expenditure that does not result in value for money. i.e 17% Council superannuation. Cut back on consultancy costs. Cut underutilised Council facilities and consolidate existing centres more efficiently.	Review Council expenditure to identify potential cuts with regards to community impact. Review asset usage and maintenance for potential cost reductions or reallocation of assets. Cut back on consultancy costs. Cut underutilised Council facilities and consolidate existing centres more efficiently.

**Why is this  
important to this  
community?**

To eliminate Council revenue shortfalls  
Redirect those savings on to more utilized services.

To reduce low-priority expenditure and improve efficiency  
based on community needs.

# Minority Report No. 2

<b>What is this minority report relating to?</b>
Ref. Final draft recommendation no. 16 – Sustainability and environment
<b>What is the comment you want to make?</b>
<p>We, the minority that voted to reject this proposal want to make it known that this recommendation being rejected is due to a failure of the process of deliberation rather than the recommendation itself. The panel is passionate about environment and sustainability. We believe that sustainability needs to be at the heart of the council's process and decision making.</p> <p>We would like to keep the recommendation with the following amendments:</p> <p>The importance of council using NATIVE species in green spaces</p> <p>A dedicated cycling network not necessarily in parallel to roads</p> <p>The final point does not mean that parks should replace roads.</p>

Dilemma	NA
Heading	Sustainability and Environment
Description & Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase green space by planting more trees and having green areas.</li><li>• Increase the amount of parks and bike friendly traffic, i.e. segregated bike lanes so people and drivers both feel safe on the road.</li><li>• Education on water harvesting.</li><li>• Educate the residence on waste management and illegal dumping.</li><li>• Engage residents with sustainable practices which will reduce environmental impact.</li></ul>

**Why is this  
important to this  
community?**

- Parks drastically improve mental health and well-being for the community.
- Increases physical activity by enabling people to go on more walks and may even impact obesity
- WE LOVE PARKS. Maybe even add multi-level parking spaces to train stations to encourage use; there is a lot of crowding at stations. Take a look at Wyndham vale.
- illegal dumping causes expenses to the council and we can save money and use it for infrastructure.
- Parks will also lower overall maintenance costs to the council because they cost less to maintain than roads with major benefits