



# The Big Shed\*

## *A new community event space*

### What's happening with The Big Shed?

Wyndham City is progressing a large, affordable community events space so people can celebrate big moments close to home.

Community feedback shows strong demand for venues that are big enough, affordable and available; needs include cultural festivals, school presentations, awards nights, markets, exhibitions and performances.

Fortitude Drive, Truganina is the preferred location with the venue seating around 750 people and 1,500 in theatre seating.

### What we heard?

Community engagement (June 2025) included a public survey and group outreach. We heard from more than a hundred community representatives covering tens of thousands of residents.

This is what we heard:

- It's hard to find spaces that are big enough, cost is a major barrier, and weekend availability is tight.
- Most requested uses were for cultural festivals, performances and community celebrations; most-requested features included a stage, good AV, parking, outdoor space and accessible design.

### What are the benefits and what else could we include?

Key inclusions being explored: stage, quality sound and lighting, change rooms, kitchen suitable for large events, accessible design, onsite parking and outdoor areas.

Council has set aside \$24.4 million that can be directed to delivering The Big Shed; additional State/ Federal funding and partnerships will be pursued.

- Benefits for the community include more local, affordable options for large gatherings, less need to travel out of Wyndham, and support for local jobs and businesses.
- Community input will continue to shape how the venue looks and works so it is welcoming, inclusive and easy to use.

### What happens next?

- Develop concept designs for a flexible, accessible events space.
- Continue working with community and cultural groups, schools and accessibility advocates.
- Construction targeted to start in 2027, subject to funding and approvals.

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