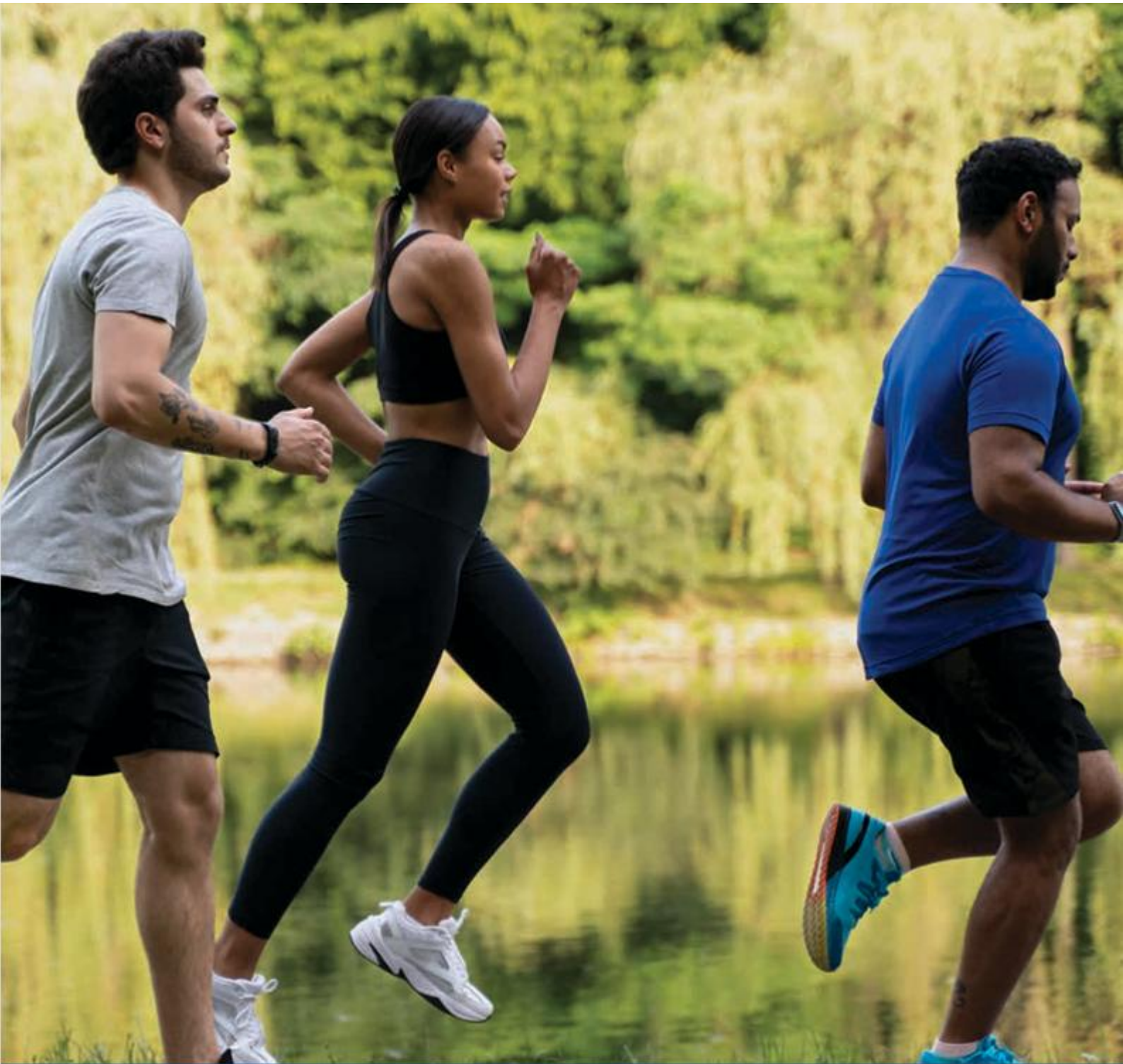




2025/26 Progress Report

Active Wyndham Strategy 2026-2031

Summary

The Active Wyndham Strategy, adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 February 2026, is Council’s overarching sport and recreation plan. It seeks to ensure that all members of our community are supported and empowered to reach their health and wellbeing goals through physical activity. It will guide the provision of diverse and adequate physical and recreational activity opportunities for the Wyndham community.

[You can view the strategy here.](#)

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate progress made against the commitments within the four themes of this plan:

- Active Places
- Inactive to Active
- Lifelong Participation
- Strategic Planning and Evaluation

This progress report demonstrates progress made in the 2025/26 financial year. The range of actions within this report will evolve over the life of the strategy, and many will need to be worked on and completed every year, to achieve commitments within this plan.



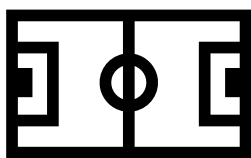
A quick snapshot of key achievements during 2025/26 include:

- Several major sport and recreation projects were completed, including new sporting facilities at Holyoake Parade Reserve, (Manor Lakes North), Fortitude Drive Reserve, (Truganina), Polly Parade Reserve, (Tarneit), and Jamieson Way Reserve, (Point Cook), increasing the number of ovals, courts and pavilions available across the city.
- Sporting club participation continued to grow as well, with 1,721 teams using local outdoor facilities.
- Council also continued to support people of all ages and abilities to participate in physical activity through Active Wyndham programs including Active Holidays, Beginner Running Courses, Seniors Exercise Park sessions and Active Kinders Mini Movers at 8 community centres. In addition, Active Kids reached 1,600 primary school students, while Active Alex packs supported around 2,650 kindergarten children to be more active.
- Planning also progressed for future sport and recreation infrastructure, including the proposed Tarneit Indoor Sports Facility, while Council secured more than \$11.5 million in external funding to help deliver priority projects.

Theme 1: Active Places

Facilitating regular and lifelong physical activity participation through the provision of sufficient, suitable, accessible, multi-functional, integrated and safe places and spaces for physical activities.

Council manages the following sporting facilities across the municipality, and the number of these continues to grow each year.



	Ovals and rectangular pitches	Baseball/softball diamonds	Outdoor courts (Tennis/Netball)	Pavilions
24/25	86 (48 cricket fields)	16	81	44
25/26	90 (50 cricket fields)	16	93	47

Action	25/26 status
Delivery of Greenfield Active Open Spaces	
Holyoake Parade Reserve, Manor Lakes North: 1 x AFL football/cricket oval 6 x tennis courts (2 courts marked with 4 pickleball courts) 1 x sports pavilion	Completed
Fortitude Drive Reserve, Truganina: 1 x Athletics Facility	Progressing <i>Pavilion construction funded and scheduled to be completed in 2026/27.</i>
Polly Parade Reserve, Tarneit: 3 x soccer pitches with a cricket overlay 6 x tennis courts (1 court marked for netball) 1 sports pavilion	Completed
Jamieson Way Reserve, Point Cook: 2 x additional netball courts 1 x sports pavilion	Completed
District Avenue Reserve, Werribee	Progressing <i>Detailed design complete, Stage 1 funded and scheduled to commence construction in 2026/27.</i>
Modesto Drive Reserve, Tarneit North	Progressing <i>Detailed design is well advanced and set to be completed in 2026/27, with construction set to commence in early 2027/28.</i>
Hermosa Drive Reserve, Tarneit	Progressing <i>Detailed design complete, Stage 1 funded and scheduled to commence construction in 2026/27.</i>
Tuppall Drive Reserve, Wyndham Vale	Progressing <i>Detailed design is well advanced and set to be completed in 2026/27, with construction set to commence in early 2027/28.</i>
Frome Crescent Reserve, Wyndham Vale	Not Started

Action	25/26 status
Progress planning and detailed design for Wyndham's future aquatic and/or indoor facility	Progressing <i>Concept Design phase was completed for the Tarneit Indoor Sports Facility.</i> <i>Feasibility & Concept Plan developed for future Regional Aquatic Facility in Tarneit.</i>
Coordinate the planning and delivery of the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Renewal Program in accordance with the Wyndham Asset Strategy (2025).	Progressing <i>10 renewal projects completed in 2025/26, including:</i> Cricket Net renewals: • Chirnside Park • Williams Landing Reserve Cricket Pitch renewals: • Dunnings Road Reserve • Cambridge Reserve Sports Field Lighting: • Glen Orden Reserve – Football/Cricket Oval 1 (full upgrade) • Arndell Park Synthetic Soccer Pitch (LED upgrade) • Haines Drive Reserve (LED upgrade) • Hummingbird Reserve (LED upgrade) Irrigation Renewals: • Presidents Park - Baseball • Wyndham Vale North Reserve <i>A further 8 projects are planned for delivery in 2026/27.</i>
Targeted engagement of the education sector to leverage greater access to school facilities	Progressing <i>Early engagement with staff involved in the State Government's Community Facility Usage Pilot Program.</i>

In Wyndham, **75.4 per cent** of households are within 1 km of an active open space. According to the 25/26 Annual Community Satisfaction survey, the community rated provision of local sporting and outdoor recreation facilities as **Excellent** with a score of 8.0/10 (which is the same as 2024/25), while **79 per cent** of sporting clubs reported being satisfied with Council's Sport & Recreation services, **an increase of 14 per cent** from 2024/25 (Sporting Club Satisfaction Survey).

In addition to the above actions, the following projects progressed:

- Soldiers Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment – Detailed design was completed in 2025/26, positioning the project to commence construction in 2026/27.
- Saltwater Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment - Concept designs for both the main pavilion and modular pavilion were completed in 2025/26, enabling progression to detailed design (main pavilion) and construction (modular pavilion) in 2026/27.
- Wyndham Active Revitalisation Program - Successfully completed its first year of delivery, with 23 projects delivered across Council's sporting facilities. Works included air conditioning installations, soccer goal storage, spectator seating, LED sports field lighting upgrades, CCTV installations, fencing improvements, shade structures and sports ground improvements.

Theme 2: Lifelong Participation

Developing age-suitable programs and places for physical activities within the context of known enablers/barriers, demographic trends and physical inactivity levels.

Year on year actions	25/26 status
Grow the utilisation of Wyndham's sport facility network, allocating space for a diverse range of physical activities and delivery models	Completed
Partner with State Sporting Organisations and peak bodies to support the sustainability and capability of Wyndham's community sporting clubs.	Progressing
Strengthening the Active Kids and Active Kinders programs within educational settings.	Completed
Collaborate with schools to implement initiatives to increase active travel	Completed

An average of **5,378 hours of physical activity** were programmed across Council's outdoor sports facilities each week in 25/26. This is an **increase of almost 8 per cent** from 24/25, reflecting growing demand for community sport and physical activity opportunities, coupled with an increased number of community sporting facilities.

Community sporting club participation equated to a total of **3,295** teams across the municipality, including:

- AFL Football (winter season) - 120 teams
- Football (Soccer) (winter season) - 287 teams
- Rugby League/ Union (winter season) - 63 teams
- Cricket (summer season) - 435 teams
- Tennis (winter & summer season) - 273 teams
- Netball (spring & autumn season) - 495 teams
- Hockey (winter season) - 13 teams
- Softball (summer season) - 14 teams
- Baseball (winter & summer season) - 21 teams
- Basketball (summer & winter) – 1,574 teams

In 25/26, **8,303 attendances** were recorded across **Active Wyndham programs**, including:

- Active Holidays – 4,904 attendances, with 50% of attendance by girls.
- Beginner Running Courses – 846 attendances, with 72% attendances by women.
- Seniors Exercise Park sessions – 703 attendances.
- Active Kinders Mini Movers – 1,850 attendances, supporting the development of fundamental movement skills in children aged 3 to 5 years.

91% of participants surveyed would recommend Active Wyndham programs.

In 25/26, Council continued to strengthen programs within educational settings, with **12 schools** and **1600 children** aged 8 to 10 years participating in Wyndham's Active Kids Schools program helping children to learn basic healthy lifestyle knowledge around healthy eating and physical activity. In addition, Active Alex equipment packs were distributed across Wyndham's **23 kindergartens**, supporting **97 groups** and **2,650** children to engage in active play and incidental physical activity.

In 25/26, **2,277,531 visits** were recorded across Wyndham's major leisure facilities, Aqua Pulse, Eagle Stadium and Werribee Outdoor Pool. This was consistent with the 2024/25 visitations (2,278,000).

Theme 3: Inactive to Active

Engaging Wyndham's currently inactive population to meet the recommended physical activity guidelines through education and the facilitation of organised and non-organised participation opportunities.

Year on Year Action	25/26 Status
Delivery of targeted Active Wyndham programs which service target cohorts.	Completed
Formalise partnerships and in-kind support for community service organisations and other for-purpose organisations who facilitate opportunities for target cohorts.	Not started
Applying the Sports Facility User Guide and Fair Access Policy Road Map to prioritise equitable facility allocation, support gender equity, and create inclusive, safe environments that encourage participation from diverse groups across Wyndham.	Progressing

According to the Australian Early Development Census, 2024, **77.1 per cent** of Wyndham children were "On Track" physically on the gross and fine motor skills measure, less than the State average where 80% are on track. This means that 23% of Wyndham children are not achieving key physical milestones which build the foundation of future active lifestyles. **30.5 per cent** of adults achieved the recommended 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week, which is less than the Victoria State average of 35.1 per cent (Victorian Population Health Survey 2023).

Active Wyndham programs continued to reduce participation barriers by providing inclusive and targeted opportunities across the community, including:

- Beginner Running Courses specifically designed to encourage women to participate in physical activity by addressing common barriers to participation.
- Active Holidays delivered on average 50 Come and Try activities per holiday, offering inclusive opportunities that encouraged girls' participation and challenged traditional gender stereotypes in sport.
- Active Kinders Mini Movers developed children's fundamental movement skills, providing a foundation for lifelong participation in physical activity.
- Active Alex equipment packs encouraged active play and incidental physical activity in kindergarten and home settings.
- Seniors Exercise Park sessions created accessible opportunities for older adults to participate in regular physical activity.
- Active Kids introduced school children to healthy lifestyle behaviours through education and introductory physical activity experiences.

In 25/26, Council facilitated the expansion of seasonal sporting allocations to support community and social participation, accommodating **11 groups** during the Winter 2026 season across **18 weekly sessions** and **47 hours of weekly programmed use**.

Council's **Get Active After Dark** program, which lights up sportsgrounds during winter for community use, featured opportunities across **7 reserves** spanning **16 sessions** and **30 hours of weekly programmed use**.

Theme 4: Strategic Planning and Evaluation

Establishing consultation, evaluation and monitoring methods that guide future planning of active places and activation programs.

Year on Year Action	25/26 Status
Periodically update evidence-based service planning that incorporates participation rates, population growth forecasts, and utilisation data to guide investment in programs and infrastructure for both indoor and outdoor facilities.	Completed
Seek and apply for funding opportunities with State and Federal government partners	Completed
Yearly reporting in accordance with the Active Wyndham evaluation framework	Completed

In 25/26, Council continued to update evidence-based service planning, population growth forecasts, and utilisation data to guide investment in programs and infrastructure for both indoor and outdoor facilities.

In alignment with that work, Council was able to secure funding for several priority projects through external grant programs in 25/26, including:

- 2 Commonwealth Government funded projects (\$10 million)
- 2 State Government funded projects (1.52m)
- 2 Cricket Victoria grants (\$30k)

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