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BIG BOOST FOR ROAD USERS

Welcome to the May edition of Wyndham News.

In this issue, we have dedicated three pages to our Draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2023-24.

This Draft Budget has been one of the most challenging to produce in many years. As we emerge from the Covid pandemic, the cost of living has increased substantially, building supplies have increased by up to 40 per cent, impacting our capital works program, and the State Government's rate cap – introduced in 2015 – is biting.

Wyndham City is also now the fastest growing municipality in Australia. While that brings many benefits, it also increases cost pressures to deliver important services and infrastructure to our residents.

Councillors have prioritised the things we believe that matter.

This Draft Budget ensures there is a focus on spending in the right areas, delivering services and new assets that will make a positive difference to the lives of all our residents.

You can read all the details and provide your feedback here theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/draft-annual-plan-budget-2023/24

Thank you to everyone that came to my first Mayoral morning tea on 24 April. I loved the opportunity to meet you and share more about Wyndham City and the wide range of services that we offer. Meeting the teams that deliver them I heard you found very helpful and informative.

Don't worry if you missed it there will be further events in July and October. www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/about-council/councillors-wards/mayoral-morning-tea

See you around our community.

Cr Susan McIntyre
Wyndham City Mayor

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Wyndham City is preparing to invest heavily in the construction, renewal and resurfacing of local roads.

A total of **\$33.6 million** has been allocated to fund important road works across the municipality in the proposed Draft Budget, adopted by Council last month.

The funding will go toward both large and small projects, all designed to make Wyndham's roads safer, less congested and more user-friendly.

Proposed key road projects include the duplication of Tarneit Road between Sayers Road and Leakes Road (**\$4.75 million**), the reconstruction of K Road Werribee South (**\$3.5 million**), intersection works for Davis and Dohertys Road (**\$2.5 million**) and **\$4.9 million** for various local road reconstruction projects.

Leakes Road between Tarneit Road and Derrimut Road stage one (**\$2.2 million**) will receive an upgrade while **\$3 million** has been proposed for stage one to fix and widen Old Melbourne Road, while work on a number of roads in Little River will also commence.

Early works for the duplication of Tarneit Road between Railway Avenue and

Shaws Road (**\$1.7 million**) has also been allocated.

As well, the proposed Draft Budget includes an allocation of **\$5 million** for our Active Transport Network.

The strategy aims to create a connected network of safe and sustainable active transport options for the community.

Projects aim to deliver upgrades of old pathways and build new ones, in order to make more accessible transport options for people who want to walk and ride, people with disability, and parents with prams and small children.

Safer footpaths will also benefit our most vulnerable road users like our seniors, small children and people with disability.

The next steps for the program in 2023/24 include completing works in the Bellbridge neighbourhood and around Werribee Train Station.

Find out more about the strategy:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/active-transport



Want to learn more or share your feedback online?
Visit theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/draft-annual-plan-budget-2023/24

COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDING

More than \$18 million in funding has been allocated for the completion and upgrade of three Community Centres in Wyndham City's proposed Draft Budget 2023-24.

A total of **\$10.1 million** has been allocated to complete the Truganina Community Centre (interim name). Construction of the **\$18 million** centre, located at 1 Everton Road, Truganina, began late last year and is expected to be complete in early 2024.

The Centre will provide the community access to a wide range of community services in a safe, welcoming, and sustainable facility. The facility was designed and is being constructed sustainably to be carbon neutral in operation and all-electric, targeting a 5-star Green Star rating.

The Centre will host community programs, events and activities for people of all ages, provide opportunities for residents to meet and connect, participate in community life and access programs information, and local services including three and four-year-old kindergarten, Maternal and Child Health.

The centre features an integrated library lounge that will provide residents local access to a suite of library services including a collection of books, programs and access to technology. The library lounge is designed to complement the services offered from the larger branch libraries across Wyndham.

The Truganina Community Centre is supported by the Victorian Government with **\$4 million** from the Growing Suburbs Fund, **\$3 million** from a Building Blocks Grant and **\$921,000** from the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.

A further **\$5 million** has been allocated for completion of the Black Forest Road South Community Centre in Werribee's west.

Construction of this centre began earlier this year. Located along Charwood Promenade within Werribee's Harpley Estate, the community centre is co-located with Lollypop Creek Primary School P-6 and is adjacent to the mixed-use zone and employment precinct which forms part of the Harpley Town Centre.

The **\$13.7 million** centre will feature three kindergarten rooms, three consulting suites where Maternal and Child Health will provide services, two multipurpose community rooms, two meeting rooms and a community kitchen.

The centre will improve access to high quality early childhood services for young Werribee families and provide flexible spaces for a range of community programs and services. Kindergarten services will be provided by one of Wyndham's five carefully selected Early Years Partners – One Tree Community Services.

The project is supported by a **\$2.5 million** Building Blocks grant and a **\$1.3 million** Growing Suburbs Fund grant from the Victorian Government.

Council has also proposed a further **\$3 million** to be allocated for Stage One of the Jamieson Way Community Centre and Reserve Master Plan upgrade in Point Cook.

DRAFT BUDGET KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Capital Works
\$168.3 million



Services
\$432 million



Road construction, upgrades and renewals
\$33.6 million



Active Transport Network
\$5 million



Tarneit North Master Plan Implementation
\$11 million



Truganina Community Centre
\$10.1 million



Alfred Road Reserve Implementation
\$8.3 million



Webster Street Reserve
\$4.75 million



Jamieson Way Master Plan Stage One
\$3 million



Black Forest Road South Community Centre
\$5 million



Manor Lakes North Reserve Master Plan Implementation
\$3.6 million



Wyndham Coastal and Marine Management Plan
\$5.2 million



Community Grants
\$1.45 million



Libraries
\$10.8 million



Kindergarten and Children's services
\$20 million



Maternal Child and Health Immunisations
\$11.9 million

Acknowledgement of Country

Wyndham City Council acknowledges the Bunurong and Wadawurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the lands along either side of the Werribee Yulluk (River) and across Wyndham. We recognise their care and connection to land, water and community over the past 60,000+ years. We pay respect to Elders who always have, and always will, care for Country and community today and for future generations.

INVESTING IN OPEN SPACES

Wyndham City Council has set aside \$41 million in this year's Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan and Budget to maintain reserves and open spaces, playgrounds and key services related to the beautification of Wyndham such as mowing, watering and tree planting.

It has also budgeted more than **\$1.05 million** for the construction of a new District Level Park at Rosslare Court Reserve, Hoppers Crossing.

Works will include a new play space and nature play, a picnic area with BBQs, a basketball key, new pathways and landscaping, an irrigated kickabout space, a public toilet and additional car parking.

Forward planning, community engagement and design will continue on future year upgrades at Riverbend Historic Park in Werribee and Possey Newland Reserve in Little River.

The Draft Budget also includes funding for Stage Two works at Bulban Road Park (on Levittown Rise) in Werribee. With the opening of the fenced dog off-leash area set for mid-2023, landscape works will continue including additional paths, tree planting and garden beds. Design work will also continue to determine

the design of the lookout and lighting scheme for the Incinerator structure.

Wyndham City Council will continue to implement the Wyndham Dog Off-Leash Plan, including construction of new fenced off-leash dog parks at The Strand Reserve, Point Cook and Williams Landing Reserve, Williams Landing.

These new facilities will include fences, double gates, land and gravel surfaces, bins, drink taps and poop bag dispensers, separate quiet dog areas and agility equipment.

As well, **\$1.9 million** has been set aside for playground and landscape works in pre-existing kindergartens including Karobran, Grange, Little River, Thomas Chirnside, Wilmington and Saltwater.

Further park upgrades will be undertaken at Southhampton Drive Park, Brougham Avenue Reserve, Thames Boulevard Park and the Seasons Estate Pedestrian Bridge.

SPORTS FACILITIES FOR ALL

Wyndham's sports lovers will receive a major boost in the 2023-24 Draft Budget, with millions of dollars allocated to build new facilities and upgrade others.

The Draft Budget, endorsed by Council last month, includes **\$8.3 million** for Stage One of the Alfred Road reserve project.

Alfred Road Reserve, located at Alfred Road and Browns Road Werribee, near the Riverwalk Estate, will transform a 21-hectare parcel of land into a destination for residents and visitors to participate in organised sport, active recreation and leisure activities.

When complete, it will offer cricket, netball, soccer and football facilities all at one site and be a future home base for Werribee Cricket Club and Werribee Junior Cricket Club.

Meanwhile in Tarneit, funding has also been proposed for Stage One works at Polly Parade Reserve, which will include construction of rectangular pitches, tennis courts and a pavilion.

In Point Cook, **\$4.75 million** has been proposed for construction of pavilions at Webster Street Reserve and Brookdale Road Reserve. The pavilions are expected to be completed in late 2023 or early 2024 and will mark the completion of both sites.

Funding of **\$1.4 million** has also been proposed to deliver improvements to the open space and event areas at Presidents Park as part of Stage One of its redevelopment. It is supported by Victorian Government funding.

And as part of a years-long Sports Pavilion Retrofitting Program, **\$3.7 million** has been allocated for completion of the Galvin Park AFL/Cricket/Netball Pavilion, also supported by Victorian Government funding.



GREENING WYNDHAM

Wyndham City Council remains committed to improving our community and environment.

That's why significant money has been allocated to a number of key projects in the 2023/24 Draft Annual Plan and Budget.

The Draft Budget includes **\$11.8 million** for large projects including **\$5.2 million** for the multi-year Wyndham Coastal and Marine Management Plan and K Road Cliff Drainage Improvements.

There's also **\$4.2 million** for the Wyn-R project (Reduction, Renewables, Resilience) – which aims to steer the municipality towards a more efficient, clean-energy focused and resilient future.

A further **\$2 million** has been allocated for Greening the Pipeline, a multi-year project that aims to transform the heritage listed Main Outfall Sewer pipeline reserve, along the Federation Trail bike path, into a parkland to service Melbourne's west.

Further, Council's Annual Tree Planting Program will plant 8,700 advanced trees in 2023. A total of 5,100 street trees will be placed in streetscapes and 3,600 trees in open spaces. The 2023/24 plantings are focused on shading arterial roads, residential streets, and shared pathways throughout Council's open spaces.

The annual program includes opportunities for residents to participate in tree planting days. Council will also continue its relationship with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to facilitate tree plantings on Country using plants grown at their recently established Plant Nursery.

Wyndham City aims to increase canopy cover to at least 25 per cent within streets across Wyndham by 2030.

BUILDING A BETTER WYNDHAM

For more information on these and other projects around the City visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



A NEW BIKE PARK IS COMING TO POINT COOK!

Construction will commence this month on the new Point Cook Bike Park.

Adding to the existing park along Corporate Drive, this \$450,000 Wyndham City upgrade will include a new shelter, bike repair station, bike racks, drinking fountain with a water bottle refill tap, wayfinding signage, new picnic settings, additional seating, and more canopy trees and plants.

These additions will provide locals, bike riders and walkers with an inviting area to stop and rest, and is perfect for those using the Wyndham Bay Trail. It is

also close to the shops and facilities at Tribeca Village.

Works are due for completion in mid-2023.

The Point Cook Bike Park is being delivered as part of the *Wyndham Coastal and Marine Management Plan* and ties in with shared path upgrades being delivered by Council and a boardwalk connecting Sanctuary Lakes to Saltwater Coast being delivered by Parks Victoria in 2023.

LOCAL ROADS GET NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Nearly 50 Wyndham roads are getting a new lease on life as part of a \$3.05 million Wyndham City program to maintain and upgrade local assets.

The Road Surface Renewal Program is in full swing for 2022/23, with 31 road resurfacings already completed across Hoppers Crossing, Point Cook, Tarneit, Werribee and Wyndham Vale.

Work is now underway on the remaining 18 locations, which are expected to be completed by June 2023.

Road resurfacing involves stripping back and replacing the top layer of the road

to make it smoother, safer and more enjoyable for everyday use.

Wyndham City is also investing \$8.9 million over 2022/23 to completely rebuild 12 Wyndham streets as part of its Road Reconstructions Program, including the recent \$5 million rehabilitation of Sayers Road between Tarneit Road and Reflections Boulevard.



LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY? TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Join the Wyndham People's Advisory Panel.

As a community member, you have insight into how best we can shape the future of our City! This is why Wyndham City wants to hear from you.

By becoming a member of Wyndham City's People's Advisory Panel, members will:

- provide regular advice and feedback to Council
- connect with other residents to discuss topics that are important to the Wyndham community
- learn about Council and its important work.

There is no special knowledge about Council required for community members to join.

Membership of the Panel will last until October 2024.

For more information and to register your interest to be part of the Panel by midnight Sunday 28 May, visit theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndhampeoplesadvisorypanel



GOING SOLAR!

Our Green Living theme this month is Energy Smart Wyndham!

Wyndham City has committed to our operations becoming carbon neutral by 2023 and a zero-carbon community by 2040. To achieve this, Council has made improvements to the energy efficiency of our buildings, fleet and equipment, and is shifting to low or zero carbon energy sources.

Read more at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham-city-energy-efficiency

Solar Victoria provides rebates of up to \$1,400 towards solar panel (PV) system installations for eligible Victorians who own existing homes, have homes under construction, or rental properties. Solar Victoria also offers eligible households interest-free loans to further reduce upfront costs.

Residents may also be eligible to apply for a rebate of up to \$1,000 for an energy efficient hot water system. By installing solar (PV) and an energy efficient hot water system, you can save over \$1,000 a year on your energy bills. Visit the Solar Victoria website to learn more.



NEW ZERO-EMISSIONS MOWERS A CUT ABOVE THE REST

Wyndham City has welcomed the arrival of two new electric zero-turn mowers that produce zero emissions and are cheaper to run than traditional petrol mowers.

The two Ecoteq EVO ZTR Mowers, which will be used to maintain Wyndham's open spaces, mark yet another step forward in Council's efforts to achieve net-zero emissions by 2023.

Just one of these mowers is equivalent to taking 140 cars off the road each year!

They're also cheaper to run than traditional petrol mowers because they require no fuel and less maintenance.

This means that Wyndham City will not only be reducing its carbon footprint but also saving money in the long term.

In yet another plus, the mowers reduce noise pollution by up to 50 per cent, meaning they can be operated without hearing protection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ENERGY WORKSHOPS ONLINE

Join a series of online workshops that will be delivered over the course of the year to reduce your energy and save you money! Find out about solar and batteries, energy efficiency, buying green power, electric vehicles and more. These workshops are being delivered by RENEW through a collaboration with Wyndham and other Councils in the Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action (WAGA). In May, Wyndham will be running additional energy saving workshops for the community, as part of 'Energy Smart Wyndham'.

For more information visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries

REDUCE YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE BY HALF

Join our free waste education reduction program, Waste Watchers! Participants will learn to reduce their waste and recycle right over the course of a five week challenge, including learning how to create a worm farm and to compost correctly. Participants will receive a free worm farm or compost bin for taking part in the program.

Workshops will be held at Iramoo Community Centre, 84 Honour Avenue, Wyndham Vale:
Tuesday 23 May, 6pm – 8pm
Tuesday 20 June, 6pm – 8pm

For more information and to register for the workshops, email wastewise@wyndham.vic.gov.au

RECONCILIATION COMMUNITY PLANTING

SATURDAY 27 MAY, 10AM - 1PM

Presidents Park Reserve, Werribee (next to the fenced dog park)

In the spirit of reconciliation let's give back to country. Come down and plant a tree on Wadawurrung Country, where we'll be planting 3,000 trees.

For more information and to register go to: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries

This project is supported by the Victoria Government through the More Trees for a Cooler Greener West Initiative.





Meet
**ALBERT &
JUGAL**



What's New at **POINT COOK COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE**

Point Cook Community Learning Centre hosts a wide range of affordable programs and activities for people of all ages and interests, with three new programs launching!

LET'S SING - Learn English Through Song: try these new English language classes with a musical twist! Have fun learning, meeting new people and gaining confidence in your English speaking.

Come along to this free program on Thursdays at 11:30am.

Afro Moves & Style: Learn the fundamentals of Afro Beats and Dance from talented choreographer from the Afro Movement Academy! Enjoy high classes on Tuesday evenings; kids start at 5:15pm and classes for teens and adults start at 6pm.

STEM learning: Sign up to learn science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) training basics. Students will discover how to use robotics and electronics through activities led by Grow with Joe. Build and program steam machines, learn Crumble software, block programming and applications like Witblox. Designed for students aged 8-12, hosted on Tuesdays at 5pm.

For more information check out What's On at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre and sign up for our newsletter to stay up to date: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/pointcookclc



Supporting **OUR COMMUNITY**

More help is now accessible for residents from non-English speaking backgrounds who are looking for work, study or training opportunities. Community Employment Connectors (CECs) from Wyndham Community Education Centre are available at Community Centres throughout Wyndham. CECs support jobseekers from culturally diverse backgrounds to access relevant information and referrals to help break down barriers to employment. Learn more and find a list of times and locations here:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cec-program

Featherbrook Community Centre is home to one of 20 Walking Football programs in Victoria. In partnership with Football Victoria, the program is led by two locals, Albert Khoo and Jugal Chhabra.

Walking Football is a modified, low impact version of European football. It's a game designed for people over 50 and locals meet every week at Featherbrook for a kick and a laugh.

Many participants are people who live locally and come from multicultural backgrounds. The weekly games give everyone an opportunity to form new bonds and share their culture while playing a version of the world's number one sport.

Program leaders and Wyndham City volunteers, Albert and Jugal happen to share similar personal journeys.

When Albert moved to Wyndham from China, he struggled to find work. He connected with the community at Featherbrook and quickly found a sense of purpose through helping others.

Similarly, when Jugal arrived from India, he also found it challenging to find a job. To lay down roots, he started a business and became a Wyndham City Volunteer. He is now the President of Wyndham Active Youngs over 55 Seniors Group.

Both Albert and Jugal are advocates for healthy living and are committed to helping people become more active. Through the Walking Football program, they also hope to foster a deeper understanding and respect among the diverse communities in Point Cook.

Join them for Walking Football on Fridays 10am-11am at Featherbrook Community Centre: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/walking-football-featherbrook



**LEARN
CREATE
CONNECT
SHARE
STAY ACTIVE**

Find out What's On at Wyndham community centres and plan your visit to a community centre today:

wyndham.vic.gov.au/communitycentres



Around the WARDS



Iramoo Ward

Our Draft Annual Budget for 2023-24 has brought us closer to seeing works continue or start on a number of key projects across Iramoo Ward.

A total of \$5 million has been proposed for work to continue on the Black Forest Road South Community Centre – a project that will deliver residents kindergarten rooms, maternal and child health consulting suites, multipurpose community and meeting rooms, a community kitchen, storage and office space.

A total of \$8.3 million has also been proposed for Stage One of the state-of-the-art open space and sporting development at Alfred Road Reserve, Werribee.

Alfred Road Reserve, located at Alfred Road and Browns Road Werribee, near the Riverwalk Estate, will transform a 21-hectare parcel of land into a destination for residents and visitors to participate in organised sport, active recreation and leisure activities.

We've also proposed funding for key road and environmental projects, including crucial planning for the Armstrong Road extension between Ballan Road and Sayers Road, \$3 million to upgrade roads and drainage in Little River and \$3.6 million for important drainage upgrades to help preserve the K Road Cliffs.

For more information on these and other projects, visit <https://digital.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworks> and Insert draft Budget link when available

Regards,
Iramoo Ward Councillors

Harrison Ward

It's our pleasure to update you on our progress delivering new sports and recreation infrastructure in Harrison Ward.

Stage Two of Brookdale Road Reserve in Point Cook is completed! A new baseball and softball field with behind diamond fencing, a batting cage and clay surface is now open for your enjoyment to complement the new playground and ninja warrior obstacle course delivered as part of Stage 1. Stage Three, which includes a sporting pavilion, will be delivered later this year.

Work is also well underway on Stage Two of Truganina's Alcock Road Reserve, which includes three soccer fields, one of which can also be used to create a cricket field. This project is due to be completed in the middle of this year. Keep up to date with these projects and many more in Harrison by visiting our Capital Works Dashboard: <https://digital.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworks>

This month, we are seeking your thoughts on the Draft 2023-24 Budget and Annual Plan. We feel this year's proposed Draft Budget is fiscally appropriate in the current difficult economic climate, especially with rate capping and cost escalations of capital works projects.

We hope you will join us at a pop-up session to discuss. Please stay tuned to The Loop for dates and times.

Regards,
Harrison Ward Councillors

Chaffey Ward

It's been a big month in Chaffey Ward, and we have lots to share.

Wyndham City has released its Draft Budget for 2023-24, which includes a proposed \$11 million for the Tarneit North Master Plan Implementation. This is a major project for residents and when complete, will deliver three soccer fields with overlaid cricket oval, six tennis courts, cricket practice nets, paths and landscaping.

The Draft Budget also includes a proposed \$4.75 million to duplicate Tarneit Road between Sayers Road and Leakes Road and \$2.2 million to deliver the Leakes Road upgrade between Tarneit Road and Derrimut Road.

If you're looking for some old school fun, why not check out the free Family Games Nights run at Dianella Community Centre on the first Friday of every month, where you can play traditional board games with family and friends. Look up the What's On section on Council's website to find out more.

Finally, a reminder not to feed any stray or wandering cats in your neighbourhood, and for cat owners to confine their felines to their premises every night between 10pm and 6am. Roaming cats can cause damage to our native wildlife and can pose a nuisance to neighbourhoods.

Find out more at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wandering-cats

Regards,
Chaffey Ward Councillors



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COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS



In each edition of Wyndham News we provide an insight into Wyndham's 11 Councillor Portfolios.



CR SUSAN MCINTYRE
Community Safety

Community Safety is about people feeling safe in our community regardless of their background, age or gender. This portfolio aims to create cohesive and strong communities in which everyone can feel safe.

Wyndham City supported Coffee with a Cop sessions which give our community the opportunity to discuss matters of safety and raise concerns with Victoria Police officers in a safe and friendly space.

The next sessions are planned for Wednesday 31 May in Tarneit and Thursday 29 June in Werribee, for details please visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/coffee-cop

I continue to respond to community safety concerns with regular Community Safety Portfolio meetings. A discussion of matters raised at recent meetings include a range of issues such as litter and dumping in residential areas and safe parking and driving within school areas.

The Keep Wyndham Clean campaign aims to address litter and dumping concerns with renewed focus on Litter Blitzes in 'hot spot areas'. This will include increasing awareness regarding the various options available to dispose of rubbish correctly and help us Keep Wyndham Safe, Clean & Presentable.

Road safety outside schools, is a key area of focus with the 'Keep Them Safe Outside the School Gate' ongoing campaign. We regularly join forces with Victoria Police's Highway Patrol to help enforce safe driving and parking.

For more safety information and resources please visit:
wyndham.vic.gov.au/communitysafetytipsandresources



CR ADELE HEGEDICH
Healthy City

This portfolio aims to implement initiatives, programs and services that create a better, healthier place for all residents, regardless of their age, gender, cultural background, or socio-economic status.

Nobody likes waiting for medical treatment - that's why I'm thrilled with the recent opening of the Priority Primary Care Centre at 1/5 Station Place in Werribee, which has the dual purpose of allowing you to see a doctor quickly while taking the strain off Werribee Mercy's emergency department.

Delivered by Werribee Medical and Dental, the centre provides priority care for a range of medical concerns, including but not limited to mild to moderate infections, sprains and suspected minor fractures, and minor cuts, burns or bites.

The service is free for everyone, with or without a Medicare card, and both pre-booked and walk-in appointments are available.

Meanwhile, Council is in the process of developing a new Access and Inclusion Plan (previously known as the Accessibility Action Plan) to help remove barriers to participation, promote inclusion and achieve real changes in attitudes and practices that impact on people with disability.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved and provide input into this important plan.

Finally, planning has begun for a Seniors Expo that will be held in October.

While it's still early days, this event will celebrate and promote the services and activities available to Wyndham's older residents – again, stay tuned!

ART GALLERY

Wyndham Art Gallery has two exhibitions opening on 8 June until 30 June.

Upstairs in the Gallery features **IWARA** by Robert Fielding.

IWARA is a solo exhibition that reflects the dispossession of First Nations people and the destruction of their lands. Robert's artwork combines contemporary art with ancient ways and provides a voice for people from remote communities.

Robert Fielding is a contemporary artist of Yankunytjatjara, Western Arrente, Pakistani and Afghan descent.



Downstairs in the Gallery features **ENDURING** by First Nations Artists.

ENDURING highlights significant First Nations Visual Art acquisitions in the Wyndham City Council collection. Works that centre around history, place and identity and some that are on display for the first time.

Artists exhibiting are Tony Albert, Maree Clarke, Michael Cook, Peter Waples-Crowe, Karen Casey and Aunty Marlene Gilson.

Wyndham City is proud to have one of the largest Local Government collections of First Nations art.

This exhibition will be on display at the Wyndham Art Gallery during NAIDOC week to celebrate the significant role First Nations artists play within our gallery and community.

Dates: 8 June 2023 to 30 June 2023

Time: 9am to 4pm Every day from Monday to Sunday

For more information visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/venues/wyndham-art-gallery

SPOTLIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER



RADHA

Describe your volunteer role?

I am a volunteer with the Featherbrook Community Centre and run English classes on a weekly basis. My students range from ages 40 onwards and are various nationalities. While improving their English language skills and building confidence, these enthusiastic students generally seem eager to learn as well as meet each other.

I also volunteer as the Secretary of Point Cook Seniors group and help out with the Wyndham Women's support group and SEWA international.

What is the highlight of your role?

My classes are made up of customised group work and fun activities where students interact with each other which they seem to love. The highlight of my role is when I observe them trying hard to complete the tasks and actually thinking before they utter a sentence. My joy is priceless when I notice some improvement in their confidence while they try to overcome their hesitation and attempt to produce error free simple sentences.

Volunteering showers me with great heights of togetherness, friendship and deep sense of belonging to the community.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

Difficult question – I am not good with numbers. I am petrified when I can't use a calculator.

What is your favourite place in Wyndham?

I love the Alamanda Wetlands Park with the lake in the midst of it. I enjoy sitting on the benches in the middle of the serene lake and watch the black swans and other birds in the water around me. This amazing backdrop of bamboo trees, local fauna and local flora make me feel as if I am in a peaceful countryside although the busy Sneydes road is just a few meters away! I am always amazed at how thoughtfully the park has been designed in such a child friendly way and how well maintained it is. Our family often visit and enjoy this spot.

2023 WYNDHAM BUSINESS AWARDS

Entries are now open for the 2023 annual Wyndham Business Awards.

The Awards program now in its 27th year, celebrates local business entrepreneurs, innovators and hardworking operators.

This year we have new categories that will highlight the achievements of leading Wyndham businesses, business leaders and entrepreneurs and provide a unique opportunity for business of

all types and sizes and individuals to be recognised for their efforts commitment and success.

Entries open: Tuesday 2 May and close 5pm Tuesday 13 June 2023.

For more information visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/businessawards



In the LIBRARY

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LIBRARIESINWYNDHAM



WYNDHAM WRITING AWARDS

The Wyndham Writing Awards are open to all Victorian adult residents to inspire, encourage and recognise emerging adult writers and literary creators.

So get creative, start writing and enter!

Age: 18+

Date: 1 May to 30 June 2023

For more information visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/writingawards



YOUNG ADULT BOOK BUYING NIGHT

Ever wanted to select books for the library? Come and help us select some new titles for the Library's Young Adult Fiction Collection.

Ages: 12 to 25

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Date: Wednesday, 17 May 2023

Location: Point Cook Library
For more information and to book: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/young-adult-book-buying-night



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Join us to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime.

Share in a reading of 'Speedy Sloth' at the same time as millions of other children around Australia.

Ages: 3+

Time: 10.45am to 11.30am

Date: Wednesday, 24 May

Location: Running at two locations:
Julia Gilliard Library Tarneit and
Williams Landing Library Lounge
Bookings not required

One Wyndham WYNDHAM'S YOUNG PERSON OF THE MONTH



Murad

Murad Mamiyo is the One Wyndham March recipient.

Murad has been actively volunteering for the Wyndham Bright Young Leaders program for the past three years.

He is a positive role model and has encouraged and empowered many young people to join the program.

Through Volunteering Murad has developed and built his confidence, public speaking and event organisation skills and now proudly hosts and MC's at Wyndham Bright Young Leaders events and online sessions.

Murad enjoys being an active member of the Wyndham community and meeting new people and hearing their stories.

Meesha Pujitha Gunawardena is the One Wyndham April recipient.

Meesha is a motivated young person who makes a difference in our community.

Volunteering every week as a Ward Ambassador and, awarded the St John's Ambulance Wyndham Division's new member of the year award in 2022.

She is passionate about improving health outcomes for people in rural and remote areas and our first nations people.



Meesha

To read more about One Wyndham recipients and to apply visit:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/oneyndham

THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS IN WYNDHAM!

National Volunteer Week runs from the 15 to 21 May and it's a time to celebrate and acknowledge the people who volunteer in our community.

This year's theme is 'The Change Makers'.

Volunteering can be a structured role in an organisation, or it can be

informal; helping others through acts of kindness.

Thank you to all our Wyndham volunteers – you have the power to drive change.

For more information about volunteering in Wyndham, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/volunteering



FOR MORE EVENTS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING VISIT
WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/LIBRARIES

WHATS ON

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WINTER STREET PARTY IS BACK!

Save the date – Friday 23 June 2023 – 5pm to 9pm – it is going to be a fun filled evening!

Werribee City Centre will be bustling with a variety of activities and entertainment for all ages, including live music, street performances, kids activities and more! And an impressive roller skating rink.

Business will be open late with special offers and winter fare.

For more information visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/winter



SMALL BUSINESS BUS

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus is coming to Wyndham to provide advice and support for small businesses in Wyndham.

Business advisors can help you with 1:1 tailored advice to help you start, build, or transform your small business. Confidential sessions are available for 45mins and are free!

Bookings are essential.

Date: Wednesday 24 May

Location: Tarneit Community Learning Centre, 150 Sunset Views Boulevard Tarneit (outside in the car park)

Date: Thursday 25 May

Location: Point Cook Community Learning Centre, 1-21 Cheetham Street, Point Cook (outside in the car park)

To register: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/small-business-bus

Or for more information on how Wyndham City can help your business contact visit: business@wyndham.vic.gov.au

WYNDHAM CULTURAL CENTRE 2023

KUTCHA EDWARDS

Songman and proud Mutti Mutti, Yorta Yorta, Nari Nari man, Kutcha Edwards uses music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces.

Date: Saturday 27 May

Time: 7.30pm



BARE MUSICAL

Bare is a provocative and unique show that follows a group of students at a Catholic boarding school as they grapple with issues of sexuality, identity, and the future.

Dates: Thursday 1 June, 7.30pm

Friday 2 June, 7.30pm

Saturday 3 June, 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Not intended for young audiences – 16+



THE SUNSHINE CLUB

This energetic and engaging musical play is based on the story of Frank Doyle, an aboriginal serviceman who has come home from World War II to find that although the wider world may have changed, attitudes back home in Brisbane are just the same. With a variety of musical styles and 28 songs composed by esteemed John Rodgers.

Date: Tuesday 6 June

Time: 7.30pm

For more information or to book tickets call (03) 8734 6000 or visit www.wyncc.com.au/whats_on