



#### ramoo Ward

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the Annual Plan and Budget 2024/25, which we recently adopted.

Wyndham City remains the fastest growing municipality in Australia and as we come to the end of this Council term, this Budget aims to deliver a balanced capital works program. One that finishes what we started and continues to build the infrastructure our population needs.

Budget highlights for the Iramoo Ward include \$10.4 million for the Manor Lakes North Reserve Master Plan implementation.

Located at Holyoake Parade in Manor Lakes, this project includes sports fields for cricket, AFL football, tennis and other multi-use sports. It will be activated by Council in partnership with established as well as new clubs and organisations.

Other projects to receive funding include \$1.5 million for the redevelopment of four tennis courts at Galvin Park Reserve in Werribee and \$1.8 million to improve open space elements at Presidents Park. to further support the delivery of community events

Our Citizenship Awards open this month. Wyndham City's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards program recognises the outstanding contributions of Wyndham City residents who, through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the community.

It's easy to nominate and further information is available on our website at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/citizenawards

Regards, Iramoo Ward Councillors



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Regards,

Harrison Ward

despite the cold.

underway and tracking well.

As we approach the end of winter, we hope

Reserve in Williams Landing, with construction

The Strand Dog Off-leash park in Point Cook

is opening this month, so be sure to take your

pups down to experience the fantastic new

Work is progressing on the Greening the

delivery stages. Once complete, this linear

park will offer more open green space for the

Turn to pages 4 and 5 for more information on

We are thrilled to announce the return of the

annual Wyndham Learning Festival. Running

from 1 to 7 September, this year's program

features a wide range of fun and immersive

To find out what activities are happening in

connecting with various services. If you need

the Harrison Ward, check the website:

As always, our Community Connector

help, simply fill out a quick form and we'll

connect you with the services you need.

Discover more at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/

Please reach out if you have any questions,

Harrison Ward Councillors

services are available to assist you in

www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/

communityconnector

free learning activities and events for all ages

Pipeline project, which is currently in its

community to gather, play and relax.

our exciting capital works projects.

and interests.

facility and join in the off-leash fun.

you've managed to stay warm and active

Work is continuing at the Lawrie Emmins

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#### What's your vision for Wyndham in 2050?

Hogan's Road Reserve

It's a question Wyndham City is asking all residents as part of our Future Wyndham project, which will inform the creation of the next Wyndham 2050 Community Vision (previously Wyndham 2040 Community Vision) and other major long-term plans.

Your feedback helps Council decide how we allocate funds, what projects we prioritise and how we look after our existing assets, so we encourage you to have your say by Sunday 25 August at https://theloop. wyndham.vic.gov.au/future-wyndham

Meanwhile, are you struggling to exercise on dark winter evenings?

To help Wyndham residents be more active, more often, we've turned the lights on for community use at some of our sports facilities over Winter, including at Hogan's Road Reserve, Galvin Park Reserve and Wootten Road Reserve

It's the perfect opportunity to grab some friends or the family and go for a run, brisk walk or kick a ball.

Find out more at <u>www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/</u> activeafterhours

Last but certainly not least, we're thrilled to announce that work on the muchanticipated Wootten Road Reserve tennis court renewal project is now complete!

Turn to our capital works spread on pages 4 and 5 to find out more.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have regarding Chaffey Ward.

Regards, Chaffey Ward Councillors



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#### Four years ago, when this Council was elected, we made a commitment to provide all our residents with the services and infrastructure they deserve.

I'm proud to say we have delivered 250 capital works projects over this time, including **\$100 million** in road upgrades, 15 new and upgraded sports facilities, seven community centres and 400 kilometres of new footpaths.

That work is set to continue after Council recently endorsed our Annual Plan and Budget for 2024-25.

The **\$159.1 million** allocated to Capital Works aims to continue our massive infrastructure program, to keep connecting Wyndham residents, either by road, or through community, sporting and leisure facilities and open spaces.

Reducing traffic congestion and improving road safety remains a key focus for Council, and in this Draft Budget we're proposing to spend **\$11.6 million** to improve, upgrade and repair local roads."

Wyndham City remains the fastest growing municipality in Australia – and while that brings many benefits, it also increases cost pressures.

Since the beginning of our term, the municipality has grown by 50,000 people to a population of just over 320,000 – an increase of more than 15 per cent in just four years.

Council believes this budget strikes the balance between being fiscally responsible while still delivering the infrastructure and services our community needs.

Thank you to everyone who came along to Wyndham for You! at the beginning of this month, it was wonderful to see the community taking an opportunity to speak with officers to learn about the services and programs we provide.

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Wyndham City Mayor
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## 2024-25 Draft Annual Plan and Rudget

A \$159.1 million Capital Works program highlights Wyndham Council's 2024-25 Annual Plan and Budget, which was endorsed by Council at its June meeting.

A total of **\$52.6 million** has been included to fund important road works across the municipality.

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

One of the key priorities is to build the Ison Road extension, which will connect residents in the west of Wyndham to the Princes Highway.

Other key road projects include **\$10.8 million** for duplication works at the intersection of Leakes Road and Tarneit Road.

Council will also spend **\$2.6 million** on design work for the Hobbs Road extension between Ballan Road and Sayers Road.

The Capital Works program is designed to continue Council's massive infrastructure program, to keep connecting Wyndham residents, either by road, or through community, sporting and leisure facilities and open spaces.

The endorsed Budget considered feedback from residents during a lengthy consultation process, which resulted in 108 contributions.

#### Highlights of the Budget include:

- **\$12.2 million** for Stage 1 construction works at the Tarneit North Community Precinct in Polly Parade, Tarneit
- **\$10.4 million** for towards the implementation of the Manor Lakes North Masterplan, located at Holyoake Parade, Manor Lakes

- **\$9.2 million** for Stage 1 works at Fortitude Drive Reserve in Truganina
- \$28.5 million to maintain our parks, open spaces and streetscapes
- **\$11.7 million** on library services
- **\$1.4 million** on new library resources
- **\$16.7 million** on Maternal Child and Heath Immunisation services
- **\$2.4 million** on the Wyn-R Project: Reduction, Renewables, Resilience
- **\$2 million** for Greening the Pipeline
- **\$6.5 million** for the Cultural Centre Upgrade
- \$7.5 million for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Jamieson Way Community Centre redevelopment in Point Cook

The Budget also included funding for community grants totalling **\$1.4 million**, putting more money in the hands of community groups and organisations to run programs and events that make a difference locally.

The State Government has set a rate cap of 2.75 per cent for the 2024-25 financial year.

If residents are having difficulty paying their rates by the due date, they should contact 1300 023 411 to discuss options, including a payment plan.

More information can be found at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/annualplan-and-budget-2024-2025

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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. Wyndham News August 2024





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



# Exciting Developments at Polly Parade Reserve

Wyndham City is excited to announce the commencement of construction at Polly Parade Reserve in Tarneit. This \$18 million project will unfold over two overlapping stages, transforming the area into a vibrant active open space.

Stage One will feature three natural turf soccer fields with an overlaid cricket oval, cricket practice nets, six tennis courts, sports lighting, paths, landscaping, drainage, irrigation, and fencing. Expected to be completed by mid-2025, this will allow the community to access and enjoy the new space while construction begins on stage two.

Stage Two, set to commence by mid-2025, will include the construction of a sports pavilion equipped with a social room, change rooms, storerooms, and a kiosk, providing essential amenities for the community.

This development is part of the broader \$26.7 million Tarneit North Community Precinct Masterplan. The masterplan also includes the Bembit Bag-rook Community Centre, which opened in October 2022 and offers a variety of community, health, and education services, including kindergarten and maternal and child health programs.

Stay tuned for more updates as we bring this exciting project to life, enhancing our community's recreational and social spaces.





## Footpath Renewal Program Complete

Wyndham City is proud to announce the successful completion of the 2023/24 Footpath Renewal program, which saw an investment of \$2 million to upgrade 22 footpaths throughout the community.

The Program focused on removing and replacing deteriorated sections of footpaths in Hoppers Crossing, Point Cook, Truganina, Werribee, Wyndham Vale and Williams Landing. These upgrades aim to significantly enhance accessibility and usability for all community members.

Looking ahead, we've allocated an additional \$2 million for the Footpath Renewal Program in the 2024/25 budget, ensuring continued improvements and maintenance of essential pedestrian infrastructure.



# Lollypop Creek Community Centre Now Operational

#### Wyndham City is delighted to announce that the Lollypop Creek Community Centre is now open at 104 Shipwright Parade in Werribee.

This \$12.9 million centre is designed to be flexible, sustainable, and innovative, catering to the diverse needs of the community by providing a safe and welcoming space for residents to connect and access local programs closer to home.

The centre features three kindergarten rooms with play spaces and essential amenities, as well as three maternal and child health consulting suites.

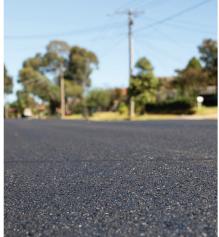
Additionally, the facility includes two multipurpose community rooms, two

meeting rooms, a community kitchen, and ample storage and office spaces.

Kindergarten services are set to commence in the first term of 2025, marking a significant milestone in enhancing the accessibility of early childhood education within the community.

To learn more about this centre, please visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/lollypop-creek-cc





### Road Surface Renewal Program Complete

Wyndham City is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Road Surface Renewal Program, with an investment of \$3.25 million enhancing 20 roads across the community.

The program targeted roads in Hoppers Crossing, Laverton North, Little River, Point Cook, Tarneit, Truganina, Werribee, and Wyndham Vale, focusing on replacing deteriorated sections to improve surface quality, extend the lifespan of the roads, and enhance usability for residents.

In a continued commitment to maintaining and improving road infrastructure, Council has allocated a further \$3.05 million for the 2024/25 Road Surface Renewal Program.

# **Grow Your Own Food tips**

Become self-sufficient by growing pesticide and chemical free

- produce that is suited to the local climate. More info at: My Smart Garden
- www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/my-smart-garden Wyndham Seed Library (free seeds available)
- www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/seedlibrary Green Living Map www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/green-living-map

# Green Living

We're planning for a sustainable future where our infrastructure, systems and services uphold our environmental values relating to renewables, recyclables and other innovations. This is another way we're making Wyndham more resilient.

## Sustainable **Food Festival**

The spotlight is on sustainable food this month. Learn about the impact your dietary choices make on the planet, society and your health. Consider ways to eat more sustainably like growing your own food, sourcing produce sustainably and locally, including more plant-based meals in our diets and reducing our food waste. Join us for workshops and information sessions, such as:



Werribee Park Heritage Orchid - Fruit Tree Festival Celebrate growing local fruit trees

Date: Sunday 11 August Time: 10am to 3pm



Lacto-Fermention Learn this simple yet effective way to not only preserve food, but to increase its nutritional content and avoid food waste in our homes.

Date: Saturday 17 August Time: 10.30am to 12pm



#### Scraptastic Cooking

Learn how to make the most of your weekly shop to not only reduce your food waste output, but reduce your shopping bill too.

Date: Thursday 22 August Time: 6.30pm to 8pm



Reduce Food Waste

For more info about these events and others, visit:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/green-living-series

Each year Victorians throw out 250,000 tonnes worth of food and the average household throws out approximately \$2,200 worth of food a year. Food thrown out in the garbage bin ends up in landfill and can create greenhouse gasses. Planning your meals and storing your meals can significantly help reduce food waste.

Also consider using a compost bin or worm farm to recycle scraps and produce compost and worm tea fertiliser for your garden. Council offers rebates on compost bins and worm farms through www.wyndham.wormlovers.com.au

To find out more visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/sustainable-food-consumption

### **Source Food** Sustainably & Locally

Support local businesses to encourage a more sustainable and resilient food system. Buying locally also reduces carbon emissions, preserves natural resources and strengthens local communities. Buying locally also means food is fresher and requires less transport meaning less greenhouse gas emissions are released.

Find your local market or home-grown food swap at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenliving-map



# Council elections across Victoria, including Wyndham, will be held on 26 October 2024.

This year's council elections are an opportunity for Wyndham residents to elect the candidates who they think best represent their vision and interests for a better, stronger and more sustainable future.

Council elections are held every four years.

Currently, Wyndham is represented by 11 Councillors in three Wards – Chaffey (four Councillors), Harrison (four Councillors) and Iramoo (three Councillors).

An Electoral Representation Advisory Panel completed an electoral structure review of Wyndham City Council in January.

Following the review, a number of changes will be made. At this year's election, 11 Councillors representing 11 single-member wards will be elected.

The new Ward names will be: Bemin Ward, Brinbeal Ward, Cheetham Ward, Featherbrook Ward, Grange Ward, Heathdale Ward, Iramoo Ward, Quandong Ward, Werribee Park Ward, Williams Landing Ward and Wimba Ward. All voting in the council election will be done via postal vote. The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will send residents a voting ballot pack closer to the election.

Council-enrolled voters include ratepayers who are property owners, occupiers or corporations.

**Voting is compulsory.** To check you are eligible to vote or your enrolment details, go to: <u>www.vec.vic.gov.au/</u> <u>enrolment/check-my-enrolment</u> or call 1300 805 478.

#### **Residents interested in standing**

for Council at the upcoming election can visit <u>www.mav.asn.au/stand-for-</u> <u>council-2024</u> for more information.

### To find out more about the electoral structure review and Ward changes

 including maps of the new Wards
 visit <u>www.localgovernment.vic.gov.</u> <u>au/council-governance/electoral-</u> <u>representation-advisory-panels-eraps</u>



### Check Out Our New Customer Charter!

Providing you, our community, with a high standard of service in all interactions remains a priority for Wyndham City.

Our new Customer Charter reflects our commitment to putting your needs at the centre of everything we do and continuously improving our services to better serve our diverse community.

It outlines the standards of service customers can expect from Wyndham Council, and promotes transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in Council operations.

#### Our commitment to you

- We value your experience, no matter how you contact us or who you speak with.
- We will listen to you to understand your needs and why they are important, and we will treat you with courtesy and respect.
- We will take ownership of your enquiry by helping you find the right information or person to talk to each time you contact us.
- We will be upfront and honest about setting expectations and keeping you updated.
- We are committed to delivering consistent and seamless experiences across all interactions.
- Recognising the diversity within our community we are dedicated to continuously explore new ways to foster accessibility and inclusivity in all our services, and to act with sensitivity.



Scan the QR code to find out more and read the Customer Charter in full, or visit **www.wyndham.vic.gov. au/customer-service-charter** 



# Wyndham Learning Festival 2024

The Wyndham Learning Festival is held annually to promote, encourage and support lifelong learning. Led by Wyndham Community & Education Centre, with support of Wyndham City, the Wyndham Learning Festival aims to celebrate and inspire lifelong learning and is run from 1-7 September.

With the theme this year "Empowering Communities Through Lifelong Learning", there will truly be something for everyone from Healthy Home cooking, Burmese weaving, Building Inner Resilience, to a nature walk at Werribee River, basic car care and a DIY organic skincare workshop. There is also a full-day of Learning for Business workshops, you can Talk to a Living Book, Try Lawn Bowls, explore a Career in Early Childhood, participate in a Zumba class and marvel at the creations on display at the Young Scientist of Wyndham Competition.

For the full program visit: **www.wynlearningfestival.org.au** 



#### **Be immersed with Dr Karl** – An Eco-Expedition into Sustainable Science and Climate

The program highlight this year is the Signature event featuring the esteemed Dr Karl on Saturday 31 August 2024 at 12.30pm to 4.00pm at Encore Events Centre, Hoppers Crossing. Join this free informative session packed with fun and practical tips on making sustainable choices in daily life.

For more information and to book tickets visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/drkarl



ominate a Wyndham Citizen

# Ever met a Wyndham resident whom you thought deserves an award for all the great things they do in the community?

Here's the chance to give them the recognition they deserve by nominating them for the 2025 Wyndham Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards.

These awards recognise the service and outstanding contributions of residents who help make our City a better place.

They could be contributing to areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, art, the environment and others.

We've all met someone who goes above and beyond to serve our community, whether it be in our workplace, local community group or sporting club.

Working behind the scenes to help others, often these people are the very last ones to put themselves forward and that's why your nomination is so important. These awards are a terrific way for us to say thank you.

Young Citizen of the Year is open to residents aged 16 – 25 years, with Citizen of the Year open to ages 26 and above.

It's easy to nominate – simply visit **www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/citizenawards** and complete the online form.

Nominations will be assessed by an independent judging panel, with the winners announced in early 2025.

Nominations for the Wyndham Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards will open from 1 August – 15 September. Create

Learn

Share

Connect

## We want to fear from you!

We know that Wyndham's community centres are the vibrant hearts of our neighbourhood, places where people come to connect, share, learn and create – and we want to make sure that we are communicating our rich program of events in activities in a way that works for you.

Tell us the best ways to keep you informed about what's on through our Community Centres Communication Review survey, which is now open on The Loop or can be completed in person at any of our Council-managed community centres.

We are also holding four in-person sessions where you can meet our team and share your thoughts:

#### Sessions 1 & 2: Point Cook Community Learning Centre

#### Sessions 3 & 4: Tarneit Community Learning Centre

Wednesday 7 August 11am – 12pm and 7–8pm Tuesday 13 August 11am – 12 pm and 5-6pm

Please contact the centre to register your interest.

Your valuable feedback will inform the way we promote our activities, programs and events in 2025 and beyond and help us create a better overall experience for you.

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Get involved and have your say before 31 August at: https://theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/communitycentres-communication-review

Meanwhile, we're already working towards delivering a bumper program of events and activities in 2025 and will run our Expressions of Interest booking process for Council-managed centres between 1-30 August.

This is a great opportunity for our community to meet with our team to discuss room bookings at Council-managed community centres in 2025, and we encourage you to contact one of our centres to discuss your options.



# Hoppers Junction Village Shopping Strip

Come along and support local businesses at the Hoppers Junction

shopping strip.

Located next to Hoppers Junction Train Station, the shopping strip has a new updated look thanks to a pilot shopfront improvement project.

The Hoppers Junction precinct includes a bustling mix of small hospitality, shopping and servicebased businesses. Local business in the strip have felt re-energised by the project, saying it's not something they would have had the time or resources to focus on. The owners are thrilled with the improved presentation of their shop fronts, expressing that such enhancements would have been beyond their reach without this initiative. The project has not only refreshed the appearance of their shops but also reinvigorated their spirits, helping to build a more welcoming and appealing shopping precinct to attract and retain customers.

Creating vibrant spaces where people want to shop and dine is great for customers and for businesses.

This initiative has supported eight local businesses by upgrading their signage and improving their street presence which will encourage customers to stop, visit and boost the village shopping strip.

The installation of new temporary wayfinding signage at Hoppers Crossing Train Station including footpath decals near the train station and Bus Exchange will compliment and promote the Hoppers Junction businesses to commuters.

The area has been through many changes following the recent train crossing removal project and this initiative is helps residents and newcomers alike rediscover the charm and convenience of Hoppers Junction.

Whether Hoppers Junction is your local go-to, or you're a first-time visitor, pop down and explore the shopping strip.



### It's time to get involved, make your voice count and help shape Wyndham's future.

Take this opportunity to share your feedback and help create the next Wyndham 2050 Community Vision (previously Wyndham 2040 Community Vision) as part of the Future Wyndham project.

Your feedback will also help inform the next Council Plan (including the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) as well as the Long-Term Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

The Vision highlights what our community wants Wyndham to be like in 26 years' time and is the overarching document that guides everything we do as a Council.

By now you should have received a short survey in your mailbox asking for feedback on the current Vision, what the new Vision should include and what Council should prioritise over the next four years.

If you haven't already, please fill out and return the survey or complete it online via the link below.

You can also have your say at various community workshops, online sessions and pop-up events.

Your feedback will help Council decide how we allocate funds, what projects we prioritise, how we look after existing assets and where we direct our resources.

For those keen to be involved in future stages of this project, and other projects, Wyndham City is also calling on all members of the community to sign up for the People's Advisory Panel.

But get in guick – the Future Wyndham survey and registrations for the People's Advisory Panel will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 25 August.

Join the conversation building the future of Wyndham starts now!



Find out more and have your say at https://theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/future-wyndham

https://theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/peoples-advisory-panel

To join the People's Advisory Panel, visit









Victoria-based Artist, Libby McKinnon, has recently completed the restoration of two mosaics in Point Cook, as part of Council's commitment to maintenance of Wyndham's public art collection.

The mosaic at the entrance to the Boardwalk Boulevard, Skeleton

Creek, commissioned in 2000 has been repaired and the mosaic at the roundabout in Point Cook has also been repaired.

The maintenance works are part of Council's commitment to maintain Wyndham's public art collection.

Check out the restored mosaics!



### Tapestry of Culture Earn your fashion merit badge

The Tapestry of Culture program is designed to showcase the beauty and significance of clothing across different cultures.

At our next free workshop, textile designer Lisa Carroll will lead you through a variety of embroidery stitches which will allow participants to craft personalised floral badges and patches from repurposed fabrics. Lisa's workshop will connect fashion and craft through by re-using materials, learning mending techniques and building awareness about sustainable craft and fashion practices. This workshop is more than just stitching, it's a mindful and meditative practice and will provide an afternoon of joy and fun.

Date: Saturday 10 August Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm Location: Saltwater Community Centre, 153 Saltwater Promenade, Point Cook

For more information on upcoming



### **Family History Month**

Celebrate Family History Month with Wyndham City Libraries during August with a series of workshops and information sessions.



Searching Newspapers: Tips and Tricks

Trove and British Newspaper Archive can add interesting facts to your family history research. Join the Family and Local History Librarian for tips and tricks on how to use these online databases.





#### Life Writing

Everyone has a story. Join non-fiction author and teacher Di Websdale-Morrissey in this workshop as we untangle the differences between memoir and biography and delve into family history projects.

Date: Saturday 24 August, Time: 10.30am to 1.30pm Location: Julia Gillard Library Tarneit Bookings required





**Family Tree Maker** Join us to hear David Stephen from VicGum to share his expertise in the use of Family Tree Maker. Find out how this easy-to-use tool can be used to build your family tree.

Date:Tuesday 20 August, Time: 10am to 11.45am Location: Hoppers Crossing Library Bookings required



#### Family History Story Time

Come along and join us for a special Family History Story Time! Our Family History Librarian will share stories, songs and fun with a focus on being in a family. No bookings required.

Date: Friday, 16 August Time: 10.30am to 11.15am Location: Hoppers Crossing Library

### **Temporary Closure**

Please note that the Werribee Library and Julia Gillard Library Tarneit may need to be closed temporarily, due to building works. Please check the Libraries in Wyndham Facebook page or Library website for more details: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries



Spotlight on a Volunteer

Parniyan Lozak

## Please Describe your volunteer role?

I volunteer at St Vincent de Paul Society Op Shop in Hoppers Crossing. I work 2-3 hours on weekdays and some weekends. I price the scarves, gloves, and beanies and display them nicely for customers.

## What is the highlight of your role?

My highlight is always helping people, making them happy and giving back to the community. It gives me such joy to make others happy.

### What would people be surprised to know about you?

l listen to all types of music: Afghan, Australian, all sorts! I just love music.

### What is your favourite place in Wyndham?

I love Werribee and my favourite place is the Wyndham Community Education Centre – The Cottage because I learned English there. My favourite person was Jennie Barrera as she was so helpful and always kind.



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For more events visit: **(** www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-o

### **Proudly Wyndham Business Expo**

Wyndham City is hosting a Business Expo to showcase Wyndham businesses! The business expo will feature an exciting range of different businesses, from home based, small to medium businesses. If you would like to showcase your business to local community, then don't miss this opportunity and submit an Expressions of Interest to be an exhibitor.

Date: Friday, 18 October 2024 Location: Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing For more information visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/business-expo



#### Warm Winter Read

Join us for our adult winter reading challenge where we encourage you to take more time to curl up with a great read every week until 31 August. Track your reading on the challenge website or one of our reading journals and go in the running to win a prize! Register online or pick up a reading journal from your local library.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/ warm-winter-read



**Q & A Speech Pathologist** Meet with Lisa Decker, local

Speech Pathologist from Well Said clinic to hear concerns and questions about your child's language development. This is an opportunity to receive informal advice in a relaxed group setting. Bookings required.

Date: Monday, 19 August Time: 10.30am to 11.30am Location: Point Cook Library

Date: Monday 16 September Time: 10.30am to 11.30am Location: Hoppers Crossing Library

www.wyndham.vic.gov. au/parent-and-teacherresources

### Homelessness Week

#### Dignity packing event

Join us to assemble dignity packs with personal care items and long-life food for those in our community experiencing hardship. Enjoy a light lunch and guest speakers at the event.

Date: Tuesday 6 August Time: 12-2pm Location: Dianella Community Centre, 6 Congo Drive, Tarneit Contact: (03) 8742 8300 www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/ homelessness-week





Friday 18 October

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### One Wyndham Wyndham's Young Person of the Month

### Chloe Boric is the One Wyndham July recipient.

Chloe manages a range of commitments, looking after her baby, working fulltime, studying at University and volunteering. She is committed to creating and building a sustainable future and works tirelessly towards this goal. Volunteering at the Werribee Zoo, especially during the school holidays, taking care of animals, providing information about the animals and their habitat and a memorable experience to tourists and visitors is one of Chloe's highlights.

Chloe is passionate about playing an active role in the community and has participated and volunteered in a range of community events including Wyndham Youth Harmony Day and the Wyndham Volunteer Expo.

To read more about Chloe and other One Wyndham recipients and to apply visit: **www.wyndham.** vic.gov.au/onewyndham



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