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Iramoo Ward

We'd like to thank our emergency services for the great work they're doing in the community – a special acknowledgement to the CFA's Little River Fire Brigade who celebrated their recent annual awards.

It was wonderful to see members receiving service awards from five to 25 years of service.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the recent engagement to name the community centre that will open next year.

The overwhelming feedback was to name the centre 'Lollypop Creek Community Centre' and we're now taking the name through a formal process before announcing it.

The new community centre will offer kindergarten, maternal and child health services and will include community gathering spaces. It will be next door to the recently opened Lollypop Creek Primary School.

The school offers classes for preps to grade six and has general purpose class rooms, a specialist learning neighbourhood for technology and science, hard courts and sports fields, gym and drama space.

As we enter the holiday season, we encourage you to support our local traders with your seasonal shopping and remember, there's always something happening in our Werribee City Centre to enjoy, find out more by following:

www.facebook.com/WerribeeCityCentre

Season's Greetings,
Iramoo Ward Councillors

Harrison Ward

It's December already! We hope you're able to take a bit of time off over the festive season to enjoy a well-deserved break.

Here in Harrison Ward, we're sprinting towards the 2023 finish line.

We recently awarded the construction contracts for a new Gateway and Youth Precinct at Lawrie Emmins Reserve and the much-anticipated Rosslare Court Reserve upgrade. Find out more on pages 4 and 5.

Dog lovers can look forward to the Williams Landing dog off-leash park opening later this month, while work on The Strand dog off-leash park begins next month.

Meanwhile, we're thrilled that some Harrison Ward projects – including establishment of the new Truganina Tennis Club and new tennis facilities at Alcock Road Reserve – played a role in Wyndham City winning the Supporting Tennis - Local Government Award at the recent annual Victorian Tennis Awards.

We know this time of year can be stressful – if you are struggling and in need of assistance, Wyndham City provides direct support services including free Community Counselling, food relief and more via the Community Connector. Call 8734 4514 or go to www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/communityconnector to find out more.

Lastly, we wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We hope to see you around at one of the many events Council is hosting in December and early 2024.

Regards,
Harrison Ward Councillors

Chaffey Ward

And just like that, it's December. Another year flew by and what a year it was!

Last month the 2022/23 Annual Report was released, and we highly recommend you check it out. There are some wonderful highlights of what has been happening in the Chaffey Ward including the delivery of the Sports Pavilion Retrofitting Program through to the delivery of pavilion redevelopments. The Goddard Reserve, Tarneit project is also now complete.

There are also highlights from the playground and park upgrades. Moondara Street Park in Tarneit was updated in April 2023 with new playground equipment, nature play spaces, pathways seating and more. Visit our website to download a copy.

Looking for things to do this summer holidays? Don't forget to check what we have to offer for kids and teens at our Libraries and Community Centres via the What's On Calendar.

There is Lego Club, Teen Robotics and Teen Tabletop Games at Julia Gillard Library Tarneit. At Penrose Promenade Community Centre there is Table Tennis Fridays and why not try roller skating lessons.

With the festive season just around the corner don't forget to shop local and support our wonderful small businesses across Wyndham. There are always amazing quality handmade and designed art and craft to make your gift giving even more special.

As always, please reach out with any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have.

Regards,
Chaffey Ward Councillors



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COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR

Chaffey Ward Councillor Jennie Barrera is the new Mayor of Wyndham City after being elected at last month's Council meeting.

Cr Barrera was first elected to Council in 2020 and holds the Welcoming City portfolio.

Cr Josh Gilligan, who served as Mayor in 2019/20, was elected Deputy Mayor.

Cr Barrera, who was Deputy Mayor for the last 12 months, said she was honoured to be elected to the position.

"I'm extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to lead this wonderful City," she said.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Deputy Mayor and my fellow Councillors over the next 12 months."

"The most important asset of this City is its people."

"As Mayor, I will lead in a purpose-driven way, making sure our decisions impact positively on the people and residents of our wonderful City."

Cr Barrera is the CEO of the Wyndham Community and Education Centre and through this role has had significant involvement in education and community services and working with young people and culturally diverse communities.

She has spent her working life in teaching and educational leadership.

She has lived in Werribee for the past 33 years, and her four children have grown up in the area.

Cr Barrera has a Bachelor of Arts, a Masters of Language and Literacy and an Advanced Diploma in Community Business Management. She has also completed a PhD in History.

She is also chairperson of the Wyndham Humanitarian Network.

"Wyndham City is the fastest growing municipality in Australia. That means we have enormous challenges providing the services and infrastructure that our residents need."

"I will work tirelessly to advocate for more funding to enhance those services and the infrastructure our residents need as your Mayor over the next 12 months."

"It is a great honour and a challenge, and I look forward to working with my fellow Councillors and Council staff to deliver the best we can for all Wyndham residents."



BIN LIDS ARE CHANGING

We are changing the colour of the garbage and recycling bin lids across Wyndham to meet Australian Standards. Thank you to all the residents who have popped their bin out until 6pm on their expected date.

Each household has its own expected changeover date. Want to know when we will be changing over your bin lids? Head to our website to find out by typing your address into the map.

These dates can be subject to change during the roll out process so if your bin was missed just leave it out until 6pm on your next normal collection days and the team will come back.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/binlidsarechanging

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.

BUILDING A BETTER WYNDHAM

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



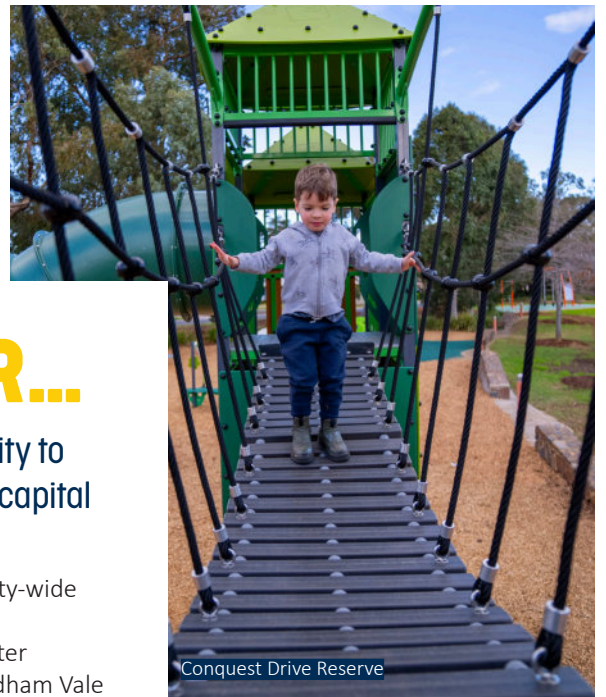
Boundary and Davis Road intersection



Aquarius Street Reserve



Little River Reserve Sporting Pavilion



Conquest Drive Reserve

IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR...

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2023, it's a great opportunity to look back at what we've achieved through Wyndham City's capital works program.

Here's what we've completed to date in 2023:

- Boundary and Davis Road intersection upgrade, Mount Cottrell
- Alcock Road Reserve, Truganina
- Four sporting pavilion upgrades, City-wide
- Levittown Rise dog off-leash park, Werribee
- Moondara Street Park upgrade, Tarneit
- Conquest Drive Reserve upgrade, Werribee
- Aquarius Street Reserve upgrade, Truganina
- Times Square Park upgrade, Sanctuary Lakes
- Point Cook Bike Park, Point Cook

- Sports lighting projects, City-wide
- Active Transport upgrades
- Upgrades to two stormwater treatment wetlands, Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes

And there's so much more currently underway, including the final stage at Webster Street Reserve and Bensonhurst Parade Reserve in Point Cook, the Dohertys and Davis Road intersection upgrade in Tarneit, Williams Landing dog off-leash park and our annual Road Reconstructions and Road Surface Renewal Programs, to name a few.

Keep up to date with our capital works projects at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworksdashboard



Levittown Rise dog off-leash park



IT'S TIME TO PLAY ...

Times Square Park's transformation is complete!

Swing by and discover the new playground and swing set (including play elements for pre-school aged kids), nature play, a table tennis table, sheltered seating area, additional bench seating and new bike loops.

The \$544,000 Wyndham City upgrade also includes an accessible ramped path connecting the play space to the existing pram crossing and path network, expanded car park, new rubberised surface to the existing exercise equipment and pet-friendly features, including a drink fountain with dog bowl and bin with dog-bag dispenser.

Located along Times Square in Sanctuary Lakes, these works have enhanced the park's appeal and accessibility, and ensures there's something for the whole family.



ROSSLARE COURT RESERVE IS GETTING A MAKEOVER!

We're one step closer to breaking ground on the Rosslare Court Reserve upgrade, with Wyndham City awarding the construction contract for stage one works.

Work will begin in early 2024, delivering a new play space, picnic areas, public toilet, and improved car parking.

Future works in planning include a new wetland, large open lawn area and landscaping, half court, fitness equipment station, culvert (creek crossing) upgrade and dog off-leash area.

These works will make Rosslare Court

Reserve more family-friendly and will elevate the space to a district-level park, meaning it will cater not only for Hoppers Crossing residents but also the wider Wyndham community.

This upgrade is part of Council's ongoing plan to address ageing infrastructure within several Wyndham reserves, as detailed in the *Play Space Strategy and Open Space Strategy*.



GET READY FOR A SMOOTHER AND SAFER DRIVE

Get your motor running - work to improve the condition of 33 Wyndham City roads will begin shortly after Wyndham City awarded the construction contract for the 2023/24 Road Surface Renewal Program of works.

This annual program gives local roads a new lease on life by stripping back and replacing the top layer of the road to stop water getting through and to make it smoother, safer and more enjoyable for everyday use.

Road resurfacing improves the longevity and quality of our local roads, with each year's program determined through a combination of Council monitoring and community feedback.

Wyndham City is investing \$2.635 million towards the Road Surface Renewal Program over 2023/24, with a further \$8.4 million allocated to rebuild local roads via the Road Reconstructions Program.

Green Living



Check out our Green Living calendar for planting workshops, markets and more at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries

In December we focus on preparing our community to know how to respond and where to go for support if there's an emergency. This is another way we're making Wyndham more resilient. For more information visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/resilientwyndham



HOT SUMMER!

We're expecting to have a hotter than normal summer, so remember to drink lots of water, check on vulnerable loved ones, keep your pets cool and download the Victorian Emergency app to keep in touch with the latest State Government alerts.

More info at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/emergency-management

FESTIVE RECYCLING

This festive season remember that if you are out and about, take your rubbish home with you or dispose of it responsibly in the bins provided in public places. A lot of wrapping paper can be recycled - as long as any bows, ribbons and sticky tape are removed. The only paper that you can't recycle is foil or glittery paper, which unfortunately needs to go into your general waste bin.

More info at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/about-waste-and-recycling

ARE YOU READY?

It is important that you and your family know where to go and what to take, should an emergency occur. *Are You Ready?* is a joint initiative that provides tips on what to do before, after and during an emergency. Wyndham City encourages residents to complete an emergency preparedness plan.

More info at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/emergency-management



CLOTHING AND E-WASTE DROP OFFS

Clothing and electronic waste (e-waste) can be recycled and reused in many ways but not through kerbside bins. E-waste and clothing drop off hubs can be found in the carparks of six of our community centres. At each of these locations you will find one e-waste container and two clothing containers.

More info at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/about-waste-and-recycling





ARE YOU IN THE LOOP?

The Loop is Wyndham City's online community engagement platform. It is the community's online space to stay informed, join discussions and shape projects that matter to you. We ask for feedback on a variety of topics from plans to building community centres and sporting facilities, to improvements to our business districts, parks, roads, festivals and much more. It's your chance to have your voice heard and make a difference.

HOW IT WORKS?

Projects that are open for feedback are published on The Loop and able to be translated into 10 different languages. You can share your thoughts and ideas by responding to short surveys, or other online tools, or providing feedback face-to-face when opportunities to meet are available. Your feedback is then combined with other important information to help make decisions.

WHY SIGN UP?

Signing up to The Loop is your opportunity to share ideas and help shape Wyndham projects. Signing up is easy and means that you don't miss an opportunity! Just answer a few questions and you will receive email alerts for projects and content that match your interests. You can explore projects by topic (roads, buildings, families etc) or by suburbs, and follow projects as they progress to see how your input is used.



The Loop is where everyone's voice matters so sign up now at <https://theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/register> or scan the QR code.



SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE STAGE 2 WYNDHAM HERITAGE REVIEW STUDY DRAFT FINDINGS

We have been working to protect our important history. Council is required under legislation to identify and protect heritage places. Heritage provides us with evidence as to how our community has evolved and developed over time.

We welcome feedback you may have to ensure the accuracy of the draft recommendations for the protection of places and precincts.

The draft findings have identified:

- A total of 14 individual places in Werribee and three individual places in Little River were found to be of significance to Wyndham City and have been recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay.
- Other areas that have been found to be of significance to Wyndham City include:
 - The Gibbons and Beamish Streets Residential Precinct
 - The Campbells Cove and Baileys Beach Boatshed Precinct (Werribee South)

In response to the unique context of the Werribee South intensive agriculture precinct and the range of heritage values within this complex cultural landscape, an additional piece of work has been prepared to develop recommendations for innovative approaches to the recognition and celebration of heritage values.

The region's Registered Aboriginal Parties, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, were also invited to contribute cultural knowledge and perspectives of place and truth telling into the Stage 2 Study and Thematic Environmental History.

For more information and to provide feedback visit: <https://theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/heritage-review>

Stay Cool

THIS SUMMER!

WWW.VISITWERRIBEE.COM/SEE-DO



HOT DAY? MAKE SURE THERE IS ROOM AT THE POOL!

Planning a day at Aquapulse to get some relief from the heat? Don't forget to check the website to make sure you have the green light to go to the pool!

The website has a traffic light system to indicate how full the pool is on a hot day. When the venue reaches its full capacity RED, a lockout may be required to maintain safety. A lockout is when we do not allow any new patrons into the venue as it is considered at full capacity. Head to the website for more information.

Visit aquapulse.wynactive.com.au

KEEPING SAFE AT WERRIBEE SOUTH BEACH

Keeping our community safe is a major priority at Wyndham City so for the fourth year in a row, we have partnered with Life Saving Victoria (LSV) to have Werribee South Beach patrolled during summer.

Lifeguards from LSV will be on duty during the day to ensure you, your family and friends keep safe while cooling off during the warmer weather. We will also have multiple events on during the warmer days – head to our website for more information.



KAYAKING AND PADDLE BOARDING

Looking for a new spot to explore with your kayak or stand up paddle board?

There are two popular launching sites to access Werribee River and Port Phillip Bay, with routes recommended for experienced kayakers and paddlers.

Riverbend Historical Park – Werribee River

Werribee South Boat Ramp & Jetty – Werribee River & Port Phillip Bay

From here you can paddle in the open water east towards Wyndham Harbour and Point Cook, or west towards Point Wilson.



WERRIBEE OUTDOOR POOL

The Werribee Outdoor Pool is open to all pool enthusiasts and water lovers over summer don't forget to check the website for opening times. Visit werribeepool.wynactive.com.au

SUMMER AT THE HARBOUR

Wyndham's Street Surfer Bus will be bringing a range of free fun summertime activities and events for young people aged between 12 and 25 to Wyndham Harbour.

Every month until April 2024, the Street Surfer Bus will be hosting a free event at Wyndham Harbour.

For more information and to book visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/summer-harbour

WYNDHAM HARBOUR MARINA

Located between Geelong and Williamstown, Wyndham Harbour is Melbourne's newest harbour suburb on the north western shores of Port Phillip Bay. Consisting of a world-class marina, it offers 150 secure vessel berths, PWC floating berths and an on-water fuel dock open 24/7. Wyndham Harbour is a great stop-off point or a great place to berth and explore the area.



THE ELEMENTS COASTAL ACTIVITY PARK

A day-cation destination, The Elements is a walkable neighbourhood encompassing a mini – yet mighty – 18-hole course that embraces the natural surrounds. The coffee shop is stocked with locally sourced bites like pies and rolls and barista-made coffee and the timber playground is where little ones can work off steam.



THE FESTIVE SEASON

In Wyndham

CHRISTMAS IN WERRIBEE CITY CENTRE

Wrap up the magic of Christmas by supporting local

Enjoy the festive vibe this December as you shop, dine and play local in Werribee City Centre.

Don't miss the opportunity to snap a memory with our magnificent new Christmas tree taking centre stage in Station Place.

For our littlest visitors, an interactive Elf House in Wedge Street Piazza promises to enchant and excite.

Take some selfies and enjoy some other Christmas surprises.

Santa and friends will be making regular visits in the Werribee City Centre.

Explore the array of special offers our local businesses have in store to make the season truly special.

Snapped a memory? Don't forget to tag #werribeecitycentre #wyndhamchristmas

Find more information visit:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/christmasinwerribeecitycentre

HOPPERS JUNCTION TWILIGHT BAZAAR

Join us for a magical evening at the Twilight Bazaar! Indulge in delicious al fresco dining, explore unique market stalls featuring a thoughtfully curated selection of diverse high-quality products and locally made treasures, perfect for all your festive gifting needs. Groove to live entertainment and celebrate our vibrant community, highlighting local talent and businesses that make our village strip shine.

Date: Friday, 15 December
Time: 4pm – 8pm
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/hoppers-junction-twilight-bazaar

WYNDHAM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Wyndham Carols by Candlelight is a family-friendly event that brings the community together to celebrate the festive season. Come along to join in this long standing tradition and enjoy a night in the lovely Werribee Mansion gardens.

Date: Saturday 9th December
Time: 5.30pm Gate open, 7pm to 7.55 Pre-Show, 8pm to 10pm Main event
Location: Werribee Mansion, Werribee South
Ticket Price: Pre purchased \$16.90 Adults \$11 Concession Children under 12 Free
At the Gate \$20
www.wyndhamcarols.org.au



WYNDHAM CITY FESTIVE SEASON OPERATING HOURS

CIVIC CENTRE

- Friday 22 December – CLOSING 2PM
- Monday 25 December – CLOSED
- Tuesday 26 December – CLOSED
- Monday 1 January 2024 – CLOSED

WYNDHAM POUND

- Friday 22 December – CLOSING 12NOON
- Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) & Tuesday 26 December (Boxing Day) – CLOSED
- Monday 1 January 2024 (New Year's Day) – CLOSED

For an urgent animal event such as a dog attack, an aggressive or dangerous dog, injured animals, stock on road, snakes call 1300 023 411.

RDF/TIP/TRANSFER STATION

- Monday 25 December 2023 – CLOSED
 - Monday 1 January 2024 – CLOSED
- The Facility is open as normal on all other days.

COMMUNITY CENTRES

- Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) & Tuesday 26 December (Boxing Day) – CLOSED
 - Monday 1 January 2024 (New Year's Day) – CLOSED
 - Tuesday 2 January 2024 – OPEN AT 9AM – Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre, Point Cook Community Learning Centre, and Tarneit Community Learning Centre
- All other Community Centres will re-open on Monday 8 January.

LIBRARIES

- Saturday 23 December – CLOSING 4PM
 - Sunday 24 December – CLOSED
 - Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) & Tuesday 26 December (Boxing Day) – CLOSED
 - Wednesday 27 December at 9am – OPEN
 - Monday 1 January 2024 (New Year's Day) – CLOSED
- Williams Landing Library Lounge is closed entirely over this period.

For further information visit
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/festive-season-operating-hours



COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS



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



CR JENNIE BARRERA
Welcoming City

This portfolio aims to celebrate and promote the cultural diversity of our City and create and maintain a more welcoming Wyndham that fosters greater economic and social outcomes and opportunities.

As a meeting place for people of the Kulin Nation, Wyndham has a rich and diverse Aboriginal cultural heritage, with the Wadawurrung and Bunurong people the first to occupy the area now known as Wyndham.

That's why Council worked closely with Traditional Owner groups Bunurong Land Council, the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and the Wyndham community when developing the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-25, which was officially launched recently.

The plan seeks to strengthen and continue Council's role in facilitating a whole of community approach to reconciliation.

I'm proud of the work that has been done in this space and for what's to come.

In other news, this year has seen a record number of residents officially call Australia home after Wyndham City substantially increased its Citizenship Ceremonies to deal with a backlog of applicants, primarily due to several years of Covid-related restrictions.

Did you know that Council conferred a record number of Australian citizens – more than 10,000 – in 2023?

We understand how important citizenship is to our community and by putting on more Citizenship Ceremonies than ever before, including "Super Ceremony Days" where 500 residents are conferred at each ceremony, we've been able to ensure that people receive their citizenship promptly.



CR ROBERT SZATKOWSKI
Climate Futures and Environment

The Climate Futures and Environment portfolio works with the community and other stakeholders to respect, preserve and protect our local environment through renewable energy, recycling, habitat and conservation, waste and water practices.

What a year! I'm pleased to say much has been done in 2023 to make Wyndham a more environmentally friendly place to live, work and play.

We recently completed our annual tree planting program, planting about 5,100 trees in Wyndham streets and 3,600 in parks and reserves.

This important project aims to provide 25 per cent canopy cover (shade) in streets and 35 per cent in parks and reserves to keep streets and open spaces cool and green.

Meanwhile, two stormwater treatment wetlands in Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes received an upgrade as part of Council's Healthier Waterways Wetland Program, with works improving the quality of our natural waterways by reducing pollutants and creating a nurturing habitat for wildlife.

We are also undertaking a review of Wyndham City's cat curfew as part of our Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 to ascertain if the current curfew of restricting cats to their properties between 10pm and 6am is meeting the needs of our community.

Cats out at night can sometimes be a nuisance to neighbours, prey on indigenous animals and run the risk of encountering feral cats that can spread disease through injuries resulting from fights.

Last but not least, Council is taking the exciting step of creating greener transport options with four Electric Vehicle charging stations now operational across Wyndham.

For more information and locations, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/evchargingstations

In the LIBRARY

WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/LIBRARIES
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LIBRARIESINWYNDHAM

KIDS BIG SUMMER READ

The Kids BIG Summer Read is for beginners up until the age of 18. Young readers are encouraged to join, borrow, read and win to go into the draw to win some great prizes including a Zoos Victoria adult pass, Museum Victoria family pass, Lego DREAMZzz kit and Readings Bookstore gift vouchers.

Date: Friday 1 December to Wednesday 31 Jan 2024
Age: 0 to 18 years
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kids-big-summer-read



KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

If you are between 5 and 12 and love taking photos, then get snapping and take photos of things like animals, food or nature for your chance to win an Instax Mini 12 Photography kit!

Date: Friday 1 December to Wednesday 31 Jan 2024
Age: 5 to 12 years old
For more information:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kids-photography-competition



CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Come along for a Christmas themed story time with songs and craft.

Date: Wednesday, 20 December 2023
Time: 4pm to 4.45pm
Location: Point Cook Library, 1-21 Cheetham St, Point Cook
Age: All ages welcome
Bookings essential



One Wyndham WYNDHAM'S YOUNG PERSON OF THE MONTH

Alexavier Sigurdur is the One Wyndham November recipient.

Alexavier is a queer Indigenous artist whose art work titled 'Tchingal's Eye' was featured in the 2022 Q Art Book publication on display at Point Cook Community Learning Centre and the Youth Resource Centre is Hoppers Crossing.

He uses art as a way to give voice to those less heard and to support and represent them in the Wyndham community.

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

WYNDHAM CITY'S PUBLIC ART AND COLLECTION PROGRAM

'MOOROOP YARKEEN' MURAL

Wyndham City has installed an impressive large scale First Nations mural on the outside façade of the Hunter Building, 22 Synnot St, Werribee. The new mural artwork is by Gunditjmarra, Yorta Yorta, Wemba Wemba artist Tommy Day aka Jirri Jirri.

The vibrant colourful mural titled *Mooroop Yarkeen*, which translates to Spirit Dreaming, has become a welcome and recent feature of the Werribee City Centre. The work brightens up the city with depictions of

wildlife, habitat, and cultural heritage, all inter-connecting themes of Werribee and its First Nations history.

Tommy Day, is represented by Mamam. The project was supported by Holiday Inn, Citi Nova and Quest Apartments. The 41-metre-tall mural is one of the largest murals in Australia designed and led by a First Nations artist.

For more information www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/mooroop-yarkeen



WHATS ON December



WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/WHATS-ON



AUSTRALIA DAY IN WYNDHAM

The date of 26 January is part of history for all Australians and in our recognition of this date we encourage residents to also honour the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our national identity, along with all other Australians.

Wyndham City's free Australia Day program will be held in the beautiful surrounds of Wyndham Park, with live music, kids' activities, roving performers and more. Pack a picnic and enjoy performances

from children's band Lah-Lah, Bollywood Dancing with NB Dance, bubble fun with Dr Hubble, stilt walkers and more.

Date: Friday, 26 January, 2024

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: Wyndham Park, Werribee City Centre

Ticket Price: A Free Wyndham City Event

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/australiaday

PHOTO 2024

PHOTO 2024 will invite audiences to imagine the world as it could be, and how current actions and activism are shaping future realities.

Photo Australia is a photography biennial that supports universal access to diverse, progressive, meaningful discourse through the commissioning, presentation and promotion of new photography, art and ideas, connecting Australia to a global arts and photography community.

Date: Friday 1 March to 24 March 2024

Location: Watch for updates on Wyndham's exhibitions across Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee Train Station and Werribee Mansion including artists Peter Waple Crowe, Sunil Gupta, Karla Dickens and Asafe Ghalib.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/photo2024

Image above: Peter Waples-Crowe, Ngaya (I Am), 2022. Single-channel video installation, 5 mins. Courtesy the artist and ACMI.

SUMMER RACING KIDS DAY OUT

Enjoy a relaxed day of country racing with the family, with kids' activities from Kelly Sports, face painting and much more. Kids under 17 go free with an accompanying adult!

Date: 6 January, 2023

Time: Gates open 12:00pm

Location: Werribee Racecourse, 2-10 Bulban Road, Werribee

Ticket Price: Adults \$10

Contact: 03 9741 1800

<https://country.racing.com/werribee>

LEVEL UP - CERAMICS SHOWCASE BY WYNDHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE CERAMICS PROGRAM

The exhibition gives a snapshot into the creative and imaginative world of the Ceramic class participants and is a celebration of the wonderful work created throughout the year.

Date: Wednesday, 13 December to Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Time: 9am to 5pm

Location: Wyndham Park Community Centre

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/ceramics-showcase



Image above: Dani Acciarito "Quick Hide Me!" 2022

SUMMER AT THE HARBOUR SESSION - LEARN ABOUT LOCAL WATERWAYS AND WILDLIFE

If you are between 12 and 25 and interested in the environment and nature, then come along and learn about the amazing marine environment of Port Phillip Bay with an interactive workshop run by Werribee River Association.

Date: Saturday, 16 December

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Location: Wyndham Harbour

Ticket Price: Free – Bookings are essential

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/summer-harbour

PRIMO RED 3 PRESENTED BY REDWEST CREATIVES CO-OP

Local Creatives Co-Op, RedWest, take over The Annex for Primo Red 3 – a major showcase of talent from Melbourne's West. Join the party, meet some locals and start your 2024 off inspired.

Date: Friday 5 January - Thursday 18 January 2024

Time: Exhibition open to public Wed-Sun 11am-3pm

Location: The Annex, Watton Street, Werribee

Ticket Price: Free – no bookings required

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/theannex