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# Around the WARDS

## Iramoo Ward

Thank you to everyone who took part in the community engagement phase of the Werribee City Centre Plan Refresh project. The engagement will help us to update the policies and plans that guide Werribee's growth, by understanding what the community values about the centre, your suggested improvements and high-level issues.

It was interesting to hear that many of the consultation participants valued the cafés and hospitality venues in the City Centre, and that one of the favourite events was LIT.

Requested improvements included upgrading streetscapes, greater connection to the Werribee River, and more entertainment / lifestyle attractions and experiences. For more about the outcome of the community engagement and next steps visit: [www.theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/werribee-city-centre-plan-refresh](http://www.theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/werribee-city-centre-plan-refresh)

Let's continue to support our local Werribee businesses during winter. For information and latest news follow the Werribee City Centre Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/WerribeeCityCentre](https://www.facebook.com/WerribeeCityCentre)

We have also adopted the Werribee South Beach Master Plan, which will transform Werribee South Beach into a new, welcoming and fun place by implementing a range of visitor, amenity and access upgrades. Works will be staged, with stage one to include the Bay Trail improvements, wetland deck, new fishing platform and the dog off-lead beach. For more information visit: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham-coastal-marine-management-plan](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham-coastal-marine-management-plan)

Stay warm,  
Iramoo Ward Councillors

## Harrison Ward

As we embrace the winter chill this July, here's a quick glance at what's happening in Harrison Ward.

We know it can be challenging to stay active during winter when the evenings are cooler and darker. To help, we are keeping the lights turned on Brookdale Road Reserve, Dunnings Road Reserve and locations throughout Wyndham. These reserves use LED lighting, which is better for the environment and helps keep costs down. Find out more by visiting the link below.

A new pitch fence at the Williams Landing Reserve has been installed as part of a suite of updates to enhance the player and spectator experience at our sporting facilities. Watch this space as more upgrades are completed throughout the year to make our facilities safe and easy to use.

Our new community centre in Truganina, which will include a library lounge, is coming along nicely, and we need your help to pick the name for this new \$18.4 million facility. Head to The Loop to vote for the theme that will guide the name selection.

We hope you are enjoying the many fabulous activities in our community centres and libraries during the school holidays!

Stay warm and in touch. We are always eager to hear your feedback.

Get active after dark: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activeafterhours](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activeafterhours)

Take Care,  
Harrison Ward Councillors

## Chaffey Ward

We hope you are staying warm in this very chilly weather – winter has well and truly arrived!

If you are wanting to escape the cold, the Tarneit Learning Centre library has a range of spaces to read and study in the warmth. The best part is that membership is free so you can take your time to choose your next read! Don't forget to check out the What's On calendar on our website to see what upcoming activities and events they are holding.

Congratulations to the team at Wyndham Warriors BMX Club who held Round 3 of the 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing State Series for Victoria. It was a tremendous success and events like these really do put Wyndham on the map. If you want to learn more about the Wyndham Warriors BMX Club visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/directory/wyndham-warriors-bmx-club](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/directory/wyndham-warriors-bmx-club)

Another congratulations to all those who entered the Way Out West Youth Photography Competition. The winners will be announced later this month. As Wyndham Councillors, we are always blown away by the talent across the community but to see such talent among our youth has truly been wonderful to see. Well done to Wyndham City's Libraries and Youth Services – another great event!

We look forward to seeing you out and about in the Chaffey Ward but don't forget you can always reach out to any of us if you have any questions or enquiries.

Regards,  
Chaffey Ward Councillors



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the July edition of Wyndham News.

Nothing brings people together like good food. Whether you are looking for some food inspiration from cultural exchange cooking classes to ensuring young people can access a nutritious breakfast, there is always so much happening in our community centres. [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/community-centres-venues](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/community-centres-venues)

Remembering of course if you need any access to food relief to reach out to our community connectors [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/communityconnector](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/communityconnector)

Last month, Council adopted its 2023-24 Budget, and I would like to thank everyone who shared feedback with us at pop-up events and through The Loop. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the in-person sessions across our municipality. Looking forward to the delivery of so many of our capital works projects including building new roads, improving our Active Transport Network and the increased emphasis on maintaining our open spaces and reserves.

On Monday, 24 July, our second Morning Tea with the Mayor will be held at the Civic Centre. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Wyndham City and the wide range of services we offer, and you get to meet the teams that provide them, as well as a special guest speaker from Victoria Police. Please register your interest and come along we would love to see you. If you miss this session, there will be just one more this year in October.

At just over the midpoint of Mayoral term, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all residents in our wonderful community for your support over the last seven months as your mayor.

I will continue to hold some 'Meet the Mayor' sessions throughout the second half of this year. An opportunity to have a chat with me directly and give any feedback or ask questions. I know how important the personal touch can sometimes be. Please keep a look out in What's On for details of the new locations to be announced very soon. They will be across our city.

Stay warm and safe.

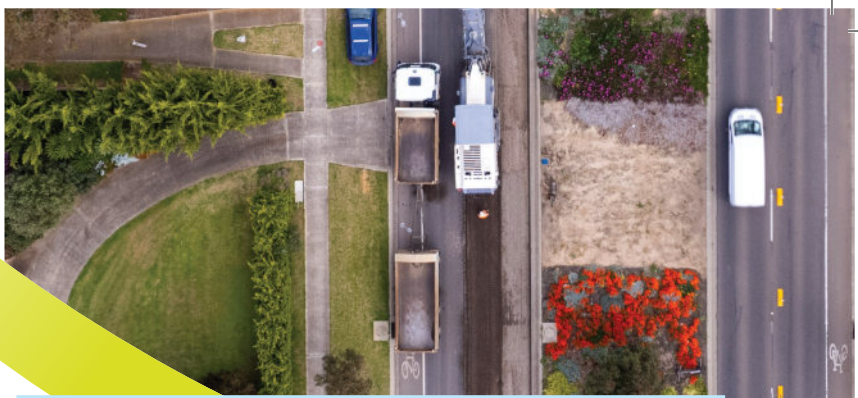
Kind Regards

**Cr Susan McIntyre**  
Wyndham City Mayor

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### 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.



## COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET

Wyndham Council last month adopted its 2023-24 Annual Plan and Budget, which includes more than \$38 million to build new roads, resurface and renew old ones and improve our Active Transport Network.

The Budget will also deliver **\$432 million** in vital services and programs that benefit residents, including **\$20 million** for Kindergartens and Children's services, **\$11.9 million** for Maternal Child and Health Immunisations and **\$10.8 million** for Libraries.

A further **\$41 million** is included in the endorsed Budget to maintain reserves and open spaces, playgrounds and key services related to the beautification of Wyndham such as mowing, watering and tree planting.

The Budget includes a **\$167 million** Capital Works program, with highlights including:

- Road construction, upgrades and renewals - **\$33.2 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**

Key road projects include the duplication of Tarneit Road between Sayers Road and Leakes Road (**\$4.5 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.

The State Government has set a rate cap of 3.5 per cent for the 2023-24 financial year.

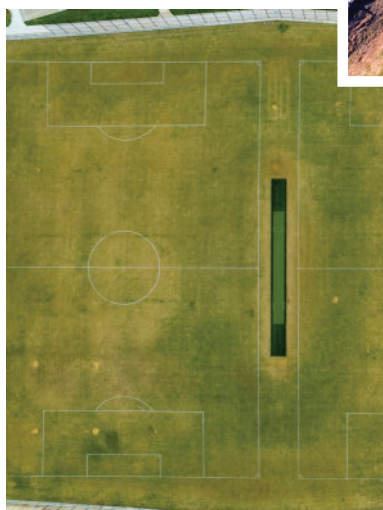
The Budget also includes **\$1.45 million** in grants funding, putting more money in the hands of community groups and organisations to run programs and events that make a difference locally.

The Budget was finalised after Council received extensive feedback from residents in person at Pop Up sessions and online via The Loop website.

For more information, go to [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au)

# BUILDING A BETTER WYNDHAM

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



## BOUNDARY AND DAVIS ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE COMPLETE

The \$1 million project, which was jointly funded by Wyndham City Council and Melton City Council, included pavement widening and resurfacing to provide a safer and smoother journey.

Works also included improvements to signage and line marking and road drainage upgrades.

These works provide enhanced intersection safety and an overall smoother drive in line with Wyndham City's *Road Safety Strategy 2022-2032*, which envisions that everyone who travels on our roads and paths will arrive safely at their destination.

Troups Road South will remain closed while Melton City completes the remainder of the Troups Road South upgrade.

## CHECK OUT TRUGANINA'S NEWEST ACTIVE OPEN SPACE!

The final piece of Alcock Road Reserve is now complete, with the turf established at the reserve's three soccer fields (which can also be used to create a cricket field).

The space also includes six tennis courts, a sporting pavilion, new cricket nets, playgrounds, BBQ and picnic areas, landscaping and a car park.

The \$15.1 million project, which was jointly funded through Wyndham City (\$12.1 million) and the Victorian Government (\$3 million), gives Truganina residents the sport and recreation

facilities they need at their doorstep.

The reserve is part of the Truganina South-East Community Precinct Master Plan and is located next to the recently opened Koomail Tardy Community Centre, which provides kindergarten, maternal child health and community programs and services.



## WHAT A SITE TO SEE!

We're making great progress on the new \$18.4 million Truganina Community Centre, with the slab setting and steel frames rising!

Mayor Susan McIntyre, Deputy Mayor Jennie Barrera and Member for Laverton, Sarah Connolly MP gathered on site recently to see progress on the new centre, which will offer a range of recreational, educational and cultural activities for all age groups.

Located at 1 Everton Road, this centre will provide a range of community, health and education services and programs in our high-growth areas, including kindergarten and maternal child health.

A library lounge is also included in the design, which will include a small collection of items residents can borrow and access to technology and quiet spaces.

Work is slated for completion in 2024, with a staged delivery of services. Three and four-year-old kindergarten will commence in 2025.

This project has received significant Victorian Government funding, including \$4 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund, a \$3 million Building Blocks Grant and \$921,000 from the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.

## CHECK OUT HOPPERS CROSSING LIBRARY'S TEMPORARY SPACE!

The Hoppers Crossing Library is currently closed due to essential building works at Pacific Werribee and will be relocating to a temporary location this month.

From 10 July, you can find us at the former Squires Loft restaurant on level 1 at Pacific Werribee, near Village Cinemas and Myer.

The temporary space will continue to provide all the usual services and will include a small collection of books and other library items, study tables, public computers and a reading nook.

We will also continue to run a small calendar of programs out of the temporary space.

Wyndham City will take the opportunity during these works to increase the size of the public space at Hoppers Crossing Library by adding two new meeting rooms, with works funded through a Victorian Government Living Libraries Grant.

For more information, go to [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries)

## TIMES SQUARE PARK IN SANCTUARY LAKES IS GETTING AN UPGRADE!

Construction is well underway on the \$544,000 Wyndham City project, which will include a new playground and swing set, nature play, a table tennis table, sheltered seating area, additional bench seating and new bike loops.

There will also be an accessible ramped path connecting the play space to the existing pram crossing and path network, expanded car park, a new rubberised surface added to the existing exercise equipment and pet-friendly features, including a drink fountain with dog bowl and bin with dog-bag dispenser.

The existing large open lawn space will remain, with community feedback showing that the space is popular for kick-to-kick and other games.

These works will deliver better play equipment – for pre-school kids especially – and will make Times Square Park more accessible and pram-friendly for young families.

Work is expected to be complete in mid-2023.

## YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE REFRESH UNDERWAY

Wyndham City's Youth Resource Centre is getting a makeover!

Construction is underway to refresh the space, including upgrades to the quiet room, multipurpose room, consulting room, foyer, flooring and lighting.

Work will also include a refit of the kitchens and new furniture inspired by Indigenous artwork.

The project is being jointly funded by Wyndham City Council (\$143,000) and the Victorian Government (\$150,000).

The centre will remain closed until the end of July while the works take place, with all programs and activities relocated to other sites in the interim.

For more information on the temporary closure or to find out where a Youth program, activity or event is running visit: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services) or call 8734 1355.



# KITCHEN CONNECTIONS

The Wyndham Women's Support Group invites local women to exchange culinary expertise, learn each other's cultural traditions and share delicious food.

The group's initiative, Kitchen Connections, showcases the diverse culinary landscape of our community through cooking classes held at various local centres.

Immerse yourself in an atmosphere filled with tantalising aromas and lively chatter as Kitchen Connections unfolds at Wyndham Park Community Centre, Iramoo Community Centre and Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre. Guided by a talented group – Tania, Madina, Sushma, Beverly and Shaistha – participants engage in the art of crafting exquisite dishes from Sri Lanka, India, Ethiopia, and beyond.

The Women's Support Group doesn't just stop at cooking; they also cultivate their own food at the Wyndham Park Community Shed. Beyond the kitchen, they host sewing classes and publish a journal, The Windmill, chronicling the compelling stories of women throughout Wyndham.

No week is complete without their Friday catch-up at the Wyndham Park Community Centre. This weekly gathering combines lunch, engaging activities, and guest speakers, providing an opportunity for conversation and community-building.

Discover more about their classes and projects by visiting: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/wyndham-womens-support-group](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/wyndham-womens-support-group)

## Have you visited CAFÉ QB?

Found next to the Thames Boulevard playground in Werribee, at Quantin Binnah Community Centre, Café Qb serves up delicious coffee, tasty treats, and a chance to connect and get creative.

This social enterprise provides training opportunities for adults with disability and hosts craft activities like Ooey Goey Messy Play and Craft & Caffeine – a delightful combo!

You'll quickly feel at home at Café Qb, a hidden gem in Werribee!

**Opening hours:**  
Mondays and Tuesdays from 8.00am – 2.00pm  
Wednesdays from 8.00am – 4.00pm  
Find out more: [www.qbcc.org.au](http://www.qbcc.org.au)



## UPSKILL IN THE KITCHEN

Hospitality is an exciting industry, and you can learn new skills at Wyndham Community Centres.

Hone your milk pouring and latte art at the Jamieson Way Community Centre. Barista training, workshops and courses are starting soon! Visit [www.jamiesonwaycc.org.au](http://www.jamiesonwaycc.org.au) for more information.



## BREAKFAST BOOST!

They say it's the most important meal of the day, but sometimes it's hard to ensure you start the day with a nutritious meal. To help, you can find free and low-cost breakfasts available across Wyndham:

- Dianella Community Centre:** Thursday 8am - 9:30am, free for all
  - Quantin Binnah Community Centre:** Mondays and Tuesdays 8am – 9am
  - Youth Services breakfast club for kids and teens @ Point Cook Town Centre:** Tuesdays 8:25am – 9am
- Head to the What's On calendar to learn more.

**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](http://wyndham.vic.gov.au/communitycentres)





# TREES FOR The future

Our Green Living theme this month is Trees for the Future. We're continually working towards creating a thriving ecosystem in Wyndham by caring for our green spaces, waterways and water sources. This is another way we're making Wyndham more resilient, find out more at [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries)

## PLANT A TREE

Join us to plant 3,230 trees this month at Gordon O'Keefe Reserve (Corner of Black Forest Rd and McGraths Rd, Werribee) to celebrate National Tree Day on Sunday 30 July. This day celebrates and acknowledges the many benefits trees have within our ecosystem and our society. This day allows the community to connect with nature, to inspire future generations and to educate others on the importance of trees. Registration and further information about the event is available on our website: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on)

## BECOME A CLEAN-UP LEADER

Want to help promote cleanliness in Wyndham? Then join us on our litter clean-up events as we engage with residents to raise awareness about waste management and regulations related to the amenity and safety of their local area. If you're interested in becoming a community clean-up leader or joining a group that participates in litter clean-ups, you can email [wastewise@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:wastewise@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

## FREE TREES!

### Wyndham City's Free Tree Giveaway is back on again!

Winter is here and there is no better time to be in the garden planting trees, so we've teamed up with two local nurseries to give 1000 Wyndham residents a voucher for a free tree. The list of available trees includes popular species to suit all garden types and sizes. Find out more at: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/freetreegiveaway](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/freetreegiveaway)



SPOTLIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER

## Graeme Prentice

### Describe your volunteer role?

My current role is as a Firefighter and Secretary for the Point Cook Fire Brigade (CFA). I am finding that after 51 years, I have slowed down a little on chasing fires but the Secretary role keeps me very busy. I also support the Brigade Training Officer with the training of our recruits. As a brigade we interact with the community to promote fire prevention through visits to kindergartens, sporting and community events.

### What is the highlight of your role?

Although there are many highlights from fires and incidents attended, the most memorable highlight was the gratitude given to firefighters, by the children, when we were in Mallacoota during the 2019/2020 fires that devastated the town. Of great importance to all firefighters is knowing that the fire prevention messages have removed the risk of fires and injuries or at least reduced those risks when fires and incidents occur. It is particularly encouraging to see how readily children understand the information provided.

### What would you say to people considering volunteering?

Before committing to becoming a volunteer, check the many volunteer roles that are available to ensure that you find something that takes your interest and is consistent with your own values. Don't worry if you are short of skills, as the volunteer organisations will provide training, if you are willing to make a commitment.

### What is your favourite place in Wyndham?

Wyndham is such a diverse community, which caters for everyone's needs, without having to travel outside its boundaries. My recommendation would be that everyone must take time to visit the Werribee Zoo. I don't believe that there is anywhere in the world that provides an open range experience to compare with this.



# COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS



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



**CR JOSH GILLIGAN**  
City Design

*This portfolio focuses on establishing policies to create more liveable, better designed and well-connected neighbourhoods through mixed land use, different housing types and greater access to quality public transport. It also focuses on ways to manage growth and ensure that development is sustainable.*

We are now moving into the second half of 2023 and it's going to be a busy six months as we roll out projects that support and innovate the design of Wyndham City.

I am excited to share that Council has recently established a new Heritage Unit within the Strategic Planning and Property Department to better ensure that Wyndham's rich heritage is being appropriately recognised and protected – from the living Aboriginal Cultural Heritage of the region to the historic places that tell the story of our history and make Wyndham unique.

Wyndham has already completed Stage 1 of the Heritage Review to identify places of heritage significance, and a number of projects are currently underway including Stage 2 of the Heritage Review which is focused on identifying, recognising and protecting residential places and precincts of significance, in consultation with the community.

**A \$1 million upgrade of the Boundary and Davis Road intersection in Mount Cottrell is now complete. The project, which was jointly funded by Wyndham City Council and Melton City Council, included pavement widening and resurfacing to provide a safer and smoother journey.**

With an increase of housing estates in the surrounding area, these works provide enhanced intersection safety and an overall smoother drive in line with Wyndham City's Road Safety Strategy 2022-2032, which envisions that everyone who travels on our roads and paths will arrive safely at their destination.



**CR ROBERT SZATKOWSKI**  
Climate Futures  
& Environment

*The Climate Future 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.*

In Wyndham, we are working towards an efficient, clean energy focused and resilient future, and I'm excited to update you on our progress.

Lighting the West continues to bring sustainable street lighting to Wyndham. The changeover of over 19,000 streetlights with energy-efficient globes will save over 6,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year and Council \$38 million in electricity fees over the 20-year lifespan of the new globes. Officers are currently working on Stage Three of this project, which involves the replacement of 6,400 decorative-style streetlights.

Wyn-R continues to provide direct support for a clean energy transition and a direct pathway to a low-carbon future by delivering over 1.5MW of additional solar resources to new and existing council assets. You can find out more about locations here: [wyndham.vic.gov.au/solar-wynr-project](http://wyndham.vic.gov.au/solar-wynr-project)

In April, young people attended a summit hosted by the Climate Futures Youth Leaders Volunteers, a local group of empowered youth aged 14- 26 who advocate for environmental protection and climate change action.

A terrific example of grassroots innovation, the summit invited participants to learn practical ways of engaging with climate change, featuring a climate action panel and workshops on biodiversity, gardening, waste and recycling.

**Pet owners, don't forget, registering and desexing your cats and dogs is easy way you can help protect our environment. Desexing helps cats and dogs live longer and healthier lives and it also help us reduce unwanted litters and the burden on our pounds and shelters. Please reach out to Council Officers for more information.**



# Discover WERRIBEE ZOO



**Dr Mark Pilgrim** is the Director of Werribee Open Range Zoo. He talks to Wyndham News about the key tourism destination and big plans for its development.

## **Before joining Werribee Open Range zoo, where did you work?**

My zoo career began in 1988 as a bird keeper at Chester Zoo in the UK. At that time, I knew I wanted to work with animals and in the conservation space, however it was only my intention to work in the zoo industry for about a year as I thought it would be an enjoyable experience. It didn't quite work out like that, because my passion for wildlife and conservation continued to grow. I worked in a number of roles in the next 33 years, including as a zookeeper, curator, director and then ten years as the CEO. Chester Zoo is the most visited zoo in the UK and achieved two million visitors in 2019. I left to become a consultant on a number of zoo projects around the world including the US and Kenya before taking up the role of Director of Werribee Open Range Zoo in March 2022.

## **Why should people visit the Zoo?**

There are many great reasons why people should visit Werribee Open Range Zoo. Firstly, the staff welcome each and every visitor as a special guest and it's a great day out with something for everyone. The Zoo is a wonderful place and enables guests to experience the essence of Africa. Visitors can encounter many native African species along the African River Trail including African wild dogs, lions, monkeys and gorillas. The Australian Trail allows you to get up close to some of our incredible Australian animals including kangaroos, emus and koalas. The river walk along the Werribee River on Bunurong and Wadawurrung country is a wonderful place to find peace and connect with nature. The Zoo bus tours through the expansive Savannah habitat, where you can see rhinos, giraffe, camels and an array of

other incredible species, is a unique experience matched only by an African safari.

As well as a great day out, visiting any of the Zoos Victoria's zoos, including Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Open Range Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Kyabram Fauna Park, enables us to continue our world-renowned conservation work to save 27 local native priority fighting extinction species. These are the species in Victoria that are of greatest threat of extinction and, through our scientific approach to research, zoo breeding, release and monitoring, we remain true to our pledge that "no Victorian vertebrate species will go extinct on our watch".

## **Tell us about the future plans for the zoo...**

The big plans for the future are that the wonderful herd of Asian elephants at Melbourne Zoo, including seven adults and their three calves, will move to a specially designed elephant habitat at Werribee Open Range Zoo that covers 21 hectares in 2024. This is huge for Werribee and will be such an important and world class feature in the West of Melbourne.

## **What is your favourite exhibit?**

My favourite habitat is the Savannah, the expansive open range mixed-species habitat for some of Africa's most iconic large herbivores. Giraffe, zebra, rhino, ostriches and a variety of antelope are just some of the species that can be viewed during the Zoo's savannah bus tour.





# WORLD CUP *Celebrations*

This month Wyndham will be on the global stage as we proudly host the training base for Morocco's national women's football team during the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ and celebrate the world game with a free, community Football Fever Celebration.



## WELCOME MOROCCO!

This will be Morocco's first FIFA Women's World Cup! Nicknamed the Atlas Lionesses, the team won hearts with their skills and talent in the CAF Women's Africa Cup of Nations, 2022. Like our own community, the team hail from around the world with players born in Morocco, France, Spain and the UK.

## WOMEN OF THE WEST KICKING GOALS

It's an exciting time for football in the west, with our first Liberty A-League women's football team, Western United FC opening up new talent pathways and making the Grand Final in their very first season this year!



## FOOTBALL FEVER CELEBRATION

On Saturday 22 July come on down to Wyndham Park in Werribee for a free celebration of all things football! Meet players from Western United FC and connect with local clubs, enjoy interactive football activities, face-painting, roving entertainment, food trucks and loads of family fun.

## HAVE A GO

Feeling inspired? Whether you've never played football before or you're looking to get back into the game, there are a range of ways for girls and women to get involved in Wyndham. Visit the website below to find your local club.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



### Time to digitally upskill?

Wyndham City's Economic Development team have FREE workshops to help you boost your digital marketing skills so that you can transform your business, reach more customers and thrive! Don't miss out on securing your place today!

**Grow your business with Tik Tok and Short Form Video,**  
12 July at 5.30pm

Join our hands-on training session to learn how to leverage TikTok and short form video content to attract and retain customers.

**Grow your business with Google Local Search,**  
9 August at 9am

Learn what you need to be doing to rank well on Google local search in 2023.

**Grow your Business with LinkedIn,**  
6 September at 5.30pm

Learn how to leverage LinkedIn to its fullest potential and stay ahead of the game, build your network and use LinkedIn's features to drive more business.

For more information visit:  
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## POWER SAVING BONUS

Did you know your household could be eligible for \$250 towards your power bill? Come along, bring your energy bill and learn from our partners Good Shepherd who will be providing support to apply for the power saving bonus.

**Date:** Tuesday 18 July 2023  
**Time:** 2pm to 3pm  
**Location:** Werribee Library, 177 Watton St, Werribee  
**Bookings required.**

## Q & A WITH SPEECH PATHOLOGIST LISA DECKER

Come and hear Lisa's expert opinions about fostering children's speech.

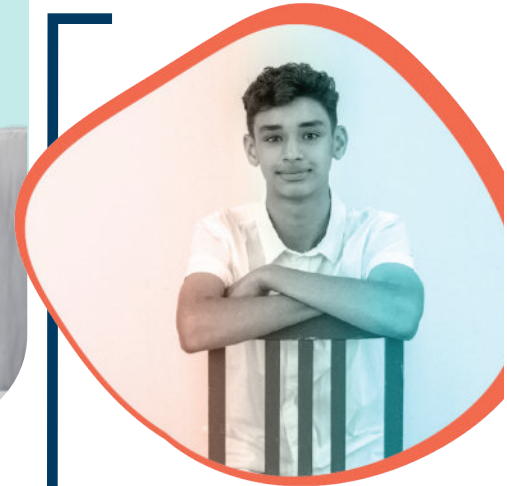
Share concerns and ask questions about your child's language development.

**Date:** Monday, 17 July  
**Time:** 10am to 11am  
**Location:** Julia Gillard Library  
**Bookings essential**

## THE WARM WINTER READ

Ages 16+  
Join us in our winter reading challenge where we encourage you to take more time to curl up with a great read every week. Running until 31 August. Track your reading to go in the running to win a prize!

**For more information visit:**  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/warm-winter-read](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/warm-winter-read)



## One Wyndham WYNDHAM'S YOUNG PERSON OF THE MONTH

Akash Surujpal is the One Wyndham June recipient.

Akash is a proactive, encouraging role model and uses his volunteering skills to help those less fortunate in the local community which helps to create an inclusive Wyndham.

Akash is passionate about creating a positive impact in his community and about tackling critical issues such as food and grocery insecurity.

As the leader of the Heathdale Food Drive, last year Akash successfully surpassed the previous year's food donation collection for Food Bank Victoria.

For the past six years, Akash has helped as a junior volunteer at Messy Church which has further developed his interpersonal and leadership skills.

To read more about Akash Surujpal and other One Wyndham recipients and to apply visit:  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/onewyndham](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/onewyndham)

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# WYNDHAM Learning FESTIVAL

The Wyndham Learning Festival is a whole community event that provides a range of learning activities across the City of Wyndham and runs from 1-7 September.

This year's theme is Our Thriving, Creative Community.

The Wyndham Learning Festival, led by the Wyndham Community Education Centre and supported by Wyndham City, has events that will inspire, challenge, and interest learners in Wyndham.

Come and try something different and challenge yourself!

Maybe you are interested in the Arts, Food and Cooking, Environment and Sustainability, Wellbeing and Self-Care, History, Culture and Diversity, Families and Children or Sport and Rec or the World of work and tech. There is so much on offer.

The program highlight, this year, is the signature event featuring the acclaimed writer and educationalist Mem Fox, reflecting

on her career of creativity and inspiration on Friday, 1 September from 5.30pm at Wyndham's Cultural Centre. Keep the date free to join in the celebrations of 40 years of literary significance.

For more information visit:  
[www.wynlearnfestival.org.au](http://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au)



# WHATS ON

[WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/WHATS-ON](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on)



## CHROMATICA: COLOUR PLAY

Wyndham City Arts & Culture and the indirect Object present Chromatica: Colour Play, an interactive art installation and workshop series that takes you on adventures into the world of colour and light.

The Annex will be a playground of immersive experiences that explore the colour spectrum. Come and play in this activity-filled art installation, and/or stay for the workshops. Both the installation and the workshops are free to attend and designed for children of all ages.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout workshop and installation viewing.

**Date:** Wednesday 5 July to Saturday 22 July 2023

**Time:** 11am to 3pm

**Location:** The annex, 177 Watton St, Werribee

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/chromatica-colour-play](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/chromatica-colour-play)



## WOW EXHIBITION

The Way Out West – Exhibition Opening

**Date:** Thursday 13 July

**Time:** 6pm to 7pm

**Location:** Point Cook Library

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/way-out-west](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/way-out-west)

## WYNDHAM CULTURAL CENTRE 2023



## WERK IT

'Werk It' by Circus Trick Tease is an all-new, high-energy, acrobatic comedy romp.

**Date:** Sunday 23 July

**Location:** Wyndham Cultural Centre

**Time:** 6pm to 7.10pm

**Cost:** \$36 Full, \$30 Concession



## 007 SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

Come and enjoy Morning Melodies with the classic James Bond iconic songs and enjoy the singing, dancing and gorgeous costumes for an entertaining morning.

**Date:** Tuesday 8 August

**Location:** Encore Events Centre

**Time:** 10.30am to 12noon

**Cost:** \$14

For more information or to book tickets call (03) 8734 6000 or visit [www.wyncc.com.au/whats\\_on](http://www.wyncc.com.au/whats_on)



Robert Fielding, *Echoes #3: Tjalini (Lift or carry something heavy, carry a load, lug)*, 2019, C-type print on lustre paper. Image courtesy of the artist.



Maree Clarke, *River Reed Necklace* 2022, black dyed natural river reeds, cockatoo and crow, feathers, twine, 50 metres (length). Image Imran Abul Kashem.

## POWERFUL FIRST NATIONS ART EXHIBITION

Wyndham Art Gallery has two exhibitions *IWARA* and *Enduring* on display to celebrate the significant role First Nations artists play within our gallery and community.

The exhibitions run until Sunday 30 July and will feature at Wyndham Art Gallery during NAIDOC week.

*IWARA* is upstairs and is a solo exhibition by Robert Fielding, a contemporary artist of

Yankunytjatjara, Western Arrente, Pakistani and Afghan descent.

Featured downstairs, *Enduring* is Wyndham City's First Nations Visual Art acquisitions from the past three years and features significant works that centre around history, place and identity.

For more information visit: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/venues/wyndham-art-gallery](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/venues/wyndham-art-gallery)