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# WYNDHAM news



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# Around the WARDS

## Iramoo Ward

**This month we welcome a long weekend over the Easter break. It gives us the opportunity to connect with our families and community.**

We're fortunate to have several attractive, natural landmarks in our City and groups like the Werribee River Association to help care for them.

Everyone is welcome to join this month's clean up by the Beach Patrol 3030 crew around the picturesque K Road Cliffs, that's taking place on 9 April.

The group organises clean-ups along our waterways throughout the year. For more information visit: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/eastercleanup](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/eastercleanup)

We'll also be commemorating Anzac Day on 25 April. Our War Memorial in Werribee City Centre provides a place to reflect and commemorate our veterans, those who have served and serving now. For more information about commemorative activities view: [www.facebook.com/wbeers/](https://www.facebook.com/wbeers/)

School holidays will also be in full swing this month. There are always free activities for our young people to enjoy at our community centres and libraries. For information head to our What's On Section of our website: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on)

And if there's a need for inspiration on what's available to be enjoyed in our wonderful City, head to [www.visitwerribee.com](http://www.visitwerribee.com)

*Best wishes,  
Iramoo Ward Councillors*

## Harrison Ward

**Greetings and welcome to April.**

This is a tough time for many due to cost of living pressures. Don't forget our Community Connector program can refer you to support services. If you need help, but don't know where to start, email the team at [communityconnector@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:communityconnector@wyndham.vic.gov.au) or call Customer Service.

Autumn is a lovely time of year to enjoy our parks and playgrounds. We are pleased that the playground at Aitken Avenue Reserve in Hoppers Crossing was recently upgraded and the design for an upgrade of Aquarius Street Reserve was confirmed and works have commenced.

No matter what your interests are, there's something in Harrison for you.

For bird lovers, the Point Cook Coastal Park and Cheetham Wetlands are home to hundreds of species and can be viewed from the Observational Tower.

For young, aspiring makers, the Creative Corner at the Williams Landing Library Lounge on Tuesday evenings is a place to hang out and learn skills like painting and ceramics.

For everyone, please save the date for Neighbourhood House Week next month when our Community Centres will excite, inspire and delight with activities and events.

We wish you a very happy Easter and hope you enjoy school holiday activities in Wyndham.

As always, reach out with your questions and suggestions to keep improving our City. We love hearing your ideas!

*Take Care,  
Harrison Ward Councillors*

## Chaffey Ward

**The year is going fast and as we prepare for school holidays and the Easter long weekend, we hope you all stay safe on the roads and get to enjoy some time off with your family and friends.**

Last month we had the official opening of Moondara Park in Tarneit. Why don't you head down there these school holidays to check it out! We would like to thank all residents who provided valuable feedback regarding the play elements that have been included.

You can spend a fun evening with family and friends playing board games at Dianella Community Centre in Tarneit. Held the first Friday of the month from 5.30pm until 7.30pm this is also the perfect opportunity to make new friends and meet people in your community. There is no cost to attend, just RSVP via our website: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-games-night](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-games-night)

Tarneit is your home ground to the best sport, fitness, and recreation activities for all ages. Regular free and low-cost weekly sessions are being delivered across Tarneit by Reclink Australia and local providers giving residents fantastic opportunities to get active with friends and family. Our website is continuously updated with new recreation activities so check it out to see what's new. [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activetarneit](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activetarneit)

As always reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

*Regards,  
Chaffey Ward Councillors*



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Welcome to another edition of Wyndham News.

I am very excited to announce that over the next few months I will be holding a series of Mayoral Morning teas with the first one being held on Monday 24 April from 10am at the Wyndham Civic Centre.

It's an opportunity to meet, have a chat and learn more about Wyndham and the services we provide our residents. This may be of particular interest to our new residents.

I will be sharing all the details of how to register at either your local Community Centre, our website and via The Mayors Facebook page, so please keep a look out as numbers will be limited.

We know how important citizenship is to you all, so I'm also pleased to report that after a significant effort from Council, we are moving through the backlog of residents waiting to officially become Australian citizens.

At the start of January, more than 4,500 residents were awaiting their ceremony and around 900 new residents were being added each month to the list.

I'm pleased to say in the three months from January to the end of March, we will have held 22 Citizenship Ceremonies, conferring 5,870 new Australians.

This is a wonderful achievement, and I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and warmly welcome each new citizen.

Hopefully see you out and about in our community soon.

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.



# WYNDHAM'S NEWEST COMMUNITY AND FAMILY CENTRES!

More support, connection and learning opportunities are available for residents in Tarneit and Manor Lakes.

## BEMBIT BAG-ROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Located next door to Nearnung Primary School, the new Bembit Bag-rook (previously 'Tarneit North') Community Centre in Tarneit is part of the delivery of a \$21 million Tarneit North Community Precinct Masterplan.

At this centre, residents can access modern facilities, services and programs, children have started kinder and Maternal Child Health Service will be available soon.

In Bunurong language, 'Bembit' means flower and 'Bag-rook' means women.

This brand-new centre is operated by Wyndham City's partner Bestchance and features include a fully equipped kitchen, full disability access, Free WIFI, BBQ and children's play area and Electric vehicle charging stations.

Residents can look forward to a range of community, health and educational services, programs, and activities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

You can also hire spaces in the centres to host private functions, classes and meetings. Have an idea for a new community group or activity? Reach out to the team at Bembit Bag-rook Community Centre to bring it to life!

Delivery of the Bembit Bag-rook Community Centre was supported by \$2.5 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and a \$2.5 million Building Blocks Grant.

Find out more about Bembit Bag-Rook: [wyndham.vic.gov.au/bembitbag-rookcc](https://wyndham.vic.gov.au/bembitbag-rookcc)

## BIRNBIAL FAMILY CENTRE

The new \$8.2 million Birnbial (previously 'Manor Lakes North') Family Centre is located at 84 Holyoake Parade in Manor Lakes, just a two-minute walk from Ngarri Primary School.

Birnbial (pronounced Bin-beel) is a Wadawurrung word for rainbow, and this name reflects the aspiration of this family centre to promote bright futures for a diverse, emerging community.

Managed by KU Children's Services, the centre will provide essential services locally, including three and four-year-

old kindergarten and maternal and child health in a safe and welcoming environment. A Toy library will also soon be available at this centre!

This centre was built with support from the Victorian Government with \$1 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund and \$3 million Building Blocks Infrastructure Fund. The toy library is supported by \$20,000 from the Federal Government.

Find out more about Birnbial Family Centre: [wyndham.vic.gov.au/birnbial-family-centre](https://wyndham.vic.gov.au/birnbial-family-centre)

# 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)



## AQUARIUS STREET RESERVE IS GETTING AN UPGRADE!

An exciting Wyndham City upgrade of Truganina's Aquarius Street Reserve is now underway.

The project includes an improved kick-about space, an expanded and upgraded path network, new BBQs, upgraded park furniture, new bike hoops, new toilets, more nature play, rubber softfall areas at the playground and more garden beds and trees.

Work is expected to be complete in mid-2023.

The upgrade will elevate Aquarius Street Reserve to a district level park, meaning it will cater not only for Truganina residents but also the wider Wyndham community.

It will improve the overall accessibility, functionality and landscape quality of Aquarius Street Reserve, providing a more diverse range of recreational opportunities for you to enjoy.

## POINT COOK RESERVES REACH KEY MILESTONE

Wyndham City is kicking goals on two new Point Cook sport and recreation facilities.

Stage two of the \$15.95 million Webster Street Reserve is now complete, delivering a senior cricket oval and four soccer pitches.

This follows the recent opening of seven tennis courts and one multi-use court, cricket nets and landscaping at Webster Street Reserve.

Construction is now underway on two sporting pavilions, which will deliver change rooms, social spaces, storage, kitchens, umpire rooms and a car park and landscaping.

The pavilions, which will service cricket, soccer and tennis clubs, have received \$800,000 through the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Meanwhile, the \$5.6 million Brookdale Road Reserve has also reached a key milestone, with work complete on a baseball and softball field that includes behind diamond fencing, a batting cage structure and baseball clay surface.

This follows the opening of a new playground, ninja warrior course, exercise area, landscaping and car park in late 2022.

The final piece of the puzzle is a sporting pavilion that will service the baseball and softball field and is expected to be completed, alongside associated landscaping, in late 2023.

Both reserves also include automated irrigation systems using recycled water, fencing and energy efficient LED sportsground lighting.





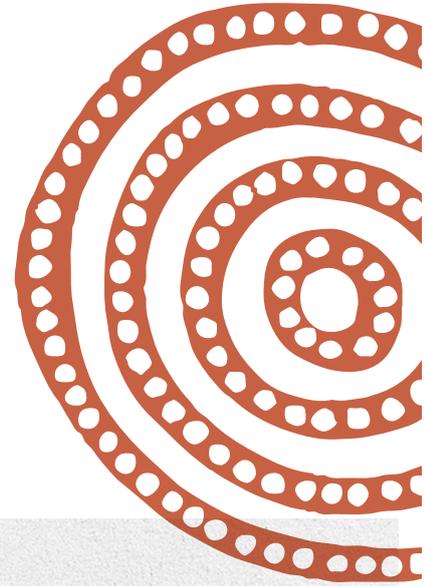
## MOONDARA STREET PARK UPGRADES COMPLETE!

Have you seen the newly improved Moondara Street Park?

We've included new playground equipment across two playground areas for junior and senior play, nature play areas, a half-court with basketball and netball hoop, picnic facilities and BBQ, upgraded pathways and more.

This \$1.2 million Wyndham City upgrade gives Tarneit residents a much-improved outdoor gathering space and a fun area for children of all ages.

The works are part of Council's strategy to address ageing infrastructure across Wyndham, with Council investing \$19.8 million over 2022/23 on new and improved parks, open spaces and streetscapes to help you get out of the house, enjoy nature and be active.



## Tell us what you think about the 2023-2025 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Wyndham City's Draft Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025 (RAP) is now available for public consultation and will be open for feedback until Friday 14 April.

We invite all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Nations' community members who live, work or visit Wyndham to get involved as well as the general Wyndham Community to read Wyndham's Draft RAP 2023-2025 and provide their feedback.

The RAP has been developed in collaboration and partnership with the Wyndham Reconciliation Advisory Committee (WRAC), Council's internal RAP Management Group (representing 23 council departments), the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

The WRAC was formed in August 2021, following the recruitment of members through an Expression of Interest process. The call was for both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander non-Indigenous community members who live, work, study, volunteer or have a connection to Wyndham.

The WRAC met monthly and has been the platform for engagement between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous communities with Council across a broad range of issues and in setting a new Reconciliation vision for the Draft RAP2023-2025.

Visit The Loop to find out about Wyndham City Council's Draft Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and provide your feedback.  
[www.theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/RAP](http://www.theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/RAP)



## HOWZAT! CHECK OUT THE NEW AND IMPROVED MANOR LAKES COLLEGE OVAL

The Manor Lakes College Oval upgrade is now complete!

The \$1.37 million project includes a full reconstruction of oval 2, lighting, and construction of a new practice cricket net enclosure.

The upgrade was fully funded by the Victorian School Buildings Authority's Shared Facilities Fund, which delivers community infrastructure on school sites that can be used by both the school and neighbouring community.



# GREEN EXPLORERS



A healthy river ecosystem is important because it provides habitat for native animals and clean water for humans to grow food crops. The plants along the river also help to clean the air we breathe.

- Werribee River is a great place for Green Detectives to explore! Tick what you find, and mark how many.
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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Platypus           | Rainbow Lorikeet    |
| Ringtail Possum    | Long Billed Corella |
| Microbat           | Superb Fairy-wren   |
| Rakali             | Sacred Kingfisher   |
| Tawny Frogmouth    | Tiger Snake         |
| Pobblebonk Frog    | Boobook Owl         |
| Blue Tongue Lizard | Australian Woolly   |



## MORE OPTIONS TO KEEP WYNDHAM MOVING

Are you looking for more ways to stay active and get around town?

Wyndham's Active Transport Strategy is bringing more walking and cycling routes to our community than ever before.

Our goal is to create a connected network of safe and sustainable active transport options for all residents, including people with disability, parents with prams and families with young children who want to walk and ride around Wyndham.

That's why we're working hard to complete upgrades and create new infrastructure.

The ongoing works include new and upgraded paths benefitting 5,600 households and the broader communities in Hoppers Crossing, Werribee, Truganina, Williams Landing, Point Cook and Wyndham Vale.

Additionally, upgrades to shared user paths are on the way for Arndell Park (Forsyth Rd), Riversdale Drive, Skeleton Creek, and Laverton Creek. We're also upgrading the Federation Trail as part of the Greening the Pipeline Project.

Footpath upgrades are being completed in the precinct surrounding Cambridge Primary School, and following this work, upgrades will be completed in the Bellbridge neighbourhood and around Werribee Station.

A connected network will improve safety and health outcomes and ensure our residents have more environmentally friendly and affordable travel options.

Find out more about the strategy:  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/active-transport](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/active-transport)

Get the kids out and about, participating in the fun activities listed in our Green Explorers booklet, which is the focus of this month's Green Living Series.

The booklet helps young people learn about Wyndham's native flora and fauna. It tests recycling knowledge and helps participants discover fun things to do at home to help reduce their impact on the natural environment.

Exploring the Werribee River to spot animals, birds, amphibians and reptiles listed in the booklet is just one of the activities on offer.

Green Explorers activity booklet and events are best suited to ages 5-10 and can be downloaded from the Green Living Series web page.

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)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**RECYCLED SEED CARD WORKSHOP**  
WED 12 APRIL, 10 - 11.30AM

Children will get to make their own recycled paper seed card, which can be planted at home to make their own bee-friendly flowers.

**HOLLY'S BACKYARD BEES**  
FRI 14 APRIL

Kids can learn about the native bee species found in local gardens, the kind of plants that attract them and build an insect hotel.



**DISCOVER WATERBUGS WORKSHOP FOR KIDS**  
SAT 15 APRIL, 11AM - 12NOON

Put your detective hat on and explore the amazing world of waterbugs along the Werribee River. You'll also get to meet Perri the (real) platypus and learn a little about the plants and animals that call Werribee River home.



## JOIN A CLEAN UP CREW!

Green Explorers and families can help Keep Wyndham Clean by joining a local litter clean up crew, these operate across Wyndham and are listed at:  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/waste-education-and-initiatives](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/waste-education-and-initiatives)



IMAGINARY BOTANICALS

SILENT DISCO

## Get ready for 24 hours of art, live music, movies and more at Wyndham City's newest festival – 24.

Presented by Wyndham City, this unique experience will transform Chirnside Park in Werribee into a wonderland, where every minute counts and every hour brings something new to enjoy over 24 hours.

This free arts festival kicks off at 6pm, on Saturday 6 May and will run through to 6pm Sunday 7 May, with the opportunity to stay up through the night, or drop in across the 24 hours.

From dusk the park will be buzzing with a fantastic line-up of live music on the Riverside Stage, a live action painting project turning an old car into a dazzling neon artwork and tunes from the alluring UKI – a giant, robotic insect on wheels with its own DJ decks!

As dusk fades to dark, the park will take on a magical glow with a garden of 400 illuminated flowers in bloom to enjoy through to the early hours of the morning.

Help create a large woven labyrinth in Archi-Loom, boogie into the night at the Silent Disco or be entranced by the other worldly Sacred Serfs and Illuminated Angels.

With dawn comes a Raga of Indian classical music and yoga for all ages.

Then, once the coffee kicks in, go for glory with an epic paper plane competition or pull up a beanbag at the 24 Hour Outdoor Cinema.

### Highlights will include:

- **Live music on the Riverside Stage**
- **UKI:** Part giant insect, part mechanical Robot, part DJ booth on wheels
- **Imaginary Botanicals:** A glowing garden maze of illuminated flowers
- **Chromatica:** A giant kaleidoscope
- **Silent Disco**
- **The Curious Game and Roving Performances** from Born in a Taxi
- **24 hour Outdoor Silent Cinema:** featuring a back-to-back program of cult classics – each inspired by the theme of time (think *Groundhog Day!*)
- **Live Art from Callum Preston and the Slow Art Collective**

**WHEN:** 6PM SATURDAY 6 MAY – 6PM SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023

**LOCATION:** CHIRNSIDE PARK, WERRIBEE

**TICKET PRICE:** FREE

**WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/24**



## Meet MALUAL DENG



Originally from South Sudan, Malual came to Australia as a refugee and settled in Point Cook. A father of four children and leader in his community, Malual is passionate about breaking down barriers, providing information and building connections in his community.

He runs the South Sudanese Child First Education (SSCFE), a not-for-profit organisation with a vision for a successful African diaspora community working for peace, justice and equal opportunity in Australia and related communities in Africa.

Malual has been visiting the Point Cook library for nine years and recently became involved in other areas of the Point Cook Community Learning Centre.

After meeting with Team Leader at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre, he joined the Point Cook Cultural Community. This non-profit multicultural organisation caters for public events around Point Cook and organises the Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival.

Malual says the festival is a great opportunity for members of his community to get involved with the day, perform and have a presence at the festival together with other cultures. He feels it's important for children born in Australia to connect and dance with their elders to showcase and be proud of their culture.

As a result of working on the Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival, Malual has connected with Co-Local and took part in last month's Kaleidoscope 2023 African Festival at the Point Cook Pop up-Park.

Malual aspires to continue his community work, so it makes sense that he will soon facilitate a program to support the South Sudanese Community at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre!

Just one visit to a community centre can lead to a chain of new relationships, opportunities and connections to your community.

Find out more about Point Cook Community Learning Centre: [wyndham.vic.gov.au/pointcookclc](http://wyndham.vic.gov.au/pointcookclc)

# ARNDELL PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Know your Neighbour Day

Visit Arndell Park Community Centre on Wednesday, 12 April, for an open day filled with fun, family-friendly, free activities!

Meet the team, see the facilities and learn more about services, programs, activities and support available for you.

Whether you want to learn a new skill, find a new hobby, or meet a new friend – it's all waiting for you at Arndell Park Community Centre.

Wednesday 12 April  
11am-3pm  
29-49 Federation Blvd, Truganina  
[wyndham.vic.gov.au/arndeLLparkcc](http://wyndham.vic.gov.au/arndeLLparkcc)



## Save the date

# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK

## MAY 8-14

In May we will celebrate Neighbourhood House Week and showcase the wide range of classes, activities and events that happen inside Wyndham Community Centres. Stay tuned to our website and social media for more information!



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)



# COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS



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



**CR ADELE HEGEDICH**  
**Healthy City**

*This portfolio aims to foster an active community where the community has to stay fit and healthy through leisure facilities, sport, clubs and associations, and access to active transport infrastructure.*

A great benefit that comes from joining a sporting group or program is not just the endorphins released when you work towards your fitness goals but also the friends you make along the way.

We've got a great list of these activities on our Active Wyndham Calendar, which you can find at: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activewyndhamcalendar](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activewyndhamcalendar)

There's also a diverse range of programs offered through our Active Tarneit series. This program offers sessions during the day and in the evening to encourage participation.

Last year we found this worked well for those who worked full time but wanted to connect with their local community by taking part in the program after work.

**The Active Tarneit series will run until July with new sessions added regularly for people of all ages. Active Tarneit is delivered in partnership by Wyndham City and Reclink Australia and is funded by the Victorian Government and Tarneit Suburban Revitalisation Board.**

There's information on our website but you can also follow us for more information on our Instagram page @wyndham\_city. Keep well and I look forward to catching up with sporting clubs throughout the year.



**CR HEATHER MARCUS**  
**Destination Wyndham**

*This portfolio celebrates the many tourism attractions Wyndham has to offer and explores ways Wyndham can continue to attract visitors and businesses to the region by developing strategies to capitalise on Wyndham's natural assets and local attractions.*

Wyndham has so many wonderful attractions on offer to discover in our own backyard and to showcase to visiting friends and family - there is something that will capture everyone's interest.

The beautiful Werribee Park Precinct features Werribee's Open Range Zoo, Werribee Park Mansion, Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, the Victoria State Rose Garden and Shadowfax winery.

**The \$88m redevelopment of Werribee Open Range Zoo will deliver a world class experience with a purpose built new elephant habitat to house the relocation of the Asian Elephant herd from Melbourne Zoo in 2024**

The new state-of-the-art space will provide 21 hectares to roam for the herd of 10 Asian Elephants including three new calves, Aiyara, Roi-Yim and Kati.

Other attractions across our City include the Point Cook Coastal Park, the K Road Cliffs, Wyndham Harbour, Werribee South foreshore, Cobbledicks Ford and Werribee River are natural wonders in our backyard that are not to be missed.

The Western Treatment Plant is one of our hidden gems with a thriving ecosystem and internationally-recognised bird habitat, with over 300 different species of birdlife.

For aviation enthusiasts the B24 Liberator restoration is Australia's only surviving World War II Liberator bomber, preserving history and providing public education.

For more information on all the wonderful things to do in Wyndham go to [www.visitwerribee.com.au](http://www.visitwerribee.com.au)



Volunteers wanted:

# WERRIBEE DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Have you ever wondered about the story behind a street name, or what that historic building is? Since 1970, the tireless volunteers of the Werribee District Historical Society have been preserving, archiving, and researching the history of Wyndham.

The Historical Society is urgently seeking volunteers to support the organisation to keep operating into the future. If you are passionate about history and heritage, and have time to spare, this might be perfect for you!

Based at the Old Shire Office in Werribee, the Historical Society has an extensive collection of photographs, maps and museum objects that tell the story of the region.

The Historical Society is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation that provides resources for local teachers and has educated countless students over the years. They also have a number of publications for purchase that provide invaluable insights on local histories.

As Wyndham continues to grow, the Werribee District Historical Society provides a vital connection to our community's history and heritage.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Lance Pritchard on 0468 435 090 to find out more.

Want to visit? Werribee District Historical Society is located at the Old Shire Office on 49 Watton Street and open on Tuesdays from 10am until 3pm and Saturdays from 10am until 1pm.

For more information go to [www.werribeehistory.org.au](http://www.werribeehistory.org.au)



## POWERING UP TARNEIT

Tarneit is now home to one of Victoria's first neighbourhood batteries, which will store solar energy for use by the local community.

Located in Gleneagles Reserve, the battery will store energy produced by the sun during the day to be available at night when residents need it.

Tarneit and other Wyndham City suburbs have some of the highest rates of solar use on the network and providing this neighbourhood battery will allow more of the community to install solar and reduce their

energy costs by putting their solar energy back in the grid.

Artist 23rd Key helped beautify the battery and an existing transformer by painting a mural featuring local animals and wildlife. The colourful artwork is a fitting celebration of the technology's potential to help protect our natural environment for generations to come.

## SPOTLIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER



### KARTHICK

**Describe your volunteer role?**  
I am a Volunteer firefighter and communications officer with the Point Cook CFA.

As a volunteer firefighter, we do a range of different jobs that includes participating in community events and providing fire safety information to the public. Apart from being a firefighter, I am also a part of the Point Cook Action Group and a Justice of the Peace as well.

### What is the highlight of your role?

I enjoy assisting people, meeting new people and being part of the local Point Cook community that I live in. I also enjoy raising funds for the charity especially the Good Friday appeal which the CFA fundraises for.

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

Volunteering is a great way to get involved with your community, make a difference and network. You learn new skills and learn a lot about your neighbourhood and at the same time playing an important role as part of the local community. I actively encourage people, especially the youth from different cultural backgrounds to get involved, participate, and help the community. "If each person gave one hour a week, it would make such a difference."

### What is your favourite place in Wyndham?

My favourite place is the Pop up Park in Point Cook. My family enjoys the outdoor space and the vibrancy of Point Cook.



# In the LIBRARY

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

## HOPPERS CROSSING LIBRARY TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Hoppers Crossing Library will be closed and relocated in April until late 2023 due to essential building works at Pacific Werribee. The library will temporarily relocate to a smaller space on Level 1 at Pacific Werribee, near Village Cinemas and Myer. The interim space will continue to provide the same great services alongside a small collection, study tables, public computers, reading nook and a modified calendar of programs.

Further information will be available via our website:  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries)



### Q&A WITH SPEECH PATHOLOGIST LISA DECKER

Meet with Lisa Decker, local Speech Pathologist from Well Said Clinic to share concerns and questions about your child's language development. Join with other parents to hear Lisa's expert opinions about fostering children's speech, language and communication skills.

**Date:** Monday 24 April  
**Time:** 11am to 12noon  
**Location:** Manor Lakes library



### RESEARCHING YOUR AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ANCESTORS

Have you discovered the wealth of information available on your Australian Military ancestors? Join our Family and Local History Librarian to learn what is available.

Bookings required.  
**Date:** Friday 28 April  
**Time:** 11am to 12noon  
**Location:** Manor Lakes Library, 86 Manor Lakes Blvd, Manor Lakes



### WRITING WORKSHOP - FLASH FICTION

Join Eliza Henry-Jones, Australian author, and creative writing teacher, as she explores the techniques of delivering a complete flash narrative, with plot, characters, and setting, in fewer than 1500 words.

Suitable for 18+  
Booking required  
**Date:** Thursday 4 May  
**Time:** 6.30pm to 8.30pm  
**Location:** Point Cook Library, 1-21 Cheetham St, Point Cook



Anjali Sharma

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

Anjali Sharma is the One Wyndham February recipient.

Anjali is passionate about raising awareness of important social justice issues such as gender equity, promoting positive mental health and is an ardent advocate for inclusive education.

Anjali actively volunteers both through her school and in the community in a range of activities and projects. From the Lions International Club, to Interact - Rotary Australia, World Vision's 40 Hour Famine, Percentage Waste Campaign, STEPTember and the Leukaemia Foundation.

She is particularly passionate about inclusive education and giving students access to the education and opportunities they need for a successful future.

Mentoring Grade 5 and 6 students from rural and regional Victoria is something that Anjali enjoys as she is dedicated to supporting and engaging students to excel in science, tech and engineering to develop STEM-related skills.

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

FOR MORE EVENTS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING VISIT  
[WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/LIBRARIES](http://WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/LIBRARIES)

# WHATS ON

[WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/WHATS-ON](http://WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/WHATS-ON)

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY YOUTH FESTIVAL

Wyndham City's Youth Resource Centre is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a fun filled festival. There will be a range of free activities including live music, fun rides, skate board demos, a dancing competition, sausage sizzle BBQ and more. Food trucks will be there and food can be purchased at cost.

**Date:** Friday 21 April

**Time:** 4pm to 8pm

**Location:** 86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing



### WUNDER GYM - EXTENDED PRACTICE

The Annex  
6 Mentors  
18 Creatives  
1 Exhibition Every 2 Weeks

**Date:** Saturday 25 March to  
Wednesday 14 June

**Time:** 11.30am to 3.30pm

**Location:** Wyndham Cultural  
Centre, 177 Watton St, Werribee  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/  
theannex](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/theannex)

### WYNDHAM ART PRIZE 2023

Wyndham Art Gallery is calling for entries to the annual and much celebrated Wyndham Art Prize with applications opening on 3 April and closing on 16 June.

For more information and to apply visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/2023-wyndham-art-prize](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/2023-wyndham-art-prize)

### GET READY TO BE INSPIRED!

The Early Years Matters Conference is back with an incredible line-up of keynote speakers and presenters, and we are inviting all Early Years professionals in Wyndham to join us.

We guarantee you'll leave with fresh perspectives and new ideas to incorporate the great outdoors into your Early Years curriculum.

Make the most of this exceptional chance to learn!

**Date:** Friday 23 June

**Time:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Online**

Purchase your ticket on our website.

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/eymconference](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/eymconference)



## YRC 20TH ANNIVERSARY YOUTH FESTIVAL



### GET PSYCH'D

Join us for four weeks of wellness – 90 minute workshops designed to explore ways to look after ourselves and our mental wellbeing.

**Date:** Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22 May

**Location:** Tarneit Community Learning Centre

**Sessions for 12 to 15 year olds**

**Time:** 4pm – 5.30pm

**Sessions for 16 – 25 year olds**

**Time:** 6pm – 7.30pm

### ACTIVE TARNEIT

Active Tarneit is back with free fitness and recreation activities for all ages until July.

More information at:  
[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/  
activetarneit](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activetarneit)

Active Tarneit is delivered in partnership by Wyndham City and Reclink Australia and is funded by the Victorian Government and Tarneit Suburban Revitalisation Board.

## WYNDHAM CULTURAL CENTRE 2023



### SIONNACH RUA'S GREAT IRISH SONG BOOK

Come and be immersed in the authentic Ireland of old, with tunes and tales that will have you thinking you are in a bar in Ireland.

**Date:** Friday 28 April

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Tickets:** \$39 Full,  
\$32 Concession, \$25 Child  
(16 & under), \$96 Family  
(2 Adults & 2 Children)



### WILFRED GORDON MCDONALD PARTRIDGE

This delightful show is an Australian Chamber Orchestra Production, based on the picture book by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas.

**Date:** Friday 26 May

**Time:** 10am, 1pm

**Tickets:** \$10 all Tickets

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)