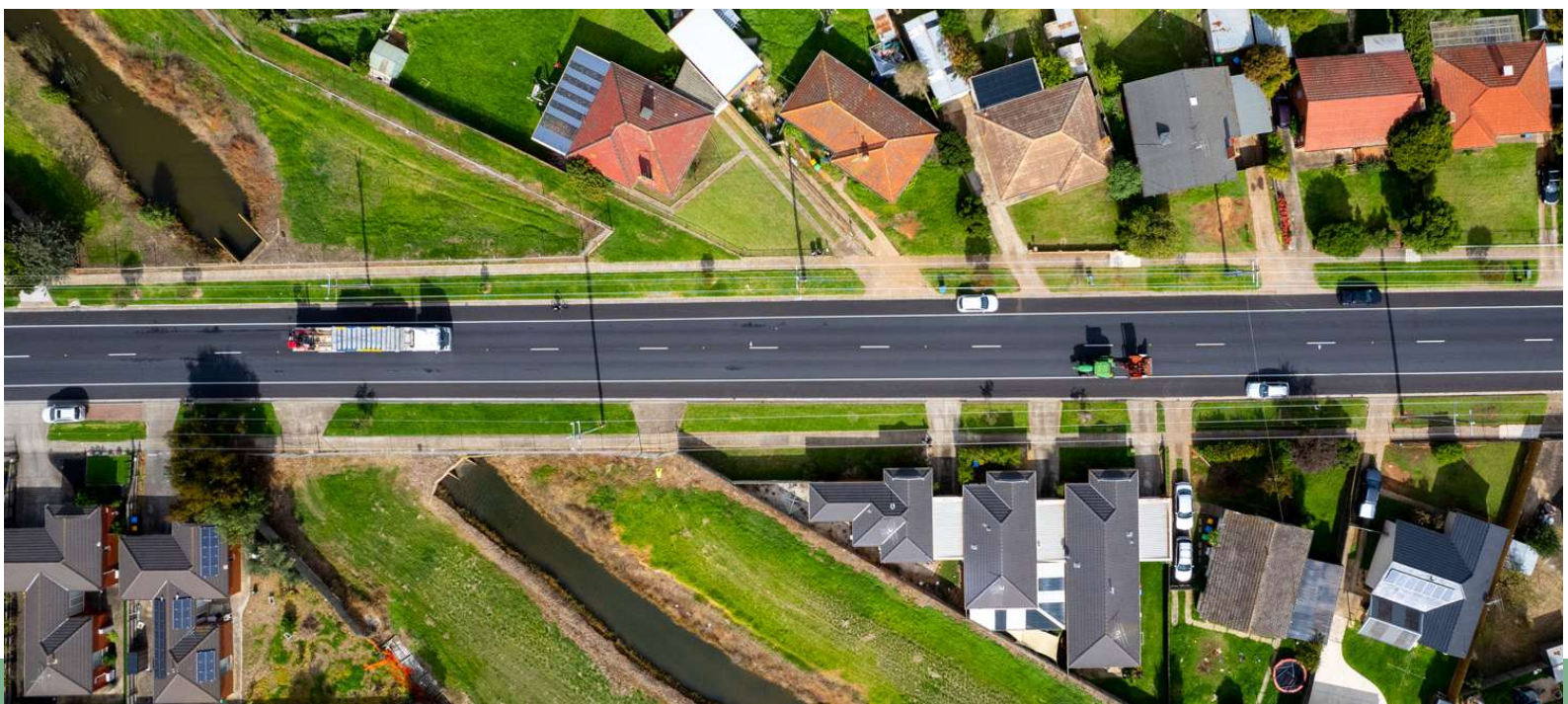




June 2025

Draft Annual Plan & Budget 2026/27: Community Engagement Report

Background

In 2024 / 25 extensive community engagement was done to inform the development and delivery of the three high level, strategic plans that guide everything Council does and provide a road map for Wyndham's future:

1. **The Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) 2025-29** guides planning, delivery and allocation of resources and services for four years.
2. **The Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26 -2034/35** sets the financial principals to guide decision making to ensure our financial sustainability is secured into the future.
3. **The Asset Plan 2025-2035** outlines how Council will manage community infrastructure over time.

The draft Budget and Annual Plan 2026/27 (draft Budget) outlines the services, infrastructure projects and priorities that will be delivered over the next financial year and reflects feedback gathered through ongoing community consultation and conversations with residents across Wyndham.

It also delivers on year two of Council's Long Term Financial Plan, which guides how Wyndham will responsibly manage finances over the next decade.

Engagement overview

Consultation for the draft Budget was open from Wednesday 26 April to Tuesday 26 May 2026. Community were invited to view the draft document and share their feedback via an online survey on The Loop before the final document is presented to Councillors for potential adoption in June 2026. In-person feedback was also invited via drop-in sessions with local Councillors throughout the engagement period.

We received 173 survey responses. For a full breakdown of who we heard from, see Appendix One.

Analysis of the feedback received identified 5 major themes:

Theme	Responses	Percent of total (173)
1. Major community infrastructure and facilities	66	38.2%
2. Perceived inequity in funding	53	30.6%
3. Planning, growth, and amenity	32	18.5%
4. Budget process and governance	31	17.9%
5. Transport, traffic and road congestion	29	16.8%
6. Other	10	5.8%
TOTAL	221*	100%

*Some responses contained multiple themes

How did the community get involved?

The below tables outline the ways we engaged with the community and the activities undertaken to promote the engagement.

 173 survey contributions	 2 364 page views on The Loop page	 1 823 total visitors to The Loop page	 770 downloads of the Draft budget and attachments
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Online promotion	4 promotions were run via social media. • Reach: 12 957
Other communication activities	• Emails to 9 848 recipients • Articles in Wyndham News • Media Release • Digital screen tiles (including a QR code to The Loop page) at all Community Centres and Facilities • Distribution of promotional postcards (including a QR code to The Loop page) to all Council Community Centres and Facilities as well as Wyndham events and activations happening throughout April and May • Stakeholder distribution via Council e-newsletters and direct emails

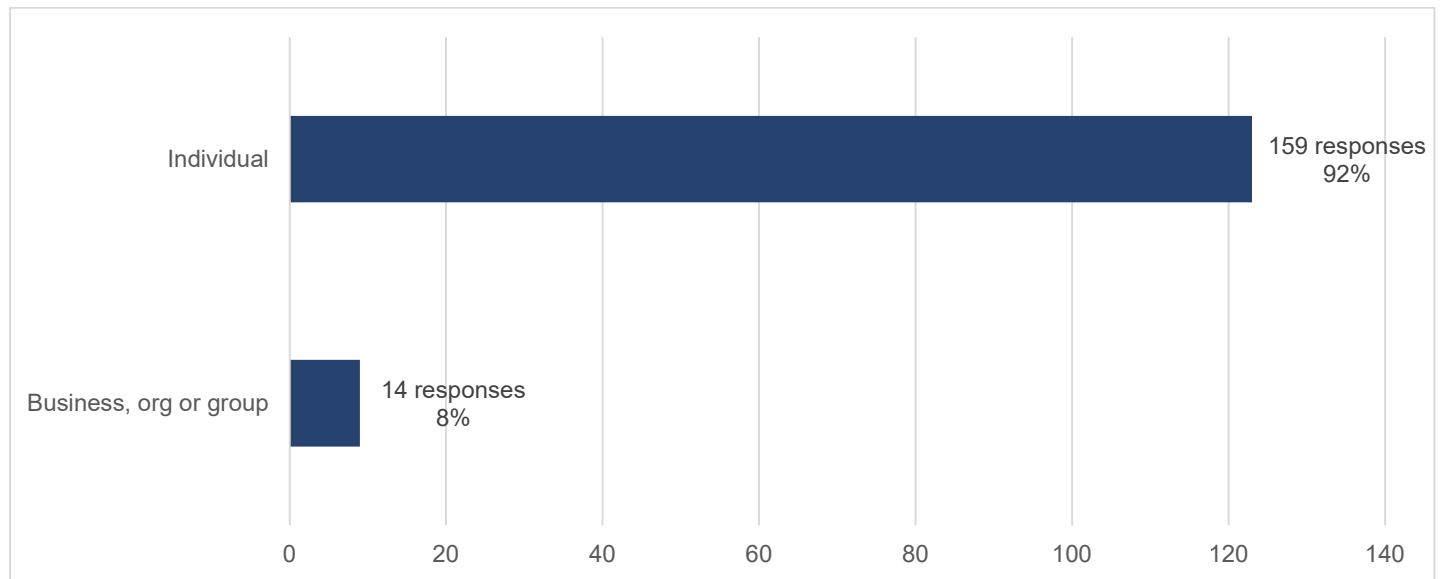
What did we hear?

Below highlights the feedback received **via The Loop online survey** during the engagement process.

Survey results

This year a question was included to give respondents the opportunity to respond on behalf an organisation or group. This was to help eliminate duplicate submissions and ensure groups' submissions were considered as a whole.

Question 1: Are you providing this feedback on behalf of an organisation, business or group?



Question 2: What is the name of the organisation, business or group?

Responses were received from the following groups:

- Australian Services Union (Victorian and Tasmanian Authorities & Services Branch)
- Point Cook Central Sporting Club
- Selah Innovation Group Pty Ltd
- Truganina Thunder Football Netball Club
- Werribee Cricket Club
- Werribee Giants Baseball Club
- Werribee Table Tennis Association
- Wyndham Park Community Centre (5 responses)
- Wyndham Theatre Company

Question 3: What feedback would you like to share about the draft Budget?

The 173 responses were categorised into the following themes.

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Where possible, responses within themes have further been broken down as demonstrated below. Where there was no clear ask or request in the response provided, none of the secondary categories below were applied.

Advocate	Add	Change	Remove
Responses fall outside of Council's remit and for Council to advocate to State/Federal Government.	Request to add a new item, project or service not currently in the budget.	Request to modify, redirect, increase or decrease an existing budget item.	Request to remove, defund or halt a specific existing budget item.
Total: 36	Total: 67	Total: 113	Total: 11

Theme 1: Major community infrastructure and facilities

66 responses 38.2% of total)

This theme captured requests for new or significantly upgraded community infrastructure across a range of suburbs and facilities. A common theme was noted that population growth has outpaced the delivery of facilities that community expect in a city of Wyndham's scale and diversity

Add: 48.5%
(32 responses)

Change: 31.8%
(21 responses)

Advocacy: 19.7%
(13 responses)

Remove: 3.0%
(2 responses)

Add: 48.5% (32 responses) within this theme | 18.5% of all 173 responses

Requests spanned multiple suburbs and facility types.

'Aquatic centre and indoor sports facility for Point Cook.' (raised across more than 20 individual responses)

Advocate: 19.7% (13 responses) within this theme | 4.2% of all 173 responses

Respondents called on Council to advocate for homelessness reduction programs and services programs for aged and high-needs residents, schools and improved access to public housing.

'Looking at the budget, I can't see any focus on reducing increasing homelessness numbers or senior-specific focus or other issues that are difficult to solve but must be addressed now or numbers will continue to increase.'

Change: 31.8% (21 responses) within this theme | 12.1% of all 173 responses

Responses requesting changes to existing community facilities or services rather than entirely new projects and calls for Council to accelerate projects already funded but not yet delivered.

'Meaningful park upgrades, not just maintenance'

Remove: 3.0% (2 responses) within this theme | 1.2% of all 173 responses

Responses call for specific community spending to be removed or redirected.

'The unexcusable (sic) amount being spent on Soldiers reserve new pavilion which cannot ever be based on need. This is an excuse to spend big on a vote friendly allocation.'

Theme 2: Perceived inequity in funding

53 responses (30.6% of total)

Responses focussed on the allocation of Point Cook developer contributions to be directed toward the Big Shed. Respondents raised concerns about transparency, accountability and the equity of investing funds collected in one suburb into projects located elsewhere.

Change: 73.6% (39 responses)

Add: 22.6% (12 responses)

Remove: 7.5% (4 responses)

Advocacy: 5.7% (3 responses)

Change: 73.6% (39 responses) within this theme | 22.5% of all 173 responses

The majority of responses in this theme called for Point Cook developer contributions to be reinvested exclusively within Point Cook. Respondents requested a transparent accounting of all contributions collected, how they have been spent and what remains.

'I respectfully request greater clarity on how developer contributions collected from Point Cook are being utilised within the community, the rationale behind infrastructure prioritisation across suburbs, and whether there is a timeline or renewed plan for delivering an indoor stadium in Point Cook.'

Add: 22.6% (12 responses) within this theme | 6.9% of all 173 responses

Many responses include specific requests for an indoor sports and aquatic facility in Point Cook. Several noted that Council has previously acknowledged the need for these facilities yet has not allocated funding in this budget.

'We need an indoor sports facility as recognised by council and also a pool.'

Remove: 7.5% (4 responses) within this theme | 2.3% of all 173 responses

A number of responses specifically opposed the \$500,000 Big Shed design allocation, requesting that this funding be halted or redirected to other Point Cook community infrastructure.

'I strongly oppose the Draft 2026/27 Budget's continued allocation of Point Cook Legacy Developer Contributions to the Big Shed in Truganina or any project outside of Point Cook'

Advocacy: 5.7% (3 responses) within this theme | 1.7% of all 173 responses

Responses that call on Council to advocate to State and Federal Government for funding to deliver Point Cook infrastructure.

'Following advocacy activities should be prioritised: a bus network revamp; police staffing increase; and Werribee Magistrates Court upgrade — but these should be in addition to, not instead of, direct capital investment in Point Cook.'

Theme 3: Planning, growth, and amenity

32 responses (18.5% of total)

This theme brought together responses addressing the broader management of Wyndham's growth, planning decisions, cleanliness and amenity.

Change: 56.2%
(18 responses)

Add: 31.2%
(10 responses)

Remove: 12.5%
(4 responses)

Advocacy: 12.5%
(4 responses)

Change: 56.2% (18 responses) within this theme | 10.4% of all 173 responses

Respondents called for changes to how growth is managed and how existing funding is allocated across the municipality.

'Current road repair practices do not last, resulting in repeated patchwork on the same roads. This indicates a short-term approach rather than investing in durable, long-term solutions. I urge Council to prioritise funding for more comprehensive road rehabilitation.'

Add: 31.2% (10 responses) within this theme | 5.8% of all 173 responses

New investments requested in this theme included items like stronger waste and litter enforcement with faster clean-up response times and meaningful fines, increased tree canopy planting, youth employment and local markets.

'We still lack ideas on increasing tree cover. I believe a Council-level initiative to plant trees with a larger canopy area in addition to native plants is crucial.'

Remove: 12.5% (4 responses) within this theme | 2.3% of all 173 responses

This theme includes the universal green bin (FOGO) rollout and the Soldiers Reserve pavilion allocation (\$5.5 million) to be reconsidered.

'Scrap the green bin program in favour of quarterly bulk pick up of branches.'

Advocate: 12.5% (4 responses) within this theme | 2.3% of all 173 responses

'Perhaps the council could save the money and place it toward speed cameras and red light cameras along major roads such as Heaths and Derrimut Roads.'

Theme 4: Budget process and governance

31 responses (17.9% of total)

This theme captured responses specifically addressing the budget's financial structure, reporting transparency and the process by which decisions about spending are made. Contributions mentioning Council leadership, staffing and / wages are also included.

Change: 41.9% (13 responses)

Change: 100% (31 responses) within this theme | 17.9% of all 173 responses

Responses in this theme called for changes to how the budget is structured, allocated and governed. Also includes commentary around staff salaries and leadership at Council.

'The governance instability at Wyndham City Council — including the conduct of the Mayor, the pending Monitor appointment, materially affects the confidence ratepayers can have'

Theme 5: Transport, traffic and road congestion

29 responses (16.8% of total)

This theme covers transport concerns including the condition and prioritisation of Council's direct road capital works program, public transport gaps and active travel connections. Community identified specific roads, intersections and public transport routes causing daily issues.

Advocacy: 51.7%
(15 responses)

Add: 34.5%
(10 responses)

Change: 24.1%
(7 responses)

Remove: 3.4%
(1 responses)

Advocate: 51.7% (15 responses) within this theme | 8.7% of all 173 responses

Nearly half of all transport responses related to roads and public transport assets managed by the State Government or Public Transport Victoria. Including; Heaths Road duplication, Ballan Road and a new Wyndham Ring Road bridge over the Werribee River, new train stations / upgrades to Werribee station & bus route requests.

'Heaths Road is the main east-west connection between Wyndham Vale, Mambourin and Tarneit, and it is genuinely unmanageable most mornings and afternoons. Council can and should be loudly pushing the state to prioritise duplication and to match the federal government's \$85 million commitment to the Wyndham Ring Road.'

Add: 34.5% (10 responses) within this theme | 5.8% of all 173 responses

Requests for Council infrastructure including duplications of Sayers Road (Derrimut Road to Palmers Road), Dohertys Road and the Hopkins Road/Boundary Road intersection, intersection safety upgrade at Hogans Road/Wootten Reserve and a road safety improvement at the Duncans Road and Edwards Road intersection in Werribee.

'Emphasise on the importance for locals needs to expedite Hopkins Road and with Sayers road connection.'

Change: 17.1% (6 responses) within this theme | 4.2% of all 173 responses

Several respondents asked that the \$60.5 million roads budget be directed toward structural road rehabilitation rather than superficial resurfacing.

'The spending priorities in this budget are completely wrong. Fix the roads properly: use the \$60.5M road budget for structural reconstruction, not just cosmetic white lines on good roads.'

Remove: 3.4% (1 response) within this theme | % of all 173 responses

'Ditch the funding for dead-end bike lanes that are never used and create dangerous "disconnected" zones.'

Theme 6: Other

10 responses (5.7% of total)

Responses that don't fit into the 5 major themes.

Next steps

Feedback from this report will be considered, along with other inputs before being presented to Councillors for potential budget adoption in June 2026.



Appendix 1: Who did we hear from?

The below highlights who we heard from during our engagement via The Loop survey.

Age Group	%	Count
Under 12	0%	0
12-17	0.58%	1
18-24	1.73%	3
25-34	10.98%	19
35-44	32.95%	57
45-54	27.75%	48
55-64	14.45%	25
65+	11.56%	20
Total	100%	173

Language	%	Count
English	92.44%	159
Arabic	1.16%	2
Hindi	9.3%	16
Mandarin	4.07%	7
Nepali	0.58%	1
Punjabi	3.49%	6
Telugu	2.91%	5
Urdu	1.74%	3
Other	20.35%	35
Total	100%	173

Gender	%	Count
Female	39.31%	68
Male	52.60%	91
Prefer not to say	6.94%	12
Other	1.16%	2
Total	100%	173

Suburb	%	Count
Hoppers Crossing	5.78%	10
Mambourin	1.16%	2
Manor Lakes	2.31%	4
Point Cook	43.35%	75
Tarneit	6.94%	12
Truganina	12.14%	21
Werribee	16.18%	28
Werribee South	0.58%	1
Williams Landing	6.94%	12
Wyndham Vale	3.47%	6
Outside Wyndham	1.16%	2
Total	100%	173

Identity	Yes % of total responses	Yes count
A person living with disability and/or someone caring for a person living with disability	16.67%	29
An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person	1.16%	2
A person who identifies as LGBTQIA	5.78%	10

Appendix 2: Feedback from engagement

Below is the feedback received from the engagement question: **What feedback would you like to share about the draft Budget?**

RESPONSE
Emphasise on the importance for locals needs to expedite Hobb Road and with Sayers road connection.
Actually look at the state of traffic between Manor Lakez and Werribee. Heaths Rd need duplication. We need another river crossing to Tarneit. Ballan road cannot handle the traffic and needs duplication. Cycling on these roads is dangerous.
Why aren't funds & capital works being shared around equally? Seems more for the Tarneit/Truganina areas
Submission on Draft Budget 2026/27. As a local resident, engineer, and small business owner, I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Budget. I review this document through a lens of long-term sustainability, efficiency, and value for money—principles that are critical in both engineering practice and business operations. What the Budget Does Well There are several strong aspects worth acknowledging: - Disciplined financial intent: The commitment to returning the underlying operating result to a breakeven position by 2028/29 demonstrates awareness of long-term financial sustainability challenges. - Investment in growth infrastructure: The significant capital works program, particularly in roads, community facilities, and recreation, reflects the reality of a rapidly growing municipality and the need to keep pace with demand. - Focus on community services: Continued investment in libraries, early childhood education, and open space maintenance shows a clear understanding of community priorities. - Recognition of constraints: The budget is transparent about external pressures such as rate capping, inflation, and rising service demand, which is important for informed public discussion. These elements provide a solid foundation. Key Areas for Improvement: That said, there are several areas where the budget could be strengthened to improve long-term outcomes and financial resilience. 1. Clearer Pathway to Financial Sustainability: While the intention to reach breakeven by 2028/29 is positive, the budget does not clearly outline how this will be achieved. From a business perspective, targets without a delivery plan carry execution risk. Suggested improvement: - Define annual milestones toward breakeven. - Identify specific initiatives (cost control, revenue growth, efficiency gains) - Include contingency triggers if assumptions (e.g. inflation, wage growth) change. 2. Ongoing Structural Deficits in Services A number of service areas consistently operate at a deficit. While this is expected for some community services, the current presentation does not clearly distinguish between: - essential services that should be subsidised, and - services that could reasonably move toward partial cost recovery. Suggested improvement:- Introduce a transparent framework that classifies services by funding approach.- Set target cost recovery levels where appropriate.- Regularly review pricing against comparable councils.3. Asset Management and Lifecycle Planning As an engineer, I see asset management as one of the most critical risks facing a growing municipality. The budget acknowledges pressure from a growing asset base, but does not quantify:- the asset renewal gap - long-term maintenance liabilities Suggested improvement:- Report required vs funded asset renewal- Prioritise lifecycle maintenance alongside new builds- Avoid overextending future budgets with assets that increase ongoing costs.4. Capital Works Prioritisation The scale of the capital program is significant and commendable. However, it is not always clear how projects are prioritised. In engineering and business, capital allocation decisions are typically driven by structured criteria .Suggested improvement:- Clearly outline prioritisation methodology (e.g. safety, demand, return on investment, lifecycle cost)- Identify which projects are dependent on external funding.- Consider staging or deferring lower-priority projects if financial pressures increase.5. Revenue Diversification The current revenue base remains heavily constrained by rate capping and dependent on external funding. From a business standpoint, this creates exposure to factors outside Council's control. Suggested improvement:- Explore additional revenue streams such as: - commercial use of council assets - partnerships with private sector - user-pays models where appropriate and equitable. 6. Workforce Cost Risk The assumption of 3% wage growth appears reasonable but is uncertain given upcoming enterprise bargaining negotiations. Suggested improvement:- Model alternative scenarios (e.g. higher wage outcomes) - Identify productivity or efficiency measures to offset potential increases. 7. Performance Measurement While service indicators are included, they are not always sufficient to assess value for money. Suggested improvement:- Introduce more unit cost metrics (e.g. cost per user, cost per service delivered) - Strengthen links between spending and measurable community outcomes.8. Transparency on Cost Pressures (e.g. Waste Services)Some areas, such as waste services, show notable cost increases or shifts in financial position. Suggested improvement:- Clearly explain the drivers of these changes- Outline how pricing or service levels may need to adapt over time Final Comments Overall, this is a well-structured and transparent budget prepared under challenging conditions. It reflects a genuine effort to balance growth, service delivery, and financial constraints. From my perspective, the key opportunity is to move from a descriptive budget to a more strategically explicit and performance-driven document—one that clearly shows: - how financial sustainability will be achieved, and- how each dollar spent delivers measurable value to the community. With these refinements, the budget would provide stronger assurance that Council is not only responding to growth, but doing so in a financially disciplined and future-focused way. Tarneit station parking is a failure of govt. On top of that Council is collecting fines from poor people trying to earn their living by parking wrongly and catching train.

RESPONSE
As usual this draft is [language removed] by the [language removed] council. We have so many issues and council just issues fines and rates invoices without any concrete work done. First all the hogans road needs to be duplicated and the round about removed between hogans road and wotten reserve it's so accident prone. There are 10 schools and countless childcare's in that vicinity and also aged care just next to it. Are we waiting on disaster to happen? As a council you should be more responsible.
I would like to see a footbridge between westbrook and albright estate so that residents of westbrook can go to alcock rd reserve oval for soccer games and other play activities.
I would like to see an expansion of the Flexiride bus area to include the Albright estate or easier ways for residents of the Albright estate to get access to public transport. Albright is also suffering from numerous people parking illegally in T-intersections and on both sides of narrow streets, if some funding could be put towards appropriate parking signage and patrols of the area to enforce it that would be appreciated.
Traffic and roads
The mayor needs to resign.
A simple proposal but many houses including the one I'm in do not and would not want an extra bin. Perhaps the council could save the money and place it towards speed cameras and red light cameras along major roads such as Heath's and Derrimut Roads. I met with the local MP after I was the first response to a massive accident that occurred on Derrimut Road approximately 4 to 6 weeks ago where I witnessed three youths run from a car whilst a dead youth was on the road.
More focus on Urban transition between industrial and residential areas (Truganina). As a resident of Truganina, one aspect I feel is currently missing in the planning of our suburbs is the quality of transition between industrial and residential areas. In several parts of Truganina, the transition between these zones is very abrupt — in some cases, residential homes are directly opposite industrial land across the same street. This creates visual, noise and amenity issues and results in environments that feel harsh and fragmented rather than cohesive. I would like to suggest exploring the use of intermediate mixed-use transition zones between industrial and residential areas. These could take the form of small-scale commercial or neighbourhood activity strips that provide: •cafés and restaurants •medical and allied health services (GP, dentist, physio) •local retail and everyday services •spaces that are walkable and usable by both residents and workers Such a transition would help: •soften land-use conflicts between industry and housing •improve streetscape quality and local amenity •reduce car dependency for basic services •create more vibrant, safer and human-scaled streets Importantly, this does not require large shopping centres or major infrastructure, but rather thoughtful zoning, urban design guidelines and early planning within PSPs and future amendments. Given Truganina's continued growth, I believe addressing these hard edges now would significantly improve long-term liveability and help create more balanced and resilient neighbourhoods. Thank you for considering this as part of future planning and development decisions.
The budget ignores Mambourin, which is a vibrant and thriving community. The proposed and long awaited community centre has not been mentioned in the budget and nothing has been discussed or allocated for its masterplanning or development. The community has now more than 2000 families now, with majority having infants and toddlers. A clear roadmap should be presented on when it will be developed. How much budget is allocated for its planning, and when it will be delivered to the community. I think it's way important than allocating a huge amount of money for boating facility in the harpley estate.
Point Cook is completely overlooked in the budget. Looks like all the budget is being spent on Werribee or Traralgon/Truganina. Not happy with this.
I highly recommend with construction of Wyndham Ring Road connecting to Traralgon will make my everyday connectivity very easy and with more housing in Wyndham Vale, Werribee and Manor Lakes.
A sporting precinct on the land next to Alfred Road needs to be reconsidered as the community really needs something nearby. The obvious unbalanced nature of employees in office. Men have been disadvantaged and the balance is leaning toward going too far for women. Being a woman this disgusts me that men are disproportionately affected. Riverwalk was promised tennis courts and yet has not seen anything happening with this. Many residents are seeing huge upticks in home insurance as the companies are deeming flood zones that don't exist, this needs to be rectified. Housing block sizes are dangerously small and have many hazardous risks to life, like fires jumping to multiple properties quickly. Request to put in place a minimum standard of land size and subdivisions. The current mayor should not be paid and should stand down immediately for loss of community faith and morals.
Councillor and Mayoral allowances

RESPONSE

"The spending priorities in this budget are completely wrong.

Fix the Roads properly: Use the \$60.5M road budget for structural reconstruction, not just cosmetic white lines on good roads. I want to see right-hand arrows in the center of every intersection to prevent drifting and accidents.

Scrap 'Deadly' Bike Lanes: Ditch the funding for dead-end bike lanes that are never used and create dangerous "disconnected" zones. Redirect this money into the bitumen for car traffic.

Build Real Leisure Facilities: Instead of dumping millions into libraries and kinders, we need more leisure centres with proper pools and gyms. With the population growing, we need functional sports and fitness hubs, not more quiet rooms with computers.

Cut Library & Kinder Waste:

Libraries (\$11.9M): Stop buying physical media like CDs/DVDs—everything is online. Stop funding 'education' programs that schools already provide.

Kindergarten (\$23.9M): This is a State Government responsibility. Council shouldn't be slugging ratepayers for childcare and 'Pre-Prep' while our roads and infrastructure are failing.

Summary: Stop double-dipping on services schools already provide and stop building [language removed] bike paths. Put the money into fixing the disastrous roads and building leisure centres that the whole community actually wants to use."

We live in Albright Estate. My elderly parents live with me and we are a young family with kids who will soon need to commute to school. Access to a train station or bus stop within walking distance is a real issue for our family. I would like to request a bus stop along Doherty's road close to the Forsyth Road intersection that takes passengers either towards the city or Tarneit station. Please look into this disconnect in public transport, not everyone can drive a car to the nearest train station without depending on someone.

Regarding the bus service

We would like to get some funding to develop and enhance montgomery drive park which has bare minimum facilities. There is a big land , but no facilities like additional play stations just swings and merry go round. There are a lot of kids in this prescient but usage is low due to this .

Fix the cfa competition track at galvin park it got damaged when the new tennis courts were fixed and never repaired

Firstly, there appears to be insufficient allocation toward effective road maintenance. Current repair practices do not last, resulting in repeated patchwork on the same roads. This indicates a short term approach rather than investing in durable, long term solutions. I urge the Council to prioritise funding for more comprehensive road rehabilitation to reduce repeated costs and ongoing disruption. And to hold accountable those contractors who have done the job unsatisfactorily. Make them come back and fix it - put that in their contract. Secondly, the state of local amenity requires urgent attention. Rubbish dumping and abandoned shopping trolleys are widespread across Wyndham, contributing to a decline in the appearance and cleanliness of the area. The budget should include stronger investment in rapid clean up services, community education, and stricter enforcement measures, including meaningful fines, to deter this behaviour. This should not just be down to some of the general public reporting such issues - it is not their job! And it is soul destroying when issues are not resolved quickly and efficiently. Enforcement more broadly is a key concern. Illegal parking in cycle lanes and on nature strips, along with heavy goods vehicles parked in residential areas, continues largely unchecked. Although these matters are frequently reported through Snap Send Solve, the response appears ineffective. The budget should support more proactive and consistent enforcement strategies rather than reactive inspections that fail to address repeat offenders. I also wish to raise concerns about the Maternal and Child Health Nursing (MCHN) service. Despite the significant cost to residents, appointments are frequently cancelled, making the service unreliable. Given the importance of this service to families, the budget should ensure adequate resourcing and accountability to deliver a consistent standard of care. MCHN get paid far too much money for the service they provide. But I cannot understand why? Overall, the Draft Budget does not appear to sufficiently prioritise long term infrastructure quality, local amenity, or service reliability. I strongly encourage the Council to reconsider its allocations to better reflect these community concerns and to invest in solutions that deliver lasting outcomes. From a resident's perspective, there is a growing concern that rates continue to increase while the quality and reliability of services decline. It is difficult to justify higher charges when the basic services that residents rely on (such as road maintenance, cleanliness, and enforcement) do not appear to be improving. There also appears to be a strong focus on delivering new and visually appealing community centres and amenities. While these developments may have value, they do not address the more immediate and visible issues affecting daily life in Wyndham. Furthermore, many of these facilities are not being properly respected or maintained by sections of the community, leading to deterioration and misuse. This raises concerns about whether current spending priorities are aligned with the community's most pressing needs. Greater emphasis should be placed on maintaining existing infrastructure, improving service delivery, and ensuring that public spaces are properly managed and protected. Investment in community education and enforcement is equally important to ensure that shared assets are respected and preserved. In the context of a proposed rate increase, residents expect to see clear improvements in core services and tangible outcomes in their local environment. Without this, it becomes increasingly difficult to support further increases. I urge the Council to carefully reconsider its spending priorities and ensure that any rate increase is matched by meaningful improvements in service quality, infrastructure maintenance, and community amenity.

Increase Emergency Management Budget, Duplication of Hopkins Road & Boundary road intersection

I strongly advocate for a foot bridge between Westbrook and Albright estate so that students can commute to the new school after 6th grade in Garrang Wilam primary school.

RESPONSE

To Wyndham City Council, I am writing to express my outrage at the Draft 2026/27 Budget. It is a document that continues the systematic neglect of Point Cook while ignoring a clear moral obligation to our community. Council has confirmed that \$24.4 million in Developer Contribution Plan (DCP) funds—money specifically paid for Point Cook infrastructure—remains unspent. While Council may claim there is no "strict legal requirement" to return these funds to their suburb of origin, there is an undeniable moral requirement. Redirecting millions generated by our suburb's growth into a general pool while we face a massive infrastructure deficit is a blatant breach of public trust. The Urgent Case for an Indoor Aquatic Centre: Point Cook is a mature, high-density suburb with two critical needs that the Council is ignoring: Child Safety: In a coastal community of over 70,000 people, it is a safety crisis that thousands of children have no local access to year-round water safety and swimming lessons. Healthy Aging & Rehabilitation: With over 8,500 residents aged 60+, there is a desperate medical need for local hydrotherapy and aquatic rehabilitation. Forcing elderly residents or those in recovery to drive to Hoppers Crossing for basic health exercise is unacceptable.

If the Council argues "lack of funding," they are being disingenuous. The \$24.4 million legacy fund belongs to Point Cook. I demand that the Council fulfill its ethical duty, stop hiding behind technicalities, and ring-fence these funds immediately to deliver the Point Cook Indoor Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.

As a long-term resident and ratepayer in Point Cook, I am providing feedback on the Draft 2026/27 Budget. My primary concern is the lack of infrastructure investment in our suburb relative to the rates and developer contributions we generate.

1. Reinvestment of \$24.4 Million in Developer Contributions. It has been established that \$24.4 million in Developer Contribution Plan (DCP) funds, originally collected for Point Cook, remains unspent. I strongly object to these funds being absorbed into a general municipal pool. While it may be legally permissible, it is ethically wrong to deny Point Cook the infrastructure these funds were intended to build.
2. Indoor Aquatic Centre (Safety and Health) The most glaring omission is an Indoor Aquatic Centre at Point Cook. Thousands of local children lack a nearby facility for year-round swimming lessons—a necessity in a coastal suburb. Demographics: With more aging residents, the need for local hydrotherapy and rehab facilities is now a medical priority. We shouldn't have to leave our suburb to access basic health infrastructure, considering Point Cook is one of the largest suburbs in Australia.
3. Central Point Cook Dog Park. Despite high pet ownership, Point Cook lacks a central, well-maintained off-leash dog park. Most existing spaces are on the fringe. A portion of the \$24.4 million should be used to establish a safe, fenced dog park in a central location to improve local liveability. The empty area next to the Jamison Way sports centre is a good option.

I ask the Council to act with transparency and reinvest these legacy funds back into the community that provided them.

I note that only 25% of the 80+ projects are scoped for 'south of the freeway'. Once again showing the inequitable nature of the distribution of capital funds.

Whilst I accept that north of the freeway are developing and greenfield areas, many, if not most, of the projects there are in established areas.

I feel that the draft budget does not fairly cover the whole municipality. Given Point Cook is not only the largest suburb that does a major share of contribution to budget, and is also hobbled by being on the other side of the freeway to most parts of Wyndham. It is constantly overlooked for infrastructure. The recent decision to further utilise Point Cook's legacy development funds elsewhere is also quite disappointing. While I do not take anything away from other areas diverse needs it does appear that council has grown too big and the recent 11 ward system has done our community no favours with a established 6:5 voting bloc that clearly overlays in much the same way the map shows the budget investment on the loop. Wyndham is simply too big and too diverse with many competing needs which cannot be solved by robbing Peter to pay Paul.

No investment on Williams Landing. Our suburb needs a school and community facilities.

Can something please be done about the Duncan's and Edward's Road Werribee intersection lived here all my 62 years and I'm too scared to do a right hand turn out of Edward's road just too dangerous.

Point Cook is one of the largest and fastest-growing suburbs in the municipality, yet it continues to be overlooked when it comes to meaningful upgrades and recreational infrastructure. Despite the significant population growth and increasing demand for community facilities, there has been little visible reinvestment into the suburb. This stands in contrast to funding being directed toward smaller or less rapidly expanding areas, raising concerns about the fairness and transparency of resource allocation. Residents in Point Cook contribute substantially through rates and, importantly, through developer contributions associated with ongoing growth. It is reasonable to expect that a fair proportion of these funds be reinvested back into the suburb to support the infrastructure needs created by that very growth. The current lack of upgrades and recreational facilities is not keeping pace with the needs of the community. This risks impacting livability, community wellbeing, and long-term sustainability of the area. A clearer commitment is needed to ensure that Point Cook receives equitable funding and priority for future infrastructure projects. At a minimum, this should include transparency around how developer contributions are allocated and a defined plan for reinvestment into Point Cook. Residents deserve to see tangible outcomes that reflect the scale and contribution of their community.

Your moral compass is in jeopardy of being harshly judged, why because your not applying equal shares of the work/ funds to ALL residents. Wake up CEO and the rest of your brood as we are all now watching and will BE HEARD.

I would like to reflect my disappointment in the lack of infrastructure and funding directed towards Point Cook. No outdoor facility or public pool is beyond disappointing.

I think infrastructure should be a priority before any thing else, we need light at the intersection of Shaws Road and Tarneit Road, and the quicker the continuation of Hobbs road the better.

As a Point Cook resident, I'm really disappointed to see the allocation of funds from development in Point Cook being placed in other suburbs. I travel to Altona or Werribee for my health and fitness. I simply don't understand why there are no plans being considered for an aquatic centre in Point Cook when it has been raised time and again. My family is moving out of Point Cook next year as the facilities are lagging behind and can't support our growing family.

RESPONSE

Have your say, because this budget matters for Point Cook.

I am very disappointed that there is no new investment in Point Cook

There is no funding for an indoor sports facility, despite Council unanimously recognising the need, and not even funding to plan for one.

There is no aquatic facility, and no real upgrades to parks in Cheetham Ward, only basic maintenance.

This is happening while our community continues to grow and the pressure on our infrastructure increases.

I am concerned to see \$500,000 allocated to the Big Shed project following Council's decision. Funding raised from Point Cook developer contributions is being spent outside our area on a project forecast to operate at a loss. In total, close to \$25 million collected from our community is being directed elsewhere.

Point Cook is one of the largest suburbs in Australia, yet we still do not have an indoor recreation facility of scale. Our community contributes significantly, but this is not being reflected in this budget. our community is not receiving its fair share And it deserves fairer investment.

Point Cook seems to be missing out on sport facilities, swim pools, movie theatres and other things a big area like P C needs. Everyone has to drive out of Point Cook to go to these places..as well as to work. The roads are not made for the numbers of vehicles and people don't have all day to sit in car queues. \$ that were to be used in P C should be used for P C. Not somewhere else.

There are no initiatives being budgeted for Point Cook, despite it being one of the largest suburbs in the country. The fact that developer funds that were raised for Point Cook are being directed elsewhere is also not acceptable.

I would like to expand on the concern regarding the allocation in the Wyndham budget, particularly in relation to Point Cook.

Point Cook is one of the largest and fastest-growing communities within the City of Wyndham, with a significant and diverse population. Despite this, the suburb continues to be underrepresented when it comes to key infrastructure investment. A major example of this is the lack of a dedicated indoor stadium something that has been discussed and even considered for approval in the past, but has not materialised.

Given the size of the community and the strong participation in sports such as basketball, badminton, tennis, and indoor cricket, the absence of such a facility places unnecessary pressure on neighbouring suburbs and limits opportunities for local residents, especially children and families, to access structured sporting activities.

It is also important to highlight that Point Cook has generated substantial developer contributions over the years. These funds are intended to support local infrastructure in line with community growth. However, there is a growing perception within the community that these contributions are being redirected to other areas, raising valid concerns about transparency, equity, and fairness in how funds are allocated. I respectfully request greater clarity on:

- * How developer contributions collected from Point Cook are being utilised within the community

- * The rationale behind infrastructure prioritisation across suburbs

- * Whether there is a timeline or renewed plan for delivering an indoor stadium in Point Cook

Ensuring that Point Cook receives its fair share of investment is critical to maintaining community wellbeing, supporting active lifestyles, and keeping pace with its continued growth.

We hope this feedback is taken into consideration in future planning and budget decisions.

I am a resident of Point Cook and would like to express my concerns regarding the Proposed Annual Plan and Budget 2026–27. Point Cook is one of the largest and fastest-growing communities in Wyndham, yet this budget does not include funding for critical infrastructure such as an indoor sports facility or an aquatic centre. More concerning is the absence of any planning or design funding, which indicates these projects are not being progressed in the near future. This is particularly troubling given the current pressures on existing facilities. Ongoing maintenance disruptions and closures at AquaPulse highlight how limited our aquatic infrastructure already is. With a growing population and increasing demand, reliance on a single major facility that is experiencing service interruptions is not sustainable. I am also concerned about the allocation of developer contributions collected from growth areas such as Point Cook being directed toward projects outside our community. Greater transparency and fairness is needed so residents can see a clear connection between contributions and local benefit. Council should prioritise funding for the planning and design of an indoor sports facility and an aquatic centre in Point Cook to ensure our community receives a fair and appropriate level of investment.

Please read this proposal document

Despite its size and continued growth, Point Cook remains under-serviced compared to demand. Priority should be given to easing congestion at key access points, and delivering essential local infrastructure such as an indoor sports facility and aquatic centre, rather than relying on facilities in other suburbs. These investments would better reflect the needs of a large, family-oriented community.

Point Cook / Cheetham Ward gets basically nothing. Developers funding money meant for Point Cook is being directed to other parts of Wyndham which is fundamentally wrong. Point Cook is one of Australia's largest suburbs and further large scale residential development projects are planned which will put further pressure on crime, grid locked traffic getting to the freeway & lack of indoor activities for local youth.

The above comments are made without even mentioning the unbecoming behaviour of the current Mayor who should have resigned immediately with regards to him previously writing a letter (on his JP paperwork) supporting his friend who admitted guilt and was charged with assaulting a 15 year old minor. This sort of behaviour and poor error of judgement should not be acceptable for anyone that ends of being Mayor.

RESPONSE

To Wyndham City Council, I would like to provide feedback regarding the Draft Budget 2026/27 and raise serious concerns about the use of development contribution funds collected from Point Cook community. Point Cook has been one of the fastest growing suburbs in Wyndham for many years and has made a significant contribution through development contributions, rates, and continued population growth. These funds were collected with the expectation that they would help deliver the infrastructure, public facilities, and community improvements needed to support the Point Cook area as it expanded.

However, many residents are deeply concerned that funds generated from Point Cook may be redirected to projects in other parts of Wyndham, while Point Cook continues to experience unmet local needs. This creates a strong sense of unfairness within the community. Despite being a large and rapidly growing suburb, Point Cook still does not have a major municipal indoor sports stadium or equivalent large-scale community sporting facility. For a suburb of this size and importance within Wyndham, this is disappointing and highlights the gap between the growth of the population and the delivery of essential infrastructure. It is difficult to understand why funds raised from Point Cook are not being prioritised to address the long-standing issues within the suburb itself. Development contributions should reflect the principle that growth-funded revenue is reinvested back into the communities that generated it. When this does not occur, community trust is weakened and residents feel overlooked despite their substantial contribution.

I respectfully ask Council to: Prioritise the Point Cook funds for Point Cook infrastructure and community needs Consider delivery of a major indoor sports stadium/community recreation facility in Point Cook Commit to fairer allocation of future growth contributions Point Cook residents are not asking for special treatment—only that funds generated by our community be used fairly to support the community that helped create them. Thank you for considering this important feedback.

I do not believe the current council as it stands with [the Mayor] mayor and the vote of no confidence can create a budget that considers all of Wyndham fairly. It is striking that Tarneit is receiving considerable development whilst Point Cook which has high population, does not even have a community pool. I would like to see some recreational facilities in Point Cook, which has been neglected in this budget by what I believe to be a dysfunctional council.

Fair Distribution of funds, you are sucking money from Point Cook to bank roll other projects, we are continually being over looked. Please be fair in your distribution. The Aquatic Centre has been a big ask from us for number of years continually over looked.

Need to utilise money towards infrastructure. Needs Truganina station as a priority, needs Doherty's road to be doubled lane . Needs more bus services for truganina on Doherty's road . More trains for Tarniet

Where are facilities for point cook. We (as home buyers) learnt you your massive money stash and it was meant to go back into our community. Instead you use it to buy other votes

As a long term Point Cook resident, I am deeply disappointed in this budget. There is no funding, not even for planning for an indoor sports facility, despite unanimous Council recognition of the need. No aquatic facility, and only basic park maintenance, while our community continues to grow.

The \$500,000 allocated to the Big Shed project is particularly concerning. Developer contribution funds raised in Point Cook are being spent elsewhere on a project forecast to operate at a loss. In total, nearly \$25 million collected from our community is being redirected outside our area.

Point Cook is Australia's largest suburb. We contribute significantly, and this budget does not reflect that. Our community deserves fairer investment.

Use Point Cook funding for Point Cook to improve and expand on the infrastructure which is currently buckling under pressure, roads, lack of train station, adequate grocery shops and other shops. Aquatic centre, better sport facilities the list is endless!

Opposition to \$24.4M Point Cook Developer Contribution Funding Redirection for "The Big Shed" As a long-term Point Cook resident, I strongly oppose the Draft 2026/27 Budget's continued allocation of \$24.4 million in Point Cook Legacy Developer Contributions to "The Big Shed" in Truganina or any project outside of Point Cook. These funds were collected from our local developments and should be reinvested where they were generated. Point Cook still suffers from major infrastructure deficits, including the lack of a public aquatic centre, insufficient indoor sports courts, and unresolved road congestion. It is inequitable to fund a regional venue elsewhere while these core local needs remain unfunded. I urge Council to return these "Legacy" funds to a dedicated Point Cook Infrastructure Fund to finally deliver the facilities our community. What is not illegal (not return the money to PC) does not mean it is morally right.

Please review my proposal in the following document.

The budget would be much better if the 'Mayor' finally stood down. But instead here we are, yet again arrogance and self interests take priority. His continued venture as Mayor is appalling and shows 0 regards for the victims of child abuse. The community wants you gone and never to be in a position of power ever again. How ridiculous that he feels that he should continue when community does not want him there. The ego of Preet is the size of the milkyway, put your ego back in the box and resign, We don't want you there, we want someone with decency and a moral compass, you did the wrong thing, trust is gone and it will never be repaired. The community will never forget your appalling behaviour.

No one will care as long as [the Mayor] is still mayor. Resign now.

If like some funding allocated towards an indoor sporting facility or an aquatic centre in Point Cook. Money collected from this ward needs to be used for the development of this ward.

RESPONSE
Appalling that funds allocated for Point Cook are being used over the FREEWAY. People bought in these developments knowing that the developers allocated funds for our future services. This budget proposal for these major works being built away from main residential areas of point cook and Not within a reasonable distance for the majority of point cook residents is a failure in ethical government fund management. There has been very little transparency with the community and cherry picked information to back up the decisions. Call an election. There is no trust in this mayor with his personal ethics recently on display and the fact that a monitor is coming in shows nothing on this budget should be approved without further oversight and investigation into how these decisions have been made.
I want point cook funds to be spent inside point cook, and not in any other suburb
Point cook pay the highest rates and nothing is being invested in Point Cook. [road name redacted] street is like a roller coaster with all the cars from other suburbs driving to Alamanda school. Very biased that Truganina is receiving all the funds and used for a specific community purposes. So called cultural building, which translates to me funding their daily wedding venue!!
am raising concerns regarding how the draft 2026–27 budget addresses the needs of Point Cook, one of the largest and fastest-growing suburbs in Wyndham. The draft budget presents substantial total investment; however, it does not provide a clear breakdown of spending at a suburb or ward level. This limits the ability of residents to assess whether funding is aligned with population density and infrastructure demand. In high-growth areas such as Point Cook, this lack of transparency is a significant issue. Council minutes indicate that developer contributions associated with growth in Point Cook are being allocated across broader areas. While this may comply with Development Contributions Plan frameworks, it raises a legitimate question about proportional reinvestment. A suburb generating substantial growth-related revenue should reasonably expect a corresponding level of local infrastructure delivery. There is also an observable infrastructure lag in Point Cook. Road congestion, pressure on community facilities, and demand for open space continue to increase. The draft budget does not clearly demonstrate a targeted or accelerated response to these pressures. At the same time, significant capital is being directed toward centralised projects such as the Wyndham Cultural Centre redevelopment. While cultural infrastructure is important, such facilities typically operate at a net cost to council and require ongoing subsidy. This creates a long-term financial obligation that may reduce flexibility in future budgets. Given that council has identified constraints including rate caps, rising costs, and the need for borrowing, prioritisation becomes critical. In this context, it is reasonable to question whether current allocations appropriately balance city-wide projects with the immediate infrastructure needs of high-growth suburbs. I recommend that council: Provide clearer suburb-level reporting of capital and operational expenditure Demonstrate how developer contributions are reinvested relative to their source areas Prioritise infrastructure delivery in line with population growth and demand Clearly outline the long-term financial impact of major projects on future service capacity These steps would improve transparency, accountability, and confidence that growth areas such as Point Cook are being adequately supported.
We need more free parking at the Williams Landing station. We also need more frequent public transportation from and towards Point Cook and Williams Landing station.
Hi,I live in Jubilee Estate, and honestly we need better parks, grounds, and sports facilities within the next 2–3 years, not after 20 years. Families and kids are growing fast in this area, but the infrastructure is not keeping up. Another major issue across the Wyndham City Council area is rubbish and cleanliness. You can see litter everywhere in Manor Lakes, Werribee, and Tarneit. Compared to the eastern suburbs, the streets and nature strips here often look dirty and poorly maintained. We need a better system for waste management and regular maintenance to keep the area clean and pleasant. Manor Lakes also needs more essential shops and services like a post office, Officeworks, and other major stores so residents don't always have to travel far for basic needs. Balan Road Duplication - Important
It is deeply concerning to see official communication or drafts from a Mayor who has lost the confidence of his entire Council. By utilizing a Victoria Legal Aid template for property theft to mitigate the sentence of [someone] convicted, Cr. Singh has demonstrated a profound lack of judgment and a failure to uphold the standards of his office. His attempt to diminish a child's trauma to the level of a property crime is incompatible with community values. As a unanimous vote of no confidence has already been passed, the community no longer views his leadership as credible or trustworthy. No one in the community believes he cares for the voices of the people — especially our most vulnerable children. Shame on the Council. Where is the Monitor?
I am a resident of Point Cook and would like to express concern about the Proposed Annual Plan and Budget 2026–27. Point Cook is one of the fastest-growing areas in Wyndham, yet there is no funding for an indoor sports facility or aquatic centre, and no planning funding to progress these projects. With ongoing pressure on existing facilities, including disruptions at AquaPulse, it is clear that current infrastructure is not meeting community needs. I also request greater transparency around how developer contributions from Point Cook are being allocated, as residents expect to see fair investment in their local area. Council should prioritise plan and delivery of key community infrastructure in Point Cook to support its growing population.
Please include a plan to build Sports facility opposite to Ellarook Estate on Woods road, Truganina as per the actual precinct plan from 2014. Thousands of rates paying residents of the area demands for dual sports grounds suitable for various sporting activities including Cricket and Soccer.
I think the budget is a continuation of programs that are similar in nature to the past years. As a responsible citizen of Wyndham , I would like to suggest the focus of the budget to shift more towards cleaner and greener wyndham. We still lack ideas on increasing the tree cover area, the planted vegetation is not sufficient enough to provide sufficient tree cover in the future. I believe a council level initiative to plant trees that have a larger shed area in addition to native plants are more crucial. Secondly, the budget should start focussing on young children development as it is one of the councils with highest number of young children. Specially , transition from primary to high children should be more targeted through the program. Lastly, council should strictly run campaigns for general rubbish management and impose strict rules for mismanagement and public littering which is wide specially in newly built estates, and common littering in built areas as well.
Get [the Mayor] out, this is not about legality, it is about morality. You cannot make a 'mistake' like this and continue leading a community. Out Out OUT!
As a point cook rate payer why am my rates being spent in other areas? Point Cool is mentioned once. I feel I live in a black hole for amenities and services and there seems no plan to improve or increase services inside my community. This further adds to the need for driving to access services within the wider Wyndham area which seems counter productive to the focus on green living

RESPONSE

Please put in more bus service for route 152. It's extremely difficult to communicate for the residents of the area from the Leaks - Alcock intersection till the Leaks - Palmers intersection with such limited service. Especially going to Williams Landing Station or Tarneit Station is a nightmare!

After reading the proposed budget, it is impossible to ignore what has now become a very clear and consistent pattern. Point Cook is simply once again left behind. At this point, it is no longer convincing to talk about future planning and growth. Those phrases have been used repeatedly, yet the outcome for Point Cook remains exactly the same. The language has evolved but the results do not. The budget speaks about delivering for the community, listening to residents, ensuring equity across Wyndham, and balancing priorities. But for Point Cook, those words have lost their meaning because they are not reflected in what is actually being delivered. Council cannot continue to talk about fairness while repeatedly delivering something that looks very different. There has been a growing and rapidly uncomfortable sense in the community that decisions are not aligning with what is being promised. That some voices are louder than others and that some suburbs matter more than others. There was even a very clear dig at Point Cook by our recent former Mayor on his own Cr Facebook page (deleted right before he became Mayor, of course). These do not all add up to coincidence. There is a very clear pattern here. Point Cook is not an emerging suburb. It is the largest and most established community in Wyndham right now, and it has been for years. Yet somehow, it continues to be treated like it can wait. Point Cook residents are being taken for granted. Year after year we are handed the same outcome, dressed up in different language. The budget doesn't read like a budget for the whole community. It reads like a set of priorities, and clearly Point Cook and its residents aren't one of them. And then there is the ongoing frustration around the developer contributions. Funds that many residents reasonably expect to be reinvested into the communities they came from. When those funds are directed elsewhere, it only reinforces the belief that Point Cook is being asked to contribute, but not receive. It is incredibly hard to justify. Point Cook struggles with traffic congestion, lack of infrastructure to keep up with the population, pressure on schools and services, limited upgrades compared to growth, stretched facilities. And for a suburb this size, the lack of a major aquatic or leisure facility is hard to justify when these exist in smaller suburbs. Residents are required to travel outside of the area for basic services and facilities that should already exist within the community. The trust is completely gone, but I can assure you that it wasn't lost overnight.

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Why there is nothing for Williams Landung in the budget 1. No library ? 2. No community centre space ?

Why PointCook is being unfairly treated in the budget

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed budget. Point Cook is one of the largest and fastest-growing suburbs in Australia, yet our community continues to miss out on important infrastructure. We still do not have a major indoor sports facility or an aquatic centre, despite the growing needs of local families, young people, and sporting groups. I am disappointed that this budget does not include funding for an indoor sports facility in Point Cook, or even funding to begin planning for one. Our parks also need more than basic maintenance as our community continues to grow. I am also concerned that funding collected from Point Cook developer contributions is being spent on projects outside our area, such as the Big Shed project. Point Cook residents deserve to see fair investment in our own community. I urge Council to prioritise the needs of Point Cook and invest in the facilities our community urgently needs. Thank you for considering my feedback.

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Not happy that not much is allocated to Williams Landing due to following reasons

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Can we have an allocation for a proper Community Centre and Library built for Williams Landing?

I live in Westbrook Estate. In order for us to go to Albright or Elpis estate, we have to drive. It will be very beneficial if there is a footpath access connection between these estates. It will not only help community but also less car on road means less pollution.

This Budget is a disgrace! The theft of Point Cook's Development Funds to be used on major works for other suburbs is hard to comprehend. Why can't they use their own Development Funds? The Council should be ashamed of themselves.

Davis road widening Implement a parking zone within the area of the islamic centre and islamic college along davis road because residents along the area are unable to use road to get in and out of our garage due to double parking

WTTA is celebrating 50 years of providing the community the opportunity to participate in the sport of Table Tennis. Wyndham Council is happy to advertise that this sport is available to the community yet we have never received any support to help us grow in 50 years and the progress made has been purely the efforts of unpaid volunteers. We have around 250 members operating out of Eagle Stadium which consumes most of our funds in hiring fees. This results in our fees being too high and some members unable to afford to play. Space is also limited which restricts us in growing further and if the council provided us our own space, we would have more members, reduce fees and operate for more hours. We are also constantly needing to setup the tables and putting them away which costs us time and possible injuries. Looking at the hundreds of millions that the council spends, it is amazing that not 1 cent is put towards building a better facility for rate payers to be able to play table tennis. We have approached the council previously, inviting councillors to our venue, spent money in drawings but our requests seems to fall on deaf ears. My feedback for the draft budget would be to invest some funding to either building a facility or assist us with the hiring fees at Eagle Stadium. We are a not for profit association so any help we receive will go back to our members by providing them reduced fees and more discounts to families. I don't know if anyone will even read this or bother to contact us with an explanation as to why we receive no help from Wyndham Council when we are providing a service to the community.

I am disappointed that time again point cook doesn't receive it's due. That is extremely unfair, given that we're the largest suburb and we barely have community facilities like swimming pool/aquatic centres. At least a major portion of developer funds collected in Point Cook should be spent in Point Cook.

As always, Point Cook delivers the most and gets the least

The key question for me is that I am unclear how any of the budget aligns with or contributes to the 2050 goals. It feels like a business as usual managerial type budget. In an area that is growing and has a real shortfall in key infrastructure all I see from this budget is that it is timid thinking. Cashflows from operating activities are expected to grow significantly and the narrative seems to be to bank it as financial asset. How about trading that and exchanging for community assets. I recognise the need for fiscal viability but given the purpose of councils existing for the community some additional risks need to be taken to trade off for better community growing assets in exchange for the ones that sit on some balance sheet as a financial one.

RESPONSE

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Proposed 2026–27 Annual Plan and Budget.

I am a local resident writing to advocate for dedicated funding allocation towards Kingsford Common Park and Longreach Parade Park in the 2026–27 budget or forward planning cycle. The budget's commitment to Strategic Objective 3 — A Clean and Green City — recognises that open spaces are valued, protected, and enjoyed by the community, and that residents prioritise maintaining and improving green spaces, playgrounds, and walking paths. Both parks directly serve this objective and are well-used community assets that would benefit from investment. I note the budget allocates \$32.8 million to park and open space maintenance and \$25.1 million to open space projects, including the \$4 million Parks Asset Renewal Program and the \$2.25 million Open Space Upgrade Program, both described as citywide in scope. I respectfully request that Kingsford Common Park and Longreach Parade Park be considered for inclusion in these programs. With Wyndham's population growing rapidly toward 337,000 and projected to approach half a million by 2050, equitable distribution of open space investment across all neighbourhoods is essential. The budget acknowledges the need to serve not only new communities but established ones that already call Wyndham home. These two parks serve a growing residential catchment and deserve recognition in Council's investment priorities. I encourage Council to include both parks in the 2026–27 open space program, or at minimum schedule a formal assessment for inclusion in the forward capital works plan.

I would like to tender a request for improvements to the facilities at Bolivar Esplanade Pack, Truganina. This park is used by a diverse cohort from our community. I would like the provision of toilets, BBQ equipment, additional seating and extended playground equipment (sandpit, flying fox, maybe soccer nets for the open space etc.). This park is often packed after the local school finishes at 3pm weekdays and often elderly residents use it as a gathering and social spot. Unfortunately however, the elderly community in particular can be seen urinating nearby due to not having facilities in close proximity.

For several years now the WGBC has held meetings with the Council regarding new change rooms, especially for both sexes, and it has been on the council's agenda, but still nothing.

More Activity centers

I would like to see provisions for the construction of the foot bridge that will connect westbrook estate road to albright estate. We have extremely limited access to the Garrang Wilam school from Westbrook estate, which is our designated zoned school by the department of education. This is not only a safety risk as children must walk and cycle across the bridge on Doherty's road which has a regular speed limit of 80km/hr, there are also economic consequences for residents as our children are unable to independently access the school.

During this tough financial era, I believe it would be wise to consider circulation of the local economy: encouraging spending locally with regular local markets at the Wyndham Park to facilitate this.

Looking at the budget, I can't see any focus on reducing increasing homelessness numbers, Senior specific focus or other issues that are difficult to solve but must be addressed now or numbers will continue to increase. For example, access to mini buses to transport high needs people to Community Centres is something that must be looked into. I am aware of multiple people who can't access Centres due to mobility issues and the buses certainly don't provide this assistance due to their unreliability and no seating available at bus stops.

Duplication of Sayers Road from derrimut road to palmers road. I am sick of this daily congestion and I'm sure half of Wyndham is.

The unexcusable amount being spent on Solders reserve new pavilion which cannot ever be based on need. This is an excuse for one councillor and their family who have a relationship with that club who has a petty dislike for another club who received BUT had to pay for a similar building.

The big difference her though Soldiers is land locked with only one Oval where as any other area has more than one sometimes four like Galvin plus netball courts etc and here we see Soldiers being given more for one little area. Palms being greased here.

There is no funding for capital works development in Truganina for AFL football or Netball, in particular for Mainview Reserve, we have requested through Capital works submissions for five years to have or infrastructure improved, we require, many improvements, for kitchen redevelopment to allow for larger number of catering, car parking spaces and traffic congestion improvements, storage facilities, both internally and externally, shade and weather protection, spectator seating, upgrading to oval 2 lighting covert to LED, for netball we require local netball courts for training and player development, netball is neglected in the Bemim Ward.

The 2026/27 budget is well-balanced in the short term, maintaining services while investing in growth. However, it relies on borrowing, external funding, and restricted revenue sources, which introduces longer-term financial sustainability risks for ratepayers.

Point Cook need a public swimming pool Also we need more public toilets in parks

Fails to address basic human rights in existing facilities such as change rooms for all genders and officials. For example Presidents Park baseball pavilion hasn't been upgraded since the 1980s and is unable to provide appropriate change facilities in a respectful way, either genders and official share or change in public, neither is acceptable and denied human rights of privacy, safety and security. Always response is its in a Olan but its neceer delivered. Although the mayor would probably endorse the current situation. Im surprised that it hasn't already gone to the Equal Opportunity or Human Rights commisioners, yet another faux pas the council can ill afford.

Not enough financial resources in the budget for Point Cook.

Scrap green bin program in favour of quarterly bulk pick up of branches.

RESPONSE
There seems to be absolutely nothing dedicated to making aged and ageing community members feel safer, be more connected to community or support participation in their local communities.
For the love of God please commit to the development of the District Ave sports precinct in Riverwalk. Funds have been allocated in prior budgets but the estate is now 10+ years old with this promised resource to the community. Tennis courts and a soccer field would be particularly good!
I strongly believe that we should push for the Truganina Train Station.
I would like to see a larger portion of the budfet dedicated to improving cycling and walking infastructure, I believe making Wyndham a more pedestrian friendly city will both make the city a nicer place to live and help improve overall traffic in the area by giving residents more options when it comes to traversing the local area.
Werribee train station needs upgrade, sometimes I feel like we are not in Australia, also, ticket gate should installed, we forget to tap and in melbourne central they dont believe its not a deliberate act from us. Train station should UPGRADE must.
Riverwalk and Kingsleigh estates have no had any improvements since it was established more than 7yrs ago. Traffic turning to onto freeway at Tindale Boulevard is very dangerous and multiple accidents have occurred. This area has become a thoroughfare for residents in adjoining suburbs. Parking outside my home has become dangerous and my car damaged on several occasions due to cars cutting corners at excessive speed. I have bee fined for parking on my nature stop when my safety is compromised. Stop wasting money on friendship ceremonies and other meetings that do not directly benefit the community as a whole. Stop singling out different cultures & different religions. We should all here be to enjoy the Australian way of life and not segregate into individual municipalities. Make the streets safer - - not just in Tarneit. Give Point Cook the development fund back to use on local infrastructure as it was meant to be used for, we don't need another facility, in Tarneit or Truganina we need lower rates and less spend on council wages & salary - This will benefit everyone.
Point Cook is one of the biggest suburbs in Australia, yet we are mostly getting studies and designs while other suburbs are getting actual construction projects. This budget is treating Point Cook residents unfairly. With not even a single pain point being addressed or even considered in this budget for the suburb probably paying major share of the rates, is truely appalling and a blatant misjustice to the community. The suburb needs a new aquatic centre, improved road conditions to tackle bottlenecks during peak hours, an open space for community activities, another library. This is all keeping in mind the existing and ever growing population of the suburb. With the huge sum council received as developer funds from Point Cook it's only fair that this suburb gets its major share as it's in dire need of it.
I am writing to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27. As a local founder ([organisation name redacted]), I believe the budget should allocate space for "low-risk, co-designed pilots" that address social cohesion and community wellbeing. I have developed the "RBW Framework (Respect, Belonging, Wellbeing)" specifically to support integrated responses to these challenges. I look forward to discussing how this Victorian-founded framework can align with Wyndham's strategic priorities
Why is there always planned works for Tarneit? You keep building new housing estates down Ballan road in Wyndham vale and after 15+ years all you've done is close off the entrance to Ballan road from McGrath road so you could put in a dedicated bus lane. All that's managed to do so far is make Bolten road almost unusable it's absolutely insane. I have to use that road every day. There is literally bumper to bumper traffic most hours of the day to the point where I feel a sense of dread every time I have to go anywhere. I work nights so public transport isn't an option but even after midnight I get stuck in traffic going down heaths road heading to Wyndham vale. I literally hate living here now and I've been in this area for 37 years. If I could afford to I would leave here in a second because while you may celebrate this being one of the fastest growing areas I can promise you the general public living in Wyndham is definitely not celebrating this fact because it is impossible to move anywhere around here without huge crowds. I miss being the shire of Wyndham when no one wanted to live here coz we were near the dump ever since we became the city of Wyndham the standard of living has been steadily declining. When are you going to put in another bridge over the Werribee river ideally up near manor lakes so there is more than 2 ways to get in and out of Wyndham vale? Something has to give before we all snap and go insane. Please just stop building houses down here it's too much I'm starting to get claustrophobic, this council is literally draining us all of our sanity to the point I'm like when will climate change or AI or both wipe out humanity coz I don't know how much longer I can take it. If I can work out a way to afford it I'm moving to Tasmania where there is less people and more affordable housing and I'm telling anyone who will listen not to move to Wyndham vale. As soon as someone hears I live down this way they either immediately sympathise about the traffic or if they live here also we get into a conversation about how terrible it is to live here now because of the traffic. This council must be raking it in with all the rates they're getting so please we're begging you DO SOMETHING anything just fix it.
why such a large increase in landfill income? Has the RDF Committee updated meeting minutes since Feb 2024? There is nothing since then?

RESPONSE

Here are the primary areas of concern and feedback regarding the draft budget:

1. Transparency of the Operating Result (The "Surplus" Illusion) The Issue: The draft budget reports an official accounting surplus of \$13.2 million (a +1.68% adjusted underlying surplus ratio). However, this figure is artificially inflated by including non-monetary developer contributions and \$26 million in developer interest income. The Feedback: When these non-operational, non-cash items are stripped away, Wyndham City Council is actually facing a true operating deficit of -\$12.8 million (-3.01%). This indicates a structural deficit where everyday operational revenue fails to cover everyday operational expenses. The community deserves a transparent, restated operating result on the face of the budget rather than having these realities hidden in the technical notes.

2. Rapid Debt Escalation The Issue: The Council's indebtedness is scheduled to expand aggressively. Loans and borrowings are set to double from 7.54% (\$40 million) in 2025/26 to 16.48% (\$87.7 million) in 2026/27, on an unchecked trajectory toward \$112.7 million (21.14%) by 2028/29. The Feedback: This structural debt escalation is being undertaken without a disclosed "Debt Affordability Cap" linked to own-source revenue. Accumulating debt at this velocity to plug structural gaps, rather than funding isolated, high-ROI long-term infrastructure, is financially reckless.

3. Underfunding of Infrastructure and Asset Renewal The Issue: The Asset Renewal and Upgrade ratio for 2026/27 is projected at 92.43%, which already sits below the 100% target required to maintain existing assets relative to their consumption rate. Alarming, Council's own long-term projections show this ratio collapsing further to 61.74% by 2028/29. The Feedback: Council is creating a severe infrastructure backlog. By underfunding asset renewal to make the current budget look cleaner, Council is running down its existing asset base and passing an enormous "intergenerational tax" and deferred maintenance burden onto future ratepayers.

4. Instances of Material Waste and Disproportionate Spending The Issue: While core infrastructure renewal is being squeezed, discretionary and administrative operational costs are spiking significantly. Specifically:

Events and Placemaking expenditures are increasing by +111.7% (\$1.982M to \$4.196M).

Funding for a "SPARK Hub 3.0" and a \$500k "Big Shed" have been allocated without clear, publicly justified business cases or demonstrated returns on investment (ROI).

Community Engagement and Advocacy budgets are expanding (Advocacy alone is up +108.7% to \$812k), yet community satisfaction benchmarks continue to fall.

The Feedback: Council must re-prioritize its spending. Discretionary operational spending should be re-pegged to inflation or frozen until the structural deficit is eliminated and the asset renewal gap is closed.

5. Failure to Provide for Known Operational Risks The Issue: The budget fails to financially provision for major upcoming, highly probable economic triggers, choosing instead to list them merely as unquantified "Budget Influences." These include:

The expiration of the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) on June 30, 2026, where a mere 1% overshoot on the assumed 3% wage increase represents an unbudgeted \$2.13 million risk.

The undisclosed, unprovisioned cost of the government-appointed Monitor. The hidden cash outflows of \$16.5 million drawn down from the Refuse Disposal Facility (RDF) provision for waste facility rehabilitation, which severely impacts liquidity but is kept invisible on the P&L. The Feedback: A financially disciplined budget must include active provisions and sensitivity analyses (e.g., modeling a 10% or 25% drop in development activity) to protect ratepayers from sudden, severe financial shocks.

the initiatives to create more community spaces like centres and recreations areas are great. However, knowing the population of Wyndham is rapidly increasing, I don't see many incentives to support the youth or local businesses. As a long term resident who has grown up here, the lack of employment opportunities and third-spaces are increasingly low. The budget plan proposes ideas that aren't 'new' and mainly aimed at families and younger children (below 15). The whole Wyndham area is severely underdeveloped when compared to other suburbs like point cook or Caroline springs. I have to make the effort to drive 20-30 minutes outside of Wyndham just to be closer to better retail store, late night trade and even local parks. All i've seen in this area is support for big businesses and data centres which help corporations and the council generate income but how does this help the wider community? Other suburbs have great support for local and independent businesses and here, there's barely spaces available to even start one unless youre a corporation. We don't need more crammed townhouses and lots, we don't need a servo and mcdonalds on every corner. we need new areas for locals so they can work and live in the same area. knowing at least 60% of residents have to look for work outside Wyndham shouldnt be normal but it is. Nor does the current infrastructure support major population growth, nor does it ease travel times for residents. The current roadworks are a nightmare to navigate and thats because of poor council planning this past decade. I would like to see more incentive to push for smaller businesses, more allocation to improve current parks and preserve the farm areas we have. In the budget planning does the infrastrture align with the population growth? Do services help people of all ages and not just new families moving into this area? I want to see quality of life prioritised over creating more housing. Tarneit and its surrounding areas would be great if wasn't crammed around warehouses and major construction sites. I want to see more street parking as so many people have trucks and multiple cars which take all the space on the street and leave barely any for driving. Prioritising proper planning now will alleviate the burden long term.

Whilst the presented 26/27 draft budget makes for a nice wish-list I don't believe the Council should be spending more than its income. No household budget would survive under these circumstances and would be restricted by loan repayments in later years.

Also, I would like to see more money spent on footpath reconstruction. A significant number of footpaths in Hoppers Crossing would fail to meet conditions to be classed as a suitable surface for pedestrians and in no way meet the current Australian Standard AS 1428.

Hoppers Crossing is one of the oldest suburbs in Wyndham and, understandably, has footpaths that have deteriorated over a very long time. Many of these footpaths are too narrow, not allowing pedestrians to pass one another without stepping off the footpath – exacerbated by property owners planting bushes/hedges/plants alongside the edge of footpaths and not maintaining them; and subsiding, excessive crossfall (side-to-side slope) - so much so that it's like walking on the side of a hill in places.

I've seen mobility scooter riders and parents using the road as to use the footpath would risk falling off the scooter or child falling out of their stroller. Council is spending money to encourage exercise and walking as a means of transportation but the condition of footpaths is limiting this option.

Wyndham Park Community Centre would like to request funding for our community shed operations to the amount of 50% of the funding currently allocated to neighbourhood houses by wyndham city council.
Financial Year Community Shed Funding
2026–2027 \$38,393.00 2027–2028 \$38,680.95 2028–2029 \$38,971.06 2029–2030 \$39,263.35

Our mayor does not reflect our values. Tarneit and Truganina are not the only areas in Wyndham. Library services are overrated. Parks don't need refurbishment, I suggest we need more parks first in the new estates.

RESPONSE

I am deeply concerned that millions of dollars in developer contributions intended for Point Cook were redirected elsewhere. These funds were meant to support the infrastructure needs of our community and could have significantly improved local amenities and quality of life. Point Cook is the largest suburb in Australia, yet it still has no train station and no public swimming pool. Our community urgently needs investment in essential infrastructure, including road upgrades, public transport improvements, and community facilities.

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FORMAL COMMUNITY SUBMISSION Proposed Annual Plan and Budget 2026–27 Wyndham City Council Submitted: 20 May 2026

I am a ratepayer within the City of Wyndham and submit this formal response to the proposed 2026–27 Annual Plan and Budget currently open for community consultation.

This submission raises serious concerns across four areas: the misleading presentation of rate increases, the unbudgeted cost of an externally appointed Monitor, significant waste and cost overruns in operational expenditure, and the absence of adequate governance and procurement transparency, particularly in light of well-documented concerns regarding the conduct of the current Mayor and a pattern of decision-making that has not served the interests of the broader community. I request that Council address each of these matters before the budget is adopted.

1. Rate Increases: The True Cost to Ratepayers The budget presents the 2026–27 rate increase as 2.75%, in line with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System cap. This figure is accurate but misleading in isolation. Ratepayers should be aware of the following: Overall rates and charges revenue increase: 6.57% Total rates and charges revenue is budgeted to rise from \$328.3 million to \$349.8 million — an increase of \$21.6 million, or 6.57%. This is more than double the headline rate cap figure, driven by supplementary rates on new properties and growth in the number of assessments. Existing ratepayers should not be misled into believing their overall cost of funding Council is rising by only 2.75%. Waste Management Charge increase: 5.46% The Waste Management Charge rises from \$461.80 to \$487.00 per property, an increase of \$25.20 (5.46%). This charge sits entirely outside the Fair Go Rates System cap protections and represents a cost increase nearly double the rate cap. Council attributes this primarily to rising fuel costs, but offers no detail on what efficiencies or competitive tendering processes have been applied to contain this cost. Compounding this, the kerbside bin collection service swings from a surplus of \$2.1 million in 2025–26 to a projected deficit of \$1.84 million in 2026–27 — a deterioration of approximately \$4 million in a single year. This requires detailed explanation. Municipal Charge increase: 5.19% The municipal charge increases from \$9.24 million to \$9.72 million — again, well above the rate cap, and again outside its protections. Growing debt burden Council is proposing to increase its borrowings by \$52 million in 2026–27, bringing total debt to \$80.7 million by 30 June 2027. Finance costs rise from \$595,000 this year to \$1.76 million next year, and are projected to reach \$5.1 million per annum by 2029–30. This is debt being loaded onto future ratepayers, and its prudence must be assessed against the governance instability outlined below. Recommendation: Council should publish a single consolidated figure representing the total average household rates and charges increase for 2026–27, inclusive of all charges, so that ratepayers can make an informed assessment of the true cost impact.

2. The Monitor Appointment: An Unbudgeted, Ratepayer-Funded Cost of Council Dysfunction One of the most significant concerns in this budget is buried in a single footnote under Materials and Services. The budget explicitly acknowledges the Minister for Local Government's intention to appoint a Monitor, and confirms that the cost will be borne by Council — yet states that this expenditure has not been included in the budget figures.

This is a material omission that undermines the integrity of the document as a financial planning instrument. Ratepayers are being asked to endorse a budget that is, by Council's own admission, incomplete.

The community did not cause this The appointment of a Monitor is a direct consequence of governance failures within Council, including the conduct and public statements of the current Mayor, and the dysfunction this has created in the functioning of the elected body. Ratepayers who played no part in this dysfunction are now expected to fund its remedy without being told what it will cost.

Specific questions requiring answers before budget adoption What is the estimated total cost of the Monitor appointment, including anticipated duration? From which budget line or reserve will this cost be funded? What accountability mechanism exists to ensure this cost is transparently reported to ratepayers in quarterly forecasts? Has Council sought any contribution to this cost from the individuals whose conduct necessitated the appointment? Recommendation: The budget should not be adopted until the Monitor cost is quantified and disclosed. A budget with a known but unquantified liability does not meet the standard of transparency required under the Local Government Act 2020.

3. Waste and Value-for-Money Concerns Beyond the Waste Management Charge issues noted above, several budget lines warrant scrutiny from a value-for-money perspective. Waste services contracts: up 11.83% The waste services contracts line within Materials and Services rises from \$59.7 million to \$66.8 million — an increase of \$7.1 million, or 11.83%. This increase significantly outpaces both inflation and the rate cap. Given the simultaneous increase in the Waste Management Charge, ratepayers are effectively being asked to pay more while the underlying service moves into deficit. Council should provide a full breakdown of what is driving this cost and what procurement or efficiency measures have been applied.

Occupational Health and Safety expenditure: up 46% OHS expenditure is budgeted to increase from \$1.5 million to \$2.19 million — a rise of \$690,000 or approximately 46%. No explanation is provided. While workplace safety is a legitimate priority, an increase of this magnitude requires justification. Events and Placemaking: more than doubled Expenditure in the Events and Placemaking service more than doubles, from \$1.98 million forecast in 2025–26 to \$4.2 million budgeted in 2026–27. This is a significant discretionary spend increase at a time of cost-of-living pressure on ratepayers. The nature and community benefit of the additional spend should be clearly articulated.

RESPONSE

Governance spending reduced at the wrong time Council and Corporate Governance expenditure decreases from \$3.3 million to \$3.0 million, and Community Engagement drops from \$1.09 million to \$871,000 — at a time when governance oversight and community trust should arguably be receiving greater investment, not less. This reduction is inconsistent with Council's stated commitment to transparency and accountability.

4. Governance, Procurement Integrity and Decision-Making Concerns This submission does not make findings about matters that are subject to ongoing investigation or oversight. However, it is appropriate and necessary for a ratepayer submission to note the following as context for the budget assessment: The Truganina security contract Significant community concern exists regarding the award of a security services contract in Truganina that has been reported to benefit an entity with personal connections to the Mayor. Regardless of the outcome of any formal process, this matter represents a serious failure of procurement integrity and community trust. Ratepayers are entitled to know what reforms to the procurement governance framework have been implemented as a result, and whether any review of contracts similarly awarded is underway. Implications for budget confidence The governance instability at Wyndham City Council — including the conduct of the Mayor, the pending Monitor appointment, and the procurement concerns outlined above — materially affects the confidence ratepayers can have that: The budget as presented accurately reflects planned expenditure and will not be subject to undisclosed variations for purposes that do not serve the community; Procurement decisions associated with the \$178.5 million capital works program and \$193 million in materials and services expenditure will be made solely on the basis of merit, value for money, and community benefit; and Discretionary spending decisions, including those relating to events, marketing, and community projects, will not be directed in ways that benefit individuals connected to elected members. These are not peripheral concerns. They go to the fundamental question of whether this Council, in its current composition and under its current leadership, is capable of exercising the fiduciary responsibility that ratepayers and the community are entitled to expect. Summary of Requests I respectfully request that Council: Publish a consolidated total household rates and charges increase figure for 2026–27, inclusive of all charges, before the budget is adopted. Quantify and disclose the estimated cost of the Monitor appointment, and identify the funding source, prior to budget adoption. Provide a detailed breakdown of the \$7.1 million increase in waste services contracts and the rationale for the \$4 million swing in kerbside collection from surplus to deficit. Explain the 46% increase in OHS expenditure and the more than doubling of Events and Placemaking costs. Detail what procurement governance reforms have been implemented following the Truganina security contract matter. Commit to reporting the Monitor cost as a separate, transparent line item in all quarterly forecast updates.

In a cost of living crisis, all councils should be banned from starting any new projects to reign in costs rather than spending extra money they don't have. Councils spending extra during these times should be sacked.

I would like to provide positive feedback in that I am pleased to see the District Avenue Reserve Active Open Space is on the proposed budget for 26/27. Given that this has been in the works for a number of years, it is good to see that the construction of the oval etc is now proposed. I am also happy to see that the Riverwalk Multi-purpose Community Centre and Active Open Space is in the budget. It will be great to have these additional amenities for the community.

I can't believe that money hasn't been put aside for the third indoor aquatic centre - was initially programmed for delivery in 2019/2020 but now put off again - no state or commonwealth money - will one ever be built? We probably need an indoor 10 lane x 25m one in Point Cook and a 10 lane x 50m one in Riverwalk or another site.

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Salaries/wages appears to be the largest expense paid by Council/ratepayers, especially those within the CEO's dept? The Mayoral allowance should be based on qualifications, experience, training, performance, etc. not just appointment/position.

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how it affects my community

In relation to the 2026/27 Budget allocation for District Avenue Reserve Active Open Space, I wholeheartedly support council's decision to commence this much needed sporting and leisure facility that the riverwalk community have been eagerly waiting for some ten years since I have been a resident. Are there any draft plans available to view?

More funding required for Youth Services to prevent young people committing crime and Giving them a safe place go to get support

RESPONSE
I would like the current budget to prioritise transport improvements in growing residential areas. I also request an update on the reserve area project -Alfred road reserve that was proposed for public feedback in 2021. Many residents participated in the consultation process, but there has been little communication about the project's current status, timeline, or whether funding has been allocated in this budget. In addition, I would like the council to consider increasing bus stops and improving bus connectivity and frequency for local residents, schools, and nearby facilities.
Invest a lot of money into infrastructure to make wyndham beautiful
Point Cook is one of Wyndham's largest suburbs. It has contributed significant developer levies over the past 15 years for use within Point Cook, however none of these levies have been allocated to Point Cook in the draft budget, they have in fact been directed elsewhere. Point Cook's rates contribution is significant. Yet it continues to receive "maintenance only", funds while major new projects are built elsewhere. This is a per-capita equity issue, not a suburb-vs-suburb issue. There needs to be a significant review of the draft budget including: - how developer contributions are being used - which suburbs receive major capital investment - which suburbs have unmet essential needs - whether the Budget is fair and equitable across Wyndham. The Point Cook Community Is Asking For: -> A Point Cook Aquatic Centre -> A Point Cook Indoor Sports Facility -> Public toilets in key parks-> Missing footpaths to be completed-> Meaningful park upgrades, not just maintenance-> Transparency on how Point Cook developer contributions are being spent-> A suburb-level equity per capita review by the appointed monitors Point Cook is not asking for special treatment, all we want is fair treatment. We want the same access to essential infrastructure that other parts of Wyndham already enjoy.
The lack of the budget and projects in Point Cook. I have lived here for more than 15years and I now see myself leaving the suburb more than staying in it due to the limited infrastructure it has.
Spending of funding is not equitable. Especially considering the developer money given to PtCook isn't even being spent in PtCook. Wyndham is more than just Truganina/Tarneit. Please spend more in Pt Cook. Things needed: improved footpaths. Many are dangerously uneven or non existent. Public Toilets in local parks. As a parent of a child with chronic health issues , and carer for my elderly mother it would be nice to be able to use local parks more but lack of toilets makes it difficult. An indoor sports facility would be welcome as would an aquatic/ wellness centre. Brimbank have a great aquatic wellness centre with low membership fees available. A wonderful service. Increased programs to help steer teens in the right direction. Grater trespasser on funding use and decision making processes Thank you
What's in the Budget: Wyndham is spending \$178.5 million on capital works across 82 projects. But Point Cook receives no major capital projects. Only basic maintenance is funded for our area. Big Shed (Truganina) – Key Concerns: Council has set aside \$24.4 million for the Big Shed project. Point Cook developer contributions are being used to fund this, a project outside Point Cook. The facility will be built in Truganina, with Point Cook money. Whats worse, the project is forecast to run at an annual loss of \$1m–\$2.6m (expected income is only around \$500,000 per year). What Point Cook Still Doesn't Have: ✗ Aquatic centre ✗ Adequate level of indoor sports facilities ✗ No public toilets in many parks ✗ Missing footpaths in several streets In this budget there are NO major park upgrades Impact on Residents: People with disability, older residents, families with young children, and carers struggle to use parks without toilets. Lack of footpaths creates safety and accessibility issues. Families must travel long distances for swimming lessons, indoor sports, and community events. Point Cook continues to grow, but infrastructure is not keeping up. What the Budget Itself Says: Council acknowledges the community wants: "Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities (including pools and multipurpose stadiums)." But no such facilities are funded for Point Cook. Why This Matters: Point Cook is one of Wyndham's largest suburbs. It has contributed significant developer levies over the past 15 years for use within Point Cook. Its rates contribution is significant. Yet it continues to receive "maintenance only", while major new projects are built elsewhere. This is a per-capita equity issue, not a suburb-vs-suburb issue. State Government Monitors Are Now Overseeing Wyndham. This is the right time to request a review of: ✔ how developer contributions are being used ✔ which suburbs receive major capital investment ✔ which suburbs have unmet essential needs ✔ whether the Budget is fair and equitable across Wyndham All these need to be by Suburb, and by per capita. What the Community Is Asking For: -> A Point Cook Aquatic Centre -> A Point Cook Indoor Sports Facility -> Public toilets in key parks-> Missing footpaths to be completed -> Meaningful park upgrades, not just maintenance -> Transparency on how Point Cook developer contributions are being spent -> A suburb-level equity per capita review by the appointed monitors I don't think anyone in Point Cook is asking for special treatment, all we want is just fair treatment. We want the same access to essential infrastructure that other parts of Wyndham already enjoy.
I am a resident of point cook and I cant see any capital project for my area. We have been asking for an aquatic center for years and more facilities for kids and sport but this has been missed from budget for years, while other suburb get the budget for lower priority capital project. It seems there's a discrimination against pointcook . I am strongly objecting to this budget and i would a calcification on how budgets are being allocated
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As a Point Cook resident, I am disappointed that this draft budget provides no major capital projects for our growing suburb beyond basic maintenance. While \$24.4 million has been allocated to the Big Shed project in Truganina using developer contributions partly collected from Point Cook, our community still lacks essential infrastructure including an aquatic centre, adequate indoor sports facilities, public toilets in parks, completed footpaths, and meaningful park upgrades. Point Cook families, older residents, people with disability, and carers deserve the same access to essential facilities that other parts of Wyndham already enjoy. This is not about special treatment, but about fair and equitable investment based on population and community need. I strongly support greater transparency around how Point Cook developer contributions are spent and a suburb-by-suburb per capita review of capital investment across Wyndham.

RESPONSE

The draft budget shows no major investments in Point Cook.

I am a Point Cook resident and I have the following feedback: Wyndham is allocating \$178.5 million across 82 capital works projects, yet Point Cook receives no major capital projects — only maintenance funding. One major concern is the proposed "Big Shed" project in Truganina, which has been allocated \$24.4 million, partly funded by developer contributions collected from Point Cook. I think it's reasonable to ask why Point Cook funds are being used outside the suburb, especially when the project is expected to operate at an annual loss.

Point Cook continues to grow rapidly but still does not have: * An aquatic centre * Adequate indoor sports facilities * A local cinema * Public toilets in many parks * Completed footpaths in several streets * Major park upgrades These gaps affect families with young children, older residents, people with disability, carers, and many others in the community. For me, this is not about special treatment or competing with other suburbs. It's about fairness and equitable investment per capita, especially given Point Cook's significant population, rates contribution, and the developer levies collected here over many years.

The budget itself acknowledges demand for leisure facilities such as pools and indoor stadiums, yet none are funded for Point Cook. I believe Point Cook needs: * A local aquatic centre * A local indoor sports facility * Public toilets in key parks * Completion of missing footpaths * Meaningful park upgrades * Transparency on how Point Cook developer contributions are being spent * A suburb-by-suburb equity review overseen by the State-appointed Wyndham monitors

We second what Point Cook residents collective opinion. Point Cook is COOKED. What's in the Budget: Wyndham is spending \$178.5 million on capital works across 82 projects but Point Cook has got nothing Big Shed (Truganina) been allocated \$24.4 million by using Point Cook developer contributions are being used to fund this, a project outside Point Cook. That is NOT FAIR!!!! The facility will be built in Truganina, with Point Cook money. Whats worse, the project is forecast to run at an annual loss of \$1m–\$2.6m (expected income is only around \$500,000 per year). What Point Cook Still Doesn't Have: ❌ Aquatic centre ❌ Adequate level of indoor sports facilities ❌ No public toilets in many parks ❌ Missing footpaths in several streets In this budget there are NO major park upgrades Impact on Residents: People with disability, older residents, families with young children, and carers struggle to use parks without toilets. Lack of footpaths creates safety and accessibility issues. Families must travel long distances for swimming lessons, indoor sports, and community events. Point Cook continues to grow, but infrastructure is not keeping up. What the Budget Itself Says: Council acknowledges the community wants: "Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities (including pools and multipurpose stadiums)." But no such facilities are funded for Point Cook. Why This Matters: Point Cook is one of Wyndham's largest suburbs. It has contributed significant developer levies over the past 15 years for use within Point Cook. Its rates contribution is significant. Yet it continues to receive "maintenance only", while major new projects are built elsewhere. This is a per-capita equity issue, not a suburb-vs-suburb issue. State Government Monitors Are Now Overseeing Wyndham. This is the right time to request a review of: ✔ how developer contributions are being used ✔ which suburbs receive major capital investment ✔ which suburbs have unmet essential needs ✔ whether the Budget is fair and equitable across What the Community Is Asking For: -> A Point Cook Aquatic Centre -> A Point Cook Indoor Sports Facility -> Public toilets in key parks -> Missing footpaths to be completed -> Meaningful park upgrades, not just maintenance -> Transparency on how Point Cook developer contributions are being spent -> A suburb-level equity per capita review by the appointed monitors I don't think anyone in Point Cook is asking for special treatment, all we want is just FAIR treatment. We want the same access to essential infrastructure that other parts of Wyndham already enjoy. And return our developers fund!!!

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While Point Cook is one of Wyndham's largest and fastest-growing suburbs, infrastructure continues to lag far behind population growth. New residents move in long before essential infrastructure is delivered, and our community is increasingly feeling the strain. Wyndham Council acknowledges the need for improved indoor and outdoor leisure facilities — including aquatic centres, pools and multipurpose stadiums — yet Point Cook continues to miss out on meaningful funding and delivery. Why This Matters Point Cook residents have contributed significant developer levies and rates over the past 15 years, with the expectation those funds would support infrastructure within our own community. Instead, Point Cook appears to receive little beyond maintenance-level spending, while major capital projects are delivered elsewhere. This is not a suburb-versus-suburb issue. It is a per-capita equity issue. The community deserves transparency around: • how past and current developer contributions are being allocated • which suburbs receive major capital investment • which suburbs have unmet essential infrastructure needs • whether Wyndham's budget allocation is fair and equitable across all suburbs What the Community Is Asking For • A Point Cook Aquatic Centre • A Point Cook Indoor Sports Facility (Many families currently travel significant distances to facilities such as Altona Sports Stadium, which is already heavily overstretched with inadequate parking.) • Public toilets in key parks and open spaces • Completion of missing footpaths and pedestrian links • Meaningful park and playground upgrades — not just maintenance works • Transparency around how Point Cook developer contributions are being spent • A suburb-level per-capita equity review by the appointed monitors We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for fair treatment. Point Cook residents deserve the same access to essential infrastructure and community facilities that other parts of Wyndham already enjoy — and that our community has helped fund through years of developer contributions and rates.

It doesn't benefit anyone. We're in a major cost of living crisis, but no one seems to care

Since years you are talking about different upgrades being made to Werribee South, including the upgrade of the boat ramp yet nothing is happening. It's getting frustrating when we never hear any feedback on progress. We even had signs up stating it will be noise for a while to the upgrade plans, yet nothing was ever done. Council always seeks feedback from us which is great but why don't you ever provide feedback to us on outcome or progress...even if there is no progress, update us on lack of it then, I don't want to feel like I have to search for this info all the time and over many years. Can you please provide feedback on what will be done and when! in Werribee South?

Why there is nothing beneficial to improve the living experience in Williams Landing?

RESPONSE
I would like to see money allocated: *Duplicating Heaths Rd between Tarneit & Shaws Rds *Duplicating Bolton Rd *Cutting down the trees at the roundabout at Tarneit & Heaths Rd - this is a blind spot to pedestrians crossing Tarneit Rd.
Large Vacant plots should not be used for other monetary purposes like building homes, if the land was initially allocated for green space / community development or commercial spaces, which breaks the promises made by developers to the original residents
The residents near the Leapfrog park in Life estate have requested for additional undercover seating in the park. Currently, there is very limited seating (5-6). The park is visited by a lot of senior citizens residing in neighbouring houses and without adequate seating, they struggle to spend time in the park which is essential for their social, mental and physical well being. Lack of adequate bathroom facilities is also an issue that requires consideration for visiting families with young kids.
Point Cook is underrepresented. Did not feel like a fair allocation of budget.
I was unable to find any allocations for seniors and the elderly. This is wrong, especially when there are multiple references and allocations for all other age groups. Sport gets an inordinate amount of funding compared to arts. Staffing costs increase whereas they should be decreasing.
It frustrates me that while council prepares a Creative Wyndham Strategy that is long long overdue in the area of the arts specifically theatre the budget does not have any real funding in it that is needed to support community theatre. Wyndham is a desert compared to surrounding councils where traditional theatre plays/musicals are supported. PS, the remaining questions are not applicable for a company there should have been alternative questions if answering so.
what is in the budget for the elderly
Would like extensive works conducted on the surface of Soldiers Reserve Oval. The works to include: Scrape back oval - removal of existing turf and root zone Bring in sand and new turf Retain existing irrigation system Currently Soldiers Reserve is in an unfit state for cricket and football. The works would bring Soldiers Reserve standard back to catering for the highest level of cricket in Wyndham.
Wyndham Park Community Centre welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed 2026–27 Wyndham City Council Budget. This submission is separate to, but informed by, a recent community petition and subsequent discussions currently underway between Wyndham Park Community Centre and Council Officers regarding the future sustainability of the Wyndham Park Community Shed. While Council noted no immediate funding solution was available, we appreciate Council's constructive response to the petition and acknowledgement of the significant level of community engagement and support demonstrated for the Shed and its role within the Wyndham community. We also appreciate Council's recognition that the Wyndham Park Community Shed operates as far more than a traditional men's shed, supporting a wide range of community programs, activities and cohorts across Wyndham. As reflected in both the petition and Council's response, the Shed currently operates without recurrent operational funding attached specifically to its ongoing delivery, despite the scale and diversity of activities now being provided through the facility. Operational and staffing pressures continue to grow alongside increased participation, maintenance, compliance obligations, and broader community demand. The petition submitted to Council included 175 valid community responses and requested (in respect to funding) ongoing annual operational funding for the Wyndham Park Community Shed of at least \$38,400 annually (equivalent to approximately 50% of the Neighbourhood House Service Funding received by Wyndham Park Community Centre), indexed annually. Importantly, this request is modest in the context of the broader Council budget, yet would make a significant difference to the sustainability of a highly utilised and community-driven facility supporting residents across a wide range of ages, backgrounds and abilities. The Wyndham Park Community Shed currently supports: • Woodwork, metalwork and technology-based activities • Women's Shed and inclusive participation programs • Disability support and supported community access programs • Arts, ceramics and creative activities • Community garden and sustainability initiatives • Wyndham Park Tool Library operations • Community volunteering, social connection and wellbeing outcomes These activities strongly align with Council's own strategic priorities within the proposed 2026–27 Budget, including: • "A Welcoming, Healthy and Resilient City" • "A Liveable City" • Community wellbeing, inclusion and participation • Community infrastructure supporting rapidly growing and diverse populations • Social connection and preventative wellbeing outcomes Council's proposed Budget notes the importance of supporting community infrastructure, health and wellbeing, social inclusion, and ensuring residents can access spaces and services that enable communities to thrive. It also recognises the importance of listening to community priorities and supporting liveable, connected communities in the context of rapid population growth. Wyndham Park Community Centre remains committed to working collaboratively and constructively with Council Officers, Councillors and relevant departments on longer-term strategic planning an sustainable service delivery models into the future. As part of the 2026–27 Budget process, we respectfully ask Council to consider introducing an ongoing operational contribution toward the Wyndham Park Community Shed within the 2026–27 Budget. WPCC would also continue collaborative discussions regarding sustainable long-term support models for the facility. We thank Council for its ongoing engagement and consideration of this request, and for the work already undertaken in responding constructively to the community petition.
I would like for all of point cook developers funding to be used where they were intended in point cook. Until all of our promised infrastructure has been built - no money should leave our suburb- we've been here since 2001 - still waiting for a public pools, an indoor sports Centre, the University, The movie theater, the roads, the public transport - so many promises. Little delivery- everything requires a car to get to- no express or east west school pt connections, no pt connection to Geelong university without driving to Tarneit- it's a joke and we pay more in rates than toorak. I would also like to address the need for a private hospital emergency department in this area. With public ambulances zoned we are unable to attend private ED despite having full private insurance- geelong has better emergency access per population than we do in Wyndham - as a carer for my children and aging parents this is becoming a huge issue as our public systems are always overwhelmed by the growth and increasing immigration in Wyndham- we are now reaching the stage that our health system is failing from the weight of birth, middle age families, sporting injuries and aging needs.

RESPONSE

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I like the focus on community services and open spaces

There is not talk about the bus route for Tarneit north Residents! When are we going to get a bus route

Request for funding support - Point Cook Centrals Sporting Club

Point Cook Centrals Sporting Club asks Wyndham City Council to allocate \$50,000–\$60,000 in the 2026-27 budget to fund a structural engineering assessment and concept-level architectural drawings for the redevelopment of the pavilion at Featherbrook Reserve, 33 Windorah Drive, Point Cook. This funding would allow the club to validate the technical feasibility of the proposed redevelopment, produce drawings suitable for community consultation and stakeholder engagement, and pursue co-funding from state and federal governments. Without it, the project cannot advance. Featherbrook Reserve and the community it serves Point Cook Centrals Sporting Club is a Western Football and Netball League (WFNL) affiliated football and netball club operating from Featherbrook Reserve, which it co-tenants with Point Cook Centrals Cricket Club. Across football and netball the club fields 575 registered players across senior and reserve grades, and junior programs. The Cricket Club fields approximately 260 men, women, boys and girls across senior men's teams and women's teams, and junior teams from under-11 to under-18 level. For football, the Club's senior men's and women's teams play in Division 1, the highest level of community football in Melbourne's western suburbs, while junior teams play across all age groups. The senior netball teams play also play in WFNL competition, with junior boys and girls teams playing in the Hoppers Crossing and Altona netball associations. Featherbrook Reserve and its pavilion sits adjacent to Featherbrook P-9 College and the Featherbrook Community Centre. Across football, netball and cricket, the reserve and its facilities serves 835 registered players, however the clubs' combined community footprint extends to thousands of people across Point Cook and surrounding suburbs. Both clubs are supported by dozens of volunteers, and match days regularly draw hundreds of spectators, in particular the parents and extended family members supporting junior football and cricket players not just from Point Cook Centrals teams, but also from the teams hosted on match days. Community events at the reserve demonstrate demand for the facility well beyond players – for example, a recent Ladies Day event drew 68 women to use the pavilion. While some Club events exceed this number, ultimately participation in pavilion events is constrained by the limitations of the venue itself.

Facility falling short of community need The existing pavilion is a timber-framed brick veneer building of approximately 350 square metres. It has only two small changerooms, one home and one away, which cannot accommodate overlapping teams on match days and cannot provide appropriate gender separation for senior or junior competition. This limits the club's capacity to grow its women's football program, deters families from bringing children to Auskick and junior programs, and excludes female officials and volunteers from adequate amenities. This has resulted in the football club's 2026 female underage program going on hold, as parents look to other clubs with superior facilities that meet this fundamental need.

These deficiencies are directly inconsistent with Wyndham City Council's Fair Access policy, which commits Council to improving gender equitable access to its community sport infrastructure. Under the Victorian Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap, councils must demonstrate ongoing progress against their Fair Access policies to remain eligible for state government sport infrastructure funding. Featherbrook Reserve is a Council-managed facility where that progress is currently not being made.

Beyond gender equity, the facility has minimal function space and inadequate spectator amenities. Storage for both clubs is insufficient. These are not problems solvable with minor works. They reflect a structural mismatch with what is required of a Division 1 club in Australia's most populous suburb.

Point Cook has over 66,000 residents drawn from 146 countries of birth, a median age of 32, and 28% of residents aged 0-14. Community infrastructure has not kept pace with growth. The suburb lacks venues for sporting and community groups, particularly those from the significant Indian-Australian population representing approximately 25% of residents. As a result community members must regularly travel outside the suburb for appropriate event spaces. The proposed redevelopment would address both sporting and community gaps. The vision is a second-storey addition to the existing footprint, creating four modern changerooms with appropriate gender separation, improved public amenities, an upgraded canteen and kitchen, and a 150-200 person multipurpose function room with oval views. Two multipurpose courts are also proposed to support netball and basketball for the club and the broader community. The full project cost is estimated at \$5.5–\$6 million.

What this funding would do The up to \$60,000 in funding sought from Council would fund two specific activities: an independent structural and civil engineering assessment to determine whether the proposed addition to the existing structure is feasible and on what terms, and concept-level architectural drawings to support community consultation and funding applications to state and federal government programs. Point Cook Centrals Sporting Club would source and manage the independent experts required to undertake the engineering assessment and produce the concept drawings, in consultation with Council officers, with the goal of completing this work promptly should the allocation be adopted.

This is pre-design work, essential before the detailed design phase. Without a validated engineering basis and a visual concept, the club cannot credibly approach other levels of government for co-investment.

Council's own 2025-26 budget allocated \$250,000 for concept designs at Hogans Road Reserve in Hoppers Crossing. The Featherbrook ask is a fraction of that amount, reflecting the more targeted scope of engineering validation and concept drawings only. Council has already committed to a shade sail at Featherbrook Reserve, recognising the essential relationship with the site. This grant would build on that investment and position Council to advocate alongside the club for major state and federal co-funding.

Strategic fit The project supports Council's stated priorities across its 2026-27 budget and Council Plan: community infrastructure for a rapidly growing area, demonstrated progress on Fair Access obligations, and services for Point Cook's culturally diverse population. Council's 2026-27 budget includes \$22.5 million for sports facilities and a \$2.8 million community grants pool. This proposal is modest against that backdrop and would produce a tangible, documented output that directly advances a project with realistic prospects of major intergovernmental co-investment.

RESPONSE

Councillors Wyndham City Council Submitted via Draft Budget 26/27 Survey

Dear Councillors,

RE: Budget Submission – Wyndham City Council Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2026/2027

The Australian Services Union Victorian & Tasmanian Authorities & Services Branch (ASU) provides this submission on behalf of the Wyndham City Council workforce. We welcome the opportunity to provide further information and meet with Councillors in advance of the consideration and voting on this budget. This submission is made in the context of an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) that expires on 30 June 2026, alongside significant growth pressures, rising costs, and ongoing challenges in maintaining real wages across local government. The proposed budget allocates approximately \$213.6 million to employee costs in FY26/27, representing an increase of only 1.7% on the previous financial year. However, the ASU notes that: The draft budget assumes only a 3% wage increase for 2026/2027, which is below current inflation levels (3.8%) and fails to address real wage decline. The assumptions are explicitly noted as financial estimates only and not indicative of EBA outcomes, creating uncertainty around fair wage outcomes.

Whilst the draft budget notes that the industrial relations environment is becoming more complex and may limit Council's flexibility in future bargaining, this does not justify embedding below-inflation wage growth as the starting point for negotiations. Over the past several years, local government workers have already experienced substantial real wage decline. Against this backdrop, it is unreasonable for the draft budget to assume a wage outcome that continues this trend. The draft budget also projects a decline in total FTE from 1,650.0 in FY25/26 to 1,645.9 in FY26/27, representing a net decrease of approximately 4.1 FTE positions across Wyndham City Council. This is concerning, as the rate of service demand continues to increase, and the number of employees is stagnating or decreasing. The same services need to be delivered, meaning that this workload will be redistributed across remaining employees, ultimately leading to workload intensification for those staff and wage increases that do not reflect the increasing cost-of-living costs, or the value of their work. Council employees, like all local government workers across Victoria, have experienced a sustained fall in real wages over successive enterprise agreements due to rate capping. Wage outcomes have consistently lagged CPI while workloads, complexity, and regulatory obligations have increased. The ASU is concerned about the inadequate funding allocated in employee costs to properly fund the Wyndham City Council workforce. As Councillors will be aware, the Wyndham City Council EBA expires on 30 June 2026. The ASU's wage claim for FY25/26 is 10% to 'catch-up' and partially remedy the fall in real wages in the previous enterprise agreements which provided for wage increases of 2.8%-3.5% per year, during years of high inflation. The wage claim for FY26/27 is 4% and 4% thereafter for a further two years. If the ASU's wage claim is to be met, the Council would need to allocate sufficient funds to meet the FY25/26 wage increase, in the 26/27 financial year. The 1.7% budget increase in employee costs for FY26/27 is wholly inadequate to meet anything close to the ASU's wage claim. Wyndham is one of Melbourne's fastest growing municipalities, with a population of approximately 337,000 projected to approach 500,000 by 2050. This budget reflects significant service and infrastructure expansion, including: Investments in parks and open spaces, waste management, libraries, and early education. However, whilst service demand continues to grow rapidly, the draft budget does not demonstrate a corresponding increase in workforce capacity. This creates a structural imbalance where services are expanded and assets are increased, yet staffing levels are declining. Forward estimates within the draft budget show low growth in subsequent years, a budgeted increase of just 1.4% in FY27/28 and 1.2% in FY28/29 for employee costs, despite ongoing service growth. This results in substantial real wage decline continuing once CPI, workforce growth, and on costs are accounted for. Ultimately, these forward estimates effectively lock in future wage suppression for Council workers. The draft budget does not explicitly recognise this context or provide transparency about how Council intends to resolve bargaining without further wage suppression. The draft budget includes a \$178.5 million capital works program across 82 projects. Key investments include: Roads and transportation infrastructure Community facilities such as sport pavilions and community centres Open space, drainage, and environmental projects Whilst the ASU support strong public infrastructure investment, each new or upgraded asset creates ongoing operational, maintenance, and compliance responsibilities for Council staff. The draft budget itself recognises that 'managing a growing asset base is a "major threat to financial sustainability."' However, there is no equivalent increase in workforce resourcing to manage this expansion. The draft budget allocates \$193 million to materials and services, including: Waste service contracts (\$66.8 million) General maintenance (\$78.8 million) IT, contractors, and external services The ASU notes that continued reliance on external contractors and service delivery and the increasing costs of outsourcing demonstrates that Council is willing to absorb significant cost increases in external servicing whilst maintaining restraint on direct employee wages. The draft budget applies: A 2.75% general rate increase, as per the State Government's rate cap A waste charge increase to \$487 per property (+5.46%) Total rates and charges rise to approximately \$349.8 million. Whilst these increases are driven by cost pressures, they disproportionately affect lower-paid workers, including many Council employees, who are simultaneously facing wage restraint below inflation. The draft budget delivers a reported \$264 million surplus, although this includes non-operational factors and growth-related contributions. At the same time: Borrowings are increasing significantly to fund capital works (up to \$80.7 million) Capital expansion remains a central priority Workforce investment remains constrained These are strategic choices by Council that prioritise infrastructure growth whilst placing ongoing pressure on Council's workforce. The Draft Annual Budget 2026/2027 reflects the challenges of management rapid growth in a rate-capped environment. However, it fails to address real wage decline, workforce capacity constraints, and the growing gap between service demand and staffing resources. Council's workforce is not a discretionary cost. Employees are critical to delivering the infrastructure, services, and community outcomes that this budget seeks to achieve. The ASU urges Councillors to: Ensure sufficient budget provision for fair and sustainable wage increases Recognise the workforce impact of rapid growth and capital expansion Invest in staffing levels that match service delivery expectations Without this, the sustainability of service delivery, workforce wellbeing, and community outcomes will be increasingly at risk. The Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2026-2027 reflects strategic choices that prioritise capital expansion while placing increased pressure on Council's workforce. In the context of ongoing enterprise bargaining, the Budget's failure to directly address real wage decline, workload sustainability, and job security is a significant concern. Council's workforce is not a discretionary cost. Secure employment, fair wages, and manageable workloads are foundational to effective service delivery and community outcomes. Wyndham City Council's own value statement declares that "People are the centre of what we do." Yet the draft budget's approach to employee costs sits in tension with that commitment. If people truly are the centre of what Council does, that principle must extend to the people who deliver its services every day, not only to the residents who receive them. A budget that allows real wages to continue declining, while expanding capital investment and external service expenditure, reflects an organisational intent that privileges infrastructure over the workforce that sustains it. The ASU urges Councillors to bring the budget into alignment with Council's stated values by ensuring that the employees who make Wyndham's services possible are treated as the organisation's most important asset, not its most manageable cost. The ASU urges Councillors to reconsider the draft budget to ensure it supports fair employee outcomes and recognises that Council's workers are its most critical asset. Thank you for your consideration of the above issues. The concerns identified in this submission reveal deep and flawed budget estimates in Wyndham City Council's most significant expense – employee costs. The proposed budget does not provide for adequate funds to meet these modest wage claims. The ASU calls on Councillors to invest in its people and provide funds to ensure that wages keep pace with cost-of-living increases.

RESPONSE

The major initiatives across this budget do not reflect a focus on residents living outside of Tarneit and Truganina. There are several initiatives which simply do not stack up, such as:

1. Doherty's House Cafe: This appears to be a purely commercial enterprise and has little prospect of producing income to recoup the investment.

2. Werribee South boat ramp: Whilst the access for emergency services is essential, is it likely to generate any significant revenue for Council? There are few local traders in the area which will benefit to recoup this years \$3m expenditure. I note that the performance outcome indicators is projected to be at 75 for the 25/26 FY. Given the recent negative feedback on Council operations, I find this number to be severely inflated. We currently have a council which is simply not functional, a Mayor in crisis and negative publicity across multiple media platforms. I also query the staff expenditure budget. In the 25/26 year, this was forecast to be \$217.8m but came in at a considerably higher level. I also note that the Third Quarterly Outlook has been significantly impacted by staff restructuring. The budget for 25/26 allows for a 1.7% increase on the forecast 24/25 figure, which is already an inaccurate starting point based on the overrun of staff expenses last year. Council operates under a number of awards, with set increases, so it is extremely concerning that this have become an issue now and was not catered for in the Budget. As a resident of Manor Lakes, I would have liked to see the following projects prioritised:- Expanded library opening hours- Increased spending on road improvements, including finishing the link of ISON Rd between Manor Lakes Boulevard and Greens Road. Council also needs to advocate with the State government for duplication of Ballan Rd and the need for a second road crossing over the Werribee River at Hobbs Rd (funding has been given for planning, but nothing has been mentioned for construction).- Improved playgrounds and a skate park for local kids to use

- Reinstating the Youth Program at the Community Centre- Building further infrastructure

In short, the budget appears to be a complete failure for those of us in Manor Lakes/Wyndham Vale and Mambourin, which are growing communities and have significant needs.

Point Cook deserves its fair share of developer contribution funds Point Cook deserves the following projects with priority a) Indoor stadium b) Swimming Pool c) Indoor arts and cultural centre d) Indoor centre for community events Following advocacy activities should be prioritised a) East Werribee Employment Precinct redevelopment b) Bus network revamp c) Police staffing increase d) Werribee mercy doubling e) Local new universities

Feedback on Draft Budget 2026/27 — Cheetham Ward / Point Cook To Wyndham City Council, I am writing to formally express my deep concern about the Draft Budget 2026/27, which once again fails to deliver meaningful investment for the Point Cook community, despite years of promises and our suburb's substantial financial contribution to the municipality. Point Cook's unmet infrastructure needs are well-documented and long overdue: Point Cook is one of Australia's fastest-growing suburbs. There are no council-run swimming pools, indoor sporting facilities (Basketball, Badminton, Padel/Pickleball etc) of significance, or substantial community indoor spaces in Point Cook — the largest suburb in the country — and these facilities are the responsibility of council to provide. This Draft Budget does nothing to change that. There is no funding for an indoor sports facility, no aquatic facility, and no meaningful park upgrades — only routine maintenance — despite this community's population continuing to grow rapidly and infrastructure pressure intensifying year on year. Council has unanimously acknowledged the need for an indoor sports facility yet has not even allocated funding to plan for one. This is unacceptable. The Big Shed: Point Cook's money spent elsewhere, on a loss-making project: The most troubling element of this budget is the ongoing redirection of developer contributions collected from Point Cook to fund The Big Shed in Truganina. \$24.4 million in developer contributions collected from Point Cook has been redirected to The Big Shed, following council's decision in March to use the money for a regional community events space.

A motion seeking to guarantee that more than \$36 million in legacy developer contributions be reinvested exclusively in Point Cook was defeated at the Wyndham Council meeting held on 25 March 2025. The motion was raised by Cr Susan McIntyre, who represents the Cheetham Ward — one of the fastest-growing areas in the municipality and the original source of the contributions in question. The motion referenced Council's own prior commitment, stated publicly in March 2024, that the funds must be reinvested in the area from which they were collected. Nine of eleven councillors chose to abandon that commitment. Council's own Executive Summary for the Big Shed project acknowledges that the estimated operational cost ranges from \$1 million per annum for a small venue up to \$2.6 million per annum for the large-scale version, with estimated income of only around \$500,000 per annum — meaning the facility is forecast to run at a significant ongoing loss to ratepayers. Point Cook's money is being spent on a facility in another suburb that Council's own documents project will lose money every year. Council's own admission: it no longer owns land in Point Cook: In response to community questions, Council has stated that it no longer owns land within Point Cook, and would welcome the State Government to provide more land for future infrastructure. This raises a deeply troubling question: if Council holds \$24.4 million in funds collected from Point Cook and acknowledges there is no council-owned land in Point Cook to build on, why has it not taken proactive steps to acquire land in Point Cook for the indoor sports and aquatic facilities our community desperately needs? Instead, the funds are being spent on a facility elsewhere. The community has clearly spoken — and been ignored: Point Cook resident Dwayne Kelly led a 1,300-strong petition against redirecting the developer contributions, yet this was dismissed. The Mayor acknowledged the petition but stated that just 2.5% of responses to the Draft Budget engagement mentioned Point Cook developer contributions, representing less than 0.01% of Wyndham's overall population. Using this framing to justify overriding a specific, directly affected community's clearly stated wishes is misleading and dismissive. Point Cook residents are the source of these funds — their voices should carry the greatest weight in decisions about how those funds are used. Parliament has taken notice: The Member for Point Cook raised this matter in the Victorian Legislative Assembly, stating that for years, when residents asked why there were no swimming pools, indoor sporting facilities, or substantial community spaces, the consistent response from Council was: "We do not have the money." What was not disclosed was that \$36 million was sitting in Council's bank account as unspent developer contributions for decades. The fact that this situation has now attracted parliamentary scrutiny should be a signal to Council that this community's concerns are legitimate and serious. What I am calling on Council to do: 1. Commit to a funded planning study for an indoor sports facility and aquatic centre in Point Cook in the 2026/27 budget, as a matter of urgency. 2. Publish a full, transparent accounting of all developer contributions collected from Point Cook, when they were collected, what they were spent on, and what remains. 3. Halt any further allocation of residual Point Cook developer contributions to The Big Shed until the Point Cook community has been given a genuine say in how those funds are used. 4. Take immediate steps to identify or acquire land in Point Cook to enable delivery of the major community infrastructure our suburb is owed. 5. Establish a clear, enforceable policy ensuring that developer contributions collected from a suburb are reinvested in that suburb. The Point Cook community has been patient, organised, and reasonable. We have signed petitions, attended meetings, and engaged with Council in good faith. This budget is a continuation of years of underfunding dressed up as responsible governance. I urge Councillors to do better. From a very disappointed Point Cook resident and homeowner.

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I am a resident of Mambourin and wanted to share some feedback on the draft budget and some broader concerns about how Council's resources and advocacy are being directed. On rates transparency, I'd like to see Council publish a suburb-by-suburb breakdown of rates collected versus capital works spending as part of future draft budgets. Mambourin has no named projects in this year's budget despite being one of Wyndham's fastest-growing communities. Residents here have no easy way of understanding whether their rates are being reinvested locally or subsidising other parts of the city. This isn't a criticism of any individual project, it's just basic transparency that residents deserve. On the Truganina security patrol, I think it's worth noting that residents in estates like Mambourin already privately fund their own security patrols through body corporates. We pay for that ourselves on top of our rates. The decision to fund a ratepayer-funded patrol exclusively in Truganina created an obvious equity issue that I don't think has been properly addressed, even now that the trial has ended. On road connectivity, this is where I'd ask Council to use its advocacy platform strongly, particularly with the state election in November. Heaths Road is the main east-west connection between Wyndham Vale, Mambourin and Tarneit, and it is genuinely unmanageable most mornings and afternoons. It regularly takes 20 to 30 minutes to travel 8 kilometres. I understand Heaths Road is a state arterial road and not directly Council's responsibility, but Council can and should be loudly pushing the state to prioritise duplication and to match the federal government's \$85 million commitment to the Wyndham Ring Road. That ring road connection between Armstrong Road in Wyndham Vale and Sayers Road in Tarneit is the most meaningful relief available for this corridor. On Ison Road specifically, the overpass and extension to the freeway are welcome but the full connection still requires the Armstrong Road section to be completed. Until all three parts are joined up it doesn't function as a through route for Mambourin residents. I'd ask Council to be clear in its advocacy about the need to complete the full corridor, not just the sections already underway.

I want to raise concerns about long standing infrastructure inequity in Wyndham, particularly affecting Point Cook. Over several years, independent reporting (including Wyndham TV's coverage of the last two Budgets) and community discussions have raised concerns about how major capital projects are prioritised. A 2023 article in The Age highlighted that Point Cook had some of the lowest public toilet provision in Victoria, despite being one of the state's largest suburbs. A search on Google will highlight a lot of areas needs. These issues reflect a broader pattern: Point Cook has consistently been under served in capital investment relative to its size, growth, and rates contribution. The draft Budget continues this pattern. The Budget commits to \$178.5 million in capital works across 82 projects, yet no major capital project is located in Point Cook. Our suburb again receives only maintenance, despite being one of Wyndham's largest and fastest growing communities. At the same time, the Budget allocates \$500,000 this year to progress the "Big Shed" community events space in Truganina, on top of the \$24.4 million already set aside (from Point Cook money?). The project documentation confirms the facility will be in Truganina, and is expected to operate at an annual loss of between \$1 to \$2.6 million, with estimated income of around \$500,000. I understand that Point Cook developer contributions form part of the funding base. If that is true, Point Cook residents are effectively subsidising a major regional facility located outside their suburb, while their own essential infrastructure needs remain unfunded. In a time where rate capping is an issue, how is this justifiable as a business case? From the perspective of a Point Cook resident, the draft Budget continues a long standing pattern where our suburb receives maintenance only or 'developer contribution sourced' capital investment, while major new infrastructure is delivered elsewhere. My concern is not that Truganina or any other suburb is receiving investment. Every part of Wyndham deserves good facilities. My concern is that Point Cook, despite being one of the largest suburbs and a major source of council rates, is consistently missing out on comparable 'Rates funded' investment in essential infrastructure. Point Cook still has: - No aquatic facility – no pool, no feasibility study, no land identified. - No indoor sports facility – and no funding even to plan one. - No local community event or cultural space. - No major park upgrades - Missing footpaths – a basic safety and accessibility issue. These are not "nice to haves". They are essential facilities for a suburb of more than 60,000 residents. The biggest of these in my view, is that many Parks in Point Cook still lack public toilets, shade, accessible paths, appropriate play spaces, lighting and seating. This particularly affects people with disability, older residents, families with young children and carers, who simply cannot use parks for any length of time without toilets and accessible infrastructure. This isn't about criticising other suburbs. Every part of Wyndham deserves good facilities. The issue is structural, and relates to how capital works and developer contributions have been distributed over time. Given the appointment of monitors, I respectfully request: 1. A suburb level equity review of capital investment (in total and less developer contributions), including where developer contributions were collected, the rates collected, and where major projects have been delivered (per funding source). 2. Transparency on the use of legacy Point Cook developer contributions, particularly in light of the Big Shed announcement. How is it reasonable to spend Point Cook developer contributions, in another party of the City, while infrastructure shortfalls such as toilets and footpaths remain. 3. A Point Cook Infrastructure Plan, including a pool, indoor sports facility, toilets in parks, missing footpaths, and meaningful park upgrades. 4. That future Budgets be explicitly tested against equity principles, prioritising suburbs with long standing deficits until gaps are closed. I don't believe Point Cook residents would be asking for special treatment - only fair treatment. We want the same access to essential infrastructure, the same level of capital investment per capita, and the same transparency in how our developer contributions and rates are used as other parts of Wyndham. Thank you for considering this feedback.

The Big Shed - The Big Shed sounds like a commercial project being undertaken by council, by way of a function centre. Given the cost of the project, and the return on investment not being seen for years, why has the council not left something like this to private enterprise? The funds being put into a Big Shed/function centre, could be allocated to community centres or libraries around Wyndham.

On page 55 of the budget, it looks like 85 - 87 Sewells Road Tarneit is being leased for the next 50 years, with the land to be used as a function centre. Couldn't this serve both Tarneit and Truganina for functions, which are usually private in nature anyway? Hogan's Road Reserve - Every couple of years I read about work going into Hogan's Road Reserve. Considering there is a venue that operates pokies, which is detrimental to the community, is council ensuring that the venue is contributing their fair share, so that ratepayers aren't seen to be supporting such a venue.

Doherty's House Cafe Similar to the Big Shed, this appears to be more like a commercial project that won't turn a profit (if it does) for many years. Where community centres and even toilets in parks are being side lined, I question the decision making of this investment. Roads - The budget included updates to many roads. I notice that Morris Road, Hoppers Crossing wasn't included. The road surface is terrible for an arterial road. It would also be nice to see the Council work with the State government to come to a solution for the bottleneck for drivers turning left from Morris Road onto Heaths Road to access the Freeway/Homemakers Hub. Service Planning The budget is reduced compared to previous years. Considering the municipality is still growing, it's concerning this has reduced so much in comparison.

Advocacy and Government Relations Since October 2024, community feedback and advocacy has been largely ignored by the council (Kelly Park petition, Point Cook Development Contributions petition, Snake Catching Service petition, push back on Private Security Patrol trial for Truganina for example). Through 2025, we also saw the then Mayor Mia Shaw/Deputy Mayor and local MP John Lister take cheap shots at each other through social media (Mia and Josh standing on the platform at Werribee Station holding a sign, Mia and the Geelong Mayor on the Little River Platform, Council pushing back on Library Funding). 2026 Mayor Josh Gilligan getting suspended, Mayor Preet Singh saga, monitors being called in etc. The deficit for this is over double that of last financial year. Considering feedback and professionalism hasn't been forthcoming I think less could have been budgeted for this. Especially considering Councillors appear to be boycotting council meetings by non attendance or moving to online.

Community Engagement- I notice the budget is less than last year. Considering my comment above and the poorly prepared survey for the Manor Lakes Library, I'm not disappointed that this is less. At least our money isn't being blatantly wasted in front of our eyes. Organisational Health and Safety - This appears to be a lot higher than last financial year. I understand that security costs would have increased - either because a new security firm being engaged due to the administration of the previous one, or because of the Mayor saga, however it is disappointing that ratepayers are copping the cost.

Balance Sheet - Current Liabilities - I find it odd that 'Trade and other payables' is the exact same amount as last financial year. Manor Lakes Library - additional opening hours Considering community feedback was that library members would like the library open on a Sunday (weeknight hours weren't explored in the survey) it's disappointing that the Council is choosing to hold onto funds instead of invest them back into the

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community. The projected Balance Sheet indicates \$35,549,000 held as cash or cash equivalents, and the Statement of Cash Flows indicates an increase in cash of \$13,522,000 (largely from operating), so it's frustrating to see that the council isn't able to spare \$80,000 (4 hours) or even \$60,000 (3 hours) so residents in the Manor Lakes, Wyndham Vale, Mambourin and Werribee (Harpley) areas have access to a library on a Sunday. Especially when they lack the late night opening hours that other libraries have. Grants - The grants received for the school Crossing supervisors is budgeted less than last year. I'm concerned if this is to fund the employees. As John Lister keeps advertising, 7 additional schools have opened, so if that is funding the wages, I would expect the amount to be more. Aquatic Centre Location I'm disappointed that the council relied on an old study to determine the location of the new Aquatic centre for Wyndham. When the study was conducted, Point Cook was considered to have access to an aquatic facility in neighbouring Altona Meadows. This is no longer accessible. I understand that the reason the location in Tarneit was largely due to the council holding the land, however considering the big investment in function centres, by way of leasing land and building a Big Shed, selling some land and purchasing in a different location could have been explored. The Council also could have negotiated with the Federal government about obtaining some of the land surrounding the Point Cook RAAF base to use for the project. This would give a lot more people access. Throughout some of the Estates in Wyndham there are also small aquatic facilities. It is a shame the council hasn't tried to negotiate so that residents outside the Estates can use them - for example Jubilee. Ison Rd (Greens Rd/Yang Rd connection) - Based on a speech in Parliament by MP John Lister, the Vic government isn't satisfied with how the council are allocating money. I'm of the understanding that the council is looking to negotiate funding with the Vic government to complete this section. Has the council got a plan B, because in 10 years time I'm hoping we still aren't looking at that small patch of dirt. Even an untarred road would be welcomed at this point.

Point Cook is the largest by population in the municipality but it has ZERO new infrastructure spending. We need indoor sports as recognised by council and also a pool. It is time that the money and projects stop going to the favoured areas and rather go where the numbers are. You raise the most rates from us and we get so little. I also STRONGLY object to the Big Shed. It is grand standing for certain councillors and an eye saw. It is a drain on future rates payers also. Lastly the Point Cook legacy builders funds need to be spent in PC. It is criminal to use it elsewhere when we don't have basic facilities and the area continues to grow.

I am writing to suggest a long-term development vision for the Point Cook Homestead and surrounding coastal area. This part of Point Cook has enormous potential to become one of Melbourne's most attractive waterfront lifestyle and tourism destinations while still preserving its natural environment and wildlife.

Rather than allowing further residential housing expansion in this area, I would like to encourage Council to consider a sustainable and community-focused master plan that protects the open landscape and coastal ecosystem while introducing carefully designed public infrastructure and recreational spaces.

Some ideas for consideration include:

- * Creating a large eco-friendly waterfront precinct with walking trails, cycling paths, picnic lawns, native gardens, wetlands and viewing platforms
- * Developing modern but environmentally sensitive public spaces such as pilates/yoga studios, cafés, outdoor dining areas, art installations, playgrounds and event spaces
- * Preserving and restoring wildlife habitats, wetlands and native vegetation to ensure biodiversity remains protected
- * Introducing low-impact tourism and recreational attractions that celebrate Point Cook's coastal identity and history
- * Improving accessibility, lighting, landscaping and public transport connections while maintaining the natural beauty of the area
- * Designing the precinct with inspiration from successful Melbourne bayside destinations such as Brighton and St Kilda, but with a stronger focus on sustainability and environmental conservation

Point Cook is one of Melbourne's fastest-growing communities, yet it still lacks a major waterfront entertainment and lifestyle destination that balances urban development with nature. The Homestead area presents a rare opportunity to create something iconic for future generations without sacrificing the local wildlife and open coastal character.

Budget looks good, but could I request that a basketball half court facility be considered at Ashley Gardens Estate Recreational Park. A number of the kids in the neighbourhood play and are riding to Hogans reserve which is a fair distance. The area would really benefit from this.

I live within the heathdale ward however upon reading the budget I feel that the community isn't properly funded in this budget community like point cook have had millions of dollars taken from contributions from developers paid to council yet there is only basic maintenance occurring in this area no new open spaces no new services no road upgrades

I also think state road upgrades shouldn't be funded by council they require strong advocacy from council to the state government and federal government to get the funds so ratepayers don't foot the budget on roads that aren't council responsibility

Feedback – Draft Budget 2026/2027 | I am a resident of Point Cook, and I am submitting this feedback in response to Wyndham City Council's Draft Budget 2026/2027 consultation process.

While I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this process, I am deeply concerned that the Draft Budget does not appear to adequately reflect the infrastructure and service needs of Point Cook — one of the fastest-growing and most densely populated suburbs in the entire Wyndham municipality. I urge Council to revisit its funding allocations and ensure that the following critical issues are addressed in the final adopted budget.--- **FEEDBACK ITEM 1: ROAD RESURFACING — ALAMANDA BOULEVARD AND HIGH-USAGE ROADS** I request that the 2026/2027 budget include dedicated funding for the resurfacing of [road name redacted] and other high-usage roads throughout Point Cook. These roads carry substantial daily traffic and have deteriorated to a point where potholes, surface cracking, and uneven pavement are creating genuine safety hazards for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. These are primary routes serving thousands of residents, school runs, and local businesses every single day. Continued deferral of road resurfacing works is a false economy — the longer Council delays, the more costly the eventual repair. I ask that a formal road condition audit of Point Cook's arterial roads be funded and completed within the 2026/2027 financial year, with resurfacing works either commenced or contractually committed within the same period. **FEEDBACK ITEM 2: RESIDENTIAL PARKING — ALAMANDA ESTATE** I request that the 2026/2027 budget include funding for a formal parking assessment and remediation plan for the. The shortage of on-street and off-street parking within the estate has become a serious daily issue for residents. The estate's existing street layout, combined with growing household vehicle numbers, means residents routinely cannot park near their own homes or are severely inconvenienced by the cars parked in drivers or illegally at intersections at drop offs and pick ups for [school name redacted]. This is not a minor inconvenience — it is a quality-of-life issue that affects the entire community. Council designed and approved the estate's street layout. It is therefore Council's responsibility to identify and fund practical solutions, whether that involves street redesign, designated resident parking zones, or the creation of additional parking areas. I ask that this be treated as a funded deliverable in the 2026/2027 budget, not deferred again to a future year. **FEEDBACK ITEM 3: ADVOCACY FOR A TRAIN STATION WEST OF THE FREEWAY — POINT COOK** I request that the

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2026/2027 budget include a formal allocation for Council to commission, develop, and actively advocate for a train station on the western side of the Princes Freeway to serve Point Cook residents. Point Cook has tens of thousands of residents yet remains one of Melbourne's most underserved suburbs when it comes to public transport. The Werribee rail line runs to the east of the Princes Freeway, making it effectively inaccessible for the majority of Point Cook residents without a car trip to reach it. This forces our community into almost total dependence on private vehicles, contributing to road congestion, increased household transport costs, and poor environmental outcomes. I ask that Council use the 2026/2027 budget to fund a formal business case or advocacy submission to the State Government for a dedicated Point Cook train station west of the freeway, and that this be reflected as a strategic priority in Council's transport planning agenda. FEEDBACK ITEM 4: INCREASED LEAF COLLECTION FREQUENCY — ALAMANDA ESTATE I request that the 2026/2027 budget include increased funding for street leaf collection services throughout Alamanda Estate. The tree species chosen and planted by Council throughout the estate shed large volumes of leaves continuously throughout the year — this is not a seasonal issue. The current collection schedule is entirely inadequate to manage the volume of leaf litter produced by these trees, resulting in blocked stormwater drains, slippery and hazardous footpaths, significant additional maintenance burden on residents to clear leaves daily off their front yards and a significant decline in street amenity. Residents did not select these trees — Council did. The maintenance burden that comes with that choice must be funded accordingly. I ask that leaf collection frequency in the [estate name redacted] be substantially increased as part of the 2026/2027 operational budget, and that a review of street tree species selection policy be initiated to replace the existing trees along Cruise Street, Alamanda estate and ensure future plantings account for long-term maintenance costs and resident amenity. CONCLUSION Point Cook is consistently one of Wyndham's largest contributors to rate revenue and one of its most populous suburbs. Residents here have, for too long, seen infrastructure and service investment that does not match the scale of this community's needs or its financial contribution to the municipality. The Draft Budget 2026/2027 is an opportunity for Council to correct this imbalance. I respectfully but firmly ask that the issues raised above be included as funded commitments in the final adopted budget, and not deferred yet again.