



June 2024

Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2024/25 – Community Engagement Report

Project Background

Every year Wyndham prepares a Draft Budget which includes the important capital works, services, and priorities for Council to deliver over the next financial year.

The Draft Budget for the 2024/25 year was based on ongoing engagement with our community. We hear from residents regularly through different processes and forums. Feedback is captured and reflected in a range of reports, plans, strategies, and policies, including our Draft Budget.

The Draft Budget 2024/25 was placed on Public Exhibition between Wednesday 26 April – Sunday 28 May 2024. A total of 108 contributions were received during the Public Exhibition period from the community.

Community members were asked to review the Draft Budget and provide feedback via a survey on The Loop. Questions could also be asked via The Loop to Council staff to support the feedback process.

Public Exhibition Pop Up Events were held throughout May where community members could attend and provide feedback in person to Councillors and Council Staff. Six Pop Up Events were held including:

- Sunday 5 May - 10-11:30AM - Point Cook Town Centre, Main Street, Point Cook
- Sunday 5 May - 12:30-2PM - Hoppers Crossing Shopping Centre, 24 Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing
- Thursday 9 May - 6:30-8AM - Werribee Train Station, Manly Street entrance
- Tuesday 14 May - 7-9AM - Tarneit Train Station
- Sunday 19 May - 9:30-11AM - Tarneit Central Shopping Centre, 540 Derrimut Road, Tarneit
- Sunday 19 May - 12:30-2PM - Manor Lakes Shopping Centre, 455 Ballan Road, Manor Lakes

This report presents the feedback received from the final stage of the community engagement process for the Draft Budget 2024/25, the Public Exhibition period.

Methodology

The below table outlines the various methods and techniques used to engage with the community.

Community engagement activities / tools	
Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on The Loop	3,288 page views 1,897 total visitors to the page
Online Survey	79 contributions
Direct feedback from community members	4 contributions
Question and Answer Tool	25 questions
Document downloads	Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2024/25 – 793 downloads Draft Budget Fees and Charges 2024/25 – 53 downloads Draft Budget Revenue and Rating Plan – 34 downloads

Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Online promotion (Facebook)	Sponsored Facebook Post 'Have your say on Wyndham City's Draft Budget 2024/25.' Reach: 15,453 Engagement: 380 Click through to website: 358
	Organic Facebook Post 'Last night Wyndham City handed down its proposed Annual Plan and Draft Budget for 2024-25...' Reach: 2,843 Engagement: 194 Click through to website: 37
	Organic Facebook Post 'We want you to provide your feedback on the proposed 2024-25 Draft Budget..' Reach: 2,107 Engagement: 30 Click through to website: 16
	Organic Facebook Post 'Wyndham City's Annual Plan and budget for 2024-25 is open for feedback..' Reach: 7,012 Engagement: 169 Click through to website: 45
	Organic Facebook Post 'Your chance to provide feedback on the Draft Budget is coming to a close...' Reach: 3,402 Engagement: 24 Click through to website: 18
Additional communication methods	• Postcards and Brochures distributed across Wyndham • Wyndham Media Release • Wyndham News Articles • Mayoral Video • Electronic newsletters to The Loop subscribers and local community groups • Digital signage at Wyndham locations

Who we heard from

Of the 108 contributions made during the Public Exhibition period, the below percentages reflect the demographics of those in our community who provided feedback.

Age Group

10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34
1.27%	1.27%	1.27%	1.27%	10.13%
35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59
22.78%	15.19%	13.92%	10.13%	11.39%
60-64	70-74	75-79		
5.06%	5.06	1.27%		

Gender

Female	Male	Prefer not to say
32.91%	58.23%	8.86%

Suburb

Hoppers Crossing	Little River	Manor Lakes	Point Cook	Tarneit
6.33%	1.27%	3.8%	21.52%	7.59%
Truganina	Werribee	Werribee South	Williams Landing	Wyndham Vale
2.53%	25.32%	5.06%	15.19%	10.13%
Outside of Wyndham				
1.27%				

Please select any of the following that describe you:

A person living with disability and/or someone caring for a person living with disability	16%
An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person	5.33%
A person who identifies as LGBTIQA	6.67%
I speak a language other than English	30.67%
Prefer not to say	14.67%
None of the above	57.33%

Summary of feedback

We Asked	You Said
Overall, how do you rate the Draft Budget 2024/25?	 - 17.2%   - 20.2%    - 26.5%     - 18.9%      - 7.5% Not sure/don't know – 8.8%
We Asked	You Said
Do you have any further comments?	Responses to this question have been categorised into the following themes: • Active transport • Advocacy • Arts and Culture • Capital Works • City Amenity • Community Development • Community Infrastructure • Community Safety • Community Support • Economic Development • Environment and Sustainability • Financial Services • Library Services • Open Space

	• Roads and Maintenance • Sport and Recreation • Town Planning • Transport Planning A full list of all feedback and a relevant response from Council can be found in Attachment 2.
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A high-level overview of the feedback provided to the question, 'Do you have any further comments?' is below:

- **21.3%** of comments received related to Transport Planning across our City to ease road congestion including road duplications and improvements to intersections.
- Sport and Recreation projects made up **15.7%** of comments received including upgrades to existing infrastructure to keep up with local demand as our City continues to grow.
- **11.2%** of comments received highlighted the need for Wyndham to continue to advocate to the State Government for local priorities including new primary and secondary schools, improved public transport, additional Police resources and State Government owned road upgrades.
- Requests for new and improved Community Infrastructure for Wyndham suburbs made up **9%** of comments received, including new indoor sports centres, libraries, and community centres.
- Requests for improvements to local Open Spaces made up **6.7%** of comments received. These included new and improved playgrounds and dog parks across our City.
- **6.7%** of comments received related to Community Safety improvements with a focus on public lighting.
- Funding for Community Support programs for older residents, people with disability and disadvantaged residents made up **4.5%** of comments received.
- **3.4%** of comments received related to improvements to the Active Transport network to ensure our suburbs are well connected and walkable while **2.2%** of comments received related to the maintenance of our local roads.
- **4.5%** of comments received focussed on Community Development projects and funding for local community groups.
- Requests for improvements to local Library Services made up **3.4%** of comments received.
- Economic Development projects, including attracting new and diverse businesses to open in Wyndham made up **3.4%** of comments received.
- **2.2%** of comments received related to Financial Services processes.
- **1.1%** of comments received focussed on Arts and Culture projects including the Wyndham Cultural Centre and public art.
- **1.1%** of comments received related to City Amenity and keeping Wyndham clean.
- Projects relating to the Environment and Sustainability made up **1.1%** of comments received including requests for additional Electric Vehicle Chargers and an increased tree canopy over Wyndham.
- Capital Works processes and how large-scale projects are delivered made up **1.1%** of responses received.
- **1.1%** of comments received focussed on Town Planning processes to ensure growth and development is managed across Wyndham.

Next steps

The Draft Budget 2024/25 will be finalised and presented at the Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 June 2024 for potential adoption.

Attachment 1: Question and Answer Results

	Question	Council Response
1	Williams Landing - Have you forgotten to add Williams Landing in your budget? Williams Landing needs a road connector between Bronzewing Street and Australis Drive. You are planning to build bridges in the Allura estate but have overlooked the lack of an internal road connection between northwest and southwest Williams Landing. The duplication of Ashcroft Avenue was never mentioned. A proper library and community center in Williams Landing were also omitted from the report.	When both residential estates either side of the Federation Trail in Williams Landing were being planned, additional road crossings of the Federation Trail were not supported by the then VicRoads (now Department of Transport and Planning). Any new road crossings would not be supported because: • Melbourne Water (the land owner), as the Greening the Pipeline project is progressively converting the old main outfall sewer into a linear park. A Pilot Park was installed along this section in 2017. • The Federation Trail is a designated Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor by the Department of Transport and Planning. • Both estates were not designed for a road connection between them. The majority of north-south road reservations to the north are only 15 metres wide, which is not wide enough for extra through traffic. The bridges being built in the Allura Estate are shared use path bridges across the waterways for pedestrians and cyclists only, not vehicles. Council has prepared concept plans for the duplication of Ashcroft Avenue (from west of the Rothbury Parkway/Overton Road roundabout intersection, up to Palmers Road), which includes replacing this roundabout with traffic lights. Traffic volumes along this section of Ashcroft Avenue are currently around 10,000 vehicles per day. Duplication is not required at this time, as these traffic volumes are well within the capacity of the existing road. Any construction funding for the duplication of Ashcroft Avenue would be subject to future Council budget approval.
2	In 2020 The Presidents Park Master Plan was adopted. In Stage 1 was works to Sporting Clubs, but it seems they have been bumped back for this new project. which will cater for app. 4 events per year when one club uses its' grounds 12 months per year and another 6/7 months per year and brings in people from all over Melbourne - In 2020 The Presidents Park Master Plan was adopted. In Stage 1 was works to Sporting Clubs, but it seems they have been bumped back for this new project. which will cater for app. 4 events per year when one club uses its' grounds 12 months per year and another 6/7 months per year and brings in people from all over Melbourne.	Council endorsed and adopted the Presidents Park Master Plan in 2020, however, this does not include the adoption of Council budget. The Master Plan implementation is pending budget approval each year and where it sits as a priority with Council's Capital Works program in its entirety, including roads and other infrastructure. The \$1.8M has been included in the draft budget for the 24/25 Financial Year to move forward from detailed design to construction of a formalised events space, including surrounding path network and amenity upgrade. Council has secured a government grant for the construction of the event space, which has contributed to making this a priority to deliver next financial year to meet the needs of the grant agreement.
3	Williams Landing Indoor Park - A neglected suburb that is forgotten by Point Cook councillors. A minuscule library, no primary school. A stark contrast to how each corner of Point Cook is bustling with numerous projects. People of 3027 are	We know across Wyndham there is a strong interest from residents for indoor sport. The types of facilities that Wyndham will deliver in the future are intended to service a regional catchment of up to 10km and be located in accordance with land set aside for indoor facilities in Precinct Structure Plans – nearby the future Tarneit and Riverdale Town Centres and within East Werribee.

	clamoring for an indoor sports facility. Why is it not included in the budget? Williams Landing has a lot of land that can be used for an indoor facility and a regular-sized library.	To complement these major facilities, we expect to see the private sector mobilise to service demand, as we have recently seen for example in the Hoppers Lane, Wallace Avenue and Truganina Industrial precincts. Wyndham's school network will provide additional courts, subject to access arrangements from school to school.
4 & 5	Part 1: Total Expenses \$529,281 million. approx 40% of expenses is staff wages. Council should justify why so high? Where is the proof? Your previous answer is lacking. Is there a written report that justifies such a high expense? You are marching towards a 50% staff cost on rate payers money." Part 2: Where is the paperwork to prove why staff wages are so high and do we really need so many council staff (not just for services)?	Wyndham's labour costs reflect its labour market position as the second largest municipality in Victoria, and the fastest growing in Australia. The Council has established processes to consistently monitor and manage employee expenses, ensuring maximum benefits for the community. Details of Council's services – that require staff to provide services to the Community are detailed in pages 11 to 23 of the draft Annual Plan and Budget document. Council prepares its budget in accordance with the disclosure requirements in the model Budget template that Council needs to comply with, as issued by Local Government Victoria. Many of Council services require staff to operate and manage roads maintenance, public open space, Maternal Child Health, kindergartens, school crossings, leisure centres, youth services and the like. In line with Wyndham's aggressive growth profile many of these customer facing services having increasing staff numbers over time is simply based on community growth and increases to external funding. Compared with many similar Councils, Wyndham has many services delivered internally (such as leisure services, outdoor maintenance, and also the RDF) – so some expenditure is in Employee Costs rather than Materials and Services (operating / service delivery model related), and is accordingly funded by additional revenue (i.e. leisure services and the RDF). It is important to highlight that, historically, over the past decade, employee benefits expenses have constituted approximately 39% of the Council's total expenditure, and our Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) projects that this trend will continue in future years.
6	9 years waiting for Riverwalk sports park - Hi Team Can you please provide an update on the Riverwalk Sports Park. I've been waiting for this project for 9 years. I do not want this project to be scrapped after all this time and promises in favor of other projects.	Preliminary planning for the Riverwalk project has been undertaken and identified that the site and future infrastructure has not been immune to the construction cost escalations experienced recently that has impacted many of Council's projects. Council is in the process of reviewing options, in terms of design, construction and procurement methods, to manage the cost of these projects so that they deliver fantastic facilities that the community can enjoy, as well as value for money. Riverwalk will be part of the Future Greenfield Concept Planning item included in the draft budget, which intends to explore economy of scale opportunities when progressing a number of projects in parallel.
7	Riverwalk sports reserve - When will riverwalk sports reserve be built? It's been years in the making but hasn't ever made the budget ? Riverwalk desperately needs its own infrastructure including sports reserve and shops that have	Preliminary planning for the Riverwalk project has been undertaken and identified that the site and future infrastructure has not been immune to the construction cost escalations experienced recently that has impacted many of Council's projects.

	been promised but never found room in the budget ?? Riverwalk residents would love to know the answer as we feel let down.	Council is in the process of reviewing options, in terms of design, construction and procurement methods, to manage the cost of these projects so that they deliver fantastic facilities that the community can enjoy, as well as value for money. Riverwalk will be part of the Future Greenfield Concept Planning item included in the draft budget, which intends to explore economy of scale opportunities when progressing a number of projects in parallel.
8	How may contractors work for Council as it is not listed in the budget? Are their wages included in the \$204 million?	Council had over 5,000 active suppliers during the 2023/24 financial year, whose engagement by Council is subject to purchase orders, quotes or contracts – in accordance with Council's procurement policy. The exact composition of suppliers for the 2024/25 year is not yet known, although there are some existing service contracts and capital contracts that will continue into the upcoming financial year. Most supplier and contract payments are in the materials and services expense line and the capital works program. A small amount of supplier/contractor expenses are in the wages line – which mainly relates to training.
9	Please explain why council is spending \$100 million on roads, but \$204 million on staff wages. Where is the report to justify this cost?	Council has a lot of competing needs for the allocation of funding, of which roads is one of many important services provided to the community. Details of Council's services – which relate to operating services are detailed in pages 11-23 of the draft Annual Plan and Budget. Many of Council services require staff to operate – including roads maintenance, open space, maternal and child health, kindergartens, school crossings, leisure centres, youth services – with many of these customer facing services having increasing staff numbers over time based on community growth and external funding.
10	East Werribee Employment Precinct - What is council doing to progress the East Werribee Employment Precinct? What is the current status of the project and what timelines have been established?	Wyndham City continues to advocate for the development of the East Werribee Precinct as an employment and innovation hub. The East Werribee's 775 hectares of available land is the largest undeveloped surplus State Government site across metropolitan Melbourne and has the potential to provide up to 60,000 local jobs, creating opportunities for residents to work, learn and play within their own community. In the lead up to the State election Wyndham released Activating East Werribee. It outlines our priorities for the East Werribee precinct including: • Establish an East Werribee precinct board • Invest in a new East Werribee precinct master plan • Deliver an iconic catalyst project in East Werribee • Support new attractions and innovation in East Werribee • Commit to a 60,000 new jobs target for East Werribee • Support for community facilities and social infrastructure • Creating a sustainable and liveable East Werribee • Better transport across Melbourne's west • North and West Melbourne city deal

		- Boosting local jobs with an East Werribee jobs reactivation package The recent investments in the Wyndham Court precinct, Werribee Police Station and the expansion of the Werribee Mercy Hospital mark the beginning of the development of the precinct. However, more work needs to be done to achieve the ambitions of the local community. Wyndham City welcomed the release of the East Werribee Opportunity Statement by the State Government on 16 May 2024. The Opportunity Statement acknowledges the need for East Werribee to be developed as an economic and employment hub and outlines the Victorian Government's vision for East Werribee, highlighting the unique attributes and local strengths that provide such a strong pathway for planning and development. The Opportunity Statement also identifies the next steps in the development of the East Werribee Precinct, these next step align with Wyndham City's vision for the precinct and include: - establishment of an East Werribee Stakeholder Reference Group to inform the future planning of the precinct - working with the Department of Education to deliver a new primary school (P9) and specialist school in Point Cook South West - facilitating the delivery of new open space in Point Cook South in partnership with Wyndham City Council - pursuing opportunities to support the opening of the Wyndham Law Courts in 2025. - progressing precinct development options for government consideration. - progressing urban planning requirements to accommodate future growth and services that meets the needs of future communities. - transport planning work investigations to ensure East Werribee is well connected to public transport in the short and long term. In addition to the Opportunity Statement the Victorian Budget 2024-25 allocated: - Funding for the construction of new Point Cook South Specialist School \$20 million to deliver roads and other enabling infrastructure to unlock government owned land in East Werribee/ Point Cook Southwest precinct. Wyndham City will continue to work with the State Government and other parties to ensure East Werribee can achieve its potential of becoming a leading economic and employment hub.
11	Manor Lakes North Reserve Public Transport - Given we have Ngarri public School in place and upcoming Sporting complex therefore this will have increased traffic. Currently there is no public transport available near the area therefore are there any plans of Bus drop off and pickup in front of school to facilitate the traffic.	One of our priorities is to improve transport connections across Wyndham, including in Manor Lakes. Although public transport is delivered by the State Government, we work with the Government to identify service issues and opportunities to improve. We know it is important for local transport to connect key sites in Wyndham. We will continue to actively advocate for improved services directly with local MP's, through our discussion with Government departments and with Ministers. We also are working through groups like LeadWest on the "better buses for the West" campaign.

12	Request To Setup Cricket Nets for Cambridge Oval 1 & 2 in Hoppers Crossing - We are team of 15 active members and regularly playing cricket sport in Cambridge Oval 1. However, we don't have any cricket practice nets near to our premises and we request you to kindly install few nets so that we can continue focusing on game and maintain physical health.	Cambridge Reserve is classified as a category C facility to allow Council flexibility with bookings for the community to use the ovals. Given the category of the oval and the proximity to housing, cricket nets will not be considered at this site. If the group require access to cricket net's, please contact Council's Sport & Recreation Team on 1300 021 411 or email mail@wyndham.vic.gov.au so we can help try to find a suitable site for the group.
13	Is paving on Synnot St and Watton St Werribee going to be levelled to make them trip free and safer to walk on?	Yes, streetscape upgrades in the Werribee City Centre are planned to include paving upgrades. Improved paving materials are planned to be used such as large bluestone pavers and charcoal-coloured concrete, to improve both safety and appearance. Levels are planned to be improved also as part of these works. The materials and works proposed are outlined in the draft Werribee City Centre Streetscape Framework & Design Manual, that is currently on public exhibition for community feedback until 22 May 2024. It can be viewed on The Loop at this link: Werribee City Centre Plan Refresh The Loop (wyndham.vic.gov.au) Your feedback on this and the overall plans for the Werribee City Centre are welcomed.
14	Road Renewal Budget - Road Renewal Budget of \$12 Million (\$3 million for road resurfacing and \$8.55 million for road reconstruction) has not been changed since 2008. How is it possible when change in asset portfolio is 200%. The newer assets are a larger sum of assets compare to older and this results in road resurfacing increasing compare to road reconstruction and should be revised. No one has reviewed this in last 15 years and this needs a tight scrutiny by industry experts and community experts in this field.	The Road Renewal Budget of \$12 million has remained consistent in the Council budget as it has been established by asset management modelling software tailored to Wyndham's road network, which incorporates condition audits, age of infrastructure and service levels established in Council's 2022-2032 Asset Plan. While the road asset portfolio has experienced a significant increase, primarily due to subdivisional development over the past few decades, it's crucial to note that these newer assets are generally in good condition and considered to be towards the earlier years of their aging profile. Consequently, their inclusion hasn't significantly impacted the current level of renewal investment relative to the rate of growth. Council's current 2022-2032 Asset Plan acknowledges the growing number of road assets relative to their condition, age and service level. The Plan outlines an increase in renewal investment, projected to be \$23.5 million by year 8. Further to the above, the current Asset Plan will be subject to a review which will also be slated for community deliberation in 2025. This process offers an opportunity for community to influence the management of Council's assets, including consideration of service levels and investment in Wyndham's road renewal budgets.
15	Third Aquatic Facility for Wyndham – Has a site been selected from the 3 possible sites?	Planning is still occurring for the three potential facilitates while Council works through funding sources.
16	Third Aquatic Facility for Wyndham - \$58 million in the draft budget for recreational, leisure & community facilities -	Projects included as part of the \$58 million for Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities include: • Tarneit North Master Plan Implementation - Active Open Space • Galvin Park Pavilion Retrofit (Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project)

	is any of that money for the next 50m swimming pool? Has a site been selected from the 3 possible sites?	• Lawrie Emmins Reserve Master Plan Implementation (Sayers Rd Youth Precinct) • Major Leisure Facilities Renewal Works • Wyndham Cultural Centre Facility Development Plan • Tarneit Town Centre Community Centre Project • Westbrook Level 2 Multi Purpose Community Centre • Riverwalk Level 2 Multi Purpose Community Centre/ Discovery Centre • Public Toilet Strategy • Presidents Park Master Plan - Implementation • Ballan Road Level 1 Children's Centre • Manor Lakes North Reserve Master Plan Implementation • Manor Lakes PSP Level 2 Community Centre • Jamieson Way Masterplan Implementation - Stage 1 • Jamieson Way Masterplan Implementation - Stage 2 • Galvin Park Master Plan Implementation • Fortitude Drive Reserve (Truganina) Master Plan Implementation • Future Greenfield Active Open Space Concept Planning • Woodville Place Plan Implementation Works • Soldiers Reserve • Wyn-R Project : Reduction-Renewables-Resilience • Chirnside park masterplan implementation Currently no funding for a new major leisure facility has been included in the Draft Budget. The funding required for a new facility is significantly higher than Council's available funds when taking into consideration other Capital priorities across Wyndham. Council will continue to plan and investigate future funding opportunities to deliver the project.
17	Tarneit/Leakes Road Duplication - What is the status of duplication for either the Tarneit Road (Sayers to Leakes) or Leakes Road (Tarneit to Derrimut)? For the last few budgets, there have been contributions and comms around these projects starting, and now the latest budget only mentions the Tarneit/Leakes intersection and not the entire stretch of road. Why did the amount jump from \$4.5m last budget for the entire road to \$10M for just the intersection?	At the Council Meeting on the 27 February 2024 (https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/about-council/your-council/council-and-committee-meetings/council-and-planning-committee-meeting [Item 10.3 - for more information download Packet (on page 311) and Minutes], the decision was made due to cost escalations to stage the Tarneit Road duplication, Sayers to Leakes Road. The change is to prioritise the Tarneit/Leakes Road intersection in Stage 1 and deliver the duplication of Tarneit Road as Stage 2, with the timing of Stage 2 subject to adoption in a future budget. The Leakes Road duplication (Tarneit to Derrimut Road) project is planned to commence after the Tarneit Road project. The \$4.5m in last year's budget for Tarneit Road duplication was not the total cost of the proposed works but only initial funding to commence works. Road duplications are complex projects that are usually staged over a couple of years. The ~\$10.8m in the proposed 2024/25 budget is for construction of the intersection.
18	Pedestrian Crossing on Haze Drive - Can you confirm if there are plans to install a new pedestrian crossing on Haze Drive behind St Mary's of the Cross Primary School? This is a high traffic area during school times and while there are	Haze Drive is not in our current school crossing program. There have been previous school crossing assessments undertaken on Haze Drive, but unfortunately the location has not met the warrants for inclusion in the school crossing program. However, the location will continue to be monitored.

	pedestrian crossings on Carrick Street, there are none on Haze Drive.	
19	Little River - Hi Just wondered if there is any plans for Little River upgrades of the park and roads?	\$6 million is allocated to the 'widen Little River roads upgrade project.' This is a complex multi-year project to be completed in stages. The benefits to be delivered include an improved quality of key roads and increased pavement width, as well as improved drainage of surrounding environment resulting in less pooling. As part of Wyndham's Play Space Strategy and Open Space Strategy, Possy Newland Reserve will also receive an upgrade. The upgrade will include new district level playground equipment, upgraded sports court, upgraded bbq area and new landscaping. Works are planned to start next year.
20	Any plans to increase public transport in point cook? Bus service/ route is limited and has not seen any improvement for last few years.	Improving transport connections in Wyndham, including Point Cook is a priority for Wyndham City Council. Although public transport is delivered by the State Government, Wyndham City Council works closely with the Government to identify service issues and opportunities to improve the service. The community frequently raise public transport accessibility and regularity of services as an issue. The regularity and accessibility of bus services in Point Cook are noted in the Wyndham Plan and our advocacy priorities. As such, we called for better bus services during the 2022 State election campaign and continue to lobby the State Government for additional services. Wyndham City continues to actively advocate for improved services directly with local MP's, through our discussion with Government departments and with Ministers. We also are working through groups like LeadWest on the "better buses for the West" campaign.
21	Newmarket Road Reserve (Werribee Riverwalk) - Can you please provide an update on Newmarket Road Reserve? \$289,000 was budgeted for the Newmarket Road Reserve master plan in 2023/24. Why is there no further budget allocation or development planned for 2024/25?	A draft Master Plan, including site investigations, has been undertaken for the Newmarket Road Active Open Space in the current financial year. Unfortunately, the cost to move forward with delivery of the project was significantly higher than funds available when taking into consideration other capital priorities, including roads and other infrastructure. Newmarket Road Reserve has been included in the 24/25FY budget under - Future Greenfield AOS Concept Planning. This will ensure Council continues to plan, consider other delivery options, and investigate future funding opportunities to deliver the project.
22	What is happening to aged care support such as activity groups as Penrose group closing down at the end of the year - Are there any other facilities closing down at the end of the year. And what is in place from the start of next year for the elderly/aged? Any other council support programs closing down such as Duncans Rd for the Indian Community?	Penrose Community Centre is not closing at the end of the year. Kindergarten and Maternal and Child Health will continue to operate from this facility and community groups will continue to have access to the Community Rooms for programs and events as per previous years. There are no plans in place to close any Council facilities. The Federal Government is changing the way aged care services are funded and delivered. The changes will increase choice, quality and affordability of programs for clients. From 31 December 2024, Council will change the way it supports its older residents, moving from a direct service model to a model that assists residents to find the service that best suits them amongst the 120 aged care service

		providers across Wyndham. This means that Council will no longer receive funding from the Federal Government to provide the Planned Activity Group that currently operates from Penrose Community Centre. As we transition out of delivering these services, Council will strengthen our role in sector support, advocacy and support for community to access local services, including: • Increasing our investment in the Community Connector Program, which provides residents with access to the information, support and services that they need, when and where they need them, helping to ensure that no one falls through the gaps; • Strengthening our role in advocating for the needs of residents to ensure that the voices of residents are better represented at a State and Federal level; • Strengthening our role in planning for older residents to ensure that future infrastructure better meets the needs of residents; • Continue our very successful Seniors Festival, Seniors Directory and Seniors Expo. These changes reflect the feedback we've received from our community regarding the future of aged care service delivery in Wyndham, which demonstrated that residents want Council to prioritise helping older residents to understand the aged care system and connect them to services.
23	Ison Rd extension to M1 - I note \$15m budgeted for the above in the 2024/25 Budget. Given the Ison Rd bridge bridge (overpass over the railway line currently under construction by State Government) is to be complete in 2025, is the expectation that the Ison Rd extension to M1 (to be delivered by Council) will also be complete at the same time?	Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link, which includes: • The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). • The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. • The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). • The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. • Council is fully funding the Ison Road Extension, utilising a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. • The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon.
24	What is the plan for Ison road extension once the overpass complete? The Ison road over pass is due completion next year. Are you planing to include that in the budget or is it already included?	Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link, which includes: • The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). • The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. • The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd).

		• The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. • Council is fully funding the Ison Road Extension, utilising a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. • The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon.
25	School - What being done with school in manor lakes as the one that we are all zoned for is way to big and is very bad if you didn't know. The school has a lot of problems like kids running out onto the road in full school uniforms out when it's school time kids as young as 5/6 walking with out a Parent or guardian this school has a very bad reputation and people are taking their children out of school because of it.	Wyndham City Council understands the importance of a quality education and advocates for investment in new and existing schools. As such we welcomed the opening of Ngarri Primary School in 2023 and Laa Yulta Primary School in 2024. These new schools will help manage the needs of our growing community and ease pressure on existing schools. Wyndham City Council continues to advocate to ensure all these schools are properly resourced and have the infrastructure and staff to support the needs of children.

Attachment 2: Contributions from the Community Results

No.	Is there anything else you want to tell us?	Council Response
1	Road infrastructure needs more allocation. For example traffic on Ballan road in Wyndham Vale is a nightmare. It’s not suitable for the population growth of the area. Need to look into it	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), and Point Cook Road. State Government funding was announced in last year’s State budget for the Ballan/McGrath/Greens Road intersection project, which will replace the roundabout with a signalised intersection. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided in the near future. Council’s draft budget identifies a number of projects to upgrade roads managed by Council.
2	Far to much money spent on Council staff employees	Wyndham's labour costs reflect its labour market position as the second largest municipality in Victoria, and the fastest growing in Australia. The Council has established processes to consistently monitor and manage employee expenses, ensuring maximum benefits for the community. Details of Council’s services – that require staff to provide services to the Community are detailed in pages 11 to 23 of the draft Annual Plan and Budget document. Many of Council services require staff to operate and manage roads maintenance, public open space, Maternal Child Health, kindergartens, school crossings, leisure centres, youth services and the like. In line with Wyndham’s aggressive growth profile many of these customer facing services having increasing staff numbers over time is simply based on community growth and increases to external funding. Compared with many similar Councils, Wyndham has many services delivered internally (such as leisure services, outdoor maintenance, and also the RDF) – so some expenditure is in Employee Costs rather than Materials and Services (operating / service delivery model related), and is accordingly funded by additional revenue (ie leisure services and RDF).
3	Featherbrook Oval Point Cook needs extra power on the opposite side of the oval to the pavilion of 34 amps. There is also a need to review canteen facilities to accomodate cooking	Council will work with the Club to coordinate the works required to enable the future installation of an electronic scoreboard. It is most cost effective to achieve this on the pavilion side of the oval. The cost of these works can be accommodated within the operational budget. The Club's request for a minor kitchen refurbishment incorporating extending the rangehood to service both an oven and deep fryer is currently unfunded and forecast to cost \$75,000. Council officers will further investigate this item, to better understand the scope and cost, and if it can be accommodated within an existing funded program. The Club's secondary request, for a more significant refurbishment which would require the use of the public toilet amenity footprint to expand the footprint of the kitchen is expected to cost over \$250k given the public toilet would need to be re-instated elsewhere.
4	Our roads in Little River are an absolute disgrace!! Yet we still have to wait for basic road maintenance. Our roads were supposedly meant to be rebuilt several budgets ago and yet we are still waiting. Maybe council will finally fix these goat tracks when somebody is seriously injured or killed. As for the damage to our vehicles driving on these narrow pot holed, corrugated unsafe roads that's a whole other issue. FIX OUR ROADS ASAP	The roads in Little River are maintained in accrodance with Wyndham's road management plan, please find the plan at the following link in relation to defects and intervention https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02/Road%20Management%20Plan%202021.pdf. In accordance to Council's Asset Plan, all of Wyndhams Road network is subject to cyclic condition assesments which will then inform which roads require renewal, please see the link to the current Asset Plan https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-07/The%20Wyndham%20Asset%20Plan%20-%20Final%20202207.pdf. Council is currently in the process of tendering for the reconstruction of Old Melbourne Road from Little River Road to Rothwell Road and Rothwell Road from Old melbourne Road to McLeans Road. It is expected that the works will commence in October 2024.

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5	Featherbrook oval needs 34 amp power on the opposite side of the oval. The pavilion also needs better cooking equipment in the canteen	Council will work with the Club to coordinate the works required to enable the future installation of an electronic scoreboard. It is most cost effective to achieve this on the pavilion side of the oval. The cost of these works can be accommodated within the operational budget. The Club's request for a minor kitchen refurbishment incorporating extending the rangehood to service both an oven and deep fryer is currently unfunded and forecast to cost \$75,000. Council officers will further investigate this item, to better understand the scope and cost, and if it can be accommodated within an existing funded program. The Club's secondary request, for a more significant refurbishment which would require the use of the public toilet amenity footprint to expand the footprint of the kitchen is expected to cost over \$250k given the public toilet would need to be re-instated elsewhere.
6	Featherbrook reserve desperately requires an upgrade to the power available on the opposite side to the pavilion. This needs to be increased to 34 amps. There is also a desperate need to upgrade the current kitchen facilities to cater for increased catering numbers.	Council will work with the Club to coordinate the works required to enable the future installation of an electronic scoreboard. It is most cost effective to achieve this on the pavilion side of the oval. The cost of these works can be accommodated within the operational budget. The Club's request for a minor kitchen refurbishment incorporating extending the rangehood to service both an oven and deep fryer is currently unfunded and forecast to cost \$75,000. Council officers will further investigate this item, to better understand the scope and cost, and if it can be accommodated within an existing funded program. The Club's secondary request, for a more significant refurbishment which would require the use of the public toilet amenity footprint to expand the footprint of the kitchen is expected to cost over \$250k given the public toilet would need to be re-instated elsewhere.
7	Elderly or senior Citizens who have paid rates etc in this city all of their life seem nonexistent. in this budget. Just put them under a tree in the green space and leave them there maybe they won't speak up.	Council is changing how we support seniors into the future and has committed to increasing its investment in the Community Connector Program, which provides residents with access to the information, support and services that they need, when and where they need them, helping to ensure that no one falls through the gaps. The community connectors provide specialised support for older residents to navigate the aged care system and other support available for older people including services like Senior Rights Victoria. The program also runs sessions for older people on topics such as scam awareness. Council will also: Strengthen our role in advocating for the needs of older residents to ensure that the voices of residents are better represented at a State and Federal level; Strengthen our role in planning for older residents to ensure that future infrastructure better meets the needs of residents; Continue our very successful Seniors Festival, Seniors Directory and Seniors Expo. Council also provides library services that offer extensive library collections for seniors to access including, large print books, audio books and magazines. Library programs are also provided for seniors, including genealogical services and a home delivery service for those unable to visit a library branch. Council continues to offer the Morning Melodies program from Encore Events Centre. This monthly event targeted towards Seniors, offers our residents a fun and engaging Show & Morning Tea for the price of \$14 per ticket. This is a hugely popular performance and is well attended by the senior community.
8	I have previously suggested a footbridge crossing the river from riverwalk area to south side of Werribee to accommodate easier and safer travel for school kids from this area to get to their zoned school faster and safer when riding or cycling. Also better access for general access to this side of Werribee river. Peter Maynard has previously said this has been in the council agenda but yet to see anything further. Can this please be escalated to this next budget so all of the community can benefit and also will help reduce traffic on the roads and around the schools if this is implemented.	A proposed footbridge has been identified on the Riverwalk development plan at the end of Synnot Street that would provide a connection to the Werribee City Centre. Council’s adopted Wyndham Active Transport Strategy action 1.2 was completed and this missing link was noted. Due to the number of missing links across Wyndham that have been identified as part of the Strategy, it will take a some years to complete them all. At this stage there is no timing on when this footbridge may be built.
9	Roads construction: I believe there is an urgent need to start planning on duplication of the C703 (Ballan Rd) between Armstron Rd and Bolton Rd. This will no doubt take a lot of time to get right given the number of roundabouts, entrances (Manor Lakes, WCC etc). Further, with all the development in the area, it is quickly becoming a choke point for local traffic. Please can you consider for inclusion, thank you!	Ballan Road is a declared arterial road managed by the Department of Transport and Planning. While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. State Government funding was announced in last year’s State budget for the Ballan/McGrath/Greens Road intersection project, which will replace the roundabout with a signalised intersection. The State Government also announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced.
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11	In a Q & A on ABC Melbourne radio earlier this year, the Mayor stated that the Werribee South beach masterplan implementation had been brought forward to the 2023-24 financial year. On the Council website it states that: Council adopted the Werribee South Beach Master Plan on May 23, 2023 to guide the future use, upgrade and development of this important coastal precinct. The Master Plan was based on community preferences and priorities for the area and includes a wide range of project upgrades, to be delivered over a 10 year timeline. Works are due to commence in early 2024, subject to Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action approvals. Stage 1 works will include: An upgraded Wyndham Bay Trail shared user path; New solar path lighting; A wetland deck overlooking the Werribee River and You Yangs; A new fishing platform; Sand dune revegetation works and coastal tree planting; and A dog of lead beach; Of the above items only the 'of' (sic) lead beach has been delivered, with just two months of the the current financial year remaining. There is minimal funding for anything in the masterplan in the proposed budget. Why?	Thank you for your feedback. Commencement of Stage 1 works is awaiting approval of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) and Marine and Coastal Act (MACA) consent. Construction of Stage 1 of the Werribee South Beach Master Plan will commence in 24/25. Stage 1 works are funded via the Wyndham Coastal and Marine Management Plan and include an upgrade of the Wyndham Bay Trail, new solar lighting, a wetland lookout deck, and new fishing platform and sand dune revegetation works.
12	(BLANK)	No response required
13	Please complete ISON Rd quicker so we have another avenue to the Princes Highway. Traffic is getting worse and worse. Thank you.	Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding.. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided in the near future.
14	We need more funding to attract trendy bars and cool restaurants for all the young to middle aged in the area. Theres literally zero places to go hear music and a dj and the quality of food in the area is terrible and mostly Indian and low quality take away. All I hear is parks, roads, health and schools. We have enough kfc, McDonald’s and seven eleven etc. What is there to do for 30-45 year olds in the area on weekends that doesn’t involve children or families? Clean up the bloody mosque parking in Wooten road too it’s a bloody mess every Friday and at Ramadan for locals. I can’t even get out of my driveway some days. Wyndham is turning into a dump for immigrants!	There are several actions that Council is taking towards achieving increased economic development and activation within Wyndham, although it is not Wyndham City Council’s core business to directly fund the attraction of bars and restaurants. . Council is refreshing activity centre visions and plans such as for the Werribee City Centre. These are important documents that businesses and developers look at when deciding whether to invest in a centre. Council is implementing upgrades to streetscapes in activity centres. These works create an attractive setting for new businesses and investment. Council is implementing placemaking programs in multiple activity centres such as Tarneit, Hoppers Crossing, Werribee and Point Cook. These programs activate and enhance activity centres, making them more attractive to both the community and new businesses such as bars and restaurants. Council is working with existing businesses to support their growth and to attract and support new businesses. Council has also purchased the Former Palais Theatre in Werribee (currently Cash Converters) with the aim of transforming it into a boutique cinema. This action can act as a catalyst to create an entertainment precinct with great new bars and restaurants.
15	Double lane on Derrimut road (extended Hopkins road) across Leaks road to Neale Road in a need of the hour as there are lots of estates and commercial establishments being set up and road widening is needed urgently.	Derrimut Road and Hopkins Road are declared arterial roads managed by the Department of Transport and Planning (State Government). While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of the State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. In May 2022, the State Government announced \$18.6 million in funding to signalise the intersection of Derrimut Road/Hopkins Road with Boundary Road. This project is being progressed by the Department of Transport and Planning. Wyndham City also collects Development Contributions from developers in the growth areas, towards Council infrastructure such as Boundary Road. Some of this funding will be allocated towards the costs of constructing the Boundary Road components of the intersection.

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16	The decision to transform Cash Convertors to a boutique cinema is absolutely a fantastic one as the positives for Wyndham will far exceed the funding required to make this happen (even if hypothetically it does go overbudget). The positive flow on effect will continue to grow exponentially and will create to the feel of welcoming, vibrancy, pride of the busy face of Wyndham, flow on to businesses so economic growth, keep dollars in Wyndham residents who currently travel out of Wyndham such an experience. Surround it would great little restaurants, book shop (thinking Yarraville). And it's ACCESSIBLE - right nex to the train station. - A win for all!! Recognition of need to improve roads, access is vital and good to see it is a priority. Public transport also needs to be vastly improved so those without cars can more easily get around Wyndham. 6.5 million to be spent on Wyndham Cultural Centre sounds good, but it feels like this will ultimately not be money well spent. The initial aim was to create black box flexible rehearsal and smaller performance space to provide some infrastructure support to community performing arts. Now, from what I read and hear, it is really about expanding the art gallery - totally different art group, audience and not going to enhance theatre practitioners or audience. What will that achieve? Like the 'bus stop' out the front, I fear money wasted. On that I note on page 13 funding allocated for the arts is via programming. Which essentially means booked events, pop up. No solid base for the community to have ongoing use to learn grow, build audiences etc. I notice in comparison on page 12 sport does have ' infrastructure provision' as part of the funding. This is what performing arts needs - infrastructure provision for local performing arts which ticks EVERY box in the 8 aims listed on page 23. I notice again, 474K for public art. I hope the Creative Wyndham strategy addresses this very odd and narrow focus of art spending being by and large public art, or the gallery or buy ins. I hope the creative strategy broadens Wyndham's scope and includes local performing arts in their distribution of funds. Re tourism - Wyndham should have an extra city centre proper visitor information centre. The 300k plus that live here in Wyndham will not go to the Zoo to find out the many things that or on in our region. Pop up VIC desks at the plaza is nowhere near enough. Build one that has a coffee gift shop attached. It will make money. Also until our largest tourist attraction Werribee Park, fixes its signage and lighting, it will be a constant source of embarrassment and frustration for anyone visiting when it starts to get dark. Can we not apply for a grant for this to be done - anything?	Thank you for your positive feedback regarding Council’s investment in the Former Palais Theatre and road upgrades. Wyndham City Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for the need for improved public transport services and infrastructure. Your feedback regarding the need for additional theatre facilities and broader arts funding is noted. The consultation and research processes undertaken as part of the development of the draft Creative Wyndham Strategy, are providing strategic direction on the role and importance of planning for future creative infrastructure needs. The strategy will go out for public feedback in the near future and we encourage your input into that process. Your feedback regarding Werribee Park is also noted. Werribee Park is managed and funded by Parks Victoria/State Government. Council will continue to advocate for further State Government investment in this important tourism attraction. The Visitor Information Centre at the entrance to Werribee Open Range Zoo in Weribee Park has been operating successfully since it’s relocation from the Wyndham Cultural Centre. Your suggestion of a second Visitor Information Centre in Werribee City Centre is noted and will be considered in future planning.
17	The draft budget provides details on budget allocation for each services but it's not clear allocation to different projects. Nothing about enhancing green cover. Hardly any funds for Tarneit other than development of north Tarneit reserve. With mushrooming new developments in Tarneit, there is nothing in budget to improve transport connectivity to Tarneit north (no public transport past Leakes Road towards Boundary Road, no public transport on Dohertys Road, including flexi ride, not even pedestrian access/footpaths on road to walk to nearest public transport). No new community centre or library developments for the new communities (other than one on Derrimut road, opp to tarneit station). The people of new community are already paying council rates. There's no proposal to address the transport issues for number of residents who have moved into new developments. No mention of electric charging stations.	The funding, provision and operation of public transport services is a State Government responsibility, with the Department of Transport responsible for planning and managing the bus network. The State Government recently announced ~\$39.7m funding from growth area infrastructure contributions (GAIC) to deliver a fixed route services to residential areas currently reliant on the Tarneit North FlexiRide which is over capacity. The modified route will also provide a link between Tarneit Station and the employment area of Laverton North. The Wyn-R program is also funding the installation of a number of electric vehicle charging stations at Council facilities, investigations are currently underway to confirm the centres that will be selected. Planning has been completed for library provision in Wyndham and there is a proposed Riverdale Library that will open in 2030+ and a new library in Tarneit North planned to open between 2029 and 2034. These projects are subject to Business Cases supported in Council’s Long Term Financial Plan. A Pop Up Library Van takes library services out to the community where physical library facilities are not yet open.
18	The allocation of funds is correct proportionately but I don't see enough emphasis on investing in jobs and training so people can work and study more in wyndham. Many of us are working and commuting outside our area there needs to be more incentive for commercial growth here.	Thank you for your feedback. Council recognises how important it is for people to have access to local jobs close to home and know that training and education plays an important role in our community gaining employment. Firstly, it is important to recognise that the State Government Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) is responsible for a range of programs in this area across the state. Have a look at their website to find out more information about the services delivered by the DJSIR. Council, through funding from DJSIR has been able to engage in projects that support our community in this area. One such initiative is Opportunity Wyndham, which involves collaboration between the Council, local businesses, and education providers. This program helps businesses in Wyndham to hire and keep talented employees. In the past year, Opportunity Wyndham has worked with local businesses in different industries to create programs and training that match the area's job market. As a result, more than 100 community members have received specialised training and assistance, and over 70 have found stable jobs locally. Secondly, regarding the commercial growth, Council is committed to becoming an economically prosperous city through facilitating the attraction, establishment, and expansion of small and big business to start, grow and prosper within the municipality. Through Council’s investment in a range of economic development programs, initiatives, and services, including business and future skills training, the SPARK Innovation Hub for startups and entrepreneurs in the knowledge and technology sectors, as well as streamlining the process for business permit applications, Council has enabled the growth of more than 32,000 businesses. Wyndham currently has 110,531 local jobs, an increase of 8.1% from 2023 and 4.6% since 2014. As one of the fastest growing municipalities in Australia, Council will continue to advocate for investment in several city shaping projects with the potential of attracting, creating, and growing local jobs for local residents.

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19	Disappointed that no extra funding was provided to the redevelopment of saltwater reserve. This development will provide social and economic benefits for generations to come	The proposed pavilion redevelopment is forecast to cost in excess of \$10M. Council is in liaison with the Club regarding its approach to bridge the funding gap to be able to realise this project. This includes ongoing discussions with the Federal Government around a contribution to the project.
20	I was disappointed to see that The Point Cook Football & Cricket Club Pavilion redevelopment has not secured further funding in the draft budget. This project will provide significant community benefit across the entire Point Cook community and demonstrates a community driven project focused on building enduring social value.	The proposed pavilion redevelopment is forecast to cost in excess of \$10M. Council is in liaison with the Club regarding its approach to bridge the funding gap to be able to realise this project. This includes ongoing discussions with the Federal Government around a contribution to the project.
21	I understand the need for libraries and sporting fields to be maintained and in some cases upgraded. But the council needs to double or triple their budget for local roads. Money is not infinite and you need to triage' the most important cases first. We must do more for roads, vicroads needs to do more, the state government needs to do more.	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), and Point Cook Road. Council’s draft budget identifies a number of projects to upgrade roads managed by Council.
22	With a growing community in Point Cook, sporting clubs are looking to support that growth so it was nothing short of disappointing that The Point Cook Football & Cricket Club redevelopment has not secured funding in this draft to support that upgrade. Obviously this is long overdue and absolutely needed purely based on increasing numbers not only for the sporting clubs currently utilising these facilities but limits opportunity for the wider Point Cook community to benefit from improved facilities outside of just sport. This is something that must be supported and re considered in the next cut of the draft.	The proposed pavilion redevelopment is forecast to cost in excess of \$10M. Council is in liaison with the Club regarding its approach to bridge the funding gap to be able to realise this project. This includes ongoing discussions with the Federal Government around a contribution to the project.
23	If like library hours extended	Ongoing analysis of library usage is undertaken and library access hours respond to usage demand where budget allows. In May 2024 additional library service hours became available at the new Truganina Community Centre & Library Lounge.
24	Featherbrook reserve in Point Cook desperately needs a revamp. For a club rooms that supports almost 10 senior cricket or football sides & almost 20 junior cricket/footy sides. It’s inadequate and outdated. Clubs around Wyndham will less than half the amount of members have had massive updates and then their rooms sit empty as no one uses the facility. Please prioritise featherbrook reserve, the most outdated ground in all of Wyndham.	Thank you for your feedback. Point Cook Centrals have been active in the advocacy to Council for facility improvements, however the priorities communicated to Council concern an electronic scoreboard, kitchen refurbishment and change room provision. Council officers will further investigate this to better understand the scope and cost, and if it can be accommodated within an existing funded program. We'll continue to liaise with the Club to support the progression of these priorities as best we can.
25	Yes, the budget is good and I want to know LAWNMOWING in which category.	The expenditure of mowing for parks, sports field and rural roadside is among the expenses of the Open Space Management category. Please, refer to page 15 of the Proposed Annual Plan and Budget.
26	No money set for seniors. The budget expenditure seems to be all about assets rather than what peoples needs.	Council is changing how we support seniors into the future and has committed to increasing its investment in the Community Connector Program, which provides residents with access to the information, support and services that they need, when and where they need them, helping to ensure that no one falls through the gaps. The community connectors provide specialised support for older residents to navigate the aged care system and other support available for older people including services like Senior Rights Victoria. The program also runs sessions for older people on topics such as scam awareness. Council will also: Strengthen our role in advocating for the needs of older residents to ensure that the voices of residents are better represented at a State and Federal level; Strengthen our role in planning for older residents to ensure that future infrastructure better meets the needs of residents; Continue our very successful Seniors Festival, Seniors Directory and Seniors Expo. Libraries offer a range of services for seniors including free programs, items for loan and information services. Seniors unable to visit a library branch are able to request a home delivery. Council continues to offer the Morning Melodies program from Encore Events Centre. This monthly event targeted towards Seniors, offers our residents a fun and engaging Show & Morning Tea for the price of \$14 per ticket. This is a hugely popular performance and is well attended by the senior community.
27	Hi, i live in paramatta road. My kids and me goes to wilson reserve park in paramatta road near to riverdene kindergarten. can you please upgrade this park with some kids play things and work out gym things in our parks? This will help all the resident of this area. Thank you	Thank you for your feedback. Council will explore the opportunity you have identified at Wilson Reserve and consider a business case for works in 25/26 if deemed appropriate.

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28	The biggest item is the repetition of road renewal being 9 million since 2008. The network has changed to 200% since 2008 and there are more roads requiring road resurfacing than what is the budget allows for and also the split of resurfacing vs reconstruction. This split also unchanged since 2008. It looks like no thought is applied by Council's Asset Management division handling this and just repeats the number without any logic or projections. If this is the case in the instance of roads, same will be for buildings, parks and open space and other assets. This needs a tight scrutiny and a response to community that how the budget of a particular items remained unchanged in 16 years despite hugh change to the asset portfolio.	The Road Renewal Budget has remained consistent in the Council budget as it has been established by asset management modelling software tailored to Wyndham's road network, which incorporates condition audits, age of infrastructure and service levels established in Council's 2022-2032 Asset Plan. The funding split in the proposed 2024 – 2025 budget is \$3.05m for resurfacing and \$8.55m for reconstruction, which is in addition to the various other road projects individually identified for upgrade in the budget. While the road asset portfolio has experienced a significant increase, primarily due to subdivisional development over the past few decades, it's crucial to note that these newer assets are generally in good condition and considered to be towards the earlier years of their aging profile. Consequently, their inclusion hasn't significantly impacted the current level of renewal investment relative to the rate of growth. Council's current 2022-2032 Asset Plan acknowledges the growing number of road assets relative to their condition, age and service level. The Plan outlines an increase in renewal investment, projected to be \$23.5 million by year 8. Further to the above, the current Asset Plan will be subject to a review which will also be slated for community deliberation in 2025. This process offers an opportunity for community to influence the management of Council's assets, including consideration of service levels and investment in Wyndham's road renewal budgets.
29	Footpath improvements along Railway Avenue between Glen Street and Tarneit Road. The Footpaths are no longer accessible and are very uneven.	This section of footpath along Railway Avenue between Glen Street and Tarneit Road is maintained in accrodance with Wyndham's road management plan. Please find the plan at the following link in relation to defects and intervention https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02/Road%20Management%20Plan%202021.pdf . The current condition of the path does not warrant immediate intervention, however will continually be subject to defect inspections and condition auditing as part of Wyndham Asset Plan.
30	Consider a new dog off leash park in Baltimore Drive. The playground could also use some investment - it is ageing and could be renovated.	Thank you for your feedback. Council's Dog Off-leash Plan stipulates that fenced off-leash areas should be at least 3,000m2 in size. Baltimore Drive Park is not sufficient in size to accomodate a dedicated fenced area for dogs without compromising other park users. Council is currently constructing a new fenced dog off-leash facility at The Strand/Boardwalk Boulevard Park, this new facility will be only 500m from Baltimore Drive Park and will service the same catchment.
31	More translated books in local libraries in Tamil.	A small Tamil print collection of 160 items was introduced at Julia Gillard Tarneit Library in 2023 to meet the needs of a growing Tamil speaking community in that area. This initial collection has been well used and is popular with the local community. Based on its current level of usage we would expect to expand this collection in the 2024/2025 financial year provided that a suitable quantity of quality items can be sourced from our specialist library suppliers.
32	Eagle Stadium entry fees should be investigated - players shouldn't have to pay to play as they already pay registration fees. It would be good to see investment in a Public Lawn Bowls facility around Point Cook or Sanctuary Lakes.	Whilst we don't have any additional open spaces or facilities being developed in Point Cook in the short term, we note your request for a public lawn bowls facility and will consider this in the future planning of new facilities in the area. Door fees at Eagle Stadium are collected on behalf of and proceeds are provided to the respective Associations. Council will work with Stadium management and the Associations to better communicate why the fee is collected and what the funding contributes to.
33	Greetings, Thanks for sharing the Draft Budget. It is truly comprehensive. However, it has failed to consider a review of the IPC Health Services for Seniors which is so desperately needed due to the ageing population. The above comment/observation is for your consideration. Thanking you. Kind regards.	Council is changing how we support seniors into the future and has committed to increasing its investment in the Community Connector Program, which provides residents with access to the information, support and services that they need, when and where they need them, helping to ensure that no one falls through the gaps. The community connectors provide specialised support for older residents to navigate the aged care system and other support available for older people including services like Senior Rights Victoria. The program also runs sessions for older people on topics such as scam awareness.
34	(BLANK)	No response required
35	Community facilities needed in Werribee. Since Kelly park is closing there is no facility to replace it.	Thank you for your feedback. Given the significant out-of-pocket cost required to rebuild the centre and upgrade it to meet current building and safety standards, restoring the land to public open space will deliver the greatest community benefit relative to cost. The Old Shire Offices will continue to serve as a community centre in the Werribee City Centre. This venue, along with other Council community centres in Wyndham and private venues available for hire in Werribee, have been assessed as sufficient to meet community needs. Council will continue to evaluate this as part of our ongoing commitment to providing our community with the facilities they need.
36	I am writing on behalf of Point Cook Netball Club. We note that the Jamieson Way redevelopment is included in this budget for which we commend Council. This upgrade will be a welcome resource for the netball community not only now but for future generations. PCNC has around 200 members and due to lack of facilities we are unable to grow past this, despite ongoing interest and pressure to do so.The proposed facilities will ensure the club is able to offer a better club and training experience to our members as well as being able to generate a small income (canteen). The facilities look great and we eagerly await their adoption into the budget.	Funding for Stage 2 of the Jamieson Way Reserve Master Plan implementation has been included in the draft budget. Design work is nearing completion and we will soon progress to developing tender documentation. Stakeholders will be kept informed of key milestones as the project progresses.

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37	On behalf of Sanctuary Lakes Netball Association we hope that the stage 2 at Jamieson Way is looked after with this budget properly. Having worked with the Council for more than 8 years trying to get better facilities we hope that we finally get more courts, better toilet facilities , better lighting, more seating and the pavillion for the netball community. We have approximately 250 players 7-18 years of age that have really been ignored for a very long time and we continually see football, cricket, soccer, tennis getting great facilities. I am happy to provide further information in writing to council.	Funding for Stage 2 of the Jamieson Way Reserve Master Plan implementation has been included in the draft budget. Design work is nearing completion and we will soon progress to developing tender documentation. Stakeholders will be kept informed of key milestones as the project progresses.
38	No further comments about this Draft Budget.	No response required
39	Still not listening to what the majority of people in the area want No more people needed, no growth wanted, fix the traffic, don't be woke We need something like a drive in theatre, we have the room! Traffic lights at Shaws and tarneit Rds, no U turns on Derimut Rd and kookaburra ave, so open a drive way at the 7eleven opp Heathdale college. Less focus on ██████████ and to quote you, inclusive of regular Aussies. Be the place for Christmas!!!!	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), and Point Cook Road. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Council’s draft budget identifies a number of projects to upgrade roads managed by Council. This includes Stage 1 of the Tarneit Road duplication (Shaws Rd to Railway Ave), which is to replace the roundabout at Shaws and Tarneit Roads with a signalised intersection. In response to your suggestion to have more activities to do, specifically in relation to a Drive-In Theatre, this would be an initiative of a commercial operator who would work with Council as other businesses do. We have a range of major and local events that Council and Community groups present for residents and strongly encourage to follow Wyndham City on social media platforms to stay up to date with our events programs.
40	We have problems with traffic congestion on sayers Rd, there are 4 schools that’s are all trying to be reached at the same time. Starts at morris Rd and just bottle necks. Something needs to be done. We have a problem with car crashes we need to have this fixed. Lots of hit and run. Insurance is now through the roof costing us thousands more because people are causing accidents and the police just say have a dash cam and good insurance. We need this addressed the crime in Wyndham it is scary here, to drive! Our schools need more support, the burnout is huge with lots of violence this needs to be addressed.	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads such as Sayers Road is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Wyndham City is also progressing road safety initiatives to improve safety on our local roads such as traffic calming.
41	Riverwalk Sports Park has been promised for over a decade and Since being handed over to council many years ago it has been completely ignored! Please explain why other sports parks are getting an upgrade\$ while we have absolutely nothing out this side of Werribee.	Preliminary planning for the Riverwalk project has been undertaken and identified that the site and future infrastructure has not been immune to the construction cost escalations experienced recently that has impacted many of Council’s projects. Council is in the process of reviewing options, in terms of design, construction and procurement methods, to manage the cost of these projects so that they deliver fantastic facilities that the community can enjoy, as well as value for money. Riverwalk will be part of the Future Greenfield Concept Planning item included in the draft budget, which intends to explore economy of scale opportunities when progressing a number of projects in parallel.
42	There is no support for community care services for our aged and disability population.	Council is changing how we support seniors into the future and has committed to increasing its investment in the Community Connector Program, which provides residents with access to the information, support and services that they need, when and where they need them, helping to ensure that no one falls through the gaps. The community connectors provide specialised support for older residents to navigate the aged care system and other support available for older people including services like Senior Rights Victoria. The program also runs sessions for older people on topics such as scam awareness. Council will also: Strengthen our role in advocating for the needs of older residents to ensure that the voices of residents are better represented at a State and Federal level; Strengthen our role in planning for older residents to ensure that future infrastructure better meets the needs of residents; Continue our very successful Seniors Festival, Seniors Directory and Seniors Expo. Libraries offer a range of services for seniors including free programs, items for loan and information services. Seniors unable to visit a library branch are able to request a home delivery.
43	Hi Jennie & Susan, Thanks for the time given to our request much appreciated. As discussed recent crime has made it unsafe to parks & trails, deterring residents. Please install lights and security cameras for safety. Urgent action is vital to restore community trust and trail usage. I have requested through the website references are attached. 1. Butterfly Blvd - Park and Trail 2. Trentbridge - Park 3. Rally Street - Park and walking street Please feel free to contact me. Kind regards	Thank you for your feedback. Your requests for lighting and CCTV at these 3 sites has also been received via Customer Service. These requests, 240516-000125, 240516-000128 and 240516-000130, are being addressed individually by the Open Space Team.

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44	Further explanation as to why council staff costs are so high. And how many contractors work for council and how much they get paid as it is not reflected clearly in the budget.	Wyndham's labour costs reflect its labour market position as the second largest municipality in Victoria, and the fastest growing in Australia. The Council has established processes to consistently monitor and manage employee expenses, ensuring maximum benefits for the community. Details of Council's services – that require staff to provide services to the Community are detailed in pages 11 to 23 of the draft Annual Plan and Budget document. Many of Council services require staff to operate and manage roads maintenance, public open space, Maternal Child Health, kindergartens, school crossings, leisure centres, youth services and the like. In line with Wyndham's aggressive growth profile many of these customer facing services having increasing staff numbers over time is simply based on community growth and increases to external funding. Compared with many similar Councils, Wyndham has many services delivered internally (such as leisure services, outdoor maintenance, and also the RDF) – so some expenditure is in Employee Costs rather than Materials and Services (operating / service delivery model related), and is accordingly funded by additional revenue (ie leisure services and RDF). Council had over 5,000 active suppliers during the 2023/24 financial year, whose engagement by Council is subject to purchase orders, quotes or contracts – in accordance with Council's procurement policy. The exact composition of suppliers for the 2024/25 year is not yet known, although there are some existing service contracts and capital contracts that will continue into the upcoming financial year. Most supplier and contract payments are in the materials and services expense line and the capital works program. A small amount of supplier/contractor expenses are in the wages line – which mainly relates to training.
45	Not sure if these items are being addressed, but the community really needs a connection from ison road to sayers road, then connecting the two parts of ison road over greens road, and then finishing the connection from ison road to the highway, these actions would reduce traffic everywhere significantly. For public transport, we really need all the planned train stations to be built asap to reduce congestion at the only two train stations on the line (Wyndham vale and tarneit), and more frequent bus access to stations that actually align with train times. Trains in peak hour need to come every ten minutes and every twenty off peak. A direct train connection to werribee from Wyndham vale would also be extremely valuable to the community as well.	The State Government have commenced construction of the Ison Rd overpass and Council is planning delivery of the connecting road. The full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon. As part of growth area planning an additional Council road link is proposed between Wyndham Vale and Tarneit, with the extension of Armstrong Road, north of Ballan Road. This extension will use part of Hobbs Road, before deviating across the Werribee River to link with Sewells Road, and onto Sayers Road. This road connection across the Werribee River is Stage 2 of Wyndham Westlink. The construction will be a number of years away, as additional funding is being sought from State Government, land for the new road has to be acquired, and Council needs to collect sufficient developer contributions to help fund the works. The funding, provision and operation of public transport services is a State Government responsibility, with the Department of Transport responsible for planning and managing the rail and bus network. This includes the provision of new railway stations, increased train and bus frequencies, and the extension of rail services between Werribee and Wyndham Vale. Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the public transport upgrades required to support Wyndham's growth.

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46	To whom in my concern, I live in Riverwalk - Werribee, and I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing issue that requires urgent action from the local authorities: the huge traffic congestion on any roads towards the Werribee Street Bridge. As the traffic on the arterial road network increases, more motorists use the local roads converging to this bridge. This causes congestion and longer queues for traffic waiting at the traffic lights and mostly, driving from Riverwalk to Werribee centre and back, at peak hours (such as but not only during school hours), is a deeply stressful situation for all the locals as the ONLY CHOICE to reach the mentioned area is via Geelong Road. As a resident of Riverwalk, I am also deeply concerned about the fact that this situation will only get worse because of the upcoming shopping centre and future high school and that this can lead to safety issues on our local roads, such as frustrated motorists can be tempted to take risks. Considering these concerns, I urge the local government authorities to prioritize any essential measures that need to be undertaken without delay to ensure the safety and convenience of residents, like creating/planning alternatives to the above-mentioned Werribee Street Bridge, for Riverwalk residents driving to Werribee centre. I kindly request your intervention in addressing this matter promptly and effectively to provide a solution to the community’s traffic concerns and improve the quality of life for the residents of Riverwalk. If any solution is already planned, please advise me where I can get this information. Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding the actions taken to address this concern. Yours sincerely,	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Geelong Road, Synnot Street, Ballan Road and Heaths Road. State Government funding was announced in last year’s State budget for the Ballan/McGrath/Greens Road intersection project, which will replace the roundabout with a signalised intersection. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. This action plan will need to look at traffic congestion issues across Wyndham, including through the Werribee City Centre. Work on this action plan has commenced. Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided in the near future. When this road link is completed, it is expected to reduce some of the traffic congestion through the Werribee City Centre. No other road bridges will be built between Riverwalk Estate and the Werribee City Centre.
47	The infrastructure spend in Hoppers Crossing is way under what residents should expect. Although, understandably, newer areas of the municipality require upgrades of roads and new infrastructure, there is effectively no spending in certain areas of the municipality. A review of the spending in Hoppers Crossing shows a very small spending considering 20% of the revenue for Wyndham is from this area. We can't ignore the upgrade of roads and infrastrucure for older areas of Wyndham in favour of newer areas only.	The Road Renewal Budget has remained consistent in the Council budget as it has been established by asset management modelling software tailored to Wyndham's road network, which incorporates condition audits, age of infrastructure and service levels established in Council’s 2022-2032 Asset Plan. The funding split in the proposed 2024 – 2025 budget is \$3.05m for resurfacing and \$8.55m for reconstruction, which is in addition to the various other road projects individually identified for upgrade in the budget. While the road asset portfolio has experienced a significant increase, primarily due to subdivisional development over the past few decades, it's crucial to note that these newer assets are generally in good condition and considered to be towards the earlier years of their aging profile. Consequently, their inclusion hasn't significantly impacted the current level of renewal investment relative to the rate of growth. Council’s current 2022-2032 Asset Plan acknowledges the growing number of road assets relative to their condition, age and service level. The Plan outlines an increase in renewal investment, projected to be \$23.5 million by year 8. Further to the above, the current Asset Plan will be subject to a review which will also be slated for community deliberation in 2025. This process offers an opportunity for community to influence the management of Council’s assets, including consideration of service levels and investment in Wyndham’s road renewal budgets. While it is essential to balance investment across both newer and older areas of Wyndham, the 2024-2025 budget does include significant projects in Hoppers Crossing to address infrastructure needs. Specifically, for footpaths, the budget includes new footpath construction on Grevillea Crescent, ensuring better pedestrian connectivity and safety. Regarding road reconstruction, several projects are currently in progress or set to begin soon: Near completion: Incana Cl, Ixia Cl, Thistle Cl, Ashton Cr, Chigwell Ct, and Priorswood Dr. Upcoming projects: Moffat Cr, Mossfiel Dr, Giles Ct, Hotham Cr, Lockhart Ct, and Kramer St will commence construction in the next few months. These projects demonstrate the Council's commitment to maintaining and upgrading infrastructure in older areas of Wyndham, including Hoppers Crossing, alongside the necessary developments in newer areas.
48	Could you please include box culvert on dip at Doherty road(between Derrimut and Tarneit). Dip on road as part of creek should elevate with a boxculvert and road to alleviate traffic congestions and traffic stress especially on a rainy day/ after rainy day. Please include this as part of road upgrade within this year budget.	Council’s draft budget identifies a number of projects to upgrade roads managed by Council. This includes the first stage of the Dohertys Road Duplication - Tarneit Road to Sapling Boulevard (west of Derrimut Road) project. This will be a multi-year project and when completed will deviate Dohertys Road to the south of the Dry Creek dips across a new bridge.
49	Riverwalk has been promised a sporting field every year but there has never been an allocation in the budget. Instead you sell off the land for more townhouses. Very disappointing yet again you have not allocated funds for the riverwalk sporting field.	Preliminary planning for the Riverwalk project has been undertaken and identified that the site and future infrastructure has not been immune to the construction cost escalations experienced recently that has impacted many of Council’s projects. Council is in the process of reviewing options, in terms of design, construction and procurement methods, to manage the cost of these projects so that they deliver fantastic facilities that the community can enjoy, as well as value for money. Riverwalk will be part of the Future Greenfield Concept Planning item included in the draft budget, which intends to explore economy of scale opportunities when progressing a number of projects in parallel. Council has not sold any of the land set aside for Active Open Space for townhouses.

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50	I would appreciate more road upgrades and public transport infrastructure. Both are areas where I think more improvement is necessary. More parks upgrades would also make a difference	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include this section of Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), as well as Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, and Point Cook Road. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Council’s draft budget identifies a number of projects to upgrade roads managed by Council. The funding, provision and operation of public transport services is a State Government responsibility, with the Department of Transport responsible for planning and managing the rail and bus network. Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the public transport upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. in 24/25 Council will be delivering a new playground at Germander Court, Hoppers Crossing, upgrading playgrounds at Latham Street Reserve and Cambridge Crescent Reserve, Werribee, and Parkwood Terrace Reserve, Point Cook. The delivery of District Park Upgrades will continue at Rosslare Court Reserve, Hoppers Crossing and Possy Newland Reserve, Little River. And two new fenced dog off-leash areas will be delivered at Cambridge Reserve, Hoppers Crossing and Alcock Road Reserve, Truganina.
51	When will you widen Leakes Road between Derrimut Road and Tarneit Road? Lot of traffic there.	At the Council Meeting on the 27 February 2024 [Item 10.3 - for more information download Packet (on page 311) and Minutes], the decision was made due to cost escalations to stage the Tarneit Road duplication, Sayers to Leakes Road. The change is to prioritise the Tarneit/Leakes Road intersection in Stage 1 and deliver the duplication of Tarneit Road as Stage 2, with the timing of Stage 2 subject to adoption in a future budget. The proposed 2024/25 budget includes ~\$10.8m for construction of the Tarneit/Leakes Road intersection. The Leakes Road duplication (Tarneit to Derrimut Road) project is planned to commence after the Tarneit Road project.
52	We pay so much more in rates than other municipalities, yet to complete long overdue capital works on roads we will be in debt for \$150m by June 2028, seven times the debt we currently have. Need to reduce staff numbers, scrap grants and stop writing policy for plans that will never eventuate. That is to say, the 2024 Werribee CBD refresh is an update of the 2013 version that never transpired - so why waste more money and ten more years of not doing anything. Werribee South is again neglected even though every Wyndham brochure showcases Werribee South. I think it is time Werribee South seceded from Wyndham and formed its own Council.	Council uses loan borrowings to fund new assets that provide inter-generational equity where the asset life and benefit to the community is long term. This includes the acquisition of land, where the acquisition will have a long-term benefit to the community or where there is potential for commercial or other economic benefit i.e. capital appreciation from acquisition of assets that will flow to the community. It allows Council to provide new infrastructure for a growing municipality while maintaining stable cashflow to maintain ongoing service delivery. Construction of Stage 1 of the Werribee South Beach Master Plan will commence in 24/25. Stage 1 works are funded via the Wyndham Coastal and Marine Management Plan and include an upgrade of the Wyndham Bay Trail, new solar lighting, a wetland lookout deck, and new fishing platform and sand dune revegetation works. Wyndham's labour costs reflect its labour market position as the second largest municipality in Victoria, and the fastest growing in Australia. The Council has established processes to consistently monitor and manage employee expenses, ensuring maximum benefits for the community. Details of Council’s services – that require staff to provide services to the Community are detailed in pages 11 to 23 of the draft Annual Plan and Budget document. Many of Council services require staff to operate and manage roads maintenance, public open space, Maternal Child Health, kindergartens, school crossings, leisure centres, youth services and the like. In line with Wyndham’s aggressive growth profile many of these customer facing services having increasing staff numbers over time is simply based on community growth and increases to external funding. Compared with many similar Councils, Wyndham has many services delivered internally (such as leisure services, outdoor maintenance, and also the RDF) – so some expenditure is in Employee Costs rather than Materials and Services (operating / service delivery model related), and is accordingly funded by additional revenue (ie leisure services and RDF).

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53	School for Williams Landing is missing again. The parking for the football stadium doesn't cater to enough leading to congestion on residential roads. Need the library improved. Education basics are missing and we have to go to other suburbs to access them.	Thank you for your feedback. Council investigated a suitable location for a small library for Williams Landing, however spaces were very limited and therefore the current space is now leased, with the focus on programs and a comfortable place to visit and borrow items. Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Libraries, both offering full library services, are close by, within 5 minutes drive. There is also a book locker for easy borrowing located in the Williams Landing Shopping Centre. As part of Council's planning for Active Open Spaces, car parks are built within the reserve to accommodate a proportion of use and kerbside parking adjacent to the reserve provides for additional capacity. Thank you for your feedback regarding on street impacts at Williams Landing Reserve – we will monitor this and consider any communications or programming adjustments that could be made to alleviate the impact. The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
54	Please see below a link to a budget submission application for the Werribee Football Club (VFL). https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zEYjMjlx4Qcl5-C0HTz7Q2hNdKZOxD1R/view?usp=sharing If the link doesn't work, please feel free to contact me directly at Regards,	Thank you for your submission - we appreciate the work that the Club has done to prioritise its capital works requests. A portion of the Club's request is to bring forward approximately \$1M funding to progress Master Plan implementation at the site. Planning of these works has progressed to schematic design and further design work is required before the project is ready for construction. Master Plan staging is inherently challenging and within its funding limitations, Council is doing its best to balance the needs of all stakeholders across the Chirnside Park precinct. The Scoreboard and 500lux sportsground lighting requests are in excess of Council policy, however we understand that the Club are seeking a Council contribution to ensure these priorities can be realised. Officers will continue to work alongside the Club to confirm pre-season training venues and requirements.
55	There should be allocation on community security and good schooling for the growing community within Williams landing. The parks in Addison neighbour needs to have signs for no littering and cleaning dog poops for awareness. Also, there needs to be monitoring on common areas to ensure no littering and nuisance is done in public places.	The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City. In regards your comment about littering, Council will investigate this matter/location and take all necessary actions within our jurisdiction to educate the community at location at Addison neighbourhood, and ensure it is safe, clean and presentable.
56	Western Emergency Relief Network provides \$90,000.00 worth of material aid annually to Wyndham residents and are requesting \$10,000.00 sponsorship to continue this support to Wyndham. A written submission has been sent to Council Officers, Jenna House and Tatianna Walker and Councilors in support of this request. WERN Facts: 1.Wyndham has consistently received the largest share of access to WERN over each of the 10 years of WERN's operations; 2.The Wyndham municipality has consistently received between 21% to 28% of the WERN annual material aid support provided with 2023-2024 setting new highs for the level of support to any single municipality; 3.Wyndham Council is being requested to provide WERN an annual sponsorship of \$10,000.00; 4.Wyndham has received over \$93,000.00 of nominal value in material aid to the Wyndham community in the full year 2022-2023 supporting over 120 families and the 2023-2024 year is on track to increase this usage.	Council recognises the valuable contribution the Western Emergency Relief Network provides Wyndham residents experiencing vulnerability. As such, opportunities to fully utilise the current membership Wyndham City Council has with WREN are being explored. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with WREN to support the Wyndham community to access essential material aid.
57	Manor Lakes and Wynbrook estates seem to be neglected. Connecting Hobbs Road to Tarneit would greatly reduce traffic. Tennis courts are needed here as well. There should be more speed breakers and permanent speed cameras like Sydney.	As part of growth area planning an additional Council road link is proposed between Wyndham Vale and Tarneit, with the extension of Armstrong Road, north of Ballan Road. This extension will use part of Hobbs Road, before deviating across the Werribee River to link with Sewells Road, and onto Sayers Road. This road connection across the Werribee River is Stage 2 of Wyndham Westlink. The construction will be a number of years away, as additional funding is being sought from State Government, land for the new road has to be acquired, and Council needs to collect sufficient developer contributions to help fund the works. Wyndham City is also progressing road safety initiatives to improve safety on our local roads such as traffic calming. We note your request for the provision of tennis courts within Manor Lakes and will factor this into the planning of future facilities in the area.

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58	Good to see you planning to spend on roads, but any spend which does not include upgrading Ballan Rd and Heaths Rd does little to help the people of Manor Lakes, Wyndham Vale, Mambourin and Mt Cottrell connect with the Motorway, Hoppers Crossing and Werribee easily. With all the property developments in the last few years, it is now so hard to come out of these areas at peak hour but noone seems to care. That upgrade is 5 to 10 years behind but noone seems to notice. I hope to see that being prioritised in the near future.	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, not Wyndham City Council, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), and Point Cook Road. State Government funding was announced in last year’s State budget for the Ballan/McGrath/Greens Road intersection project, which will replace the roundabout with a signalised intersection. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding.. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon. As part of growth area planning an additional Council road link is proposed between Wyndham Vale and Tarneit, with the extension of Armstrong Road, north of Ballan Road. This extension will use part of Hobbs Road, before deviating across the Werribee River to link with Sewells Road, and onto Sayers Road. This road connection across the Werribee River is Stage 2 of Wyndham Westlink. The construction will be a number of years away, as additional funding is being sought from State Government, land for the new road has to be acquired, and Council needs to collect sufficient developer contributions to help fund the works.
59	(BLANK)	No response required
60	You have completely missed a very important aspect - lack of law and order in Wyndham particularly Tarneit and Truganina. African gangs run amok day and night trying to break into cars and homes every night. We live in fear wondering whether things will ever change here. It's disappointing to say the least. These thieves have no fear of the law. Wyndham north police station lacks resources and staff. What about police presence in Westbrook, Elpis and elements estate??? Safety and security are NON NEGOTIABLE....	Thanks for your feedback. While matters relating to law and order, including the resourcing of police, sits within the remit of the Victorian Government, Council does often advocate to the Victorian Government to deliver more police for Wyndham. We encourage you to contact your local State MP with your feedback.
61	Ison road overpass	Construction is underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding.. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon.
62	The Riverwalk estate community have been waiting for years now for the Sports Oval to get completed and there is no budget allocation yet in next year's budget as well. Very disappointing to say the least!!!	Preliminary planning for the Riverwalk project has been undertaken and identified that the site and future infrastructure has not been immune to the construction cost escalations experienced recently that has impacted many of Council’s projects. Council is in the process of reviewing options, in terms of design, construction and procurement methods, to manage the cost of these projects so that they deliver fantastic facilities that the community can enjoy, as well as value for money. Riverwalk will be part of the Future Greenfield Concept Planning item included in the draft budget, which intends to explore economy of scale opportunities when progressing a number of projects in parallel.

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63	Dear Council Officers of Wyndham, Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN) is a charity designed to assist families in crisis with material aid support. WERN does so across the west of Melbourne and a very significant proportion of this support is provided to the residents of Wyndham. Council Officers Jenna House and Tatiana Walker have recommended WERN put a request forward to be considered as part of the 2024-2025 Budget process. WERN has provided the below response to the Officers and Councillors and provide the below Funding Request through you to Council for consideration. Funding WERN has received \$10,000.00 per annum from the City of Melton since our program’s inception and since April 2022 WERN has resided in a \$3.5 million warehouse under the auspices of Melton Council and their community’s use of WERN is roughly 66% of the support Wyndham receives. Merri-Bek Council have also provided ongoing funding to our Sister program operating in the northern, eastern and CBD areas of Melbourne now operating out of East Brunswick on an ongoing 3 year sponsorship. The City of Ballarat has agreed to provide \$120,000.00 over 3 years to support another extension of our Program within their municipality. Key facts: 1.Wyndham has consistently received the largest share of access to WERN over each of the 10 years of WERN’s operations; 2.The Wyndham municipality has consistently received between 21% to 28% of the WERN annual material aid support provided with 2023-2024 setting new highs for the level of support to any single municipality; 3.Wyndham Council is being requested to provide WERN an annual sponsorship of \$10,000.00; 4.Wyndham has received over \$93,000.00 of nominal value in material aid to the Wyndham community in the full year 2022-2023 supporting over 120 families and the 2023-2024 year is on track to increase this usage. WERN would appreciate Council giving consideration in the upcoming budget processes for potential financial support to WERN, equivalent to the City of Melton level of support. WERN is available to meet further and discuss or provide any further supporting information required. Warm Regards, Administration Manager, Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN)	Council recognises the valuable contribution the Western Emergency Relief Network provides Wyndham residents experiencing vulnerability. As such, opportunities to fully utilise the current membership Wyndham City Council has with WREN are being explored. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with WREN to support the Wyndham community to access essential material aid.
64	Hobbs Road extension design work need to be prioritized and build ASAP. Getting out from Wyndham vale to Werribee or Freeway is nightmare every day(weekday or weekend). More than houses are build and no new road being build, its shame for our beautiful community	As part of growth area planning an additional Council road link is proposed between Wyndham Vale and Tarneit, with the extension of Armstrong Road, north of Ballan Road. This extension will use part of Hobbs Road, before deviating across the Werribee River to link with Sewells Road, and onto Sayers Road. This road connection across the Werribee River is Stage 2 of Wyndham Westlink. The construction will be a number of years away, as additional funding is being sought from State Government, land for the new road has to be acquired, and Council needs to collect sufficient developer contributions to help fund the works. While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), and Point Cook Road. State Government funding was announced in last year’s State budget for the Ballan/McGrath/Greens Road intersection project, which will replace the roundabout with a signalised intersection. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon.

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65	The council seems to be giving permission for new estates without contemplating the impacts on the existing infrastructure. Look at Ballan road and Heaths road. It is so blocked almost all of the time. To get to M1 from Wyndham Vale takes more than 20 min on any mornings. Please improve the existing infrastructure before you even contemplate new ones.	While the funding of upgrades or duplication of declared roads is the responsibility of State Government, Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the road upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth. Declared road examples include Ballan Road, Heaths Road, Derrimut Road, Sayers Road (East of Derrimut Road), and Point Cook Road. State Government funding was announced in last year’s State budget for the Ballan/McGrath/Greens Road intersection project, which will replace the roundabout with a signalised intersection. The State Government announced in the lead up to the State Election in 2022, \$5 million for a ‘Traffic management action plan for Wyndham’. Work on this action plan has commenced. Construction is also underway on Stage 1 of Wyndham West link (the overpass) and the full project is summarised as follows: •The Ison Road Extension will build a new four-lane carriageway between Browns Road and the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will connect the Ison Road Overpass, which is currently under construction, with the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). This overpass was jointly funded by both State and Federal Governments. •The project will provide the Wyndham West community with a vital link to the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd). •The project will also give residents improved access to surrounding areas while helping make central Werribee safer and less congested. •Council is providing funding for the delivery of the Ison Road Extension, in combination with a State Government contribution of \$60 million via GAIC funding. •The overpass and new section of Ison Road are expected to cater for 29,000 journeys daily by 2036. Further details on timing will be provided soon. As part of growth area planning an additional Council road link is proposed between Wyndham Vale and Tarneit, with the extension of Armstrong Road, north of Ballan Road. This extension will use part of Hobbs Road, before deviating across the Werribee River to link with Sewells Road, and onto Sayers Road. This road connection across the Werribee River is Stage 2 of Wyndham Westlink. The construction will be a number of years away, as additional funding is being sought from State Government, land for the new road has to be acquired, and Council needs to collect sufficient developer contributions to help fund the works.
66	Williams Landing-A neglected suburb that is forgotten by Point Cook councillors. A minuscule library, no primary school. A stark contrast to how each corner of Point Cook is bustling with numerous projects. People of 3027 are clamoring for an indoor sports facility. Why is it not included in the budget? Williams Landing has a lot of land that can be used for an indoor facility and a regular-sized library, community centre and yet nothing in the budget.	Thank you for your feedback. Council investigated a suitable location for a small library for Williams Landing however spaces were limited and therefore the current space is now leased, with the focus on programs and a comfortable place to visit and borrow items . The Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Libraries, both offering full library services, are within 5 minutes drive. There is also a book locker for easy borrowing located in the Williams Landing Shopping Centre. Council continues to strategically plan where full library services are most needed across the municipality. We know across Wyndham there is a strong interest from residents for indoor sport. The types of facilities that Wyndham will deliver in the future are intended to service a regional catchment of up to 10km and be located in accordance with land set aside for indoor facilities in Precinct Structure Plans – nearby the future Tarneit and Riverdale Town Centres and within East Werribee. To complement these major facilities, we expect to see the private sector mobilise to service demand, as we have recently seen for example in the Hoppers Lane, Wallace Avenue and Truganina Industrial precincts. Wyndham’s school network will provide additional courts, subject to access arrangements from school to school.
67	Yes please leave station place as it is. Parking is already a nightmare, in Main Street and at the Safeway car park. By removing these car parking spaces you are adding more congestion to Werribee as well as impacting the local businesses. I visit station place every day for the butchers and bakers delight. These parking spaces are fantastic for easy access to these shops. I can guarantee that if you change station place you will stuff up the Main Street. I am a resident on wattle Ave and your have already stuffed that up with the bridge. Please don’t make the same mistake at station place. We live here and you need to listen to us as the community. Also please spend your budget on necessary things such as road expansions. Werribee has become terrible now, traffic is an absolute nightmare, we need to fix these problems before doing other pointless ventures.	Thank you for your budget response. Your views on leaving Station Place unchanged are noted. The refreshed draft Werribee City Centre Structure Plan was recently publicly exhibited for community feedback. One of the proposed actions it contains is turning Station Place into a city square. We have received community feedback on this proposal, with some sharing your view and a larger percentage of respondents supporting transformation into a City Square. Some of the feedback we received was for a hybrid or staged approach. This could see Station Place improved, but designed so that it can be easily switched between ‘car parking mode’ and ‘full city square mode’. All of the community feedback received will be considered and inform any future designs for Station Place.
68	Please include an indoor sport facility (like ice skating, indoor football, badminton) in Williams Landing. We have a lot of reserves and unused land. Worth exploring. We also need a community center and a regular library (not a pop up) in Williams Landing.	Thank you for your feedback. The Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Libraries, both offering full library services, are within 5 minutes drive. There is also a book locker for easy borrowing located in the Williams Landing Shopping Centre. Council continues to strategically plan where full library services are most needed across the municipality. We know across Wyndham there is a strong interest from residents for indoor sport. The types of facilities that Wyndham will deliver in the future are intended to service a regional catchment of up to 10km and be located in accordance with land set aside for indoor facilities in Precinct Structure Plans – nearby the future Tarneit and Riverdale Town Centres and within East Werribee. To complement these major facilities, we expect to see the private sector mobilise to service demand, as we have recently seen for example in the Hoppers Lane, Wallace Avenue and Truganina Industrial precincts. Wyndham’s school network will provide additional courts, subject to access arrangements from school to school.

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69	- Williams Landing School: Need clear & active advocacy work - Williams Landing Library and Community Centre: Why has the project disappeared? Residents of Williams Landing still don't have a local place to hold community events, even though the suburb has been developed for almost 17 years. A - Ashcroft Ave duplication: Why has this project been delayed again? Funding should NOT be allocated on the basis of politics, but on the basis of evidence-based decision making for real needs. Good decision making ensures that resources are allocated where they are most needed and that the whole community benefits in a fair and equitable way.	Williams Landing Library & Community Centre Thank you for your feedback. Council investigated a suitable location for a Library & Community Centre for Williams Landing, however, spaces were limited and therefore the current library space is now leased, with the focus on programs and a comfortable place to visit and borrow items . The Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Libraries, both offering full library services, are within 5 minutes drive. There is also a book locker for easy borrowing located in the Williams Landing Shopping Centre. Council continues to strategically plan where full library services are most needed across the municipality. The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
70	Please advocate harder for a school in Williams Landing. Or more schools in the surrounding areas as this is not keeping up with the amount of new residents. I drive 20mins each way to do the school run as many many people do and it’s causing chaos on our roads from peak hour through to school runs.	The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
71	Dear trusted leaders of Wyndham council, Thank you for the detailed draft of the annual budget. I would like to highlight that with the increasing population in the suburbs within Wyndham, there is a clear challenge with parking spaces at the local train stations. In particular residents like myself in Point Cook tend to use Williams Landing or Hoppers Crossing train stations however parking is always full but i do not see any plans to increase parking capacity in the draft so could you provide your feedback on this and consider including this issue into your budget?	The funding, provision and operation of public transport services is a State Government responsibility, with the Department of Transport responsible for planning and managing the rail and bus network. This includes the provision of commuter car parking at all railway stations. Wyndham City continuously advocates to both State and Federal Governments to fund the public transport upgrades required to support Wyndham’s growth.
72	Williams Landing needs a road connector between Bronzewing Street and Australis Drive. You are planning to build bridges in the Allura estate but have overlooked the lack of an internal road connection between northwest and southwest Williams Landing. The duplication of Ashcroft Avenue was never mentioned. A proper library and community center in Williams Landing were also omitted from the report. We are also requesting a school and indoor sports facilities in Williams Landing. It is a fact that Williams Landing was not mentioned in the budget. Stop shortchanging Williams Landing residents.	When both residential estates either side of the Federation Trail in Williams Landing were being planned, additional road crossings of the Federation Trail were not supported by the then VicRoads (now Department of Transport and Planning). Any new road crossings would not be supported because: •Melbourne Water (the land owner), as the Greening the Pipeline project is progressively converting the old main outfall sewer into a linear park. A Pilot Park was installed along this section in 2017. •The Federation Trail is a designated Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor by the Department of Transport and Planning. •Both estates were not designed for a road connection between them. The majority of north-south road reservations to the north are only 15 metres wide, which is not wide enough for extra through traffic. The bridges being built in the Allura Estate are shared use path bridges across the waterways for pedestrians and cyclists only, not vehicles. Council has prepared concept plans for the duplication of Ashcroft Avenue (from west of the Rothbury Parkway/Overton Road roundabout intersection, up to Palmers Road), which includes replacing this roundabout with traffic lights. Traffic volumes along this section of Ashcroft Avenue are currently around 10,000 vehicles per day. Duplication is not required at this time, as these traffic volumes are well within the capacity of the existing road. Any construction funding for the duplication of Ashcroft Avenue would be subject to future Council budget approval. The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
73	School for Williams Landing and better secondary education in Wyndham area.	The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
74	There is no mention about further infrastructure and development in western suburbs.	The budget currently have a list of infrastructure planned for FY24/25, encompassing Roads, Bridges, Footpaths & Cycleways, Drainage, Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities, Waste Management, Parks and Open Space. Some notable projects are: Roads- Ison Road (Princes Highway to Melb-Geelong Rail Line) & Tarneit Rd Duplication (Sayers Rd to Leakes Rd) - Stage 1 Drainage - K Road Cliffs Drainage Improvements Recreational, Leisure & Community Facilities - Tarneit North Masterplan Active Open Space, Wyndham Cultural Centre, Manor Lakes North Reserve Master plan, Fortitude Drive Reserve Master plan implementation
75	No plans for schools in Williams Landing, also we need more 5 minute parking outside the Williams Landing train station.	The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is Council's understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.

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76	I’m applying for council to continue state government’s project “Carving with the cops” in the next financial year. To continue our two projects into the next financial year, we would require. \$60,000 and Our Nesian Festival is \$70,000 These are two events that PCA has significantly made a huge difference to our migrant Pasifika Community, especially embracing diversity. These are two of the only community few led events in Tarneit to this scale. Meet me in Tarniet and Firefly were led by Wyndham City Council. PCA Pasifika Community of Australia INC	The Community Grants Program supports not-for-profit organisations and community-based groups to deliver projects and events that build Wyndham’s community capacity and contribute to community strengthening & enhance the liveability, health and wellbeing of Wyndham community. For more information on the Community Grants Program, please visit https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/volunteering-grants/community-grants-program/wyndham-city-grants. And would suggest to visit https://www.vic.gov.au/multicultural-festivals-and-events-program of the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s new Regional Multicultural Festivals and Events Program 2024. Grants of up to \$50,000 available to support multicultural festivals and events.
77	Would be great to see some funding going to struggling local families, the homeless and housing facilities for children with disabilities as they enter into adulthood and independence. Many local pantries run by volunteers or non for profit groups often run dry on contributions and is far from enough of pulling this part of our community out of the struggle. Secondly we have a wonderful yet over burdened system to support children with disabilities but what happens to them when they become adults? A housing estate with built in support and facilities just like a retirement village but for people living with disabilities as there exists in the United States would be so beneficial to this part of our community to assist with integration and independence. Lastly, my local playground the Crocodile Park in Saltwater Coast Estate Point Cook could certainly do with shade sails before the next summer. There needs to be some consideration for adequate shade in that space, as the only shaded spot is the bbq area. Adequate shading should come part and parcel with playgrounds under the Sun Smart program so children can play safely.	Thank you for your feedback. While Council recognises the need for increased social housing to address the increase in homelessness or people at risk of becoming homeless, funding for social housing is the responsibility of both the State and Federal governments. Council is a member of the Wyndham H3 Alliance, an alliance of health, housing and homelessness organisations in Wyndham who work together to deliver and improve housing services and option for Wyndham residents. For more information about the H3 Alliance and the work that Council and other partners are doing in response to homelessness, please visit Wyndham Health Homelessness and Housing H3 Alliance webpage. Housing supports for adults and children with a disability is provided by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Wyndham City Council is not an NDIS provider. Currently in Wyndham and surrounding local government areas there are NDIS providers that provide various housing options for people with a disability from respite to independent living. The Brotherhood of St Laurence, Local Area Coordination can be contacted at BSL@ndis.gov.au or https://ndis.bsl.org.au/about-us/who-we-are/ Further home and living information can be found here https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/home-and-living. Council offers a Community Grants Program supports not-for-profit organisations and community-based groups to deliver projects and events that build Wyndham’s community capacity and contribute to community strengthening & enhance the liveability, health and wellbeing of Wyndham community. For more information on the Community Grants Program, please visit https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/volunteering-grants/community-grants-program/wyndham-city-grants. Council will review the provision of shade via shade sails and tree canopy at its existing splash parks and consider a business case for shade sails in 25/26 if deemed appropriate. Council will evaluate during the quarterly forecast exercises if this project can be brought forward, subject to the progress of the 2024/25 budgeted Capital works program.
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79	I would like to kindly request that you take a look at the requests for the 1st Cross Hoppers Crossing Scout Hall.	Council leases land to the Scouts to provide scouting programs and activities to the community. Under this arrangement, the Scouts are responsible for constructing, maintaining and renewing any buildings on the site. Further discussion with Scouts Victoria may be the best avenue to request building and aesthetic improvements. We're happy to look further into your request for recycling and green bins and will contact you once advice has been provided by the relevant Council department.
80	We kindly request the council's support in addressing these needs. Specifically, we are seeking assistance with: Provision of a recycling bin and a green waste bin as a priority. Funding or resources to facilitate the renovation of our bathroom facilities. Building maintenance to enhance the look and feel of our scout hall. Your support in these matters would be immensely beneficial and greatly appreciated by our scouts, leaders, and the wider community. We are dedicated to providing a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for our members, and with the council's assistance, we can achieve this goal.	Council leases land to the Scouts to provide scouting programs and activities to the community. Under this arrangement, the Scouts are responsible for constructing, maintaining and renewing any buildings on the site. Further discussion with Scouts Victoria may be the best avenue to request building and aesthetic improvements. We're happy to look further into your request for recycling and green bins and will contact you once advice has been provided by the relevant Council department.
81	I have a condition called retinitis pigmentosa, basically I can barely see in dimly lit areas and even in bright areas I don't have much perisperhal vision. More needs to be done to light up Williams Landing at night time, there are still a lot of areas that are quite dark to walk around at night which makes it quite dangerous, as I could easily walk over hazardous building materials, etc. We still also have a huge issue with speeding drivers, theres a lot of young families with young children and pets walking around, plus for people like me with a vision issue, it feels quite dangerous to walk around. I would like to see more done to address this. Finally, more with the theme of my vision issue, I would like to see more done to make the west more accessible and walkable. It is an absolute shame that the RAAF base blocks Aircraft from Williams Landing. If you could make a deal with RAAF to introduce some kind of footpath that allows us to walk over to Aircraft I would be incredibly grateful. Well that and finally building more shops in Williams Landing. This would unlock access to a barber I could walk to, a Korean grocer (my partner is Korean), plus access to a tonne more restaurants.	Williams Landing public lighting has been designed with the respective lighting levels required for the time the development was undertaken. Any dark areas would need to be identified to enable a review to be undertaken. Wyndham City is also progressing road safety initiatives to improve safety on our local roads such as traffic calming. As the RAAF Base Williams is a defence facility requiring security passes for access, no footpath access will be possible through this site to enable access to the shops near Aircraft Station.
82	Where is the our school? Where is our community centre? Shame on you.	Thank you for your feedback. Council investigated a suitable location for a Library & Community Centre for Williams Landing, however, spaces were limited and therefore the current library space is now leased, with the focus on programs and a comfortable place to visit and borrow items . The population of Williams Landing is small compared to surrounding areas and the Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Libraries, both offering full library services, are within 5 minutes drive. There is also a book locker for easy borrowing located in the Williams Landing Shopping Centre. The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
83	On behalf of Point Cook Football & Point Cook Cricket Club, Please find attached our budget submission requesting a firm commitment from Council to fund (via Point Cook - Developer Contributions) the balance of the funds required to complete the redevelopment of the Saltwater AFL & Cricket Pavilion into a highly utilised and true mixed use community space designed to support our diverse mix of large local community and cultural groups. This redevelopment is required to fully activate our Point Cook Community Hub - Strategic Plan which is included in our submission for your reference. We would be pleased to provide any further information or supporting documentation required to support a successful submission. Please contact the undersigned for any further information.	Council has worked with Point Cook Football Club to scope and cost the proposed pavilion redevelopment in accordance with the club’s aspirations. Point Cook Football Club are Wyndham’s largest AFL Club and the proposed additional facilities would improve the experience of club members and provide additional community space in Point Cook. Currently, the State Government election commitment (\$1.4M) is the only confirmed funding for the \$11.46M project. At this point it is not within Council’s appetite to bridge the funding gap on its own and Council will re-consider this position as funding contributions from Federal Government, State Government and the Club itself are confirmed.

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80	We kindly request the council's support in addressing these needs. Specifically, we are seeking assistance with: Provision of a recycling bin and a green waste bin as a priority. Funding or resources to facilitate the renovation of our bathroom facilities. Building maintenance to enhance the look and feel of our scout hall. Your support in these matters would be immensely beneficial and greatly appreciated by our scouts, leaders, and the wider community. We are dedicated to providing a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for our members, and with the council's assistance, we can achieve this goal.	Council leases land to the Scouts to provide scouting programs and activities to the community. Under this arrangement, the Scouts are responsible for constructing, maintaining and renewing any buildings on the site. Further discussion with Scouts Victoria may be the best avenue to request building and aesthetic improvements. We're happy to look further into your request for recycling and green bins and will contact you once advice has been provided by the relevant Council department.
81	I have a condition called retinitis pigmentosa, basically I can barely see in dimly lit areas and even in bright areas I don't have much perisperhal vision. More needs to be done to light up Williams Landing at night time, there are still a lot of areas that are quite dark to walk around at night which makes it quite dangerous, as I could easily walk over hazardous building materials, etc. We still also have a huge issue with speeding drivers, theres a lot of young families with young children and pets walking around, plus for people like me with a vision issue, it feels quite dangerous to walk around. I would like to see more done to address this. Finally, more with the theme of my vision issue, I would like to see more done to make the west more accessible and walkable. It is an absolute shame that the RAAF base blocks Aircraft from Williams Landing. If you could make a deal with RAAF to introduce some kind of footpath that allows us to walk over to Aircraft I would be incredibly grateful. Well that and finally building more shops in Williams Landing. This would unlock access to a barber I could walk to, a Korean grocer (my partner is Korean), plus access to a tonne more restaurants.	Williams Landing public lighting has been designed with the respective lighting levels required for the time the development was undertaken. Any dark areas would need to be identified to enable a review to be undertaken. Wyndham City is also progressing road safety initiatives to improve safety on our local roads such as traffic calming. As the RAAF Base Williams is a defence facility requiring security passes for access, no footpath access will be possible through this site to enable access to the shops near Aircraft Station.
82	Where is the our school? Where is our community centre? Shame on you.	Thank you for your feedback. Council investigated a suitable location for a Library & Community Centre for Williams Landing, however, spaces were limited and therefore the current library space is now leased, with the focus on programs and a comfortable place to visit and borrow items . The population of Williams Landing is small compared to surrounding areas and the Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Libraries, both offering full library services, are within 5 minutes drive. There is also a book locker for easy borrowing located in the Williams Landing Shopping Centre. The delivery of schools is a State Government responsibility. It is our understanding that the State Government currently has no plans for further school provision in Williams Landing. We are not aware of any private schools seeking to develop at Williams Landing. A school in Williams Landing remains an advocacy priority of Wyndham City.
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