

Help Shape Wyndham's Future

Responses to Place Based Community Priorities



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The following table presents the priorities identified at the 'Help Shape Wyndham's Future' Community Conversations in February and March 2021.

Similar priorities have been grouped below and the officer comment provides a high-level summary of the current status and planned action against each priority group.

Wyndham 2040 Theme and Category	Place	Priorities identified	Officer Comments
People and Community Services and programs - Health care and hospitals	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 8/10)	Advocate for specialist services in local hospitals (Werribee Mercy Hospital).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, the Victorian Government commitment is for the delivery of a community hospital in Point Cook (this has been a priority ask in Securing Wyndham's Future). The 2020/21 State budget also included funding for service planning for Werribee Mercy to support future capital expansions. Further provision of health needs and services will form part of Wyndham City's new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (due to be out for public exhibition in August 2021). Council is actively engaging with Western Health as a key service provider and is looking to establish innovative service models that complement the existing service system and address system gaps for the Wyndham community.
	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 6/9)	Improve public health in immediate term. Improve local hospital access and building more hospitals and medical facilities.	
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 4/10)	More public hospitals and specialist health services, including disability, mental health, emergency, aged care.	
	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee's West (priority 6/8)	'Access-for-everything' hospital no matter what you need.	
Earning and Learning	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 5/10)	Improve local education opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April 2018, in response to resident concerns of a shortage of schools in Wyndham, Wyndham City developed the schools4wyndham advocacy campaign.

Schools and Education – Local schools	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 4/9)	Create / advocate for more high-quality schools. Ensure they have better resources and cater for disability and additional needs and lifelong learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2020/21 State budget, land acquisition for five new school sites was announced. The schools4wyndham advocacy campaign focuses on three key objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build New Schools Sooner: we are asking the Victorian Government to fast-track construction of new schools in Wyndham where land for schools has already been funded. This includes one co-located specialist campus in Tarneit. Find Sites for New Schools: we are asking the Victorian Government to find land suitable for a school in Williams Landing and another in Point Cook to ease the load on over-crowded schools. Secure the Land for the Next Batch of Schools: Wyndham also needs four additional schools that will be ready to open by 2024, including two new high schools. Council has fostered strategic partnerships with Victoria University, the Gordon TAFE and Learn Local organisations to increase the number of community members engaged in education opportunities which lead to local employment based on industry needs. This underpins the Opportunity Wyndham initiative, which will continue to grow in 2021/22.
	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee's West (priority 4/8)	Education (local schools across stages, high quality tertiary options, public standards match private, more focus for years 9-12).	
	Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 4/9)	Encourage, mentor and guide youth through education and stewardship into local work.	
Leadership and Participation Council – Community Engagement	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 7/10)	Better community engagement: More events like this and more contact from Council - Bring back 'Wyndham News'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging with and listening to our community is a crucial input into good decision making for Council. Council endorsed the Community Engagement Policy in February 2021 which will further enable the delivery of genuine transparent, and appropriate community engagement. Furthermore, Community Advisory Model will allow Council to work with the community as an active partner to make informed decisions

	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 9/9)	Form a sub-committee from each Council ward to assist with Councillor decisions. Council to improve communications.	<p>which help it accomplish its Council Plan, and therefore the Wyndham 2040 Community Vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will continue to produce Wyndham News on a monthly basis. • The Wyndham City website will introduce a new “Media Centre” over the coming 12-18 months. This new channel will provide more regular communication updates including greater use of video and audio. • The Wyndham City Facebook site will use greater geo-targeting of messages to wards and suburbs. Geo-targeting paid advertisements on Facebook allows us to reach more residents in particular suburbs
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 9/10)	Awareness relating to access to information and communication (promoting the services and activities that are available).	
Places and Spaces Natural environment and open space	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 2/10)	Improve public open spaces: Revegetation planning, re-populating natural spaces, tree planting. Maintaining the ratio of green space to development. Improve mental health and wellbeing through green spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$31 million for Wyndham’s open spaces and \$2.02 million to upgrade playgrounds and parks in Wyndham. In addition, a number of plans and programs will be implemented including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan and ○ K Road Cliff Masterplan ○ Green Living series and litter control activities to be expanded ○ Greening the Pipeline project including community engagement ○ Healthier Waterways program. ○ Parks revitalisation program and tree planting program. Annual tree planting is a recurring spend in Council’s budget with an aim to expand our tree planting program in streets, parks and waterways to improve tree canopy coverage and overall urban amenity. Community planting days will recommence this year and 5,000 trees and 5,000 tube stock have been proposed to be planted. • On 13 May 2021, the State Government announced 500,000 new trees will be planted in Melbourne’s West.
	Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 2/9)	Promote, maintain and improve the character of our open spaces and environmental corridors and green wedge. Educate about the value of green and clean spaces.	
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 8/10)	More green spaces (be more engaged with nature, activities for everyone, trees and parks).	

Earning and Learning Economy – Employment support	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 3/10)	Create local employment opportunities: Invest in volunteering opportunities and business supports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has developed 'Opportunity Wyndham' to connect Wyndham businesses with local talent from employment and education service providers to build stronger, more inclusive workplaces. • Wyndham City delivers a range of opportunities to support local employment, networking and professional development including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our major annual 'WYNnovation' event ○ Industry Insight Sessions ○ Horticulture and Land Management Employment Pathway ○ Make it Wyndham program for young entrepreneurs ○ Small Business Liaison service and business growth programs • Council will also continue to deliver the Wyndham Volunteering Strategy 2019-2024 to strengthen the local volunteering sector and increase the numbers of volunteers in Wyndham. Council also has a number of volunteer programs, including a VolunTeen program located at Wyndham City Libraries and is suited to 14 to 18 year olds. • Council will facilitate the delivery of both the Tarneit and Truganina major town centres as commercial hubs. • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$12.31 million to delivery of the Truganina South East Master Plan and \$12.17 million to implementation of the Truganina North Master Plan.
	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 3/9)	Support for local businesses, which generate local jobs and draw on local expertise and support for local start-ups. Local business start-up support.	
	Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 5/9)	Help re-skill and up-skill mature aged unemployed people.	
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 5/10)	Commercial hubs and business parks (supporting local business and supporting local jobs).	
	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee's West (priority 2/8)	Making more employment opportunities locally, across industry and other work stages and age groups.	
Places and Spaces Transport	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 1/10)	Create more frequent and active transport options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$4 million to Wyndham's Active Transport Network. • In line with the Wyndham Active Transport Strategy, Council has completed a city-wide audit and is developing an Active Transport Network Plan which will provide a prioritised list of projects.
	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priorities 7 and 8/9)	More bus routes within Point Cook.	

		Better integration of buses and trains with more train stations and station parking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding, provision and operation of public transport services (including bus and train services, and commuter car parking) is a Victorian Government responsibility, with the Department of Transport (DoT) responsible for planning and managing the network. Council does not fund or operate public transport services. • Council will continue to advocate to the Victorian Government for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ more bus services and integration between bus and train services ○ additional train stations and services along the RRL line ○ additional funding for the active transport network ○ funding of projects that bridge missing links across the network.
	Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 1/9)	Improve public and active transport (including walking and cycling paths) to connect communities.	
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 1/10)	Public transport (car parking and buses on demand, including active transport).	
People and Community Safety	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 4/10)	Improve security and safety: More police, ambulance and security services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring police coverage service our growing community is a priority ask in Securing Wyndham's Future, this includes, making sure police numbers increase in line with our rapid rate of population growth and to ensure there's an adequate police presence in our growth areas. • Council welcomed the Victorian Government's \$45 million funding towards the new Wyndham Police Complex and \$272 million funding towards a new Wyndham Law Court. • The Victorian Government has purchased land for the future Point Cook police station. Design, tender, and construction of the police station are subject to the Victorian Government budget process. • Planning and design activities are underway for the new ambulance station in Manor Lakes by the Victorian Health Building Authority. • The 2020-21 Victorian Budget included further funding towards the Embedded Youth Outreach Program. • The Embedded Youth Outreach Program, funded by the Victorian Government, is run by the Victorian Police and services regions
	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee's West (priority 3/8)	Safety (managing crime, new police station, secure children's crossings)	

			including Wyndham. Wyndham City will continue to engage with the relevant authorities and agencies, exploring options to strengthen youth engagement.
People and Community Services and programs – Community Hubs	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 6/10)	Create / improve community hubs: Cater for people with disability, 'aged care' and needing employment pathways. Providing culturally diverse activities and promoting them, addressing racism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community centres offer a range of programs and learning opportunities including courses to improve skills and help gain qualifications. Each centre has a variety of features to ensure participation of all people regardless of age or ability. Centre specific information can be found on Wyndham Community Centres and Venues webpage. Council has constructed and upgraded a number of community centres and neighbourhood hubs including Tarneit Community Learning Centre, Manor Lakes Community Centre (formerly Wyndham Vale), Mainview Integrated Family Learning Centre in Truganina, Saltwater Youth Space in Point Cook, and the Grange Community Centre in Hoppers Crossing. Major upgrades have been completed at Wyndham's Community Learning Centres in Point Cook, Manor Lakes and Tarneit, and Council will continue to work on the service mix at the sites to reflect community needs. A number of existing facilities have been identified for further planning or upgrade works over the coming four years, including commencement of master planning for the Quantin Binnah Community Centre in Werribee. In addition, a new community centre is currently being constructed in Tarneit West and will open in July 2021, and the Truganina Community Centre (Elements Estate) is set to open in mid-2023. The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has also allocated \$1.19 million to in-home care support to enable older people who live in Wyndham to live independently.
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 10/10)	All-in-one community hub (libraries, cafes, pool, dancing classes, playground for younger children): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities for all ages Better branding and signage-consumer facing (What's the offer / What's the purpose?) Better promotion and integration of services 	

Places and Spaces Growth and development – Infrastructure planning	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 1/9)	Ensure sustainable community building, providing 20-minute neighbourhoods and safe pedestrian and public transport access and community facilities (all through improved planning).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council’s development of the Wyndham Plan is supported by work that is aimed at repositioning Wyndham in the context of polycentric cities. • In line with actions in the Council’s Wyndham Active Transport Strategy, Council is developing an active transport network plan. Connections to transport hubs will be prioritised in this plan. • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$27.20 million to upgrading and building new local roads in Wyndham, \$8.35 million to maintaining Wyndham’s infrastructure assets and \$29 million to sports and recreation infrastructure in Wyndham. • Less out of sequence development is a priority ask in Securing Wyndham’s Future. Council will continue to advocate for a new approach to urban development that ensures the early rollout of infrastructure and services in new developments.
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 2/10)	Infrastructure ready in advance (Roads, schools, hospitals, community centres, emergency services).	
	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee’s West (priority 1/8)	Improving infrastructure planning and deliver (emergency access, roads, telecommunications and public transport).	
People and Community Services and programs – Mental Health	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 3/10)	Mental health programs for everyone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health services are a priority ask in Securing Wyndham’s Future, including asking the Victorian Government to address the critical gaps in mental health services here in our community and simply lift its spending to the national average. • The need and action required around mental health and preventive health services will be further articulated in Council’s new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 which is currently under development. • Council is actively engaging with Western Health as a key service provider and is looking to establish innovative service models that complement the existing service system and address system gaps for the Wyndham community.
	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee’s West (priority 5/8)	Focus on holistic mental health and welfare for everyone (more access to it and light shone on it). Promote quality and availability of local mental health services and properly trained mental health workers. Focus on prevention rather than cure.	

Earning and Learning Arts and Culture	Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 10/10)	Create a ‘wow-factor’/gateway treatment/ arts precinct for Wyndham, tourist destination, beautify Wyndham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 had a profound impact on the events industry and Wyndham City will reimagine and reinstate of Councils major events program in line with COVID-safe practice. • Council recently received \$3 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund for the Wyndham Cultural Centre Redevelopment Project which seeks to transform the existing Wyndham Cultural Centre into a centre for creativity at the heart of the Werribee City Centre. The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$2million to commence planning for this project. • Council is facilitating the growing Creative Industries Network and will look to progress the successful MADE on Watton arts hub trial. • Council will continue to develop partnerships to commission major murals on significant new multi storey buildings in central Werribee and identify key sites for new major murals and 3D works in gateway sites. • Council is developing the Visitor Economy Strategy 2022-26 which will have a strong focus on short term recovery and; the long-term infrastructure required to grow the industry.
	Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priorities 6 and 9/9)	<p>Tourism must be prioritised, more festivals, events and celebrate the many nationalities and talents. Push the country to coast element. Rebrand the Werribee image.</p> <p>Promote opportunities to bring communities together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community information forums- What’s happening in the community? - Festivals and events. 	
Places and Spaces Infrastructure - Facilities	Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 8/9)	Upgrade local facilities in local communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council’s ongoing commitment to accessibility and building improvements are captured in Wyndham’s Accessibility Action Plan. • In addition, Council community facilities now have accessibility features listed on their website and we have recently developed protocols and procedures to ensure Council delivered events include access and inclusion of people with disability. • Council will continue to undertake long term service and infrastructure planning for community centres and other facilities across Wyndham. • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has also allocated \$8.35 million to maintaining Wyndham’s infrastructure assets. • Council will use asset audit and service planning work to guide further planning and priorities around the upgrade of existing community infrastructure.
	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 9/10)	<p>Accessibility to facilities (libraries, pools, community centres).</p> <p>Proximity, extended opening hours and cost of council facilities.</p>	

<p>Places and Spaces Transport - Roads</p>	<p>Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 1/10)</p>	<p>Roadworks: Ease congestion. Invest in / improve roads, shared paths, footpaths (and maintenance thereof).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$4 million to Wyndham’s Active Transport Network, \$27.20 million to upgrading and building new local roads and \$12.90 million to reconstructing and resurfacing local roads in Wyndham, supercharging the program from the previous annual budget allocation. • In line with the Wyndham Active Transport Strategy, Council has completed a city-wide audit and is developing an Active Transport Network Plan which will provide a prioritised list of projects. • Council will continue to deliver projects and advocate for State Government funding of projects, upgrades on State managed roads and additional funding for the active transport network.
<p>People and Community Services and programs – Young People</p>	<p>Werribee and Hoppers Crossing (priority 9/10)</p>	<p>Creating age specific (12-18yo) activities for young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has allocated \$5.09 million to youth programs and services in Wyndham. • Wyndham City’s Youth Services has dedicated youth facilities in both Hoppers Crossing and Point Cook, these facilities provide a range of spaces for young people including access to computers and gaming, consultation rooms, art and music space, activity spaces and outdoor space, they also enable access to tertiary services and support. Young people also have access to a dedicated activity room at both Manor Lakes and Tarneit CLC which is staffed by youth workers.
<p>Places and Spaces Environment and climate change</p>	<p>Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 2/9)</p>	<p>Take the lead on climate / environmental action, increasing tree canopy and grassland protection.</p> <p>Focusing on protecting the natural environment and biodiversity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflecting the community’s strong commitment to sustainability, Council will be embarking on the Wyn-R: Reduction, Renewables, Resilience program to further reduce our reliance on fossil fuels (almost \$1million allocated in the Proposed Budget for 2021/22), as well as continuing the Lighting the West program to replace street lights with environmentally friendly and cost- effective LED lights (\$3.8 million allocated in the Proposed Budget for 2021/22).

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 13 May 2021, the State Government announced 500,000 new trees will be planted in Melbourne’s West.
Places and Spaces Infrastructure – Sports and recreation	Point Cook and Williams Landing (priority 5/9)	Improve / invest in indoor sports facilities and more adult outdoor gyms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has commenced planning for a future network of indoor recreation facilities. This has been highlighted as a Major Initiative in Council’s Proposed Annual Plan and Budget for 2021/22. The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 has been supercharged to support sports and recreation across Wyndham with \$29 million allocated to sports and recreation infrastructure, \$5.60 million to upgrade Wyndham’s Sports Pavilions, and \$11.50 million for a Regional Soccer Facility. Council is also undertaking a review of the Sports Strategy and this will consider the distribution of equipment/infrastructure that supports the community to engage in active recreation (more informal, less structured activity).
People and Community Growth and development - Social	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 6/10)	Entertainment and socialising activities (not just in shopping centres).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyndham City hosts a dynamic calendar of events and activities across the municipality promoted on Council’s ‘What’s On’ webpage including the Children’s Picnic, State Rose & Garden Show, Winter Street Party, Fromage a Trois Cheese Festival, Pop up park and a variety of Adult Events and Activities, Kids Events and Activities and Library Events and Activities. COVID-19 had a profound impact on events and activities and Wyndham City will reimagine and reinstate of Councils major events program in line with COVID-safe practice. A range of Community and Cultural Development projects are planned including ephemeral public artworks for Greening the Pipeline.
Earning and Learning	Tarneit, Truganina and parts of Mount Cottrell	COVID-19 recovery program (inc. welfare, business, family financial support).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyndham City has developed the Resilient Wyndham Strategy (currently on public exhibition) which will assist the community in long

<p>Economy – COVID-19 recovery</p>	<p>(priority 7/10)</p>		<p>term resilience and preparation for future shocks and stresses including climate change, extreme weather, natural disasters, pandemics, and economic downturn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of WYNLocal package and economic recovery packages in the form of small business and community recovery grants. The Proposed Budget for 2021/22 includes \$2 million of additional grants provided to eligible small businesses as part of COVID-19 Economic Support Package. • Continuation of the Council’s Pandemic Recovery Office (years 1 &2) to navigate Wyndham through current global pandemic including vaccination rollouts.
<p>People and Community Services and programs - Welfare</p>	<p>Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee’s West (priority 7/8)</p>	<p>Focus on welfare (family violence, alcohol, drugs, victim support).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These issues will be articulated in Council’s new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 which is currently under development. • The community connector service, which was an innovation introduced last year during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, has become an ongoing service which provides specialist support for older residents, young people, people living with a disability and families to assist them to link with and find local support services. Community Connectors will be located in Community Learning Centres to ensure that residents are able to access them easily. • For people from humanitarian migrant and asylum seeker backgrounds Council bi-cultural workers are available in local community support organisations to provide social support and enable direct engagement. Council also employs two bi-cultural workers that provide support to the Karen community to access and engage in MCH, pre-natal and parenting services, and the other to support the establishment of culturally specific playgroups in Wyndham.

<p>Earning and Learning</p> <p>Services and programs - Sustainability</p>	<p>Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee's West (priority 8/8)</p>	<p>Expand on composting initiative to have more recycling, more responsible and sustainable waste management. (Free composting, green recycling at schools and across community inc. health centres etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will review the Wyndham Waste and Litter Strategy including targets to further minimise waste generation and consumption. • Council will also expand the Green Living Series and school incursion program to further focus on more responsible and sustainable waste management.
<p>Places and Spaces</p> <p>Growth and development – Rural community</p>	<p>Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 7/9)</p>	<p>Protect market gardens/food bowl and promote our rural community. Honouring our primary producers, prioritising rural land for farming.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will collaborate with Destination Wyndham Portfolio to further enhance and promote the Werribee South precinct. • Council will also ensure implementation of actions in the Coastal and Marine Management Plan do not compromise the integrity of farming activities, and continue advocacy on behalf of farming community, including partnering with Victorian Farmers Federation.
<p>People and Community</p> <p>Services and programs - Homelessness</p>	<p>Little River, Werribee South, Mambourin, Cocoroc, Quandong, Eynesbury and parts of Mount Cottrell (priority 3/9)</p>	<p>Eliminate homelessness in Werribee: Provide facilities for people experiencing homelessness including services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's draft Affordable Housing Strategy will include a focus on increasing crisis and temporary housing options in Wyndham. • The H3 Alliance has developed new approaches to rough sleepers in Wyndham and an approach to rooming houses and integration of new services, e.g. youth accommodation and a family violence service. • Wyndham has been identified as a priority site for State Government's Big Housing Build project.