

Wyndham 2050 Community Vision Priority Area

Civic Pride and Beautification

Progress Report Year 1 2025/26

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What's it like to live in Wyndham?

On behalf of the Wyndham community, Council is tracking the following measures annually against the priorities of the Community Vision to understand how residents feel about where they live.

These indicators are included in the Annual Community Satisfaction Survey, which consists of a sample of 1,200 randomly selected Wyndham residents.

What did we hear in 2025/26?



62%

strongly agree

that the natural environment in Wyndham is well managed, healthy and accessible

Vision Priority:

Civic Pride and Beautification

Protect the land, sea and coastlines of Wyndham by keeping the area clean, increasing green space and canopy cover to improve the visual aesthetics and ensure Wyndham is an attractive and appealing city.

56%

strongly agree

that they are satisfied with the overall cleanliness and beauty of the local area (e.g. parks, streets, coastal areas)



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What is Council's role?

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- Primary owner and manager of open spaces in Wyndham.
- Key decision maker about how land is used and how open space is planned, provided, developed, and managed.
- Works with partners such as Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water
- Plants trees to grow Wyndham's urban canopy
- Advocates for investment in quality open spaces
- Responds to reports of dumped rubbish and litter



What open space do we have in Wyndham?

- Mowing **21,000m²** of grass monthly
- Maintaining **320,000** trees
- **395ha** conservation reserve
- **292km** conservation roadsides
- **100** wetlands
- Over **790** playgrounds (includes outdoor fitness stations)





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Council Adopted Strategies and Plans

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City Forest and Habitat Strategy 2017-2040

Aims for Wyndham to be a vibrant living ecosystem with shade and green spaces that support healthy communities and natural environments

What the strategy aims to deliver:

- Grow and protect Wyndham's urban forest, natural habitats and biodiversity.
- Increases tree canopy, shade and green spaces across the municipality.
- Supports healthy communities, wildlife habitat and climate resilience.
- Partners with the community to care for and restore local environments.

Highlights from 2025/26

- Planted more than **8,000 trees and 19,000 tube stock** across Wyndham's open spaces.
- Supported weed control and sustainable land management across **1,447 hectares of private rural land.**
- Continued conservation management **across 350+ hectares** of conservation reserves.
- Supported **90 households and 5 schools** to create wildlife-friendly habitat gardens through the Habitat Heroes program.
- Restored and enhanced habitat along the Werribee River and Little River through planting and revegetation.
- Partnered with local environmental groups to protect biodiversity and connect residents with nature.
- Advanced Wyndham's Significant Tree Register and Tree and Urban Forest Policy to help protect important trees.
- Assessed over **800 development and environmental** planning applications to support sustainable growth and environmental protection.

Council Strategies and Plans that contribute to this priority



Coastal and Marine Management Plan

Provides a framework for the improved access and development of the Wyndham coastline including sustainable land management and a range of coastal tourism and land use development opportunities with the potential to attract more visitors to Wyndham

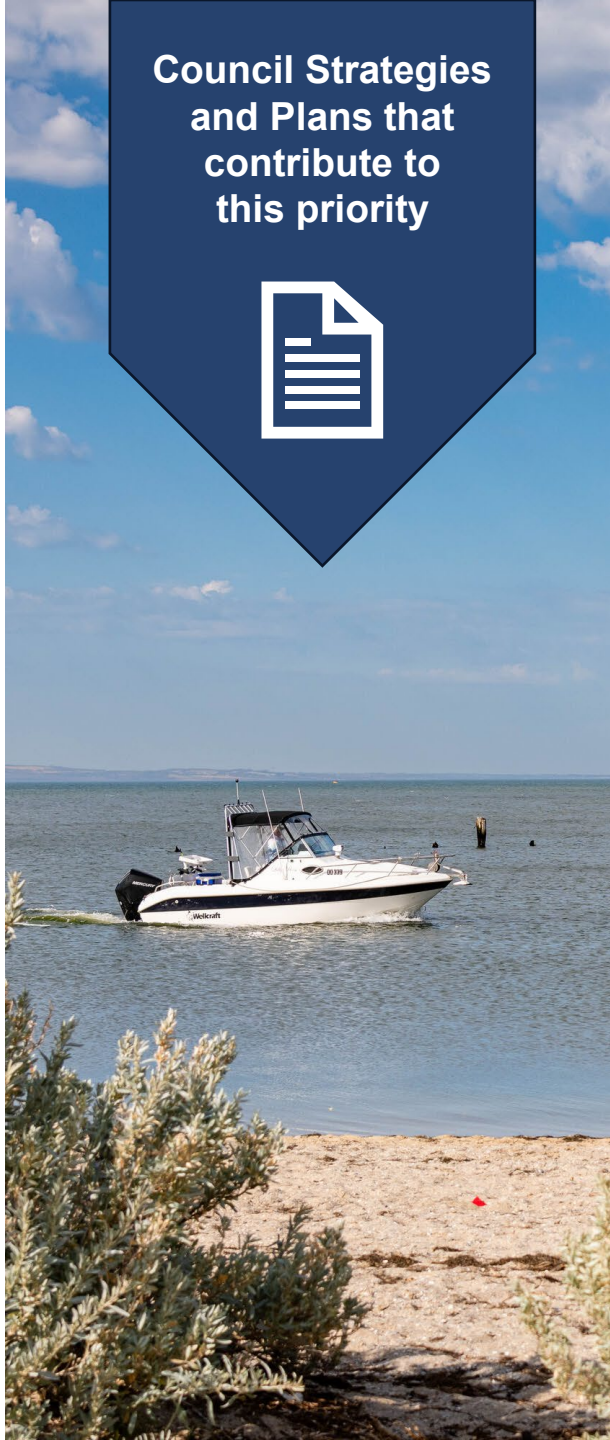
What the plan aims to deliver:

- Protect and improve coastal and marine environments.
- Support sustainable management of the coastline and sensitive habitats.
- Improve public access to beaches, waterways and coastal open spaces.
- Enhance visitor experiences through recreation, tourism and supporting infrastructure.
- Manage coastal hazards, erosion and the impacts of climate change.

Highlights from 2025/26

- Delivered works to **reduce erosion and protect the K Road cliffs environment**, as well as improve accessibility to the area by installing a new boardwalk, lookouts, viewing platform, picnic area, parking and interpretive signage.
- Continued **dune protection works at Werribee South**, including new fencing and controlled beach access points.
- Progressed planning and approvals for **Werribee South Beach Master Plan** improvements, including trails, lighting and a wetland deck.
- Commenced planning for future upgrades including **accessible public amenities and beach access facilities**.
- Advanced investigations for a **5 km walking and cycling connection** linking K Road Cliffs and Werribee South Beach.
- Began development of the **next Coastal and Marine Management Plan** to guide coastal management through to 2030.

Council Strategies and Plans that contribute to this priority



Open Space Strategy 2045

Guides the provision of Council owned and/or managed open spaces including parks, sportsgrounds, trails, and natural areas for the existing Wyndham community while also guiding the planning for the growing Wyndham population.

What the strategy aims to deliver:

- Guides investment in Wyndham's parks, open spaces and recreation areas through to 2045.
- Helps create accessible, inclusive and high-quality outdoor spaces for all ages and abilities.
- Supports growing communities with new and upgraded places to play, exercise, connect and enjoy nature.

Highlights from 2025/26

- Woodville Park, Hoppers Crossing upgraded
- Possy Newland Reserve, Little River opened
- Levittown Rise Park, Werribee/Harpley enhanced
- Rosslare Court Reserve, Hoppers Crossing upgrade underway
- Farfalla Way Park, Tarneit upgrade underway
- Community consultation completed for Riverbend Historical Park and Riverwalk Community Precinct Open Space

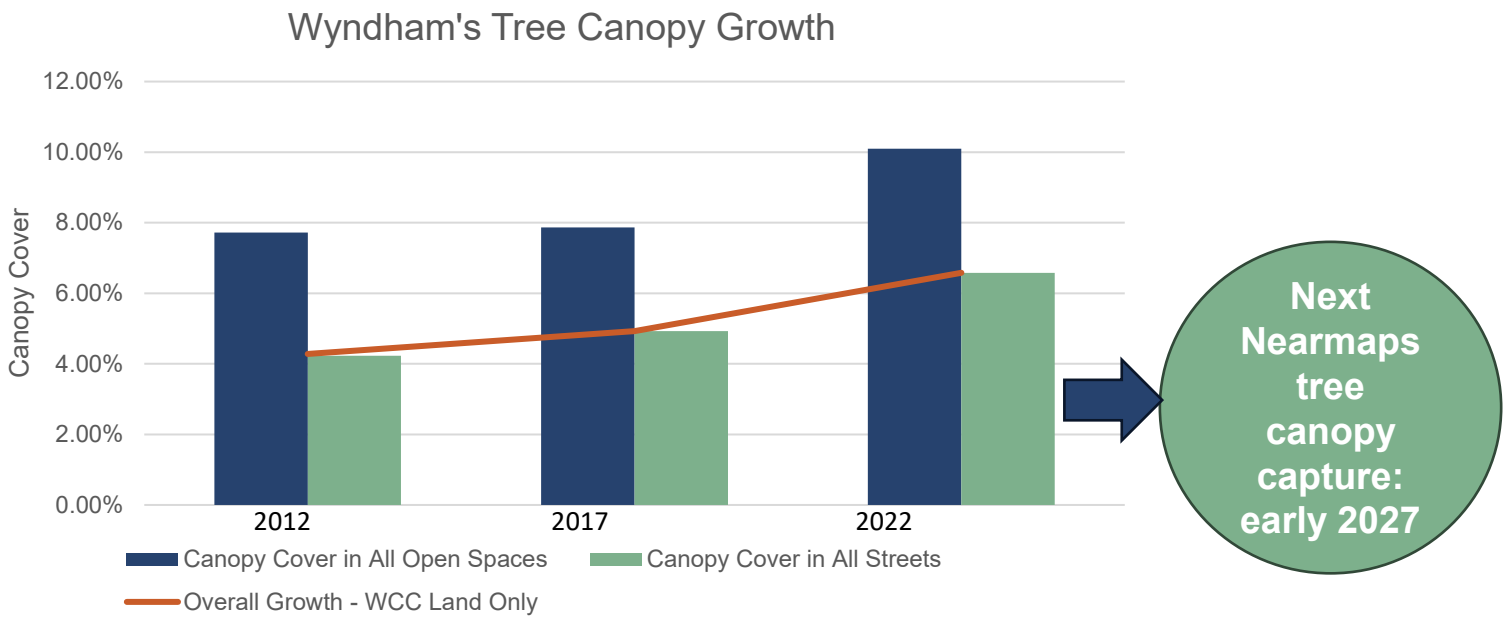
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Growing Wyndham's Urban Forest

Delivery in 2025/2026

- Planted **8,519** semi mature trees in streets and reserves
- Planted **19,306** tubestock in reserves
- Held **2** community tree planting days



Next Nearmaps tree canopy capture: early 2027

Tree canopy cover has increased by 2% in the last 10 years

URBAN FOREST TARGETS

City Forest and Habitat Strategy 2017-2040

25% canopy cover within streets across Wyndham by 2030.

35% canopy cover in Council's open spaces* by 2030.

*(Exclude grasslands, wetlands and coastal dunes)

Local Challenges

- Dry, windy local conditions
- Slow growth of trees
- Loss of large mature trees to development



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What has Council achieved in 2025/26?

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Keeping Wyndham Clean

Council's Litter Strategy Taskforce aims to maintain a **cleaner, safer, and more presentable city** by strengthening our collaboration, sharing insights, and implementing effective strategies to reduce litter and illegal dumping.

- 4 litter and amenity blitzes delivered annually
- Illegal dumping hotspots targeted
- "Caught in the Act" social media campaign promoted
- Increased public awareness of dumping penalties
- Community education on legal disposal options delivered
- "Know Your Free Services" video campaign
- Multilingual education resources expanded
- Improved resident reporting options
- Enforcement action taken against offenders
- Rapid removal of dumped waste
- Partnered with EPA Victoria to strengthen illegal dumping prevention

26,000m2
Of graffiti removed per year

8,871
Illegally dumped rubbish requests

$6.8M
Spent on collecting and disposing of **4,443 tonnes** of illegally dumped rubbish

COMMUNITY SAYS:

Council's response to dumped rubbish
EXCELLENT

Waste Collection Services & Waste Education

- Waste & Litter Strategy Implementation
- FOGO service expanded across Wyndham
- Standardised bin lid colours implemented
- Waste Watchers Education program delivered to community groups
- Thousands of residents engaged through waste education programs
- Ongoing bin inspections improving recycling quality
- Increased community access to Hard Waste and Green Waste Collection Services
- Tip Voucher Exchange Program
- Expansion of Love Our Street, Beach Patrol and community clean-up partnerships
- Improved community access to clothing and textile recycling options
- Pop up Recycling and donation Days delivered supporting waste diversion
- Expanded e-waste recycling opportunities for residents
- Expanded Community Recycling Stations, increasing recovery of household batteries, mobile phone, printer cartridges, light globes

Conservation and Arboriculture & Environment and Water

100%

Graffiti removal requests responded to on average within 3 days

COMMUNITY SAYS:

Management and removal of graffiti

EXCELLENT

78%

Drainage plan submissions actioned on average within 10 business days

COMMUNITY SAYS:

Council's protection and conservation of the natural environment and coastal areas

EXCELLENT

100%

Tree, tub stock and conservation planting program completed

COMMUNITY SAYS:

Provision and maintenance of street trees

VERY GOOD

182

Litter and Gross Pollutant Traps maintained each year





Civic Compliance

4,478
Building site inspections

COMMUNITY SAYS:
Enforcement of local laws
VERY GOOD

COMMUNITY SAYS:
Enforcement of parking
VERY GOOD

12,227
Property inspections
56%

COUNCIL SAYS:
Continued population growth and the first full year of Local Laws managing the Land Clearance function

1,423
Parking patrols of schools
33%

COUNCIL SAYS:
Due to recruitment of Officers



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2025/26 Service Investment

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2025/26 Service Investment

The following services directly contribute to progressing this Vision priority area

Service	Kerbside bin and hard waste collections, and waste and litter education	Landfill & Resource Recovery Centre	Open Space Management	Open Space Planning & Design	Civic Compliance	Conservation and Arboriculture	Environment & Water
Description	Helps the Wyndham residents keep their properties and the city clean, green and safe by collecting household waste and delivering community waste and litter programs via funds collected through the Council's Annual Waste Charge.	To help the people of Wyndham and other people in metropolitan Melbourne keep their properties and the city clean, green and safe, by providing a secure, long term waste disposal and resource recovery facility.	Providing operational maintenance of Council's Parks and Open Spaces to ensure that they are safe, functional, fit for purpose and meet the needs of our growing City.	Planning, Designing, and Delivering Open Space Strategies and Projects across the City's Open Space Network to improve quality, functionality, amenity, safety, and environmental outcomes.	Keep Wyndham clean, safe, and presentable through education and enforcement of legislation administered by Council.	Protecting the natural environment and managing trees within streets and open spaces for the community to enjoy.	Strategically enhancing and protecting Wyndham's natural environment, native vegetation, grasslands, and biodiversity. Develop and deliver policies, strategies, and education programs for the Community. Improve wetlands, stormwater management a nd water quality across the city.
Budget Net Cost ($'000)	4,068	7,324	(26,607)	(1,125)	5,671	(16,709)	(1,339)
Actual Net Cost ($'000)	2,837	16,882	(27,688)	(625)	6,911	(16,670)	(1388)
Var ($'000)	(1,231)	9,558	(1,081)	500	1,240	39	(49)