

An aerial photograph of Wyndham City, Australia, showing a mix of residential areas, green spaces, and water bodies. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle in the upper right corner, which contains the title text. The overall color scheme is monochromatic, dominated by shades of blue and teal.

Wyndham City

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Introduction

Wyndham City is one of Australia's fastest growing municipalities, expected to almost double in size by 2041. It is also the link between Melbourne and Geelong, the two largest cities in Victoria, making it an area of great economic significance that extends beyond its own region, impacting the rest of the state and Australia.

Affordable housing, geographic appeal, high birth rates, increased migration and major infrastructure investments are driving forces behind Wyndham's position as the epicentre of western Melbourne's population growth. This growth will transform Wyndham from a City of 257,028 people in 2018 to nearly double in size to 489,379 by 2041. According to the latest ABS data between 2016 and 2017, Wyndham was Victoria's largest growing municipality, increasing its population by 14,092 people, or 6.2%.

This population growth is placing continued pressure on the infrastructure and services needed by Wyndham residents. An important example of this pressure, explained in further detail in this budget proposal, is

The traditional divide seen between communities and regions by inadequate planning in the past, can be overcome by embracing strategic partnerships with western regional councils and by continuing to invest in long term infrastructure projects.

This document contains proposals for transport and road projects that will not only create much-needed jobs, but improve connections for our residents, many of who currently find themselves spending two hours or more each day commuting to and from work. Coupling these infrastructure investments with a greater focus on projects that will improve the safety, wellbeing, education of Wyndham residents will help deliver a vibrant future for this region where people will want to live

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the growth in school aged children in Wyndham, which currently exceeds that of other Melbourne growth Councils such as Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton and Whittlesea. An estimated 150,000 children will attend school in Wyndham over the next 20 years, yet on average children in Wyndham's growth areas have access to half the number of primary and secondary schools compared to Greater Melbourne.

Wyndham City wants to work closer with the Victorian Government on the planning and designing of community infrastructure. Not only is this the stance of the Victorian Auditor General, adopting planning processes that allow for adequate input from local Councils will help the government allocate limited resources where they are needed most and provide better outcomes for our residents.

Wyndham represents an opportunity for the Victorian Government to showcase its ability to support sustainable growth and invest in projects that will change the face of Melbourne's West.

and work, helping it to continue to make significant contributions to the Victorian economy.

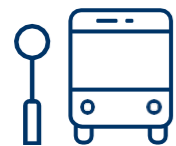
Wyndham City welcomed the investment in community infrastructure via the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) from the 2015/16 to the 2018/19 State Budgets. A reinstatement of the \$50 million per annum at a minimum, as well as a longer-term commitment in the form of appropriate forward estimates, is vital in order to properly address persistent liveability gaps in Melbourne's outer suburban communities.

This submission provides summaries of Wyndham City's priorities for the Victorian Government's investment in the 2019-20 budget. These priorities are linked to objectives of the Victorian Infrastructure Plan and the Metropolitan Planning Strategy, which align with Wyndham's City Plan 2017-21.

Budget submission summary

The below priorities are aligned with Victorian Government priorities as detailed in the Victorian Infrastructure Plan and The Metropolitan Planning Strategy, and are consistent with the strategic directions of the Wyndham City Plan 2017-2021 and the Wyndham 2040 Vision.





Transport Infrastructure (section 3)

Victorian Government Objective(s)

- Consult communities to identify future bus service needs, including planning for new routes and addressing links with other public transport modes
- Undertake strategic planning to identify and prioritise future freight investment, including consideration of a second container port, and potential development of Western and Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminals
- Protect options for future air and sea ports and intermodal terminals through appropriate planning frameworks, including Avalon Airport
- Remove Victoria’s 50 most dangerous and congested level crossings
- Deliver a package of road upgrades and maintenance to cater for high population growth in Melbourne’s West
- Implement the Regional Network Development Plan’s medium and long-term priorities to modernise with more track, trains and services, and better facilities
- Improve local travel options to support 20-minute neighbourhoods
- Improve transport in Melbourne’s outer suburbs
- Improve connections between cities and regions
- Reinstating the \$50 million per annum invested through the Growing Suburbs Fund would assist with the development of transport infrastructure in Wyndham

Project	Recommendation
3.1 Sayers Rd Railway Station	Fast tracking construction of the proposed Sayers Rd railway station in Tarneit
3.2 Ison Road Overpass Bridge	Delivery of a duplicated four lane overpass as the last section in a major project; estimated cost at \$50M
3.3 Regional Rail Link stations	Planning for RRL stations at priority sites i.e. Black Forest Rd and Davis Rd
3.4 Priority level crossings	Pre-planning and budget prioritisation for Werribee City Centre and Hoppers Crossing sites
3.5 Bus service extensions	Provide bus services to accommodate the needs of residents in new residential subdivisions
3.6 Avalon Airport	Support Avalon’s plans to grow as an international airport and high-functioning alternative to Tullamarine Airport
3.7 Outer Metropolitan Ring	Progress towards an Environmental Report and land acquisition by the Victorian government
3.8 Major Road Intersections	Upgrade and/or signalise major Wyndham road intersections such as Point Cook and Sneydes Roads in Point Cook and Derrimut and Hogans Roads in Hoppers Crossing
3.9 Extra Train Stations and Services	More train services on the Werribee line and additional station on the western section of the Suburban Rail Loop
3.10 Western Rail Plan	Delivery of a rail connection between Wyndham Vale and Werribee



Community Safety (section 4)

Victorian Government Objective(s)

- Establish 17 family violence safety and support hubs across Victoria
- Invest in new and upgrade existing police stations across the state to keep pace with population growth and maintain a strong focus on the needs of local communities
- Expand and better integrate our justice capabilities in both established and high growth areas
- Continue to develop courts and judicial facilities in Melbourne CBD, metropolitan growth corridors (West, North and South-East) and regional areas to address demand and keep Victoria safer
- Continue to maintain and refurbish critical emergency services infrastructure, as well as high-demand courts and police facilities to enable safer, more accessible and functional services for Victorians
- Support an interconnected network of justice and emergency services
- Reinstating the \$50 million per annum invested through the Growing Suburbs Fund would assist with the development of community safety infrastructure in Wyndham

Project	Recommendation
4.1 Youth Violence Prevention	Funding of \$1.765 million is required to support a range of initiatives that will strengthen the youth services system in Wyndham.
4.2 Wyndham Justice Precinct	Including delivery of a large, new multi-jurisdictional court complex and a Support Services Hub at an estimated cost of \$177 million
4.3 Family Violence Support and Safety Hub (The Orange Door)	Funding for land acquisition and design of a hub in Tarneit at a cost of \$10 million





Schools (section 5)

Victorian Government Objective(s)

- Continue to use population growth projections to plan for new education institutions, where the student population is predicted to rise.
- Continue to identify opportunities for co-location of education facilities for early childhood, school, training and TAFE to help support lifelong learning.
- Strengthen school networks by encouraging the sharing of facilities across schools in local areas to promote equity and integration within the community.
- More actively plan, improve and expand on high quality early childhood services, recognizing the high return on investment over the long-term in improved student and life outcomes.

Project
5.1 Construction of a secondary school in Truganina as a matter of priority
5.2 Construction and land acquisition for five primary schools
5.3 Construction of a secondary school in Tarneit
5.4 Integrated early childhood centres



Employment (section 6)

Victorian Government Objective(s)

- Harness the benefits of major transformational projects in Victoria
- Plan for the long-term growth of Victorian cities and Communities
- Manage the supply of new housing in the right locations to meet population growth and create a sustainable city
- Deliver more housing closer to jobs and public transport
- Improve access to job across Melbourne and closer to where people live
- Create a city structure that strengthens Melbourne's competitiveness for jobs and investment

Project	Recommendation
6.1 East Werribee Employment Precinct	Delivery of the East Werribee Employment Precinct and associated Australian Education City



3 Transport Infrastructure

3.1 Sayers Rd Railway Station

Following the successful bid for an A-League team to be based in Tarneit, led by Western Melbourne Group and Wyndham City, the construction of the Sayers Rd Railway Station in Tarneit needs to be brought forward to capitalise on this economic development opportunity. Delivering this station will allow for greater access to the privately funded 15,000 seat stadium being built and will enable business and communities in the area to thrive.

3.2 Ison Road Overpass Bridge

Wyndham City strongly supports the construction of the Ison Road Overpass Bridge which is the last section needing a funding commitment in delivering a major road connection. VicRoads has prepared a business case detailing the approximately \$40 to \$50 million remaining to deliver the duplicated four lane overpass. Further, cost savings could be made if a four lane, duplicated road and upgrades to the Princes Highway intersection and Princes Freeway ramps are built concurrently and included in this package. This project is outlined as a priority project in the Wyndham West Development Contributions Plan and is expected to ease congestion on many arterial roads in the Wyndham West area.



3.3 Regional Rail Link Stations

Wyndham City is leveraging the \$4 billion investment already made by the state government in the Regional Rail Link (RRL) project by preparing investment frameworks for train stations along its two rail corridors. In addition to land use planning around existing stations, there is a need to deliver new stations along these corridors to ensure that our infrastructure has sufficient capacity. These sites have been identified as catalysts to ensure the adequate provision of housing, employment and economic development needed to support growth and changing demographic patterns is provided; the Black Forest Road and Davis Road sites are probably the most critical in this regard.

3.4 Priority Level Crossings

Wyndham City seeks a commitment from the Victorian government to bring forward the removal of the level crossing in Hoppers Crossing as part of the next package of funded removals. The road network connecting to this crossing is complex and delays are a great concern. We recognise these investments are significant and should be sequenced carefully with advance budget preparation; Hoppers Crossing grade separation alone is estimated at \$150 million. The Hoppers Crossing level crossing will open up the connection between Hoppers Crossing, Hoppers Crossing railway station, and parts of the East Werribee Employment precinct.

3.5 Bus Service Extensions

Bus Service Extensions are urgently required into new residential subdivisions being approved in the growth areas of Wyndham. Between June 2015 (when Regional Rail Link opened and new bus routes were introduced across Wyndham) and September 2017, more than 13,000 lots were certified, 11,000 lots had statements of compliance issued, and 9,264 building permits for residential dwellings were approved. Many of the lots are within large new subdivisions which are located between 400 metres and four kilometres from the nearest existing bus route.



3.6 Avalon Airport

Avalon Airport's Master Plan (2015) outlines its long-term plans for the development of the airport as an international aviation centre of excellence, with four pillars of activities such as freight operations. Wyndham City supports the master planning process and the progression of major projects that will meet its strategic objectives in 2019-20 and into the future.

3.7 Outer Metropolitan Ring

Wyndham City recognises the importance of and supports work towards the 100-kilometre-long high-speed transport link for people and freight in Melbourne's North and West. The Outer Metropolitan Ring advances our city's economic growth, liveability and employment prospects and we will collaborate with any planning issues as required to ensure progress towards the project's delivery.



[3.8 Major Road Intersections](#)

Wyndham City is calling for several dangerous and congested road intersections to be upgraded including Point Cook and Sneydes Roads in Point Cook, Derrimut and Hogans Roads in Hoppers Crossing, Wattle Avenue and Princes Hwy in Werribee, Ballan Rd and Evergreen Dr in Wyndham Vale and Ballan Rd and McGrath Roads in Wyndham Vale. We are also calling for the funding of signal loops on Edwards Rd in Werribee as part of the Western Roads Upgrade Project. Council has consistently raised the issue of upgrading and signalling the Point Cook and Sneydes Roads intersection with the Victorian Government and VicRoads and was disappointed to see that no commitment was made in the lead up to the 2018 Victorian election. The Derrimut and Hogans Roads intersection also requires an urgent upgrade in order to reduce local traffic congestion and improve safety for drivers.

[3.9 Extra Train Stations and Services](#)

Wyndham City welcomes the Suburban Rail Loop as a major project that will help reduce traffic congestion throughout Melbourne. The Werribee Line and Regional Rail Link are already at capacity however and extra services are urgently needed to meet demand. Additional stations between Werribee and Sunshine are needed to improve connections for people travelling throughout the West.

[3.10 Western Rail Plan](#)

Wyndham City welcomes the Victorian Government's proposed Western Rail Plan and encourages the delivery of a rail link between Werribee and Wyndham Vale to benefit people travelling between Werribee, Sunshine and Geelong. This link will allow more established parts of Wyndham to connect with developing areas, enabling residents to more easily access employment hubs, spurring local employment opportunities.



4 Community Safety

[4.1 Youth Violence Prevention](#)

Recent incidents of youth violence in Werribee, Torneit, Williams Landing and Wyndham Vale have attracted significant community concern. Residents have reported feeling unsafe in their communities. There is an urgent need to address issues related to violence and crime, perpetrated by a small number of young people. Intensive coordinated planning, endorsed as best practice by State Government departments, has resulted in a more comprehensive approach to coordinated services and outreach across municipalities. However, support agencies, including Wyndham City's Youth Services, have noted that their staffing and resources have been stretched beyond capacity to provide this additional coverage.

Following a collaborative process with a range of key stakeholders, Wyndham City has determined that \$1.765 million is needed to support the following programs:

- \$200,000 to provide additional resources to enable Community Support Organisations to deliver general youth worker services across Wyndham on weekends and after hours.
- \$650,000 to provide a resource to establish a Wyndham youth day program accessible by young people affected by alcohol and drugs.
- \$20,000 to provide additional resources for the South Sudanese Wardens to enable greater outreach capacity.
- \$800,000 to resource a Community Support Organisation to establish a skilled multi-disciplinary, early intervention, assertive outreach youth team targeting young people of South Sudanese background who have come to the attention of police as engaging in minor and serious anti-social activities.
- \$95,000 to provide additional resources to a Community Support Organisation to provide targeted Settlement Grant supports to refugee families as required beyond the current five-year time limit.

[4.2 Wyndham Justice Precinct](#)

Wyndham City Council strongly urges to Victorian Government to allocate funding to deliver the Wyndham Justice Precinct, including a new multi-jurisdictional court complex, a new police complex and a Support Services Hub (SSH). With the new police station already fully funded, it is estimated that delivering the Wyndham Justice Precinct in full would cost approximately \$152 million for the new court complex and \$25 million for the SSH. Wyndham's current Magistrate's Court has just two courtrooms, is outdated and unsafe. Wyndham's population has grown from 40,000 people to 257,000 since these law courts were built, and as such, it is failing to properly service the community.

A Support Services Hub as part of the Wyndham Justice Precinct will provide a range of justice related and wrap around support services to people using the justice system as well as the wider community. Such services will address complex, underlying issues such as mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, housing concerns, financial hardship and unemployment. This hub is needed in order to make the Wyndham Justice Precinct successful in improving community safety in Wyndham.

[4.3 Family Violence Support and Safety Hub](#)

Wyndham City is seeking a \$10 million commitment from the Victorian Government to fund the land acquisition and design of a Family Violence Support and Safety Hub, also known as The Orange Door, in Torneit. The establishment of these hubs was a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Family Violence, with the Victorian Government committing to build 17 of them at a cost of \$448 million. Despite Wyndham's current lack of resources and growing rates of family violence, the municipality has not been identified as one of the pilot sites for Family Violence Support and Safety Hubs across Victoria.



5 Schools

Wyndham City is working in collaboration with the Department of Education (DET) to develop strong forward planning and co-located infrastructure opportunities for schools to service our fast-growing communities of children and young people. There is an urgent need to address current and imminent capacity shortfalls. Detailed below are a number of projects and programs, many of which are in Precinct Structure Plans (PSP), that need to be funded and/or fast-tracked in Wyndham’s growth areas.



6 Employment

6.1 East Werribee Employment Precinct

Wyndham City is seeking progress on the East Werribee Employment Precinct (EWEP, including the Australian Education City (AEC). This major project will bring 58,300 jobs to Wyndham, provide space for 7000 dwellings and help drive the Victorian Government’s vision of creating 20-minute neighbourhoods in Melbourne. Since identifying the AEC consortium as the preferred bidders to deliver a \$30 billion education, research

and employment city at the 775-hectare site, there have been no further announcements on its future. A project of this scale is needed in Wyndham to help boost employment, reduce traffic congestion on local roads and deliver on the Victorian’s own objectives for making Melbourne more liveable. Wyndham City is ready to work collaboratively on EWEP to achieve the most efficient and effective planning and economic development outcomes.

Summary of priority schools – 2019-20 State Budget

5.1

Priorities for land acquisition:

1. Truganina North 7-12. This school is needed today as students have no year 10-12 opportunity in the surrounding area.
2. Williams Landing Primary School. There is currently no land earmarked for a future government school.
3. Point Cook West P-9, including an integrated specialist inclusion hub with 50 places.
4. Riverdale East P-6 (Tarneit), including an integrated specialist inclusion hub with 50 places.

5.2

Priorities for construction:

1. Truganina South East P-6.
2. Wollahra P-6 Primary School (Wyndham Vale): South of the Ballan Road PSP adjac

5.3

Priorities for early planning:

1. Lollypop Creek P-6 (Werribee).
2. Holyoake Parade P-6 (Wyndham Vale), identified in the PSP.

5.4

Early years priorities for funding for Wyndham City to design/construct:

1. Riverdale Community Centre (Tarneit)
2. Tarneit North Family Learning Centre
3. Black Forest South (Wyndham Vale)
4. Truganina Community Centre
5. Manor Lakes North Family Learning Centre
6. Grange College Integrated Early Years Centre (Hoppers Crossing).



