

Division of Werribee

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About Wyndham

Wyndham City welcomes the opportunity to present to the Victorian Government our priorities for consideration in the 2025-26 Budget.

Not only is Wyndham City one of the largest local government areas by population in Victoria, it is also one of Australia's fastest growing municipalities. Wyndham's population is set to grow to close to 500,000 people by 2040. Wyndham is a young and diverse community. The 2021 Census found that 21 percent of the population aged 11 years or younger, 48 percent of the population was born overseas, and 49.8 percent speak a language other than English as their first language.

About the District of Werribee

The District of Werribee includes the suburbs of Werribee, Wyndham vale, Manor Lakes, Mambourin and parts of little River. The district is a mix of peri-urban allotments, established suburbs and new estates. As such, the area is popular with young families and access to quality education, community services and transport remain a concern for many residents. Creating local jobs remains a high priority for Council. We welcome the State Government's support in the development of the East Werribee Employment Precinct including the construction of the Wyndham Justice Precinct. However, further investment is required to ensure the precinct can reach its potential and delivery high quality employment opportunities for local residents.

Council's Advocacy Priorities

Council is committed to working closely with all levels of government to deliver on projects that support local jobs, build better transport connections, and deliver vital infrastructure for our growing community. Council's advocacy priorities are aligned to the State Government's including:

- Infrastructure investment and job creation,
- Enhancing employment opportunities,
- Achieving the education state;
- Provision of essential and health services; and
- Building community resilience.

In particular, Council would like to see investment in:

- Improved access to buses in new estates,
- Community infrastructure and schools,
- Major road upgrades,
- Development of East Werribee as a employment precinct.

Council welcomes the State Government's commitment to the Werribee Main Road and Princes Freeway Interchange in Werribee (Western Interchange). Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) has been undertaking planning for a potential upgrade including traffic modelling. Council understands that a concept design and a business case has been completed and submitted to State Government for consideration in a future State Budget and we await a future announcement.

2025/26 Budget Submission

Council welcomes the opportunity to put forward the following projects for investment consideration for the 2025/26 budget submission process.

Project	Request	Benefits
Open space, sports and recreation		
Glen Orden - Heathdale Reserve (Wyndham Warriors BMX Club) BMX Track Lighting (new LED)	New infrastructure including poles, electrical and conduits - \$400,000	Opportunity to expand WWBMX Club's offering to the local community, bringing it to the standard of other tracks. Ability to offer coaching, training and events into the evenings (particularly in Winter) to boost membership.
Glen Orden Reserve (Glen Orden Sports Club / Werribee Masters Football Club)	Oval 1 Lighting Upgrade - \$350,000	New lighting infrastructure including lighting poles, cross arms, LED fittings, electrical and conduits. Club request supported by Council, to help both clubs grow and co-locate - including night fixturing and attracting new players.
Presidents Park (Werribee Giants Baseball Club) Diamond	Lighting Upgrade - \$500,000	New lighting infrastructure including lighting poles, cross arms, LED fittings, electrical and conduits. Opportunity to bring the facilities to a standard for night use and expanding membership.
Chirnside Park (Werribee Football Club)	Scoreboard Upgrade - \$400,000	Upgrade of 10+ year old scoreboard with modern technology, including capacity to stream vision. Support major and community events at venue.
Riverbend Historical Park	District Playground and Boat Shed - \$500,000	Funding will go towards facilitating the delivery of a new District Level Playground, public toilets, picnic area, car park and boat shed at this riverside activity node in parallel with a new floating pontoon being delivered by Melbourne Water that will improve on-water access.
Werribee Incinerator	Lookout & lighting - \$500,000	Funding will go towards the restoration and reuse of the landmark former brick incinerator chimney and structure as a lookout and landmark nighttime lighting artwork.
Possy Newland Reserve, Little River	Playground and Hardcourt Upgrade - \$250,000	Funding will go towards the delivery of the district level playground upgrade and hard court redevelopment.
Transport		
Traffic signal improvements at Princes Highway/Alfred Rd/Coldstream Ave intersection through	installation of Pedestrian Detectors (Puffin) and fully controlled right turns - \$100,000	Improved pedestrian safety, particularly at school times as pedestrian green time insufficient and filtered right turn vehicles are failing to give way to pedestrians.

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Vincent Crescent Project four raised wombat crossings	\$105,000	Improved pedestrian safety and supports Council funded works to upgrade the streetscape around these shops and park
Provision of wombat crossings around schools - Tulsi Avenue and Callaway Street	\$60,000	Improved pedestrian safety, particularly at school times.
Community services and job creation		
Opportunity Wyndham	\$350,000 will support this model to continue for another 12 months, reaching 1,000 local people and 10 local business partners.	Continue creating local employment pathways for local jobseekers. Opportunity Wyndham is a nationally recognised council-led partnership model that unites local employers with educational and employment service providers. This collaboration empowers vulnerable residents, including women, youth, and newly arrived migrants, while strengthening our community by providing a one-stop, reliable, and trusted local employment support system.
Continue the Victoria Government's Empowering Communities Grant Initiative	\$427,000 will support this initiative to continue for another 12 months	This initiative builds on the Victoria Government's investment to support community led evidence-based safety initiatives that address the drivers of crime and improve perceptions of safety.
Book Locker – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lollypop Creek Werribee Village Shopping Centre Wyndham Vale Town Centre 	\$300,000	To provide an access point to Wyndham Libraries collections in a rapidly developing area which does not currently have a library nearby. The book locker will enable residents to reserve and return items from any Wyndham Library branch from a local, convenient location. This will increase access to a range of reading and literacy opportunities for families.
Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre (MLCLC) – Outdoor Youth Space	\$240,000	Provision of community infrastructure in response to community need. Currently the MLCLC is exceeding its capacity due to community demand after-school each weekday. Developing this outdoor recreational space for young people and other community members, featuring a basketball ring, futsal goal along with seating, shade structures and landscaping to support both highly physical and more passive activities.

Council thanks the State Government's investment in the municipality and value our ongoing collaboration to ensure we are working to provide the Wyndham community with access to the infrastructure they need.