

2025

# Werribee *Votes*

Opportunities to Support the Werribee Electorate











## A Message from Our Mayor

As Mayor of Wyndham City Council, I want to congratulate you on standing for the Werribee by-election 2025.

At every election, it's critical that residents are given a choice of strong candidates who can present their vision for the future of their area.

And there's no doubt about it, the Werribee area is so important to Victoria and it's future prosperity.

Here at Wyndham City, we believe it's important that we advocate to State and Federal Governments to secure investment for our fast-growing City.

It's a role we take seriously, working hard to build a City that is liveable for our residents today, and into the future. And elections are the perfect time to put our great City on the map.

As Mayor, I will be seeking to meet with all of you on behalf of the community to make it clear that Wyndham needs future building investment that will service our residents for generations and we *have projects ready for funding that will do just that!*

This brochure provides a range of projects and policies that we would love to work with you on into the future, as we build Werribee's future.

I look forward to engaging with you throughout this important by-election,

**Mayor Mia Shaw**



# Werribee Main Road / Princes Freeway interchange

## **Project Request:**

The completion of stage 1 of the Wyndham Westlink by funding:

- Signalisation of the intersection of Main and Geelong Roads
- Upgrades to freeway interchange including signalisation of the Princes Freeway off-ramp intersection with William Thwaites Drive, improving safety and reducing high-risk queuing on the Princes Freeway.
- Funding for improved cycling and walking paths

## **Benefits:**

Investment in the freeway interchange and intersection upgrades will improve community safety by improving traffic flows and reducing the need for queuing on the freeway to exit. The upgrades will also reduce traffic delays for both traffic heading to Wyndham's west and Geelong.

Investment in the Wyndham Westlink will also relieve high levels of congestion towards the Werribee City Centre.

Improved active transport options will make it easier for Wyndham residents to walk and cycle, live locally and choose different modes of travel for employment, education, wellbeing and leisure.

## **About the Project:**

The Wyndham Westlink Road and bridge project will boost connections through one of Australia's fastest growing areas and reduce congestion. As a continuous link connecting rapidly developing residential areas to the Princes Freeway, Westlink will provide an alternative for traffic currently going through the Werribee City Centre. Once all stages are delivered, Wyndham Westlink will support traffic, tourism and businesses around the new A-League Stadium in Tarneit and provide faster access to local jobs through Melbourne's West. As a significant connector through the western suburbs, its delivery will also support the Victorian economy by leveraging the faster realisation of land tax, stamp duty and developer contributions, as well as additional Growth Area Infrastructure Charges.

A four-lane extension of Ison Road over the Werribee rail line is currently under construction and an extension from the rail line to the Main and Geelong Roads intersection has been funded. However, this could create bottlenecks and congestion if the Main and Geelong Roads intersection and freeway interchange are not constructed in a timely manner.

# East Werribee Precinct

## Project Request 1:

Early access to land within the precinct that is intended to deliver district open space. This land, abutting Hacketts Road, was included in the original Precinct Structure Plan as a parcel that would form future Council owned and managed open space.

Gaining early access allows Wyndham City to deliver the Regional Cricket Facility planned for Werribee.

## Project Request 2:

The activation of East Werribee through:

- The creation of a new East Werribee Investment Attraction, Innovation and Enabling Infrastructure Fund.
- Investment towards the construction of community facilities across East Werribee that respond to the immediate needs of surrounding local communities for new schools, health, sporting and recreation infrastructure, as well as future requirements.

## Benefits:

The East Werribee Precinct aims to revitalise East Werribee by boosting employment opportunities, attracting businesses, and supporting economic growth in the region.

Activating the East Werribee Precinct is expected to create 60,000 jobs, support existing community needs, cater for future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.

## About the Project:

The East Werribee Precinct is a key zone in Wyndham, one of the largest and fastest growing municipalities in Australia. East Werribee's 775 hectares of available land is the largest undeveloped surplus State Government site across metropolitan Melbourne.

Investing in East Werribee will support existing community needs across Melbourne's west, absorb future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.











# Black Forest Road North Community and Learning Hub

## **Project Request:**

\$50 million for the construction of a new community centre within the Black Forest Road North Civic Precinct.

## **Benefits:**

A new community hub will provide important community services and resources and be a focal point for community activity catering to 50,000 residents.

Importantly, the centre will play a key role in establishing a 20-minute city, where residents can access essential services within a short walk or bike ride from their homes—an idea championed by the Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 framework.

With this vision, the Black Forest Road North Civic Precinct will embody convenience, accessibility, and environmental sustainability, making Wyndham a pioneer in community-oriented urban design.

## **About the Project:**

The City of Wyndham is currently planning the future Black Forest Road North Civic Precinct in response to the rapid growth in the emerging suburb of Mambourin.

The proposed five-star Green Star rated, community and learning hub will offer a range of services including library, community arts, meeting spaces, kindergarten, and maternal and child health.

Its co-location in the Mambourin Major Town Centre near the future Mambourin Railway Station, commercial precinct and schools will form part of a major cluster of services.



# Wyndham Future Aquatic Centre

## **Project Request:**

Funding for a new aquatic centre in Wyndham. Est: \$100 million.

## **Benefits:**

New aquatic and recreational infrastructure will support the needs of Wyndham's growing population – increasing community wellbeing, strengthening community connections and improve community safety.

Studies have found Aquatic and Recreation Centres (ARC) improve physical and mental health, wellbeing, and help build strong social networks. A recent study shows that there is a \$4.87 social return on investment for every dollar spent on an aquatic facility in capital cities.

## **About the Project:**

Access to community and sports infrastructure is vital. Aquatic centres support the development of social connections and play a critical role in the education around water safety. Further, they offer an opportunity for residents to stay fit and keep healthy.

However, the development of housing growth in Wyndham has outpaced the development of aquatic and sports infrastructure. Analysis conducted by Infrastructure Victoria found Wyndham has one Aquatic and Recreation Centres (ARC) for approximately 150,000 people, compared to the City of Greater Geelong which has one ARC for approximately 75,000 people. This includes a mix of indoor and outdoor seasonal pools.

Infrastructure Victoria also found that a new ARC is likely to be required in Wyndham local government area by 2026.





# Other Areas of Support



## **Werribee Streetscape - Station Place improvement plans (\$10M):**

\$10 million to transform this central hub into a vibrant, accessible, and welcoming space for residents, visitors, and businesses.

This project will enhance pedestrian safety, improve public amenities, and create a visually appealing streetscape that revitalises the heart of Werribee. By boosting foot traffic and fostering local economic activity, it aligns with broader urban renewal objectives and state government priorities for sustainable, community-oriented development.



## **Riverwalk L2 Community Centre (\$15M):**

As a component of the 197-hectare Riverwalk development, this facility is designed to address critical service gaps while coordinating community connection and participation.

With Riverwalk's population expected to grow by over 53% between 2024 and 2046, the Centre will provide essential resources such as three kindergarten rooms, three consulting rooms, and multipurpose spaces, ensuring it remains adaptable to shifting community demands.

The Centre will address needs of families, including existing shortfalls in kindergarten and maternal and child health (MCH) services, while also offering spaces for playgroups, youth counselling, and allied health services to support holistic well-being.

Given the geographic isolation of Riverwalk, the Centre will serve as a vital hub for connection, delivering localised services and promoting participation across all age groups.



## **Manor Lakes West L2 Community Centre (\$15M):**

With Manor Lakes' population projected to surge to over 27,000 by 2026, a \$15 million investment into the Manor Lakes West Community Centre (Level 2) will provide essential services in a safe, welcoming, and state-of-the-art environment.

The Centre's multipurpose design, which includes three kindergarten rooms, maternal and child health (MCH) rooms, flexible activity spaces, and community meeting areas, ensures that it will cater to the needs of families, children, and individuals alike.

With Manor Lakes set to welcome over 13,000 new residents and accommodate 4,690 homes as part of the Manor Lakes Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), the Centre will serve as a vital hub for a growing and diverse population.





### **Soldiers Reserve Pavilion (\$5M):**

The Soldiers Reserve Pavilion in Werribee is a proposed \$5 million project aimed at transforming the space into a vibrant community hub that caters to sports, recreation, and social activities.

This proposed project will involve the rebuild of the existing pavilion to conform with Wyndham's Policy provisions (Storage, changeroom size etc).

Werribee Districts Football Club, Werribee Cricket Club and Werribee Juniors Cricket Club currently operate out of the existing site and receive significant benefit in the redevelopment.

Wyndham City Council is currently undertaking detailed designs for the project.



### **Wyndham Vale North Reserve Sports Pavilion (\$4M):**

A redevelopment of the Wyndham Vale North Reserve Sports Pavilion will create a modern, inclusive facility that meets the needs of the area's growing sporting and community groups.

This project includes the rebuild of the existing pavilion to conform with Wyndham's policy provisions (storage, changeroom size etc) using a modular building. This investment will provide significant benefits to Wyndham FC who currently utilise the space.



### **Black Forest Road North Regional Tennis Centre (\$8M):**

The proposed Black Forest Road North Regional Tennis Centre will be a world-class facility designed to meet the growing demand for tennis in Wyndham and surrounding regions.

This project will include the construction of 12 tennis courts and a pavilion.

This project will enhance Wyndham's reputation as a hub for active living and sports excellence while creating new opportunities for community connection and regional engagement.



### **Presidents Park - Second Hockey Pitch (\$3M):**

Investment into a second hockey pitch at Presidents Park in Wyndham Vale will significantly enhance the capacity and functionality of this key sporting precinct, benefitting clubs such as the Werribee Hockey Club.

### **Presidents Park - Baseball Competition Lighting (\$500k):**

An installation of competition-standard lighting at Presidents Park's baseball facilities in Wyndham Vale will transform the venue into a premier destination for both local and regional events and supporting local clubs such as the Werribee Baseball Club.



### **Chirnside Park Oval Scoreboard (\$500k):**

An upgrade to the scoreboard at Chirnside Park Oval, home of the Werribee Tigers VFL team and Werribee Cricket Club, will deliver a state-of-the-art digital display that enhances the game-day experience for players, spectators, and broadcasters. The new scoreboard will provide live scores, replays, and community messaging, elevating the professionalism of the venue and supporting the Tigers' role as a cornerstone of local and regional football.

### **Growing Suburbs Fund (\$50m):**

The Growing Suburbs Fund has been a significant source of support for community infrastructure within the Wyndham municipality. Unfortunately, this has been cut back in recent years from an annual \$50 million to an annual two rounds of \$5 million. For an area like Wyndham, the GSF has been a critical tool in supporting the municipality and growing Councils throughout Victoria would benefit from a return to this previous funding allocation.