



Meeting Wyndham's Diverse Housing Needs

Draft Affordable Housing Strategy:
Summary Document 2022-2025

Wyndham is growing fast, and we need to act now to meet the housing needs of our increasing and diverse community. By 2041, our population will be 512,591. The municipality needs 11,700 new dedicated affordable housing dwellings to meet the growing demand.

Wyndham City Council recognises housing as a basic human right, essential to the health and wellbeing of individuals and families and the social and economic growth and liveability of the community (per *International Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, 1997*).

Our Vision

“A safe, connected and inclusive community with affordable, appropriate quality housing to meet the community’s diverse and changing needs.”

Council is committed to being an equitable municipality that is inclusive, safe and welcoming, not just for some populations but for everyone who wants to call Wyndham home. The right to an adequate standard of living entails the right to adequate housing. To this end Council upholds ‘housing first’ principles with unconditional access to secure housing integral to social inclusion.

Our community

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased existing income inequality. The economic impacts have been disastrous for lower-income households. We want to build back better in pandemic recovery for social and economic inclusion by delivering more one- and two-bedroom dwellings and improving equitable service and support outcomes.

Our efforts will focus on

- ♦ First Nations and multicultural households experiencing overcrowding.
- ♦ Older people, especially women – women 45+ are experiencing homelessness at a faster rate than any other group.
- ♦ Young people who need support and connection to broader support systems.
- ♦ Women and their children experiencing family violence.
- ♦ Key workers essential to our city’s functioning - teachers, nurses, ambulance officers, etc.
- ♦ People with complex needs and people living with a disability.

Our goals

- ♦ Increase the supply and diversity of affordable rental housing and affordable homes for purchase.
- ♦ Respond to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic with safeguards for householders at-risk of homelessness.
- ♦ Develop strategic partnerships with governments, private sector housing developers and community housing organisations to grow affordable housing solutions.

How will we get there?

Working together in partnership with the Victorian Government, community housing organisations, the private sector and others to develop safe, secure and appropriate housing close to Activity Centres with access to transport, jobs, support services and educational opportunities.