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**Annual Plan and Budget 2023/24 Engagement
Community Focus Group Report**

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Engagement Session Report: Annual Plan and Budget 2023/24

Members of Wyndham City Council's People's Advisory Panel were invited to participate in a number of Annual Plan and Budget community focus groups to assist Councillors in their decision making process for the 2023/24 Annual Plan and Budget, with a focus on capital works projects. Panellists were invited to help provide input into a range of Wyndham-wide and place-based capital works projects identified by Council Officers which had the potential to be reprioritised to a future year.

Their task

The tasks for participants in the focus groups were to identify:

- Which projects hold the highest value to them, their local area and across Wyndham; those they believe should be prioritised for the 2023/24 financial year.
- Which projects hold the least, or lowest, value to them, their local area and across Wyndham; those they believe could be reprioritised for future years.
- Provide a reason why they have made a high value or low value choice.

The process

Each focus group was run in a similar format and included the following:

- **Context setting:** What's included in a capital works budget and why they are being asked to provide their input to help reprioritise some projects into future years.
- **Getting to know you:** Creating connections within each group through short conversations. These activities help to create a greater sense of community and comfort between participants, enabling conversation to continue throughout the session.
- **Wyndham-wide project review:** Two engagement processes were run to identify high and low value projects for Wyndham-wide projects, a Gallery Tour and a prioritisation process. A detailed description of the processes can be found in the results section.
- **Place-based project review:** Participants reviewed a list of local place-based projects and were asked to choose their high and low value projects, including why they had made those choices.
- **Final words:** In a group discussion and also via an electronic survey, participants were invited to provide their thoughts on other Wyndham projects which may be of high value to them and their local area which were not included in the project list they reviewed.

Focus Group details

Saturday, 19 November	Sunday, 20 November
Werribee & Hoppers Crossing: 16 participants Little River, Werribee South & Rural areas: 4 participants Tarneit, Truganina & parts of Mount Cottrell: 15 participants	Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee's West: 7 participants Point Cook, Williams Landing & Laverton North: 12 participants
Where: Wyndham Civic Centre Council Chamber 45 Princes Hwy, Werribee, VIC 3030	

The Results

Focus Group Results: Wyndham-Wide Projects

Wyndham Wide Projects

This section is divided into two parts. Part one reports on the indication of value of the Wyndham-wide projects across all local areas. The projects have been sorted in order based on high to low prioritisation score. The second part of this section provides data in the same format, segmented by local area.

Two engagement processes were undertaken to assess participant's value on the 25 Wyndham-wide projects up for negotiation. These included a Gallery Tour and Prioritisation Process.

Gallery Tour

The Gallery Tour is an individual assessment process, conducted first to allow participants to familiarise themselves with all Wyndham wide projects.

How it works: Participants were given time to consider all 25 Wyndham-wide projects and choose their top three high value and top three low value projects. Participants were asked to place a note next to the project in the 'high value' or 'low value' section and provide a reason for their choice.

Some participants added more high value/low value comments to the gallery if time allowed, while others only voted for one or two projects in high or low value. Those who chose fewer than three did so of choice rather than time constraint. Sufficient time was allowed so participants had enough time to submit their 'votes' for their high and low value projects.

The collective responses are captured in the table below, with data segmented by local area following this.

Process Limitations:

Because the number of participants varied across local area focus groups, the collective scores may be skewed by those groups with larger numbers. The largest representation of participants were drawn from **Werribee & Hoppers Crossing, Tarneit & Truganina and Point Cook, Williams Landing & Laverton North.**

Prioritisation process

Secondly, a facilitated prioritisation process enabled people to move beyond their individual perspectives by discussing project value with others.

How it works: The prioritisation process asked participants to choose a high value project from the 25 Wyndham-wide projects and compare it with someone else's high value choice. Projects were passed around several times between participants to ensure people prioritised from a range of projects. There were four opportunities to discuss the value of projects in pairs, and participants were asked to score them out of a total of 7 points. Scores were recorded at the end of each round on the back of the project card. A total of four rounds of scoring were undertaken. When the fourth round was over, participants were asked to add the scores of all four rounds together. A project could receive a maximum total of 28 points and a minimum total of 0.

Those projects which weren't chosen by participants for this process indicates a lower perceived value. The tables provide a tally of how many times projects were not chosen across local area groups.

Process Limitations:

While all projects were eligible for selection, not all projects were assessed by all participants.

The variation of participant numbers across the local areas also created limitations. While some local areas had 14 or more participants, other areas only drew a small group. We addressed this challenge by adding Council staff into the process so more projects could be discussed and considered. The Council staff *did not* participate in the scoring process. They served a role to provide an opportunity for people to compare the value of two projects. For some groups, this meant their individual views were more strongly captured in this process, rather than deliberating with another person to come to a collective score. This was the case for **Little River, Werribee South & Rural areas** as well as **Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West**.

Collective (All Area) Results: Prioritisation & Gallery Tour

Based on these engagement processes, the collective top projects which hold the highest value to participants are:

High Value Prioritisation	Gallery Tour	
	High Value	Low Value
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpath renewal 2. Road safety improvements 3. Active travel network 4. Healthier waterways wetland rectification program 5. Outdoor recreation renewal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active transport network 2. Road safety improvements 3. Healthier waterways wetland rectification program 4. Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation 5. Park Assets Renewal Project 6. RDF Stormwater Water Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Art Funding Pool 2. Organisational Facility Booking System 3. Fleet Replacement Program 4. Technology Refreshment Program



Wyndham-Wide Projects: Collective (All Areas) Scores

Total participants: 54

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Footpath Renewal	83	0	8	4	Safety, active travel	Some not interested in footpaths on both sides of a street, particularly in courts
Road Safety Improvements	73	1	15	1	Safety for pedestrians and drivers	
Active Transport Network	72	1	19	4	Improved safety, physical activity, connectivity, reduced traffic	Some roads too narrow to accommodate; current network sufficient
Healthier Waterways Wetland Rectification Program	68	1	13	0	Environmental protection/health, protect bio-diversity, recent flooding noted as a concern, tourism generator; increase in leisure/sport	
Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation	62	1	13	3	Environmental sustainability, tourism and revenue	Suggestion to slow this process down; mention that Council might be able to access funding through DEWLP
Outdoor Recreation Renewal	57	1	8	4	Noting need for more open space and areas where communities can connect	Sports have enough investment
Parks Asset Renewal Projects	56	1	11	1	Physical activity and health; safety; opportunities for young people and families; need for more trees for shade	

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
RDF Stormwater Water Management	55	1	11	0	Environmental protection and water quality priorities; growing population leading to more waste and stress on system - pollution	
Road Surface Renewal Program	33	3	7	0	Safety	
Road Reconstruction Forward Design Program	32	3	6	4	Population growth and demand on roads; addressing congestion issues	
Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project	30	2	3	6		Use what we've got for now; suggestion to encourage users to help pay for cost of maintenance/upgrades
Building Compliance and Essential Safety Program	29	2	4	8	Noting recognition of current limitations; safety and compliance shouldn't be optional	Working ok enough
Council Facilities Security & Access Systems Review	29	3	4	5	Need to protect from cyber-security	Works well enough
Public Art Funding Pool	28	2	3	20	Elevate and showcase art in the west; supporting local artists	There is enough public art, some mentions of distasteful choices in the past
Kerbside Transformation project	26	3	4	6	Recycling & environmental sustainability	System working well as it is; some concern about people not adopting new format and waste becoming worse
RDF Cell Design & Construction Program	26	3	3	2	Population growth leading to increase waste	Should be state funded

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Library Resource Collection	23	3	5	5	Important to maintain relevant resources for community, noting need for more resources for: children, bilingual (Bengal noted here) and a seed library in all libraries	Resourcing is good enough for now, can be delayed
Organisational Facility Booking System	16	3	3	20	Community needs better access to community facilities	System works well as is, can defer
Sports Facility Strategy - Implementation	15	4	9	3	Supporting physical activity, particularly children and young people	
Waste Shredder	15	3	7	4	Increased population, increase waste	Adequate service, can be delayed
Building Asset Renewal Plan	13	4	3	6	Higher cost of renewal if deferred	Citing many buildings look new or refurbished
Technology Refresh Program	13	4	4	15		Defer, no replacement until needed
Fleet Replacement Program	11	4	0	22		Defer until necessary; wait until electric vehicles are affordable and then replace
RDF Leachate Management Program	0	5	1	2	Environmental protection, income generation	Should be state funded
RDF Mobile Plant & Equipment	0	5	0	5		Mention of growing recycling industry will lead to less waste; existing site should be better managed; should be state funded

Wyndham-wide results by local area

Results are provided in order of engagement schedule.

Werribee and Hoppers Crossing

Number of participants: 16

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
RDF Stormwater Water Management	21		2		Environmental protection and water quality priorities	
Footpath Renewal	19		5	1	Safety; active travel; noting many footpaths in need of upgrade	Footpaths already upgraded in their community
Outdoor Recreation Renewal	18		2		Need more outdoor spaces, more opportunities for families to be together - physical activity	
Active Transport Network	17		3	2	Improved physical health; improved safety	Not interested in bike lanes; roads already too narrow.
Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation	17		4		Environmental sustainability / Increase tourism and revenue	
Healthier Waterways Wetland Rectification Program	16		5		Environmental protection; tourism generator; increase in leisure/sport	

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Sports Facility Strategy - Implementation	15		5		Support physical activity, special emphasis on children and youth. Specific mention of Galvin Park needing upgrading	
Parks Asset Renewal Projects	14		3		Physical activity important; safety and accessibility for children and adults	
Road Reconstruction Forward Design Program	14			3	Need to improve to keep up with population growth; congestion an issue	
Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project	13		1	1	Particular mention of Galvin Park needing upgrade	Can users help to pay for this, not all Council responsibility
Waste Shredder	12		2	2	Help to reduce waste - mention of waste being left on nature strips	Adequate service, can delay
Fleet Replacement Program	11					
Council Facilities Security & Access Systems Review	10		1	1	Noting the need for facilities for senior citizens, particularly around mental health	Can be deferred; wetlands more of a priority
Road Safety Improvements	10			1	Safety noted as priority; population growth adding pressure to roads	Original road plans have this built in, don't need to do extra work here
Building Compliance and Essential Safety Program	9		2	4	Current limitations noted, also noting need to 'control corrupt land developers'	Working ok, other project should take priority

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Organisational Facility Booking System	7		2	8	Better access for community; could provide space for small businesses to hire for revenue purposes	Not an urgent need; roads more important
Building Asset Renewal Plan		1	3	4	Higher costs of renewal if deferred	This investment shouldn't take away from community safety
Kerbside Transformation project		1	1	2	Recycling/environmental sustainability a priority	System working fine, some concern that the changes will not be implemented by residents and make situation worse
Library Resource Collection		1	2	3	More resources for children, the need for more bilingual resources (Bengal an example), desire for seed libraries in all libraries in Wyndham	Works fine, other projects more of a priority
Public Art Funding Pool		1	1	5	Art brings people together	Roads more important, we have enough, artists can volunteer their services

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
RDF Cell Design & Construction Program		1	1		Population growth, need to prepare for more waste	
RDF Leachate Management Program		1	1		Environmental protection; income generation	
RDF Mobile Plant & Equipment		1				
Road Surface Renewal Program		1	2		Safety noted as priority; particular mention of road to Rose Garden in Werribee needing resurfacing - popular spot for families and residents	
Technology Refresh Program		1	0	6		Don't replace until needed

Group discussion followed, where some people shared the high and low value projects. The comments below were captured from this discussion:

How did the projects you selected as HIGH add value to your community?

- If we're thinking about projects, how can we choose projects that generate income?
- Important to invest in opportunities for community to come together.
- Library resources: everything's in English. There should be multiple languages.
- RDF cells – important because it takes years to prepare new cells, so they need to be maintained.
- Need replacement facility for Kelly Park facility. During "Seniors Week", there were no events in central/old Werribee due to this. For people like me who do not drive, it was very unfortunate. Likewise, Werribee library is deemed too small for initiatives like the 'seed library.'

Why did you choose the low value projects to re-prioritise?

- Public art funding pool - we could ask artists to do volunteer work to save expenses
- Facility booking system - what we have at the moment are perfectly adequate (right now people can see who could legitimately be subsidised - they can vet the process. Council can monitor who is 'hogging' the facilities)

Little River, Werribee South and Rural Areas

Number of participants: 4

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Active Transport Network	18		3		Connectivity and physical activity; noting bike paths needed in Diggers Rd, Duncan's Rd, O'Connors Road	
Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation	17		2		Environmental priorities / improved tourism	
Healthier Waterways Wetland Rectification Program	15					
Footpath Renewal	14					
Parks Asset Renewal Projects	14		1		Especially around increased trees for shade	
Road Surface Renewal Program	13		1		Cited Hoppers Lane as priority - high traffic and dangerous road	
Outdoor Recreation Renewal	11		1		Would like a sports pavilion and tennis club	
Public Art Funding Pool	10		1	1	Interest in more local artists participating in local art projects	Mention of distasteful art in laneways
Building Asset Renewal Plan		1				
Building Compliance and Essential Safety Program		1		2		Adequate as it is
Council Facilities Security & Access Systems Review		1		1		Community facilities more important

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Fleet Replacement Program		1		3		Wait for EV vehicles / better management of what you've got
Kerbside Transformation project		1				
Library Resource Collection		1				
Organisational Facility Booking System		1		1	Working fine as it is	
RDF Cell Design & Construction Program		1				
RDF Leachate Management Program		1				
RDF Mobile Plant & Equipment		1		1		Cited as company now looking at recycling projects so not as important
RDF Stormwater Water Management		1				
Road Reconstruction Forward Design Program		1	1		Cited needs of grading road edges monthly in Werribee South	
Road Safety Improvements		1				
Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project		1		1		Local community centre more important
Sports Facility Strategy - Implementation		1				
Technology Refresh Program		1	1			
Waste Shredder		1	1		Improvement for future waste management	

Group discussion followed, where some people shared the high and low value projects. The comments below were captured from this discussion:

How did the projects you selected as HIGH add value to your community?

- Public art - foreshore artwork (like Geelong) - modernize the area
- Road upgrades in Hoppers Lane - dangerous road (potholes, flooding); improved safety and reduce costs
- Active Transport Network - would like to work towards 20 min city; helps young families with prams so they can get around; connectivity around the city
- Outdoor Rec Renewal - keeping children active (fresh air and sunshine)

Why did you choose the low value projects to re-prioritise?

- Public Art - no 'vulgar' laneway art - needs to be culturally appropriate for the community
- RDF Mobile Plan Equipment - other companies looking at recycling; wait until we know what's going on with emerging technologies/businesses
- Fleet management - until electric vehicles are strong market and prices are lowered, we should wait (Council purchases EV's)
- Civic Centre - it's really good at the moment

Tarneit and Truganina

Number of participants: 15

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Road Safety Improvements	21		8		Safety for drivers, and even more importantly safety for pedestrians	
Council Facilities Security & Access Systems Review	19		1	3	Cyber-security noted as important	Working well as is
Active Transport Network	18		7		Encourages physical activity for all ages, less traffic and pollution	
Road Reconstruction Forward Design Program	18		4		Growing population means more stress on roads; particular mention of specific intersections (Leakes Rd between Derrimut & Tarneit Rd)	
Footpath Renewal	17		1		Citing several footpaths in need of renewal; improves active lifestyle	
Healthier Waterways Wetland Rectification Program	17		3		Environmental protection; recent flooding noted as concern	
Library Resource Collection	14		2		Important to keep resources relevant to community	
Building Asset Renewal Plan	13					
Outdoor Recreation Renewal	13		3		Physical activity important and community connections	

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Technology Refresh Program	13		3	6		If it's functional, don't replace it / high: improves productivity and improved cyber security
Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation	13		3	2	Protecting our habitat an environmental improvement	Big budget, take it slow
RDF Stormwater Water Management	11		5		Growing population means more waste and need to manage / recent flooding and climate change creating a strong need	
Public Art Funding Pool	10			8		Not essential, some comments about some public art being an 'eye sore'
Building Compliance and Essential Safety Program	9			2		It can wait, can be done incrementally
Organisational Facility Booking System	9			8		Works well enough, safety cited as more important
Parks Asset Renewal Projects	9		3		Importance of physical activity, some spaces may have safety concerns and need to be replaced, focus on the need for young families	
Fleet Replacement Program		1		9		If they are functioning, don't replace; noting wait until EV's are affordable and replace then
Kerbside Transformation project		1	1	1	Improve ability to recycle - sustainability	Works fine for now
RDF Cell Design & Construction Program		1		1		
RDF Leachate Management Program		1				

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
RDF Mobile Plant & Equipment		1		2		Existing plant should be properly managed
Road Surface Renewal Program		1	1		Safety	
Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project		1		1		Delayed because you can use what already exists in Wyndham
Sports Facility Strategy - Implementation		1	1		Enables young people to be active and outdoors	
Waste Shredder		1	1	1	Increased pop, waste management important	Working well enough for now

Group discussion followed, where some people shared the high and low value projects. The comments below were captured from this discussion:

How did the projects you selected as HIGH add value to your community?

- Stormwater management - recent flooding increasing, we need to be prepared
- Technology - everything online, changes to technology - we need to understand what we need to do (we need to know what's happening)
- Safety around pedestrians - we're short on footpaths and school crossing (roads resurfacing, footpaths)

Why did you choose the low value projects to re-prioritise?

- Beautification of marine - we have a lot of safety projects that need to be prioritised, focus on safety first
- Public art funding - safety around young people more important (and community can gather to create public art)
- Fleet replacement program - wait until EV's are available - don't replace with internal combustion

Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee West

Number of participants: 7

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Road Safety Improvements	24		4		Safety concerns - citing specifically: Pedestrian crossing greens Rd near Woolworths & Aldi / Ballan Rd via King Lake Dr / Ballan Rd from Evergreen Dr	
Footpath Renewal	22		1	1	Important to maintain footpaths	Footpaths not needed on both sides of street - noting courts in particularly
Road Surface Renewal Program	20		2		Safety important	
Active Transport Network	19		3		Walkability is liveability / specific area in need of footpaths (connecting W.V. and Manor Lakes) / e-bikes/scooters could be an income source	
RDF Stormwater Water Management	14		1		Reduce environmental pollution / better working conditions for RDF staff	
Kerbside Transformation project	12		1		Sustainability important	
RDF Cell Design & Construction Program	10		1		Need more for growing population	
Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project	9		1	1	Growing population needs better sports facilities	We have enough sports facilities right now

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Public Art Funding Pool	8			1	Noting unpopular choices in the past	
Waste Shredder	3		3		Help to tackle increase in waste - especially with growing population	
Building Asset Renewal Plan		1		1		Most building appear to be quite new or refurbished
Building Compliance and Essential Safety Program		1				
Council Facilities Security & Access Systems Review		1				
Fleet Replacement Program		1		6		Can be delayed if working ok
Healthier Waterways Wetland Rectification Program		1	2		Environmental health important / one note about improved snake signage	
Library Resource Collection		1		2	Doing well for now, can be delayed	
Organisational Facility Booking System		1		3	Working fine, other things more important	
Outdoor Recreation Renewal		1		3	Roads and parks more important / noting that people don't use it much	
Parks Asset Renewal Projects		1		1	Only as needed basis	
RDF Leachate Management Program		1				
RDF Mobile Plant & Equipment		1				
Road Reconstruction Forward Design Program		1	1		Noting quality materials need to extend life of road	

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Sports Facility Strategy - Implementation		1				
Technology Refresh Program		1				
Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation		1	1		Improvement would mean increase in tourism/income	

Group discussion followed, where some people shared the high and low value projects. The comments below were captured from this discussion:

How did the projects you selected as HIGH add value to your community?

- Kerbside recycling - growing population, more waste. We need to do something about it now. Will help community understand how better to recycle - recycling won't end up in waste.
- Building on ...Green bin - costs money, so people don't choose to use them. If green bins are free, then people won't put their green waste in their regular bin.
- Road surface renewal - roads heavily used, population growing, trucks and bikes that go through - safety for everyone.
- Road safety improvements - King Lake Drive to Ballan road, no traffic lights. We need safer ways to cross the road.
- No pedestrian crossing between Aldi and Woolworths where bus stop is - we can't cross to get to the bus.
- Active transport (footpaths in particular) - Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes are not connected. Need pedestrian bridges across the creek to get to the train station. Train station is walkable, but not at this stage.

Why did you choose the low value projects to re-prioritise?

- Outdoor recreation renewal - doesn't seem like people are using these spaces often. Weather doesn't enable this, don't prioritise this. (like fitness machines, etc)
- Footpath renewal - do we really need to pave both sides of the street? Especially around residential courts - they are happy with what they have (they don't want to rip out what they have and put paving and grass it, where it means more maintenance)
- Fleet replacement - if it's not broken, don't fix it. We spend a lot of money on transport - if it's still working, why do we need to buy more if we don't need it.
- Outdoor recreation renewal - we already have a good outdoor recreation for now - it's a new project, won't impact movement - don't need it urgently at this stage.

Point Cook, Williams Landing and Laverton North

Number of participants: 12

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Healthier Waterways Wetland Rectification Program	20		3		Environmental priority; bio-diversity	
Parks Asset Renewal Projects	19		4		Need for improved community assets / more options for families with children	
Road Safety Improvements	18		3		Safety as priority; for pedestrians and drivers	
RDF Cell Design & Construction Program	16		1	1	Population growing, demand on waste will grow with it	Should be funded by state
Outdoor Recreation Renewal	15		2	1	More parks for Williams Landing / need for a swimming pool in Point Cook	Sports have enough investment
Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation	15		3	1	Safety improvements; an underutilised local asset	Council might be able to ask for funding from DELWP
Kerbside Transformation project	14		1	3	Too many recyclables in landfill	
Building Compliance and Essential Safety Program	11		2		Safety and compliance shouldn't be optional	
Footpath Renewal	11		1	2	Safety a priority	Sufficient footpaths in our area
Library Resource Collection	9		1		More resources for young people	

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
RDF Stormwater Water Management	9		3		Recent flooding has made this a priority	
Sports Facility Capital Development Guide Retrofitting Project	8		1	2	Need for a swimming pool and gym facilities at Point Cook	Sports already well funded, sport not high value
Active Transport Network		1	3	2	Safer active transport, growing communities there is a need, pointing to the need also to better public transportation	current network enough
Building Asset Renewal Plan		1		1		Building still looks in good condition
Council Facilities Security & Access Systems Review		1	2		Needs more secure solutions	
Fleet Replacement Program		1		4		Don't replace unless there is a need
Organisational Facility Booking System		1	1		Provide more options for community groups	
Public Art Funding Pool		1	1	5	Promote culture in the West	More important projects to fund first
RDF Leachate Management Program		1		2		Should be funded by state
RDF Mobile Plant & Equipment		1		2		Not needed / fund from State government
Road Reconstruction Forward Design Program		1		1		Kerbside project more important
Road Surface Renewal Program		1	1		Safety as priority	

Project	Prioritisation Process		Gallery Tour Scores		High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
	Priority score	Times not chosen	High value	Low value		
Sports Facility Strategy - Implementation		1	3	3	Value of health and physical activity; noting a need for more diverse sport activities and options	Sports already well funded
Technology Refresh Program		1	0	3		
Waste Shredder		1		1		No need to replace the old equipment yet

Group discussion followed, where some people shared the high and low value projects. The comments below were captured from this discussion:

How did the projects you selected as HIGH add value to your community?

- Public Art funding pool - I want to see more and show them to my young children (I don't want to have to go the NGV to show them art)
- Library resources - Williams Landing really excited to have a library here for young people, it's really small - we need more and it needs to be kid friendly
- Stormwater management - flooding / stormwater drains aren't adequate. Particularly concerned about planning for new developments - stormwater important (and linked with planning)
- Building compliance - want to make sure buildings are fit for purpose, if we don't address it and someone gets injured, the costs will be really high and that's our rates
- RDF cell design - Wyndham growing at alarming rate, everyone produces waste - important project.
- Footpath renewal - quality of footpath needs to be improved, have fallen and injured - for safety this is important.

Why did you choose the low value projects to re-prioritise?

- Fleet replacement - expenses high, wait for expenses to go down
- Footpath renewals - where I'm living, footpaths are in great condition. Don't need that for our area.
- Footpath renewal - one side has a footpath, one is a grassy area on my side. Then footpaths have been put in there, ripped up nature strip, and I think completely unnecessary. Wide area was a 'green area' where people enjoyed the green space.

Focus Group Results: Place-Based Projects

The data in this section captures participant's value across the place-based projects.

Participants were given time to review their place-based project list. They were provided individual sheets to elect which of those projects they think are of high value and could be prioritised; and which ones were low value and could be delayed. For local areas which had five or fewer projects to review, participants were asked to choose one high and one low value project. For local areas with more than five projects, participants were asked to choose their top three high and low value projects.

Little River, Werribee South & Rural areas had one project to review, which was based in Little River. Upon discovering there were no participants in the room from Little River, we did not review this project. We spent time instead identifying what other projects may be high value which have not been considered in this upcoming capital works budget. The list of projects is located in this local area's place-based projects section.

The final part of the day invited participants to share what projects may be missing from this list they think are of high value. We did this as a group for all local areas except for **Werribee and Hoppers Crossing**. This was not undertaken with Werribee and Hoppers Crossing due to time constraints given the number of place-based projects they had to review.

All participants across local areas were invited to complete a final electronic form to share any last words, ideas or project ideas to place into this report that were not captured during the engagement session.

The place-based project data, additional project ideas and comments from participants are captured below, segmented by local area. These groups are presented in order of engagement.

Werribee and Hoppers Crossing

Number of participants: 16

Note: This process only asks participants to identify their top 3 and bottom 3 value projects. A lack of score may indicate a neutral value – neither high, nor low.

Project	High Value	Low Value	High Value	Low Value
Riverwalk Level 2 Multi Purpose Community Centre	5		Positive place for community	
Hogans Rd (Tarneit Rd - Davis Creek)	4	1	Growing area; needs help with traffic congestion	
Morris Rd Master Plan	3		To ease congestion in the area	
Newmarket Road Reserve (Werribee Riverwalk) Master Plan	3		Growing area; help with physical activity and community, especially mention of young people	
Tarneit Road duplication (Shaws Rd to Railway Ave)	3	1	Ease of congestion a priority	
Wyndham Park Car Park on Cottrell Street	3		Noting the need for more car park spaces in the area	
Harpley Lake Boating Facility	2	6	Tourism and revenue attractor; community asset	More important projects to invest in
Tarneit Road (Heaths to Paramatta)	2	1		
Chirnside Park Master Plan Implementation	1	2	Need better outdoor spaces	
Riverside Local Area Traffic Management Plan	1		Improved safety	
Soldiers Reserve Masterplan	1		Potential to make this an inviting space	Could be postponed
Werribee City Centre Vision & Masterplan Refresh	1			
Werribee Streetscape Framework	1			

Wyndham Cultural Centre Facility Development Plan	1	4	Noting the need for improvement in this space, especially Fly tower area and extra backstage space	Facility is in good quality, delay
Black Forest Road South Active Recreation Reserve		2		
Chirnside Park Sports Pavilion – Fire protection system				
Bulban Road Upgrade (McGraths Rd to Edgars Rd)		2		
Werribee Catalyst Site - Cherry Street				
Discovery Centre – Renewal and Reuse		6		Not a priority over other projects

Other projects to consider / Feedback

- Traffic lights Tarneit and Heaths and Tarneit and Shaws Roads
- Plantation with some fruit , why can't council add more community veggie garden, plant more fruit plants for community
- Building of bridges on flash flood affected areas such as Dohertys road and Werribee River behind Werribee railway station.
- Repair of footpaths in Werribee.
- Hiring of community centres for personal functions like birthday parties is not possible or very difficult. It's only allowed for registered organisations. Hiring rules needs to be changed to allow residents to hire for personal functions.
- Encore centre hiring for personal functions is not easy and very expensive. It's also not allowed to bring food from outside which is very strange. The Encore centre food is very expensive and cannot provide all kinds of food. It is suggested to make changes in the Encore centre hiring rules to allow to bring food from outside and hiring charges should be reduced.
- Some land developers are cheating their customers by not delivering land titles as per promised time frame. One developer in Tarneit has not given land titles to its customers even after 8 years despite a promise of 4 years. Customers are desperate to get the titles to start building their homes but are stuck and helpless. They are suffering financially as well as mentally. Council should do something about it.

Little River, Werribee South and Rural areas

Number of participants: 4

Note: Due to the small number of participants, all of whom were from Werribee South, we did not discuss the one place-based project which was located in Little River. Time was spent, instead, identifying other projects participants would like Wyndham City Council to consider.

Other projects to consider

- Local procurement
- Safety & surveillance cameras
- Signage in multiple languages for safety (e.g. snake warnings) - use diagrams
- Roads & maintenance to improve access
- Improved infrastructure so there is better access for emergency vehicles
- Access around expansion of the zoo
- K Road Cliffs - no facilities but high usage

Tarneit and Truganina

Number of participants: 15

Note: This process only asks participants to identify their top 2 and bottom 2 value projects. A lack of score may indicate a neutral value – neither high, nor low.

Project	High Value	Low Value	High Value comments	Low Value comment
Leakes Road Land for Road Duplication	11	1	Current road doesn't have safe pedestrian access / cited as a high bottle neck area	Road ok for time being
Tarneit Road Duplication (Sayers Rd to Leakes Rd)	9	2	Traffic congestion high here / growing population	Not as important as other areas
Three Bridges Allura Estate	4	11	Reduce traffic / pedestrian safety	Main road needs to be completed first / project addressing safety more important
Pre-design studies for Boundary Road/Tarneit Road intersection	3	3	Cited as busy and dangerous road	Can be delayed for a year - citing Boundary Rd-Hopkins/Derrimut more important
Riverdale S-91-02 Reserve (Tarneit) Master Plan	1		Open space for community	Roads and safety more important

Other projects to consider

- Intersection of Boundary & Derrimut Rd
- Dohertys Rd between Tarneit and Derrimut - always flooding
- School Crossing has limited hours at Leakes Rd, doesn't cater for Tarneit Senior School students (safety issue)
- Consider increasing green canopy
- Swimming pool
- Liveable suburbs
- Neighbourhood watch
- We talked about front of house garden/presentation at the end. Every resident gets 3 free hard rubbish collection, why not exchange each unused ticket for free plants to be used front landscaping.
- Heaths road or any other road that can reduce traffic from Tarneit to Wyndham Vale
- Green Bike lanes on both sides of the road for the 50m stretch of road between the Julia Gillard Tarneit Library and the station underpass to avoid conflict between vehicles and cyclists

Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Werribee South

Number of participants: 7

Note: This process only asks participants to identify their top 3 and bottom 3 value projects. A lack of score may indicate a neutral value – neither high, nor low

Project	High Value	Low Value	High Value Comment	Low Value Comment
Ballan / Armstrong Intersection (Westlink)	6		Improved safety, accommodate for growing population, better connection to train station	
Armstrong Road Extension Design (Ballan to Sayers)	3	1	Improved traffic and access / this project compliments other construction projects in the area.	
Lollipop Creek Shared Path and Armstrong Road	3		Essential for active travel, especially connection to train station	
Black Forest Road North Library, Community Centre and Performing Arts Centre	1		Growing population and young population means we need this	Enough libraries nearby and many of these need upgrading
Manor Lakes Community Centre planning	1	1		There are enough Community centres in area
Manor Lakes North Reserve Master Plan Implementation	1		We need a sports field in M.L, nothing around / roads and paths more important	
Wyndham Vale North Master Plan Implementation	1	2		Not yet needed

Project	High Value	Low Value	High Value Comment	Low Value Comment
Ballan Road Active Recreation Reserve Master Plan		3		Noting new recreation coming in Manor Lakes, this one not needed right now
Ison Road (Princes Highway to Melbourne-Geelong Rail Line)		4	Need improved traffic flow; growing developments will require improved movement	

Other projects to consider

- Council to visit the number of roundabouts and look to see if traffic lights are more effective
- Connecting all the local areas with footpaths and bridges
- Running track in or area
- Swimming pool facility
- The walkways along lollypop creek have been the only source of exercise that the residents of Wyndham Vale, had during the massive lockdown. I have been raising this issue of a bridge connecting the walkways of Candy walk (Wyndham Vale side of Lollipop creek) and Adon walk (Manor Lakes side of Lollipop creek) on either side of the creek since 2016. This walkway bridge will connect the walking tracks of Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes and also enable the residents of Wyndham Vale to walk to the train station. The path under Armstrong Road will be an added bonus of the project.

Point Cook, Williams Landing and Laverton North

Number of participants: 12

Note: Due to the limited number of projects for review, this process only asks participants to identify their top 1 and bottom 1 value project. A lack of score may indicate a neutral value – neither high, nor low.

Project	High Value	Low Value	High Value Comments	Low Value Comments
Duplication of Ashcroft Avenue, Williams Landing	5	3	Road safety and easing traffic congestion	
Lawrie Emmins Reserve Master Plan Implementation	3	1	The need for outdoor recreation for young people	
Saltwater mechanical services		7		More important needs

Other projects to consider

- Resources into affordable/safe housing
- School in Williams Landing
- Community shed for teenagers so they get better engagement, like a men's shed
- Balance of recreation policy that caters for everyone (e.g. badminton, aerobics, dance, table tennis, etc)
- Resources around mental health
- First aid training
- Initiative around supporting elderly
- Safety, violence and gender issues need to be addressed with diverse communities like in Point Cook and Williams Landing.
- East Werribee employment precinct project – is it ever going to revive?

Conclusion

With 54 participants across 5 local areas of Wyndham, there were strong preferences across groups with regards to what was considered high value and low value projects in the Wyndham-wide project list.

Collective (All Areas) Results: Prioritisation & Gallery Tour

Based on these engagement processes, the collective top projects which hold the highest value to participants are:

High Value Prioritisation	Gallery Tour	
	High Value	Low Value
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpath renewal 2. Road safety improvements 3. Active travel network 4. Healthier waterways wetland rectification program 5. Outdoor recreation renewal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active transport network 2. Road safety improvements 3. Healthier waterways wetland rectification program 4. Wyndham Coastal & Marine Management Plan Implementation 5. Park Assets Renewal Project 6. RDF Stormwater Water Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Art Funding Pool 2. Organisational Facility Booking System 3. Fleet Replacement Program 4. Technology Refreshment Program

As the data becomes segmented by local area, you can see how these preferences vary slightly across geographic area. The variance in participation numbers also impacts how representational the views of the group are to that of the whole community. This is of particular note **for Little River, Werribee South & Rural areas and Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee West.**

Place-Based Projects

Upon reviewing the high and low value projects across local areas, there is a clear preference towards spending on roads and footpaths/active travel. Safety of pedestrians and drivers, easing congestion and improved connectivity across the Council area were noted as reasons for this preference.

Werribee and Hoppers Crossing was an exception to this, with high value preferences going to community centres and recreational master plans, in addition to roads.

The projects highlighted as having the highest value by local area are listed below:

Location	Highest Value Projects
Werribee & Hoppers Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverwalk Level 2 Multi Purpose Community Centre • Hogans Rd (Tarneit Rd - Davis Creek)
Little River, Werribee South & Rural areas	<p>General Capital Works feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local procurement focus needed • Safety & surveillance cameras • Signage in multiple languages for safety (e.g. snake warnings) • Roads & maintenance to improve access • Improved infrastructure - better access for emergency vehicles • Access around expansion of the zoo • K Road Cliffs - no facilities but high usage
Tarneit, Truganina & parts of Mount Cottrell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leakes Road Land for Road Duplication • Tarneit Road Duplication (Sayers Rd to Leakes Rd)
Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes & Werribee's West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballan / Armstrong Intersection (Westlink) • Armstrong Road Extension Design (Ballan to Sayers) • Lollipop Creek Shared Path and Armstrong Road
Point Cook, Williams Landing & Laverton North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplication of Ashcroft Avenue, Williams Landing • Lawrie Emmins Reserve Master Plan Implementation

While participation numbers varied, the level of engagement across the five sessions were high. Participants were actively involved, asking questions when they were unsure around specific project details, and openly contributing to group discussions as well as individual work. Discussion around final feedback and any projects Council could consider in the future also provided rich discussion and feedback.