

Delivering for the Werribee District

MORE TREES FOR MELBOURNE’S WEST

Through the 2021/22 Budget, the Andrews Labor Government will plant green canopies with 500,000 new trees in Melbourne’s west – including here in **Wyndham**.

This **\$5 million** investment will create cooler spaces for families in the western suburbs to enjoy for generations to come. The new trees, which will begin going into the ground in September, will also provide vital new habitats for urban biodiversity, increasing links between existing trees and connections between our great parks in the West.

INVESTING IN A GREENER VICTORIA

The Andrews Government has recently released **Victoria’s Climate Change Strategy** – putting our state at the forefront of Australia’s climate change action.

This strategy will keep Victoria on track to meet our target of **net zero emissions by 2050**, while also seizing the opportunities of climate action – advancing technology, investing in new industries and creating Victorian jobs. At the heart of the plan are ambitious targets to **reduce emissions by 28-33 per cent by 2025** and **45-50 per cent by 2030**. And, all Victorian Government operations will be powered by **100 per cent renewable electricity by 2025**.

Read the full strategy at climatechange.vic.gov.au/victorias-climate-change-strategy.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

With this year’s Budget, the Andrews Government is caring for all Victorians, including our vital community support groups in Werribee.

- Continuing free access for children under 16 to Victorian zoos on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays. Last year’s Budget delivered **\$84 million** to expand **Werribee Zoo** and transform it into Australia’s leading open range zoo.
- Continuing the **Growing Suburbs Fund** to deliver local infrastructure projects in areas such as Wyndham. From 2015, the GSF has supported **22 projects** totalling **\$32 million** for the Wyndham community.
- Investing **\$55 million** in **Local Sports Infrastructure**.
- Building Inclusive Sport and Recreation Communities, by dedicating funding to continue delivery of **Reclink’s ActiVIC program**.
- Providing **\$13.35 million** in support to Victorian multicultural communities, including here in Wyndham.
- Continuing the embedded **Youth Outreach Program** in Werribee, where police officers and youth workers are paired to provide assessment, initial support and referral for vulnerable young people and prevent future reoffending.
- Funding assistance to **Junubi South Sudanese Community Support Group**, the **Huddle Somali Community Support Group**, and **Le Mana Pasifika Project** to continue initiatives that help young Victorians at risk of disengagement from the community.



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BUDGET 2021/22 UPDATE



ISON ROAD BRIDGE WORKS

The Andrews Government is investing **\$14 million** for early works for the construction of the Ison Road Rail Overpass, which will connect Ison Road through Wyndham West and the Princes Freeway corridor.

This road bridge will allow for direct travel between developing residential areas in Melbourne’s west, and employment and education precincts.

Funding is also provided to develop a business case for upgrades to the Werribee Main Road/Princes Freeway Interchange.

MORE TRAIN CAPACITY FOR WYNDHAM

Wyndham Vale commuters will soon enjoy up to **50% extra capacity** on train travel during peak periods thanks to a **\$94 million** investment in this Budget for the Melton and Wyndham Vale corridors.

Development work will also be undertaken for a new commuter train as a future replacement for the existing classic fleet operating on regional lines.

INVESTING IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Victoria’s mental health system will be built from the ground up with a **\$3.8 billion** commitment in the Andrews Government’s 21/22 Budget.

It follows the recent completion of the Andrews Government’s **Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System**. Our Government has committed to implement every one of the report’s recommendations.

This significant investment will transform the way mental health support is offered in Victoria, with early intervention, a dedicated stream of care for our kids, and the recruitment of thousands of new workers.

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A MESSAGE FROM *Tim*

Our economy is surging back to life, as the Andrews Labor Government’s financial management secures our state’s recovery.

And with the 2021/22 Budget, we’re continuing to make the targeted investments Victorians need.

The Andrews Labor Government’s investments in road, rail, education and health will ensure that our community is better connected, and that people have access to services they need.

That means not only supporting people in the short-term, but actually investing in their future too.

This is a Budget that creates jobs and cares for Victorians — including here in Werribee.

Tim Pallas MP
Member for Werribee



Building The Education State

Caring For The Werribee District

UPGRADING MANOR LAKES COLLEGE

The Andrews Government will provide **\$9.4 million** to **Manor Lakes P-12 College** to upgrade and modernise the school.

It includes replacing existing temporary facilities and adding an additional 400 spaces in permanent facilities.

This follows our Government's previous investment to fund a **\$10.9 million** upgrade for the school - completed in 2019 - which allowed for a new Health Hub, a Secondary Centre, IT and staff works spaces, breakout spaces for students, a new canteen, new toilet blocks and change rooms.

MORE SCHOOLS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

As our western suburbs grow, the Andrews Government is committed to ensuring every child has the best start to life.

Through the 2020/21 State Budget, land was acquired for two new primary schools in Werribee – **Holyoake Parade Primary School** and **Lollypop Creek Primary School** (Interim Names).

And in this year's Budget, both **Holyoake Parade Primary School** and **Lollypop Creek Primary School** will receive a share of **\$492 million** for new schools construction.

As two of 13 new school builds across the state funded in this Budget, this investment will give local kids the state-of-the-art school they deserve. Both schools are expected to open in 2023.

Additionally, this year's Budget will secure land for a **future primary school** in Mambourin.

As mentioned in my Education Update newsletter from earlier this year, the Andrews Government opened **Riverwalk Primary School** in 2020, and acquired land for a **future secondary school** in Werribee's Harpley Estate. We also opened **Riverbend Primary School** earlier in 2021, which will cater for 575 students.

Through these important investments, the Andrews Government is giving families confidence their kids will have access to a great local school.

INCREASING ACCESS TO TECH SCHOOLS

The Andrews Government is providing **\$20.5 million** to **tech schools** across the state, including here in Wyndham.

Victoria's tech schools, such as **Wyndham Tech School** in Hoppers Lane, are building students' STEM skills and connecting them to the jobs of the future. Wyndham Tech School opened in 2018, under the Andrews Government's **\$128 million** Tech School initiative.

The investment in this year's Budget will expand on-site and virtual delivery capabilities of existing tech schools.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPGRADE

The Victorian Budget 2021/22 funds the planning to expand the adult Emergency Department at **Werribee Mercy Hospital**.

In addition to supporting local jobs, this investment will make sure our emergency departments are there for local patients when they need it most.

This builds on the Andrews Government's **\$4.8 million** funding for Werribee Mercy in last year's State Budget, to plan for the future expansion.

It's also on top of our Government's **\$85 million** investment in the Werribee Mercy Hospital critical care expansion, which was completed in 2018.

FUNDING WOMEN'S HEALTH IN THE WEST

The Andrews Government is delivering **\$2.4 million** in funding to 12 women's health services across Victoria, including **Women's Health West**.

Funding will meet growing demand for gender responsive healthcare, including prevention of family violence support services, women's mental health and sexual and reproductive health services.

VICTORIA'S FIRST PUBLIC IVF SERVICE

The Andrews Government will make it easier for more Victorians to achieve their dream of becoming parents by establishing the first **public fertility care service** in Victoria.

This **\$70 million** investment will work to ease the financial pressure on many hopeful families during what is already a demanding experience for many.

It will help up to 4,000 Victorians every year – saving them on average \$10,000 each.

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

The 2021/22 Budget commits funding to continue supporting the **H3 Alliance**.

The H3 Alliance works to prevent and resolve homelessness in the rapidly expanding Wyndham growth corridor.

The support services increase access to housing supply, providing outreach, transitional, legal and health support, building capacity and addressing issues that lead to housing vulnerability. This is part of an overall budget package worth **\$193 million**.

Through the 2020/21 Budget, the Andrews Government delivered the **biggest investment** in public and community housing in Australia. The City of Wyndham is a priority area for investment.

Additionally, construction for a new **\$30 million** 74-home social and affordable housing site in Werribee has recently begun, under our Government's Building Works package.

For more information on the Victorian Budget 2021/22, visit www.timpallas.com.au.

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