



Welcome to the August edition of Green Living in Wyndham!

We hope you are all rugged up and warm as we near the end of winter!
Please enjoy this latest edition of Green Living in Wyndham.

Habitat Heroes



Do you have what it takes to be a Habitat Hero?
Applications for our Habitat Heroes program are now open!
Are you interested in gardening? Are you keen to attract native birds and other native wildlife to your garden?
Then why not become a Habitat Hero? This program is an exciting initiative to help Wyndham residents learn about using locally native (Australian) plants in their gardens and to create a small garden for wildlife.
We are looking for 40 households from across Wyndham to take part in our Spring 2017 Habitat Heroes program. This round we will be giving priority to those who reside within the target area so we can create habitat corridors and generate neighbourhood connections, however if interested apply as if there are free spots you may be able to join the program. To be eligible for the project you need to be available to attend all of the activities throughout the program.
For more information, to view the target area, or to apply click [here](#).

The Community Grocer Wyndham



Come along to the launch of the Wyndham Community Grocer Market on Thursday 17th August, from 3-6 at the Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing.

The Community Grocer, a not-for-profit social enterprise providing fresh, affordable fruit and veg at weekly pop-up markets, is set to launch its newest market in Wyndham. Markets will run every Thursday from 3-6pm at the Youth Resource Centre.

The launch will be a fun, family friendly event, with a free veggie BBQ and fresh fruit skewers. There will be live music and performances from local artist, face painting and coffee.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

Keep Wyndham Clean



Wyndham City received funding from Melbourne Water's Living Rivers Program to trace the sources of litter that were entering the Bulban Drain Catchment and ending up in the Werribee River.

Catchment mapping identified approximately 1500 households within the catchment area. End of the line drainage pits have been opened and littered items recorded, results showing the most common materials found were advertising materials, newspapers, bottles and cans.

A marketing campaign has been developed raising awareness of the importance of placing rubbish in the bin, regularly checking your mailbox so it's not overflowing and to lead by example by picking up litter when you see it. The campaign will include litter messaging on buses, no junk mail stickers, increased signage, educational sessions with schools and information sent to residents in the target area.

Litter washes down stormwater drains and pollutes our waterways, let's work together to Keep Wyndham Clean

New Smart Bins in Werribee & Point Cook!



16 Dual Solar Compactor Bins have hit Werribee and Point Cook CBD. These smart bins have solar powered compacting technology which allows them to hold up to 600 litres of rubbish – five times the capacity of our current street bins. Featuring solar panels on top, the bins automatically crush rubbish inside, giving them this extra capacity. They also have sensors which will notify Council staff when they are nearing full. This creates an environmental benefit because it means they can be emptied 80 per cent less often. Less trips by garbage trucks means cost savings and less pollution in our local environment. Wyndham City is also doing a further upgrade to its street bins, with over 50 new recycling and garbage bin stations to be placed across Werribee, Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing by the end of July. These new stainless steel bins will provide a unified look across our streets and consistent public recycling messaging. Both new bins will provide a significant increase in public recycling services across the municipality helping to reduce Wyndham's waste to landfill.

Minimal Waste Mum



Minimal Waste Mum is just your regular local mum, armed with a passion to reduce her families waste. She has been documenting her many questions, tips and stories on her wonderful facebook page and we encourage you to join and make the most of this Wyndham resource! She shares the challenges, successes, her recipes, home-made products and encourages you to become a part of the discussion.

There is opportunity to participate in workshops and competitions, proving to be a warm welcome of support to anyone trailing different solutions in the plastic free space. Alongside this she joins Transition Wyndham in celebrating and promoting the sustainability of local businesses, with their branded 'We support Sustainability by..' Cards.

Keep your eyes out for those, and jump on the facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/minimalwastemum/>.

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