

# WESTBROOK NEWS BITES

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## Wrinklewort Park

- Play towers have been installed, water play area under construction
- Earthworks, concreting, and drainage works ongoing
- Anticipated construction completion June-July 2026



## Stage 72A and 73A Cemetery Buffers

- Shelter, decking, and fencing works completed
- Planting and paving works ongoing
- Expected completion March-April 2026

## Stage 65C Tanglewood Boulevard Culvert

- Preparation and concreting works ongoing ahead of box culvert install
- Expected construction completion May-June 2026

## Stages 70 & 71

- Earthworks and sewer works completed
- Drainage works ongoing
- Expected construction completion May-June 2026

## Stage 72 & 73

- Construction commencing late January early February, starting with bulk earthworks
- Expected construction completion October 2026

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# A huge thank you from Big Group Hug

Melbourne-based children's charity Big Group Hug has expressed its sincere gratitude for the \$1,500 grant it received from the 2025 Westbrook Community Fund.



"We directed the grant towards our 'Toiletries for disadvantaged children' project and are pleased to report that the funds have been fully utilised and have made a meaningful impact on families in the Westbrook area," Big Group Hug Grants Writer and Coordinator, Christina Majoinen advised.

"Thanks to the generous support from the Westbrook Community Fund, we were able to provide essential toiletry packs to approximately 40 children in need. Each pack included baby bath wash, baby shampoo, nappy cream, children's toothpaste, and a child's toothbrush: items that many families struggle to afford but are crucial for maintaining children's health and dignity," she added.

Christina emphasised that the impact of the support provided through the grant funding extends far beyond the material goods provided. One family who received assistance shared this heartfelt message:

"These generous donations of clothing, toys, games, and toiletries have made a huge difference for our family. With five children and us, these packages have not only provided essential items but also brought joy and relief.

We are deeply grateful for the kindness and support – we truly feel the love and generosity behind each item. Thank you for making a difference in our lives!"

Through Big Group Hug's network of volunteers and community partners, these supplies have reached families experiencing financial hardship, helping to alleviate stress and provide comfort during difficult times.

"Thank you once again for your commitment to supporting disadvantaged families in the community," Christina said.

"Accessing the available funding through this partnership enables us to continue our mission of ensuring children grow up in safe, nurturing environments."

In turn, the Dennis Family and Westbrook are proud to be able to assist such worthy community organisations as Big Group Hug and foster enduring relationships together.

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### **Spotting Scams**

Scammers try to trick you with promises of easy money or true love, or threats of huge fines or cancellations. Knowing how to spot a scam is your best defence.

### **Protect your personal info**

Never give your personal, bank or card info to a cold caller or enter your details via a link received in a text or email. If in doubt whether it's legit, contact the organisation directly using a phone number from a previous bill or statement, or their official website.

### **Accessing accounts**

Scammers can make an email or text message look like it's coming from a real company, so be alert. Banks and the ATO will ask you to log into

your account yourself using their official website or app, not via a hyperlink sent in an email or text. And they will never ask for your password.

### **Dating and romance**

If a stranger approaches you online, do a Google search of their name and profile pic. Scammers often use the same few images and name variations. Never share sensitive photos and personal info with someone you haven't met in person. If they ask for money or want to move the chat to a private channel, say no.

### **Phone scams**

Legit companies usually won't call customers out of the blue to report computer viruses or internet service issues or ask you to verify account passwords or bank details. They also won't use automated "robocalls" to alert you to suspicious charges or overdue payments, or ask you to pay debts using pre-paid gift cards. Hang up straight away.

### **Doorstep scams**

If someone knocks on your door and tries to sell you products or services or asks for money, don't feel pressured to give them cash or sign agreements on the spot. A reputable trader or charity will be happy to give you time to decide.

### **Scam emails**

If you're unsure when an email is genuine, don't open any files or click on any links in it, especially if they're asking for personal details or money. Check the "from" email address against a legitimate email you have received from the business or charity.

### **6 steps to stay ahead of scams**

1. Don't share your personal, credit card or bank info.
2. Delete suspicious texts and emails, close pop-up windows and don't answer calls from "unknown" numbers.
3. Don't click on links or open attachments from unexpected texts, social media messages, or emails. Delete them.
4. Check the email or web address against a legit one you have received from the business or organisation.
5. Check the details direct with the organisation using an email or phone number you have sourced yourself.
6. Do an online search using the exact wording in the offer, or the number the call or text came from.

Protect yourself, your family and your property with help from [Neighbourhood Watch](http://Neighbourhood Watch).

refresh your home

# THIS SUMMER



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As the seasons shift and light-filled days return, many of us feel inspired to refresh our homes. Whether you're dreaming of a bold new look or subtle updates, these four interior design trends offer something for every style and space. From lush maximalism to soothing coastal palettes, here are some trends making waves this summer, and practical ways to bring them into your home.

**Jungle Maximalism** celebrates the joy of pattern, rich colour and a touch of the unexpected. This trend advocates for interiors that feel lively, layered and full of personality, all while maintaining a sense of warmth and comfort.

While this look can be dramatic when applied to larger living spaces, it's just as effective in smaller areas such as powder rooms, entryways or children's bedrooms, making it a great way to experiment with a new style without committing to an entire home.

Start with a feature wall in a botanical or palm wallpaper, available in both flat and textured wallpaper finishes. Balance the pattern with a plain painted ceiling and neutral architraves and skirting boards to keep the look curated.



Offset the busy wallpaper with solid colour furniture, such as velvety sofas, timber coffee tables or large area rugs, helping to break up the large patterned areas. Picking out colour tones that match parts of your wallpaper can help in creating a more cohesive space in such a dramatic style.

Finesse the look by adding some quirky style elements, such as a table lamp, patterned occasional cushion and artwork.

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For those who love colour but prefer a gentle, comforting palette, **Perfectly Paired Pastels** is the trend to explore. Inspired by the Dulux 2026 Colour Forecast, this look blends soft pastels with warm-toned neutrals to create spaces that feel welcoming, modern and subtly playful.

Pastel tones including mint, peach, lilac, rose or soft teal work beautifully when paired with neutrals like cream, blush, taupe and warm rust. These combinations keep pastel-heavy rooms from feeling too sweet or washed out.

To embrace this trend, choose one pastel as your feature, such as a pastel teal painted

wall, and complement it with other soft tones through furniture, cushions, curtains or artworks. Consider incorporating pattern and texture through a wallpaper or soft furnishings to add depth and variety, occasional patterned cushions are a great addition to lift the space without overwhelming it.

The overall effect is of introducing Perfectly Paired Pastels is calm, contemporary and ideal for living rooms or bedrooms where you want both comfort and character.

The **Calming Coastal** trend also offers a gentle, soothing approach to interiors; ideal



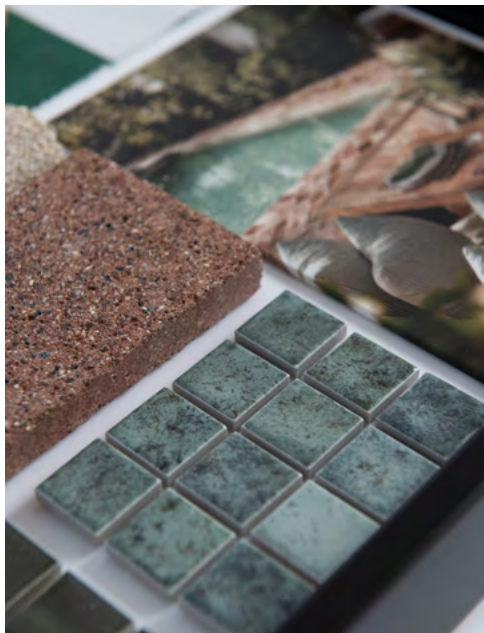
for bathrooms, laundries and kitchens where freshness and tranquillity are key.

Begin with a neutral foundation using off-white or creamy tones on your ceilings and walls. From here, layer in tiles with subtle texture to create depth without overwhelming the space. Large-format tiles feel modern and seamless, while smaller styles offer charm and detail depending on your design direction.

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Introducing shades of blue instantly enhances the calming atmosphere. Consider soft blue wall tiles, a coastal-toned laminate or 2pac vanity, or even a basin in a misty blue-grey ceramic or concrete. These variations bring just the right amount of colour while maintaining an airy coastal mood.

Warm timber accents and brushed silver or brushed graphite tapware help complete the



look, striking a balance between modern elegance and beach-inspired relaxation.

Lastly, the **Poolside** trend brings resort-inspired living to your own backyard. Perfect for whether you're planning a pool build or simply elevating your outdoor area in time for festive-season entertaining.

Our Australian climate calls for durable, long-wearing materials that look beautiful while standing up to the elements. Rendered walls, exposed brick, terracotta pavers or sandstone tiles all create a strong foundation for your outdoor oasis. Their warm tones pair effortlessly with nature and age gracefully over time.

Build on these earthy bases with outdoor furnishings in taupe, crisp white and deep green. These timeless colours blend seamlessly with lush greenery, blue-green pool tiles and warm timber or white concrete dining tables. The overall effect is relaxed, elegant and perfectly suited to long summer afternoons spent outside.

Each of these trends offer a unique way to refresh your home. By embracing the colours, textures and materials that resonate with you, you can create spaces that feel cohesive, contemporary, ready for summer and beyond.





**Fashion trends have a habit of circling back and, for Saravjeet Kaur, there's a revival underway right now.**

"The suits I used to wear 20 years ago, bell bottom type of jeans ...they're back again," she said.

Saravjeet is the manager of [New Era Punjab](#) at [Tarneit Central Shopping Centre](#). It's a family-owned clothing and jewellery store operating since 2020.

Before opening the shop, Saravjeet and her family tested their range at events and public markets. This built community recognition and trust for a store dedicated to Indian fashion, culture and celebrations.

Saravjeet's father has worked in clothing and jewellery retail since childhood in Delhi, one of India's major wholesale hubs.

Those early experiences shaped a lifelong connection to suppliers across Delhi, Mumbai and Punjab. These are relationships that underpin New Era Punjab's carefully curated range.

Women's suits, children's dresses, footwear and purses line the shelves, with categories reflecting both traditional design and contemporary taste.

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Jewellery remains central to the store's identity and cultural purpose. Many of the pieces stocked are delicate, including designs for special occasions rather than everyday wear.

For Saravjeet, jewellery is not an accessory but an essential component of Indian dress, carrying cultural meaning that extends beyond aesthetics alone. Without it, an outfit feels unfinished, particularly for women attending celebrations or ceremonies.

Saravjeet is also a local resident, living only minutes from the store. She's had a front-row seat to the area's transformation.

She describes Tarneit as a place where cultures sit comfortably alongside one another, where



people from many backgrounds live, work and shop. The constant movement, the foot traffic through the shopping centre, and the mix of languages and traditions remind her of life in India.

"It's busy area! I like busy area where I can see people are all around me, so I don't miss India."

Customer demand at New Era Punjab shifts throughout the year, closely following the cultural calendar.

During major Indian festivals such as Diwali, demand for women's suits and matching jewellery increases significantly, as families prepare for gatherings and celebrations. These periods are among the busiest for the store, with customers seeking complete outfits rather than individual items.

The evolution reflects not only changing fashion but also the maturation of Tarneit itself — a suburb where growing families, established households and new arrivals shape retail demand together.

New Era Punjab has grown alongside them, adapting without losing sight of its cultural roots.



## HOW TO GET TO NEW ERA PUNJAB AT TARNEIT CENTRAL

### BY CAR

Accessible from Leakes Road and Derrimut Road.

Over 900 FREE car parking spaces. Please be mindful of the timed areas and take note of the signage.

### BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus number 160 from Hoppers Crossing Station leaves at regular intervals and stops outside Tarneit Central on Leakes Road.

Tarneit Railway Station, opposite Tarneit Central, is on the regional Melbourne/Geelong line

A bus depot located at the station also services the greater Wyndham area.

# FACES OF WYNDHAM

## *Capturing the Spirit of Australia's Most Diverse Community*

Over 120 residents of Melbourne's western suburbs representing almost every continent on the planet, and often in traditional attire, have had their portrait taken for Faces of Wyndham, a years-long a self-funded storytelling project by Point Cook-based photographer David Mullins.



Portraits from the series are currently showing at three locations across Wyndham until 22 January before moving to a Melbourne exhibition where, for the first time, all portraits will be shown together.

The City of Wyndham, with Melbourne's west and outer western suburbs, is Australia's fastest-growing and most culturally diverse municipality, with more than 160 nationalities represented.

In Melbourne's west the population is forecast to reach 1.8 million people by 2050, greater than the current number of people living in Adelaide, according to a West of Melbourne Economic Development Alliance report.

We spoke with David about the evolution of the project and the stories behind the portraits.

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## What inspired the Faces of Wyndham series?

**DM:** I am heavily engaged in the community and have been since the 90s. I was involved in setting up the Point Cook Pop Up Park. We got access to the local census, and we found out that there are 160 to 170 distinct cultures within Wyndham.

We are the most culturally diverse community in Australia, and a light bulb basically went off. As a photographer, I wanted to come up with something that celebrated that diversity in a visual way.

## What do you talk to your subjects about?

**DM:** I ask the same questions of everybody: where they're coming from, why they chose Wyndham as their home, what they do, something about their home country, and what their aspirations are for living here.

A South Sudanese lady, her name's Asunta, came from a war-torn country. Her first words when she arrived were, 'this is like heaven'. She could not understand when she first saw houses where only one family lived in them. The difference was night and day for her.

## How have people responded to seeing the photos?

**DM:** It's been very positive. Everyone loves the positive message. Seeing the images in print is even more special, especially for those people who are in the project. Everything looks better in print than it does on a screen.

This is a collaboration between me and the subject. Maybe I'll dispel a few stereotypes. Maybe people will learn something about a culture they didn't know about before.

Although the subjects have different clothing, different religions, and different beliefs, we are essentially the same. They all want safety, security, love, and happiness.

View David Mullins work: [davidmullins.com.au](http://davidmullins.com.au)

## Melbourne Exhibition & Book Launch

Creative Asia Art Centre, World Trade Centre  
18-38 Siddeley Street, Docklands

- Opening night: 21 February 2026
- Exhibition dates: 19 February to 3 March 2026
- Entry: Free exhibition



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# WHAT'S ON NEAR WESTBROOK



**Wyndham City Council and Dennis Family Corporation run a range of community events throughout the year in and around Westbrook's neighbouring suburbs.**

To search through Council's current calendar of events and programs for residents of all ages, [click here](#).

A huge choice of activities between now and the end of March includes Yoga and exercise classes, Community Breakfast Program, Wellbeing group sessions, craft workshops, language classes and resume help.

# WESTBROOK



ANOTHER DENNIS FAMILY COMMUNITY

Our Sales Centre has closed, but our team is available to answer your questions and discuss opportunities for the future.

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