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Welcome to the Wyndham Learning Festival

Wyndham Community & Education Centre, with the support of Wyndham City, is thrilled to present the inaugural Wyndham Learning Festival in the City of Wyndham. The festival showcases 100 free events across the city for all life stages: early years, school years, young adults, adults and seniors, and runs from 1-8 September, 2016.

Traditionally learning was all about formal schooling and university classes but now we recognise that we learn every day in many different ways both formally and informally at home, work and play. Some considered learning as something that finished at the end of school or university before we went out to work, but now we appreciate the concept of 'lifelong learning'. That is continuing to learn new things throughout our lives.

But why learn? What's the big deal? Research shows us that learning keeps us healthier, wealthier and happier! From a community perspective this is crucial as a learning community is more resilient and can adapt to change more readily, learn new skills and take advantage of opportunities.

The Wyndham Learning Festival provides talks, practical workshops, exhibitions, displays, open days, walking tours, digital tours and information sessions in an array of locations and environments.

There are many powerful stories where people have turned their lives around through learning. If you know someone who is isolated or needing a change, encourage them to participate in these free activities, learn something new, meet new people and see where it leads.

As Mahatma Gandhi said 'Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.'

This is a whole of community event that encourages everyone including business, schools, institutions, community groups and individuals to participate. See your local newspapers, facebook.com/wynLearnfestival or pick up the program guide (available in local libraries, cafes and community centres) for more details.



LEARNING FOR ALL IN WYNDHAM CITY LIBRARIES

As part of Wyndham's Learning Festival, Wyndham City Libraries is excited to be putting on a number of free learning events for all ages across all of our branches, and even outside the library.

Wyndham City Libraries will be partnering with the Melbourne Writers Festival to present a panel discussion on crime fiction, with Aoife Clifford (*All These Perfect Strangers*) and Jane Harper (*The Dry*) who have recently released new crime fiction titles.

Another author joining us during the festival is John Marsden - a favourite of all ages for the last 30 years. John will be discussing his novels and writing process. He is the author of popular series *Tomorrow When The War Began* and *The Ellie Chronicles*; his latest title is *South Of Darkness*.

Launching during the Learning Festival and continuing through to Sunday 13 November is our special exhibition *Writing The War - Personal Stories From WW1*. This touring exhibition from the State Library of Victoria showcases personal stories through letters, diaries, and photographs. Join the launch for this extraordinary exhibition on Thursday 8th November at the Plaza Library.

And for the kids we are taking Story Time out of the library to hang out with the animals at the Werribee Open Range Zoo! This will be a very special morning with stories and songs about African animals and then all are welcome to go and see some real life animals.

Check the library website for dates and times for these sessions and more during the Wyndham Learning Festival, pick up one of the Learning Festival program guides at your local café or check out the program on www.facebook.com/wynlearnfestival.



INFLUENCE TOMORROW



Learn about Nature in the West

NatureWest, a not-for-profit association for those sharing an environmental vision for Werribee and surrounding areas, is very excited to be part of the Wyndham Learning Festival.

NatureWest is committed to increasing environmental awareness and advocates for the protection of natural heritage. Education will continue outside the classroom through a range of activities throughout the Learning Festival and school holidays including exhibiting a fascinating natural history display at the Homestead at Werribee Park.

Colleen Miller, Coordinator at NatureWest said "I am very happy to provide nine activities free to the public over the Learning Festival week. The events are for a range of ages and interests and include: Meet Our Local Waterbugs, Plastics and Whales, Walk, Talk & Plant, Mega Fauna of the West, Heritage Orchard Tour, a Weaving Demonstration, The Ocean at the End of Our Street, A Garden Tour and the Screening of 'Melbourne Down Under'".



For more information about these events go to the eventbrite site <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/naturewest-4641092817>, the Wyndham Learning Festival program guide, or [facebook.com/wynlearnfestival](https://www.facebook.com/wynlearnfestival)
For more information about NatureWest visit <http://naturewest.org.au/>

Sign up for a global gourmet adventure

High profile Shadowfax head chef Ben D'Arcy will take diners on an exciting gourmet safari through Asia and the Mediterranean as part of Wyndham's Learning Festival. 'A culinary journey through Myanmar, India, China and the Mediterranean' will be hosted at the historic Werribee Park Mansion Homestead and promises a menu of mouth-watering, exotic dishes.

The event is a great opportunity to learn about the culinary traditions of some of Wyndham's newest residents whilst enjoying a small tasting plate that will tantalise your tastebuds.

Having worked in some of Melbourne's leading restaurants and hotels including The Stokehouse, Becco, The Argo, Lindrum and Le Meridian over the past 14 years, Ben is one of Melbourne's most highly regarded chefs.

His dedication to creating innovative dishes using the best available seasonal produce has seen Ben achieve great reviews and accolades since taking up the role as Head Chef at Shadowfax in 2012.

Using the freshest ingredients picked from his kitchen garden and assisted by the local Karen community, Ben will demonstrate a range of simple yet tasty dishes that you can replicate at home.

Embark on this culinary journey at Werribee Park Mansion Homestead on Saturday 3rd September from 2-4pm.

'A culinary journey through Myanmar, India, China and the Mediterranean' is one of the signature events of the Learning Festival and places will be limited.



Bookings are available through the library page of the City of Wyndham website at: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries. Check out details of other Wyndham Learning Festival events in the Learning Festival program guide in your local café and library, or on [facebook.com/wynLearnfestival](https://www.facebook.com/wynLearnfestival)

The sky's the limit



Avalon Airport is proud to be the major sponsor of the Wyndham Learning Festival 2016

At Avalon we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to learn something new everyday. So we're thrilled to partner on this important festival, and hope that your journey of learning really takes off.



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A taste of what to expect. . .

Life Stage	Date	Time	Activity title	Venue	Booking details
Early Years	Thu 1 - Thu 8	See website	Baby Time, Rhyme Time and Story Time at the Library	All Library branches-check each branch for times or Festival Program	Bookings required at Point Cook Library only. www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries
Early Years	Thu 1	1pm-2.30pm	Kids Playspace	Featherbrook Community Centre	No bookings required. Call 8353 4000 for more information.
School Years	Thu 1 & Thu 8	4pm-5pm	Storymakers Club	Julia Gillard Library Tarneit	Bookings required. www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 0200 for more information.
Young Adults	Thu 1	4pm-8.30pm	Vibes - Cultural art, dance & music program	Youth Resource Centre Hoppers Crossing	No bookings required. For more information visit http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth_programs
Young Adults/ Adults/Seniors	Thu 1	6.30pm-7.30pm	Melbourne Writer's Festival is Coming to Wyndham! Crime Fiction Author Panel	Julia Gillard Library Tarneit	Bookings required. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 0200 for more information.
Young Adults/ Adults/Seniors	Thu 1	6.30pm-8.30pm	A Conversation About... Practice - RACE Program	Wyndham Cultural Centre	Bookings required. Email: arts@wyndham.vic.gov.au
Everyone	Thu 1	3pm-5pm	Party in the Precinct - Wyndham Park Precinct Open Day	Wyndham Park Precinct	No bookings required.
Early Years	Fri 2	10am-11.30am	Playgroup at Stockland	StocklandPoint Cook, Corner of Main and Murnong Street	No bookings required. Contact Leonie on 9742 8159 for more information.
Young Adults	Fri 2	4pm-6pm	Gamers Group	Point Cook Youth Services	No bookings required. For more information visit http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth_program
Adults/Seniors	Fri 2	12.30pm-2.30pm	Acoustic Guitar Workshop	Tarneit Community Learning centre	No bookings required. Call 9748 9822 for more information.
School Years	Sat 3	3pm-5pm	The Ocean at the End of Our Street	The Natural History Centre, The Homestead, Werribee Park	Bookings required. http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/naturewest-464109281
Young Adults/ Adults/Seniors	Sat 3	8am-10am	Aikido	Saltwater Community Centre	No bookings required. Call for more information.
Adults/Seniors	Sat 3	10.30am-12.00pm	How to Grow your own Edible Garden	Shoestring Garden	No bookings required. Call Craig Castree on 0411 720 283 for more information.
Adults/Seniors	Sat 3	2pm-4pm	A Culinary Journey with Ben D'Arcy	Werribee Mansion Homestead	Bookings required. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 2600.
Adults/Seniors	Sun 4	11am-12pm	Tai Chi in the Park	Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre	No bookings required. Call 8734 8934 for more information.
Young Adults	Mon 5	5pm-7pm	Urban Vibes- Music and DJ Workshop	Point Cook Youth Services	No bookings required. For more information visit http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth_program
Adults/Seniors	Mon 5	12.30pm-2.30pm	Cake Decorating Workshop	Tarneit Community Learning centre	No bookings required. Call 9748 9822 for more information.
Everyone	Mon 5, Tues 6, Wed 6	See website	Wyndham Star Weaving Workshops	Various Library branches - check website or Festival Program	Bookings required. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 0200 for more information.
School Years	Tue 6	1.30pm-3pm	Kids Cooking Workshop	Tarneit Community Learning centre	No bookings required. Call 9748 9822 for more information.
Young Adults	Tue 6	5pm-6.30pm	My First Car	Youth Resource Centre Hoppers Crossing	No bookings required. For more information visit http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth_programs
Young Adults/ Adults/Seniors	Tue 6	4pm-8pm	Wikipedia Edit-a-thon	Point Cook Library, Learning Room	Bookings required. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 93957966.
Early Years	Wed 7	10:30am-11.30am	Story Time at the Zoo	Werribee Zoo	No bookings required. Zoo entry prices apply. Free for Zoo members.
Young Adults	Wed 7	3.30pm-5.30pm	Sports Day	Youth Services Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre	No bookings required. For more information visit http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth_programs
Young Adults/ Adults/Seniors	Wed 7	6.30pm	Author Talk - John Marsden	Wyndham Vale Library	Bookings required. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 8930 for more information.
Adults/Seniors	Wed 7	10am-12pm	The Yarning Circle: Moondani Balluk Academic Unit and WACCC	Interim Wyndham Aboriginal Community Space,VU: Werribee Campus	Bookings required. Email Rowena.Price@vu.edu.au or call 99192078
Seniors	Thu 8	10am-3pm	Planning ahead: what do you need to know as you age in Wyndham?	Council Chamber, Wyndham Council, Civic Centre	Bookings required. Contact Helen Parker on 87345488
Everyone	Thu 8	2pm-3pm	Writing the War Exhibition: Personal Stories from WW1	Plaza Library	Bookings required. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 2600 for more information.
Adult/Seniors	Thu 8	7pm -9pm		The Natural History Centre, The Homestead, Werribee Park	Bookings required. http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/naturewest-464109281