



Alumni e-Newsletter

What's on in Wyndham:

Heart Week Community Walk: Thursday 5th May, 2016
9:30am, The Grange Community Centre, 260-280 Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing. Come along and support your heart health while enjoying a social walk. Suitable to all ages and fitness levels.

<http://www.experiencewyndham.com.au/whatson/heart-week-community-walk>

Let's Talk Conversational English: Every Saturday until 17th December, 2016
10am-11:30am, Werribee Church of Christ, 200 Tarnet Road, Werribee.

Practice and develop your English speaking skills in a relaxed small group that has a warm and friendly atmosphere. This is for people who are wanting to gain confidence and practice their English. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend, morning tea is provided and it's FREE.

<http://www.experiencewyndham.com.au/whatson/lets-talk-conversational-english>

General Opportunities:

Do you manage volunteers? If you answered yes, then Volunteer West's 2016 [Volunteer Management Conference](#) could be for you! The focus of the conference is 'leading, empowering and delivering on volunteering excellence.'

Enjoy presentations from key industry leaders, including Moira Kelly (Australian humanitarian, 2012 Victorian of the Year and recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding community service), Sue Noble (Volunteering Victoria Chief Executive Officer), and more! Tickets are \$135. For more information and bookings, please visit www.volunteerwest.org.au.

Wyndham Volunteer & Community Group Training 2016:

Wyndham City Council currently offers free training sessions on a range of topics, from fundraising to grant writing. Free to Wyndham residents, volunteers and community organisations.

Please visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/volunteering and click on the 'Learning Zone' to register for sessions.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Gateway Community Services:

Gateway is a not-for-profit organisation operating in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, offering programs and services that support and enrich the lives of people within the community. Check out their Volunteer Notice Board for volunteering opportunities at the following link:

<http://www.gatewaycommunityservices.org.au/#/volunteer-at-gateway/cyoo>

Do you have skills related to, or a keen interest in Wyndham's natural environment? If so, the Environment Unit at Wyndham City Council is looking for people to be considered for membership of a Project Control Group to identify biodiversity and habitats in Wyndham that need protection, management and enhancement. It is expected that the group will meet approximately four times between April 2016 and June 2017.

Please contact Peter Gibbs, Team Leader of Environment, at peter.gibbs@wyndham.vic.gov.au, for more information.

Useful Links

Wyndham News April-May 2016:

https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/aboutwyndham/publicmedia/wyndhamnews/2016_wyndham_news/aprilmay

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<http://www.experiencewyndham.com.au/whatson>

Victoria University Certificate and Diploma courses

<http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/browse-for-courses/by-course-level/certificates-diplomas>

Important Dates:

Building Blocks Generalist Program: 7th April – 23rd June, Saltwater Community Centre

Certificate III in Community Services: For those wishing to obtain the full Certificate, please contact Sharon Brown immediately, at Sharon.brown@wyndham.vic.edu.au, as the program begins in late **April**.

National Volunteer Week: 9th May – 15th May. The theme of the week is 'Give Happy, Live Happy.' If you are a current volunteer at Wyndham City Council, you can register for the Volunteer Morning Tea at <http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/residents/community/volunteeringinwyndham/morningtea> (limited places available).

Want to know more about our current 'Generalist' Building Blocks Program?

We received over 50 applications for the Generalist program, of which 30 applicants were successful and are now completing the program, which began on the 7th of April at the Saltwater Community Centre. The applicants reflected a very diverse group of people, with a wide range of life experiences and backgrounds.

Want to get involved?

We are looking for sessional support volunteers to assist each session. Please contact Sharon Brown, at Sharon.brown@wyndham.vic.gov.au for more information.

More Interesting Events/Activities:

'Soil to Soul' Expo: Saturday 7th May, 11am-3pm at Penrose Promenade Community Centre. Entry is free.

This is a healthy living expo hosted by Wyndham Health Champions, with community & food stalls, food, seed & garden shares and lifestyle & sustainability demonstrations. For more information, check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/soiltosoulexpo. If you wish to apply for a stall or host a demonstration, please contact Misty Palmer at misty.palmer@wyndham.vic.gov.au, no later than Wednesday 20th April. Stalls are free.

Wyndham Community Football:

After the great success of the 2016 Cultural Diversity Cup, Wyndham City Council would like to encourage people not involved in club soccer to consider playing with Wyndham Community Football this season. It has leagues for males and females aged from 10 years up to masters (45+), is very affordable and is held only in Wyndham (so no need to travel across Melbourne). For more information and registration forms, please contact Simon Crawford at simon.crawford@wyndham.vic.gov.au.

Facts:

Victoria University has renamed its TAFE branch 'Victoria Polytechnic'.

Participants of Building Blocks programs so far have been almost 2/3 female, and just over 1/3 male.



Students at Graduation in June, 2015



'You are not alone' participants

