THE WYNDHAM LEARNING FESTIVAL NEWSLETTER

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GETTING READY FOR 2017

The 2017 Wyndham Learning Festival will build on the success of 2016's inaugural learning festival. Last year we had 100 learning activities over the weeklong festival.

Already this year we have had interest in activities including a Pop-up School in Werribee, Tryout Cricket for Girls, Story time at the Zoo and Party in the Precinct. Let us know if you have an idea.

COMING SOON our

Website This website is new and is due to be launched at the start of March. Watch this space!

www.wynlearnfest.org.au



WHAT IS THE WYNDHAM LEARNING FESTIVAL?

Welcome to our first newsletter. This newsletter aims to tell you more about the festival and how to get involved.

This year will be the second Wyndham Learning Festival running 1-8 September, 2017.

The Wyndham Learning Festival aims to showcase and celebrate lifelong learning throughout the City of Wyndham with a week-long event of FREE learning activities.

This festival is a community event and aims to encourage learning of all ages in all areas. We invite business, schools, other learning institutions, community groups, clubs, interest groups, council departments and individuals to participate.

This festival is supported by council, led by Wyndham Community & Education Centre and is financially supported by sponsorship from businesses in the local community. The festival is not a single space or event but rather a series of community led activities from various spaces and places throughout the City of Wyndham. i.e. libraries, neighbourhood houses and learning centres, schools, parks, men's sheds, shops, resource centres, gardens and more. Planned learning activities can be big or small, formal or informal and can be for various audiences on various topics.

Building a Learning Community

WHY A LEARNING FESTIVAL?

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.

There are so many great learning activities happening throughout our city and this festival provides an opportunity to showcase them and highlight the importance of lifelong learning for all.



Story time at Werribee Zoo from learning in festival in 2016



Chef Ben D'Arcy of Shadowfax Wines, with members of the Karen community, running a cooking demonstration at Werribee Mansion during last year's learning festival.

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HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Run an Event - If you are interested in running an event, see our website and download the event kit or email <u>megco@wyndhamcec.org.au</u> for a copy of information. All learning festival activities must be FREE and in the City of Wyndham. You will need to fill in and register your event before <u>May 29th</u> if you would like your activity to be printed in the event guide. Anytime past this date will mean that your learning activity may still be part of the festival and promoted online, but it may not be in the printed guide.

Be a Sponsor - This weeklong learning festival requires sponsorship from the local community to run. Download a sponsorship prospectus from the website or email to request one and find out more about the festival and the different levels of support available. It can be a fabulous way to show your support for building a learning community.

Be an Ambassador - If you would like to support us by promoting our message of lifelong learning for building a strong community you can put your name down to be an ambassador. This involves staying up to date with festival news and promoting the festival to your local community by encouraging people to join as event holders, sponsors and/or participants. Your level of activity is up to you and we appreciate any time you have.

Be a Participant - Of course we encourage all people in the City of Wyndham from all life stages, to try learning something new during the Wyndham Learning Festival! 1-8 September

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON!

Need event ideas?			
Workshop		Try-out class	
Open day	Skill	sharing	Display
Walking tour Exhibition			khibition
Demonstration	Guest speaker		
Presentation Learning Lunch			
Drop-in day		St	ory-telling