Thursday 15 June 2017

Wyndham Workers
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome

by Ruth Mihelcic, Youth Project Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

1. Victoria Maori Wardens

Presented by Maria Kumar, Youth & Community Liaison Officer – VMWI

*Welcome to Victoria Maori Wardens Presentation*

Creation of VMWI

* + In July 15th 2012 Qld Maori Wardens was invited to present the Maori Wardens concept to our Community at Wyndham Youth Resource Centre
	+ We identified that our Maori community had specific needs that could not be met by wider community services. (ie: Disengaged Youth, Tangihana guidance) and that this concept would benefit our community
	+ An interim committee was formed and Victoria Maori Wardens Incorporated was established

History of Maori Wardens NZ

* 1939 - End Depression beginning of WW2
* 1945 - Transitions to Urban areas
* The NZ Government bestowed rights to the Maori Wardens to look after their Maori Community
* 1949 - Maori Wardens were authorised to police intoxicated urbanised Maori members in Public establishments
* 1962 – The New Zealand Maori
* Wardens Association Act was passed in Parliament, which remains in force to date.

Maori Wardens in Victoria

* Victoria Maori Wardens are made up of Volunteers within the Community who have a mature mindset and good communication skills and who are able to liaise in a non confrontational manner.
* We abide by the “Model Rules” of Consumer Affairs which has been adapted to the State laws of Victoria.

Maori Wardens Role

* Mentoring youth towards positive pathways
* Provide support and assistance to families pertaining to Maori Funerals (Tangihana)
* Work with Police and our Community members who need assistance
* Assist in providing referrals to appropriate services
* Provide a presence at Public Events ensuring a safe environment for all
* Justice Diversion Program – offering an alternative to the Juvenile Justice system for our youth (long term goal).

The Differences we have made in our Community

* Frankston/Dandenong Patrols
* Pacific Werribee Patrols
* CDC Bus Patrols
* Working with High Schools
* Working with Vic Police
* Presence in the Court System
* Compassionate Services
* Support community initiatives

Early Intervention

* Patrols
* Mentoring
* School Supports
* Referral pathways
* Guidance
* Engagement/ Talking/ Investigate/Solutions
* Promote local services and programs for
* youth eg...youth services and cultural based
* Utilising the Library whilst at Pacific
* Werribee (the library staff promotes this)
* Youth Engagement (the aim to work with
* other agencies to the target group)

*Thank You From the Victoria Maori Wardens Presentation*

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1. Enterprising Wyndham Vale

Presented by Tathra Street, Project Coordinator, CMY

Who is CMY?

* The Centre for Multicultural Youth is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation supporting young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to build better lives in Australia.

Why are we doing this?

* 57% of Wyndham residents work outside Wyndham
* 91% of Wyndham businesses employ <5 people
* 85,000 businesses are solo operators. Barriers to employment for young people few local opportunities transport to and from work.

Enterprising Tarneit - Pilot

* A pilot project to support Tarneit area residents to develop, plan, and implement their businesses ideas
* An employment generation project developed in partnership with Wyndham City Council, Scanlon Foundation and the Centre for Multicultural Youth.

Enterprising Tarneit - Evaluation what worked?

* Mentor support
* Group Learning
* Partnership model
* Participant passion.

Enterprising Tarneit - Evaluation what we learned/changed:

* Integrate Business plan
* Introduce mentors early
* Ideas only, less leverage
* Target early start-up.

Enterprising Wyndham Vale

GOAL: Support social cohesion through the creation of new business

Objectives:

* Facilitate community members to develop plan and implement business ideas.
* Develop the confidence, business skills, knowledge and networks of participants.
* Increase levels of engagement & connection between cultural groups in Wyndham Vale through involvement in project.

Where are we at?

* 18 Participants
* July – October program
* Peer learning, place based, social inclusion outcome focus Intend to turn business naivety into business nous.

How you can help

Looking for:

* Business mentors
* Subject matter experts in
* small business development
* lean start-up methodology
* business model canvas.

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1. Presentation

Presented by Jodie Peterson, Project Manager/Mentor, Manor Lakes P-12 College

*Welcome to FLIP.vic.edu.au*

What is Flip?

* Flexible Learning Intervention Pathways
* It provides students who are disconnected from mainstream education with an alternative pathway
* Provides change to re-engage the student by establishing routines, addressing personal and mental health barriers, building confidence and success with a variety of learning experiences.

How Does It Work?

* Online, personalised learning program supported by a mentor
* Digital lessons; Modules, Learning Moments, activities
* Quizzes – competency based & time differentiated
* Key discipline areas: Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Humanities, Vocation, Health & Wellbeing.

Who Is Eligible?

* Any young person in Years 7 - 10 in the Wyndham network
* Must currently be enrolled in a mainstream school
* Student commitment required
* Reliable wireless connectivity and a safe home environment.

What Is The Referral Process?

* Referral form to be completed by the students ‘Home School’
* Applications cannot be accepted from students or parents without the support from the school
* Assessed suitability by Project Manager
* Enrolment/Induction meeting held.

Next Steps?

* 6 week induction program
* Review meeting to assess appropriate intervention pathway, another agency or continue with FLIP
* Blended program with home school
* Employment.

Success Stories:

* July 2016 – 5 students enrolled
* Start of 2017 – 3 exits
* 1 yr 9 = transition back into mainstream full time
* 1 yr 10 = transition to DECV (Distance Ed)
* 1 yr 11 = transition to WCEC (Pre-VCAL course)

Currently:

* June 2017 – 9 students enrolled
* 3 = blended program
* 1 = vocation hours & FLIP
* 3 = up skilling before TAFE transition
* 2 = FLIP program
* 2 referrals awaiting enrolment/ induction

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1. Information Sharing:

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Agency: VUT/Victoria Polytechnic

Position: Youth Engagement Officer – Back to Work Program

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* Youth IT Careers Intake – Information Session – Footscray & Melton
* Course Dates for 2017
* BTW Eligibility Criteria

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Position: Community Educator

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* New curriculum resources available for Year 10 – 12 students
* Available online at [www.lovethegame.com.au](http://www.lovethegame.com.au)
* GHW provides resources and support for students, staff and parents
* Please contact Ian.

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* Café Exchange – Work Experience Program for Young People

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Position: Pasifika Youth Worker

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* The ‘Le Mana (Empower) Pasifika Project
* Build connected communities and a sense of belonging for Pasifika young people in Victoria

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Website: [Wyndham Workers with Young People Network – click here](http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au/info_for_workers)

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<https://www.facebook.com/youthinwyndham>

Youth in Wyndham has an Instagram Page

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