Thursday 9 November 2017

Wyndham Workers
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introduction

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

1. Presentation – Mambourin Programs

Presented by Anna De Dio, Traineeships and Pathways Coordinator, Mambourin

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1. Presentation – Youth Reach – Caring For Me

Presented by Jaime-Lee Demmer, Manager, Youth Reach

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Care takes many forms:

* Intimate care
* Assistance with mobility and medication
* Providing emotional and psychological support,as well as financial support

In Australia:

* There are approximately 388,00 young carers
* One in ten young Australians aged 5 – 25 are young carers.
* Only 4% of young carers aged 15 – 25 remain in school (compared to 23% of the generalpopulation in the same age group)
* 60% of young carers aged 15 – 25 are unemployed or not in the labour workforce (compared to 38% of their peers)
* Young carers predominantly care for parents, and particularly for mothers who may have physical disabilities or mental health conditions.
* Many young carers receive no support at all. While many young carers identified the need for appropriate respite, 98% of Australian young carers aged 15 – 25 have never accessed support.

To understand what it means to be a young carer, Youth Reach are giving young carers the tools to share their experiences, stories and feelings in ways that make sense to them.

Youth Reach is working to create a world where young carers are understood, heard and supported.

Youth Reach are currently looking for young carers who are interested in participating in our research, commencing February 2018.

If you, your organisation, or someone you know may be able to help connect Youth Reach to young carers, we’d love to chat.

Join Youth Reach’s mailing list and keep up-to-date with our progress, research and new initiatives in 2017/2018 and beyond.

1. Information Sharing -

Name: Reece Gains

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: e-Youth Operations Officer

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* New e-Youth Crew
* Currently recruiting for the e-Youth Crew Committee

Name: Anthony Hurst

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: Youth Counsellor

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* Tuning Into Teens – Information Session
* Emotional coaching for Parents (6 weeks)

Name: Liz Ah Hi

Agency: WCIG

Position: DARE Community Liaison Officer

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* DARE Disability Program

Name: Michael Hill

Agency: MCM Youth Foyers

Position: Team Leader

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* Outreach
* Homelessness Support

Name: Mohammad Karimi

Agency: HealthWest

Position: Project Officer

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* A Seat at the Table
* Mental Health Literacy for refugee/migrant young people

**Please contact Wyndham’s Youth Project Officer for further information regarding this network or to present:** trudy.chitty@wyndham.vic.gov.au **or 8734 1355**

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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>

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