Thursday 3rd May 2018

Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introduction

by James Mathieson, Youth development Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

1. Presentation – NDIS Workshop, Youth Disability Advocacy Service

Presented by Mija Gwyn, Youth Disability Worker

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* Video shown of young peoples hopes, activities and challenges.
* YDAS works alongside young people with a disability, mental illness or chronic illness.
* Discussed need for NDIS – Australia has some of the worst living conditions and limited opportunities for people with disabilities.
* The Australian government realised they need to have a social approach to disability where they are not dictated by an organisations. NDIS allows young people to decide on where they can access support from.
* Young people will receive a plan from NDIS – in which they have decided what needs they need met. Each plan will be individualised to one person.
* Requirements to be eligible:
  + Australian citizen or permanent resident or a protected special category visa
  + Under the age of 65
  + Reside in a region where NDIS has rolled out
  + Usually need support.
  + Need to apply and submit an Access Request Form.
* LAC – local area coordinator work as an NDIS community Partner
* NDIS Planner – works with lots of individuals within the community including approvals and support.
* Once plan is approved the person gets a package. The individual can decide when they would like their plan reviewed.
* Things that could be included in a young persons plan could include support workers to assist with daily activities or events.
* People with high needs could be prioritised to have their plans approved sooner.

1. Presentation – Youth Affairs Council Victoria Consultation

Presented by Dr Jessie Mitchell, YACVIC

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* Looking to increase work in needs and strengths in Victoria with Local Government areas.
* Looking to put together advocacy for Victorian government and inform policy platform leading into state election.
* Jessie asked participants questions:
  + What makes the region different from others
* Growing and large as it is
  + Jessie asked what has changed since 2014 in youth work?
* Accessibility to services
  + Any growing needs and demands on services?
* Specialised services limited
* Transition from grade 6 to 7 no services
* Primary and secondary schools require equity support – currently on teachers who do not get the training required.
  + New ways of working?
* Family inclusive practice
* Having services brought into schools (eg. Law)

1. Information Sharing -

Name: Debbie Reynold

Agency: Gen U Training

Position: Client Liaison

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* Two courses available:
* Certificate IV in Disability on 23rd of May – 1 day per week in classroom and work placement involved.
* Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs commencing in June 2018 – also includes work placement.
* Flyers available

Name: Gretta Collins

Agency: Leisure Networks

Position: Program Coordinator

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* Working in partnership with Vic Health and Wyndham Council. Raising awareness of facilities available. Breaking down barriers of community using facilities during the day. 3 spaces available for businesses and organisations to use.
* Also running a child safe standards workshop on Monday at 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This is a free workshop – targeted to volunteers and clubs. Assisting to understanding child safety. Flyers available.

Name: Stephanie Papadimitripoulos

Agency: IPC Health

Position: Communications Officer

Contact: Website: www.ipchealth.com.au

* Number of offices around the west including Wyndham. Funding for workshops with young people for young people. Also provide networking and work information skills. Flyers available.

Name: Reece Gains

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: eYouth Operations Officer

Contact: Phone: 8734 1355

* Working with young people who are disengaged from skills. Program for a Certificate II in Information Technology. Course is Centrelink approved and is 3 days per week.
* Point Blank Youth Magazine is now out. Like to have young people submit work (poems artwork etc) for the magazine.
* Recruiting young people for a swimming program. Encouraging safety.

Name: Jenny McKnight and Anna Gerring

Agency: Wyndham City Council Libraries

Position: Librarians

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* Series of exam evenings for young people who are studying for mid year exams. Study environment with snacks and refreshments.
* Photography exhibition and competition. Open to any young person. An number of categories. Prizes!

Name: Bec Smith

Agency: Whitelion

Position: Y4Y Pilot Leader

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* New program – Pre employment model. Looking for 18 to 24 year olds. May not be employment ready. 10 week course. Tasks being performed from all areas. Mainly will be based at North Melbourne.

Name: Jocelyn Gemoh

Agency: Children and Parenting Support Services

Position: Lead Practitioner

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* Parenting workshops. Tuning into teens – targeting 10-14 age range. School holiday programs.

Name: Ken

Agency: NDIS

Position:

Contact:

* Working for 4.5 years in pilot. Assisting people to implement plans from NDIS. Running information sessions. Looking for office space to base themselves out of for wyndham region. Looking for Hoppers or Werribee.

Name: Andrew Kok

Agency: Centre for Multicultural Youth

Position: Multicultural Youth Worker

Contact: Website: www.cmy.net.au

* Role is to support families from South Sudan and connect young people to services.

Name: Kate Mastroianni

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: Area Leader

Contact: (03) 8734 1355

* Manor Lakes Festival. Friday 25th May 2018 from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. Community and family event.

Name: Gee Bilal

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: Counsellor

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* Attending schools.
* Social media is good but face to face seems to be better. Do feel connected when they know someone. Meeting with groups. Presentations at schools. Meeting with student wellbeing coordinators.
* Schools – SWC coordinator from Manor Lakes College also suggested coming to schools.

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

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