Thursday 14 June2018

Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introduction

by Trudy Chitty, Youth Project Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

1. Presentation – eYouth Project, Wyndham Youth Services

Presented by Reece Gains, eYouth Operations Officer

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About eYouth

The eYouth project will provide participants with the opportunity to complete a Certificate II in Information Digital Media and Technology free of charge.

Aim:

* Build a community of creative young people.
* Showcase the talent of emerging young artists in Wyndham.
* Support students in the development of a creative project.

Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology:

* The course will run for 3 days a week, Tuesday to Thursday plus one day of online study.
* Classes will run from 11am to 5pm at the VU Polytechnic Werribee Campus beginning on the 17th of July
* This course meets Centrelink requirements.
* Course run by Victoria University Polytechnic, Melbourne, Australia

We want YOU!

We’re looking for people interested in developing their skills in the following areas:

* Digital Image Editing
* Film and sound editing
* Game design
* Animation
* Graphic Design
* Photography
* Podcasting

The Leadership Crew

* Our crew will use their numerous skills in digital media to mentor and guide the eYouth Project students through tailored workshops.
* There will also be an interesting range of excursions and other events to help inform and enrich the development of your creative project.

Adult Learning Environment

* Based at Werribee
* You are not at school - there are no bells
* Warm, empowering and friendly environment.
* Full time students of Victoria Polytechnic will have access to:
* A student card
* The Libraries and Student Commons with PCs
* Student Services, Welfare, and Counselling
* The Co-op Bookshop
* Student activities and social calendar
* Sports and recreation centers - at Footscray Park, St Albans and Werribee Campuses (student discount)

Application Process

We’re looking to recruit committed, passionate and creative young people with an interest in creative digital media as well as developing their IT technical skills and knowledge.

For more information please google:

eYouth project Wyndham

Interview dates: 23rd - 24th June, 2018

Enrolment date: 25th June, 2018

Start date: 17th July, 2018

Eligibility

Requirements:

* Age: 16-25
* Living, working, or studying in the Wyndham area.
* An interest in creative arts, expression, and/or digital media.

Must be:

* Australian Citizen
* Australian Permanent Resident
* Permanent Humanitarian Visa
* New Zealand Citizen

Outcome

Students will develop a final end product which will be showcased as part of an eYouth public event that will be organized by the eYouth Leadership Crew at the end of the course.

On completion of the Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology, students may then continue on to the Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology or other Cert III or Cert IV level courses with a focus on graphic design, screen and media.

* Digital Image Editing
* Film and sound editing
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* Animation
* Graphic Design
* Photography
* Podcasting

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1. Presentation – EdConnect

Presented by Gaye Wittney, Liaison Officer, Hobson’s Bay, Brimbank and Maribyrnong for Rhonda Vlkovski, Liaison Officer, - Wyndham, Melton and Hume

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Agenda

* About EdConnect
* Facts about at-risk young people
* How EdConnect can help
* Facts about our program
* Our impact
* About our volunteers
* How you can help
* We are a not-for-profit organisation that connects committed volunteers, with young people in schools who need extra help and guidance or are at-risk of becoming disengaged.
* Previously known as Time Help VIC and Volunteer Program in WA – amalgamated in 2015
* Although our HO is based in WA, there are 4 LO’s working in VIC
* Currently working in inner west and northern suburbs of Melbourne and Geelong and Surf Coast
* We’ve recruited and trained thousands of volunteers who have helped many more thousands of young people throughout Australia. At any one time we have over 1,000 volunteers active in schools in over 245 schools across the country.
* Deputy Premier and Minister for Education is funding the expansion of our program into Wyndham, Melton and Hume LGA’s.
* Every year, our volunteers provide life-changing – potentially life-saving – support for more than 5,000 young people. We’re talking about academic and emotional support that provides both a safety net and a springboard for young people who might otherwise struggle to realise their educational potential.

Who are we

* History
* Supported by Department of Education
* Melbourne locations we are currently working in

Facts about at-risk young people

* Australian students are being outperformed by students overseas in Mathematics and Science
* In 2015, Australian Year 4 students were significantly outperformed by students in 21 countries in mathematics and 17 countries in science. At Year 8, Australian students were outperformed by 12 countries in mathematics and 14 countries in science.
* Australian Students in low-socio economic areas are performing 21/2 years behind students in high socio-economic areas
* Australian students in the lowest socio-economic quartile are performing on average at a rate equivalent to 2½ years behind the highest socio-economic quartile.
* Australian and international research consistently shows that children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to experience markers of disengagement.
* One in five students (20%) are considered to have some level of disengagement with school.

How EdConnect Can Help

There are 2 ways in which school can choose to be supported:

1. Learning support
2. Mentoring program

We work in Primary and Secondary schools

Learning support – in class program to support students and teachers – example of how this works, small group of students working with a volunteer (focus group), or listening to children read or helping with Math. Schools can also opt to have volunteers to assist in and around the school grounds such as breakfast club, gardens, library etc.

Mentor program – One-on-one mentoring outside the classroom. Student is identified by school. Student is matched with a mentor and works one-on-one with that same student for 1 hour a week, outside the classroom. The key role is as a mentor, not a coach or education assistant. Whilst volunteers do assist with academic outcomes, their focus is not exclusive to this.

Facts about the EdConnect Volunteering Program

* Supporting at-risk young people for education success and wellbeing
* We connect intergenerational volunteers with disadvantaged or at-risk young people for education success and wellbeing.
* EdConnect volunteering program has the capacity to reach more than 9000 young people each year.
* At any one time we have over 1,300 volunteers active in more than 260 schools across Australia.

About our volunteers

* Identify schools requirements
* Screening, interviews & Working with Children’s Check
* Comprehensive training program
* Volunteers are recruited and matched to the schools requirements
* Volunteers undergo thorough screening, checks and clearances including a WWCC
* Once all clearances come back positive, volunteers undergo a comprehensive training program before they enter a school.

How you can help?

1. Volunteer
2. Talk to schools, teachers and principals about our program and how we can help their school.
3. Spread the word

Thank you

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1. Presentation – Youth Plan Update, Wyndham City Council

Presented by Edna Da Silva,

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What we will cover today:

* Demographics
* Summary of the Municipal Community Youth Plan 2013-2017
* Where are we up to?

- Life Course perspective

- Consultations

- Broad areas of actions

Demographic Data:

table

Youth Plan 2013-2017:

The key themes were:

* Meeting Complex Needs
* Accessing Support Early
* Creating Community Connectedness
* Promoting Integrated Approach

Summary of findings for Youth Plan:

Key Findings

* Community Agencies found the plan was somewhat effective
* Methods of communication about the plan were effective
* Senior Youth Alliance needed a more clearer vision and purpose
* There was a sense of duplication on the work being delivered
* A life course framework would benefit young people and families in Wyndham

Key deliverables

* Youth Services was able to expand their delivery of services across the municipality. Permanent sites are secured at: Point Cook Town Centre, Manor Lakes Community and Learning Centre and Hoppers Crossing (original site) and out posted services are in Tarneit and Penrose.
* Youth Plan was able to continue to encourage collaboration with internal and external partners

Recommendations:

* Develop a clear vision and purpose for Senior Alliance
* Develop an action plan for Senior Alliance focusing on advocacy issues that impact young people in Wyndham
* New Plan to create more opportunities for collaborations both internally and externally as this was the strength of the previous Wyndham Youth Plan.
* Incorporate life course perspective and the role of the families in the planning

What have we done so far:

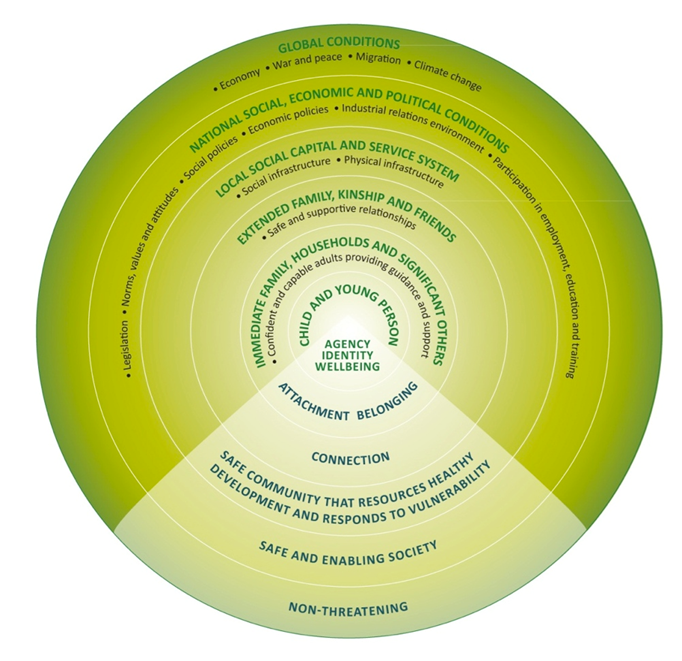
* Completed the evaluations for both plans
* Developed a proposal to integrate both plans (MEYP and YP)
* Completed the consultation for the plans

Life Course Perspective:

Model reflects two related journeys a person makes over their life course

* Their journey through physical and cognitive development stages
* Their journey through various life course support systems
* The developmental stages in the model of the life course for Wyndham residents are:
  + From ‘Bump to Birth’ (first-third trimester);
  + Early years (0-8);
  + Middle years-early adolescence (9-14);
  + Mid-late adolescence (15-19);
  + Young adulthood (20-25);
  + Adult family formation and new parenting/relationships (26-50);
  + Earning, learning and transitions (51-65);
  + ‘Third Age’ (66-101+).
* People’s journey through support systems are mapped in relation to these stages.

Ecological Framework:



Vision:

Our Wyndham 2040 Vision

* -People and Community
* -Places and Spaces
* -Earning and Learning
* -Leadership and Participation

Family Friendly Charter:

*Definition: “Two or more individuals that come together as a unit, to support and care for each other”.*

Consultations:

642 people have been consulted

Methods used have included:

* Forums
* Workshops
* Online survey
* Outreach engagement
* Expert panels workshops (Youth)
* Events

Broad areas for possible action:

* Advocate for curriculum changes at schools eg work experience opportunities
* Advocate for more University/TAFE and jobs to be available for young people in the region
* Advocate for more youth and family friendly places across the municipality
* Advocate for non-main stream educational opportunities for young people
* Advocate for more targeted services for young people e.g. mental health, housing
* Involve young people in the co design and strengthen their capacity to co-create programs, events and activities that relate to their own sense of connectedness to their community
* New buildings and estates should be designed reflecting the needs of the community and that includes young people and families
* Increase public transport to newer estates and connect new and old suburbs in the municipality e.g. Connect Point Cook to the rest of Wyndham
* Ensure that parks and open spaces are design with young people in mind
* Opportunities for youth-led projects/ events that are inclusive of all the community
* Increase collaboration with schools and service providers to allow for more social activities at schools for all young people to participate
* Youth Services to increase their collaboration with agencies and service providers to allow for more community events that are inclusive of all the whole community
* Youth Sector to work with local business to advocate for more youth friendly places and events in their establishments e.g. poetry night at a local cafe

1. Information Sharing -

Name: Raj Singh

Agency: Wyndham City Council – Events Team

Position: Events Officer

Website: https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cvawards

* 2018 Wyndham Community Volunteer Awards
* Awards categories:
* Community Engagement
* Environment or Sustainability
* Community Health & Wellbeing
* Arts, Culture or Tourism
* Young Volunteer of the Year
* Sport & Recreation
* Community Group
* Nominations Open:

22 May – 24 June 2018

(flyer attached)

Name: Claire Biscombe

Agency: Victoria Polytechnic

Position: Student Engagement Officer

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* Youth IT Careers Program
* Term 3 – July 16 to September 20, 2018
* Term 4 – October 15 to December 13, 2018

The course provides digital literacy, employability skills, heightened social and welfare support and services through a dedicated teaching and support team. Students develop important life and employment skills expected by employers including: attendance, punctuality, teamwork, communication, and problem solving skills.

Capacity of class sizes is a maximum of 15 participants.

(flyer attached)

Name: May Toke-Naw Nyo

Agency: Wyndham City Council – Youth Services

Position: Acting Cultural Youth Development Officer

Contact: (03) 8734 1355

Website: https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/youthservices

* Fresh Start Program

A six week early intervention program designed to help guide young people into pathways of education and employment through:

* Leadeship
* Respect
* Stress management
* Employment skills
* Employment coaching
* Group job interviews

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* Wyndham Refugee Week – Multicultural Runway

Saturday 23rd June, 2018, 12pm – 5pm

Wyndham YRC, 86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing 3029

* FREE Family Event
* FREE activities
* FREE rides
* Cultural performances
* Sausage sizzle - Halal
* Cultural food (vegetarian and Halal options available)

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* Let’s Have a Yarn – NAIDOC Event

Friday 13th July 2018, 10am – 4pm

Wyndham Art Gallery, 177 Watton Street, Werribee

* In celebration of NAIDOC week we are visitng Wyndham Art Gallery to be immersed (flyer attached)

Name: Elvah Velasco

Agency: CVGT Australia

Position: Business Development

Contact: 13 CVGT or 13 28 48

* With over 30 years experience, we are located in Watton Street and are a DAS – Disability Support Provider.
* Super employable – Do you want a job?
* Super employable – Wage subsidy fact sheet.

(flyers attached)

Name: Gee Bilal

Agency: Wyndha City Council Youth Services

Position: Youth Counsellor

Contact: (03) 8734 1355

* Joanna from Women’s Health West is located at the Youth Resource Centre. She is available to assist with Youth Art Therapy/Family Violence.

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* Tuning Into Teens – 2nd Intake, Term 3
* Information Session at tarneit Library on 21st June 2018 from 6pm to 7.30pm

Name: Annalisa Cannizzaro

Agency: WCIG

Position: Community Engagement Specialist

Contact: (03) 9687 3437 or 0434 496 368

* Case management service provider
* Information session on Tuesday 24th July 2018 from 9.30am
* Manor Lakes Community learning Centre
* RSVP Essential

(flyer attached)

Name: Cheryl Jackson

Agency: Centrelink

Position: Social Worker

* Currently experiencing long lines and wait times
* Increased waiting due to the new Child Care Changes
* Happy to work with your agencies and youth and there are always work arounds to get things done

**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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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 <https://www.instagram.com/youthinwyndham/>