Thursday 8th November 2018

Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

by Leah Davie, Youth Project Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation

“I wish to acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay respect to their elders, past and present. I also wish to pay respect to any Elders from other communities and acknowledge any future young leaders who are here”

Presentation – Joseph’s Corner

Presented by Heather Bunting, Senior Counsellor

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* Counselling – one on one counselling of family and friends of people who are affected by AOD addiction
* Location: Yarraville
* Free of charge.
* Sites: Yarraville, Hoppers Crossing, Laverton
* Open to all ages
* No limit on sessions.
* Run groups. Narrative/Storytelling; Movement Therapy Group; support group for family members; Confidence building; communication skills etc
* One to one counselling
* Largest age ranges they see:
* 20 – 29
* 30 – 39
* 70 + Children on drugs and having to look after their grandchildren.
* People they have been seeing: Parents, siblings, wives, husbands, grandparents, friends.
* Ambiguous loss (this is related to children/youth) may cause physical, behavioural, cognitive and emotional problems.

*‘Presentation Attached’*

1. Presentation – FLIP Flexible Learning Intervention Pathway

Presented by Jodie Petersen, Program Manager/ Mentor – Wyndham & Hobsons Bay Network

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* Disconnected students from mainstream education.
* Online program supported by a Mentor. They so try encourage some work in libraries etc to get them out of the house.
* Digital lessons; numeracy, literacy, science, humanities, vocation, health and wellbeing
* Eligibility: Year 7 – 10 in Wyndham and Hobsons Bay Network
* Must be enrolled in mainstream school. They work in partnership with the school to support the student.
* Parents/carer commitment required
* Reliable wireless connectivity and a safe home environment
* Must obtain a Mental Health Plan and have supports in place.
* Referral must be completed from the ‘Home School’
* It is short term
* Can provide employment opportunities if that is their pathway.
* Blended program available – vocation hours (in home school) and FLIP.
* Fees are paid by the school.

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1. Presentation – Lookout Centre

Presented by Tash Chidgey, Department of Education and Training

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* Must have child protection in place for them to support them.
* Psychologist, Early years learning advisor, cultural worker, learning mentor
* 0 – 18 years old.
* Attendance, engagement and achievement is what they track.
* Education is their focus.
* Not case management.
* Mentoring to schools free of charge. Social and emotional supports.
* Residential care students cannot be expelled unless signed off by the Regional Director. They have found less numbers for young people being expelled in Residential Care.

1. Presentation – BrainLink

Presented by Suzanne Shaw and Puni Robertson, BrainLink

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* Program/service they provide: Carers of someone who has a brain injury.
* Location: based in Scorsby. Suzanne and Puni work in Wyndham and Hobsons Bay area.
* Contact Person: Suzanne Shaw Monash and Royal Melbourne Hospitals and Puni Robertson
* Under the NDIS Network.
* Able to directly link referrals to services
* NDIS funding required.
* Extensive carers program available
* 2 – 3 days retreat for carers. 12 people. They provide respite for the person with the brain injury.
* BrainLink group

1. Presentation – LaunchMe Young Carer Program

Presented by Shelley Karpathakis, Carers Australia Victoria

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Website: <https://www.launchme.org.au/youngcarers/>

* Balance the young carers education and home life.
* Young carers 18 – 25 have been found to be long term welfare dependent. 6-month program accessible to help this situation Launch Me. Partnered with Good Shepherd. 3 pathways it offers, starting a small business; education; or employment. Modules are online, and they have 2 forms of support there for them. Modules of wellbeing and personal finances are mandatory. 1 hour a week and won’t affect their payments.
* Can help with uniform, school books, laptops etc.
* To be eligible there needs to be a diagnosed condition.
* Carers support plan is put in place. They go out to their house to better understand the situation they are in.

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1. Information Sharing -

Name: Glenn Me’ners

Agency: WCEC – Wyndham Community and Education Centre

Position: Youth Programs Officer

Contact: Phone: 03 9742 4013 or Email: [glennm@wyndhamcec.org.au](mailto:glennm@wyndhamcec.org.au)

* WCEC are taking expressions of interest Foundation intermediate and senior. Contact glennm@wyndhamcec.org.au

Name: Poly Kiyaga

Agency: WCEC – Wyndham Community and Education Centre

Position: CSG Program Manager

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* Engaging young people into sport, ensuring education is going well, seeing home environments, South Sudan parent’s programs to help them in how to cope with their children acting out. Contact

Name: Munira Yusuf

Agency: Australian Muslim Women’s Centre for Human Rights

Position: Young Women’s Programs Facilitator

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* How to address violence is a program they are currently running. Victoria Equal Opportunity Rights Commission.

Name: Reece Gains

Agency: Wyndham Youth Services – Wyndham City Council

Position: eYouth Operations Officer

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Website: [www.eyouth.](http://www.eyouth.)

* Offering free Certificate 2 in Information Digital Media and Technology. Intake places for 60 young people for next year. Intake for February occuring now. 2 more next year. Recruiting for leadership crew. Contact Reece for further information.

Name: Kieran Smith

Agency: Travencore School

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* Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

‘*flyer attached’*

**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/>