Thursday 6th December 2018

Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

by Trudy Chitty, 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”

1. Presentation – Gambling & Youth Pilot Project

Presented by Juliet Matskarofski (Gamblers Help West)

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Young Leaders of the West Pilot Program Summary

Scene summaries

1. TV footage of gambling advertisement for round one of AFL. The ad starts loud and engaging, following the traits of a sports betting ad.
2. Tom is in the lounge room sitting on his couch next to his girlfriend Lisa. At the beginning of the scene, Lisa asks Tom “Would you like another drink?”, and he replies “yep”. As she leaves, he picks up his mobile phone, opens the app store to download a betting application linked to the advertisement in scene one. Tom commences using the betting application.
3. Tom clicks on the claim button to collect his bonus $150 credit from signing up. TV screen blurs into the background. Tom is alone, engrossed in using his phone, insteading of watching the game.
4. Tom is sitting in front of the TV watching round 16 of the AFL. A goal is scored in ‘live’ play which immediately cuts to an ad break.
5. The focus remains on the TV. An online gambling commercial becomes a focal point, featuring the Brownlow betting odds flashing on the screen.
6. Tom actively engages with the same betting application as before. Tom receives a text message from Lisa reading “Babe, I’m worried about you”; however, he ignores the message by swiping it up off the screen, and continues betting on his phone.
7. Tom attempts to make a bet on the online application. Tom receives an email from Commbank notifying him that his transaction has been denied due to insufficient funds.  
   A knock on the door is then heard in the background.
8. Tom walks over and answers the door. Lisa asks Tom, “Have you stopped gambling? I have been worried about you”. They both walk and sit on the same couch as scene one. The scene fades out.
9. The fade rolls into closing messages - featuring links to Gambler’s Help.
10. Presentation – DES Update – Job Prospects

Presented by Caitlin Vassallo Middlecoat, DES Community Liaison Coordinator, Westgate and Calder Region, Job Prospects

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Job Prospects is a leading Disability Employment Services provider that has worked with thousands of young people to help them find, get and keep a job. We’re funded by the Australian Government which means our service is free for clients.

* SYC is a not for profit.
* HYPA is a division of SYC.
* Employment, education and youth services.
* 5300 youths helped this year.
* Job Active, Parents Next (Sunbury), Disability Employment Services, Transition to work (Moonee Ponds).

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1. Presentation – Ucan2 Program & Ucan2 Active

Presented by Gillian Kerr, Foundation House

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The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc. (VSFT) was established in 1987 to meet the needs of people in Victoria who have experienced torture or other traumatic events in their country of origin or when fleeing these countries.

* Delivery service to survivors of torture and other traumatic events
* Advocate for improved policies and programs
* Improve the capacity of service systems and community

Recovery Goals:

* Safety and control
* Connections and belonging
* Meaning, identity and justice
* Dignity and value

Uninterrupted and Disrupted Pathways (Please see presentation)

Ucan2 Program

A settlement and wellbeing program for 16-25 year old’s of refugee background. Developed in partnership with Foundation House, Centre for Multicultural Youth and AMES Australia.

The program runs one day per week over 16 weeks in an education setting or for 10 weeks (Ucan2 Active) with young people not engaged in education, training or employment:

* work skills (contextual, experiential learning with opportunities for part-time work or volunteering)
* psychosocial support
* building connections (group connections, peer volunteers, work experience placements, mentors)
* Case conferencing meetings fortnightly

Ucan2 outcomes

Provides participants with:

* improved engagement in education, training and employment
* improved language acquisition
* increased confidence and fosters wellbeing and resilience
* stronger social connections and networks

Establishes productive partnerships between:

* NGOs
* Education settings
* Private sector
* Government

Some key learnings from Ucan2

Many young people of refugee background need support with:

* making friendships outside their culture
* understanding and finding pathways
* accessing work experience and employment
* navigating education and training systems
* linking into services
* managing racism and discrimination

More key learnings from Ucan2

Recovery from trauma can be assisted by:

* creating a welcoming and safe environment
* developing strategies to increase connections and social capital
* recognising an d building on people’s strengths and experiences
* using contextual and experiential learning opportunities
* creating opportunities for young people to share and normalise experiences
* recognising and celebrating young people’s special days

Youth Transitions Support Pilot

* 6 organisations in the pilot: Victoria, NSW and Queensland, 2016-Dec 2019
* Developed Ucan2 Active – 10 week program
* Evaluation – short term outcomes, now looking at medium term outcomes

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1. Presentation – eYouth Crew & Cert. II Recruitment for 2019

Presented by Reece Gains, Wyndham City Council, Youth Services

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eYouth Project

* 16 to 25 years of age
* Now recruiting

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 February running for 6 months

3 intakes in 2019 at 60 students

* 20 students Term 1
* 20 students Term 2
* 20 students Term 3

*This course meets Centrelink requirements.*

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

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

Adult Learning Environment

* Based at VU Polytechnic Werribee Campus
* You are not at school - there are no bells
* Warm, empowering and friendly environment
* Each student will create an aspirational plan

Full time students of Victoria Polytechnic will have access to:

* Student Services including
* Housing,
* Careers and Counselling,
* Legal Advice,
* Welfare Support (e.g. Drug and Alcohol issues),
* Accessibility Services

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.

eYouth Project Wyndham

Interview dates: Currently happening

Enrolment date: 11 December and January TBC

Start date: Early February 2019

Eligibility

Requirements:

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

Must be:

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

The eYouth 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.
* 4 Days of training with Huddle
* Meets Weekly for an hour on Mondays
* Share their skills and Study Pathways
* Supports eYouth Students to develop advocacy Project

Partnership & Collaborators:

Victoria State Government

Empower Youth

Wyndham City Council Youth Services

The Huddle

Victoria University Polytechnic

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1. Network Evaluations

Facilitated by Trudy Chitty

If you have any feedback you would like to add to assist with planning future meeting’s please email.

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1. Information Sharing -

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Skills First Reconnect Program

Still taking registrations for those wishing to study in 2019. Please contact Michelle

to discuss this further.

* Get back on track!
* Individual holistic support
* Training and employment pathway planning
* Training options to meet your goals
* 17 to 65 years

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* Outreach help every Wednesday at the Youth Resource Centre
* 4 appointments at the YRC a week available

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Summer Safety Forum

Presented by KidSafe

Avoiding common summertime hazards:

* Water safety
* Car safety
* Car restraints

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123 Magic Parenting Program

* Wyndham Park Community Centre
* 14th, 16th, 18th January 2019
* 10.00am to 12.15pm

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Young Leaders of the West will be commencing filming of their 3 gambling harm awareness ad campaigns for television at the beginning of next year. The ads will be aired later on in the year.

As an outcome of the recent election, the Labour Government has granted the Young Leaders of the West program funding to expand the project from the Brimbank area, to throughout the state of Victoria.

Connect West have launched a website that includes a community map where you can sign-up and add your organisation, and view other community organisations.

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Therapeutic Counselling for Gambler’s Help.

Available at Wyndham Vale, Hopper Crossing, Altona Meadows and St Albans.

Also available are:

* 24hour Youth Line
* Financial Counselling
* All free and confidential
* Located at IPC Health

‘Flyer attached – Gambler’s Help services in Victoria & Gambler’s Help Financial Counselling’

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

Youth in Wyndham has an Instagram Page <https://www.instagram.com/youthinwyndham/>