... from the Mayor

Wyndham City Grants are a great opportunity for not-for-profit groups and local organisations to make a big impact in the community. Once again, I am so thrilled to see such great diversity of groups represented in the latest round of the Identity, Inclusion and Connection (IIC) grants, which has seen more than $90,000 allocated to community groups, initiatives and programs that help strengthen our sense of community.

These grants aim to grow and develop community connection, identity and resilience through the projects and initiatives that are funded, with grants awarded up to $5,000. Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, people from lower-socio-economic backgrounds, young people and seniors are just some of the groups to benefit from this latest round of grants.

An example of some successful projects from this round include a food fair for Cultural Diversity Week, school community indigenous arts projects and a CALD women’s social strengthening program through the Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women’s Coalition.

Wyndham City is committed to working alongside the community in growing and strengthening neighbourhoods and these IIC grants really support this growth. I strongly encourage any individuals or groups that have projects in mind that focus on their neighbourhood or the broader community to visit Council’s website at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au for more information.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEAS

If you’re finding yourself scratching your head with what to do to keep your teenagers busy these school holidays, check out the Wyndham City Youth Services Teenage Holiday Program.

There’s plenty on offer for teenagers aged 12 – 15, including ice skating, a cooking day, a trip to the movies, a day at Aquapulse, and a day-trip to Highpoint Shopping Centre.

For more information on any of the events, or for enrolment forms, visit www.youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Arndell Park Community Centre in Truganina will be hosting school holiday craft days for children on Tuesday 2 July and Thursday 4 July from 10am to noon. Phone 8734 8911 for more information.

Werribee Gymnastics Club’s Holiday PlayGym will also keep the kids active and busy, with activities for kids aged 18 months to 6 years. A trained gymnastics coach will be on hand to offer assistance and guidance throughout the session. Bookings: info@werribeegymnastics.com.au

Or if your child is into horses, check out the Saddle Up School Holiday Program – a full day of horse related activities for primary aged children. Bookings: 03 9384 2204

For more ideas visit http://bit.ly/2IFqFi6