**Point Cook Community Learning Centre**

**BUZZ Newsletter Term 1 2020**

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Wyndham City acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which this centre is built.

In all our activities in this place, may we pay respect to Elders of all Aboriginal communities, past, present & future.

**Welcome to our 2020 newsletter**

The team at Point Cook Community Learning Centre wish you all a Happy New Year! In 2020 our vibrant Community Hub offers some exciting new programs & activities as well as many of our regular services & activity providers returning with something for everyone at any life stage. These include recreational, health & wellbeing, educational, cultural or faith groups & much more!

The Centre continues to be a Wyndham City Council Customer Service point where you can get help with a whole range of Council enquiries face-to-face & close to home; such as rate payments, pet registration, waste & kindergarten enquiries.

Looking to build, renovate or improve your property? Wednesday morning between 8am-12pm you can meet with experts in Town Planning & Building Services. Starting or wanting to grow your Business? Make an appointment with the Economic Growth team.

The Library houses extensive book, magazine & digital collections available with free membership, along with study rooms, public access computers & a great range of free programs.

Maternal & Child Health nurses offer professional support & advice for parents with children from birth to school age.

Our Kindergarten provides a unique play-based learning environment for 3 & 4 year old children, that promotes learning & development through experimentation, trial & error, watching, listening & participating.

Little Buddies Toy Library gives children aged 0-8 access to hundreds of toys, & aims to enrich the lives of children as they learn through play.

So drop in to say hi, hang out, grab a coffee, read a book or use our free Wi-Fi…. Everyone is welcome!

**global activities**

 The Point Cook Community Learning Centre embraces Point Cook’s diverse community with a suite of programs from many different cultures in 2020. Following the popularity of the Point Cook Seniors Group last year we are starting a new multicultural seniors group. The program will be facilitated by centre volunteers Qin & Didier on Wednesdays between 12-2:30pm. This program aims to bring seniors from all cultures together particularly those who are feeling isolated. They can come along meet new people, share food & stories.

Other cultural groups include a West Korean, Iraqi, Indian & Chinese seniors groups . Culture Cuisines welcomes people to come share their foods & meet up. Or if you’re looking for something specific there is the Latin Club, or the Zimbabwean, Shona Ndebele & Telugu language programs. We also have women specific multicultural groups such as the Women’s Circle & Friendship groups.

With the growing number of young families in Point Cook the centre is starting two new playgroups this year. Parents often find playgroup to be a sanctuary, to meet other parents, gather advice & just relax while their child plays. There is much evidence supporting play based learning, especially during the formative periods in a young child's life. Playgroup promotes learning through play. The first of the new playgroups, in partnership with JUNUBI in Wyndham will be a South Sudanese specific parents group & playgroup. It will run on Friday mornings between 11:30am to 1pm. The second playgroup will be Islamic specific & will run on Mondays between 1-3pm.

For further information on any of these activities, refer to our program guide. Or you can drop in to speak to our friendly staff or email pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au or call 9395 6399.

We have a range of JUNUBI in Wyndham - South Sudanese programs for all life stage. Richard Deng Chairperson of the South Sudanese Community in Wyndham (SSCIW) explains “SSCIW is a conduit between the State & Local governments & other service providers. We refer or link our community members to job networks & other Service Providers in the Wyndham area & beyond. We run community meetings, parenting programs & other cultural support activities for South Sudanese Community members”. Furthermore, “we run a community road safety driving program supported by VicRoads”. Somewhere in his spare time Richard manages to mentor University Students. SSCIW services are available here at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre three days a week. Wednesdays 10am-4:30pm , Thursdays 10am-12:30pm & Saturdays 10am-5pm. Community members can drop in during these hours or make a time to meet with Richard by calling 0413 820 994 or emailing richarddengdit@yahoo.com.au.

The South Sudanese Action Group’s Home Work Club, facilitated by Lydia Madut & Deng Atem will continue again this year on Wednesdays during school terms between 4-6:30pm. Last year the program supported many primary aged children. The kids joined in with the Latin Club during the Wyndham Learning Festival in September. It was great to see the fusion of cultures celebrating all things Latin with people from 5 different continents.

Dr Santino Deng & Ms Akech Mac will run a Family Wellbeing program conveniently along side the home work club on Wednesdays. Parents who drop their kids off to the homework club can attend, to meet, relax & share ideas on family wellbeing. This program is also running on Fridays between 10:30am-12:30pm at the Wyndham Community & Education centre in Werribee & on Saturdays between 5:30-7:30pm at the Manor Lakes Secondary College. All family members are encouraged to attend. Child care & snacks are provided. For more information on the Family Wellbeing program contact Akec Mac via phone 0403 453 270 or email akech.mac@wyndhamcec.org.au.

We are delighted that Susanna Manyiel & Trazia Akec will be facilitating the Rumbek South Sudanese Social Group on Saturdays between 3:30-6pm. Susanna & Trazia have been running their program in Susanna’s home until recently, but it has grown substantially. This social program is for all ages right through from young people to seniors. It will include dancing & group conversation. For anyone interested email susana1231969@hotmail.com.

Apanda Maker will be trialling the Sinna Mentor program on Fridays 3 times a month between 5-8pm. This program is aimed at young South Sudanese where they can learn the Yirol youth traditional dances, have fun, get fit, active & reconnect with their African culture. Anyone interested can contact Apanda, mobile 0452 217 858 or email apandamaker2017@gmail.com. Apanda will also run a weekly program at the Tarneit Community Learning Centre on Saturdays.

**Connecting the heart OF point cook**

The popular community led Point Cook Pop Up Park will be back again in 2020 for eight fun-filled weeks from 4 February till 29 March. Now into its 3rd iteration, the park has been a firm favourite for locals of all ages. In 2019, it attracted over 90,000 visitors. The Park hosted over 273 free events & activities supported by Wyndham City & Stockland; 194 of which were an amazing contribution of goodwill from local groups & businesses.

It is back, full of fun & as good as ever with lots of favourites like movie nights & live music. New ideas from the participants of the University of Melbourne regenerative placemaking students, a result of a collaboration with over 70 regenerative placemaking Masters students focusing their attention on Point Cook.  In February, the park will act as a chill out zone for the ever popular Lunar festival. It will also host the colourful signature Bolly Holi event in March.

Point Cook is known as one of the fastest growing suburbs in Australia with a community of over 64,000 people from 160 different ethnicities.  It also is known as the largest online shopping area in Australia. (four years in a row - according to Australia post).

Co-Leads Susan McIntyre & Sara Mitchell believe that community led placemaking allows for a unique experience bringing locals together to collaborate, share ideas & make things happen. Not only creating great spaces but a place for people to meet & get to know one another. The knock on effect is that the community supports the local economy while they are enjoying the space. They continue to work towards building capacity for others to bring their ideas to life.

The park will be situated in the restaurant precinct of Stockland Point Cook Town Centre in Murnong Street. The space will be a mix of programmed & organic activity & anyone who is interested in getting involved is encouraged to get in touch via the Facebook or email.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PCPOPUP/> Website <https://www.pointcookpopuppark.com.au/> Email [pcpopup1@gmail.com](mailto:pcpopup1@gmail.com)



The Point Cook Cultural Community Committee is delighted to announce the return of the Lunar New Year Festival this year on 8 February held at Stockland Point Cook Town Centre. The festival promises to be the best yet as it will feature up to 55 individual performances the ever popular Dragon & Lion dances & much more! The Dragon has been specially imported from China featuring a spectacularly decorated head & a 10 metre tail. Performances will include dancing, singing, drama, traditional costumes, martial arts & more!

A wide range of delicious foods from different cultures including Chinese, Malaysian, Thai, Indian & Mexican cuisines will be available from food trucks, marquees & local restaurants. The festival will include a variety of children's activities such as rides, face-painting, jumping castles, mini golf & the fire truck, provided by the CFA Point Cook Fire Brigade. Youth activities will be located at the basketball court. There will be something for everyone!

This year the festival will also include a 300 piece Art Exhibition by local Chinese artists, which has been organised by local community group, the Wyndham Chinese Cultural Promotional Inc. These will be on display at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre on the day for people to come through & view.

The festival will conclude at dusk with a spectacular fireworks display. The festival, now in its 4th year, is bought to you by the Point Cook Cultural Community Committee, all local who volunteer their time throughout the year to bring this wonderful festival to life.

If you have an interest in getting involved contact president Bob Fairclough by email

pcculturalcommunity@gmail.com

**ANGE GOEGAN — TUTOR PROFILE**

Meet Ange Goegan; our tutor the for popular cake decorating program delivered in partnership with Wyndham Community & Education Centre.

A little about me! My family & I immigrated from Scotland in 1981 & have lived in Werribee for 38 years. I have been creating cakes for around 6 years. I was a hairdresser for 28 years, but unfortunately, I had to stop which has led me in an new direction, to follow my passion for creating chocolates & cakes. In 2012 I decided to enrol in my first chocolate class which I loved, & decided to complete a couple more classes in advanced chocolate making. I was then asked by a local hotel to provide chocolates for their guests. Luckily I had a spare room at home which with the help of family & friends, managed to fit it out with a commercial kitchen & registered with Wyndham City Council Health Department, hence *‘Cocobudz’* was created. From chocolate making, I then provided gourmet slices & cupcakes for a local restaurant. Wanting to go a bit further, I then enrolled in a beginner’s cake decorating course which I did here at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre taught by Rhiannon Smith. I covered 6 terms of cake decorating starting from beginners to advanced. I love what I do & I now have been fortunate to be able to pass on some of my skills to others teaching back where it all began here at the centre. For more information on the beginner’s cake decorating program refer to Education & Training section of the program.

Look up Ange’s business, Cocobudz Handcrafted Cakes, Slices & Chocolates, made to order for gifts, functions, retail & special occasions. Phone: 0411 033 903

Instagram – cocobudz67 Fbook - cocobudz Email - [Cocobudz@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Cocobudz@optusnet.com.au)

Wyndham City’s Green Living Series is back!

And it’s bursting at the seams with over 40 free community environmental events! Held over February & March the series includes a wide range of activities that will inspire green living & sustainability. Events run at various venues across the municipality & will include a wide variety of workshops, speakers & tours.

Just some of the exciting events to look forward to include:

The Launch of the Green Living Series:

2040 Movie Screening & Q & A with Director, Damon Gameau

Saturday 1February

The Slow Fashion Stylist

Thursday 6 February

Solar Savers Bulk Buy Information Session

Saturday 8 February

Discover Seaweed: Walk Talk & Taste

Sunday 9February

Spotlight Tour at Mt Rothwell Biodiversity Centre

Saturday 16 February

Op Shop Tour

Saturday 29 February

Indigenous Cultural Walk Werribee River

Sunday 1 March

Natural Clothes Dyeing Workshop

Saturday 14March

Wayapa Workshop

Sunday 15March

Day by the Bay Festival

Saturday 28 March

To book any of these or other Green Living Series events head to <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/greenlivingseries>,

or call 9742 0777. Keep updated via the Green Living in Wyndham Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/greenlivinginwyndham](http://www.facebook.com/greenlivinginwyndham)

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| **EARLY YEARS** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Dance & Art Centre**  Offering a variety of activities for mums & bubs ages 3-5, let your child explore various styles of dance, art, music, yoga & much more. | **Wednesdays**  9.00am—10.00am | Bookings required contact: Selina  : 0451 844 444  Website: www.danceandartcentre.com.au | No Cost |
| **FaithKids Playgroup**  An engaging & structured playgroup for pre kinder age children to play, socialise & learn in a light hearted & activity based environment; Supported by a team of passionate volunteers. | **Wednesdays**  11:00am—1.00pm  **Friday**  9:30am—11:30am | Contact: Angela  :playgroup@faithlifechurch.com.au  [www.faithlifechurch.com.au](http://www.faithlifechurch.com.au) | Fess Apply |
| **First Time Parents Group**  Meet friendly local parents, talk about your kids & have fun! Share experiences, get advice, give support & make new friends. | **Thursdays**  1:30pm—3.30pm | Contact: Maternal & Child Health  : 9742 8148 | No cost |
| **Hey Dee Ho**  Educational music program for children 6 months to 5 years. Parent & child classes that create a fun filled interactive musical play date. | **Thursdays**  9.15-10.00am | **Starting in term 2**  Contact: Melissa  : 0457 301 878  : heydeehomusicwyn@gmail.com | Fees apply |
| **Immunisations -Wyndham City Council**  Free childhood immunisations.  ***No appointment required*** | Various times & locations across Wyndham City | : 9742 0736    www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/Immunisation Search Immunisations | No Cost |
| **Islamic Playgroup—Coming Soon**  A great place for children & their carers to meet other Islamic families. Playgroup promotes learning through play. | **Mondays**  1.00pm-3.00pm | : Phone: 9395 6399    : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | $50 per family |
| **Kindergarten Services - Wyndham City Council**  Pre-school program for 3 or 4 year olds, unique play-based learning environment that promotes children’s learning & development through experimentation, trial & error, watching, listening & participating. | **Varied weekly sessions** | Kindergarten Enrolment Officer  : 9742 8147 | Fees Apply |
| **Library Early Years Children’s Programs**  For Parents & Carers to share songs, rhymes & stories with your child.    **Baby Time** (ages 0-12 months)  Monday 2-2.30pm,  Thursday & Friday 11:00—11.30am    **Rhyme Time** (ages 1-3 years old)  Tuesday 9.30-10am & Friday 9.30—10:00am    **Story Time** (ages 3-5 years old)  Wednesday 10.30-11.15am  Saturday 10.30—11.00am | **Weekly sessions** | Contact: Point Cook Library  : 9395 7966  : ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au    **School term only**  **Bookings Required** | No cost |
| **Little Buddies Toy Library**  A wide range of toys suitable for 0-5 year olds, including ride-ons, educational toys, puzzles, games, imaginative play sets, baby toys & more. | **Tuesdays & Fridays**  9:30am—11:30am  **Thursdays**  5.30pm—7.30pm  **Fridays**  1:00pm—3:00pm  **Saturdays**  9:00am—1.00pm | : 8353 1196  :wlbtoylibrary@bigpond.com  Website: Littlebuddiestoylibrary.com.au | Membership  applies |
| **Maternal & Child Health Services**  Professional nursing support & advice for parents with children from birth to school age. | ***By appointment only*** | Contact: Maternal & Child Health  : 9742 8148  wwww.wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **Point Cook Multicultural Playgroup**  Facilitated playgroup provides great play & social opportunity to young children, carers & families. Join in some fun activities which include rhymes, stories & songs & meet other parents in your local area. | **Mondays**  11:00am—1:00pm | : Phone: 9395 6399  :pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | $50 per term |

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| **EARLY YEARS** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **South Sudanese Parents Group & Playgroup**  A great place for children & their carers to meet with other South Sudanese families, gather advice & just relax while their child plays. | **Fridays**  11.30—1.00pm | : 9395 6399  :pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No cost |
| **Sanctuary Lakes Activity Playgroup**  A play based playgroup for 0-5year olds. Activities include storytime, music, dance, craft & outdoor play. Enjoy a social time for parents & children. | **Tuesday**  9:30am—11:30pm | Contact: Mel  :slplaygroup@hotmail.com | $50 per family |
| **8SENSES CUTEKids Multicultural Playgroup**  A cultural learning service where families can come together, kids play to learn & mums/carers learn to play. Activities include songs, stories & rhymes, reading, playing games & craft activities. Indulge in cultural & language learning. | **Thursdays**  10.00am—11.30am    **Thursdays Fortnight**  11.30am—12.30pm | **Restarting in Term 2**  Contact : Phebe  : 0425 338 832    Fees Inclusive of Insurance Coverage | $50 per family |
| **KIDS RECREATION** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Art Concepts**  6.5 years - 12 years  Art Classes in visual art techniques including cartooning & character development, portraiture, still life & landscape drawing in a range of mediums including graphite pencil, coloured pencil, pastels & watercolour painting. | **Saturdays**  9:10am—10:05 am  10.10 am—11.05 am | Contact: Kevin Handley  : 0418131726 or 97424058  : art\_concepts@hotmail.com | $18 per session |
| **Australian Air League Point Cook Squadron**  A youth organisation for boys & girls aged 8+ encouraging an interest in aviation. Activities include ceremonial drill, physical training, model aircraft building, Navigation & Aircraft Engines theory & First Aid, Life saving, camp craft etc. | **Wednesdays**  6.30pm—8.30pm | Contact:  Bryan McGrath : 0413 166 614  : mcgrathbe1@gmail.com    Michael Spaull : 0413 166 614  Email: michael.spaull01@gmail.com  Website : www.airleague.com.au | $90 per term |
| **Bal Yoga**  For kids 8-14 years old, explore four themes using yoga, mindfulness, activities, relaxation & games | **Saturdays**  8.00am—9.00am | Contact: Roopa  : 0411 296 442  : info@pranayogastudio.com.au  Website: pranayogastudio.com.au | Fees Apply |
| **Global Art**  Art, drawing, painting & craft classes, designed to develop your artistic skills. Kids 4-12 years. | **Wednesdays**  4:00pm—5:30pm | Contact : Edmund  : 0432513344  : [edmund@globalartaustralia.com.au](mailto:edmund@globalartaustralia.com.au) | Fees Apply |
| **Brooks School Of Dance**  Quality dance classes in classical Ballet, Jazz & Hip Hop taught by professional dance teachers, in a friendly & encouraging environment. | **Tuesdays Hip Hop**  4:00pm-7:00pm  **Thursdays Jazz**  4:30pm—6:30pm  **Saturdays Ballet**  9:00am—12:30pm | Contact: Ayelet : 0430 765 431  : brooksdance@gmail.com  Website: www.brooksschoolofdance.com    1st class free trial if be booked in advance. 30% discount on the second class per week. 10% discount for siblings. | Fees Apply |
| **Junior Chess Club**  Love to play chess, come along meet new friends, learn strategic thinking & flex your chess muscles ages 6-13. ***Must know how to play chess.*** | **Tuesdays**  4:00—5:00pm  **No booking required** | **School terms only**      Contact: Point Cook Library    : 9395 7966    :ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No cost |
| **STEAM LAB**  Experiment with circuits, robots, coding & lots more at the library’s STEAM Lab! Ages 9-13. | **Wednesdays**  4:00—5:00pm  **Bookings Required** |
| **Kids Club**  Come & join in a different activity each week. Make friends & have lots of fun. Ages 5+ | **Thursdays**  4.00—5.00pm  **No bookings required** |
| **Construction Club**  Design & create using Lego & a mix of other great material. Ages 5+ | **Fridays**  4.00pm—5.00pm  **No bookings required** |

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| **KIDS RECREATION** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Wynbay Blue Light disco**  Disco for kids in grade prep- 6, kids fun dancing with friends in a safe environment. Supervised by Police Officers & Community Volunteers. Drug & Alcohol free environment. Check out the theme for the month. Prizes awarded for best dressed. Canteen food available. | **Fridays** 7.00pm-9.30pm  **14 February**  Beach Party  **13 March**  Masquerade  **10 April**  Easter Eggstravaganza | Contact: Penny  : [penelope.renden@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:penelope.renden@police.vic.gov.au)    **No Pass outs** | $8 entry plus spending money |
| **YOUTH** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Beat Factor Drum Group**  Fun activity for 12-22 year old's to learn the art of African & Latin drum rhythms including African, Samba, Reggae & Calypso. Drums & percussion provided. | **Fridays**  6.30pm—7.30pm | Contact: Rod  : 0411 028 077  : info@beatfactormusic.com  Website: www.beatfactormusic.com | Fees Apply |
| **Friday Night Fiction**  This special teen-only book-club allows you check out the latest books & participate in book themed activities each month. Ages 12-18. | **Fridays**  **(1st of the month)**  4.30-5.30pm  No bookings required | Contact: Point Cook Library  : 9395 7966  : ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **Gamers Den**  Like a good challenge? Join us for Gamers Den to play video games, board games plus more. Ages 12-18. | **Thursdays**  3.30pm—5.30pm  No booking required | Contact: Point Cook Library  : 9395 7966  : ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au | Fees Apply |
| **Courtside Beatz—Point Cook Basketball Courts**  Outside recreational activities basketball, table tennis & music. **(12-25 years old)** | **Mondays**  3.30pm—5.30pm | **YOUTH SERVCES @ POINTCOOK**  **Phone: 8375 2346**    **(during School Terms Only) from 2nd**    **These programs run from the Youth Space**  **Level 1**  **Suite 703 Main Street**  **Point Cook Town Centre**  **Enter through C8** | No Cost |
| **Girls Night**  Centre based activities. Great opportunity to try something different, chill out, have a bite to eat & meet new friends. ***(12-17 years old)*** | **Tuesdays**  3.30pm—5**.**30pm |
| **Point Cook Drop In**  Come hang out with your mates, eat food, play games & make new friends.***(12-2 years old)*** | **Wednesdays**  3.30pm—5.30pm |
| **Point Cook Prime Force Youth Committee**  For young people interested in developing their leadership skills. ***(12—17 years old)*** | **Day To Be Confirmed**  3.30pm—5.30pm |
| **Sinna Mentor—Traditional African Dance**  Learn the Yirol youth traditional dance a fun way to, get fit & reconnect with African culture. | **Fridays** 5:00pm 8:00pm  (Not the 2nd Friday of month) | Contact: Apanda  : 0452 217 858  : apandamaker2017@gmail.com | No Cost |
| **Zeal Youth & Young Adults**  Meet other like minded youth to socialise over food, activities, games, praise & worship. | **Saturdays**  6.00pm—10.00pm | Contact: Arich : 0421 562 994  : arich.c@faithlifechurch.com.au  Website: [www.faithlifechurch.com.au](http://www.faithlifechurch.com.au)  instagram.com/zeal\_yya | No Cost |
| **HEALTH & WELLBEING** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Celebrate Recovery**  Provides support to people who are struggling with isolation. Share experiences & encourage people to take a positive approach towards a new journey of hope, healing & wholeness. | **Tuesdays**  7:30pm—9.0pm | Contact: Justine  : 0413 711 795  : justinetauhinu@gmail.com  Website: www.lightpointchurch.com | No Cost |
| **South Sudanese Family Wellbeing**  Family wellbeing program run by Dr Santino Deng & Akech Mac for South Sudanese Community to relax, share ideas or get information & support. | **Wednesdays**  4.30pm-6:30pm | Contact: Poly : 9742 4013    : polykiyaga@wyndhamcec.org.au  Or Akec Mac : 0403 453 270  : akech.mac@wyndhamcec.org.au. | No cost |
| **Fun & Fitness Gentle Exercise**  Gentle physical activity program suitable for anyone. | **Fridays**  11:00am—12:00pm | : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | $6 per session |
| **Happy Families Group by Juneja Foundation**  Learn techniques to help families in and around the community. | **Sundays**  2nd of month  12:00-3:00pm | Contact: Sudhir Juneja  : 0415 661 021  : sudhir.juneja@gmail.com | No Cost |

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| **Point Cook Walking Group**  Men & women of all ages come join us to discover Point Cook, meet new friends, keep fit & healthy, in a friendly & relaxed environment. | **Mondays—Fridays**  9:00am | Contact: Beverly  : 0417 324 489  Meet at the Point Cook town centre outside the dry cleaners (Coles precinct) | No Cost |
| **Prana Yoga**  Learn & practice Integral Hatha yoga to live a healthy & holistic lifestyle using breathing techniques to feel inner peace. Bring your own mat. | **Saturdays**  7.00am—8.00am  Adults | Contact: Roopa  : 0411 296 442  : info@pranayogastudio.com.au  Website: pranayogastudio.com.au | Fees Apply |
| **Pregnancy Health & Fitness Classes**  Safe, relaxed & encouraging environment for mum’s to be health & fitness journey. Designed & run by Fitness Professionals & Midwife over 25 years experience. | **Tuesdays**  7:00-8:00pm  **Saturdays**  8:00-9:00am | Contact David : 0421 284 577  Or Michelle 0419 745 960  [david@horizonhealthsolutions.com.au](mailto:david@horizonhealthsolutions.com.au) | Fees Apply |
| **Yoga for Seniors**  A gentle yoga session for seniors. | **Thursdays**  6:00pm—8:00pm | Contact: Prem  : 0430 740 023 | No Cost |
| **DANCE & RECREATION** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Art Concepts—12 years & much older**  Professional tuition for beginners & developing artists in visual art techniques including cartooning, portraiture, human figure, linear perspective, still life & landscape painting using a variety of mediums including graphite pencil, pastel & acrylic painting. | **Saturdays**  11.15am-12.45pm | Contact: Kevin Handley  : 0418131726 or 97424058  : art\_concepts@hotmail.com    **Pensioner rates available** | $18 per session |
| **Beat Factor Drum Group**  Learn the art of African & Latin drum rhythms including African, Samba, Reggae & Calypso. Drums & percussion provided. | **Fridays**  Adults  7.30pm—8.30pm | Contact: Rod  : 0411 028 077  : info@beatfactormusic.com  Website: www.beatfactormusic.com | Fees Apply |
| **Bollywood Dance School Australia for Disabilities**  Gives the power of dance to people with disabilities following a set structure proven to maximise movement fluidity. | **Mondays**  4:30pm—5.30pm | : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **Bollywood Dance School Australia**  Bollywood, Jazz Contemporary & Hip Hop dance for kids, teens & adults. | **Mondays**  5:30pm—9:30pm | Contact : Latha  : 0499 888 115  :admin@bollywooddanceschool.com.au  www.bollywooddanceschool.com.au | Fees Apply |
| **Cultural cuisines**  A time for families to share cultural foods & traditional stories. Everyone welcome. | **Fridays**  6.00pm—9.00pm  **6 March** | Contact: Tahira  : 0416 937 473  : spicerootsvic@gmail.com | No Cost |
| **Craft & Conversation**  Try your hand at beading, papercraft, ceramics & lots more! Learn new skills as you meet & chat with other crafters. Adults only program. | Monthly last **Friday**  12:00—2:00pm | Contact: Point Cook Library  : 9395 7966  Email: ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au    **Bookings Required** | No Cost |
| **Dance 101**  Fun, fitness & friendship for men & women. Latin dance steps to get you moving. A great way to lose weight, de-stress & laugh! All levels welcome. | **Thursdays**  7:00pm—8:00pm | Contact: Olga  : 0419 392 308  : ojcs4@bigpond.com | Fees Apply |
| **Indian Baazar**  Indian Community market with Indian clothing, jewellery, home décor & much more. | **Saturday**  25 April  4 July  11:30am– 3:00pm | Contact: Shwetali Sawant  : shwetali.sawant@gmail.com | No Cost |
| **Latin Club**  This club welcomes a time for all Spanish speaking people to come together & enjoy a time of connecting, sharing stories & making new friends. | **Fridays (Fortnightly)**  11.00am—12.30pm | : 9395 6399    : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au  **No bookings required** | No Cost |

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| **DANCE, RECREATION & LEISURE** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Multicultural Seniors MeetUp Group**  Meet & socialise with other seniors from the area. Share, food, stories in a relaxed environment | **Wednesdays**  12.30pm—2.30pm | : 9395 6399    : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au  **No bookings required** | No Cost |
| **Mutuashi Dance—Dance of freedom**  Dance & musical story telling session with mum & bub encouraging communication & interaction. | **Fridays**  4.00pm—6.00pm  21 Feb & 17 April | Contact: Florence  : 0470 225 497  : mutuashidance@gmail.com | $10.00  per person |
| **Natyanjali School of Dance**  Bharathanatyam India’s oldest & popular classical dance style encompassing music, rhythm & expression. Strictly adheres to Natyashastra. No age restrictions. | **Tuesdays**  6.00pm—7.00pm  **Fridays**  5.30pm—6:30pm | Contact: Anitha Perumal  : 0470177937  : anititha@yahoo.com | Fees Apply |
| **Point Cook Social Craft Group**  Join local residents Gillian, Joan & Christine. Learn knitting, crotchet, sewing, drawing, embroidery or enjoy making new friends. | **Wednesdays**  9:30am-12:00pm | : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au    **No bookings required** | No Cost |
| **Point Cook Seniors Group**  Meet for social interaction & lunch with other seniors from Wyndham. | **Fridays**  12:00pm—3:00pm | Contact: Beverly  : 0417 324 489 or 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **Point Cook VIEW Club**  Social group for women offering friendship & social activities & supporting the Smith Family . | **Wednesdays**  1st of the month  10.00am—12.30pm | Contact: Catherine  : 0407 726 852  : [pointcookview@gmail.com](mailto:pointcookview@gmail.com) | Fess Apply |
| **Point Cook Women’s Circle**  Meet other women in this supportive multicultural group. Lots of information sessions provided. | **Fridays**  **(Fortnightly)**  10.00am—1.00pm | Contact: Zeinab or Sudha  : 0413 376 119 or 0432 489 584  : su\_uban@hotmail.com | No Cost |
| **Salsa In Motion**  Beginner Cuban Salsa & Bachata, intermediate level Cuban Salsa/Rueda & Bachata dance classes for adults. No dance experience or partner required. Free 25min intro session. | **Mondays**  7:00pm—9:30pm | Contact: Michael : 0430 355 888  Website: www.salsainmotion.com.au    Discount Dance cards - prepay 5 Lessons for only $60 | $15 class or $25 for both on the night |
| **Sahrish Adnan**  Workshops & discussion to discuss daily issues immigrant women face in our busy lifestyles. | **Tuesdays**  11.00am—1.00pm  (4th of the month**)** | Contact: Sahrish  : 0403 609 746  : sahrishadnan23@gmail.com | No Cost |
| **Table Tennis**  Come join the fun to learn how to play table tennis or brush up on your skills centre volunteer John. | **Fridays**  9.00am—11.00am | : 9395 6399    : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **Tatkaar Kathak Institute**  Indian Ballet commonly known as Kathak, meaning story telling, so in we teach the art of story telling through dance based on Indian Culture & mythology. | **Tuesday**  5:00-6:00pm | Contact: Shikha  : 0450 228 954  : schhangani.sc@gmail.com  Tatkaarkathakinstitute.com | Fees  Apply |
| **Women’s Friendship Club by Sakhi Saheli**  A fun & safe environment for women to socialise, form meaningful relationships & increase their confidence. See Facebook page Sakhi Saheli Inc. | **Wednesdays**  2nd & 4th  10.00am—12.00pm | Contact: Isha Bali  : 0426 175 815  : sakhisaheli16@gmail.com | No Cost |
| **Zumba Fitness with Zin Monika**  Fitness & exercise to help improve health, coordination & balance whilst dancing to Salsa, Merengue & Reggaeton. Ultimate fun! | **Tuesdays**  7.00pm—8.00pm | Contact: Monika  : 0468 320 618  : monika.au@outlook.com | Fees Apply |
| **CULTURAL, COMMUNITY & FAITH GROUP** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Christ New Creation**  Non for profit Christian church, worship & bible study to equip members with Christian values. Includes children’s Sunday school. | **Sundays**  8:30-12:30am | Contact: Dennis Ferrer  : 0416850191  : dennis.ferrer@hotmail.com.au  Cncinternational.org.au | No Cost |
| **Brahma Kumaris** Part of a worldwide spiritual movement dedicated to personal transformation & world renewal. Meditation & positive thinking taught & deep collective consciousness. | **Sundays**  12.30pm—2.30pm  **Tuesdays**  8.00pm—9.30pm | Contact: Yoginder  : 0431 384 683  : yoginderkumaryadav@gmail.com  Website: brahmakumaris.org.au | No Cost |

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| **CULTURAL, COMMUNITY & FAITH GROUPs** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Iraqi Cultural Group in Australia**  A social & educational seniors Iraqi group covering interesting topics, art performance & general knowledge of a multicultural Australian-Iraqi society for continues improvement for seniors life style. | **Sundays**  1st of month  12:30-3:30pm | Contact: Farial Jafar  : 0422 798 587  : farial.jafar@gmail.com | Fees  Apply |
| **Kingdom Destiny**  Multi-generational church reaching out to the community in Point Cook. We offer various community services & support to new migrants.    Small Groups/ Youth/ Bible Teachings | **Sundays**  Service  4:30pm    **Fridays**  **8:00pm—10:00pm**  1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th | Contact: Pastor Joe  : 0467 819 963 or 0478 075 886: joelim@kingdomdestiny.org.au  kingdomdestiny.org.au    **All Welcome**  Free tea & coffee from 3.45 pm | No Cost |
| **Melbourne Yangtze Choir**  Chinese Community Choir that dance, drum & sing in both English & Mandarin. Great way to learn English & improve musical skills. | **Wednesdays**  1:00pm—3:00pm  **Sundays**  6:00pm—10:00pm | Contact : Maya  : 0452 665 901  : yangtzechoir@gmail.com | Fees Apply |
| **Melbourne West Korean Church**  Christian Korean church gathering to worship services with praise, prayer & words. | **Wednesdays**  8:00-9:00pm  **Saturdays**  6:00-7:00am | Contact: Rev. Son  : 0467 836 246  : meb.melwest@gmail.com  www.melwest.org | No cost |
| **Melbourne West Korean Seniors Group**  Meet weekly with other Korean seniors to build community & connect with one another | **Tuesdays**  11.30am—2.30pm | Contact: Moonbae  : 0425 796 784  : moonbae.kim@gmail.com | Fees Apply |
| **Point Cook Chinese Friendship Association**  Calligraphy & painting program for members. | **Mondays**  10:00am—12:00pm | Contact: Sanghong  : 0437 310 888  :zhusanhong123@gmail.com | Fees Apply |
| **Rumbek—South Sudanese Social Group**  A time for South Sudanese families to enjoy traditional dancing & group conversation. Safe space for all to celebrate our heritage. | **Saturdays**  3.30pm—6.00pm | Contact: Susana or Trazia    : 0481 713 087 or 0422 778 114  : susana1231969@hotmail.com | No Cost |
| **Sewa International**  Indian wellness seniors group aimed at encouraging independence through yoga & social interaction. | **Monthly**  **3rd Saturday**  1.00pm—3:30pm | Contact: Prem  : 0430 740 023  : prem@live.com.au | No Cost |
| **South Sudanese Community In Wyndham**  Conduit for the South Sudanese Community between State & Local governments & other service providers. Supports, refers or links South Sudanese community to job networks & other Service Providers. | **Wednesdays** 10am-4:30pm    **Thursdays** 10am-12:30pm    **Saturdays** 10am-5pm | Contact: Richard Deng    : 0413 820 994 or emailing  : richarddengdit@yahoo.com.au | No Cost |
| **United Muslim Residents Association**  Muslim based faith group that meet weekly for their Friday prayers. | **Fridays**  1:00pm—3:00pm | Contact: Mozammel  : 0403 566 165  : Info@umra.org.au | No Cost |
| **Western Gymkhana Club Inc** Provides a sense of social bonding & belonging through regular social, recreational, cultural, networking & professional development opportunities.  **Games**  3rd & 4th Friday of the Month 7:30pm—9:00pm  **Hindi Poetry:**  3rd Saturday of the month 7:00pm—10:00pm  **Recreation & Social:**  1st Saturday of the Month 6:00pm—11:00pm | | Contact: Sudhir  : western.gymkhana@gmail.com | Fees Apply |
| **Wyndham Chinese Cultural Promotion**  Activities promoting Chinese culture in a multicultural community designed to help migrant seniors settle & connect with fellow Chinese seniors. Activities include art, craft, calligraphy, music, Tai-chi & other activities. | **Mondays**  9:30am—4:00pm | Contact: Zhang Hon Wang  : wazah041@hotmail.com | Cost:  $20 per annum |

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| **EDUCATION & TRAINING KIDS & ADULTS** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Abacus Training Centre by Sempoa SIP**  Brain training for children using Abacus method. Learn arithmetic in a fun environment with a set curriculum developed for kids of all levels. | **Saturdays**  9:00am—1:00pm | Contact : Munita : 0433 551 979 or  : [info@sempoasip.com.au](mailto:info@sempoasip.com.au)  Website: www.sempoasip.com.au  **Free trial class available** | Fees Apply |
| **AMEP: English Classes**  Providing basic English classes  Level 1 & 2 intermediate.  for newly arrived residents. | **Mondays**  9:30am—2:30pm  **Thursdays. Fridays**  9:00am– 3:30pm | Contact: Wyndham Community &  Education Centre  : 9742 4013 & press 1    **School term only - Conditions Apply** | Fees  Apply |
| **Brainworks**  Tuition, guidance & feedback with an emphasis on methods & skills. Covers scholarship & select entry exam preparation for year 3 & 9. Foundation English & Math programs for year 2 to 10. | **Wednesdays &**  **Thursdays**  5.30pm—7.30pm | Contact: Adnan  : 0401 421 114 or 0401 421 115  : pointcook@brainworks.com.au  Website: www.brainworks.com.au | Fees Apply |
| **Brands & Biz**  Brands & Biz works with small home based & micro businesses to coach them to run their business & gain financial independence. | **Monthly Saturday**  12:00pm—2:00pm | Contact: Sudhir Juneja  : Brandsandbiz@gmail.com | Fees apply |
| **Codebuds**  Learn HTML, CSS, Java Script & Python in a nurturing environment. Create animations, comics, movies & games. Make your child an active learner. | **Saturdays**  1.00pm—2.00pm | Contact: Sowmya  : 0416 846 274  : sowmyashree@gmail.com  www.fb.me/codebudsshree | Fees Apply |
| **Conversational English**  Offering mature students the chance to improve understanding & use of English language in an engaging environment & practice English through various activities, games & interactions. | **Wednesday**  9:30am -11:00am | Contact : Solveig  : Solveig.f@faithlifechurch.com.au  **Starting Term 2** | No Cost |
| **Mondays**  10am-11.30am  **Tuesdays**  **Mandarin Speakers**  2.30-4.00pm | : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au |
| **Integral Tuition**  For year 9-12 students in mathematics, chemistry & physics. Alternating between group sessions & one-on-one tutoring. | **Thursdays**  3:30-5:30pm | : 0480 223 777  : chan@integraltuition.com.au | Fees Apply |
| **Language Café** Meet people from all over the world while practising your English listening & speaking skills in a fun environment. | **Tuesdays & Thursdays**  1:00—2:00pm | : Point Cook Library  Phone: 9395 7966  : ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **LETS SING Learn English through Song**  A fun way to learn English in this innovative program with George Butrumlis a highly accredited musician | **Tuesdays**  1:00pm–2:30pm | : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | $2.00 per session |
| **Patchwork & Quilting**  Classes for beginners through to experienced quilters. Work on your own quilt with guidance from our expert facilitator. Get expert help to get started. Both hand & machine sewers welcome. | **Tuesdays**  8:00pm—10:00pm | : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au | $40 per term |
| **Sakamoto Maths Method**  Innovative program, specialised use of techniques allows students to overcome challenging word problems. | **Mondays**  4.00pm—6.00pm | Contact: Janice  : 0411 517 627  : [sakamoto.method@ask-edu.com.au](https://www.stemcentric.com.au/home/index.php/contact/)  Website: www.au-sakamoto.com | Fees Apply |
| **South Sudanese Action Group—Homework Club**  A program designed to assist South Sudanese students from primary schools to participate in homework or assignment assistance. | **Wednesdays**  4.00-6:30pm | Contact: Lydia or Deng  : ssagi.pc@gmail.com | No Cost |
| **STEMcentric—Lego Boost Robotics**  Introduces kids 6-12 to the use of LEGO BOOST robotics kits. Kids build robots in increasing complexities & learn to code & control them. | **Thursday**  4:30pm-6:30pm  **Saturdays**  2:00pm—4:00pm | Contact: Vijay  : 0424 722 791  : [info@stemcentric.com.au](https://www.stemcentric.com.au/home/index.php/contact/)  Website: www.stemcentric.com.au | Fees Apply |

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| **EDUCATION & TRAINING KIDS & ADULTS** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **TEKids Coding & Robotics for Kids 5+**  A unique combination using robot (LEGO, EV3, Drones) teaching coding (Block, Scratch, Java, Python) progress from beginner to Regional/state robotics & coding competition. | **Mondays**  4:00pm—6:30pm  **Sundays**  11:00am—12.30pm | Contact: Shilpi  : 0435 023 078  : tekidsaustralia@gmail.com  Website: www.tekids.com.au  **FREE Trial Class available** | Fees Apply |
| **Telugu Association of Australia Inc**  Teaching Telugu language to protect culture & diversity among our children while integrating with the multicultural society of Wyndham. | **Saturdays**  (Fortnightly)  3:30pm—6:00pm | Contact: Satya  : 0422 211 036  : matamps@cba.com.au  Website: www.taai.net.au | Fees Apply |
| **Zimbabwean Community in Australia**  Offering Shona Ndebele language classes to children & adults | **Saturdays**  1.00-3.30pm | Contact: A. Zivave  : 0424 326 267  : atzivave@yahoo.com | Fees Apply |
| **Beginners Computer Class**  Do you have little or no experience with Computers?  This class covers the basics & will help you feel more confident using the keyboard & mouse, navigating the internet, searching Google & sending emails. | **Wednesdays**  1.00-3.00pm | Contact: Point Cook Library  : 9395 7966  : ptcooklibrary@wyndham.vic.gov.au | No Cost |
| **One on One IT Help**  Get help on computer/smart phone or devices. | **Mondays & Tuesdays**  11.00am |
| **Seniors Digital Literacy—Sewa International**  Computer classes for Indian Seniors | **Thursdays**  10.00am—1.00pm  **Fridays**  6.00pm—8.00pm | Contact: Prem  : 0430 740 023  : prem@live.com.au | No Cost |
| **Computer Skills —The Next Steps**  For people who would like to enhance their basic computer skills   Creating & saving new Word documents   Formatting text   Tables, pictures, clipart, margins, page orientation & boarders   PowerPoint Slides, animation, transition adding timing & music   Formatting backgrounds   WordArt, text boxes, shapes with picture fillings | **Term 1**  **Tuesdays**  12:00pm—3.00pm | **Booking Essential**        **These courses run at the**    Point Cook Community Learning Centre  : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au    or enquiries@wyndhamcec.org.au          ***Delivered by***  ***Wyndham Community & Education Centre*** | Cost:  $40 full fee  $25 concession |
| **Introduction to Excel**   Creating basic spreadsheets   Merging cells   Creating work books   Conditional formatting   Filtering & sorting data   Linking pages & hyperlinking   Creating & formatting Charts   Drop down forms, surveys, new tabs & groups | **Term 1**  **Tuesdays**  9.00am—12.00pm |
| **Advanced Excel**  Designed for those with the basics of Excel & want to consolidate & extend their skills.   Spreadsheet design & formatting   Clipboard pane   Formulae auditing   Concatenate function   Charts   Using multiple spreadsheets   Cell protection   importing & exporting data | **Term 1**  **Saturdays**  12:00pm—3:00pm |

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| **EDUCATION & TRAINING** | **DAY & TIME** | **INFORMATION** | **COST** |
| **Introduction to Bookkeeping**  Designed for people starting their own business or who want to broaden their knowledge of business finance or improve their job opportunities.   Chart of Accounts,   Posting Journals to General Ledger   Trial balance & Balance Sheet   Profit & Loss Statement   Sales & Sales Returns Journals   Purchases & Returns Journals   Subsidiary Ledgers, Bank Reconciliation   Cash Receipts & Payment Journals | Term 1  Tuesdays  6:00pm—9:00pm  8 October -  10 December    Bookings essential | This course is held at  **Jamieson Way Community Centre**  59 Jamieson Way, Point Cook  : 9395 3777  : admin@jamiesonwaycc.org.au    ***Delivered by***  ***Wyndham Community & Education Centre*** | Cost:  $40 full fee  $25 Concession    $37 study resource |
| **MYOB**  Practical hands on course designed to teach computerised accounting package MYOB   Creating a new data file,   Chart of accounts   Entering Sales & Purchases   Making & receiving payments   Bank reconciliation   Creating inventory   Creating Card Files   Payroll Module   Business Activity Statement (BAS)   Backing up & restoring files | **Term 1**  **Saturdays**  9:00am—12:00pm | **These courses run at the**    Point Cook Community Learning Centre  : 9395 6399  : pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au    or enquiries@wyndhamcec.org.au        **Booking Essential**          ***Delivered by***  ***Wyndham Community & Education Centre*** | Cost:  $40 full fee  $25 Concession    $65 study resources |
| **Cake Decorating for beginners**  Get creative with food & preparing decorated cakes for personal/consumer use, course covers:   Naked & celebration cakes   Rosette & cupcakes   Cake pops & edible image cakes   Fondant covered cookies/cakes/cupcakes    Will also cover practical aspects of setting up a small business. | **Term 1**  **Tuesdays**  12:00pm—3.00pm  Or  **Wednesdays**  12.00pm—3.00pm | Cost:  $40 full fee  $25 Concession |
| **So & Sew - Introduction to the textile industry**  Learn how to use a sewing machine & other basic sewing skills. You will get lots of sewing practice making a range of useful projects.    **Sewing machine & materials will be provided.** | **Term 1**  **Thursdays**  12:30pm—3:00pm |
| **Next Stich—Intermediate sewing course**  For students who already know how to use a sewing machine. Learn how to use sewing patterns to make simple items of clothing.    **Sewing machine & materials will be provided.** | **Term 1**  **Thursdays**  9.30am—12.00pm |

**Council is committed to our partnership with the Wyndham Community & Education Centre and the Jamieson Way Community Centre to continue to bring**

***“Learn Local” ,* low cost & affordable programs to Point Cook & across Wyndham**

**BUSINESS TRAINING EVENTS CALENDAR 2020**

**WYMDHAM VISION UNLIMITED**

**Short Business Training Sessions**

A range of free & low-cost short business training sessions are available. More sessions will be added later in the year.

**Book online: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/businesstraining**

Any questions: phone 9742 0788 or email business@wyndham.vic.gov.au

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Business Training Topic** | **DAY** | **TIME** | **Venue** | | Starting a Business | Thursday 13 February | 6.00pm - 8.00pm | Wyndham Civic Centre  45 Princes Highway  Werribee | | Tax Essentials for Small Business | Friday 28 February | 9.30am - 11.30am | | Starting a Business for new migrants & asylum seekers | Monday 23 March | 1.00pm - 4.30pm | Point Cook Community Learning Centre | | Digital Marketing Essentials | Wednesday 25 March | 6.00pm - 8.00pm | Wyndham Civic Centre  45 Princes Highway  Werribee | | Low Cost Marketing Tools for Small Business | Wednesday 29 April | 6.00pm - 8.00pm | | Starting a Business | Friday 22 May | 9.30am - 11.30am | | Sell Products on Social Media | Friday 19 June | 9.30am - 11.30am | |

**Business Development Program**

The **‘Innovate to Excelerate’** three-month program aims to help small businesses grow & includes group knowledge sessions as well as individual business coaching. Ten businesses will be selected to participate per program.

**Program 1: 5 March – 26 June 2020** Program 2: Dates to be determined (after July 2020)

For more information including eligibility requirements & how to apply go to:

**www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/businesstraining**

Applications for the first program **close 2 February.** Any questions: phone 9742 0788 or email business@wyndham.vic.gov.au.

**Business Events**

Wyndham City’s Economic Growth Unit delivers business events throughout the year with more events to be added.

The following events are currently open for bookings online: **www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wynnovation**

Any questions phone 9742 0788 or email [wynnovation@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:wynnovation@wyndham.vic.gov.au).

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| **EVENT** | **DAY** | **TIME** | **Venue** |
| WYNnovation: The Summit | Friday 7 February | 9.00am – 3.00pm | Encore Events Centre  80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing |
| WYNnovation: The Masterclass | Friday 14 February | 8.30am – 12.00pm |
| WYNnovation: The Luncheon | Thursday 20 February | 12.15pm – 2.00pm | Shadowfax Winery, K Road, Werribee |

**Free Business Counselling**

Are you a new or aspiring small business owner? Wyndham City Council offers a free & confidential one-on-one 45 minute session with an experienced business counsellor from the Kangan Institute. Appointments are available on the second Tuesday of each month & are held at the Wyndham Civic Centre.

**To book phone the Kangan Institute: 9094 3008**

**Small Business Bus**

Book a free appointment with a Small Business Advisor aboard the Victorian Government’s Small Business Bus to discuss starting a business or how to grow your existing business. The bus will be in Williams Landing on Wednesday 26 February.

**Book online at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/small-business-bus**

**Wyndham Volunteer and Community Group Training 2020**

**Community Grants**

**Monday 3rd February 2020, 6.30pm to 9.30pm – Civic Centre**

Learn about what grants are available and how to apply. Build your grant writing skills while gaining insights and developing strategies on how to secure funding for your project or event.

**Step into Volunteering**

**Monday 10th February 2020, 10am to 12pm – Manor Lakes CLC**

This volunteer information session is an informal introduction to volunteering for prospective volunteers to find out what volunteering is and what the expectations are – from both sides.

**Training for New and Aspiring Treasurers**

**Monday 24th February 2020, 6.30pm to 9.30pm – Civic Centre**

This training workshop will help you understand the mechanisms to record the finances and requirements involved in the role of a Treasurer of a small community group.

**Food Handling Basics**

**Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 9.30am to 11.30am – Point Cook CLC**

Are you an individual or a member of a sporting club or community group? This information session (non-accredited) will provide you with a basic understanding of the requirements of the Food Act 1984 and safe food handling for a community fete, canteen, sausage sizzle, market or public event.

**Help Wanted!**

**Wednesday 11th March 2020, 6.30pm to 9.30pm – Civic Centre**

The session is designed to tease out what community groups most need from their volunteering workforce, breaking down those needs and creating a volunteering plan to match. It will help to maximise engagement with potential volunteers and give some tips and tricks to promote the organisation and potential volunteering opportunities.

**Disability Confidence Training**

**Thursday 19th March 2020, 6.30pm to 9.30pm – Civic Centre**

A ‘disability confident’ community group/organisation should be able to routinely and seamlessly accommodate differences when managing volunteers who may have a disability. This session will assist you to build confidence to know the right things to say and do when interacting with a person with disability.

**Building a Culturally Competent Organisation**

**Monday 23rd March 2020, 9.30am to 12.30pm – Manor Lakes CLC**

All organisations operate in a culturally diverse environment and need to have the ability to interact with this ever-changing landscape. This interactive and thought-provoking program will enhance your team’s skills to take steps towards building a culturally competent organisation.

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