



# **2020 Wyndham Learning Festival Final Report**

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## Executive Summary

The Wyndham Learning Festival took place between 23-30 November 2020 and offered more than 150 free online classes, talks and workshops from over 78 different providers. The festival was led by Wyndham Community and Education Centre with support from Wyndham City Council and was sponsored by Victoria University (VU) Polytechnic. This year's theme was 'Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives,' with activities relating to this theme and more offered for all interests and ages, including Chinese lantern making, Brazilian drumming, karate classes for beginners, dance grooves from West Africa, lessons of global cooking skills, Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs, and stories of resilience, peace and conflict resolution shared by the Matsunaga Institute in Hawaii. The Festival sought to reinforce the message that any learning is healthy for the mind and body, and to encourage the community to try new things, regardless of age.

Moving from running the festival as a live event as previously planned from 1-8 September 2020, to a fully virtual experience running from 23-30 November 2020, meant that the team had to be proactive in maintaining partnerships and engagement, innovative in their thinking around the festival delivery and open-hearted to challenges facing everyone involved including event providers, sponsors, community partners and other working group members. The 2020 Wyndham Learning Festival presented a unique opportunity to respond to the isolation and despair felt by many due to the COVID-19 crisis.

As the festival went virtual this year in response to the pandemic, the working group took the opportunity to bring the world to Wyndham and Wyndham to the world and attendees and events came in from across the globe. This spotlight on Wyndham has created some dynamic and fortuitous new partnerships and networks to enhance and profile the work and leadership of Wyndham as a Learning City.

The Festival sought to deepen engagement with quality and responsible programming during the COVID-19 environment, while continuing to nurture its growing and popular reach within Wyndham and beyond. A high profile and optimistic outcome were at the heart of our vision fostering local and international collaboration. The signature event featuring Clare Bowditch, provided an optimistic yet realistic take on life and how our inner voices shape our experiences. A new series of forums deepened the festival's engagement with current debates in healthy learning, healthy lives including recovery post-COVID-19.

On behalf of the Learning Festival working group and our 2020 Sponsor Victoria University (VU) Polytechnic, we thank you for sharing this journey with us. We are both delighted and inspired by the many people who support, attend and engage with the Festival. We will be back again in 2021!

*Jennie Barrera, CEO, Wyndham Community and Education Centre (Wyndham CEC) and Diane Tabbagh, Coordinator Learning Community Team, Wyndham City Council (WCC)*



## WLF Most Significant Change Story

### The Open Arms of The Kulin Nation – Tuti's Story

*Tuti learned about the WLF event 'PD: Introduction to the Kulin Nations' from a post that one of her classmates and also a member of the WLF working group posted on social media. Tuti has always been fascinated by the history of the Aboriginal Australians and was keen to understand their way of life before and after settlers arrived in Australia. Also, as an environmental student and professional, Tuti was particularly keen to attend the event to gain insights on how Aboriginal people preserved and interacted with their natural environment. She also hoped that this session would help her understand the challenges and the conflict the Aboriginal people face.*

*Tuti felt she not only gained more understanding about the history of the Aboriginal people, but she was also able to learn about how land and water (and the environment in general) was at the heart of the Aboriginal community and that a key part of their culture is focused on conservation and living in harmony with nature. Tuti had recently completed an environmental unit and the insights from this WLF session enabled her to link theory to the lived experiences of The First Nations People. Tuti felt that the facilitators were passionate about their identity and were so articulate in explaining the different language groups, important dates, and sacred sites through oral histories. The information gained in this session helped a great deal in filling the information gap that Tuti had about Aboriginal People in Australia.*

*The most significant insight gained from this session by Tuti was that indigenous knowledge is key in protecting and preserving the environment, and that environmental practitioners and activists have so much to learn on this topic from the Aboriginal Australians as they lived in a thriving environment long before the settlers came in, and have continued to show their resilience in protecting their environment from bush fires and helping the flora and fauna thrive.*

*From the session, Tuti realised that the Aboriginal community are open, welcoming, approachable, and are happy to share their cultures and knowledge with other people. According to Tuti, the picture she had of the Aboriginal People before the session was that they were a vulnerable and often closed community and not everyone could interact with them. She says hearing mention of the First Australians (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) through Acknowledgement to Country on almost all platforms for events and meetings before the WLF had played a big role in reinforcing this false notion.*

*Professionally, Tuti confirmed that the most significant impact of this WLF session was that the indigenous knowledge and wisdom has the potential of addressing issues of climate change through environmental preservation. As a development practitioner, Tuti now more than ever believes in the power of local knowledge and the fact that solutions to local issues are largely held with the local Aboriginal communities.*

## Project Objective

The Wyndham Learning Festival offers a whole-of-community eight-day annual event that provides diverse opportunities for free learning activities across the City of Wyndham.

## Project Collaborations – The Co-Lead Team

The Wyndham Learning Festival is led by Wyndham Community and Education Centre supported by Wyndham City Council.



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## Project Working Groups

The WLF Working group met monthly from the start of 2020, and then more frequently towards the festival implementation dates in November 2020. Member representation included:

- WCC Libraries and Community Learning team
- Wyndham CEC
- WCC Youth Team
- WCC Sport and Recreation Team
- WCC Communications Team
- The Smith Family
- IPC Health
- Wyndham Community-run community centres
- Wyndham Council-run community centres
- VU Polytechnic
- RMIT University

## 2020 Brand Marketing

In 2020, the WCC Communications Department designed a new logo for WLF. The logo incorporates a ladder to characterise that we can always rise upwards in our learning, a cog to represent the different elements in learning and finally books and speech and thought bubbles to show how we can learn from others in different ways.





Additionally, 1000 WLF bags were printed with the WLF logo on one side, and the artworks of two local artists shared on half of the bags each. All 1000 bags were distributed across the community, through the libraries 'Library to You' delivery and pick up service, to some local kindergartens and to food programs operating through community centres due to the pandemic. Ten bags were given to each of the winning artists to share with their own communities and networks.



Due to the complications surrounding distributing printed program guides during the restrictions and risk of contamination from physically handing out programs, a simple PDF program guide was developed and hosted on the website, and an interactive calendar hosted on the WLF website widget was offered to the community to showcase events.

Before the date change and the festival being brought to the virtual stage, 500 flyers were printed for distribution across the community.

Additionally, a targeted marketing WLF video was created in partnership with Switched, a digital Media company to showcase what the WLF is all about. The video can be viewed here:

<https://bit.ly/3bjHvQd>

## Media Coverage

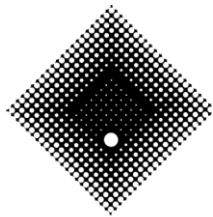
A lot of the media coverage for the WLF was driven through social media and the paid work with Star Weekly and Mama Knows West. The partnership with the WCC Communications Department and the WLF Working Group, particularly for the Signature Event, supported positive media attention in the lead up to and during the festival.



The statistics from the engagement from Mama Knows West included:

- Facebook Post 1 – 11 November 2020- 3607 reach
- Facebook Post 2 – 22 Nov 2020 - 3982 reach
- Instagram post - 3423 reach
- 5 x Instagram Stories reaching from 1293-848
- Appearance in newsletter 26 November 2020
- Appearance in Sunday page 22 November 2020

## WLF Sponsor



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A detailed prospectus was developed early in the year (pre-COVID lockdown) and distributed to potential and past sponsors of the WLF. Victoria University (VU) Polytechnic was a proud gold sponsor of the 2020 Wyndham Learning Festival. VU Polytechnic is Victoria University's vocational education provider. After the festival was brought online, it was decided to stay with just the confirmed sponsor VU Polytechnic and close the sponsorship opportunities beyond this until 2021. On Friday 25 September, a special EDM was sent to over 200 learning community partners and stakeholders showcasing VU Polytechnic as the sponsor. A dedicated Facebook post was also created celebrating their support.

VU Polytechnic offer accredited courses, apprenticeships, traineeships, non-accredited short courses and customised training programs that link closely with industry needs, skills and jobs. The annual WLF provides multiple opportunities to showcase the diversity of VU Polytechnic's education programs and excite the Wyndham community about the transformational benefits of education for work, life and self. For more information, visit [www.vupolytechic.edu.au](http://www.vupolytechic.edu.au)

## Community Engagement

The community was engaged in various ways to encourage community involvement in both hosting WLF events and participating in scheduled events during the festival. This included running four targeted information sessions in the lead up to the festival. The first two sessions were run in March 2020 in person at the Wyndham Community and Education Centre and the Wyndham City Council Hopper's Crossing Library. The second two sessions occurred online after it had been decided to move the festival dates and move the festival online. The purpose of these sessions was to provide support

and information targeted at first-time event holders. An information kit was also developed and is available on the website [here](#).

A Virtual Art Competition was run in the lead up to the festival, with seven submissions from across the community. Two local artists were selected as co-winners, chosen through blind voting by the WLF Working Group. These artworks were then screen-printed onto the WLF showbags and distributed across the community, including to library patrons as they collected reserved items. Feedback on the bags was positive, as it was seen as a ‘feel-good’ marketing project that also empowered local artists. It also noted that it was great to have schools involved in this project.

Additionally, members of the co-lead group attended various community meetings to share word of the festival, including the Wyndham Teachers Environmental Network and the Wyndham Humanitarian Network.

Across the year in the lead up to the festival, fifteen targeted Electronic Direct Mails (eDMs) were produced and distributed through Mailchimp to over 200 community stakeholders and partners, encouraging groups to get involved through sponsorship, joining the virtual art competition, running events and participating in the events. Communication also occurred to allow the community to know that the festival was moved online and to a later date due to COVID-19.

## Events Offered and Demographics

### WLF Attendee Feedback

*“I went to a VU Writers session on Friday night. There weren’t many of us which turned out well because it meant we could chat at the end of the session”.*

In total, over 150 events were on offer across the eight days of the festival. This included over 115 live events, and over 26 pre-recorded events. The key signature event was an event with singer and author Clare Bowditch on Sunday 29 November 2020.

Seventy-eight different groups and individuals registered to run the various events, ranging from local government, community, education and learning groups and networks, universities, business and independent people wishing to share their knowledge and talent. Event providers came from Wyndham locally, as well as from Australia-wide networks such as the Australian Learning Communities Network, and globally from places as far as Manchester, UK, Taiwan, Turkey and Hawaii in the USA. While the WLF Working group did not capture participant data on attendees except if they were directly coordinating an event, anecdotal information as well as some surveys of events run by the co-hosts highlighted that WLF participants were primarily from Wyndham. A copy of the full program of events is available in appendix 3.





### Significant Change Stories

#### Kerry's Story – Sharing the Journey for Learning and Healing

*This year Kerry attended Wyndham Learning Festival's Signature WYNTalk Event with Clare Bowditch. As she lives in Central Victoria, she found the fact that it was offered as an online event made it much more accessible. She attended because she was familiar with Clare's music and aware that she had written a book and was intrigued to learn more about her life. She saw the event advertised on Facebook and registered. The special learning which unfolded for her by participating was listening to Clare talk about her life journey. From experiencing childhood trauma to only just surviving in her twenties, to thriving in her forties, Clare's story reassured Kerry as she has been on a remarkably similar journey. It interested her that the book that helped Clare the most and that she spoke about in her session was the book Kerry had also read in her twenties. It surprised her that Kerry already uses a lot of the self-talk strategies Clare used and suggested. Clare talked about some new strategies, which Kerry had now added in her day-to-day life and which have been really helpful. The most significant impact of the festival on Kerry personally and professionally was listening to Clare reaffirming that self-talk strategies can strengthen emotional intelligence, resulting in empowerment and personal growth. Kerry just loved listening to Clare share her journey towards becoming a strong, confident and fulfilled woman.*

## Evaluation Framework

As a benchmarking exercise before the festival was executed, members co-leading the festival from Wyndham CEC and WCC Community Learning were each interviewed before the festival and asked what success would look like to them, despite the challenges of 2020.



To the question ‘*what would a successful WLF look like after the festival is complete*’, responses included:

- Well-managed issues (managing risk i.e. Working With Children Checks)
- Good participation in events
- At least 50 online events registered
- Happy and engaged WLF partners
- WLF Toolkit was used
- Expectations were managed well
- The WLF went forward despite COVID-19.
- The world was brought to Wyndham and Wyndham to the World, with a broader offering of events of a global nature and attendees from beyond Wyndham.

These responses and objectives formed the basis of how the co-lead team measured success using the post event holder survey, in capturing Most Significant Change Stories and from the rich discussions in the reflections session.

## Most Significant Change Technique – Qualitative Data Collection

After the festival, Hellen Kibowen, our student placement officer, used the Most Significant Change (MSC) Technique to interview people involved in different ways in the 2020 WLF, and to capture their stories. MSC is a participatory approach to monitoring and evaluating change in projects and programs such as the WLF<sup>1</sup>. It is participatory in nature because those who have been involved in the project can tell their story in their own words, and because they are involved in the analysis and sense-making process. Hellen led the process, and then she led a blind voting process to select the Most Significant Change story, as linked to the goals of the festival. This story with the most votes is featured at the beginning of this report below the executive summary to showcase, through narrative, how the goals of the WLF were powerfully met. The other stories have been woven throughout this document, as well as in the appendix. This final set of stories represents the collective view about the most important changes that have taken place because of the WLF, through the eyes of key stakeholders and participants. The process of storytelling and selection was used by the WLF Working group to successfully and innovatively capture what people most valued about the WLF.

### Significant Change Stories

#### Life Is A Learning Journey; We Are Never Too Young or Too Old To Learn - Hellen’s Story

*Hellen is on a learning journey that started with the Global Learning Festival (GLF), and then the Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF) where she has been on student placement for her Master’s Degree in International and Community Development at RMIT University. In this journey, she is learning that one is never too young or too old to learn, and when people from different age groups,*

<sup>1</sup> Davies, R. and Dart, J. (2005), The Most Significant Change Technique - A Guide to Its Use, retrieved in October 2020 from: <<http://www.mande.co.uk/docs/MSCGuide.pdf>>



*demographics and backgrounds come together, intergenerational learning and magic happen. She has also come to understand that support from the local government, learning institutions and libraries are key components of lifelong learning, and so is the willingness of the community to participate in these learning opportunities. There are several impacts of the WLF on Hellen personally and professionally. Personally, Hellen has learnt to find balance in this unbalanced world, and that she can choose to live her life and achieve her goals and whatever she set's her mind to achieve. This was learned from one of the sessions on personal development, and from the 'can-do' spirit and determination of some of the hosts who went against all odds and hosted several sessions both at the GLF and at the WLF.*

*The other lesson she learnt was around the importance of oral histories in transmitting culture, knowledge, and important aspects of a community, and that these oral histories are taught from the moment babies are born and is a lifelong process. These oral histories play a key role in teaching the members of the society how to relate with each other and how to relate and preserve the environment and animals. These stories also act as a library of information and clarify misconception and stereotypes. For example, it is now proved through research that the First Nations Peoples of Australia had a superior diet prior to the arrival of the settlers, and it is now confirmed through research that they not only lived innately in-tune with nature, but the grass seeds that was used to make bread have more proteins than other seeds and grains in the world. Through the WLF, Hellen has also learned that serious issues affecting the world and its population can also be addressed in a very informal way, and all it takes is creating awareness of the issue and eliciting commitment to action by the members of the community.*

*Professionally, the most significant impact this festival has had on Hellen is that it has made her aware of the various communication styles (turn taking, pausing, and overlapping styles) and the importance of debriefing. A lot of important learning happens during the debriefing sessions. Also, she has learnt that the community often know what is best for themselves, and as a development practitioner, her role is to tap into the local knowledge for solutions to the issues that the community face.*

## WLF Feedback

### WLF Attendee Feedback

*I wanted to write and express my gratitude for the YouTube read-along of 'Tomorrow, When The War Began' (by John Marsden). I am located in Canada, and I am currently using this novel with my English Language Arts 9 class. This past Monday we transitioned back to online learning as our state's COVID numbers are currently quite alarming. I have some struggling and reluctant readers in my class, and we are using your library's YouTube audio of this novel. Truly, it is a life-saver for me and for my students. Thank-you so much for posting these chapter read-alongs!*



## Post Festival Survey for Event Providers

A post festival survey was sent to event providers to collect their feedback on running an event. A detailed breakdown of this is available in appendix 1. Overall, 20 event providers filled out the survey and 13 completed it fully. Generally feedback from event providers was positive, with all respondents indicating that they were likely to recommend hosting an event in the Festival to a friend or colleague. In addition, no respondent gave a poor rating to the Festival as a whole, with respondents indicating the Festival was 'good' (n = 1), 'very good' (n = 6) and 'excellent' (n = 4).

However, the survey did highlight some areas for further work, for example there were strong indications that several event providers felt confused about having to market their own events and wondered about the value if they must do it themselves. Over 50% were approached directly by one of the project co-leads to run an event. While most of the participants in events came from Wyndham and Melbourne, there was also international and national representation across many events. Over 76% said that overall they would rate the support of the organization of their event by the Festival Organizers as very high or high. Over 92% promoted their event through social media.

In terms of event providers surveyed indicating why or why not they felt their event was successful, there was a strong feel that due to COVID-19, there was a fair amount of Zoom fatigue causing lower than expected numbers compared to running a live event. Respondents said the festival had impacted on them personally by helping develop their confidence and empowerment, taught them new skills such as public speaking and they also valued the networking that occurred with both the speakers and other participants.

## Post WLF Reflections Session

A post WLF Reflections Session was run in early December 2020 to offer WLF Working Group members the chance to share their insights, challenges and suggestions about the 2020 festival. Feedback included:

- **Signature event:** While there were over 180 registered, there were just 54 in the audience on the day with many others requesting a copy of the recording to listen to Clare present later when they had free time. A great deal of positive feedback was received from the people who attended, including that Clare is a warm welcoming person, and offered an interactive and engaged event. Thanks to Clare's generosity with her time, the signature event went over time, giving audience members a chance to have their questions answered. The MC for the event, from the Wyndham CEC, did a great job, setting the scene for an intimate, welcoming and inclusive event. It was agreed that holding a WYNTalk as a signature event during future festivals should continue as it brings broader attention to the festival and the WynTalk branding.
- **Event Providers:** it was suggested to include the event provider toolkit on the website in a more prominent place, so event providers see and use it. A further suggestion was to request



event providers to read it before submitting their event registration form. Event providers may have been bombarded with information and thus may not have read it. Some event providers queried their involvement in the Festival, asking what was in it for them and how it added to business growth. Other providers were unaware that they would be responsible for their own communication marketing and promotion. Event providers would have liked to engage a broader audience through participation in the Festival. Clear messaging should continue – that the Wyndham CEC and WCC are providing a platform, and the role of the group and providers is to run their own activities and do their own promotion and marketing. A further message to event providers is to avoid packing too much into individual event agendas, and not to provide too many events over the week. Adult Learning Australia's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday was on at the same time, yet there was an oversight and the working group did not collaborate with them this year. The working group can provide support and advice regarding marketing if consulted with enough notice (e.g. distributing information and flyers to working group networks; doing FB posts; highlighting curated groupings of events to market segments – e.g. youth, older people, families etc.). It was suggested to keep the registration process as it is, as it worked well for most events and was seamless. It is important to ensure event providers receive early confirmation that their event has been accepted. The festival needs to be curated to ensure an appropriate diversity of events.

- **Website:** Possibly due to the addition of the program calendar, the website was slow and clunky to use this year. In addition, there were some technical issues on the Facebook page and thus issues on online marketing of events.
- **Online program:** in 2020, the Online program was much more accessible than the calendar on the website. In the future, it is necessary to ensure the online program remains a readable and accessible online booklet.
- **Other Feedback:** Some members of the WLF Working group did not attend any events. Others noted that there were some challenges in engaging specific cultural groups in the digital environment due to lack of technical understanding of hosting an event online. It was a struggle to get all the community centers working in a coordinated way in 2020, and a lot seemed fragmented due to the impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns. It was suggested that more work needs to occur internally to Council to bring people together and to collaborate better. A combination of the improved Melbourne weather and virtual fatigue meant that numbers were down for some events. It was suggested to start marketing the festival from the start of the year to potential event holders. Encourage people to not 'over' register to run events to decrease burnout. To allow for a more curated festival, limit the number of events to 55, with 5 being pre-recorded and the rest live. Limit the festival to run for five days to prevent burnout by the organisers. Some events did not take place as scheduled and the timing of some of the events was a barrier as some important WLF events took place when people were at work/school. Some feedback from the community was that they would like to see some of the events from 4 pm. In particular they mentioned the events on job hunting and resume



creation. Some event hosts mentioned that their participants found it hard to register for the events (the page with events took too long to load). In 2021, it is suggested to request a formal commitment from working group members taking into account their capacity and defining roles to ensure members don't burnout or risk disengagement from the project.

## WLF 2021 Next Steps

As we reflect on the 2020 festival, the following decisions have been agreed for 2021:

- Logistics – festival to run for five days from 1-5 September 2021. The festival will be curated, with 50 live events and 5 pre-recorded events. Individuals can run one event, organisations can run two, and sponsors can run three. On the registration form, potential providers must agree they have already read the event toolkit, before submitting their event.
- Support – working group to share responsibility to run regular information sessions for potential/new event providers leading up to the Festival (initially on forming ideas, logistics; and later around marketing ideas). Request a formal commitment from working group members taking into account their capacity and defining roles.
- Engagement – Emphasize in the messaging that event providers are responsible for their own promotion and marketing.
- Update the website to improve visibility of particular information and to make it user-friendly
- Marketing – begin from early 2021. The logo is already developed so it will just be a matter of updating the details and planning/operationalising an awareness-raising campaign.
- Reach – Mailchimp EDM's do reach people in our current network. Explore ways of expanding network/ mailing list. Invite global partners to attend events to bring Wyndham to the world.
- Value – no printed program for 2021. Create festival bags again (include website URL) and explore ways of distributing the bags more broadly. Hold a WYNTalk as a signature WLF event.

## Contact Details

To contact with the Wyndham Learning Festival team, contact us through the following channels:

- Address: Wyndham CEC 20 Synnot St, Werribee VIC 3030      Phone: (03) 9742 4013
- Email: [contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au](mailto:contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au)
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/WynLearnFestival/>

## References

Wyndham Learning Community Strategy 2018-2023<sup>2</sup>

Wyndham Learning Festival Website<sup>3</sup>

Wyndham Community and Education Centre Website<sup>4</sup>

Wyndham City Council Website<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/learning-community-strategy-2018-2023>

<sup>3</sup> [www.wynlearnfestival.org.au](http://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.wyndhamcec.org.au/wpmain/>

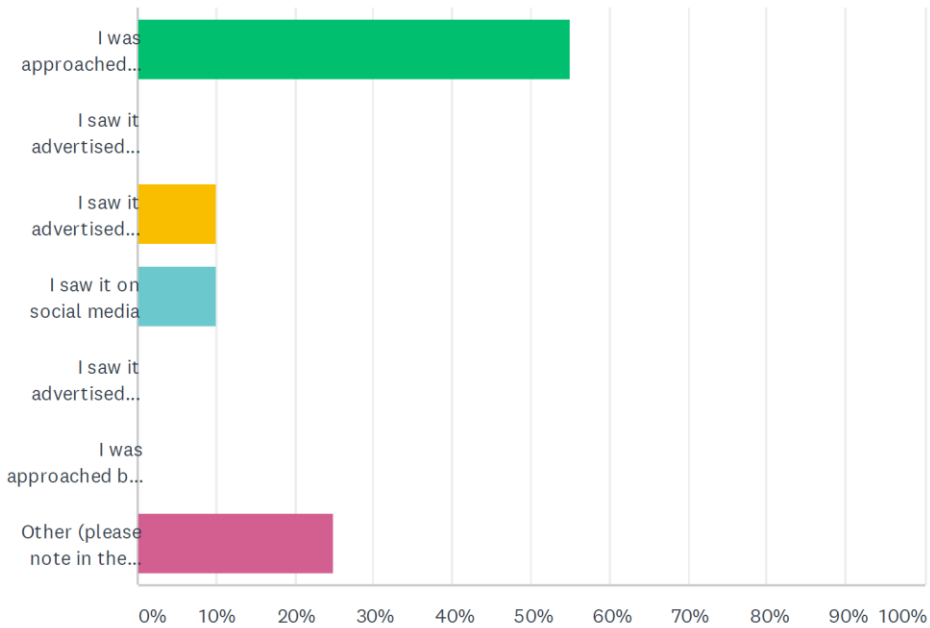
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/>



## Appendix 1: Feedback from Event Providers Post-Event

### Q5 How did you first hear about the WLF?

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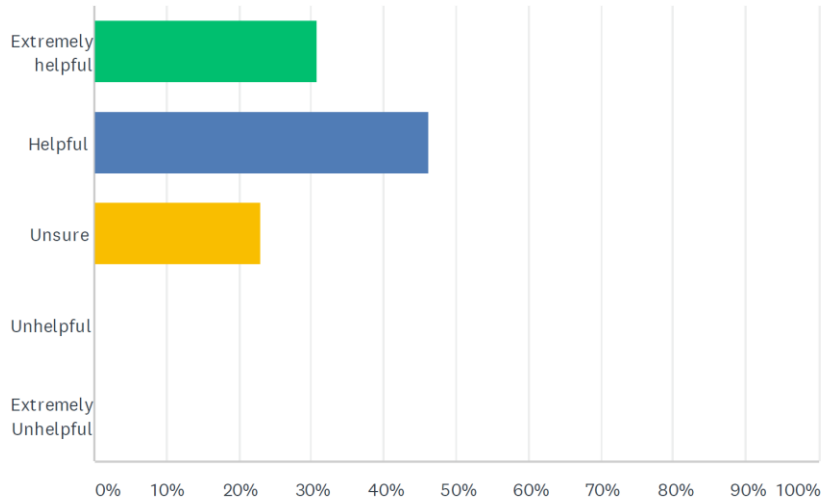


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I was approached directly by one of the festival co-leads (Wyndham City Council or Wyndham Community and Education Centre staff)	55.00% 11
I saw it advertised through a Council mailout	0.00% 0
I saw it advertised through a WCEC mailout	10.00% 2
I saw it on social media	10.00% 2
I saw it advertised locally	0.00% 0
I was approached by a participant from a previous year (please say who in the comments)	0.00% 0
Other (please note in the comments)	25.00% 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>



Q10 Overall, how would you rate the support of the organization of your event by the Festival Organizers?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 7

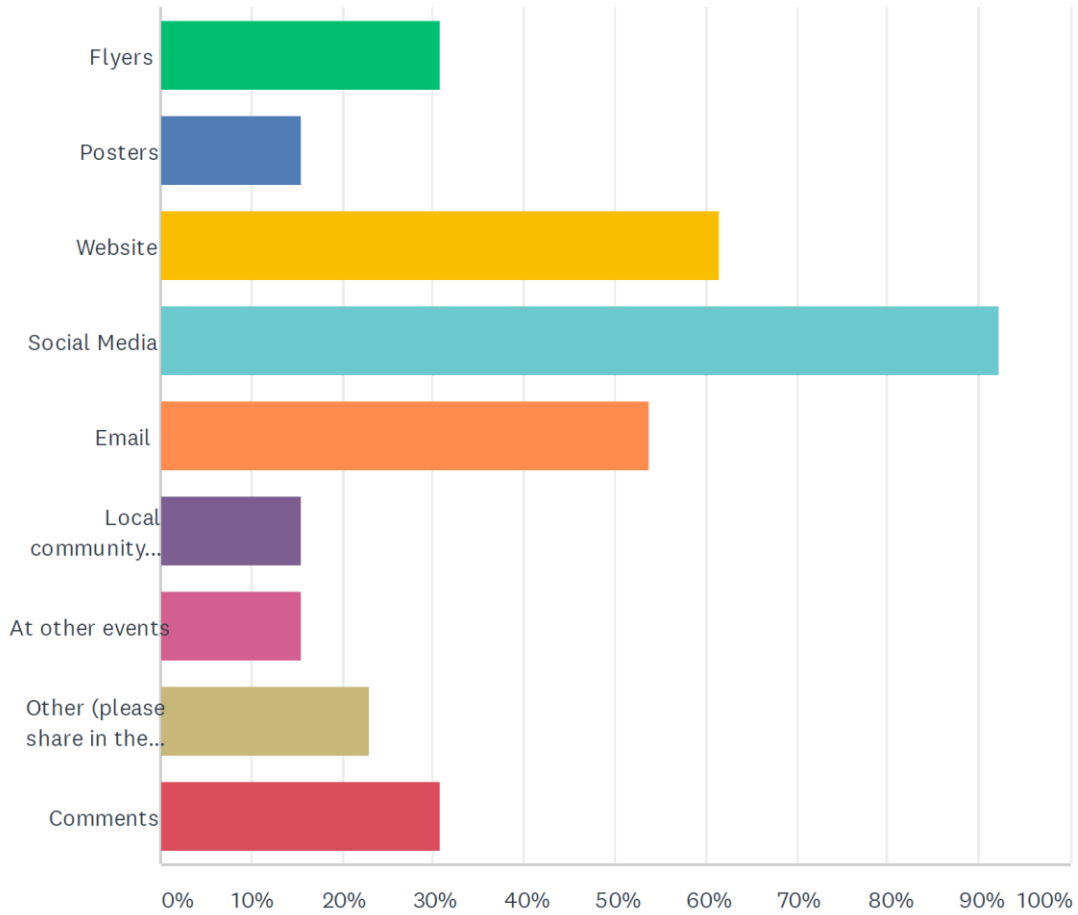






### Q11 How did you promote your event?

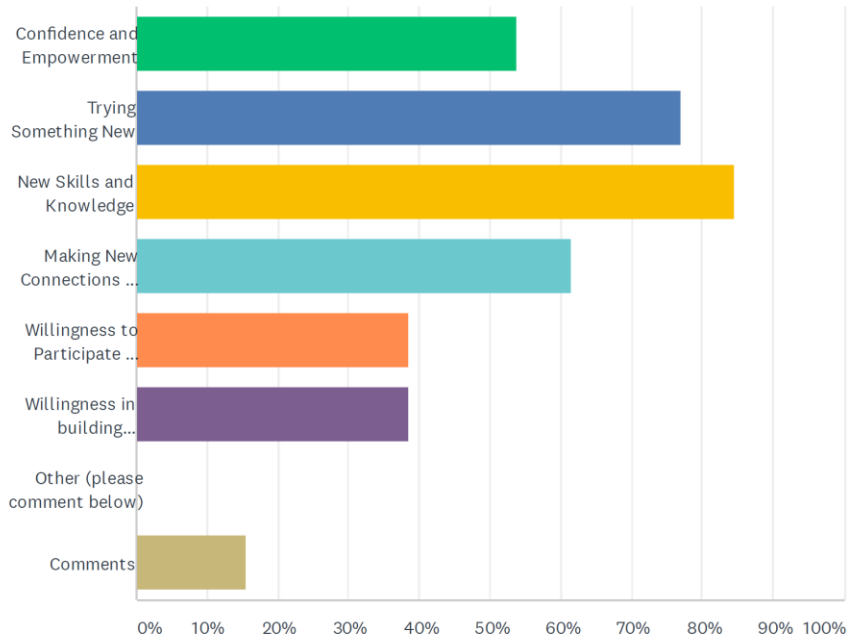
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Q14 Do you think that your event has had any of the below perceived impacts on participants? (mark all answers that apply)

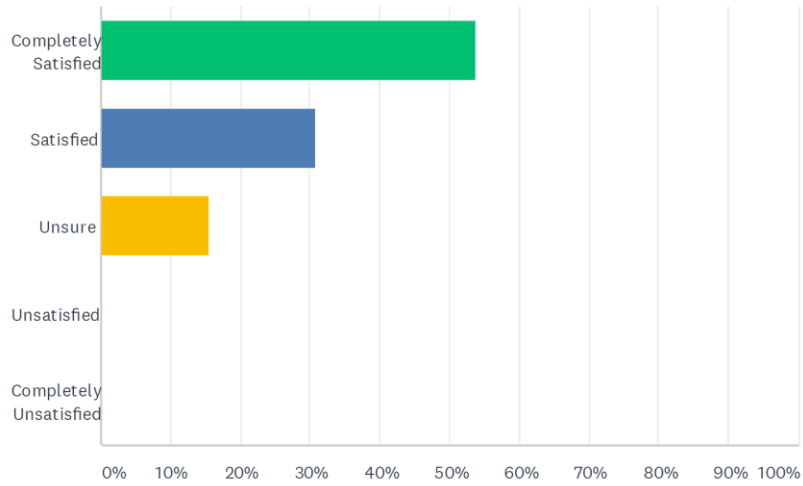
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Confidence and Empowerment	53.85%	7
Trying Something New	76.92%	10
New Skills and Knowledge	84.62%	11
Making New Connections in the Community	61.54%	8
Willingness to Participate in Ongoing Learning Programs or Activities	38.46%	5
Willingness in building partnerships across Wyndham	38.46%	5
Other (please comment below)	0.00%	0
Comments	15.38%	2
Total Respondents: 13		

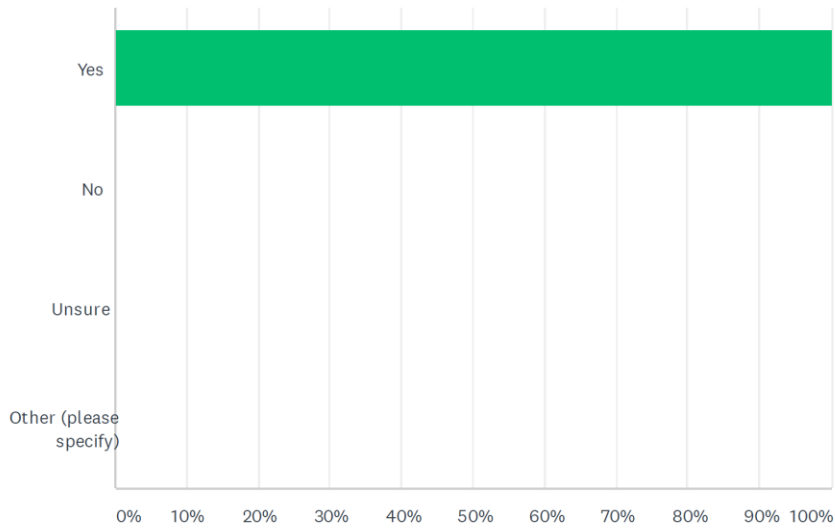
**Q15 Part 3: How satisfied you were with the broader organization of the Wyndham Learning Festival?**

Answered: 13 Skipped: 7



**Q17 Would you be open to participating in the 2021 Wyndham Learning Festival?**

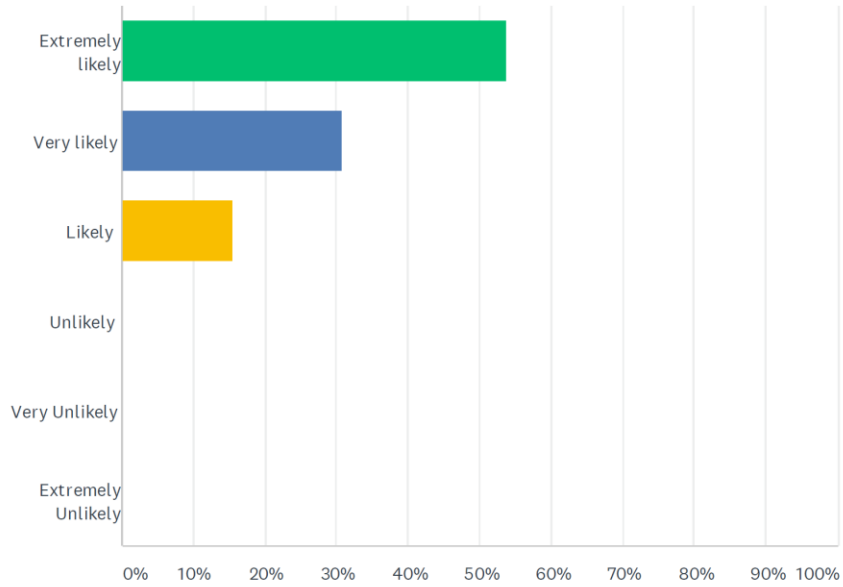
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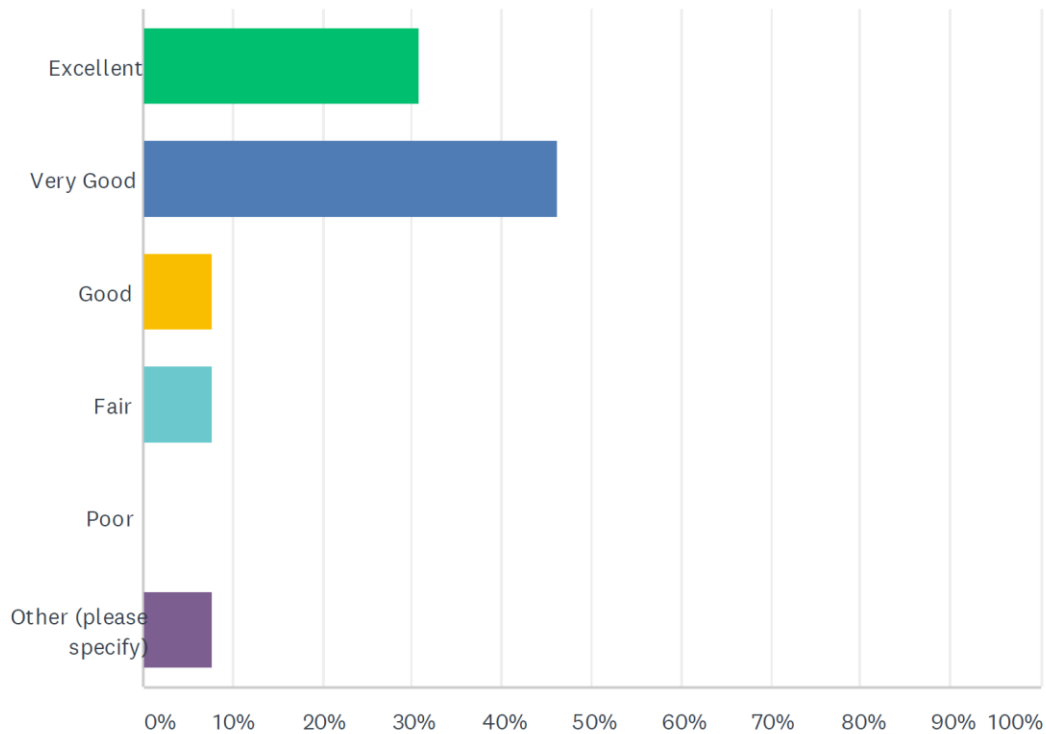
### Q18 How likely is it that you would recommend hosting an event in the next Festival to a friend or colleague?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 7



### Q23 How would you rate the 2020 festival as a whole?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 7





## Appendix 2: Various Significant Change Stories from the 2020 WLF

### **Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World - Belinda's Story**

*Belinda designed and ran the session 'Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World: the Oola Principle'. Belinda advertised her event on Facebook and other social media platforms and felt that having the event listed on the WLF website also helped with the marketing. The session had seven participants, which was a smaller number compared to the number of people that had registered. The event had no technical issues. Belinda hosted this event because she loves teaching and helping others have a balanced life, she started this journey by helping her family and friends with their life and business goals. She is an author and a life coach, and now combines her love of helping people find a more balanced life with her love of coaching people with their business ideas. Belinda also hosted this event because she not only thought that this would benefit the people in her community (Wyndham), but also would put her name out there and broaden her network. The most significant impact on the festival on Belinda was that she was able to interact with a new audience. She also felt that the session was interactive and that it had a positive impact on the audience. This is with the backdrop of the current pandemic where people's lives and goals had been thrown off balance. Belinda intends to make a follow up with the audience and keep them posted on her upcoming activities and events.*

### **Lessons On Event Organization From A First Time Event Host – Sophia's Story**

*Sophia hosted three events during the WLF. These were a workshop on sustainable diets, a dialogue with farmers, and a climate conversation. She was the main speaker for the workshop on sustainable diets, and the moderator of the other two activities. She ran the events an independent and volunteered to host these sessions as a concerned member of the community. She indicated to the event organizers on acceptance of her three events that she would need additional support with the planning and executing of the event as this was the first time she had done anything like this.*

*Being new to running this sort of event, Sophia found it challenging to work through all the pre-event requirements, yet she managed to overcome the hurdles and went ahead to have three successful and well-attended events and along the way. She also taught herself how to market her events and also work with various online tools like Zoom, Facebook events, Eventbrite, and email reminders. Sophia was able to establish a partnership with the Wyndham City Council Sustainability team who followed up with her as she planned for the events and helped spread the word on her events.*

*Sophia gives credit to her classmates who, despite not residing in Wyndham, offered support and it was through their efforts that she was able to pull off the activities successful and on time. Moving forward, Sophia recommends that the festival organizers provide additional hands-on support to new event hosts in terms of preparation and marketing of the events.*

*The most significant impact of the festival on Sophia was that she experienced being scared, mentally tired and emotionally relieved (in that order) as she learnt how to implement her events. For Sophia, the best part was connecting with like-minded individuals in the community, and the affirmation that*



people are open to these kinds of activities. She confirmed that she would continue to run such events in 2021.

### **What It Takes To Host An Online Learning Festival -Tee's Story**

*Tee was heavily involved in planning for the WLF, including attending the WLF monthly working group meetings and developing the agenda, contacting my network channels to encourage them to run an event for WLF or to share event information, creating WLF social media posts and events, creating and uploading events onto the WLF website events calendar and contacting some of the event holders to get missing information to help promote their WLF event effectively.*

*As this was her first year being involved in the festival, she found it challenging not knowing what was involved in running the WLF. However, after attending the WLF Working Group meetings from the start of the year, she was able to gain a better understanding and identify how she could best support the team with it. Additionally, once the call for events went out, Tee found that insufficient information being provided by event holders when they initially registered because they were still planning the details of their events, made it difficult to effectively promote their events. Also, while initially the festival was planned as a live event, Tee found it challenging to have to adapt to all events to be delivered online due to the pandemic.*

*For Tee, the most significant impact of the WLF was the learning that unfolded as she discovered what the WLF actually was. It was also impactful to be a part of the team, gaining this experience, learning new skills and pulling off a successful event.*

### **Profound Partnerships At The Heart Of A Successful WLF - Jac's Story**

*Jac was involved in the Wyndham Learning Festival as one of the lead organisers of the project this year. She also partnered with others to run several events including the Australian Learning Communities Network Showcase, The COVID-19, Wellbeing and the Middle-School Years Webinar, and the Introduction to the Kulin Nations Professional Development session. Jac sat on the broader WLF working group across the year taking minutes and also played a key role in managing marketing and communications. This included developing bulk emails to event providers, designing and distributing EDM's through Mailchimp, managing some of the backend of the website and being an editor of the WLF Facebook page.*

*For Jac, the most significant impact that this project had was that when the organisers decided to bring the WLF to a virtual platform in response to the unpredictability of the pandemic and social restrictions, how positively everybody moved to ensure the WLF still occurred. She also valued how different members of the working group contributed to the events and overall project despite their own challenges during this uncertain year and how people let the co-lead team know what their capacity was and provided input based on that. While it was a lot of work, and a lot more quantity control than she realised initially to ensure that the events were of high-quality, the final result was very positive, and she felt the reputation of the WLF remains high. Being able to work at the WLF Lead Wyndham*



*Community and Education office once a week to be able to physically connect with the lead organisation, allowed the lead team to be frank and open hearted in their conversations in the lead up to the festival. Then when the team members were no longer able to physically be in the office due to COVID-19, they had already established a connection between the core lead working group to more authentically address any issues as they arose later in the year.*

*Speaking specifically about the events she was involved in coordinating, Jac loved seeing the speakers empowered as they shared their stories or research, she loved meeting (even though it was online) people who are highly regarded in their industries and the accessibility the project provided to meet these people, for example meeting Clare Bowditch who spoke at the signature event. She loved reading through the feedback from event providers and also those who attended different events to see how the event had impacted on them in unique ways, such as one provider saying to Jac: "oh I just LOVE working with people from Council - you get things DONE!"*

*She valued the project working group and being able to meet monthly to gain an update on how they were progressing and to review any risks and challenges.*

#### **Small Connections for Big Impact - Meg's Story**

*Meg works for the Wyndham Community and Education Centre (Wyndham CEC), which was the lead agency for the festival, and led the team in coordinating the Wyndham City Learning festival in partnership with Wyndham City Council. Her key role was chairing the festival's working group meetings and ensuring the overall success of the 2020 Wyndham Learning Festival.*

*While there was a small amount of sponsorship funding support, the key challenge for Meg was that the festival was not staff funded. This meant that the team had to work around the limited resources available including around staff time. Meg says that the administrative support provided by Tee from Wyndham CEC was invaluable and she was also grateful for the support she received from the co-lead partners at Wyndham City Council from the Learning Community Unit.*

*The other challenge was that the team had to perform tasks outside their areas of specialisation to the best of their capacity and within the other existing constraints of funding and time. The team had to take up additional tasks in marketing, fundraising, website management, event management, and communication. The council's marketing and communications team did provide some help but with the magnitude of such an event, the team still needed additional Communications support especially in areas such as preparing e-newsletters, targeted marketing and advertising. Also, having team members with high level fundraising skills would be a key asset. Regarding the event hosts, there was a need to manage expectations and communicate from the onset the kind of support that the organizers are able to provide with their limited capacity.*

*The most significant impact of the festival on Meg is about the connection that a specific event has on people. She says it is all about the small connections that lead to something else later.*



### **An Inspiring Project in a Difficult Year - Diane's story**

*Diane was part of the WLF working group that coordinated the Festival, and she also attended and co- led several events over the eight days.*

*Diane attended various events because she values the commitment and energy of the working group in bringing the Festival together. Diane's involvement in some the event activities was in the form of coordinating or Emceeing, and beyond this, she attended out of interest and wishing to learn new skills and to support event providers.*

*Diane reported that the Clare Bowditch event really resonated with her – she felt that Clare's strategies for taming the negative self-talk were spot on, easy to understand and most importantly easy to implement. Diane was also moved by the AMES Refugee Stories event and felt very privileged to hear such moving accounts of difficult journeys by resilient people. She also found The Kulin Nation PD quite insightful and, having attended a similar event previously, she was able to add to her understanding of the inequities and injustices experienced by Aboriginal people in Australia. Diane feels that this is something that the community need to continually discuss and find ways of addressing and hopes that a similar event can be a mainstay of future Festivals.*

*The most significant impact of the festival for Diane was that professionally she gained a lot of skills from attending events and got to work on such an amazing and inspiring yearlong project. The WLF is the highlight of Diane's work year – as it is a chance to really feel like she is making a difference to the Wyndham community. At a personal level, Diane felt that the project was simultaneously exhausting and exhilarating – with lots to learn, and lots to do; and she considers herself lucky to have this project to work on in such a difficult year.*





### Appendix 3: WLF 2020 Full Program

Yellow = Live Events

Green = Pre-recorded Events

#### Monday 24 November 2020

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
12:00 AM	Surface Transmission	This video will show you just exactly how easy it is to contaminate a surface with an infection and transmit it on to other people. Highlighting the importance of correct hand washing.	STEM Response Team - University of Wolverhampton	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXft7G_nI8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXft7G_nI8</a>
12:01 AM	Optus Cybersecurity Experience (free self-directed learning)	This free program is open to anyone with an interest in cybersecurity. The program explores six cybersecurity careers as well as the decision processes involved in a typical corporate cyber security attack. The program is designed to give students insight into the various cyber security careers that are in high demand. You can access the class at any time by logging in.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://au.golifejourney.com">https://au.golifejourney.com</a>
12:01 AM	FUTURISM - Wyndham Art Gallery Virtual Exhibition	Wyndham Art Gallery - FUTURISM Co-Curated by wÄni and featuring work by artists farhiya jama, Fatma Hussein, Gideon Wilonja, Ivy Mutuku and Peter Waples-Crowe. European Futurism was an art movement which began in Italy at the beginning of the 20th century inspired by new technology, fast cars and speed. Bla(c)k Futurism is about creating Art out of strength, pain, loss and successes. It is fundamentally rooted in being denied a full history and looking to the future to correct that. FUTURISM explores innovation in the 21st century and what possibilities arise for Intergenerational Bla(c)k artists today as they take on the challenge of looking to the future to create new possibilities and images of hope and splendour. This virtual exhibition runs 22 October - 29 November 2020	Wyndham City Arts & Culture	<a href="https://www.exhibitionsatwyndhamartgallery.com/">https://www.exhibitionsatwyndhamartgallery.com/</a>
9:00 AM	CISCO Academy Introduction to Cyber Security	Enroll in this self-paced FREE course at <a href="https://www.netacad.com/portal/web/self-enroll/m/course-42563">https://www.netacad.com/portal/web/self-enroll/m/course-42563</a> . Approx. 15-hr course for introducing concepts of cybersecurity.	CISCO Academy Introduction to Cyber Security	<a href="https://www.netacad.com/portal/web/self-enroll/m/course-42563">https://www.netacad.com/portal/web/self-enroll/m/course-42563</a>
9:00 AM	Where are the Jobs? with VU Polytechnic's Skills and Jobs Centres	Learn some up-to-date tips on developing your job search techniques in this short video presentation with Catherine from VU Polytechnic's Skills and Jobs Centres. The current job market is rapidly changing and extremely competitive, so it is more	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSo_lxIWvUQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSo_lxIWvUQ</a>



		<p>important than ever to understand the most effective ways you can search for work right now. This video covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what job you should look for</li> <li>- how to manage your job search</li> <li>- where and how you can look for work, and strategies for success</li> </ul>		
9:00 AM	Resume Refresh with VU Polytechnic's Skills and Jobs Centre's	<p>Refresh your resume with Catherine from Victoria University's Skills and Jobs Centre's. This short video features a series of tips to give your resume a makeover, and provide you with an edge in today's competitive job market. Catherine will talk through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how to style your resume for success</li> <li>- the ideal length and 5 key things to include on page one, and what not to include.</li> </ul>	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
9:00 AM	Job interview confidence with VU Polytechnic's Skills and Jobs Centre's	<p>The prospect of a job interview freaks most of us out, even when we're confident in our own abilities. This presentation is designed to help boost your confidence when it comes to interviewing for a job. Join Catherine from VU Polytechnic's Skills and Jobs Centre's to understand the keys to success in job interviews. This video covers: types of job interviews; preparing for an interview; practicing your interview skills; attending an interview and responding to interview questions</p>	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQRV1eOMBRY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQRV1eOMBRY</a>
9:00 AM	My Big Idea	<p>Once you register for our Business Educations programs, you will get access to a FREE 2.5-hour mini course that you can do from the comfort of home, in your own time and at your own pace. It's completely online. My Big Idea's will help you to FIND your business idea). We highly recommend this mini course even if you have a business idea. You can register anytime.</p>	Global Sisters	<a href="https://sisters.globalsisters.org/join-us/">https://sisters.globalsisters.org/join-us/</a>
9:00 AM	AquaPulse Gym Tour with Workshop & Info session	<p>Join the WynActive Fitness Coach team for a tour of our wonderful WynActive Health and Fitness facilities at AquaPulse. The team will take you through some basic exercises and tackle some common exercise questions around exercising in a large gym, workout types, exercising for all different fitness levels, and much more!</p>	Western Leisure Services - Victoria	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/717253648892074/">https://www.facebook.com/events/717253648892074/</a>
9:30 AM	Online Rhyme Time	<p>Sharing songs and rhymes helps to develop language, literacy, numeracy, phonemic awareness, motor skills, imagination, music</p>	Wyndham City Library	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/librariesinwyndham/">https://www.facebook.com/librariesinwyndham/</a>



		appreciation and much more. Join us for our Online Rhyme Time.		
10:00 AM	Active Older Adults	This come and try class is perfect for older adults wanting to remain active. Using a chair and your body I will take you through a class incorporating all facets of movement including cardio, strength, mobility and flexibility. Suitable for anyone who wants to move their body.	Precision Personal Training	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/precision.personaltraining">https://www.facebook.com/precision.personaltraining</a>
10:30 AM	I'm Bored - utilising cost-free, household items to promote children's play & learning.	Isolation and lockdown brought on by COVID-19 restrictions has challenged many of us but none more so than the parents of young children. Victoria University Polytechnics Early Childhood Education lecturer Saleena Horton will share some practical and useful ideas on how to use cost free items around your home and garden to engage with young children to promote play and learning. This event is suitable for parents of children aged 0-5 years old.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
11:00 AM	Waste & Recycling Incursion for younger years	Wyndham City's waste education team present a twenty-minute video about waste and recycling that you can watch as a class or tune in from home during remote learning. This session is designed for younger years. Please note this is not an event, the video as available at any time.	Wyndham City	<a href="https://youtu.be/AloNN5WxKxw">https://youtu.be/AloNN5WxKxw</a>
12:00 PM	Resilience Webinar Series	This webinar will offer you practical ways to develop skills to cultivate resilience and bounce forward from the COVID experience. The webinar series consists of 3 parts to further explore strategies introduced in the Building Brain Fitness Webinar delivered by Wyndham Youth Services. Participants will have the opportunity to learn ways to practice and adopt strategies in the area of Health, Collaboration, Tenacity, Composure, Vision and Reasoning.	Wyndham City Council	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BLZLU">https://www.trybooking.com/BLZLU</a>
1:00 PM	Hieroglyphs in Half an Hour (and other Egyptology tasters)	Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs are fascinating, and this quick lesson will have you figuring out their direction, making up hieroglyphic words and pronouncing them, and even translating them ... all within half an hour!	University of Glasgow	<a href="https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/s hort/videos/">https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/s hort/videos/</a>
2:00 PM	Hiroshima Hibakusha: I will never forget that day with Ms. Kiyomi Kono	Hiroshima hibakusha (atomic bomb survivor) Ms. Kiyomi Kono will provide a testimony of her exposure to the atomic bombing at Hiroshima City in August of 1945. This event is co-sponsored by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://hibakusha.eventbrite.com">https://hibakusha.eventbrite.com</a>
3:00 PM	Setting up a home router	This demonstration will show you how to create and configure a home network and how to test	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-</a>



	with Packet Tracer	connectivity using CISCO Packet Tracer software. This free workshop is suited for anyone who has in interest in IT and networking.		<a href="#">activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
3:30 PM	ALCN Roundtable Celebrating Entrepreneurial Models of Learning Communities & Cities	A virtual professional development roundtable about learning and entrepreneurship.	Australian Learning Communities Network	<a href="https://alcroundtableentrepreneurialmodels.eventbrite.com.au">https://alcroundtableentrepreneurialmodels.eventbrite.com.au</a>
4:00 PM	Migration Information Session	Free Migration Information session conducted by Licensed Migration Agent. Register for Zoom Access.	Kingdom Destiny	<a href="https://www.kingdomdestiny.org.au/globalconnect">https://www.kingdomdestiny.org.au/globalconnect</a>
4:30 PM	Crazy Science	Mad about science? Try our fun workshops which are aligned with the curriculum to explore the magic world.	Rainbow International Selective Education Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/">https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/</a>
6:30 PM	Is Your Business First Aid Ready	Helping business owners navigate the requirements of being First Aid Ready in the workplace. This workshop is a practical workshop to ensure that your business is First Aid Ready giving you the tools to set up your internal policies and procedures.	Growth Training Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GTGAUS">https://www.facebook.com/GTGAUS</a>
6:30 PM	Kids Chat workshop	Join CaPSS to explore ways to improve communication with your child.	The Salvation Army	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/capssmeltonwyndham/?ref=page_internal">https://www.facebook.com/capssmeltonwyndham/?ref=page_internal</a>
7:00 PM	Love Our Patch - Litter During Lockdown	Come learn or share your story for keeping our streets, parks, gardens and waterways clean, and connect with other like-minded neighbours. Find out how to use the LitterStopper App and understand where this data goes. We'll also share a video on our community's environmental efforts, and updates on the Werribee River Association's LitterBlitz project.	Werribee River Association	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/love-our-patch-litter-during-lockdown-tickets-126923568811">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/love-our-patch-litter-during-lockdown-tickets-126923568811</a>
7:00 PM	POUND Rockout workout	Feel like a drummer playing with the band at a concert! This cardio jam session using drumsticks is designed to help you release your inner Rockstar, sweat, sculpt and have fun, working on the mind and the body.	POUND fitness with Jessica	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/jessicapoundpropage/">https://www.facebook.com/jessicapoundpropage/</a>
7:30 PM	Natural DIY Beauty Products	Learn how to make your own natural, vegan-friendly, zero-waste products at home. We'll make a deodorant and a body scrub.	Mademoiselle Organic Pty Ltd	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1339253736425402/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1339253736425402/</a>
7:30 PM	Finding Balance in an	If you've ever wanted to create a plan for getting what you truly want in your life, your career, your	Belinda McLean	<a href="https://fb.me/e/1RopGM8na">https://fb.me/e/1RopGM8na</a>



	Unbalanced World	finances, your relationships and more, then this is for you.		
7:45 PM	Wild Stories - A snapshot of plants, birds, platypus and fish	The Wyndham area is home to many wonderful forms of wildlife. Come and join John Forrester, the Werribee River Keeper, as he gives us a snapshot of this local wildlife.	Werribee River Association	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wild-stories-a-snapshot-of-plants-birds-platypus-and-fish-tickets-127263680093">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wild-stories-a-snapshot-of-plants-birds-platypus-and-fish-tickets-127263680093</a>

## Tuesday 24 November 2020

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
10:00 AM	Kokedama Demonstration	Learn to make your own Kokedama. Kokedama is a ball of soil, covered with moss, on which an ornamental plant grows. You will be able to either watch this demonstration or follow along using your own supplies. When you register, we will provide you with the ZOOM link and a list of supplies required for the session.	Iramoo Community Centre	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/IramooCommunityCentre">https://www.facebook.com/IramooCommunityCentre</a>
10:00 AM	Where to start with Search Engine Optimisation (SEO)	If you want to start implementing SEO for your business, this activity-based workshop is for you! In the workshop you will: - Perform a website SEO health check - Research keywords specific to your business - Convert keywords into content for your website	Wyndham City Council	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/where-to-start-with-seo-wyndham-whitehorse-tickets-126000844919?aff=EDM">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/where-to-start-with-seo-wyndham-whitehorse-tickets-126000844919?aff=EDM</a>
10:00 AM	Introduction to the Kulin Nations	Join Judy Dalton-Walsh and Lisa de Santa-ana, Koorie Engagement Support Officers from the Department of Education & Training for an insightful and engaging presentation and discussion on the introduction to the Kulin Nation & the Aboriginal Community for this land.	Department of Education & Training	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/introduction-to-the-kulin-nations-tickets-128948766231">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/introduction-to-the-kulin-nations-tickets-128948766231</a>
10:30 AM	Let's Eat Workshop	Join us in a short webinar to learn some quick tips and tricks to make your meal times fun times, let us walk you through on an easier path where in you can help your child create positive associations with different types of food!	The Salvation Army	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/capssmeltonwyndham/?ref=page_internal">https://www.facebook.com/capssmeltonwyndham/?ref=page_internal</a>
10:30 AM	Supporting the needs of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	Whether you're a parent or an educator, this session will provide you with information and strategies to assist you to support the needs and behavior of pre-school children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>



10:30 AM	Readers and Players	This fun and educational class will open a world of literacy to children and teach them early phonics skills.	Rainbow International Selective Education Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/">https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/</a>
11:00 AM	Refresh Your Resume	Learn some simple tips to structure an effective, tailored resume/CV so you can land your perfect job.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
11:00 AM	Skill Up with Trailhead	Trailhead is Salesforce's free online learning platform that empowers anyone to skill-up. Trailhead reduces barriers to entry for all to join the workforce of the future with content covering business, tech, Salesforce and soft skills.	Salesforce	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8407648068863600655">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8407648068863600655</a>
12:00 PM	"Peacebuilding Careers: In a Time of Global Change and Disruption" with David J. Smith	David J. Smith will explore options for careers and professional pathways for those pursuing peacebuilding work. He will focus on the present moment. David will consider myriad challenges facing us today: social justice, political polarization, climate change, and the pandemic, and look at opportunities that come from the present conditions.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://peacebuilding.eventbrite.com">https://peacebuilding.eventbrite.com</a>
1:00 PM	The convergence of gaming and gambling	Technological innovations in product design such as aesthetic and function are increasingly blurring the lines between video games and gambling. Join hosts Louise Francis & Juliet Matskarofski as they discuss the converging worlds of gaming and gambling.	Wyndham City	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-convergence-of-gaming-and-gambling-tickets-128432058745">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-convergence-of-gaming-and-gambling-tickets-128432058745</a>
2:00 PM	Writing Group	Are you an aspiring writer looking for like-minded people to share with and learn from? Get your creative juices flowing with exercises designed to inspire and develop your writing skills in a friendly environment.	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121317912141">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121317912141</a>
2:00 PM	Say it again - Pronunciation workshop	Are you keen to improve your pronunciation? In this workshop you will participate in a pronunciation lesson. Afterwards there will be an interview with teachers about different courses to improve your English.	Ames Australia	<a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/7116050653540/WN_IDaMf2aXR4Syj1NFHruQkQ">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/7116050653540/WN_IDaMf2aXR4Syj1NFHruQkQ</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/AMESAustralia">https://www.facebook.com/AMESAustralia</a>
4:00 PM	From Fun Experience to Meaningful Learning: The Art of Debriefing	Have you ever participated in an experiential learning simulation, game, or activity and wondered what the point of it was? No lessons-learned, wrap up or closure, just a waste of your time? This highly interactive 1-hour webinar will explore the power of experiential learning to facilitate meaningful learning. Debriefing is an art and we will share all the tips and tricks we have accumulated over the years training around the world. Who is this for?	Value Learning	<a href="https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlId-mvrzouHt1BBiTYux5Ko-zyEc-oqaXt">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlId-mvrzouHt1BBiTYux5Ko-zyEc-oqaXt</a>



		International education professionals; Educators; Intercultural trainers and facilitators; Outdoor educators. Anyone interested in sharpening their debriefing skills		
4:00 PM	Improve your customer base by 10% in next 111 days	In this live webinar session Karthik Viswanathan founder BibVault shares how you can apply the concept of email list building and can improve your customer base. Key focus areas: 1. Why we need email list? 2. Basics of the list building 3. Practical case studies 4. Key techniques that Karthik is using for building BibVault customer base. 5. Special Invitation to the 111 days challenge	Karthikeyan Viswanathan	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_5HrZQhsOTtUuAAYj5jzqNg">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_5HrZQhsOTtUuAAYj5jzqNg</a>
4:30 PM	Reading Buddies	Let's read together with our friends and discuss our thoughts about the books. (Please contact us prior to the event date as we will provide you with the reading content.)	Rainbow International Selective Education Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/">https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/</a>
5:30 PM	Networking: How to find the hidden job market in Australia	Networking: How to find the hidden job market in Australia -What is networking -Why networking is a critical skill for migrants -How to network in COVID time and Dos and Don'ts of Networking	Professional Migrant Women	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/mwgroup">https://www.facebook.com/p/mwgroup</a>
6:00 PM	Mask Making workshop	Live mask making workshop Learn how to make a three-layer fitted mask, no sewing machine needed - all hand sewn. After your register you will get a link to pattern and what material are needed. First 30 people register can collect materials for free, from Werribee.	Wyndham City and MiCare	<a href="https://www.wyndhamtogether.com.au/event/learn-how-to-make-a-three-layer-fitted-mask/">https://www.wyndhamtogether.com.au/event/learn-how-to-make-a-three-layer-fitted-mask/</a>
6:30 PM	Mindset Moments - Connecting with your inner CEO	In this engaging online session, you will explore simple yet profound strategies to promote more empowering and supportive thoughts and a positive mindset shift to improve your well-being.	PROfound Leadership	<a href="https://fb.me/e/1J62CANRX">https://fb.me/e/1J62CANRX</a>
7:00 PM	You can Uke!	In this online beginner's ukulele class, attendees will learn how to: -tune their ukulele -hold it correctly -Use correct fingering -Play basic chords -Pick basic patterns, strum in time and Play a well-known song	Unstrung Music	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BMASD">https://www.trybooking.com/BMASD</a>
7:00 PM	Benefits of Student	If you are a globe-trotter who has chosen a life style where mobility is an important part of life, you have come to the right forum.	English at Teatime Speaking Cafe and Workshop Centre	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/benefits-of-student-mobility-">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/benefits-of-student-mobility-</a>



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	Mobility in Youth Life!!!!	It's time to notice that an important part of our life has been missing during the pandemic. Let's go global all around the world with mobility for a brighter future!		<a href="#">in-youth-life-tickets-125801863761</a>
7:00 PM	Mindset Mastery with Deborah	I help career driven people create an impeccable mindset for success and life. Working on creating your impeccable mindset you will be connected to your desires. You'll be empowered to make decisions. You will have the certainty of you are as a conscious creator.	Deborah H Dickinson Coaching	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/FeminineWarrior">https://www.facebook.com/FeminineWarrior</a>
7:30 PM	Drumming for all ages	The drumming class is uplifting, engaging and fun. Participants will learn African rhythms, technique, warm up exercises and creativity through rhythm. No experience necessary. BYO: Djembe, congas, bongos, darbuka. If you don't have a drum, use a bucket, chair, box or simply tap on your legs. Connect with your community for your wellbeing, stress relief and have fun.	BEATFACTOR	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/beatfactormusic">www.facebook.com/beatfactormusic</a>
7:30 PM	The Rise of Sports Betting	Victorian's lose \$271m betting on sports annually. Chasing is an award-winning film shining a light on the problems that arise from online sports gambling. Join an exclusive viewing and Q&A session with Chasing's creator Steven Calvert.	Wyndham City	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-rise-of-sports-betting-tickets-128445693527">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-rise-of-sports-betting-tickets-128445693527</a>
8:00 PM	Develop your child's language and literacy skills: Ages 3 – 5	Meet your local speech pathologist Lisa Decker at this online Speechie Library Talk. Learn how you can support your child's language and literacy development at home and the resources available at the library. You will also hear about the Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year Awards. This talk is for parents with children aged 3 - 5.	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/126369650025">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/126369650025</a>

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EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
10:00 AM	Opportunity in Adversity and Leadership after Lockdown - Michael Barlow	Join Michael Barlow as he discusses finding opportunity in adversity and how to mold yourself as a leader for young people in your community. Michael will delve into his experience of finding opportunity whilst playing football at the elite AFL level and how great leaders have helped him mold his own style of leadership. This event would be great for young people and young professionals, especially teachers.	The Werribee Football Club	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2847047380?pwd=YlRoTUticzNuZzhVcjFoSjZQa2g0UT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2847047380?pwd=YlRoTUticzNuZzhVcjFoSjZQa2g0UT09</a>





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11:00 AM	8SENSES Cultural Lantern Making with "Hong Baos"	Have fun making cultural lanterns with red paper packets also known as "HONG BAOS" with the family.	8SENSES	<a href="http://www.8senses.com.au">www.8senses.com.au</a>
11:00 AM	Improve Your Job Search	Understand the changing nature of job seeking with expert advice on current job search methods including online searching, registering with government initiatives and accessing the hidden job market.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
11:00 AM	Craft and Chat	Need some time out? Make a cuppa, grab your craft project and come and chat with like-minded people online at the library.	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121317446749">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121317446749</a>
1:00 PM	The Werribee river - its history, conservation and wildlife.	Join Heather Noble from the Werribee River Association on a virtual tour of our beautiful river. Learn about its important role in Victoria history, post European settlement. Discover some of the unique plant and animals which call the Werribee River home.	Wyndham City Council	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/126001647319">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/126001647319</a>
2:00 PM	Interview Skills and Personal Development Workshop	Register for an interactive and informative Workshop on Building Confidence, Resume writing skills, Interview skills and Assertive communication. RSVP Required by 15th Nov, please call 0452 605 060.	Wyndham Community and Education Centre	<a href="http://www.wyndhamcec.org.au">www.wyndhamcec.org.au</a>
2:00 PM	Careers in Caring Services	Do you consider a career in childcare or aged care? Listen to our career advisor, join a mini lesson and meet our teachers and professionals currently employed in the care industry.	Ames Australia	<a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5616050653704/WN_Nft_GqtwTL-yRARKs1TBdA">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5616050653704/WN_Nft_GqtwTL-yRARKs1TBdA</a>
3:30 PM	Robotics and Coding classes for kids	Give your child an exposure to something out of the box. Why not give them exposure in Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics using a different approach. This is a more hands-on, learning by doing approach, where we experiment, test, validate, troubleshoot, debug. Not just that we develop lot of soft skills along the way like teamwork, persistence, analytical and problem-solving skills and lots of confidence. It's a lot more than just a coding class! Come and see for yourself!! You can enroll for our extended school holiday program only, and/or join our regular curriculum levels.	TEKids	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/tekidsaustralia/">https://www.facebook.com/tekidsaustralia/</a>
5:00 PM	VIRWC Global Kitchen	We will showcase some of our key traditional recipes from our Global Kitchen program. We will show how to prepare and cook delicious meals that can be cooked and enjoyed at home.	Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition Inc	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/virwc/">https://www.facebook.com/virwc/</a>



5:00 PM	WynPT Panel Discussion / Info Session	Join the WynActive WynPT Personal Trainers for a live information session. They will answer all the tough questions about exercising with a personal trainer and give you lots of information about the benefits of having a personal trainer to achieve your health and fitness goals. You will have the opportunity to ask questions live during the session.	Western Leisure Services - Victoria	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/806073393521934/">https://www.facebook.com/events/806073393521934/</a>
6:00 PM	Mat Pilates	Strengthen your core and stretch your body in this 40-minute session. Using floor-based movements, Mat Pilates is a low impact session focusing on strength, mobility and flexibility. This session caters for all fitness levels.	Precision Personal Training	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/precision.personaltraining">https://www.facebook.com/precision.personaltraining</a>
7:00 PM	Author Talk - Refugee Stories: In their own words	A talk about a new book that tells the stories of refugees who have settled in Melbourne	AMES Australia	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/AMESAustralia">https://www.facebook.com/AMESAustralia</a>
7:00 PM	Go Global with Music	Feel the buzz from local to global! You will hear local musical pieces with various instruments by a young talent and an expert! Come on! Let's make new friends around the world and go Global! Just bring your Music is a unique language to communicate across the world. To give a real touch of this global effect, young talent Alara Dodurka and her music teacher Mr. Mustafa Unal from Yasam College, will display a musical performance. They will play a Turkish local instrument and the piano. You will hear pieces from Turkey and enjoy the global taste of music. This Musical Presentation is a way for the purpose of increasing participants' knowledge of local to global and others by presenting music.	English at Tea Time Speaking Cafe and Workshop Center	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/go-global-with-music-tickets-127854282601">https://www.eventbrite.com/go-global-with-music-tickets-127854282601</a>
7:30 PM	First Home Buyer Seminar	Open opportunity to learn more about purchasing property in Wyndham specifically for first home buyers. Provide an overview of the grants, schemes for first home buyers as well as home builder grant. Also discuss the importance of correct structure for finance and the importance of interest rates and minimizing the total amount paid over the life of the loan.	Extra Financial	<a href="https://www.extrafinancial.com.au/">https://www.extrafinancial.com.au/</a>
7:30 PM	Vinyasa Flow Yoga for Beginners	Our Vinyasa Flow classes will start with a breathing practice, moving into a series of yoga poses that synchronizes breath and movement and will finish with a nourishing relaxation and mini meditation.	Yoga Moves West	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/yogamoveswest">www.facebook.com/yogamoveswest</a>



## Thursday 26 November

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
9:30 AM	Online Story Time	Come join us for our free Online Story Time sessions. Reading and sharing stories together with children is a wonderful bonding experience and the best way to encourage a love of books, to establish early literacy skills and to prepare children for reading.	Wyndham City Library	<a href="https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/early-years/early-years-events-and-activities">https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/early-years/early-years-events-and-activities</a>
10:00 AM	Digital Tools for the New COVID Normal	A tour of video conferencing platforms and cloud computing tools required to Work from Home (WFH), access employment and access training.	Wyndham CEC	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1982404958568470/?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22surface%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22create_dialog%22%7D%7D">https://www.facebook.com/events/1982404958568470/?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22surface%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22create_dialog%22%7D%7D</a>
10:00 AM	Chair Yoga	Chair yoga is practiced seated and taught with a range of variations so students can adapt the pose to suit their own personal needs, reaping the benefits that yoga regardless of age, experience and ability.	Yoga Moves West	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/yogamoveswest">www.facebook.com/yogamoveswest</a>
10:00 AM	LinkedIn Learning Session	LinkedIn provides a FREE opportunity to market your business. Are you making the most of it? Join this free one-hour online session and get tips on how you can use LinkedIn to its full potential. Local entrepreneur and business owner Paul Harrison of Zib Digital will present the session and share his digital and marketing expertise. He will cover what's important in a LinkedIn profile, tips on how to make the right connections for you and more. Plus, you will have the opportunity to ask questions.	Zib Digital	<a href="https://zibdigital.com.au/team/paul-harrison/">https://zibdigital.com.au/team/paul-harrison/</a>
11:00 AM	Start a small Business in Australia for Migrants and Refugees	A one-hour workshop guiding participants on what it takes to start a business in Australia from a Cultural, Legal and Financial perspective	Thrive Refugee Enterprise	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/start-your-own-business-for-migrants-and-refugees-tickets-120344460521">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/start-your-own-business-for-migrants-and-refugees-tickets-120344460521</a>
11:00 AM	Languages Factory	Native speakers will provide brief language instructions for about 15 minutes to one person with aim that by the end of the session the language learner would be able to conduct greetings and introduce themselves in the language they have chosen to learn	Junubi Wyndham	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/junubiwyndham/">https://www.facebook.com/junubiwyndham/</a>
11:00 AM	Wyndham Integrated	This WILG2 gathering will include policy discussions, self-reflection on work practices and a member of	Wyndham Integrated	Private Event



	Learning Group (WILG2) Gathering	the group running a mini Professional Development session led by different members to support knowledge sharing, leadership and to increase member confidence when advocating accessibility to a wider audience.	Learning Group (WILG2)	
12:00 PM	Language Cafe	At Language Cafe you can practice your English skills, meet new people, and learn from others. This is a great opportunity to connect with the community during isolation and maybe even make new friends.	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121130786443">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121130786443</a>
12:00 PM	Let's talk about the Pokies	With venues closed for more than 200 days during COVID restrictions, more than \$60m that normally would go into Wyndham Pokies has gone to other essential spending or stayed in the pockets of Wyndham residents. Join host Louise Francis to talk gambling, reforms and reducing gambling related harm.	Wyndham City	Check WLF calendar for details <a href="https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events-calendar-new/">https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events-calendar-new/</a>
1:00 PM	ParentsNext	Delivery of ParentsNext program overview.	Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services	Check WLF calendar for details <a href="https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events-calendar-new/">https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events-calendar-new/</a>
2:00 PM	Teeny Tiny Ballerinas	Jiggle and wiggle in our creative and fun ballet class. Let's give our children the opportunity to build a love towards dance.	Rainbow International Selective Education Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/">https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/</a>
4:00 PM	What Should I Study?	Considering tertiary study but not sure what course suits you? This workshop will take you through all the possibilities and help you make an informed decision.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
4:00 PM	Mar Gettek - The Power of Playing Sport	As the Werribee Football clubs Multicultural Development Officer, Mar Gattek has experienced firsthand the opportunities that playing local sport can provide people of all walks of life. Mar will discuss his own personal journey as a South Sudanese boy growing up in Warrnambool and how sport has helped shape him into the man that he is today. Join the Zoom Meeting.	The Werribee Football Club	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76609966741?pwd=REk4VHZWbDZqaFZMvkNmTzZnT3p6QT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76609966741?pwd=REk4VHZWbDZqaFZMvkNmTzZnT3p6QT09</a> Meeting ID: 766 0996 6741 Passcode: 1234
4:00 PM	Heartlands exhibition	Heartlands is an online art exhibition that provides a unique platform for refugees and migrants to tell their stories and perspectives through the prism of their own lives or communities. Meet the curator and artists.	Ames Australia	<a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2416050652636/WN_Kr1Ny-9LTxyMSCmFdXGNOg">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2416050652636/WN_Kr1Ny-9LTxyMSCmFdXGNOg</a>
5:30 PM	How can we best support middle school aged children's emotional	In this online event, Lisa Mundy from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute will firstly discuss the significance of the middle school years and the importance of supporting children's emotional well-being during this time. To do this Lisa will draw on	Manchester Metropolitan University and Murdoch	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emotional-well-being-covid-19-and-middle-school-aged-children-tickets-127692025285">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emotional-well-being-covid-19-and-middle-school-aged-children-tickets-127692025285</a>



	well-being during covid-19: insights from theory, research and practice	the Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study (CATS) policy brief. Charlotte Bagnall from Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK will then focus more specifically on supporting children's emotional well-being over primary-secondary school transition, and the need to do this now more than ever in the context of covid-19. To do this she will draw on theory, in addition to empirical research, including her new survey study.	Children's Research Institute	
6:00 PM	Yin Yoga for Beginners	Yin Yoga is a slow-paced style of yoga that incorporates principles of traditional Chinese medicine, with asanas (postures) that are held for longer periods of time than in other styles.	Yoga Moves West	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/yogamoveswest">www.facebook.com/yogamoveswest</a>
7:00 PM	A Different Approach to Hospitality: Global Online Hospitality	Having grown up in a culture where hospitality is an important part of life, I have come to notice an online hospitality during the pandemic. I literally found my way in it and now I would like to hear what YOU think about it!	English At Teatime Speaking Cafe and Workshop Center	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/event/125718917667">https://www.eventbrite.com/event/125718917667</a>
7:00 PM	Cultivating Conception. A Hands-on Approach to Your Fertility.	Are you trying to have a baby? Come learn about the pillars of fertility wellbeing, and how your daily habits can improve your fertility and reduce risks? Presented by reproductive wellbeing biologist Ileana Kopic.	Empowered Conception	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/event/127530034767">https://www.eventbrite.com/event/127530034767</a>
7:30 PM	Movie Club	Join us to discuss the dystopian sci-fi thriller "What Happened to Monday - in a not so distant future, where overpopulation leads to a drastic One-Child Policy; seven identical sisters live a hide-and-seek existence.	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.wyndhamtogether.com.au/event/movie-club-what-happened-to-monday/">https://www.wyndhamtogether.com.au/event/movie-club-what-happened-to-monday/</a>
7:30 PM	Heather Morris in Conversation with Claire Halliday	Join internationally bestselling author Heather Morris, talking about her new non-fiction title, Stories of Hope, and the art of listening. Heather's ability to listen to Auschwitz survivor, Lale Sokolov, led to the incredible success of The Tattooist of Auschwitz and its sequel, Cilka's Journey. This special event offers an insight into Heather's writing processes - and the value of listening to and remembering the stories that live within all of us.	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.wyndhamtogether.com.au/event/heather-morris-in-conversation-with-claire-halliday/">https://www.wyndhamtogether.com.au/event/heather-morris-in-conversation-with-claire-halliday/</a>
8:00 PM	Launch your first podcast in 60 mins today	In this live webinar session Karthik Viswanathan, host of "What is your marathon" podcast provides you with the step by step instructions and time to launch your first podcast episode at the end of the session. Come as a participant and go as a podcast host!!! Key focus areas: 1. Equipment needed. 2. Recoding software	What Is Your Marathon Podcast	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_nfrinuzzTQCZUwDziSoAiQ">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_nfrinuzzTQCZUwDziSoAiQ</a>



3. Podcasting hosting platform and 4. Distribution channels and Market your podcast

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EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
9:30 AM	Online Baby Time	Come join us for our free Online Early Years sessions. Practice singing, moving and reading with your baby, as we share some of our favourite songs and tips for reading with babies.	Wyndham City Library	<a href="https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/early-years/early-years-events-and-activities">https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/early-years/early-years-events-and-activities</a>
10:00 AM	Learn how to draw Mandala's	Learn how to draw a Mandala. Learning the basic technique will allow you to do a variety of different designs with your Mandala's. When you register, we will provide you with the ZOOM link and a list of supplies that will be required for the session.	Iramoo Community Centre	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/IramooCommunityCentre">https://www.facebook.com/IramooCommunityCentre</a>
11:00 AM	Safe & Social: stay safe online with improved social media awareness	This social media awareness workshop will enable you to develop strategies and practices to remain safe online while enjoying the many benefits that come from active use of social networks.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
11:00 AM	Top 6 Social Media Tips for Business Owners	Improve your Social Media engagement to get more Business. Calling all Business Owners to participate in an exciting seminar presented by United Multimedia- Local, Dynamic & Certified Social Media Experts.	United Multimedia	Check WLF calendar for details <a href="https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events-calendar-new/">https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events-calendar-new/</a>
11:30 AM	BOOK LAUNCH: Little Ideas, BIG Business: How to turn your business ideas into reality	BOOK LAUNCH: Wyndham resident Belinda McLean is launching her book: Little Ideas, BIG Business. Join Belinda as she outlines how to turn your business ideas into reality, using her 5-step formula.	Belinda McLean	<a href="https://bit.ly/3jE28u2">https://bit.ly/3jE28u2</a>
1:00 PM	Installing and using WordPress to build a web site	A demonstration on how to obtain, install and use the free (open source) WordPress Content Management System software to build a website. WordPress websites contain picture galleries, audio playlists and other popular content for the internet. Additional video guides will be made available after the workshop.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>
1:00 PM	6 Customer Service and Marketing tips	Join Renee from Cambridge Coatings with 6 tips and tricks for unforgettable customer service and marketing tips. With over 17 years customer	Cambridge Coatings Pty Ltd	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Cambridge-Coatings-108606744205357">https://www.facebook.com/Cambridge-Coatings-108606744205357</a>



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	and tricks for success	service experience combined with business management experience, it will be a free session not to miss!		
3:00 PM	Mobile Photography Workshop	Want to learn more about how to take better photos with your smart phone, then join this workshop with the owner of Westend Photography, Imran Abul Kashem.	Westend Photography	<a href="mailto:imran@westendphotography.com.au">imran@westendphotography.com.au</a>
4:30 PM	RISE Junior Choir	Long to sing. Want to develop your vocal skills? Join us in our junior choir group to reveal your inner singing talent.	Rainbow International Selective Education Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/">https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbridgeedu/</a>
5:00 PM	Hip Hop for 8 years old and above	Danced to R&B, funk, rap, breakin' and naturally, hip-hop music, it's rhythmic, high-energy and totally electric. Because Hip-hop is constantly evolving, PointCookDance teachers follow an open class plan keeping it fresh by experimenting with new ideas and staying alert to the latest hip-hop trends. Suitable for students aged 8 and above. Email to attend.	PointCookDance	<a href="mailto:info@pointcookdance.com.au">info@pointcookdance.com.au</a>
7:00 PM	Let's make friends and Go Global All Around the World	Come on! Let's make new friends around the world and go Global! Just bring your English and join our debate! Be part of a Difference! The goal is to bring young people together for an online debate where we give them a chance to make new friends around the world. They will introduce themselves and get to know each other. They will see that it is not a dream to meet peers from other parts of the world and realise the power of language as a tool in this global world.	English at Tea Time Speaking Cafe and Workshop Center	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-make-friends-and-go-global-all-around-the-world-tickets-127320678577">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-make-friends-and-go-global-all-around-the-world-tickets-127320678577</a>
7:00 PM	Creating compelling characters	A workshop for fiction writers who want to write more dynamic fiction. Learn how to create three-dimensional characters that readers can care about and empathise with to help bring your fiction to life.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>

## Saturday 28 November

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
9:00 AM	Combination Dance for Preppies	Combination Dance for Preppies mixes classical ballet, jazz and funk together with creative dance and movement games. The mix allows young students to sample different dance genres. Email to attend.	PointCookDance	<a href="mailto:info@pointcookdance.com.au">info@pointcookdance.com.au</a>



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9:00 AM	Live Mat Pilates Class	Join us for a 45-minute Live dynamic Mat Pilates class from the comfort of your living room! This session is suitable for beginners to experienced Pilates pros, come and get your sweat on with us!	KX Pilates Point Cook	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691794841?pwd=OTBPOGIOVlp3emVNL0xtSVdhSWMzUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691794841?pwd=OTBPOGIOVlp3emVNL0xtSVdhSWMzUT09</a>
10:00 AM	Group Fitness 'Mash-Up'	Join the WynActive Group Fitness team for a 'mash-up' of some of our favourite Group Fitness classes. If you've never tried a Group Fitness class before - don't worry! This is the perfect chance to give it a go from the comfort of your home!	Western Leisure Services - Victoria	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/392750325186802/">https://www.facebook.com/events/392750325186802/</a>
10:00 AM	Mess to Message. A Discussion with local businesses on how they are building resilience in 2020	In this live discussion Karthik Viswanathan (host, what is your marathon podcast, founder BibVault) meet with some of the local business owners to uncover their key challenges that they faced in 2020 and how they are building resilience and overcoming them.	What is your Marathon podcast	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ARccML1qRJaOPqQOpooVka">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ARccML1qRJaOPqQOpooVka</a>
11:00 AM	Beginners Yoga Class	An introduction to YOGA for adults of all ages and abilities. Suited to beginners or people returning to yoga after a break. Although it is a beginner's class, participants should be in good health and are encouraged to listen to their bodies. Register to get your class code for the event.	Eat Pray Yoga	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/eatprayyoga.com.au">https://www.facebook.com/eatprayyoga.com.au</a>
11:30 AM	Preschooler Dance Fun	Designed for 3 - 5year old's, Preschooler DanceFun is a unique dance - experience for active, creative children. Students discover concepts through theme-based lessons, linking language with motor skills, spatial awareness, coordination, musicality, creativity, free expression & exercise. Email to attend.	PointCookDance	<a href="mailto:info@pointcookdance.com.au">info@pointcookdance.com.au</a>
12:00 PM	Kwabo dance	Kwabo means Welcome in Fon, a dialect from Benin. Kwabo dance is an open invitation to experience dances & grooves from West Africa in a fun, energetic and community setting with Grace and her infectious positivity and happiness. Email: <a href="mailto:gracieuse@kwabofestival.org">gracieuse@kwabofestival.org</a>	Kwabo Events	<a href="http://www.kwaboevents.com">www.kwaboevents.com</a>
2:00 PM	The Convergence of Gaming and Gambling	Technological innovations in product design such as aesthetic and function are increasingly blurring the lines between video games and gambling. Join hosts Louise & Juliet as they discuss the converging worlds of gaming and gambling.	Wyndham City	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-convergence-of-gaming-and-gambling-tickets-128432058745">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-convergence-of-gaming-and-gambling-tickets-128432058745</a>
2:00 PM	Community Connections	Come meet your local community at this informal get-together where we share and learn from each other. All welcome to bring your ideas or listen to	Transition Wyndham	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1490453094485279/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1490453094485279/</a>





		others. Please send an email for zoom link details. Email: <a href="mailto:transitionwyndham@gmail.com">transitionwyndham@gmail.com</a>		
2:00 PM	Play with Clay	<p>Join us online to learn hand-building techniques and see a wheel throwing demonstration by Nandita Nadkarni, an experienced studio potter and ceramic artist.</p> <p>The workshop will include step by step methods on how to create your very own clay bowls using simple household tools, like a spoon, fork or chopsticks.</p> <p>Everyone who registers will receive their own clay pack, including 1kg of clay to get your hands creative and a little dirty. After registering, instructions of when and where to pick up your clay will be provided. The workshop will be a live experience with a limited workshop capacity.</p> <p>To find out more about Nandita and visit her studio please see more information here: <a href="http://www.australiaceramicscommunity.com/listing/nandita-nadkarni">www.australiaceramicscommunity.com/listing/nandita-nadkarni</a></p>	Wyndham City	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/play-with-clay-tickets-127250661153">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/play-with-clay-tickets-127250661153</a>
3:00 PM	Distribution packages	<p>Aloki Fashions 'Designer Boutique of the year 2020' presents Reseller program / Distribution packages.</p> <p>1. Affiliate program of Aloki; 2. Simple concept of Invest, Sell and earn; 3. Flexible model to earn additional income at your door step; 4.To expand, 4a. Aloki will call in for interested individuals to become affiliates, who will be given a set of products to sell based on individuals budgets and criteria; 4b. Pricing of the products is at an agreed price, which in-turn will be sold by affiliates at retail price.</p>	Aloki Fashions	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Aloki-Fashions-339822549510242">https://www.facebook.com/Aloki-Fashions-339822549510242</a>
3:00 PM	Dreaming Wyndham	<p>Calling Wyndham's Building Blocks and other active community members ... it's time to dream about the future of Wyndham!</p> <p>In this workshop we will follow an Appreciative Enquiry process that explores community leaders' inspiration and passions for Wyndham and unpack a possible future, post-COVID, for our neighbourhoods. What you need to bring to the workshop - an image that represents one of your dreamings for Wyndham. Places limited to 25 - we want interaction and connection!</p>	Hot House Community Projects	<a href="https://events.humanitix.com/dreaming-wyndham">https://events.humanitix.com/dreaming-wyndham</a>
4:00 PM	Learn the six steps to a Conscious Parenting, educating	<p>Does parenting feel more like a hurricane of chaos that you're surviving rather than the awesome, joy-filled season you want it to be?</p> <p>Don't let your anxieties, your past, or your cultural norms hold you back from being the parent you're meant to be. You want to experience love and calm</p>	Carlas Canache de Rodriguez	<a href="https://fb.me/e/2p4CbBbQs">https://fb.me/e/2p4CbBbQs</a>



	from love and connection	in your home, and learn how to set limits without yelling, punishing, or counting three. Living in a home environment that induces resilience, cooperation, and independent play in your child. And re-establishing an engaging and caring connection with your partner.		
5:00 PM	Hypophora: A Creative Arts Journal: Volume IV Launch	Hypophora: Volume IV launch: Volume IV unveiling including Hypophora's new YouTube channel.	Wyndham Community & Education Centre	<a href="https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events/hypophora-a-creative-arts-journal-volume-iv-launch-and-youtube-channel-launch/">https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/events/hypophora-a-creative-arts-journal-volume-iv-launch-and-youtube-channel-launch/</a>

## Sunday 29 November

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
10:00 AM	Super Foods: Good for You & The Planet	Did you know that your fork is one of the strongest tools against climate change? Learn about what food is healthiest for you and for the planet.	Independent	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/super-foods-good-for-you-the-planet-tickets-129196154175">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/super-foods-good-for-you-the-planet-tickets-129196154175</a>
10:00 AM	Practical strategies in habit formation for a busy family	In this live session, Karthik Viswanathan curator of ""1-1-1 Action taking framework - 7-day challenge"" webinar which has already impact hundreds of lives, shares some key practical strategies in habit formation for busy family. Key focuses are : - Basics of habit formation - Dynamics of a busy family - Challenges in the habit formation journey - 3 Key strategies for transforming the habit formation journey - Special Invitation to the ""1-1-1 action taking framework - 7 day challenge ""	What is your Marathon podcast	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Onj_HNeZT_QWZs8y8IPokzQ">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Onj_HNeZT_QWZs8y8IPokzQ</a>
11:00 AM	Intro to Karate for beginners	Learn basic self-defense moves from Australian Karate Champion Sensei Alex in our beginner's karate class	Hoppers Crossing Karate School	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/hopperscrossingkarate">https://www.facebook.com/hopperscrossingkarate</a>
1:00 PM	Activities through pandemic time	It's been a stressful time all around the world as we deal with coronavirus COVID 19 and the uncertainty it brings. What life will look like over the next few months has changed and we all might be feeling anxious about what this means. We have engaged in some activities to take care of our self, including staying active, gardening, volunteering activities (sewing hospital gowns and masks), group chatting	ICGA - Iraqi Cultural Group in Australia	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9811706411?pwd=cmRWdC9JSDVMZl0xUWR1L0lkQWYwdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9811706411?pwd=cmRWdC9JSDVMZl0xUWR1L0lkQWYwdz09</a> Meeting ID: 981 170 6411 Passcode: PA246n



		within zoom meetings, baking, music and games, writing articles and more. Join us to discuss our resilience in post pandemic times.		
2:00 PM	<b>WynTalk - Finding Your Voice with Clare Bowditch</b>	<b>Join us for Wyndham Learning Festival's WynTalk Signature Event with award-winning singer, actress, storyteller and best-selling author, Clare Bowditch. Clare will tell stories from her own life; sing and answer questions. Be inspired, learn, grow, enjoy.</b>	<b>Wyndham City Council</b>	<a href="http://www.wyntalkwithclarebowditch.eventbrite.com.au">www.wyntalkwithclarebowditch.eventbrite.com.au</a>

## Monday 30 November

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
10:00 AM	Ask a Farmer	What's it like to be a farmer? Where does our food come from? How does it grow? Ask a Farmer!	Independent	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-a-farmer-tickets-129258623021">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-a-farmer-tickets-129258623021</a>
1:30 PM	Don't just survive, thrive! A Business Exceclerator's guide to thriving Post-COVID.	Don't just survive, thrive! A Business Exceclerator's guide to thriving Post-Covid. Get your business back on track with this powerful online training. Learn a step by step FORMULA to re-ignite your business Post-Covid.	MaxMyProfit-Aarati	<a href="https://maxmyprofitau.lpages.co/anmbeaf-2690-increase/mailto:aaratisn@maxmyprofit.com.au">https://maxmyprofitau.lpages.co/anmbeaf-2690-increase/mailto:aaratisn@maxmyprofit.com.au</a>
2:00 PM	Flushed with success – History of the Metropolitan Farm & Treatment Works	Please join us for a presentation and discussion with the Heritage Team from Melbourne Water. Learn about its amazing history	Wyndham City Libraries	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/125262446349">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/125262446349</a>
2:30 PM	DIY Potted Plants	By surrounding ourselves with plants, we can create a natural, living sanctuary that makes us feel safe and protected. Some plants can even provide physical healing benefits, then eventually help people overcome difficulties and problems.	Datong Community College, Taipei City	<a href="mailto:eugenia@datong.org.tw">eugenia@datong.org.tw</a>
3:00 PM	Setting up a home router with CISCO Packet Tracer	This demonstration will show you how to create and configure a home network and how to test connectivity using CISCO Packet Tracer software. This free workshop is suited for anyone who has interest in IT and networking.	Victoria University Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival">https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/news/free-learning-activities-wyndham-learning-festival</a>



6:00 PM	A Climate Conversation	A virtual round-table discussion on what we can do about climate change. What are some actions we can take to live more sustainably?	Independent	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/event/a-climate-conversation-tickets-129416178273">https://www.eventbrite.com/event/a-climate-conversation-tickets-129416178273</a>
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### Available Across 23-30 November

EVENT TIME	EVENT NAME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	ORGANISER	LINK TO EVENT
7:00 AM	Werribee Public Art Walking Tour	Explore some of Werribee's most iconic street art murals with Wyndham City's new self-guided trail and free audio tour! Starting at Wyndham Cultural Centre and finishing at Kelly Park, the 1km walking tour through the city centre will take you approximately 60 minutes, one-way with time for a coffee or grazing pit stop. At each stop, you can listen to the artist talk about their work, no apps required, all you need is your mobile phone and headphones if you've got them to listen to the audio recordings below. At each site, you'll also find a QR Code (use your phones camera) and website link to the audio recording. Mask up, stay in your bubble and enjoy your city in a whole new way.	Wyndham City Arts & Culture	<a href="https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/arttour">https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/arttour</a>
6:00 PM	Glitter Jars	Here's a step by step to create glitter jar but before you start you will need the following: Jar with a lid, Water, Elmer's Glue - Clear and Glitter	Wyndham City Youth Services	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1436143030051571/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1436143030051571/</a>
9:30 AM	The Sāimi: The Land of the Green Gold	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series - with this session focusing on the Sāimi. This event is offered throughout the Wyndham Learning Festival, 23-30 November	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/ohV8dbrPuFM">https://youtu.be/ohV8dbrPuFM</a>
9:30 AM	The Ainu: Irankarapte	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series - with this session focusing on the Ainu: Irankarapte. This event is offered throughout the Wyndham Learning Festival, 23-30 November	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/CqMYupusHM">https://youtu.be/CqMYupusHM</a>
9:30 AM	Māori: Ngā Pae Wānanga a Hine: Learning Across Many	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/5-xKB--pXxA">https://youtu.be/5-xKB--pXxA</a>



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9:30 AM	Stolen Voices, Stolen Innocence: Indigenous Taiwanese Heritage and the Global Music Industry	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/2Le0Wfj7awc">https://youtu.be/2Le0Wfj7awc</a>
9:30 AM	Wominjeka (Welcome): Wurundjeri and Dja Wurung Languages of Melbourne and Central Victoria, Australia	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/8dezmv-rrS0">https://youtu.be/8dezmv-rrS0</a>
9:30 AM	Candles in the Darkness: Stories of Courage from WWII	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/9ryJD5R00UI">https://youtu.be/9ryJD5R00UI</a>
9:30 AM	Spark Matsunaga: Warrior Poet	We invite you to sit down at our table to learn about indigenous communities near and far via our digital Cultural Talk Story Series.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/HwWbNgmztKo">https://youtu.be/HwWbNgmztKo</a>
9:30 AM	Building a Beloved Community	Join us for a series of virtual community events to explore the theme, Building a Beloved Community.	Matsunaga Institute for Peace	<a href="https://youtu.be/HwWbNgmztKo">https://youtu.be/HwWbNgmztKo</a>
4:00 PM	Virtual Teen Read Along	Need to read and can't find your book or not sure what to read? Relax and read along with me! Join YA Librarian Sharyn and Read Along to Tomorrow When the War Began by John Marsden. Watch, listen and read from your home or school Recommended for readers 13+. Catch all episodes on the Wyndham City Libraries YouTube Channel	Wyndham City Library	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFYRqWO2PhQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFYRqWO2PhQ</a>