Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

**Thursday 22 July 2021 - 9.30am-11.00am**

Welcome and Introductions  
Elise Staron, Senior Youth Support Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

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

Introducing Josie Piazzese to the Youth Team

Presentation –TMG College Australia – Jared Poupard / Debra Pekar - PowerPoint Presentation

[Click](https://www.canva.com/design/DAEiKFKTH6g/KD6dNIHfihEaT4GQuMuA5A/view?utm_content=DAEiKFKTH6g&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishpresent) here to view the presentation

Information Sharing:

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Working in the Wyndham, Maribyrnong, and Hobsons Bay LGAs

You can read more about the Advocate Program on the link - <https://jobs.vic.gov.au/about-jobs-victoria/our-programs/advocates>

**Name:** Monica Reina  
**Agency & Position:** Safe Future Foundation **Email:** [monicar@safefutures.org.au](mailto:monicar@safefutures.org.au)

Supporting young people and children in a family escaping from Domestic violence, conducting case plans to support their wellbeing.

Information Sharing Continued:

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* Free Homework Support Group – online tutoring for young people 12 – 18  
  <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/homework-support>
* CREATE Program – free resume and cover letter sessions with partnership with North Melbourne Huddle for Young People 15 – 25  
  <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/create>  
    
  Contact Danielle Diez for more information.

The following workshop will open for attendance August 20th through try booking-   
September 22nd Wednesday - Speaking Skilfully to gain Employment 10am-4pm  
@ Point Cook Community Learning Centre 1-21 Cheetham Street, Point Cook 3030

(Opens-August 20th – closes September 20th)- Please contact Danielle. Due to COVID- space capacity is limited. (25 pax)   
  
Free event - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTCDI>

**Name:** Malia Seumalu  
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Breakthrough Mentoring at Whitelion for young people at 16 to 24

**Name:** Natasha Quinn  
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Booking system is live – <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/services-programs/wyndham-street-surfer-bus>

Can be booked via the link if you would like the ssb team to attend any events / programs your running.

**Name:** Cheryl Jackson  
**Agency & Position:** Services Australia Centrelink **Web:** [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au)

The Werribee office is open and Young People can come in for appointments.

Information Sharing Continued:

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Have programs returning in person for young people if covid permitted as well as having online programs.

* Recommending titles and authors suitable for a range of abilities and interests
* Collaborating to improve student research skills
* Curriculum support, such as Student and Teacher Resource guides covering access to the library’s databases, digital resources, and study guides.
* Cybersafety
* Delivering special events such as author workshops, and special events for Book Week and Science Week
* Supporting students and families to join the library

We can also offer you and your classes a jam-packed study tour exploring all there is to see, including Young Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction and Study Skills collections and a computer class which focuses on the Library's databases and digital resources. These can be tailored to your school’s subject requirements.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a visit to the library, please feel free to contact me.

Additionally, students can access our online programs and resources such as:

**Study resources** for all ages such as **Studiosity tutoring service** and **Library Britannica** ([https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/youth/study](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wyndham.vic.gov.au%2Fservices%2Flibraries%2Fyouth%2Fstudy&data=04%7C01%7CCarrie.Grima%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Ce71452c39a294354faa708d9480c5d6c%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C0%7C637620040222973914%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=I7UMYSVl7bKhghpFUyaRyi%2Bzdf3qOxn2A90LB6WfnlY%3D&reserved=0) )

**eAudio**, **eBooks** and **Movies** ([https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries/elibrary/eBooks\_Audio%20and%20Video](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wyndham.vic.gov.au%2Flibraries%2Felibrary%2FeBooks_Audio%2520and%2520Video&data=04%7C01%7CCarrie.Grima%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Ce71452c39a294354faa708d9480c5d6c%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C0%7C637620040222983868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iS74YcEQZVQHoBBQle3ElMyio0lfPHTOUdupBdiUtvs%3D&reserved=0) )

* **Resources** to help students **looking for work** such a**s: Resume Help** ([https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/youth/finding-work](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wyndham.vic.gov.au%2Fservices%2Flibraries%2Fyouth%2Ffinding-work&data=04%7C01%7CCarrie.Grima%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Ce71452c39a294354faa708d9480c5d6c%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C0%7C637620040222983868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cHghIZquAzeZFog%2Fou0aPgSX2Xl8ffcKfxO1Ul2ewtY%3D&reserved=0))
* For younger students **Code Club**, **Read with Me**, **Chess online** and **more** ([https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/kids/kids-events-and-activities](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wyndham.vic.gov.au%2Fservices%2Flibraries%2Fkids%2Fkids-events-and-activities&data=04%7C01%7CCarrie.Grima%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Ce71452c39a294354faa708d9480c5d6c%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C0%7C637620040222993831%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zeOW4AsIGX7%2FmVmW7Ww3higViktwOxyyejI%2FhwCXo38%3D&reserved=0))
* **Online access Library Membership** (<https://wycl.libsvic.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/wycl/?rm=WY-REGISTRATION0%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C0%7C%7C%7Ctrue>

Finally, the next couple of months will include the re-introduction of the Volunteen program, which provides volunteering opportunities at the library for young people aged 14-19. Interested parties will be able to register online, so watch this space!

Information Sharing Continued:

**Name:** Danny Mamoto  
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CVGT also recently launch new youth program YConnect to support to their employment

**Name:** Rosie Barbara  
**Agency & Position:** Wyndham City Council, Youth Services, Youth Counsellor **Email:** [rosie.barbara@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:rosie.barbara@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

Children’s counsellor 8-11 and young people 12-25 can still make referrals for people

10 weeks on waitlist

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/counselling-referral-form>

If you are a Counsellor, Social Worker, Therapist or Psychologist working with young people in the west we have a Counsellor's Peer Support Network if you would like to join us email me. We meet 5 times a year to connect, support one another, access free training and network. We would love to welcome you!

**Name:** Cara Tizon  
**Agency & Position:** Red Cross

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* Youth justice red cross – program
* WorkREDi - employment support for those in contact with the justice system
* Youth Justice Advisory Group - lived experience group for those in contact with the justice system + their family/friends/close contacts

0403 992 189 or email [vicworkredi@redcross.org.au](mailto:vicworkredi@redcross.org.au) for referrals.

Emergency relief: <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/help-for-migrants-in-transition/help-for-migrants-in-transition/vic-relief>

Emergency relief for those affected by family violence & on temp visas: <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/help-for-migrants-in-transition/family-and-domestic-violence-financial-assistance>

(application can be made directly online)

Information Sharing Continued:

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**Ask Izzy** is a free website that can help young people find essential services in their local area such as housing, food, COVID-19 support, and counselling.

There are thousands of services listed across Australia, making it easy to find the help you need now and nearby.

Check it out here: [Ask Izzy](https://askizzy.org.au/) Please let me know if you have any updates to your service.

For more information contact Laura

**Name:** Gabby Orosz  
**Agency & Position:** CMY **Email:** [gorosz@cmy.net.au](mailto:gorosz@cmy.net.au)

Envision Youth Program Centre for Multicultural Youth [gorosz@cmy.net.au](mailto:gorosz@cmy.net.au) for newly arrived young people aged 15-25 supporting 1:1 or mentoring for employment or info. sessions and leadership workshops.

**Name:** Elise Staron  
**Agency & Position:** Wyndham City Council, Youth Services, Senior Youth Support Officer **Email:** [elise.staron@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:elise.staron@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

**Youth Services Youth empowerment program**

Youth Cup empowerment Project. targeting YP of African/Pacifica backgrounds. FREE coaching training/referee training/6-week soccer program. Contact Elise for more info.

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/services-programs/youth-cup-empowerment-project-2021>.

**Name:** Chrystal Moore  
**Agency & Position:** YSAS – YSS Team

Gone from 2 workers to 8 for program (crime prevention) boxing programs one in Altona and Melton and working on getting a program in Werribee

**Name:** Bob Turner  
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There are a few YSS Fact sheets for referrers, young people, and families etc.

  

**Name:** Ian Ferretter  
**Agency & Position:** Gamblers help

Young leaders of the West – developing a podcast and schools have received an invite to attend

**Name:** Maddie Gange

**Agency & Position:** School Support Officer, Foundation House **Email:** [gangem@foundationhouse.org.au](mailto:gangem@foundationhouse.org.au)

We are establishing a network for MEAs/ bicultural workers in Wyndham as well as recruiting schools to participants in the Refugee Education Support Program from Wyndham. You can find out more at our website or chat to me directly

<https://sifr.foundationhouse.org.au/>

**Name:** Malika Ramdhayn  
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**Name:** Emily Tester  
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You can also give our centre a call to sign up to one of our groups, 80012366 and we have groups for First Nations young people, art based social groups, an ACT based group starting up soon and general social opportunities for young people

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Support Coordination, Disability Employment Services and Foundation & Skills First Certificate Courses delivered in Wyndham

Information Sharing Continued:

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Some information on the Navigator program.

Navigator supports young people aged 12-17 with chronic low attendance to reengage in school:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/behaviour/engagement/Pages/navigator.aspx#link99>  
  
Contact me for more info or to discuss potential referrals.

**Name:** Rikki Green  
**Agency & Position:** Child Counsellor, Better Place Australia **Email:** [rikki.green@betterplace.com.au](mailto:rikki.green@betterplace.com.au)

Two Programs to support children and youth:

* Supporting Children After Separation ages 5 to 18.
* Family and Relationship Counselling ages 10+

<https://www.betterplaceaustralia.com.au/counselling-and-psychology/children-and-youth-counselling/>

All services are currently being offered through telehealth. If you are thinking of a referral, you can contact me.

**Name:** Vicki Walsh  
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Uniting NDIS Funded School Leaver Employment Support (SLES) is currently holding Information & Taster Sessions for students who are transitioning from school later this year. It is also possible to combine school and SLES for Year 12's who are wanting to start building their employment skills early. The program prepares young people with disability to build their skills and confidence to get ready for employment including lots of work placements. We have rolling intakes for anyone who is currently disengaged and would like support.

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Information Sharing Continued:

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**Living Your Best Life**

Get Connected \* Be Informed \* Take Control

You are invited to the upcoming event *Living Your Best Life* at Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing. Monday 18 October 2021

The event is a drop in style event with a range of presentations and stall holders where you can hear about Safety, Energy Savings, and a whole range of supports for you to live your best life.

Morning and afternoon presentation sessions starting at 9am and continuing every hour:

* Take control of your bills and access the $250 Power Saving Bonus (Please bring your Concession Card and a recent Electricity Bill) by Consumer Policy Research Centre
* Safety in the Community by Victoria Police
* Ageing Wellbeing & Safety by Council on the Ageing (COTA)
* Safety in the Home by Fire Rescue Victoria

Stalls will run 9am – 5pm to assist you to know your rights and speak face to face with providers directly and safely. In addition, enjoy *Coffee with a Cop* at 10:30am and 2:30pm.

Lots of information and giveaways on the day.

Contact to discuss any access requirements or for language/Auslan interpreters.

For more information and session times visit: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/livingyourbestlife> or call 1300 023 411

Newsletter

To submit your information for sharing with the Network please complete the   
[ONLINE FORM](http://youthwyndham.com/network_news)

To subscribe to the Network: [SUBSCRIBE HERE](http://youthwyndham.com/wyndham_network_subscribe)

To request to present at a meeting email: [WyndhamYouthNetwork@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:WyndhamYouthNetwork@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

For previous Network Minutes and meeting dates visit:[Wyndham Workers with Young People Network Website](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/networks-committees/wyndham-workers-network)

Any enquires regarding the Youth Resource Centre or Wyndham City Youth Services please contact reception on 8734 1355 or email: [youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

Join the next meeting:

To join this meeting – click on the link at the scheduled meeting time:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTg3ZDQ0ODQtZjI4NC00MTg4LTljNjEtMTg0MWJjOTAyMzA5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ccedce2e-ab9f-4e51-bb3d-3c6e2171f03e%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225a7ed78f-96ad-4383-82d1-e0946c3ead70%22%7d)

[Learn more about Teams](https://aka.ms/JoinTeamsMeeting) | [Meeting options](https://teams.microsoft.com/meetingOptions/?organizerId=5a7ed78f-96ad-4383-82d1-e0946c3ead70&tenantId=ccedce2e-ab9f-4e51-bb3d-3c6e2171f03e&threadId=19_meeting_YTg3ZDQ0ODQtZjI4NC00MTg4LTljNjEtMTg0MWJjOTAyMzA5@thread.v2&messageId=0&language=en-US)

2021 Meeting Dates

Thursdays – 9:30am – 11am via MS Teams – until further notice

2 September

14 October

25 November