Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

**Thursday 25 November 2021  
9.30am - 11.00am - Online - MS Teams**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**  
   Josie Piazzese, Acting 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 today”

1. Presentations

Jobs Victoria Advocate Program   
Presented by Noushin Barghi - Wyndham City & Shadia Ahmed – The Huddle

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Application Form: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/jobsvictoriaadvocates](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/jobsvictoriaadvocates)

Website: <https://www.nmfc.com.au/huddle/programs/game-changers>

* Advocates are the face of local employment and education services, connecting people who are looking for employment to employment opportunities.
* Advocates are the first point of contact, their role in the continuum is first.
* There is no eligibility criteria, any age, any gender, any background.
* Program is a partnership with Wyndham City Council and the Huddle
* Game Changes – 15-25 Employment program with The Huddle
* Opportunity Wyndham Network – connecting local jobs, for local people
* Employment pathways newsletter – weekly
* Looking to expand partnership with other education and employment services
* Complete details via an online form and a Wyndham Jobs Victoria Advocate will be in touch
* Opportunities are for casual/part-time or full time

1. **Information Sharing and Networking**

**Ailsa Gibson-Sheriden – Whitelion**

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Breakthrough Mentoring Program – Currently accepting referrals for young people aged 15-25 facing barriers to employment to participate in the Breakthrough Mentoring program. Breakthrough Mentoring matches young people with trained volunteer mentors for one on one support over 14 weeks. It is predominantly an employability program, but we can provide wrap around support to the young person to help them engage in meaningful employment.

**Rachel – Flexible Learning Intervention Pathways**

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FLIP Program – Teachers working with young people who are disengaged from education in Wyndham and Hobsons Bay. We work to build learning confidence and have also supported families with mental health and external support services. We aim to re-engage young people with their enrolled school, alternative education settings and services and/or employment

Intake is open for next year.

**Emily Tester – Headspace**

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Youth Advocacy Group – The Youth Advocacy Group, or YAG, is a group of passionate young people who support headspace Werribee to engage young people and our local community in respectful conversations about mental health, and promote support seeking and self-care activities. The YAG create and lead projects at headspace Werribee and in the local community – these projects are determined by the group and have strong focus on being youth-led and delivered, with support from the staff at headspace Werribee. YAG members are encouraged to bring their individual passion, ideas, creativity and perspectives to their work. The YAG are also heavily involved in directing headspace Werribee’s services, and play a big role in helping the centre establish what is important to young people in the community. <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/werribee/join-our-youth-advocacy-group-22/>

**3. Information Sharing and Networking Continued**

**Paul Cabrera – VU Polytechnic**

Cert IV Youth Work - Redevelopment of units – structure and units – placement hours and program

Contact to meet as industry consultation is needed

**Tess Jolley – DFFH**

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Refugee Minor Program – Children and young people who arrive without biological parent – to support their transition into exiting the program, although we can still support those who are over the age also.

**Liam Head – STREAT**

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Virtual Job Club **–** A weekly drop-in session for young people wanting individual assistance looking for work (resumes, cover letters, job search sites)

Program(s) begin next year – horticulture February 2022 – hospitality mid-year

**Danielle Diez – Wyndham Youth Services**

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Create Program – A skills building program for young people 12-25, Wrapped up for the year but next year we will be commencing in February – skills building and resume writing, arts and craft – cooking on a budget – financial literacy, healthcare. Also taking EOI on any young people needing free tutoring for 2022 intake

**Ingrid Fitzgerald – Uniting Jobs Vic Advocate**

**Contact:** 1300 122 917 or [jobsadvocatesmetrowest@vt.uniting.org](mailto:jobsadvocatesmetrowest@vt.uniting.org)

Summer Work for Young People – Up to 6 months of work seasonal contracts – harvesting in regional Victoria. <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/crops-and-horticulture/the-big-victorian-harvest>

**3. Information Sharing and Networking Continued**

**Malia Seumalu – Encompass Community Services**

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DES Employment Services – Werribee based, in the DES Employment Services - We are a non-for-profit Government Funded organisation. Assisting those who have disabilities or injury which has impacted their ability to attain Employment eligibility criteria applies. [Encompass Community Services | Supporting people of all abilities to be amazing (encompass-cs.org.au)](https://www.encompass-cs.org.au/)

**Jackie Cassar – The Salvation Army Employment Plus**

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Transition to Work Program –Our aim is to help young people into sustainable and meaningful employment, and we provide access to several services that enable this. We support youth for 18 months whilst in the program. If you know someone who is aged 15-24, not currently engaged in education or working minimal hours and are looking for sustainable work or education, please contact me to find out how we can tailor our support services to the individual’s goals.

**Cara Tizon - Red Cross Youth Justice**

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WorkREDi – is an employment support program for young people 16-25yo in contact with the justice system including applying for IDs, TFN, resume writing, applying/linking to jobs, and others.

Youth Justice Advisory Group (YJAG) – is a lived experience group of young people in contact with the justice system who provide positive peer support to each other and help advocate for change in the system/community. Members are paid for their participation.

**Gemma French –** **Wyndham City Council**

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Youth Empowerment Project – 6-week Football Program – 12-25 years and interested in Football? Socialise and meet new people. FREE Football program led by young people for young people. Running Mondays from 5pm-7pm at Arndell Park Reserve, 29-49 Federation Blvd, Truganina 3029 – To register head to: <https://youthwyndham.com/youthcup>

**3. Information Sharing and Networking Continued**

**Candace Lobow –** **Wyndham City Council**

**Contact:**

2021/2022 Youth Cup – A yearly run FootballTournament for young people aged 12-25 years. Registrations open 8 December 2021, please visit this page to register

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/services-programs/youth-cup-empowerment-project-2021> - The tournament will take place over 2 days: Qualifying match day | Wednesday 12 January 2022, 9am – 5pm and Grand Final Day | Friday 14 January 2022, 10am – 4pm. Registrations close on the 22 December 2021 - There will be prizes for the winning teams along with free goodies on the grand final day for all players registered

**Carrie Grima – Wyndham City Council – Libraries**

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YA Summer Book Binge – Ages 12+, Join the YA (Young Adult) Summer Book Binge for your chance to win! The prize pool includes a $100 Robinson’s Bookshop voucher, new release YA books and more! [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/youth/ya-summer-book-binge](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/youth/ya-summer-book-binge) - competition opens Wednesday 1 December 2021

Hip-Hop workshop – Are you aged 12 to 19 and love to dance? Then come along to our exclusive Hip- Hop workshop presented by L2rR Dance and learn to bust out killer moves Spots are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/hip-hop-workshop>

Additionally, Calling all creative arts teachers in the west! Please join us for a night of networking and nibbles. Curators and programmers from the Wyndham Art Gallery, Wyndham Cultural Centre and Wyndham City Libraries will provide a brief overview of the programs, services and educational opportunities available in 2022.

Stay on for wine and cheese (restrictions pending) to share ideas and talk to our teams about how to support student learning and participation in our cultural venues. This is a free event. Location: The Cultural Centre, 177 Watton Street, Werribee.

Please RSVP by Thursday 2 December <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/creative-arts-teachers-network-session-tickets-211491124647> We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7 December at The Cultural Centre.

**Elise – Wyndham Youth Network – 2021 – 2022 Survey**

Please complete the survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D6VNMS8>

**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:**

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[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)

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**2022 Meeting Dates**

**Thursdays – 9:30am – 11:00am via MS Teams – until further notice**

4 February 2022

18 March 2022

29 April 2022

10 June 2022

22 July 2022

2 September 2022

14 October 2022

25 November 2022