Wyndham Workers
with Young People Network

Minutes

**Thursday 21 July 2022 -
9.30am - 11.00am - Online - MS Teams**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
Tanya Whitmore, Team Leader Youth – Wyndham City Council Youth Services & Danielle Diez Team Lead & Youth Development Officer- minutes taker.

**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. Presentation

Dr Mario Peucker- Senior Research fellow-Victoria University

**All in this together? Experiences of racism and community-led responses in Melbourne’s west**

Topics discussed in presentation.

* Promoting social cohesion in pluralistic societies requires us to acknowledge existing conflict and tensions and to find ways to jointly work towards responding to, managing and transforming these conflicts
* Racism, discrimination, and exclusion based on someone’s ethnic, cultural, or religious background constitute a key challenge in our society and local neighbourhoods
* Anti-racism commitment from local government not a sign of particular problems with racism in the local municipality; to the contrary, it demonstrates an awareness of the persistence of racism and an acknowledgement to address the problem
* VU study (2019-2021) on experiences of racism in Wyndham (in partnership with the City of Wyndham)
* Working with local diverse communities and local service providers to develop better responses to racism, empowering people to speak out about racism, report their experiences and find the support they need after having experienced racism
* Outcome: Australia’s first community-led local anti-racism support network ([https://wyndhamcec.org.au/community-strengthening/wyndham-anti-racism-support-network/](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwyndhamcec.org.au%2Fcommunity-strengthening%2Fwyndham-anti-racism-support-network%2F&data=05%7C01%7CDanielle.Diez%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7C2111e5849f584645913308da3f7f31ff%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C1%7C637892112780238422%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BFjYdTJvHGfFAMCcKrpEcpbmk52mqS92F0DTEuboh9s%3D&reserved=0))

The Wyndham report can be found here:[https://www.vu.edu.au/sites/default/files/vu-wyndham-anti-racism-project.pdf](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vu.edu.au%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fvu-wyndham-anti-racism-project.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CDanielle.Diez%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7C3250d0493a1b448ca86308da6ab56be7%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C1%7C637939624820121842%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s8zdL2EIo%2FHtYVWhSTTV24V%2Bep8rHLqniOTMyR%2Bvi%2BU%3D&reserved=0)

This VU media release has some additional information and links to other related documents/reports as well as the Wyndham anti-racism support network at Wyndham CEC

[https://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/news/victoria-university-anti-racism-pilot-project-now-offered-to-local-councils-australia-wide](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vu.edu.au%2Fabout-vu%2Fnews-events%2Fnews%2Fvictoria-university-anti-racism-pilot-project-now-offered-to-local-councils-australia-wide&data=05%7C01%7CDanielle.Diez%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7C3250d0493a1b448ca86308da6ab56be7%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C1%7C637939624820121842%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v2SM343T4Kmfj0XgYQeZU3CSTHBqYqkVry3KWP85JiQ%3D&reserved=0)



**Summary**

1. **Information Sharing and Networking**

**Josie Piazzese – Wyndham Youth Services**

**Contact:** getpsychd@wyndham.vic.gov.au 8734 1355 or 0411 029 917

Program Details – Get Psyched – We currently have spaces open. The Get Psych’d program runs from 4pm – 5pm for 4 weeks. The first round will commence 19 July for young people aged from 16 – 25yr and then for young people aged 12-15 commences early 23 August. Please feel free to contact me for more information.
**Get Psych'd Registration form**
<https://youthwyndham.com/get-psychd>

**Rosie Barbara- Wyndham Youth Services- Youth Counsellor**

**Contact:** 87341355

We have a youth and childrens generalised counselling services currently 3-4 month wait. Please refer to link below. Also, we have an information evening set for Wednesday September 7th ‘Strategies for supporting stressed out Teens’, bookings below

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/youthandchildrencounsellingsupport>

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/supporting-stressed-out-teens>

**Mish- The Iceberg Foundation:**

**connect via email:** mishma.kumar-jonson@theicebergfoundation.org or mobile: 0422468026 or the website: [www.theicebergfoundation.org](https://www.theicebergfoundation.org)

**Kerryn Williams- Navigator Program**

**Contact:** Kerryn Williams, Navigator Coordinator Western Melbourne, Department of Education and Training

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Supporting students aged 12-17 years to reengage in education

**I**nformation and referral form available here: [Navigator Program: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/navigator-program/policy)

**Benjamin and Elisha and Catherine**

Our team assists with reengagement to school, transition or attendance based issues 7005 1894- Benjamin.Elisha@education.vic.gov.au

catherine.lawrence@education.vic.gov.au

**Ebony Brand- Wyndham Youth Services- Youth Development Officer**

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**Lead Youth Development Officer** Young Mums Program- Bump, Baby and Beyond every Wednesday at the Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing

Co-Ordinator of the Holiday Program- school holiday excursions for young people 12- 15

**Briar Mikus- Wyndham Youth Services- Youth Development Officer**

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If you have any young people in your networks between the ages of 12-25 y/o who would like to be involved in any pro-social or recreational programs in Wyndham more specifically in Manor Lakes/Wyndham Vale.

We have a ton of programs, opportunities and committees available: see more info here <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services>

**Brett Ison- Westgate Community Initiatives Group- WCIG- Better Futures Program**

**Contact:** bretti@wcig.org.au

**Further contacts:** nisveta@wcig.org.au

**Luke Hartley- Wyndham Youth Services Team Lead- Street Surfer Bus**

Wyndham Youth Services , have successfully recruited the rest of our team after a bit of changeover and are in the process of re-identifying key locations around Wyndham that young people are recreating in the community after hours (bearing in mind we are right in the middle of winter), also have some capacity to support group programs and community events and are in process of relaunching our booking page - streetsurferbus@wyndham.vic.gov.au - group email or feel free to reach out to me individually luke.hartley@wyndham.vic.gov.au

**April Voigt** **- WEstjustice** **(Youth Law team). School lawyer at Wyndham Central College**

**Contact:** april@westjustice.org.au
Referrals generally, the best email is admin@westjustice.org.au and it'll be forwarded to the right team. But feel free to get in contact with me directly as well

**Kimberly Almeida- CMY Employment Empowers**

**Contact:** 0407 681 195, kalmeida@cmy.net.au

<https://www.cmy.net.au/young-people-community/employment/employment-empowers/>

Employment Empowers connects newly arrived young people from migrant or refugee backgrounds with volunteer mentors, who are able to support you to find work.

We provide that vital first step for young people looking to secure meaningful employment and fulfill their potential. Young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds have a world of experience, but some need support to translate that to the workplace.

**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

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

**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)

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**2022 Meeting Dates**

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

1 September

13 October