Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

**Thursday 13th October 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 – Brett Bowen



**Summary**

1. **Information Sharing and Networking**

**Josie Piazzese -** **Wyndham Youth Services - Youth Development Officer - Point Cook Community Learning Centre**The Get Psych’d program is a free 4 week program that runs weekly for young people. The sessions are designed for two age groups – 12-15 and 16-25 years.   
  
**Still spots available this term – Starting Tuesday 18th October for 16-25 age group.**The workshops are designed to explore ways that help us look after ourselves and our mental wellbeing. The Get Psych’d program is designed to develop self-awareness by identifying individual values and strengths, increasing Self-Esteem, understanding emotions, emotional triggers, developing individual coping strategies and implementing wellness plans  
**Contact:** Josie M: 0411 029 917 or Ph: 8734 1355  
W: [getpsychd@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:getpsychd@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

**Sebastian Taranto – Anglicare - Navigator program**LGBTQIA+ Case Manager for young people in the West Metro area. [sebastian.taranto@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sebastian.taranto@anglicarevic.org.au)

**Malia Seumalu – Disability Employment Services Employment Consultant -**

**Encompass Community Services**

If you have any clients ready to work and study who have Disabilities/injuries/illnesses on Centrelink payment or NDIS

**Contact:** Malia DES Employment Consultant

M: 0448 840 709 or E: [malia@encompass-cs.org.au](mailto:malia@encompass-cs.org.au)

**Yolanda (Guest) – Wyndham Community and Education Centre**In 2023, Wyndham CEC are going to be delivering the 2 x new certificates - VPC and VCE VM. We are currently taking expressions of interest (during term 4) and are happy to provide further information.   
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 **Kerryn Williams - Navigator Coordinator - Western Melbourne  
Department of Education and Training**   
Navigator supports young people aged 12-17 who are disengaged from school to return to education (covering both government and non government education settings). Feel free to contact Kerryn to discuss potential referrals.   
Online referral form: <https://surveyapac.deloitte.com/jfe/form/SV_cBJldtHIUE7thpI>  
E: [Kerryn.Williams@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kerryn.Williams@education.vic.gov.au)  
T: 03 7005 1830 M: 0436 802 442

**Sarah Jane Blunt - Young Leader of the West- IPC Health**

If anyone has any young people aged 18-25 years to join the Young Leaders of the West program to reduce the normalisation of gambling in young communities.   
  
If you are working with a school who would be interested in joining the Schools Podcast Challenge. [Young Leaders of the West – IPC Health](https://www.ipchealth.com.au/ylotw/)   
  
Also if any staff or community would be interested in having a professional development session on gambling harm, gaming to gambling or financial wellbeing,   
Contact: E: [Sarah-Jane.Blunt@ipchealth.com.au](mailto:Sarah-Jane.Blunt@ipchealth.com.au)   
<https://www.ipchealth.com.au/ylotw/>   
  
  
**Beck Packer - Reconnect Coach @ Laverton Community Education Centre**Stepping Forward to Independence is a program designed for young people with permanent cognitive impairment or intellectual disability who have recently left secondary school and/or wanting to re-engage in education & training. This program runs for 12 months and consists of two days of 22566VIC Certificate I in Work Education and two days of pre-accredited modules designed to support independence building skills.W: <https://bit.ly/3qTRMxz>   
E: [beck.packer@lcec.vic.edu.au](mailto:beck.packer@lcec.vic.edu.au)  
T: 03 9369 2726

**Ailsa Gibson-Sheridan – Whitelion - Community Connections Coordinator**  
Whitelion works with young people aged 10-21 on Child Protection Orders in out of home care with mentoring and community connections.

Whitelion are accepting referrals of young people, and are also recruiting more mentors so get in touch!

Contact: EL [ailsa.gibson-sheridan@whitelion.asn.au](mailto:ailsa.gibson-sheridan@whitelion.asn.au) or M: 0421 711 765 or   
Annette Knight (Community Integration Program lead) on [annette.knight@whitelion.asn.au](mailto:annette.knight@whitelion.asn.au)

**Bec Todaro - Wyndham City Youth Services – Youth Counselling**Free counselling is available to young people aged 8 – 25 who live, work, study or recreate in Wyndham. Youth focussed and family centred support and consultations are also available to their parents or carers in agreement with the child or young person engaged in the service.   
No problem is too small to seek help for, and we encourage you to access our services whenever you feel the need.

*Current waitlist times range from approximately 5-6 months*

We can offer you the following:

* Up to 10 free sessions inclusive of parent/carer sessions
* Connect you to local specialists and psychologists

**Contact: P:** (03) 8734 1355 or **E:** [CounsellingandMentalHealthTeam@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:CounsellingandMentalHealthTeam@wyndham.vic.gov.au)  
**W:** <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/services-programs/youth-and-children-counselling-support>   
 **Cali – Wyndham Youth Services- Youth Development Officer- Tarneit Community Learning Centre Program:** The Social Barber program is a social and inclusion program designed for young people aged 18-25. To get free haircuts first come, first served basis.   
This program is a six-week program we will talk about topics and issues the young people face such as employment, housing reactional activities, and education, and will invite external community organizations. We invite guest speakers some nights.  The long-term plan for this program is to link young people with other community services.  
**Contact:** E: [cali.bukurow@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:cali.bukurow@wyndham.vic.gov.au) or Ph: 8734 1355  
L**ocation**: Arndell Park Community Centre   
**Time**: 5pm - 7pm Wednesdays  
 **Debbie Pitman – Services Australia**For YP that are leaving school. School leavers ekit. Great resource for school leavers  
W: servicesaustralia.gov.au  
  
  
**Kimberly Almeida, CMY- Employment Empowers program**Mentoring program for newly arrived young people aged 18 to 25 years old.  
**E:** [kalmeida@cmy.net.au](mailto:kalmeida@cmy.net.au) or M: 0407 681 195.

**Jodie Peterson – FLIP - Program Manager   
E:** jodie.p@flip.vic.edu.au **M:** 0498 028 848

FLIP stands for Flexible Learning Intervention Pathways - a re-engagement/ intervention based program for students who are not attending their mainstream government enrolled school within the Wyndham & Hobsons Bay municipalities.      
  
Within FLIP, each student is assigned a Learning Mentor (all VIT qualified teachers) and together the mentor and student develop an Individual Learning Plan which outlines the goals the student wants to work towards. We aim to establish or reestablish a healthy routine, build learning confidence and to outline a transition/pathway plan for future education or employment based on the students goals. The learning focus in FLIP is centred around Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing and Vocational activities as well as transition and pathway guidance. The program is primarily online with a face to face mentoring session taking place generally on a fortnightly basis. We track students' attendance and engagement in the program to constantly monitor if it is the right fit for them. We work closely with health and mental health professionals and external support professionals to ensure students are well supported. The aim of FLIP is to be a short term solution for students to build up their capacity to re-engage in education, vocational training and/or employment.

- Referral wait list for 2022 is due to close within the next 2 weeks.

- 2023 referrals will open in November

- Age group focus is Year 7 to Yr 10, exceptions made on an individual basis for Yr 11 referrals

- Partnership with students remaining enrolled at their current school

- Currently looking to expand the FLIP mentor team. Any teachers interested in working with young people in a more 1:1 capacity with the flexibility to work onsite and from home. Please reach out to find out more information. Positions are currently advertised on Recruitment Online.

**Nicole Pedrina - CVGT Employment - YConnect - Western Region**  
We assist youths aged between 15-24 years of age find long term stable employment. We do have some criteria; please see the below link.  
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Our YConnect website is: [YConnect - CVGT Employment](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cvgt.com.au%2Fcvgt-employment-programs%2Fyconnect%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMicaela.Alush%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Cd79e037af6634120a9cd08dab09832e9%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C0%7C638016464977861219%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WbphUpXNHHGvVokPa%2BM3mYLpV7MZBl5rGMKWhwB1xIc%3D&reserved=0)

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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)

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**2022 Meeting Dates**

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

~~21 July~~

~~1 September~~

~~13 October~~

24 November