



GREATER DANDENONG YOUTH NETWORK – MEETING MINUTES
Digital Disruption | Exploring the opportunities and challenges of the online world

Wednesday 6 April 2022
 9:30am – 11:00 am

ONLINE MEETING


ITEMS	MEETING NOTES
WELCOME	All attendees welcomed Traditional Owners acknowledged
<p><u>KEY PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Guest Speaker Andrew Kinch, Director GameAware</p>	<p>Andrew Kinch, GameAware</p> <p>The professional development component of today’s meeting was delivered in response to feedback from network members who expressed a keen interest to receive information and advice on young people and the compulsivity of online gaming.</p> <p>Key speaker, Andrew Kinch of GameAware was engaged to offer insights into the culture and psychology of video games, and how, many young people derive their self-worth through the mastery of games and the ensuing comradery and credibility that can result in the ‘online gaming world’ that may be absent in real life.</p> <p>Andrew also discussed the benefits and challenges of video games for young people and how we, as youth professionals, can work with families and their children to establish healthy boundaries for gaming. Andrew’s presentation concluded with a Q&A session.</p> <p>The feedback poll at the conclusion of the forum revealed 100 per cent satisfaction rate from 59 attendees indicating that the session exposed network members to new ideas or information.</p> <p>Opportunities to invite Andrew back again in 2022 will be explored, including the potential to host a more in-depth professional development session for youth sector professionals in Greater Dandenong.</p> <p><u>Please see accompanying links for access to Andrew Winchs’ presentation slides.</u></p>



<p>INFORMATION SHARING</p> <p>The following attendees shared an update via the meeting 'chat' or verbal</p>	<p>Peninsula Community Legal Centre Cath Currie Tenancy Assistance and Advocacy Coordinator Support and advocacy for young people in the private rental market Contact Cath ccurrie@pclc.org.au Telephone 9783 3600</p>
	<p>Family Life SHINE Early Intervention Program Greg Kavarnos Early intervention program for children with mental health issues. Please refer to gkavarnos@familylife.com.au for further information.</p>
	<p>Chisholm Institute Reconnect Program Sarah A program which supports disadvantaged and disengaged individuals ages 17-64 to return to education. The program offers up to 18 months of support and focuses on confidence building and pathway planning to support clients to return to a tailored education pathway. Currently taking referrals for 2022. Can assist with course/program fees. For further information or enquiries contact Reconnect Program Manager: Matthew Ross on 0436 364 949 or matthew.ross@chisholm.edu.au</p>
	<p>Department of Transport Road Smart Felicity Hills Deliver the Road Smart program to 15-18 year old youth at secondary colleges and community settings www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/roadsmart</p>
	<p>Uniting Komak Program Weda Mohseni A range of supports to assist the settlement needs of the Afghan community in the South East For information contact Weda Mohseni Community Engagement Worker Mobile 0423 825 501</p>
	<p>Southern Migrant Refugee Centre STAR Club (Homework Club) Casework Youth Careers Support Program and more Aimed at newly arrived young people (in Australia less than 5 years) Enquiries Crystal Email crystaln@smrc.org.au</p>
	<p>Southern Migrant Refugee Centre STAR Club (Homework Club) Support High school and TAFE students from refugee and migrant backgrounds with their homework/ assignments, any school subjects, resume/cover letter and much more through homework club. Operates 4 days a week from 3:30-6pm face to face; and online. Also run school holidays programs, workshops, a youth advisory group and more. Feel free to get in touch samiraf@smrc.org.au 0458 090 958 OR anwara@smrc.org.au 0408 327 192</p>
	<p>CGD Youth and Family Services South East Community Links Students Connect FREE homework and tutoring support Free tutoring and study support, recreational activities, and employment guidance. Every Tuesday @ Noble Park Community Centre 3:30pm - 6pm</p>

	<p>Mind Australia – Dandenong Navida Aslam https://www.mindaustralia.org.au/services/victoria/mental-health-integrated-complex-care-mhicc</p>
	<p>CGD Youth and Family Services Programs various Yohana Jury, Team Leader Youth Engagement and Participation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holiday Activities Committee basic leadership program for 12-16yo, every Wednesday starting 2 Mar 4.30-6.30pm venue 39 Clow Street Dandenong. 2. FReeZA volunteering and event management for 12-25yo, every Thursday 4.30pm - 6.30pm, for term 1 at NPAC. <p>Enquiries Yohana Email Yohana.jury@cgd.vic.gov.au telephone 9793 2155</p>
	<p>CGD Youth and Family Services April Holiday Program Demi Youth Development Officer</p> <p>Autumn Adventure Holiday Activities starting next week, registration is currently open, and we would love for you to promote these activities to the young people you are working with. https://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs/holiday-activities Enquiries demi.bradford@cgd.vic.gov.au or call on 9793 2155</p>
	<p>Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre – Dandenong Elma Siaopo</p> <p>Information on services https://www.chisholm.edu.au/about-us/skills-and-jobs-centre Enquiries elma.siaopo@chisholm.edu.au or contact 03 9212 4909</p>
	<p>Chisholm Foundation College Pathways and Wellbeing Siobhan Paxton</p> <p>Supporting students from 16 years old upwards that are re-engaging with education through our General Education for Adults programs, and students with special learning needs that would like to become work ready through our Work Education programs. Ongoing enrolments throughout the year.</p> <p>Enquiries Siobhan.paxton@chisholm.edu.au </p>
	<p>Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) Employment Empowers Program Kim Almeida</p> <p>Match newly arrived young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, aged 18 to 25, with volunteer mentors who support them for a year in their employment goals. Work with young people from across Melbourne and the referral form can be found on their website.</p> <p>https://www.cmy.net.au/young-people-community/employment/employment-empowers/</p> <p>Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) CSG South Sudanese Totti</p> <p>Autumn school holiday kicking off for young South Sudanese people on Monday ages 12-25. All events are free.</p> <p>Email: rtot@cmy.net.au</p>
	<p>EdConnect Australia Melinda Spiteri</p> <p>Match volunteers with students in schools in both learning support and mentor roles. Melinda.spiteri@edconnect.org.au</p>



	<p>South East Local Learning and Employment Network YMTP Jennifer Orlandi Working with young mothers aged up to 22 years in Casey, Cardinia and Dandenong and they would like employment or education. Contact jennifer@sellen.org.au or 0474 546 382</p>
	<p>The Big Issue Women's Street Soccer Bess Recently relaunched women's street soccer program in Dandenong. It's on Tuesdays 4-6pm at JC Mills Reserve (across from Oasis pool). FREE and open to all skill levels for women and girls aged 16 years and over. Flyers available in English and Dari Enquiries Bess bschnioffsky@bigissue.org.au Mobile 0431205922</p>
<p>POSITIVE YOUTH PATHWAYS WEBSITE</p>  <p>The logo for Youth Positive Pathways, featuring stylized human figures in blue and green, with the text 'Youth Positive PATHWAYS' and 'GREATER DANDENONG • CASEY • CARDINIA' below it.</p>	<p>Greater Dandenong–Casey–Cardinia Online Youth Services Directory</p> <p>There are many services for young people and families within the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire. This directory brings local service information together in the one place. It aims to assist young people, families, schools, and agencies by improving awareness of and accessibility to services available to young people and their families across the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire.</p> <p>Please routinely check your service and program information on the website to maintain its accuracy and currency. Also, if your service is not yet listed, please visit the website, and log your service information. https://www.youthpositivepathways.com.au/about</p>



GDYN E-NEWS	Reminder to network members: for promotion of programs/services in the monthly GDYN eNewsletter April edition: submissions due Friday 25 March COB, please send a short blurb to aishling.fagan@cgd.vic.gov.au
NEXT MEETING	Thursday 23rd June 2022 Face-to-Face, to be held at Greater Dandenong Municipal Offices, Lonsdale Street, Dandenong Time: 9.30am – 11.30am Topic: To be confirmed Agenda to be distributed closer to the meeting via calendar appt. For further information, please contact Aishling Fagan, Team Leader Youth and Community Development on 9793 2155 or email aishling.fagan@cgd.vic.gov.au