





## 1-7 September 2023 Welcome Booklet











Children playing together at Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Centre

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#### Acknowledgment to country

Wyndham City Council and Wyndham Community & Education Centre recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Peoples of Australia. We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wadawurrung Peoples as Traditional Owners of the lands on which Wyndham City operates. The Wadawurrung and Bunurong Peoples have and always will belong to the Werribee Yalook (river), creeks, stars, hills and red clay of this Country. We pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders who alwar have, and always will, care for Country and community today and for future generations.



#### Welcome to the Wyndham Learning Festival!

The Wyndham Learning Festival is Wyndham's largest annual learning event, brought to you by the community, for the community.

The Festival promotes, highlights, and celebrates lifelong learning by encouraging the community to get out and try new things in both formal and informal learning settings.

The Festival has a range of free activities for all ages and interests, promoting learning for all and welcoming new events, sponsors, and participants to reflect this diverse and dynamic learning community.

#### About the Wyndham Learning Festival

The Wyndham Learning Festival emerged from Wyndham City Council's Learning Community Strategy 2018-2023. The Wyndham Community & Education Centre with commitment and support from Wyndham City Council and partners are proud to bring this exciting learning Festival to the community of Wyndham and beyond. As collaborators on the delivery of the Festival, we share a passion for learning and recognise the far-reaching social, economic, environmental, and cultural benefits of promoting lifelong learning.

The Wyndham Learning Festival takes place 1-7 September annually in various locations around Wyndham.

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### Wyndham Learning Festival Goals

As we adapt to local and global challenges, we continue to plan the Wyndham Learning Festival to offer a range of opportunities that meet the needs, interests, and aspirations of the diverse community of Wyndham.



## Why Celebrate Learning?

Learning Festivals, such as the Wyndham Learning Festival, are important because they provide community members with a chance to celebrate learning and engage in learning events to expand their knowledge, skills, and interests.

The aim of the Festival is to bring people together through learning, to inspire the community to try something new and to promote lifelong learning to all age groups: Early Years, School Years, Young Adults, Adults & Seniors. Research shows us that learning keeps us healthier, wealthier, and happier. A learning community is more resilient, can adapt to change quickly, apply new skills, and has confidence to take advantage of opportunities.

Did you know that Wyndham is a UNESCO Learning City? In 2019 Wyndham was invited to join the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities, then in 2021 was honoured to become a proud recipient of a UNESCO Learning Cities Award, for our significant progress in enhancing lifelong and life-wide learning. The Wyndham Learning Festival was recognised as an important part of this Award.



The theme for the Festival changes each year to reflect the local community. The 2023 theme is: Our Thriving, Creative Community.

**Event categories are:** 

#### **UN Sustainable Development Goals**

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

Wyndham Learning Festival events seek to address as many of the 17 SDG's as possible to improve the lives of global citizens no matter their age, ability, interest or socio-economic status. You can read more about the SDGs here:

www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/

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#### **Contact Us**

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The Wyndham Learning Festival Co-Ordinator is here to help on **03 9742 4013** or email **contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au** 

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