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| **FIRST NATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES**: |

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| **For appointments, please contact:**  **IPC HEALTH**  **Wyndham Vale Campus**  **510 Ballan Road**  **Wyndham Vale**  **Tel: 1300 472 432**  <https://www.ipchealth.com.au/services/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander/>  **GP Superclinic**  Monday: 9am-8pm  Tuesday to Friday: 9am-5pm  Types of support:   * In person on campus * Group sessions * Drop in to The Lounge * Group activities   The **Aboriginal Health Team** at the “Lounge” are available to provide culturally responsive support and advice for the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.  **Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm** | ***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients have priority access to all of our services at IPC Health.***  ***General Practitioner:***  Closing the Gap and Aboriginal Health Care plan available via our General Practitioners at Wyndham Vale.  **To make an appointment:** Call 1300 472 432 or [book online](https://www.hotdoc.com.au/medical-centres/wyndham-vale-VIC-3024/ipc-health-wyndham-vale/doctors) |
| **VAHS - Victorian Aboriginal Health Service**  186 Nicholson Street, FITZROY  Tel: 9419 3000 [www.vahs.org.au](http://www.vahs.org.au) | VAHS provide a range of medical, dental and social services.  VAHS is committed to supporting community wellbeing. |
| **Deadly Western Connections**  [https://deadlywesternconnections.com.au/](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdeadlywesternconnections.com.au%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJanet.Lakin%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7C2f5b29aa680c4057707c08dc1adcfb9f%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C0%7C638414783630905547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3LQWpGv6hBo5qYsUpmCm53vB2sLOU0Qol6UicwqhGhs%3D&reserved=0) | An online meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples living in the western suburbs of Melbourne. A place to share stories, pay respect to Country and build community. There is also a lot of useful information about services, programs, jobs and events. Connect with community groups, organisations and businesses |

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| **Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESO) –** Department of Education  Western Melbourne Office, Footscray  Tel: 1300 333 232  **Email:** [**swvr@education.vic.gov.au**](mailto:swvr@education.vic.gov.au)  **Koorie Engagement Co-Ordinator for Western Region – Ben Moodie** | Each departmental regional office has Koorie Education Coordinators (KECs) and Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESOs) who can provide advice in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.  ***Seek parent permission to contact first***  KESOs are currently; Judy Dalton-Walsh, Julianne Fraser,  Isabella Atkinson, Shannan Wright and Tamara Purcell |
| **VACCA – Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co Op PTY LTD**  75-79 Watton St, Werribee Tel: 9742 8300  [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)  <https://www.vacca.org/page/services/children-and-families/early-years-support>  ***Western VACCA Office***  43 Bakery Square  Melton  Tel – 03 8746 2776  ***Northern VACCA Office***  340 Bell St, Preston  Tel – 9480 7300 | *The lead Aboriginal Child & Family Welfare organisation in Victoria.*  *Families are assigned a Caseworker to support families*  ***The Early Years Strategy***  <https://www.vacca.org/content/Document/VACCA_Submission_DSS%20Early%20Years%20Strategy_Apr30_23.pdf>  ***Seek parent permission first***  *Support with Referral Pathways for families – MCH, Kinder (also support those in Out of Home Care)*  *Referrals come from KESO’s, Other Aboriginal Workers/Co Health/IPC Health*  ***Koorie Kids Playgroup***  *Koorie Kids Playgroup is a great place for children and their Mums, Dads and Carers to: Gather with other Koorie families • Make new friends • Hear stories Participate in cultural arts, crafts and dance • Express creativity • Learn about culture Get to know other Koorie Kids in the area*  *Contact Playgroup Worker on 03 9742 8300*  *Email: vaccawestkooriekidsplaygroup@vacca.org*  ***Tuesdays*** *12:00pm- 2:00pm Point Cook Koorie Kids Playgroup, Point Cook Community Learning Centre, 1-21 Cheetham St, Point Cook*  ***Thursdays*** *12:00pm- 2:00pm Wyndham Vale Koorie Kids Playgroup, Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Community Centre 19 Communal Road, Wyndham Vale*  ***Free healthy lunch and afternoon tea provided!***  ***Cradle to Kinder*** *– Tel: 9742 8300*   * *Provide intensive support to young women from pregnancy (or within the first six weeks after birth) up until their child reaches five years of age* * *Getting ready for birth and parenting, routines, play and knowing about child development* * *Caring for babies and young children so they are safe, happy and well* * *Dealing with stress, budgeting, being more independent* * *Connecting with family, community and culture* * *Education and employment pathways for parents* |
| **Wadja Aboriginal Family Place Health Clinic – Royal Children’s Hospital**  Weekly on a Wednesday Time 11:00AM - 5:00PM Location Specialist Clinic A2, ground floor outpatients department, off main street Telephone 8341 6894 | A general medical outpatient clinic for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children  Wadja health clinic is a weekly general medical clinic for Aboriginal children which provides medical, social, cultural and emotional assessment.  The focus of the clinic is on the management of Aboriginal patients with complex health and social issues by a team. A paediatrician will see the child and family together with an Aboriginal Case Manager with the aim of enabling a family to feel supported and culturally empowered.  An Aboriginal family health worker will also be available during clinic hours for further support if required by the family.  Referrals to the clinic can be made by GPs who have assessed that a child requires specialist medical care. |
| **Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Centre**  19 Communal Road  Wyndham Vale  (access via Cortland Street) | A dedicated space for the Aboriginal community that is culturally safe and that provides a space to host community services and events.  Centre Facilities:   * Community Rooms allowing seating for up to 120 people * Car park provided ▪ Disability access * Trestle tables and chairs available * Kitchen facilities * Consulting Room * Men’s and Women’s space |
| **The Orange Door –** full info available on page 22 of this support guide  If you are in danger right now, call Triple Zero (000). If you are not in immediate danger, but feel unsafe, contact details are:  The Orange Door is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (closed public holidays).  Address - 15-17 Watton Street, Werribee, 3030  Out-of-hours support is available –  <https://www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au/after-hours-support>  Email - [wma@orangedoor.vic.gov.au](mailto:wma@orangedoor.vic.gov.au) | If you would prefer to use a specialist Aboriginal service, you can contact The Orange Door and ask for the details of your local service.  For support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week you can also call:  **Yarning SafeNStrong** - telephone crisis line for Aboriginal people and families who need to have a yarn with someone about their wellbeing.  Call: 1800 959 563  Email: [ysns@vahs.org.au](mailto:ysns@vahs.org.au)  Facebook: @YarningSafenStrong  **Dardi Munwurro’s Brother to Brother** - telephone crisis support for Aboriginal men with family violence issues.  Phone: 1800 435 799  **Safe Steps** - family violence response centre.  Phone: 1800 015 188  Website:  <https://www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander> |