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### General WACOSS News

## **MEDIA RELEASE: WACOSS calls for closer scrutiny as Western Power unknowingly puts lives at risk. 22nd June 2011**

"WACOSS is extremely concerned about a number of serious transgressions of Western Power's licence obligations that put customers' health and safety at risk," said WACOSS Chief Executive Officer, Ms Irina Cattalini today.

The notice issued by the Economic Regulation Authority today indicates that Western Power had contravened two 'Type 1' licence obligations. [Click here](#) to read this media release in full

## **Proposed WA Regional Community Sector Capacity Building Project Call for Expressions of Interest From Regional Community Services**

WACOSS is calling for expressions of interest within the community services sector, specifically existing or planned regional networks; within the nine Development Commission areas to

participate in a new project: WA Regional Community Sector Capacity Building Project.

The WA Regional Community Sector Capacity Building Project will create a mechanism through which two way discussion of across sector development and community social policy work can occur, thus reducing delays in implementation of necessary sector responses and capacity building. This combined and integrated strategy offers necessary information, expertise, and the building of momentum, to drive discussion, practices and service delivery at a statewide regional level. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **WACOSS Submission to Australia's Urban Water Sector Productivity Commission Inquiry Draft Report**

On 10 June 2011 WACOSS tabled a submission to the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Australia's Urban Water Sector. The Inquiry has provided a unique opportunity to consider future objectives for urban water markets in the face increasing cost of living pressures and challenging future climate and water supply scenarios.

Given the essentiality of water to basic household functions such as drinking, cooking, bathing and general hygiene, and the negative health and societal implications of restricting water supply to individuals, families and the community, WACOSS has argued that universal access to an essential volume of water must be central to the objectives of the inquiry. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **Self Directed Services Conference Update**

A self-directed service design conference, hosted by the Partnership Forum, will be held on 10 August 2011.

The key objective of the conference is to generate discussion and interest in self-directed service design among people and consumer groups, community sector organisations and government agencies. It aims to do this in an open and collaborative style and is intended to lead to future conversations and events. The conference will also provide practical ideas on how to implement self-directed service design. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **WACOSS Community Leadership Development Program (Diploma of Management) – now open for applications.**

Please join us for a free Information Evening on June 15, 5.30pm-7.00pm at City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth, in Conference Room 7.

Register for the information event online at: [www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.357](http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.357)

The Community Leadership Development Program is a joint initiative of WACOSS and MODAL, a business training and consultancy organisation. The program allows managers, coordinators and team leaders of community service organisations to achieve a Diploma of Management

over the 12 month program.

The program has been running for eight years, covering topics such as how to manage people, projects, operational plans, budgets and personal work priorities while maintaining high standards of service, team effectiveness and continuous improvement.

We are accepting applications for this program until **July 1st, 5pm**. Applicants must be in a leadership/management role in a not-for-profit organisation and be responsible for supervising at least two other people in their organisation.

Further details of this program can be found

at: [http://www.wacoss.org.au/services/accredited\\_training/community\\_leadership\\_program.aspx](http://www.wacoss.org.au/services/accredited_training/community_leadership_program.aspx)

If you have any queries or require further information, please contact Gina Olivieri at [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) or 9420 7222 or [click here](#) to download the flyer

## **Employment Opportunity at WACOSS- Training and Development Officer**

WACOSS are currently recruiting for a Training and Development Officer. The position will primarily be a role that is delivering training courses, contributing to the development of the training program and undertaking project and consultancy work. The position will play a significant role in sector development. [Click here](#) for further details.

## **ACOSS leads delegation on equal pay funding to Canberra**

ACOSS is stepping up the campaign for government commitments to fully fund the outcome of equal pay before Fair Work Australia, leading a delegation of COSS directors and CEO's to Canberra this week for a series of meetings with key federal ministers, MPs and Senators. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **Commonwealth People's Forum 2011**

The next Commonwealth People's Forum will be held in Perth, Western Australia, from **25 to 27 October 2011**.

The Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF), brings together civil society representatives from around the world, to discuss and debate key issues facing Commonwealth people. Held every two years in the run up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), the CPF is the single biggest opportunity for civil society to engage with Commonwealth leaders on global development issues.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Special Grants Fund to support Commonwealth Theme 2011 deadline extended to 15 July**

The Commonwealth Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a Special Grants Fund of £100,000 for Civil Society Organisations and Commonwealth Associations to undertake strategic and innovative projects that will promote the Commonwealth theme for 2011, 'Women as Agents of Change'. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

### **WACOSS Workshops and Seminars**

## **Semester Two Training Calendar – coming soon!**

WACOSS' training calendar for July-December 2011 will be ready very soon – the first courses will take place in the last week of July. If you are interested in receiving a copy of our training calendar please email [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) and don't forget to encourage your staff to sign up to eNews so they keep up to date with all the latest training workshops.

## **Free Budget Counselling Training in Kalgoorlie**

WACOSS are hosting free Budget Counselling training June 30-July 1 in Kalgoorlie. This training is suitable for anyone who works in community services, particularly emergency relief, who would like to know how to provide basic financial literacy education to their clients. There are still places available for this course, please register by June 23 by returning the [registration form](#) or contact [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) for more information.

### **Sector News**

## **Premier's Circular Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy**

The Premier Colin Barnett recently issued a Circular to all State Government Public Authorities which clearly stipulates that compliance with the new Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy is mandatory for all public authorities.

This is a very strong signal that there is commitment from the top to implementing this reform and ensuring government agencies begin forging a new relationship with not-for-profit community services that is based on real partnership. [Click here](#) for more information

## **Elder abuse research launched on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Advocare Inc. was pleased to announce the completion of a significant elder abuse research project to coincide with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June.

The research, which looked at the extent of elder abuse in Western Australia, was particularly significant due to the increasing size of Western Australia's older population. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **ARAFMI Petition- Mandatory Sentencing**

[Click here](#) to download and sign a copy of the Petition in Relation to Mandatory Sentencing of People With a Mental Impairment

## **Women and Housing Affordability Survey**

The Swinburne University's Institute for Social Research, in conjunction with the Salvation Army, is conducting a survey on women and housing affordability in Australia. The researchers are seeking the views of single women, aged 40 and over (with or without children) who do not expect to own their home outright before they retire. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **New online service helps health professionals address problem gambling**

People with gambling problems often have mental health, addiction and relationship issues and may visit a range of health and welfare professionals before they tackle their gambling. Gambling Help Online, a new, Australian-first online service provides counselling, information and support 24/7 for people who need help with gambling issues, including referring health professionals. [Click here](#) to read this article in full.

## **Help to Host Seniors Week Events in 2011**

COTA WA, in partnership with the Department for Communities and Lotterywest, will be assisting community groups and local government organisations hold events during Bendigo Bank WA Seniors 2011. Grants of up to \$1000 are available through the Seniors Week Community Grants Program, as a contribution towards meeting the costs associated with hosting events in Western Australia between Sunday 6 November and Sunday 13 November.

[click here](#) to read this article in full

## **Your Online Resource Coming Soon**

Thanks to a Lotterywest grant, small to medium community sector organisations in urban and

regional Western Australia will benefit from an online support framework now in development by Community Sector Services.

Through its website Community Sector Services (CSS) will provide resources such as:

- an online ICT helpdesk
- tools and resources
- the ability to host forums on matters relevant to the sector using social media tools.

[Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **Power a Pensioner**

People Who Care's "Power a Pensioner" is about not letting Perth's frail aged, who rely solely on the pension being left behind in extreme poverty

You can support People Who Care's "Power a Pensioner" by buying a ticket in our raffle. There are only 1,000 tickets available at \$100 each for your chance to win 100 bottles of some of WA's finest wines valued at \$5,000.

[Click here](#) for further details

## **The Commissioner for Children and Young People is conducting a review of three of their guidelines publications.**

- Are you listening? - Guidelines for making complaints processes accessible and responsive for children and young people
- Improving legislation for children and young people; and
- Involving children and young people – participation guidelines.

CCYP are keen to talk to some agencies that have used any of these guidelines to assess whether they found the publication to be useful, how the agency used the publication and how CCYP could improve it.

If you or your organisation has used any of these three publications, CCYP would love to hear from you. Contact CCYP by telephoning (08) 6213 2297 or emailing [Caron.Irwin@ccyp.wa.gov.au](mailto:Caron.Irwin@ccyp.wa.gov.au)

## **Mission Australia's Annual Youth Survey**

Mission Australia's annual Youth Survey - the largest of its kind in Australia - has been undertaken each year since 2002. Conducted between April and July, the survey asks young Australians aged 11 to 24 what they value, where they turn for advice and support, what issues

concern them, how they are involved with their community and their feelings about their future

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Sector Events**

### **Centacare Conference July 8th 2011**

[Click here](#) for information on Centacare Family Service Inc Conference on July 8th 2011

### **Upcoming Workshops at Richmond Fellowship WA**

Richmond Fellowship WA will be holding the following workshops in June & July:

- Hearing Voices Awareness Training 7th & 21st July

[Click here](#) for full details

### **Fresh Start seminar on recovering from drug addiction.**

Subiaco-based Fresh Start Recovery Programme will host a one-day seminar to help Western Australians understand the latest recovery-oriented approaches to drug addiction. Fresh Start Recovery Seminar will be held at the University of Western Australia on **July 8**.

[Click here](#) for more details

### **Ready to Work's Fundraising Event – Wednesday, 6 July 2011**

Tim Winton's 'Rising Water' play at the new Heath Ledger Theatre in Northbridge. Please contact Jodi Tazewell on [info@readytowork.org.au](mailto:info@readytowork.org.au), telephone 9381 7884 or visit our website [www.readytowork.org.au](http://www.readytowork.org.au) for further details. Thank you for supporting Ready to Work.

[Click here](#) for further details

### **COTA WA Policy Briefing 19th July**

COTA WA would like to invite you to their next policy briefing, which is being held on Tuesday 19 July from 9.15am to 12 noon being held at City West Reception Centre. The focus of this session will be retirement income issues for seniors and will include presentations on;

- Retirement Income Policy in Australia – a brief history.
- “Fair Go for Pensioners”- What’s Happening?

- Energy Issues for Western Australian Seniors- Affordability and sustainability
- The Carbon Tax- What does it all mean?

To register please complete the form ([click here](#) to download) and return it with payment (\$30 for COTA WA members and \$40 for non-members) by Tuesday 12 July 2011.

## [Community Sector Jobs](#)

The following position are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- [Training Coordinator \(WACOSS\)](#)
- [Disability Advocate- Readvertised](#)
- [Community Care Services Officer](#)
- [Senior Solicitor \(Outreach\)](#)
- [Day Program Worker](#)
- [Residential Support Worker](#)
- [Youth Justice Coordinator \(P/T\)](#)
- [Part-time Receptionist](#)
- [Manager](#)
- [Team Leader Early Intervention Program](#)
- [Registered Nurse \(Part Time\)](#)
- [Big Brothers Big Sisters Caseworker](#)
- [Client Services Officer Young Carers Program](#)
- [Youth Diversion Service Officer \(Part Time\)](#)
- [Personal Helpers and Mentors Program Officer \(Full Time\)](#)
- [Housing Support Programs Coordinator \(Full Time\)](#)
- [Program Manager](#)
- [Client Services Officer](#)
- [Youth and Community Services Program Manager](#)
- [Coordinator Warrawee Womens Refuge](#)
- [Staff Resource Officers \(Job Share\)](#)
- [Solicitor \(Maternity Leave Contract\)](#)
- [Part time BIS Facilitator/Counsellor](#)
- [Part time Counsellor/Project Worker- PEPISU Women and Childrens Program](#)
- [Part time Counsellor- Drug and Alcohol Program](#)
- [Executive Officer](#)
- [Manager Community Education \(FT\) & Community Educator \(FT\)](#)
- [Domestic and Family Violence Workers](#)
- [Chief Executive Officer](#)
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**If you would like to advertised your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact**

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