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### **General WACOSS News**

## **WACOSS Members Budget Briefing – Fri 9th Aug**

In the first budget following the State Election, the Barnett Government will be expected to deliver on a range of promises made during the campaign (refer to Promise Watch). However, with the Treasurer also talking about delivering the budget in a "very tight fiscal environment", some funding cuts may also be on the table.

The morning after the Budget is handed down, WACOSS CEO Irina Cattalini and staff will provide a special briefing to WACOSS members on what is, and is not, in the 2013-14 budget papers.

This event will be critical for community sector professionals seeking to understand the State Budget. Come along to explore what this year's budget decisions will mean for community services and our clients. Please [click here](#) to register or find out more information.

## **WACOSS Pre-Budget Submission – Member Consultations & Feedback**

Each year WACOSS prepares a Pre-Budget Submission, identifying priority areas for service funding (by Government) on behalf of the community services sector. We want to hear our members views — your views — on budget priorities, emerging issues and service gaps within your sectors, regions and communities. [Read more.](#)

## **Integrating Infant Mental Health Services – New WACOSS Report**

WACOSS is currently working with the City of Cockburn on a Mental Health Commission-funded project exploring the provision of services to support infant and early childhood mental health, with a specific focus on opportunities for service integration. WACOSS's first report — [Integrating services to support the mental health of infants and young children: Developing the Concepts](#) — is now available online. For printed copies of the report, contact Sarah — [sarah@wacoss.org.au](mailto:sarah@wacoss.org.au) / 9420 7222.

## **Integrating Infant Mental Health Services – Cockburn Consultation - Mon 19th Aug**

On Monday 19th August, WACOSS and the City of Cockburn are hosting a community consultation to discuss infant and early childhood mental health service provision and early years service integration within the City of Cockburn. If you're involved or interested in the early years, infant mental health or parenting-related services, come and join the conversation! [Click here](#) to find out more.

## **Expressions Of Interest – WA Health, Community Services Advisory Group**

Are you part of an organisation receiving WA Health funding and do you...

- Have an interest in outcomes based contracting reform?
- Work to develop measurable outcomes in your strategic planning?
- Want to increase your opportunities to work collaboratively with the WA Health Community Services Procurement reform agenda?

If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions - we want to hear from you!

Invitations are open for Expressions of Interest from interested WA Health Community Service Providers to become a member of the WA Health Community Services Advisory Group. This group is being formed as a key component of the Sector Collaboration Project – a joint initiative between WA Health, Community Services Procurement Directorate and WACOSS. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Media Release: Affordable Housing Top Priority for State**

## Budget, Friday 26th July 2013

The Western Australian Council of Social Service today released an updated list of community service funding priorities ahead of the State Budget on 8th August, highlighting affordable housing as the most important need for the WA community.

The WACOSS Budget Submission, originally released in October 2012, has been updated and re-issued to take into account changed circumstance and new commitments arising since the State Budget was delayed from its usual timing in May. [Read more.](#)

## Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission: New Information Update

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has released an expanded register that enables the public to search for information about registered charities. There is also a mobile enabled version you can access from your phone. [Read more.](#)

## Big Issue- Homeless Persons Week Cup

Big Issue Perth Street Soccer would like to invite everyone from WACOSS and its members, to join the STREET SOCCEROOS in the [Homeless Persons Week Cup](#).

Stretch your legs and dust off your boots for what will be a fun afternoon of soccer.

To join the team or submit a team, please contact Darren McKie at [darren@wacoss.org.au](mailto:darren@wacoss.org.au) or via mobile 0452 221 696.

## WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013

- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Tue 6th Aug
- [Tender Writing Tips](#) - Wed 7th Aug
- [Foundations in Governance](#) - Wed 7th Aug
- [Workplace Health and Safety for NFP's](#) - Wed 14th Aug
- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Thu 15th Aug
- [Infant Mental Health Cockburn Consultation](#) – Mon 19th Aug
- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Wed 21st Aug
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Broome – Wed 21st Aug
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Bunbury – Fri 23rd Aug
- [Managing Emotions in the Workplace \(EQ\)](#) – Tue 27th Aug
- [Foundations in Governance](#) – Thu 29th Aug
- [Foundations in Facilitation](#) – Mon 2nd Sept
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Joondalup – Mon 2nd Sept
- [Interpreting Financial Reports](#) – Wed 4th Sept

- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Geraldton – Fri 6th Sept

## Sector News

### 'In Search of Safety' Schools Program

Australian Red Cross' In Search of Safety project is about creating awareness and challenging myths and stereotypes about asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in the hopes of erasing stigma associated with this issue. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### Gavin Mooney Memorial Essay Competition

Launched to honour the work and memory of the late Professor Gavin Mooney, a health economist who was a tireless advocate for social justice in local, national and international arenas, the Gavin Mooney Memorial Essay Competition is a joint project of the [Sydney School of Public Health](#) at the University of Sydney, the health-policy blog Croakey, and Inside Story. The inaugural competition will recognise an essay related to the theme of climate change and equity, in recognition of the work of Professor Mooney's late partner Dr Delys Weston. [More details here.](#)

### Sponsorship Proposals Invited for Perth Town Hall Anti-Poverty Day

The City of Perth is actively seeking submissions for sponsorship for venue hire for an Anti-Poverty Day or Week event at Perth Town Hall. For more information contact Colleen Dixon [colleen.dixon@cityofperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:colleen.dixon@cityofperth.wa.gov.au) or 9461 3514. General information on the venue is at [www.cityofperth.wa.gov.au/perthtownhall](http://www.cityofperth.wa.gov.au/perthtownhall)

### Office Space Available

High profile office space in East Perth for short or long term lease at bargain rate for suitable client.  
127sqm ground floor with own kitchen and washroom, quality air conditioning and two secure car bays.  
No fit-out but assistance with this negotiable Available NOW.  
Contact [mhillam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mhillam@bigpond.net.au)

### Tenant Advice Line WA

The Tenant Advice Line WA is a free statewide advice line for residential tenants. People can also get help with information about their rights and responsibilities as a tenant. There is no means or income test to access this service.

Our experienced Tenant Advice Line workers provide information, advice and support to people who are in residential private tenancies, public housing, community housing or living in park homes.

Funding for the Tenant Advice Line comes from the Rental Accommodation Fund administered by the Department of Commerce

#### **Advice Line Numbers**

9221 0088 (Metropolitan)

1800 621 888 (Country callers – Free call)

#### **Advice Line Hours**

9:15am to 3:30pm Business days

## **The Rotary Allied Health Professional of the Year Awards 2013**

In recognition of outstanding Allied Health professionals, the Rotary Clubs of Mount Lawley and West Perth present the 2013 Allied Health Professional of the Year Award, supported by the Chief Health Professions Office (CHPO). Nominations are open from Monday 22nd July to Friday 13th September. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Partner Office tenancy in Foyer Oxford**

Foyer Oxford is on its way and looking for a partner (They like long walks on the beach and strengths based practice). Expressions of Interest are sought from a suitable community sector partner to take on a 110m2 tenancy in Foyer Oxford. This world class facility on Oxford Street in Leederville provides an amazing opportunity to connect with Foyer residents and the local community. Available from October 2013. [Click here](#) for more information

## **Homeless Persons Week 2013**

Homeless Persons Week is here again! Show you care this year by holding your own event or registering to participate in one, such as the Homeless Persons Week Cup on Tuesday or the Walk to Support the Homeless on Saturday. This year the Week will run from between 5th – 11th August. Check out the [Facebook page](#) for more information.

### **Sector Events**

## **Human Rights Advocacy for People with a Mental Illness - Thu 8th Aug**

The Curtin University Centre for Human Rights Education and the Mental Health Commission

of WA, invite you to a presentation with Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Patrick Corrigan. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Headwest - Brain Injury Awareness Week- 12th-18th Aug**

Headwest, Brain Injury Association of WA Inc. has hit the ground running in 2013 with the aim of increasing community knowledge and awareness of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). Our main campaign is during Brain Injury Awareness Week (12-18 August 2013) and is called BANGONABEANIE. This is a national campaign with all ABI associations across Australia working together to raise funds and awareness. Please visit our website to find out more about what is happening in Western Australia : <http://www.headwest.asn.au/717/bang-on-events>

## **Responses to Women, Violence and Homelessness Across Borders - Mon 12th Aug**

As a part of the Women's Council's commitment to education and training, we are holding a seminar/forum on August 12th from 9am – 4pm which will address "Responses to Women, Violence and Homelessness Across Borders". This is in light of Australia's Homeless Person's Week 2013. The seminar will focus on policies, practices and current models in WA and SA jurisdictions. We also have special interstate guest speakers to present at this training seminar. As homelessness is on the increase in WA and violence is an ever-present gendered issue in our society, this will be an important and enlightening session for all attendees.

[Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to register.

## **Fresh Start Facilitator Training - Thu 15th & Fri 16th Aug**

Fresh Start Facilitator Training is to be held Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August 2013 in the Cancer Council Western Australia's Shenton Park Seminar Room. The Seminar Room offers the added benefit of free and plentiful parking. We train and accredit suitable health professionals to deliver Fresh Start quit smoking courses in their community, workplace or to provide one-on-one assistance for people wanting to stop smoking.

To find out more about training options for health professionals, please contact Amanda Siebert, Cessation and Priority Settings Coordinator on 9388 4307 or alternatively email [FreshStart@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:FreshStart@cancerwa.asn.au). If you are interested in attending the August Facilitator Training visit the Cancer Council Western Australia website to [download an application form](#).

## **Changing Mental Health Practice- August**

Richmond Fellowship WA, in partnership with Arafmi, are proud to present two of the UK's leading practitioners in the next event of our Changing Mental Health Practice series.

These events provide a unique opportunity for consumers, families, professionals and sector

innovators to extend their knowledge and gain practical insight from these change leaders.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## **Bridges out of Poverty- August**

Communities for Children Plus invites you to attend Bridges Out of Poverty training for community members and organisations.

Two separate workshops are presented by the dynamic Nairn Walker, an outstanding facilitator, who has an incredible ability to connect, challenge and inspire her audience. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## **Family and Domestic Violence Common Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework Training**

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support, Family and Domestic Violence Unit are offering training across the state to support and sustain implementation of the WA Family and Domestic Violence Common Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework (CRARMF).

The CRARMF includes minimum practice standards for identifying family and domestic violence and the assessment, management and monitoring of risk. The training is open to ALL government, non-government, mainstream and specialist agencies. **This training is free of charge!** [Click here](#) for all the details.

## **First Aid and Emergency Management Training**

The Australian YMCA Institute of Education & Training (Perth Campus) are holding the following nationally recognised courses between August - December.

- First Aid Training
- Accredited Asthma and Anaphylaxis Emergency Management Courses

[Click here](#) to find out more.

## **Professional Development and Workplace Training - Relationships Australia**

The following Professional and Workplace Training is available in July/Aug/Sept 2013.

### **Professional Development**

- Introduction to Couples Counselling Thurs/Fri 15 & 16 August

## Workplace Training

- Emotional Intelligence -Tues 30 July or Wed 27 November
- Defusing Angry & Abusive Customers - Tues 6 August
- Enhancing Self-Esteem in Adolescents -Wed 4 September
- Sexual Intelligence Tues -10 September or Tues 12 November
- Responding to Bullying in Workplace - Wed 18 September

For more information [click here](#). Ring 9489 6322 to enrol.

## Anglicare WA professional development workshops and customised training

Anglicare WA delivers events, professional development workshops and customised training for human services organisations across WA. Upcoming professional development workshops:

- Child Abuse and Neglect (14 August 2013)
- Child Abuse and Neglect from a Manager's Perspective (11 September 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (13 September 2013)
- Working Therapeutically with Children (19-20 September 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Multi-Problem Families (25 September 2013)
- Introduction to Family and Domestic Violence (16 October 2013)
- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect (9 October 2013)
- Worker Safety for Home Visits (23 October 2013)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on [rto@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:rto@anglicarewa.org.au) if you have any questions.

## IKON Institute Professional Development Opportunities – August, September, October

Throughout the year The IKON Institute of Australia provides professional development opportunities through workshops & master classes.

### **The Workshops are suitable for:**

Counsellors, Psychologists, Psychotherapists, Social Workers, Welfare Workers, Chaplains and those with a keen interest in personal development. [Click here](#) for more information

## Dr Duncan Green Public Lecture 'From Poverty to Power' Fri 6th Sept

Make Poverty History and Oxfam are proud to present a public lecture by Dr Duncan Green. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **The Charities Commission and Related Matters Seminar - Sat 14th Sept**

Current issues for Church Administrators, Secretaries, Treasurers and Board Chairpersons

The aim of the Seminar is to equip key leaders with current technical and practical information relating to the Australian Charities & Not-for-profit Commission and other new laws that impact on charities and churches..

[Click here](#) to find out more.

## **CREATE children and young people's conference - 22nd-24th Sept**

Registrations are now open for CREATE's inaugural children and young people's conference, *Strength to Strength: Improving the care system for young Australians through participation*, as well as a Grant Scheme to assist young people to attend. Please [click here](#) to view the website. [Click here](#) to download the grant application.

## **2013 WA Men's Shed Seminar Mon 14th Oct**

The program will provide you with the opportunity to get connected to the strategies, tactics, and solutions you need to successfully establish, operate and maintain a successful Men's Shed in your community. It offers you the chance to update your skills, reunite with friends and acquaintances and meet new colleagues. You may view the program at <http://www.wamsa.org.au/seminar-program.html>

This seminar follows the very successful state conferences held at Mosman Park in 2012 and Mukinbudin in 2009.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer, [click here](#) to register

## **Women's Retreat- Fri 18th –Sun 20th October.**

Spring time – a time for renewal. Reconnect with the wisdom of your body: retreat, reflect, relax ... This retreat is a small group experience designed and led by women with many years of experience in the Not for Profit sector. It provides both professional and personal learning. We know how important it is for the people you work with that you also take the time to look after yourself. Incorporating reflective exercises, mindfulness, body awareness and gentle hatha yoga. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to download the registration form.

## **National Seniors Australia WA State Convention - Mon 21st Oct**

Don't miss this two day convention! Hear from a range of entertaining and informative speakers on what the future holds for Seniors. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **National Housing Conference 2013- 30th Oct-1st Nov**

Convened by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) in partnership with Housing SA, the National Housing Conference 2013 – a new way home is about new ways of solving contemporary housing problems.

For the housing industry's many sectors, 2013 is a landmark year. Against the backdrop of a federal election, key issues including housing affordability, undersupply, homelessness and indigenous housing continue to dominate the national conversation. These issues mark 2013 as a particularly critical moment in time and the National Housing Conference 2013 is perfectly timed to provide the opportunity for all housing industry sectors to come together to chart a new way home

To register now, or for more information visit: [www.nhc.edu.au/adelaide2013](http://www.nhc.edu.au/adelaide2013).

### **Job Opportunity at WACOSS**

#### **Program Support Officer**

This role will provide program and administrative support for the Sector Services and Development Team. Your day will be varied and include marketing and communications, event logistics, support, meeting coordination and minute taking and general administration.

To be successful you will be a people person able to use initiative and work independently with minimal supervision with a can do attitude. You will have excellent written and verbal communication skills together with strong organisation and time management skills. You will be proficient in the latest Microsoft suite of products.

Ideally, your experience will include working in a small team environment, report writing, customer service and working with people from diverse backgrounds. You will also demonstrate ethics that match the Social Service Sector.

All applications should address the [selection criteria](#) and be emailed to [ea@wacoss.org.au](mailto:ea@wacoss.org.au) or addressed to the CEO, WACOSS, 2 Delhi St, West Perth, 6005

### **Community Sector Jobs Board**

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

- [Anglicare WA - Research Officer](#)
- [Children's Contact Services \(CCS\) - Case Coordinator](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House - Part Time Receptionist](#)

- [PAFVPLS - Solicitor](#)
- [PAFVPLS - Senior Solicitor](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House - Casual Support Worker](#)
- [Anglicare WA -Counsellor/Facilitator- Menstime Program](#)
- [Youth Futures WA - Youth Support and Development Worker \(COMET\)](#)
- [Road Trauma Support WA \(RTSWA\) - Senior Counsellor](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at [jbroweleit@anson.com.au](mailto:jbroweleit@anson.com.au)

## Associate Member Advertising

## Wanting to Recruit Experienced Professionals?

Sentio Recruitment specialize in recruiting Social Workers, Psychologists and other Allied Health Professionals at Practitioner, Management and Executive Levels.

You will be able to interview excellent candidates available for the position. This way, interviews don't have to stretch out for weeks or even months on end; you can simply talk to the well matched candidates. [Read more....](#)

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