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### General WACOSS News

## 2015 Community Sector Leaders Forum on Emerging Issues - Wed 1st Apr

The *Community Sector Leaders Forum on Emerging Issues* is the WA Council of Social Service's premier annual strategic forum. This Forum provides analysis to inform the service and strategic planning needs of the executives and Boards of community service providers into the future.

The 'Emerging Issues' Forum is designed to provide a future-focused, 'environmental scan' of the changing social, economic and political context. You will hear the latest information about changing trends in the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens and the demand for community services.

**Please note:** If you have colleagues who are planning to attend this event, but have not yet registered — please make them aware that **registrations will close strictly at 12pm on Monday 30th March**. No late registrations are able to be accepted.

For full details and to register [click here](#).

## Registrations open: 2015 WACOSS ER Conference

## **"inERgrated sERvices - the path ahead**

This biannual conference provides a rare opportunity for professional development and training for the hundreds of volunteers and paid staff working across WA who provide regular material and financial assistance to those most in need in our community.

The theme of the conference this year will focus on the challenges and opportunities of improving individual and family resilience, capability and wellbeing, through integrated service models, including the development and strengthening of local networks among all services within ER.

To register and find out more about this exciting event visit the [conference site](#) and check out our space on [DropIN](#) .

## **MEDIA RELEASE: Council Welcomes Funding Future for Homelessness Agreement, Mon 23rd Mar**

The Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) welcomes the Federal Government announcement today to commit two years of funding for homelessness while the future of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) is reviewed.

"The uncertainty that had continued up until today's announcement by Minister Morrison has meant many homeless services have been unable to take on any new clients, or plan for future support of their current clients, leaving many vulnerable people in a state of anxiety," said WACOSS CEO Irina Cattalini. [Read more...](#)

## **WACOSS "Inspiring Women to Lead" interview series**

In the lead up to International Women's Day 2015, the WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) is launching the "Inspiring Women to Lead" interview series to inform and inspire women to seek out and take up community sector leadership and board positions in greater numbers, and in larger organisations. [Read more...](#)

## **Expressions of Interest – Disaster Resilience and the Community Sector**

**WACOSS is calling for Expressions of Interest from organisations in the Pilbara region to participate in a pilot program to increase the disaster resilience in community sector organisations.**

Under a National Emergency Management Projects (NEMP) program, The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) will be developing and piloting a disaster resilience and response program and benchmarking system for the Australian community services sector. These will

be piloted in the Pilbara region as well as other diverse sites across Australia. [Read more...](#)

## **WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars**

- [2015 Community Sector Leaders Forum on Emerging Issues](#) - Wed 1st Apr
- [Introduction to DropIN](#) - Tue 7th Apr
- [Marketing & Corporate Branding for Not for Profits](#) - Tue 14th Apr
- [Designing Surveys](#) - Thu 16th Apr
- [Analysing your Survey Data](#) - Thu 16th Apr
- [Foundations in Governance](#) - Thu 16th Apr - **WEBINAR**
- [Leading Change](#) - Tue 21st Apr
- [Self-care & Work life Balance](#) - Thu 23rd Apr
- [Managing Staff Performance](#) - Thu 30th Apr

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## **Sector News**

### **Curtin Not-for-Profit Work Integrated Learning Project**

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### **Fremantle Hospital Emergency Department closed - Important information for local community members and stakeholders**

On Tuesday 3 February 2015, Fremantle Hospital's Emergency Department closed. [Click here](#) to view the nearest emergency departments and for other important information.

### **Free Online Cross-Cultural Training Pilot**

Do your staff and volunteers work with a culturally diverse client group? Then, join Palmerston, UnitingCare West and Relationships Australia WA in piloting an exciting online FREE diversity training program developed for not-for-profit organisations. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Latest Copies of Switched On Available**

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has recently amended its consumer publication *Switched On*. The publication provides a comprehensive yet clearly presented

information source covering issues likely to be of interest to energy consumers. It aims to help residential and small business customers understand their rights and responsibilities in relation to energy without having to consult the underlying legislation.

Hard copies of *Switched On* are available upon request to WACOSS (contact Julie Woods [julie@wacoss.org.au](mailto:julie@wacoss.org.au)) . An online version is available on the [ERA's website](#). A printable version is available under the 'Download Chapers' button.

## **Changes benefit retirement village residents**

Amendments to laws governing retirement villages will ensure residents have clearer information about the fees they are required to pay and will make operators more accountable for the services they provide.

Commerce Minister Michael Mischin said the changes would be phased in over the next 16 months.

"Under the amendments, retirement village contracts must include specific information about the fees and charges a resident will pay across the term of the contract," Mr Mischin said. [Read more...](#)

## **Share your thoughts on evaluation in child and family organisations and go in the running to win a \$100 prize!**

A world-first research project on the use of evaluation in Australian child and family welfare organisations is currently underway at The University of Melbourne. The research project seeks the views of both practitioners/team leaders and internal evaluators (or persons responsible for evaluation in their organisation) via a short online survey.

All participants can enter into a draw to win either a \$100 Coles Myer gift voucher or a \$100 donation to their organisation.

[Click here](#) for more information and to complete the survey relevant to your role.

## **Working with Children Check: Myth Busters**

The Working with Children (WWC) Screening Unit delivers regular workshops to provide organisations and individuals with information about meeting their responsibilities under the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004.

This workshop aims to 'bust' many of the myths and misconceptions about the WWC Check and child protection. Attend a free session to find out more about the WWC Check, your obligations and child safeguarding strategies!

[Click here](#) to view the 2015 Perth metropolitan schedule.

## **External Professional Support**

ASeTTS are now offering external professional support services to people working in the 'helping' sector who may be impacted by their work and need additional support to prevent, or manage symptoms of professional burnout or vicarious trauma. It is for anyone wanting assistance with their own wellbeing and effectiveness as a worker and ultimately for the wellbeing of their clients.

Support can be either more formal arrangements for clinical supervision or sessional 'as needs' basis debriefing for individuals or a group of workers. Support can take place at ASeTTS offices, onsite, by telephone or skype (for remote locations).

For further information please email the Clinical Supervisor at [supervision@asetts.org.au](mailto:supervision@asetts.org.au) or call 9227 2700.

## **CoMHWA Collaboration to Recovery - Action Research Project Survey**

Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA) is calling people to take part in an important survey we are coordinating as part of the Collaboration to Recovery project aimed at capturing the experiences of both consumers and service providers when accessing/ utilising cross-sector referrals. The goal of this project is to build inter-sector knowledge which will strengthen regional partnerships that support 'whole of life wellbeing' outcomes for people with multiple unmet needs, such as mental and physical health care needs, and substance use issues. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

## **Office Space for rent in Victoria Park**

VisAbility / Guide Dogs WA have approximately 300sqm of office space to let in their prestigious offices located in Victoria Park. Only a short 3 minute walk to the train station and plenty of on site parking.

The office space is required to be rented by a NFP organisation. If anyone would like any further information then please contact Janine Neal on 08 9311 8202.

## **SWMPF tools to support service coordination**

We all know that we need to work together collaboratively if we are to respond effectively to clients with complex needs. But that is easier said than done. Both service providers and users cite information sharing issues - notably around informed client consent and what client information can and cannot be shared - as one of the key barriers to service coordination. The South West Metropolitan Partnership Forum (SWMPF) has produced two valuable tools to assist service providers to overcome this significant barrier. To find out more, check

out <http://www.swmpf.org.au/swmpf-projects/coordination-of-wrap-around-services/>

## Social Work Research Invitation

Are you an:

- Early career social worker (with less than 3 years experience)
- Manager or supervisor of an early career social worker

Share your experiences as a social worker working in the health sector. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Two FREE Konica Minolta photocopiers available to Community Groups and Not For Profit organisations.

Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd Has two Konica Minolta Bizhub C451 Machines available for free. Both are high quality machines capable of printing, copying, faxing and scanning. One has a finishing unit installed which enables the production of booklets. Installation software, some toners and finishing products are also available. These machines are out of contract with Konica. Collection from East Perth is required. Please contact Karine Flematti for further information 9425 2000.

## Make Smoking History's '16 Cancers'

On 8 February 2015, Make Smoking History launched its new, state-wide campaign '16 Cancers'. The hard-hitting campaign highlights both the common and lesser known cancers that can be caused by smoking and emphasises the immediate and long-term consequences these cancers can have on a person's life. The campaign will run from 8 February to 21 March 2015 in both metropolitan and regional areas. Visit [makesmokinghistory.org.au](http://makesmokinghistory.org.au) to view the advertisements.

For more information about the Make Smoking History campaign please contact Stacey Keightley at Cancer Council WA on (08) 9388 4369 or email [skeightley@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:skeightley@cancerwa.asn.au). The Make Smoking History Campaign is an initiative of Cancer Council WA and is funded by the Department of Health WA, Healthway and Cancer Council WA.

### Sector Grants

## 2014-2015 Early Years Activities Grants Program

The Department of Local Government and Communities is pleased to announce that Early Years Activities Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for organisations to deliver a range of events/activities during National Families Week. National Families Week 2015 will be held

between Friday 15 May and Thursday 21 May 2015.

- These grants are available to support early years (0-8 years) community initiatives to:
- build capacity in communities to ensure the sustainable wellbeing of children and families by being more inclusive and working in collaboration at the local level;
- support families in nurturing and caring for their children; and
- engage communities in the coordination of resources supporting early childhood.

Applications for grant funding close at **4pm on Thursday, 9 April 2015**. Please refer to the [Department's website](#) for the Program Guidelines and Application Form.

For additional information about this program please contact your local Parenting WA Coordinator via the Parenting WA line on (08) 6279 1200 or 1800 654 432. For assistance to complete or submit the application form, please contact Ms Gemma Turner, Senior Grants Officer, on 6552 1643 or at [gemma.turner@dlqc.wa.gov.au](mailto:gemma.turner@dlqc.wa.gov.au).

## Sector Events

### **2015 Disability Support Awards - Sat 28th Mar**

Tickets are available for the 2015 Disability Support Awards. You're invited to an evening of recognition and celebration at the 2015 Disability Support Awards gala dinner.

The Disability Support Awards recognise Western Australians who demonstrate excellence, passion and commitment in supporting people with disability. [Read more...](#)

### **Focus on children and young people seminar in Bunbury - Wed 1st Apr**

Held in a regional location for the first time, this free Bunbury seminar from the Commissioner for Children and Young People will discuss how your organisation can increase its focus on the wellbeing needs of children and young people, thereby improving the effectiveness of policies, services and programs.

The seminar content will be based on the Commissioner's three [Guidelines resources](#) that have been developed to support the work of WA agencies in these key activities and will include guest presenters from local organisations who will speak about their approaches and successful programs for children and young people. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **Final Give Grid workshop for WA - Thu 2nd Apr**

This is the chance for West Australian community services to access free energy efficiency training with The Give Grid. Valued at \$400, this half day workshop has been sponsored by

the Commonwealth Department of Industry and Science and is free for community services. It's fun, practical, and will help you tailor an energy and cost savings approach for your community service. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## **Blood Borne Virus Informed Consent Training - Tue 14th - Wed 15th Apr**

The WA AIDS Council is pleased to offer an invaluable 2 day professional developmental training on the 14th & 15th April 2015, which will equip you with the skills to conduct Blood Borne Virus Informed Consent Discussion (previously called BBV Pre and Post test discussion). For details on the training and for further information please contact 94820000 or alternatively via email [rdsouza@waaids.com](mailto:rdsouza@waaids.com). For more details [click here](#).

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## **Confused about the Department of Social Services (DSS) Data Exchange changes?**

If you have recently been awarded funding from DSS take advantage of Community Data Solutions' **Free Webinar** and learn about;

- New Data Exchange options and requirements
- Understand ways to manage your organisation's data
- Learn how to report online efficiently
- Have your questions answered

Don't miss out on this free opportunity to learn more. **Register now - Click Here:** [goo.gl/L8GKN0](http://goo.gl/L8GKN0)

## **The Strengths Approach – professional training presented by CLAN WA in May**

The Strengths Approach is a way of working with people's strengths, aspirations and resources as a means towards change. It requires a paradigm shift from the deficit to

competency basis.

This training provides a framework to assist the exploration and consideration of principles, processes for change, learning and growth. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training**

**Psychosis and Recovery** | Richmond Fellowship of WA presents Dr Rufus May in Psychosis and Recovery. Monday 30 March, 9:00am – 4:30pm. Standard cost \$250.00; concession \$125.00.

For further information and to book please visit [www.rfwa.org.au](http://www.rfwa.org.au), email: [training@rfwa.org.au](mailto:training@rfwa.org.au) or phone RFWA on 08 9350 8800. Like us on Facebook Richmond Fellowship of WA. Follow us on Twitter @MentalHealthWA

## **ACA Approved Clinical Supervisor Training – Wed 24th – Fri 26th June**

Australian Counselling Association Approved three day training course: Clinical Supervisor Training suitable for Counsellors, Social Workers, School Counsellors, OT's and anyone in the helping professions. Upskill, and gain valuable Professional Development with ACA approved training over three days at very competitive cost. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **State Funded Diploma of Human Resource Management**

The Betterlink Group has some funding under Future Skills WA from the Department of Training and Workforce Development to provide the Diploma of Human Resource Management. This is suitable for people working in HR or areas of Management with HR responsibilities. [Read more...](#)

## **Better Boards Conference Fri 24th - Fri 26th July**

This year's Better Boards Conference Charting New Horizons: Governance with Passion & Purpose, will explore lessons, strategies, tactics and innovations to assist boards, chief executive officers and senior management teams of non-profit organisations to navigate the new reality in which they must operate. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## **2015 WA Early Childhood Education & Care Conference - Fri 7th & Sat 8th Aug**

Our 2015 conference '1 Voyage' acknowledges that the journey continues and that we are all on the same voyage of discovering what excellence via continuous improvement looks like.

The voyage's destination is ensuring positive outcomes for all children. The word voyage also acknowledges that this may mean we need to sail in new waters and to be brave enough to

reflect critically and change our practice when necessary.

Our voyage is one of ongoing discovery as the evidence about children's development and learning and the role of families and services continues to build. [Find out more...](#)

## **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care's (SNAICC) National Conference - Tue 15th - Thu 17th September**

The conference has become the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family issues conference in the southern hemisphere. It will feature local and international keynote speakers and over 70 concurrent sessions, yarning circles and workshops to choose from.

Delegates and speakers will gather from around the country and some from overseas to discuss our challenges and share our knowledge and experiences in raising happy, healthy and confident children in our communities.

As well as providing a powerful and inspiring learning experience for all attendees it will also provide opportunities to meet and experience some the richness and culture of our Aboriginal communities in the west. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### **[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.

- [UnitingCare West – Support Workers](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Senior Case Worker](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Community Support Workers](#)

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

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