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General WACOSS News

MEDIA RELEASE: WACOSS Highlights Community Priorities Ahead of WA Budget - Wed 6th May

One week out from the delivery of the WA Budget on 14 May the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) has highlighted its major priorities for the services and support delivered to our community and the impacts of budget measures on our most disadvantaged citizens. [Read more...](#)

MEDIA RELEASE: WACOSS Welcomes Youth Services Policy Reforms - Mon 4th May

WACOSS welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Peter Collier of significant reforms to the funding, longevity and evaluation of services for Aboriginal youth.

“The commitment to ensure that all Western Australian Government programs delivering services to Aboriginal youth are effectively and sustainably funded, with clear and measurable outcomes to ensure they are making a real difference to those in greatest need is very welcome,” said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS. [Click here](#) for the full statement.

DropIN Champions' Webinar Training Series Returns

DropIN, the online collaboration platform set to revolutionise collaboration in the community sector, returns with its much anticipated advanced training series – DropIN Champions. Champions' Training is a series of three 45 minute training webinars designed to up skill DropIN users so that it can maximise this powerful tool to foster collaboration and to develop meaningful outcomes for our community. For more detail regarding these training sessions please [Click here](#).

Early Years Networks

WACOSS' is continuing its commitment to Early Years Networks in WA, and we are pleased to welcome Dianne Bacchion to the role of Learning and Development Officer, Early Years. Dianne will be working along with Sue Nye, in her role as Manager Policy and Programs to enable Early Years Networks to remain sustainable and achieve their full potential. The model aims to provide support that is realistic, practical and builds the capacity of networks. Dianne has a broad background in mental health, community development and training. [Click here](#) for more information about how you can access support for your Early Years Network.

Child and Parent Centres, Family Support Networks, Communities for Children, and Children and Family Centres

Want to learn more? For an excellent overview including summaries, target age groups, locations of services and funding sources [Click here](#). Thanks to the work of the Community Sector Round Table this document provides a very useful and easy reference tool for anyone working with children.

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](#).

WACOSS Members Event: 2015-2016 Budget Briefing

The Western Australian Council of Social Service is pleased to invite WACOSS members to a special community sector briefing on the 2015-16 State and Federal Budgets. This event will be critical for community sector professionals seeking to understand what the Budget means for community services, and for the communities you serve. For more information and to register for the event [click here.](#)

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

- [Gathering Meaningful Data Meaningfully](#) - Tue 12th May
- [2015-16 WA State & Federal Budget Briefing](#) - Fri 15th May
- [Writing Effective Case Notes](#) - Tue 19th May 2015
- [Mastering Email & Workflow](#) - Tue 19th May 2015
- [Finance Fundamentals for Managers of Not for Profits](#) - Thu 21st May 2015
- [Introduction to DropIN](#) - Thu 21st May 2015
- [Employment Law Essentials](#) - Tue 26th May 2015 - WEBINAR

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Sector News

Meet The Commissioner for Victims of Crime and Members of the Victims of Crime Reference Group

Perth Members of the public are invited to meet the Department of the Attorney General's Commissioner for Victims of Crime and Members of the Victims of Crime Reference Group. There will be a presentation on recent State Government victims of crime initiatives and an opportunity to discuss issues over morning tea. Bookings are essential as seats are limited. [RSVP](#) by 8 May or to the coordinator on phone 9264 1600.

Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) Training and Events Calendar

(WCDFVS) is a state-wide peak organisation committed to improving the status of women and children in society. Please [Click here](#) for their calendar of training and events.

Connect: Department of Local Government and Communities

The second volume of Connect was recently distributed. It features a foreward from the Director Geneal and a summary of the latest news and events. Topics include: A Kick Start for National Youth Week, Women Trade Up, Gosnells' Garden Blooms, Gold Star for Goldfields, Young People Speak Out, Netball Scores a Win, Raising Resilient Kids, Cultural Cartography, Tidy Towns' Clean Sweep, Volunteers in Spotlight and Budget Preparation.

To register for this publication please [Click here](#).

2015 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards

Finalists for the 2015 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards have now been announced and are listed. Winners in each of the five categories and the overall WA Social Worker of the Year will be announced at the Award Ceremony, for which a limited number of earlybird tickets are now available. [Click here](#) for more information.

How do health care service providers use online mental health resources?

In its second year of the eMHPrac project (funded by the Australian Government), clinical researchers at the Australian National University are again seeking to understand how primary health care service providers currently use online mental health resources in their work. As part of an initiative to develop and deliver e-mental health training and support, please provide your feedback by participating in the 2015 eMHPrac [survey here](#).

Review of the Code of Ethics for Australia's 500,000 Community Workers

The time has come for the Australian Community Workers Association's periodic review of the code of ethics, the document which explicitly lays down the expectations of a professional working in the community work sector no matter their field.

To facilitate the process a draft code of ethics has been produced which is intended to replace the existing code of ethics. Responses are welcome from practitioners and organisations with

workers who adhere to the code. The closing date for response will be 31 May 2015. For the consultation paper [Click here](#).

NAIDOC Perth Awards 2015

NAIDOC Perth has now opened invitations to nominate Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals or organisations who have made a significant contribution to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community of Perth for a 2015 NAIDOC Perth Award. [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 an excellent qualification for people who are already working in HR, but have no formal qualifications. [Read More...](#)

The Universal Truth of Healing - Dream it Forward Program - 20th May

The Dream it Forward (DIF) program is a collaboration with the Mental Health Commission to offer a grassroots-driven small grants program focused on addressing the mental health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families, and their communities based on the needs identified by the community for the community. DIF engaged with a diverse range of individuals, communities, and services working within the ATSI community across WA to carry out holistic, whole-of-life projects around mental health, health, and culture. [Read more...](#)

2015 Emerging Community Leadership Program

Sign up to be part of the inaugural 2015 program of 16 participants from across southern Western Australia from June – November 2015. Develop your personal leadership capability, increase your knowledge of our regional issues, and connect with other emerging leaders. Closing Date for applications is: 14th May 2015. [Click here](#) to learn more.

CLAN WA - The Strengths Approach Professional Training

- **Level 1 - May 4th & 11th**
- **Level 2 - May 18th**

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. [Read More...](#)

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) . An online version is available on the [ERA's website](#). A printable version is available under the 'Download Chapters' button.

Anglicare WA Professional Development Workshops and Customised Training

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

Special Events

- [Applying Situational Prevention Principles to Ensure Child Safe Workplaces \(4-5 June 2015\)](#)
- [Complexities and Opportunities in Accountability for Men Who Perpetrate FDV \(2 July 2015\)](#)

Professional Development

- [Considerations When Writing Case Notes \(12 May 2015\)](#)
- [Assisting People with the Grieving Process \(28 May 2015\)](#)

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.

Sector Events

Tackling Complex Social Problems in Place-Based Community Change Efforts: 21st - 22nd May

International community change expert Mark Cabaj will be facilitating two days of workshops in Perth on May 21-22. Each workshop will focus on the application of key principles of the complex-based community change theory. For more information & to register [Click here.](#)

In Community Project 'Let's Act 4 Change' Day - 7th May

The 'Let's Act 4 Change' Day is being run by the In Community project which is a partnership between MHM2 and Richmond Fellowship of WA and which has just begun in the south-east corridor. The purpose of the eighteen-month project is to develop a framework of best practice for agencies who wish to work well with people and families with multiple, unmet needs and to pilot that framework with 6 individuals/families from the Bentley Armadale Medicare Local PIR program.

We've planned a community arts event to take place on the day so it gives us more of a 'community conversation' feel rather than a formal forum. [Read More...](#)

Rebuilding Life with Mental Health Challenges: From Therapy to Education 13th May

Rebuilding Life with Mental Health Challenges: From therapy to education is the first in a series of UWA Social Work 50th Anniversary events. Brought to you by the School of Population Health and Richmond Fellowship to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Social Work at UWA and the 40th anniversary of Richmond Fellowship. [Click here](#) for further detail.

National Palliative Care Week 2015 -Tues 26th May

The Annual WA Palliative Care Breakfast will be held in three weeks on Tuesday 26 May! The Breakfast is a great opportunity to celebrate National Palliative Care Week, catch up with colleagues and friends, hear new perspectives on palliative care while enjoying a delicious hot breakfast!

This year the focus is on the implementation of advance care planning across the community and within clinical practice and healthcare settings. The Guest Speaker is Dr Craig Sinclair, Research Fellow at the Rural Clinical School of WA, who will present his research findings on 'Improving end of life care in the Great Southern Region through advance care planning'. You can [register online.](#)

RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training - May 2015

Richmond Fellowship of WA is once again hosting internationally renowned experts in recovery, Dr Rachel Perkins OBE, Ron Coleman and Karen Taylor in a number of community and sector training. For further detail please [Click here](#).

National Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - 24-26 June 2015

It is estimated that approximately 100,000 professional staff within the public service and private sector have become mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse.

The national platform for "The Children a Resource Most Precious: "Collaboration – Communities, Government and Non-Government Organisations Working Together conference 2015, consists of three days of engagement. It is an exciting time for all involved in this conference as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always flexible, motivated and responsive to the theme for the conference: "Children, young people and families across Western Australian communities: focusing on collaborative prevention strategies, initiatives and programs for minimising harm". [Read More...](#)

Indigenous Psychological Services - 2015 Workshops

Dr Westerman is a descendant of the Njamal people near Port Hedland, WA and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology, a Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (Curtin University). She has achieved national and international recognition for her innovative approaches to Aboriginal mental health, suicide prevention and for advancing the concept of cultural competency. [Click here](#) to view the popular workshop schedule.

Moorditj Yoka Women's Group, Girrawheen May - June 2015

This program is for all Aboriginal women and is full of fun, arts and crafts and activities. While participating at this group you will be yarning, building knowledge, and gaining new skills. Bring along your female family members and friends for a fun filled Sunday afternoon. A light meal is provided. [Click here](#) for more information.

AHURI: Motivations and Transitions: Targeting Housing Assistance to Best Support Tenant Outcomes Thurs 11th June

This event hosted in Adelaide, will explore the motivations and outcomes for tenants navigating the terrain of public housing and the private rental system with particular interest in the incentives, opportunities, issues and disincentives for participation in the workforce. [Click here](#) for more information.

ACA Approved Clinical Supervisor Training 24th - 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.

15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology - 5th - 9th Jul

Victimisation, justice and healing: Challenging orthodoxies. The theme is designed to provide a focus on sharing best practice, emerging responses, and critical reflection on contemporary conceptualisations of victimisation and justice in various settings and disciplines – from the world of 'ordinary' crime, to post-colonial and post-conflict settings, and to transnational, cyber and institutional environments. For mor information [Click here](#).

Better Boards Conference Fri 24th - Fri 26th Jul

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 Housing Conference: Opening Doors 28th – 30th Oct 2015

The WA Department of Housing together with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) are convening the ninth biennial National Housing Conference at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 28 – 30 October 2015. WACOSS's CEO, Ms Irina Cattalini, is also part of the NHC 2015 Program Advisors Group, who are providing their expertise and valuable input into the program. [Click here](#) for more detail.

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.

- [Manager-Homeless & Transitional Support Services](#)
- [HR Coordinator](#)
- [Community First – Program Manager Aged and Disability Services](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House Mission - Marketing and Fundraising Officer \(Part time\)](#)

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

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