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## General WACOSS News

### WACOSS Supports National Statement on Paid Parental Leave

ACOSS and WACOSS have both signed on to support a joint national statement on access to Paid Parental Leave. The Scheme enacted by the Parliament has the twin objectives of enhancing child and maternal well being and supporting parental work force participation. The universal Government scheme underpins whatever employees are able to obtain by negotiation with employers, with the aim of extending total paid leave as close as possible to a full 26 weeks recommended by the World Health Organisation. To read more please follow [this link](#).

### Child and Parent Centres - An Update for the Community Sector - Fri 19th June

Every year WACOSS hosts an event to provide an update to the community services sector on the Child and Parent Centres initiative. This years event will feature a presentation from [Dr Tim Moore](#), senior research fellow at Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Manager of the Research and Policy team at the Centre for Child Health at the University of Melbourne. Dr Moore will present on "*Engaging and Partnering with Vulnerable Families and Communities: the keys to effective place-based approaches*".

Dr Moore's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion involving representatives from Child and Parent Centres, the Department of Education and other stakeholders. Please [click here](#) to register.

## Measuring the Impact of Training

WACOSS has entered into a partnership with the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) at the University of Western Australia (UWA) to evaluate our training courses. The Learning for Purpose is a ground breaking, national research program investigating the social return on education and training in the Australian not-for-profit sector. For more information, please [click here](#).

## 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](#).

## WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Human Resource Essentials](#) - Fri 5th June - WEBINAR
- [Writing Winning Grants](#) - Tue 9th June
- [How to Measure Challenging Outcome Metrics](#) - Wed 10th June
- [Financial Management Strategies for Boards](#) - Thu 23rd Jun - WEBINAR
- [Taking the Stress out of Time Management](#) - Wed 17th June
- [Email & Workflow Mastery for Outlook Users](#) - Thu 18th June
- [Managing Conflict in the Workplace](#) - Mon 22nd June
- [Making the most of meetings with Minister's & MP's](#) - Thu 25th June

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## Sector News

### Richmond Wellbeing - Sharing the Journey

From now on, Richmond Fellowship of WA (RFWA) Incorporated has a new name and tagline. The organisation is now called Richmond Wellbeing Incorporated. Sharing the Journey will serve as the tagline.

## Have Your Say on e-psychology and Online Mental Health

## Resources

Clinical researchers at the Australian National University are exploring health care service providers' views about and experiences of using e-MH in their work. The 2015 survey takes about 15-20 mins to complete online. Data will inform policy makers, eMHPrac training and be written up for scientific publication.

Please let them know what you think (even if you haven't used eMH)! To read more or participate in the 2015 survey, please [click here](#). eMHPrac is funded by the Australian Government.

## New Policy Briefs on Aboriginal Education and Regional Lives

Acting Commissioner Jenni Perkins has released two policy briefs, which examine in more detail data from the [Wellbeing Monitoring Framework](#). The policy brief 'Aboriginal Children and Young People's Education,' discusses the importance of education in positively influencing a child's life.

These policy briefs are available to download via the resources section of the Commissioner's [website](#).

## New Appointments at Foundation Housing to Help Sustain Tenancies

Affordable housing provider Foundation Housing will be making it easier for its tenants to access support services that can help them to maintain their tenancies. A Sustaining Tenancies unit is being established whose staff will work with tenants who have social or financial issues that are putting them at risk of eviction and subsequent homelessness. [Read More...](#)

## ERA Approval of Financial Hardship Policy - Water Corporation

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved the Water Corporation's amended financial hardship policy.

On 11 December 2014, the Water Corporation submitted a revised hardship policy for the Authority's approval. The Authority considered the Water Corporation's proposal for a tenant to seek their landlord's approval to enter into a payment plan to be inconsistent with the Water Services Code of Conduct (Customer Service Standards) 2013 and decided not to approve the revised hardship policy.

The Authority has decided to approve the Water Corporation's amended hardship policy as submitted on 27 March 2015. The Authority's [decision](#) and a copy of the Water Corporation's amended hardship policy can be found on the Authority's website.

## **Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability - Recruiting New Members**

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability (MACD) is advertising for new members. One position will become vacant in June and two more will be vacated in December.

The Council is legislated to represent all perspectives of disability and therefore, applicants will be held on file for a period of two years for possible recruitment as vacancies occur. Members are eligible to complete two terms of two years each and a third term of two years only if they are appointed as Chairperson. All appointments are by the Minister for Disability Services.

More information about the Council and what it is mandated to achieve is on the [MACD website](#).

## **Connect - Department of Local Government and Communities**

The second volume of Connect features a foreward from the Director General 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](#).

### **Sector Events**

## **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\)](#)

## **Department of Housing Stakeholder Consultations - Easy Kimberly, Kununurra & Halls Creek Housing Programs - Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th & Mon 8th June**

The Department of Housing are running three Stakeholder Consultations to provide information on the East Kimberley: Kununurra & Halls Creek Transitional Housing Programs. These consultations are strategically scheduled prior to the Formal Tender Lodgement to provide the necessary information for organisations to consider their potential to provide Housing Management and/or Support Services for the participants involved in the Programs.

The Transitional Housing Programs open opportunities for Aboriginal people to work towards home ownership, financial independence and a better quality of life. [Read more...](#)

## **2015 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards - Mon 8th June**

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.

## **AHURi: Motivations and Transitions - Targeting Housing Assistance to Best Support Tenant Outcomes Thu 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.

## **2015 CEO SleepOut - Thu 18th June**

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout event will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. The organisation is aiming to reach a \$10 million fundraising target. There are many CEOs currently registered to participate in this years event here in Western Australia. The event will take place at the WACA. To learn more please [click here](#).

## **National Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - Wed 24th - Fri 26th 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.

## **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.

## **15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology - 5th - 9th July**

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 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 Housing Conference: Opening Doors Wed 28th – Fri 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.

- [HR Coordinator](#)
- [AnglicareWA – Youth Worker](#)
- [St. Bartholomew's House – Aged Care Support Worker](#)
- [St. Bartholomew's House – ACHA Case Worker](#)

**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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