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General WACOSS News

Update on Action Against Financial Counselling Funding Cuts - Mon 6th July

WACOSS is holding a meeting for all stakeholders affected by the funding cuts to financial counselling, on Monday 6th July at 3.30 pm at City West Lotteries House Conference Room in West Perth.

Given the fast pace at which this issue is moving, we have arranged this meeting for the internal sector only and are not inviting Government representatives to attend. The Council understand that DCPFS will be organising a sector forum later this month to discuss the issues. To read more about this important meeting please follow [this link](#).

MEDIA RELEASE: WA Needs to Be Wary of Rising Inequality

"Western Australia needs to be wary of the impact of growing inequality within our community, with recent reports pointing to a growing gap in wealth and savings between those on the top incomes and those at the bottom," warned Irina Cattalini CEO of WACOSS.

"The ACOSS Report A Nation Divided: Inequality in Australia found that while a person in the top 20% income group had five times the income of someone in the bottom 20%, they had

around seventy times the wealth." [Read more...](#)

WACOSS Member Consultations (Aug 2015) – REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!

Each year around this time, WACOSS invites members to attend a range of consultation forums (held in both metropolitan and regional areas) as a means of hearing directly from the community sector about their issues, concerns, and priorities. The Council uses this information and feedback to inform its policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year, including preparation of the Council's annual Pre-Budget Submission to the State Government. This year, we'd love to hear what YOU have to say! [Read more...](#)

Vacancy - Social Policy Officer (WACOSS)

We're currently seeking someone whom is passionate about policy and advocacy work that aims to promote the wellbeing of all Western Australians, particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

This role will be working closely within a small team; contributing to policy development, advocacy and advice that strengthens the non-government community services sector's capacity to represent the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged West Australians.

To be successful the applicant will need demonstrated policy, research and analytical skills, together with outstanding communication skills including the ability to produce high quality reports, submissions, tenders and strategic plans. They will also have a sound knowledge of current Federal, State and non-government social policy issues, experience in the community sector, the ability to work within a community development framework, sound computing skills and the capacity to work in a fast-paced and changing work environment.

For more information about this position please [click here](#).

Contact: Director of Social Policy, Chris Twomey on (08) 9420 7222 or email chris@wacoss.org.au

Save the Date: 2016 WACOSS Conference

WACOSS has commenced the planning for our biennial Conference to be held on the 3rd, 4th & 5th of May 2016. We are currently seeking skilled and innovative representatives from the community to help shape this event. In particular we are looking for ideas and contributions towards:

- key issues impacting the community and community services sector of WA
- development needs of the community sector
- highlighting success and achievements
- attracting relevant and high profile speakers

- parallel events including the Community Service Excellence Awards
- exhibition space and workshops
- innovation in conference style, including design, structure and content

The meetings will be two hours long, and will be conducted monthly until May 2015. One of the major tasks of the committee is reviewing abstracts that are put in by participants wanting to present at the conference, and this happens outside of these meetings. To register your interest please email Bree Van Haeften bree@wacoss.org.au

Geraldton WACOSS Members – Come and have a chat on Friday 10th July!

On Friday 10th July, WACOSS staff (from both the policy and sector support teams) will be in Geraldton. While they're in town, the Council is keen to provide an opportunity for our Mid-West members to come and connect with the Council's staff, and to have a conversation about community sector interests, needs and priorities in the Mid West region! [Read more.](#)

Learning for Purpose: The Social Return on Education and 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](#).

The Centre for Social Impact at the University of Western Australia Business School invites you to the launch of the 'Learning for Purpose' research report. The report contains ground breaking research on 'The Social Return on Education and Training'. To register for this event please follow [this link](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Managing Staff Performance](#) - Tue 7th Jul
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) - Wed 15th Jul
- [Foundations in Governance](#) - Wed 15th Jul
- [Coaching Skills for Managers](#) - Tue 21st Jul
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Wed 22nd Jul
- [Mastering Email & Workflow](#) - Tue 28th Jul
- [Foundations in Governance](#) - Tue 28th Jul
- [How to be a Super Supervisor](#) - Thu 30th Jul
- [Nuts & Bolts of Measuring Outcomes](#) - Tue 4th Aug

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Sector News

Respected Leader to Deliver Regional Reform

The State Government recently announced a long-term regional services reform plan, led by Child Protection Minister Helen Morton and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman, to enable better education, health, social wellbeing and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people living in regional and remote areas.

Today, the Ministers announced that Department of Housing Director General Grahame Searle has left his position in order to take up the appointment to lead the reform. Mr Searle is a respected public servant with extensive experience in service delivery and public administration. He has been appointed to lead major reforms to the way infrastructure and human services are provided to Aboriginal communities in Western Australia. [Read more...](#)

Introducing the Centrecare Corporate Team

Centrecare Corporate has been providing Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services to the Western Australian business community for over 20 years through its ACCESS EAP programs and continues to provide unrivalled service delivery in a cost-effective and accessible manner for not-for-profit, Corporate and Public Sector organisations throughout WA. Please [Click here](#) to meet the team.

Families Have Significant Influence on Reducing Risky Behaviours

The Commissioner for Children and Young People today released two policy briefs that provide an overview of data and programs relating to family relationships and adolescent health, and how they impact the wellbeing of WA children and young people. [Click here](#) for further detail.

Cancer Council WA Scholarships Available

Cancer Council WA is able to offer grants to professionals, researchers and students to attend the Oceania Tobacco Control Conference from 20th – 22nd Oct 2015 in Perth, Western Australia. The event provides an opportunity to meet and explore current tobacco control issues as well as ideas for the future, with some speakers specifically talking about work in community services. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Training With Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA draws on over 30 years' experience as a leading service provider to develop and deliver quality training and professional development. They are committed to workforce and sector development delivering the latest research and best practice and sharing their expertise and experience.

Special Events

Dr Allan Wade presents the final event in Anglicare WA's Family and Domestic Violence series, on his work on Response Based Practice (23 November 2015), details to follow.

Professional Development 2015

[Case Management with Multi-Problem Families](#) (21st-24th July)

[Introduction to Family and Domestic Violence](#) (23rd July)

[Responding to Challenging Behaviours](#) (30th July)

[Working Therapeutically with Children](#) (6th-7th Aug)

[Ethical Decision Making](#) (19th Aug)

[Accidental Counsellor](#) (27th Aug)

[Introduction to Australia's Family Law System](#) (8th Sept)

[Worker Safety for Home Visits](#) (16th Sept)

[Case Management Tools for Community Workers](#) (22nd Sept)

[Children and Domestic Violence](#) (24th Sept)

[Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect](#) (14th Oct)

[Child Abuse and Neglect from a Manager's Perspective](#) (11th Nov)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on training@anglicarewa.org.au or 9263 2122 if you have any questions or would like to register.

Australian of the Year Awards - Nominations Open

The Australian of the Year Awards celebrates the positive news stories of Australians from all around the country: quiet achievers; community members; household names; and unknown heroes, all making a difference in the community, locally, nationally and globally.

Within the community there are many people deserving of recognition and the Awards are a wonderful way to thank someone for the work they are doing. [Please click here to nominate.](#)

Nabo Community Grant - \$10,000 Grants Available

Nabo has launched the Nabo Community Grants program that forms part of their commitment to supporting and strengthening local communities. The program will provide community groups and charities with an opportunity to apply for one-off funding of up to \$10,000 for projects or programs that help build safer and stronger communities across Australia.

You can find all the information about the Nabo Community Grants including the Terms and

Conditions, eligibility requirements, funding available to each state and territory, and key dates by [clicking here](#).

OMI Alert - Funding for Severe Behaviour Response Now Open

Funding is now open for applications for Severe Behaviour Response Teams, under the Ageing and Service Improvement Programme.

The primary objective of this activity is to support the establishment of a mobile workforce of clinical experts available to provide timely and expert advice to Commonwealth funded approved residential aged care providers that request assistance with addressing the needs of people with very severe and extreme Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD). [Read more...](#)

WAPHA Request for EOI Providers of Last Resort

The WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) will, from 01 July 2015, be responsible for operating the three Primary Health Networks (PHNs) in Western Australia. WAPHA is seeking, through this document and the associated responses, expressions of interest from healthcare providers who wish to be appointed onto this panel for 'providers of last resort'. Please [Click here](#) for more detail.

WA Seniors Awards and Seniors Week Community Grants Program 2015

Grants of up to \$1000 are available to support community organisations arranging events or activities during Seniors Week 8-15 November 2015. Nominations and Applications packages will be available from Tues 16th June from COTA WA. [Read more...](#)

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, eMHPprac 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](#). eMHPprac is funded by the Australian Government.

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...](#)

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](#).

Sector Events

15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology - Sun 5th - Thurs 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 more information, [click here](#).

Living Proud - Opening Closets Workshops (July to Aug)

Living Proud are currently seeking potential participants for several workshops, which aim to share information and develop skills for professionals working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex individuals. The training focuses on raising awareness of the specific needs of LGBTI staff and clients, and to enable participants to appropriately respond to clients whilst promoting inclusive practice. For more information and dates please [click here](#).

Forced Migration, Culture & Mental Health - "Let's Talk Culture" Series

The 'Let's Talk Culture' seminar series aims to assist professionals to work in a culturally responsive way with consumers and carers from ethnoculturally diverse backgrounds. These seminars are jointly organised by the Mental Health Commission, the Transcultural Mental Health Program of the Royal Perth Group; and, the Cultural Diversity Unit of the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate at the Department of Health. [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](#) for more information.

Fresh Start Recovery Programme - Recovery Seminar "Just in Time" Fri 31st July

The 2015 seminar, "Just in Time", will focus on the importance of timeliness in recovery from addictions, including the time it takes to get treated and the length of treatment time.

It is being held at Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (6 Verdun Street, Nedlands) on Friday 31 July and will include presentations and workshops on the worldwide problem of drug addiction by experts in the field. [Read 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...](#)

Therapeutic Assessments Processes and Tools - Fri 14th Aug

Following their successful workshop in 2014, Adam Peaty and Gail Green are offering early and mid-career helping professionals an updated workshop on Therapeutic Assessments Processes and Tools. Learn how to use easy and accessible assessment/screening tools for depression and trauma to assist your initial assessment or first counselling session with clients. Please [click here](#) for further detail.

National Housing Conference 2015: New Financial Year Registration Offer

The NHC 2015 have received numerous requests to extend the early bird registration so delegates can access the discount in the new financial year when new budgets commence. The NHC 2015 have responded to the requests by extending the early bird registration until Fri 3 Jul. [Click here](#) to register.

In addition to her role on the NHC 2015 Program Advisors Group, WACOSS's CEO, Ms Irina Cattalini is participating in the session 'Federation futures: the White Paper, housing and the national interest'. [Read 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.

- [Starick – Manager, Centre for Safety and Wellbeing](#)
- [St. Bartholomew's House – Aged Care Support Worker](#)
- [AnglicareWA – Youth Worker](#)
- [HR Coordinator](#)

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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