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General WACOSS News

CEWA & WACOSS Members' Consultation: The Sustainability of Community Services in WA - Thu 5th Aug

Community Employers WA (CEWA) and the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) proudly invite you to a Members' Consultation on ensuring the sustainability and building the capacity of community services in WA.

This year, the purpose of the annual Pre-Budget Submission consultation is slightly broader than usual, as WACOSS is also seeking feedback from members to inform the development of our 2016-19 Strategic Plan ([you can look back at the Council's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan here](#)).

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

WACOSS Regional Members Consultation: Geraldton - Thu 6th Aug

Each year around this time, WACOSS invites members to a range of consultation events (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 the

preparation of the Council's annual Pre-Budget Submission to the State Government.

This year WACOSS is also seeking feedback from members to inform the development of WACOSS' 2016-19 Strategic Plan (you can look back at the Council's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan [here](#)).

You can view WACOSS' past [Pre-Budget Submissions](#) [here](#). More background information is available to help guide and inform your thinking and feedback, including the [Emerging Issues](#) presentation and [State and Federal Budget Analysis](#).

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

Resilient Community Organisations Webinar - Fri 7th Aug

WACOSS is partnering with the Australian Council of Social Service and Red Cross to bring a free 'Resilient Community Organisations' webinar to you. We would like community service organisations from the Pilbara and the Kimberley to join us on the 7th August for an inspiring webinar and learn how to build your organisation's resilience to climate change and emergencies. For more information, [click here](#).

United Nations Post 2015 Development Agenda - Fri 7th Aug

In 2000 the UN adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as the global development agenda from 2000-2015.

The MDGs enjoyed great global awareness and support at the turn of the century, due to large scale public campaigns at the time, such as Make Poverty History. The MDGs have also had very mixed success. On one hand there has been real headway in reducing extreme poverty and hunger, and reducing communicable disease.

On the other hand, they have had very limited success at reducing inequality and crippling debt, achieving gender equity, reducing vulnerabilities to climate change, droughts, flooding and famines, or creating more sustainable global economic systems.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are intended to serve as the new global agenda from 2016-2030, replacing the MDGs which expire at the end of 2015.

Come along to hear Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS explain how civil society is shaping the new agenda and why it will be important to our work here in Western Australia.

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

MEDIA RELEASE: WACOSS welcomes boost to WA

affordable housing target, Tue 14th July

The Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) welcomed the commitment today by Premier Colin Barnett of an additional 10,000 affordable homes by 2020.

It came as Housing Minister Colin Holt announced the State Affordable Housing Strategy reached its' goal of 20,000 affordable homes today – five years ahead of the 2020 target.

"The commitment of the WA Government to deliver more affordable housing for lower income Western Australians is as important as ever," said WACOSS Director of Policy Chris Twomey today. [Read more...](#)

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

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The Development of Social Enterprise in WA

The Development of Social Enterprise in WA is a publication by Mission Australia and WACOSS, reporting on a project that explored opportunities for the development of social enterprise in Western Australia. Initial research was undertaken in 2011, and updated to reflect the exciting and rapid changes in the social enterprise eco-system in WA since 2011. To access the report [click here](#).

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, [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

- [CEWA & WACOSS Members' Consultation: The Sustainability of Community Services in WA](#) - Wed 5th Aug
- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Wed 5th Aug
- [WACOSS Regional Members Consultation: Geraldton](#) - Thurs 6th Aug
- [United Nations Post 2015 Development Agenda](#) - Fri 7th Aug
- [Minute Taking, Record Keeping & the Secretary Role](#) - Tue 11th Aug
- [WACOSS and Shelter WA Consultation: Housing and Homelessness](#) - Wed 12th Aug
- [Introduction to Mindful Based Stress Reduction](#) - Wed 12th Aug
- [DropIN Champions L2: Smart Navigation Design](#) - Thu 13th Aug
- [Leading Teams](#) - Tue 18th Aug
- [Presentation Skills for the Mortally Terrified](#) - Wed 19th Aug
- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Tue 25th Aug
- [HR Management: Compliance & Best Practice](#) - Wed 26th Aug
- [DropIN Champions L3: Maximising Online Engagement](#) - Thu 27th Aug
- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Tue 1st Sep
- [Reviewing your Boards Effectiveness](#) - Wed 2nd Sep
- [Risk Management for Boards](#) - Wed 2nd Sep
- [Developing Business & Operation Plans](#) - Tue 8th Sep
- [Writing Winning Grants](#) - Wed 9th Sep
- [Nuts & Bolts of Measuring Outcomes](#) - Wed 9th Sep
- [DropIN Champions L1: Advanced Editing](#) - Thu 10th Sep
- [Developing a Strategic Plan](#) - Tue 15th Sep
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) - Wed 16th Sep
- [Self-Care & Professional Boundaries](#) - Thu 17th Sep
- [Finance Fundamentals for Managers of Not for Profits](#) - Tue 22nd Sep

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Sector News

Synergy - Proud sponsor of the WACOSS Emergency Relief 2015

Synergy works very closely with community services, like WACOSS, to build a stronger working relationship with community representative organisations, thus demonstrating our continued interest in assisting customers who may be experiencing financial difficulty and supports our commitment to being socially responsible. [Read more...](#)

\$199,476 Grant to Support Problem Gamblers

NEDLANDS-based not-for-profit community support organization – Linkwest – is proud to announce it has obtained a grant for \$199,476 to facilitate help for problem gamblers in

Western Australia.

Linkwest CEO Jane Chilcott said: "About 115,000 Australians are classified as problem gamblers with a further 280,000 people at moderate risk and many families, from all walks of life, need urgent community support. [Read more...](#)

Nominations open for WA Seniors Awards 2015

The search is on for Western Australia's most outstanding seniors. The Council on the Ageing WA (COTA WA) and the Department of Local Government and Communities are delighted to announce the opening of nominations for the WA Seniors Awards 2015.

For the first time this year the awards ceremony will be held on Thursday 1 October, the International Day of Older Persons

We urge you to nominate any individual who or organisation which is doing exceptional work with or for seniors, so that they receive the recognition they deserve. Self-nominations are also welcome.

[Click here](#) to download the Application Kit for details of the award categories and how to nominate, but don't delay - entries close on Friday 14 August 2015.

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.

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.](#)

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.

Sector Grants

Grant Opportunity for Youth Projects in Canning Region of Perth

The Canning Coalition Inc Board would like to provide grants for programmes and/or projects within the Canning Region, which meet at least one of following criteria;

- Promote a positive view of employment options for young people
- Promote the value of education and citizenship through the development of young people via training and lifelong learning opportunities
- Assist young people in their transition from school to further education, training and employment.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Building Safe Communities for Women projects—funding

available

The Australian Government is inviting applications for projects under Building Safe Communities for Women and their Children funding round which is open to local community groups, not-for-profit organisations and local governments. [Read more...](#)

Health projects encouraged to apply for funding

Not-for-profit groups, health and rehabilitation organisations and research bodies are encouraged to apply for new philanthropic funding for projects to enhance the lives of people who face challenges to their health and wellbeing.

The Slater and Gordon Health Projects and Research Fund, now in its second year, is calling for applications for grants of up to \$25,000 as part of a \$2million philanthropic program in Australia and the United Kingdom. [Click here](#) to read more...

WACOSS would like to acknowledge the support WACOSS receives from Slater and Gordon as our Honorary Solicitor.

The Real Needs Program: Grants of up to 20,000 Available

The 'Real Needs' program is a community initiative of Real Insurance, which provides grants of between \$5,000-\$20,000 to community organisations that work with disadvantaged or under privileged Australian children and youth. Grant applications are considered on a monthly basis. For more information about eligibility requirements, and how to apply, visit realneeds.realinsurance.com.au.

Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration—Grants Program 2015

The Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) is currently seeking applications for the Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration Grants Program 2015.

Funding assistance of up to \$1000 will be available to communities to hold an event on Saturday 5 December 2015, Thank a Volunteer Day/International Day of Volunteers. [Click here](#) for more information.

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](#).

Sector Events

Home Is Where My Heart Is - Mon 3rd - Fri 14th Aug

Established in 2008, Home Is Where My Heart Is is a peer mentorship and photographic exhibition capturing the reality of youth homelessness in Western Australia. Run by the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) the project partners emerging photographers with young people who have experience of homelessness. For more information [click here](#).

Official Launch Homelessness Prevention Week 2015 - Mon 3rd Aug

Homelessness is not a choice and can affect anyone, at anytime. The causes of homelessness are many and diverse. There is no one solution but there are steps we can all take to prevent homelessness in our community.

Shelter WA invites you to join them for a morning tea to mark the official launch of Homelessness Prevention Week 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event, [click here](#) for more information and to register.

HPW 2015 Industry Breakfast - Wed 5th Aug

The Industry Breakfast, Wednesday 5th August: 7am-9am

This breakfast event, run as part of Homelessness Prevention Week is hosted by Shelter WA and will discuss the issue of affordable housing. Join some of WA's leading executives and thought leaders as they discuss some of the issues and challenges and look at possible solutions. [Click here](#) for more information.

Domestic and Family Violence & Homelessness: The Hidden Agenda - Fri 7th Aug

As a part of Shelter WA's Homelessness Prevention Week (Monday 3rd – Sunday 9th August) the Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) will be hosting a training seminar which will address some of the Hidden Agendas surrounding violence against women and their subsequent homelessness. [Click here](#) for more information.

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...](#)

Conference to bring capacity building of small NFPs Into the Spotlight - 26th - 28th Aug

Linkwest and ConnectGroups' Into the Spotlight conference is all about building the capacity of Self Help and Support Groups and small community managed Not for Profits.

The Into the Spotlight Conference brings together Linkwest's 19th Conference for Community, Neighbourhood and Learning Centres in WA and ConnectGroups' inaugural conference for WA-based Self Help and Support Groups.

Registrations are now open, for more information [click here](#).

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

- [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](#) (24nd Sept)

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.

Relationships Australia - Professional and Workplace Training

August/September 2015

- [Family Patterns](#) – Thursday, 6 Aug – 10 September
- [Enhancing Self-Esteem in Adolescents](#) – Tuesday, 25 August
- [Parenting Between Cultures](#) – Wednesday, 23 September
- [Emotional Intelligence](#) – Tuesday, 8 September
- [Introduction to Couples Counselling](#) – Thurs/Fri 24 & 25 September

For more information on our Professional training [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](#).

Victim Awareness Training Program - Jan 2016

angelhands Inc presents the launch of the Victim Awareness Training Program.

- Lived-experience and theoretical approaches to better management of traumatised Survivors of violent crime,
- Delivered by the only free ongoing trauma specialised service in Perth.

Workshops are also FREE to attend or host. These will be a half day in duration, plus networking time. Workshops are to be scheduled on agreement between angelhands and the organisation, and will begin in January 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

[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.

- [Chief Executive Officer – 1 year fixed-term contract \(part-time\)](#)
- [Managing Consultant \(Sector Services and Development\)](#)
- [Senior HR Information Systems Specialist](#)

- [Manager – Refuge Services](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Society \(WA\) – Financial Counsellor](#)
- [Activity Officer](#)
- [WACOSS – Policy Officer](#)

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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