

# MEDIA ALERT

8:30am

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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## Minister Helen Morton opens the WACOSS 2014 Conference

The Western Australian Council of Social Service is pleased to announce:

***“The Difference We Make:  
Our roles, our relationships, and our future.”***  
**2014 Community Sector Conference**  
**Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre**  
**6 – 7 May 2014**

**Irina Cattalini**, WACOSS CEO will open the conference at 8:30am, with a Nyoongar welcome to country from Barry McGuire and a welcoming address by WACOSS President Steve Joske CSC.

The Hon. **Helen Morton**, Minister for Mental Health, Disability Services and Child Protection will present the opening address at 8:50am.

The international Keynote address ‘*Driving change – the role and identity of not for profit community organisations*’ will be delivered by **Karl Wilding**, the Director of Public Policy from the National Council of Volunteer Organisations UK at 9:30am.

Social Justice Commissioner **Mick Gooda** leads a plenary session on possibilities for Aboriginal advancement, with a distinguished panel including Australian Senior of the Year **Fred Chaney** at 11:00am.

This year the conference will focus on four key themes: Our Roles (recognising our role & promoting our value), Our Relationships (working collaboratively), Our Future (sustaining community service outcomes), and Our Business (successful people and operations).

The two day conference follows a networking day for the community, government and private sectors in which will focus on working in collaboration with one another to achieve sustainability of services throughout the Western Australian Community.

For further information about the WACOSS Conference please visit  
<http://www.wacoss.org.au/WACOSSConference2014.aspx>

*Speakers will be available for comment by arrangement at 10:30am and 12:30 noon.*

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