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### General WACOSS News

## WACOSS Media Release: WACOSS welcomes the State Affordable Housing Strategy 11th May

The WA Council of Social Service welcomed the much anticipated Affordable Housing Strategy released by the State Government this afternoon.

"We welcome the WA Government's commitment to create a more accessible and affordable housing market and the goal to create a minimum of 20,000 new affordable housing options by 2020," said WACOSS CEO, Ms Irina Cattalini.

[Click here](#) to read the full media release

## WACOSS Media Release: Federal Budget Takes With One Hand to Give With the Other 10th May

"The WA Council of Social Service has welcomed some great initiatives in the Federal Budget released by the Treasurer this evening, but has serious misgivings about the inconsistent budget measures and the impact they will have on disadvantaged Western Australians," says

WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini.

"On one hand the Government suggests the Budget measures are designed to assist people to find work, but on the other hand they severely penalise jobseekers and vulnerable families."

[Click here](#) to read the full media release

## **Registration for this ER Conference closes at 5pm Thursday 12th May.**

### **EMERGENCY RELIEF CONFERENCE 2011 RENAMING AND REFRAMING ER -- 17th & 18th May, 2011**

Do you sometimes feel that working in Emergency Relief is too exhausting?  
Is ER the best way to provide support for the most vulnerable in our community in a way that is dignified and non-judgemental, and which allows them the space to seek their own solutions to their own problems, or is there a better way?

The 2011 ER Conference is all about linking up with others just like you and building your resources, networks and knowledge ... and maybe getting a little bit spoiled in return for all your hard work! If your batteries need recharging, don't miss this chance to join ER workers from across WA at this amazing two day event on 17 and 18 May.

At \$90 for two days this conference is great value, but the best part is that through the generous support from Lotterywest, volunteers, staff, and regional delegates can still apply to access funding support to help with the conference fees. Subsidies are still available for registrations, regional travel and accommodation costs.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference, the subsidy packages and to book online. As you can see from the program this conference is an absolute must if you work in, or have an interest in, Emergency Relief. For help with registering or enquiries call WACOSS on 9420 7222

The Emergency Relief Conference is ONLY 5 DAYS AWAY so if you are not registered already book now as places, subsidies and time are running out!

[Click here](#) to view the program and register

## **WACOSS Information Sheet- Utility Price Rises 2006-11**

The West Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) has tracked the rising cost of living since 2006 for a representative household model. This information sheet sets out the increases of residential utility pricing of electricity, water and gas in Western Australia. It shows the impact of rising utility costs on WA households with average consumption. The data comes from a variety of sources, which includes the WA Government's budget papers

and Office of Energy publications.

[Click here](#) to view the information sheet

## **WACOSS releases analysis of ORIMA Research Income Management in Western Australia evaluation**

The Western Australian Council of Social Service recently released an analysis of the ORIMA Research income management evaluation in Western Australia. The paper was released at the Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS) State Conference on 14 April 2011.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Commonwealth People's Forum 2011**

The next Commonwealth People's Forum will be held in Perth, Western Australia, from **25 to 27 October 2011**.

The Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF), brings together civil society representatives from around the world, to discuss and debate key issues facing Commonwealth people. Held every two years in the run up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), the CPF is the single biggest opportunity for civil society to engage with Commonwealth leaders on global development issues.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **WA Self Directed Services Conference Planned for August 2011**

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is aiming to progress the implementation of self-directed services in WA by holding a Self Directed Services conference in August.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **WACOSS Workshops and Seminars**

### **Budget Counselling Training**

Improve your clients' financial literacy and help others develop their personal budgets in this free two day training course. The course covers two units that can count towards a Certificate III in Community Services. Lunch provided.

- Geraldton May 30-31
- Broome June 13-14

- Perth – second session announced – June 15-16. FULLY BOOKED
- Port Hedland June 23-24
- Kalgoorlie June 30-July 1

For more information, or to register, please contact Gina at [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) or 9420 7222 or [click here](#) to view the flyer.

## Free Training for Emergency Relief and Related Services

We have training coming up that is suitable for anyone who works, paid or unpaid, in emergency relief or related community services who wishes to develop their skills.

- Northam – Advocacy and Referral Skills – May 25. [Click here](#) to view the flyer  
Learn how to assess and understand client needs, and make appropriate referrals in this full day workshop. Lunch provided.
- Derby – Generalist Emergency Relief Training – June 1  
Course content TBC – previous courses have covered emergency relief best practice, information about funding, skill development in areas such as case note writing, and many more topics to help you develop your skills and knowledge as an emergency relief provider. Contact Gina at [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) or on 9420 7222 for more information or to register.

## Upcoming training at WACOSS in Perth

### •Report Writing June 7

Learn how to write great reports so the amazing work of your organisation can be shared and understood by your readers, staff, clients and the general public.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.324>

### • Oh My Goodness – I'm on a Board! June 8

Aimed at anyone who is new to a board or management committee, this course covers the information you need to know to become an effective board member.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/course.28>

### • Strategic Governance June 9

This workshop will teach you about the Australian Standards in Corporate Governance and increase your understanding of both the regulations and community expectations relating to organisational governance. This workshop will equip you with the knowledge to be a board or management committee member who can make a real difference.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.323>

### • Mediation for Resolving Conflict in the Workplace June 14

Conflict is an unavoidable part of the workplace. How you deal with conflict makes a significant

impact on office morale, communication between co-workers, and teamwork. This course teaches you how to mediate between two parties so that a mutually beneficial resolution is reached. Pre-requisite: basic communication workshop.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.326>

## **Social Networking and Marketing June 17**

Social media can be a powerful tool for connecting you with your clients, donors or the general public. When done well, it can give you new avenues for engaging with new people and getting your organisation's work known, for free! In this workshop, learn how to use social media as a marketing tool for your organisation.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.325>

## **• How to be a SUPER Supervisor June 21**

Being a supervisor is more than just signing off on paperwork. In this workshop you will learn how to effectively manage others, identify staff development needs, enhance performance and delegate tasks to others. This popular course will increase your confidence in supervising others – an invaluable skill.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.327>

## **• Connecting and Communicating with Aboriginal Clients June 30**

Learn to improve the way your organisation works with Aboriginal people in the community in this Aboriginal developed and delivered course. You will learn practical strategies and tools for working with Aboriginal people and communities, as well as effective ways to initiate contact with Aboriginal individuals, communities and organisations. The course also covers broad information about Indigenous cultures in Australia. This course is a must for anyone who currently works with Aboriginal people, or wishes to broaden their services to reach Aboriginal communities in the future.

Register at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.351>

## **Sector News**

### **Power a Pensioner**

People Who Care's "Power a Pensioner" is about not letting Perth's frail aged, who rely solely on the pension being left behind in extreme poverty

You can support People Who Care's "Power a Pensioner" by buying a ticket in our raffle. There are only 1,000 tickets available at \$100 each for your chance to win 100 bottles of some of WA's finest wines valued at \$5,000.

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Mission Australia's Annual Youth Survey**

Mission Australia's annual Youth Survey - the largest of its kind in Australia - has been undertaken each year since 2002. Conducted between April and July, the survey asks young Australians aged 11 to 24 what they value, where they turn for advice and support, what issues concern them, how they are involved with their community and their feelings about their future

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Information on Skillsbank, Leadership Western Australia's Community Brokerage Program**

Leadership Western Australia's (LWA) Skillsbank Program operates as a community partnership broker; inviting not-for-profit organisations across the state to register leadership-related needs, and finding LWA members with relevant interests and skills to meet the needs pro-bono. We invite you to consider whether your organisation has at present any particular needs to which LWA may be able to respond. [Click here](#) to read more

## **Funding to attend the 2011 Consumer Congress in Sydney**

The Department of Commerce, Consumer Protection Division is pleased to once again offer funding for two Western Australian consumer representatives to attend the Consumers 2011: Australian Consumer Policy, Law and Practice on 7 and 8 June 2011 in Sydney, New South Wales.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Volunteer Grants 2011**

Volunteer Grants 2011 recognises the important role of Australia's volunteers and is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers, assisting disadvantaged communities and encouraging social inclusion to assist vulnerable individuals, families and communities. Funding of \$16 million is available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to assist their volunteers and encourage volunteering.

[Click here](#) for more information

## **Becoming A Constable Care Corporate Partner**

Constable Care Child Safety Foundation is a registered charitable organisation. Your business is invited to support the valuable work of Constable Care in the community.

[click here](#) to read more

## **Working with Young People and the Law Training Program**

Youth Legal Service WA Inc are holding a series of workshops in May

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Expressions of Interest - WA Consumer Advisory Committee**

Commerce Minister Simon O'Brien today called for consumer champions to put their hand up and nominate to be a part of the WA Consumer Advisory Committee.

"A dedicated Consumer Advisory Committee will ensure that consumer viewpoints are adequately represented during the development and administration of Western Australian consumer laws," Mr O'Brien said.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Outdoor Family Fun competition for Families Week 2011**

The Department for Communities Outdoor Family Fun competition, in the lead up to Families Week 2011, is now open! Families are encouraged to submit a photo, one page story, one page letter, a drawing or 2-5 minute video clip that represents the theme of Outdoor Family Fun.

[click here](#) to read more

## **Not For Profit Mentoring Assistance Opportunity**

For details on CPA Australia's Not for Profit Group Volunteer Mentor The Treasurer Program [click here](#)

## **Aboriginal Men's Meeting**

Aboriginal men living in the Northern Suburbs are invited to a Men's Meeting on the 13th May

[click here](#) for further details

## **Road Blessing Free Movies**

The Office of Road Safety are holding a series of free outdoor movie screening to highlight the

vital role seat belts play in saving lives when we drive.

[Click here](#) for further information

## **Expressions of Interest: ConnectGroups Art Exhibition**

ConnectGroups have decided to incorporate an art, photography and poetry exhibition as part of the National Self Help and Support Groups Awareness Day.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Reinvent your career without quitting your day job – new mental health courses**

Curtin University has recently introduced three new part-time mental health pathways at postgraduate level, which are the first of their kind in Australia in that they combine recovery and psychosocial interventions.

[click here](#) to read more

### **Sector Events**

## **Community Housing in British Columbia the way forward for WA? 17th May**

Southern Cross Housing Ltd and CHCWA are pleased to announce they will host an all day event in May featuring two social housing experts from British Columbia, Canada. This event will be part of a week long visit to Perth sponsored by Southern Cross Housing.

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Last Chance to Book: ArtsCAMP 10th-14th July**

If you are aged 15 - 17 years (or know some one who is) and are interested in experiencing different art forms and creating connections with the arts scene, we want to hear from you!

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Seminar - Improving legislation for children and young people**

Tuesday 17 May 2011, 3.00pm to 4.30pm, Commissioner for Children and Young People WA, Ground Floor, 1 Alvan Street, Subiaco.

Presented by the Commissioner for Children and Young People's office as part of Law Week 2011, this seminar will examine how the needs and interests of our youngest citizens can be met in the development and improvement of legislation.

### **RSVP by Friday 13th May**

[click here](#) for further details.

## **Quiz Night 21st May**

Give your brain cells a workout at the annual Quiz Night hosted by Soroptimist International of Riverside.

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Creating Work Life Balance Free Seminar May 26th**

Relationships Australia are holding a free seminar "Creating Work Life balance" on the 26th of May.

[Click here](#) for more details

## **Ngunga Women's Resource Centre Information Sessions 23rd & 24th May 2011**

Ngunga Women's Resource Centre are hosting an information session on " How Baks Can Help/ Internet & Phone Banking" and "How Credit can be a Hazard/ Money Loans" on the 23rd and 24th of May.

[Click here](#) for more information

## **Upcoming Workshoips at Richmond Fellowship WA**

Richmond Fellowship WA will be holding the following workshops in May and June:

**Working and Talking with Voices** With Mental Health experts – Dr. Dirk Corstens, Ron Coleman and Eleanor Longden

13 – 16 June 2011

**Snapshot on Voices** – Free Event for Family and Friends 9th June

**Recovery Seminar Series** 17th May

**Hearing Voices Awareness Training** 19th May & 2nd June

[Click here](#) for full details

## **Shelter WA Renting in WA FREE Public Forum**

Renting in WA? What are the issues? What is your experience? Shelter WA want to hear from you.

Shelter WA are holding 2 free public forums on the 10th and 25th May.

For further details [click here](#)

## **Not for Profit Conference 23rd-24th May 2011**

The not-for-profit sector in Australia is witnessing significant changes this year with the new reform process currently underway. It's more essential than ever to keep abreast of new regulations and practices that can directly impact your organisation.

This year's conference will closely examine the latest issues unfolding in the not-for-profit sector and provide measures aimed at tackling them. Session topics include: tax and compliance, audit and risk, best practice in governance and leadership, strategic partnerships, and approaches to service delivery models.

[Click here](#) for details on the upcoming Not for Profit Conference.

If any WACOSS members wish to go they should book through Julie Egonidis ([Julie.Egonidis@cpaaustralia.com.au](mailto:Julie.Egonidis@cpaaustralia.com.au)) or call (03) 9606 9791 to ensure that you receive the same pricing as CPA Members.

## **LGMA Women in Local Government Conference 2nd-3rd June**

Local Government Managers Australia WA Division (LGMA WA) is pleased to again be presenting the LGMA Women in Local Government Conference in 2011 to be held 2 – 3 June at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **WA Training Awards 2011**

The awards recognise and reward outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students, and the contribution to training made by trainers, training organisations and employers. Winners of the WA Training Awards may be eligible to represent the State at

the Australian Training Awards in Brisbane on 25 November 2011. **Applications close the 13th May.**

[Click here](#) for further details

## **2011 Western Australian Early Childhood Education and Care Conference June 18th & 19th 2011**

Child Australia is pleased to announce the 2011 Western Australian Early Childhood Education and Care Conference "Windows of Opportunity" to be held over the weekend of June 18 & 19, 2011.

[Click here](#) to learn more

## **Ready to Work's Fundraising Event – Wednesday, 6 July 2011**

Tim Winton's 'Rising Water' play at the new Heath Ledger Theatre in Northbridge. Please contact Jodi Tazewell on [info@readytowork.org.au](mailto:info@readytowork.org.au), telephone 9381 7884 or visit our website [www.readytowork.org.au](http://www.readytowork.org.au) for further details. Thank you for supporting Ready to Work.

[Click here](#) for further details

## **Conservation Week 15th - 22nd October 2011**

Conservation Week is the largest community focused environmental event in WA and is a great opportunity to showcase your group or organisation. To register or sponsor an event visit [www.ccwa.org.au](http://www.ccwa.org.au) or call (08) 9420 7266

### **Community Sector Jobs**

The following positions are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- Part time BIS Facilitator/Counsellor
- Part time Counsellor/Project Worker- PEPISU Women and Childrens Program
- Part time Counsellor- Drug and Alcohol Program
- Executive Officer
- Manager Community Education (FT) & Community Educator (FT)
- Domestic and Family Violence Workers

**If you would like to advertised your vacancies on the**

**WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact  
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