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What Concession Reforms should WACOSS be asking our politicians to commitment to in their 2013 election campaigns?

In the lead up to the 2013 state election WACOSS will be holding a number of forums that will help us to better understand some of the things that are important to you and that you want to see the state government address.

The first of these forums is a presentation by **Guest speaker David Baker from The Australia Institute** on concession reform and how concessions can better target low income households. David has researched and written a number of papers on concessions. His work focuses on why many people miss out on concessions they are entitled to, and can be found on the Institute's website www.tai.org.au.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Funding Reform Resources Online and Free One on One Consultations on Pricing, Costing and Outcomes

The Sector Funding Reform Program is currently focussing on publishing a range of online materials and useful tools on the sector funding reform.

Please check back to [our website](#) regularly to find our most up-to-date info and new materials for your organisations use.

Need more support? Community Service Organisations have the opportunity to request free of charge, one-on-one support from one of WACOSS' expert consultants in the areas of pricing, costing and outcomes. Please contact us to arrange an appointment on 94207222 or email maiya@wacoss.org.au.

Emergency Relief Scoping Project Survey

WACOSS is currently undertaking a scoping exercise on the size and nature of the Emergency Relief (ER) Sector in Western Australia. The ER Scoping Project is moving into the next phase with the launch of the survey, [click here](#) to hear more.

Are you one of the thousands of West Australians already doing your bit to build a cleaner tomorrow?

If so then tell us about it by submitting a video for your chance to win a new iPad.

We are looking for the best stories from all over the state to show that the WA community is taking action on climate change.

To help we're going to give the best video entry to this competition a brand new iPad as a reward for their good work. [Click here](#) to read more.

An Overview of WACOSS Policy and Programs on Energy Efficiency

There are a range of programs and policy work on energy efficiency currently being undertaken by WACOSS. To read the summary [click here](#).

WACOSS CEO to participate in 2012 Vinnies CEO Sleepout

There are more than 100,000 Australians who sleep rough each night of the year. Just under half of these are women; a quarter of these are under the age of 18.

On **Thursday 21 June 2012** the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout will take place in capital cities across Australia. CEOs and senior business and community leaders are invited to rise to the challenge and experience what it is like to be homeless for one night in winter and help the St Vincent de Paul Society to raise awareness of the real facts of homelessness.

All money raised through the sponsorship of participants goes directly towards the ongoing provision of Vinnies' homeless services across the country.

Our WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini, is registered to participate. We invite you to support her fundraising efforts by donating at: <http://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/wa-ceos/profile/?ceo=2058>. [Click here](#) to read more.

Anyone need an energy audit at their home, a client's home or their workplace?

Environment House has provided thousands of audits to low income households and WA community organisations. Due to the Hardship Efficiency Program being defunded there are now well-qualified and very experienced Environment House crew needing work. Environment House can provide energy audits for your house/unit, offices, community housing, your clients' houses/units, hostels and many other types of facilities. An optional add-on service is that they will install draft-sealing products, top quality light-globes and carefully selected standby-control devices. [Click here](#) to read more.

2.9 per cent weekly minimum wage increase announced

The Fair Work Australia Minimum Wage Panel (the Panel) has today handed down the 2011-12 Annual Wage Review Decision.

Modern minimum weekly wages will be increased by 2.9 per cent from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2012, with commensurate increases in hourly rates on the basis of a 38 hour week. [Click here](#) to read more.

Announcement on staging of the not-for-profit sector reforms

The Hon David Bradbury MP, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Deregulation, yesterday announced that not-for-profit sector reforms will be staged to allow organisations to transition to the new regulatory framework.

Charities that come under the initial phase of ACNC regulation will not be required to comply with the governance standards and financial reporting framework until 1 July 2013, with the first financial reports now beginning to fall due after 1 July 2014. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Change of date: Introduction to Emergency Relief in Northam

Places are available for the free workshop ["Introduction to Emergency Relief"](#) which will now take place on Thursday 14th June, postponed from May 30th.

EmpowerWA Workshops: Assisting Clients to save money by using less power at home

These [free workshops](#) are a must for anyone who works with clients experiencing financial pressures.

The workshops explain what energy audits involve, so that you can help clients who aren't eligible for a professional home audit, or don't want strangers looking around their home.

Workshops are taking place at :

West Perth – Friday 29th June – 1:00pm – 4:00pm - [Register here](#)

Joondalup – Dependent on demand – Register interest by emailing lauren@wacoss.org.au

Free training in the regions – Pt Headland, Esperance, Northam, Manjimup Roebourne and Kalgoorlie

WACOSS is delivering a series of free workshops around the state for community service workers and volunteers.

Upcoming workshops are taking place in Manjimup, Northam, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Port Hedland, Busselton and Roebourne.

[Register now!](#)

Coming up:

- **Port Hedland:** [Introduction to Emergency Relief](#) – Tuesday 5th June
- **Busselton:** [Utilities: Advocacy and Consumer Rights](#) – Wednesday 6th June
- **Esperance:** [Financial Literacy](#) – Thursday 7th and Friday 8th June
- **Northam:** [Financial Literacy](#) – Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th June
- **NEW Manjimup:** [Introduction to Emergency Relief](#) – Tuesday 12th June
- **Northam:** [Introduction to Emergency Relief](#) – Thursday 14th June
- **Roebourne:** [Financial Literacy](#) – Thursday 14th and Friday 15th June
- **Kalgoorlie:** [Managing Clients' Aggressive Behaviour](#) – Friday 15th June
- **Port Hedland:** [Surviving and Thriving Under the DCSP Policy](#) - Thursday 19th June

For all the dates, application forms and information about travel subsidies, please [click here](#).

Fundraising Strategies – Tuesday 12th June – Perth

This workshop will look at internal and external funding options, resources available to assist you to access funds and strategies for developing successful fundraising plans.

For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

Writing Policies and Procedures – Wednesday 13th June – Perth

Policy and procedures are essential tools for governance and management. They help guide staff behaviour and decision making. When working effectively they can also ensure services are running as they are designed to.

This training will provide an opportunity to review your own policy and procedures and get them up to scratch.

For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

NEW: Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation – Tuesday 19th June – Perth

Do you want to develop a better understanding of evaluation in general? Do you want to know where to start in planning your project evaluation?

Do you want some clarity about outcomes and evaluation? If so, then the Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation course is for you.

The course will provide you with the knowledge and tools to get you started.

For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

Sector News

Non- Government Sector Involvement in Child and Parent Centres on Public School Sites in Low Socio-Economic Communities

Ten Child and Parent Centres are to be established on public school sites in low socio-economic communities. Each Centre will have its own Coordinator, to be provided through the not-for-profit sector, which will also work with the school to manage the delivery of programs and services at and through the Centres.

Not-for-profit organisations which may be interested in forwarding expressions of interest when the request is posted on TendersWA are invited to attend one of three initial information forums, to be held on Friday 8th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June.

To put your name down to attend one of the forums, please contact Ms Nina Cunningham on 9264 5589.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Peer Capacity Building Grants

The Mental Health Commission is making available non-recurrent grants to support and accelerate the capacity of organisations to deliver high quality, recovery-focused services by encouraging the employment of people with a lived experience of mental health, or of caring for someone who does, and to promote partnerships that ensure peer work programs are embraced by both the Community Managed and Public Mental Health Services working together. [Click here](#) to read more.

Applications close soon for ASI Scholarship Fund

The ASI SMART Company Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to staff working in the not-for-profit sector to help with their educational needs. Funding is available for your professional development in the June round. Applications close on Tuesday 12th June 2012. [Click here](#) for more information.

20% Discount on Accommodation & Venues at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra

20% Discount for ALL WACOSS members when you book a Venue and/or Accommodation at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra during the months of June, July and August 2012.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Affordable Home Ownership for Lower and Middle Income Earners - Shared Equity Program

Would you like to own your own home but think you can't afford it? The State Government has introduced two initiatives to support moderate income Western Australians, like those working in the not-for-profit sector, to achieve their dream of home ownership.

[Click here](#) to read more about each of these exciting opportunities.

Sector Events

Last Chance for Tickets: 3rd Annual Moorditj Yoka Dreaming Fashion Show - Saturday 2nd June

Tickets are available for you to purchase and experience a wonderful night out at the Perth Town Hall.

You will be captivated by the Moorditj Yoka Dreaming Models who will model some designer wear from Aboriginal designers and other local designers.

MC for the night is Channel 10's Narelda Jacobs who enjoys this role so much this is her 3rd year as MC. The night also includes entertainment, door prizes and a free gift bag.

You will also experience the exquisite taste of finger food plus free beverages!

Ticket sales end online at 6pm this Saturday 2nd June through <http://events.ticketbooth.com.au/event/MYDFS>

Western Australian Active Ageing Conference 2012: What's New in Ageing? - Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd June 2012

Registrations selling fast – Over 50% sold in the Early Bird Round!

Make sure you register ASAP! This conference has been limited to 200 delegates only including sponsors and speakers and COTA WA can confirm that over 100 of those registrations have already been sold!! With registrations arriving consistently at the COTA office this conference is likely to sell out shortly!

[Click here](#) for full information.

Fairground Youth Sector Conference 2012: Registrations Open

YACWA's Fairground takes place every two years as an opportunity for the youth sector to network and share ideas and common experiences whilst focusing on state-wide issues of importance to young people and the sector.

2012 will be the third Fairground conference following similar events in 2008 and 2010. The conference vision is for a youth sector event that is the most topical, relevant and results-orientated youth conference ever held in Western Australia.

The 2012 conference promises to be a professional, policy-driven event that is inspiring, fun and creative. The keynotes will be informative and gritty, the entertainment unique and the program objective based and functional.

Head to the Fairground website for more information or to register: www.yacwa.org.au/fairground2012

HOMING in on the real issues of homelessness - Homeless Persons Week 2012

Homeless Persons Week is on again this year from Monday 6th to Sunday 12th August. The theme for this year is "HOMING in on the real issues of homelessness".

Homeless Persons Week is a national annual event coordinated by Homelessness Australia. It is made up of the many different homelessness-centred events and aims to draw attention to the causes and effects of homelessness on individuals, families and the wider community. [Click here](#) to read more.

Homeless Persons Week Soccer Showdown Announced

Laying dormant for some months, the red-hot rivalry between the Big Issue Street Soccer team and WA Community Workers is set to erupt once again this August in celebration of Homeless Persons Week (HPW). The Community Housing Coalition of WA (CHCWA) and The Big Issue Street Soccer Program are thrilled to invite all prospective community players and spectators to a sporting celebration of the fight against homelessness.

When: 7 August, 3:00pm

Where: Wellington Square, East Perth

If you're a community sector worker or volunteer and are interested in pulling on the boots or learning more about this event please contact Rory Ritchie at CHCWA, (08) 9221 7933 or rory.ritchie@communityhousing.com.au.

Australia to Host World Congress on Adult Guardianship

Experts in the fields of ageing, disability and guardianship, from across the world, will come together in Melbourne in October this year for the Second World Congress on Adult Guardianship. [Click here](#) to read more.

Relationships Australia Professional Development Training Program

The following professional training is on offer in June 2012.

- Couples & Conflict Friday 8th June \$165
- Working with Adolescents Thursday 14th & Friday 15th June \$330
- Engaging Jane Friday 22nd June \$165
- Engaging John Friday 29th June \$165

[Click here](#) for more course information.

Reconciliation Week 2012

Reconciliation Week is being celebrated across Australia between 27th May and 3rd June 2012.

The Department of Indigenous Affairs (WA) has an advocacy role in promoting mutual respect and understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. As such, we are embarking on a community awareness campaign in the lead up to and throughout Reconciliation Week. [Click here](#) to read more.

Men in Black Ball - Saturday 2nd June

The annual Men in Black Ball attracts over 450 guests each year, bringing people from political, sports, social, business and arts communities around WA together for one cause. A signature event on the Perth social and fundraising calendar, the ball is in support of Men's Advisory Network (MAN). [Click here](#) for more information.

Mental Health and the Workplace, A Legal Guide for Managers - Wednesday 6th June

1 in 5 Australians experience mental illness every year and employers must know their rights and responsibilities around mental health in the workplace.

This seminar will answer the most pertinent questions and is essential for all Managers. [Click here](#) to read more.

Change the World Your Way – A breakfast with Oxfam Ambassadors the Quad Squad - Monday 11th June

Oxfam WA State Committee would like to welcome members of the community and not-for-profit sectors to join a cross-sector networking breakfast in the theme of social justice and active citizenship , hosted by King & Wood Mallesons on Monday 11th June 2012. Oxfam Ambassadors and Guinness World record holders the Quad Squad present an inspiring key note on their journey through three continents on quad bikes. [Click here](#) to read more.

Opening Closets Workshop - Friday 8th June

GLCS is pleased to provide an Opening Closets workshop on the 8th June. This one day training can help you work more successfully with clients or staff who are diverse in their sexuality, sex or gender. [Click here](#) to download the booking form for more details.

Managing Cultural Diversity in Aged Care - Tuesday 12th June

ILC-Multicultural Aged Care Service supported by ACSWA and ACAA invites Aged Care Service Providers to an interactive Forum on Tuesday 12th June, with international keynote presenter Taruni Falconer.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Conference on Mental Health

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th June 2012
Perth, Western Australia

On behalf of the Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Forum we invite you to join us at this year's ASPAC conference to be held from the 11th-13th June 2012 in Perth, Western Australia.

RFWA is proud to be holding this milestone event and we are cognisant that it will not only spur discussion around many critical matters, it will provide a space for both international and domestic speakers through a platform designed to engender and promote open and honest debate and discussion. [Click here](#) to read more.

Social Spider Untangling the Web - Thursday 14th June

This free seminar for community service organisations will draw on the experiences of Mark Brown, a social entrepreneur from the UK.

During the course of the morning, Mark will guide you through the history of UK social enterprise and discuss the challenges and opportunities of running a business for social good.

The seminar takes place at the University of Western Australia on Thursday, 14 June from 9.00am to 11.00am. Bookings are essential. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Model Healthcare Community Roadshow - Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June

The use of technology in the provision of health services will improve the quality and safety of healthcare to individuals. The Model Healthcare Community (MHC) is the most prominent eHealth engagement tool currently available in Australia. It is an interactive and dynamic display that showcases the NEHTA eHealth foundations and solutions and highlights the investments by the Governments of Australia in a national eHealth system. [Click here](#) to read more.

'Spark of Life' Workshop - Wednesday 27th June

CommunityWest is hosting a special 'Spark of Life' full day training event on the Wednesday 27th June at Technology Park Function Centre, Bentley for HACC and non-HACC providers. [Click here](#) to read more.

Upcoming Workshops at Anglicare

[Click here](#) for full details on the following courses being offered at Anglicare.

- Case Management for Multi-Problem Families se Management for Multi-Problem Families - Wednesday 4th & Wednesday 18th July
- Dangerous Liaisons - Thursday 5th July
- MAP Time - Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July

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.

- [FPWA - Male & Female Aboriginal Educator](#)
- [Outcare - Case Worker, Womens Program](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Therapeutic Supervisor](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Executive Manager Mental Health & Disabilities](#)
- [FWHC - Manager Clinical Services](#)
- [CentreCare - Multiple Program Manager Positions Available](#)
- [Anglicare - Residential Youth Workers](#)
- [WA NILS - Training & Marketing Officer](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at jbroweleit@anson.com.au

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