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Save the Date: WACOSS AGM, Special General Meeting & PBS Launch- Friday 19th October 2012

The WACOSS Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting and Pre-Budget Submission Launch will be held at City West Lotteries House on the 19th of October. Invitations and further details will be sent to you shortly.

Rooftop PV for Low income Households?

The Community Sector Energy Hardship Services Delivery study - encompassing the potential roles of Community Service Organisations delivery of Energy Efficiency and Hardship services to low income households was completed for the Public Utilities Office in June.

Energy policy and rising electricity costs are a topical and dynamic area for discussion. And the response from WACOSS members and CSO's to the study was excellent. Thanks to all involved. The Public Utilities Office has now received the report and will consider it in the formulation of policy to address Energy Hardship. [Click here](#) to read more.

Social Policy Pre-Budget Submission: Regional Consultations - Peel, Albany, Broome, Geraldton, Bunbury

Each year WACOSS submits a Pre-Budget Submission Paper to the WA Government about the top community priorities for expenditure in the next State Budget.

We encourage you to be part of a conversation about critical funding issues and emerging priorities in YOUR community. We will discuss your community concerns and welcome ideas for funding strategies that will help you achieve better outcomes in your community. We also invite you to share your thoughts about previous WACOSS Pre-Budget submissions and how our WACOSS could better represent your needs. [Click here](#) to read more.

Social Policy Pre-Budget Submission: Women's Issues

As part of the Pre-Budget Submission process, WACOSS is organising a round of consultations to help identify and prioritise issues that need to be included for funding consideration in the next State Budget round. One consultation will focus on priorities for women.

We encourage you to be part of a conversation about critical funding issues and emerging priorities for women. [Click here](#) to read more.

Anti-Poverty Week 2012 – Get involved!

[Anti-Poverty Week](#) is happening again this year (14-20 October) and WACOSS is encouraging everyone to get involved!

The aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:

- Strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia;
- Encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

[Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Submission - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012

In late July, WACOSS provided a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relation's inquiry into the [Social Security Legislation Amendment \(Fair Incentives to Work\) Bill 2012](#). This inquiry relates to the proposed Commonwealth cuts to single parenting payments announced in the federal Budget. WACOSS supported the [ACOSS submission](#) to the inquiry, but also sought to draw the Committee's attention to a number of matters particularly relevant to sole parents in Western Australia. WACOSS's submission can be [read here](#).

National Food Plan

The Federal government has issued a green paper on a National Food Plan for public consultation. WACOSS will be preparing a submission which will focus on food security- the ability of individuals, households and communities to acquire appropriate and nutritious food on a regular and reliable basis-and in particular the issues around the direct influence which nutritious, safe and appropriate food has on health, the need to develop a measure of food stress that is relevant to the Western Australian community and the issues faced by remote Aboriginal communities. If you would like to contribute to this work, or obtain further information please contact Helen Creed on 9420 7222 or helen@wacoss.org.au.

Social Policy Forum: National Healthcare Reforms: Community Organisations Engaging with Medicare Locals - Tuesday 21st August

WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS), in conjunction with WANADA and WAAMH is hosting a forum about Community Organisations and our engagement with Medicare Locals. Medicare Locals are the new primary health care organisations established throughout Australia, eight in WA, to improve coordination and integration of primary health care in local communities, address service gaps, and make it easier for patients to navigate their local health care system. Medicare Locals will need collaborative relationships with the key health and community service providers in their local area. Engagement between the two sectors is essential to build effective working relationships to improve local health outcomes and deliver more integrated and coordinated care. This Forum is the first opportunity for the community sector to come together as a whole to consider the implications of, and the opportunities for engagement with, Medicare Locals. This forum will be held on the **21st of August, from 9 – 12pm**. To register for this event, please [click here](#). For more information please contact Helen Creed on Helen@wacoss.org.au or Sarah Mumme on Sarah@wacoss.org.au.

Now is the time for WA to catch up on early childhood development

WACOSS has released a Discussion Paper on the importance of co-ordinating activities impacting on the development of young children that highlights how the Western Australian community would benefit from the establishment of an Office for Early Childhood. [Click here](#) to read more.

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.

The tender process opened on July 9th and briefing sessions will be held on 19th and 20th July. To read more [click here](#).

Social Enterprise in the Social Service sector

The aim of this project is to gain an understanding of social enterprise ventures in the social services sector in Australia. The project is being conducted by Edith Cowan University (ECU) in collaboration with Mission Australia and the West Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS). This study has been approved by the Edith Cowan University Human Research Ethics Committee. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Applications Extended – Community Leadership Development Program

The deadline for receiving applications for the Community Leadership Development Program, delivered in partnership with MODAL, has been extended until 5pm Wednesday, 22nd August.

This program offers managers in the sector the opportunity to pursue a Diploma of Management in a 12 month course that is also a brilliant opportunity for networking and personal growth. For all the details, and to download the application pack, please [click here](#).

Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation - Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th August (2 day workshop)

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?

Then this two day workshop is for you!

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

Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations – Friday 17th August

This workshop is designed specifically for not-for-profit organisations, and covers relevant industrial/employee relations state and Federal, and outlines in detail the steps and procedures you need to take to comply with the relevant employment laws.

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

How to be a SUPER Supervisor – Wednesday 22nd August

Part coach, part auditor, part leader, part facilitator - the role of supervisor is more than signing time sheets and checking that the 'task' is done. Effective supervisors know how to develop the whole person and how to balance personal and organisational needs in a consistent manner.

This workshop is a solid foundation for any supervisors/manager wanting a suite of practical tools and models to use 'on the fly' and/or within their more formal systems.

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

Interpreting Financial Reports for Boards – Thursday 23rd August

Are you on a board and have no idea what the numbers of the monthly financial statements mean? Are you managing a not-for-profit organisation and do not have any idea of how to manage finances? Are you interested and curious to find out how to read financial reports and interpret the financial health of the organisation?

Then this course is for you!

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

Using Stories for Measuring Outcomes – Monday 27th August

The Most Significant Change (MSC) technique is a participatory monitoring & evaluation technique ideally suited to providing qualitative information on project outcomes/program impact. It is about collecting stories of change in peoples' lives as a result of the project or program intervention. It is transferable across cultural contexts , can pick up unexpected outcomes and supports organisational learning and program improvement. Learn about this technique at our one day workshop.

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

Leading High Performance Teams – Friday 31st August

Learn how to be an effective leader to high performing teams in this one day workshop.

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

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Towards a National Energy Advocacy Body – Expressions of interest sought for working group

Expressions of interest are sought for membership of the working group to develop a model for a national energy advocacy body. The group will undertake an intensive work schedule between August and November 2012 to develop and present a preferred model. [Click here](#) to read more.

Lifeline WA Community Forums

Lifeline WA has received private sponsorship to hold six public forums on suicide prevention awareness. These forums will help identify the signs that someone may be at risk of suicide, stress, depression, self-harm and bullying. Three of these forums will be held in the CBD, Subiaco and Mandurah, with the remaining three having no conditions attached. If you think a forum would benefit your community then please get in touch.

Contact Sally Hedderwick, Manager Community Engagement, Lifeline WA. Email sallyhedderwick@lifelinewa.org.au

The Rotary Allied Health Professional of the Year Award

The Rotary Clubs of Mount Lawley and West Perth have once again organised awards for Allied Health professionals in government and non government organisations. This Award process has been occurring since 2009 and commenced in partnership with the WA Department of Health. [Click here](#) to download a nomination form.

The Business News Giving Well Guide Launched

The Giving Well Guide will feature details of Not For Profit and charitable organisations in Western Australia and will include details on mission, volunteer, and donor opportunities and details of the individual Board of Directors. The guide is a comprehensive reference tool for corporates, philanthropists and the community sector and will build awareness and encourage giving across our state. [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 month of August 2012.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Sector Events

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.

Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D. Australasian Speaking Tour - Monday 13th August

Dr Bruce Perry author of "The Boy Who Was Raised as A Dog" will be presenting a workshop Monday 13th August 2012. Dr Perry is well-known for his research on the impact of child abuse and neglect on a child's brain development. He is an engaging presenter and will provide insight into how developmentally informed and biologically respectful work with at-risk children and families leads to strong potential for healing and recovery. [Click here](#) to read more.

Final NDS Costing and Pricing Workshops!

Close to 100 participants from disability service organisations have attended the monthly workshops held at NDS WA, which have been fully subscribed since April 2012. If you have not already done so we encourage you to register online by clicking on the date and filling out the registration form:

- [Tuesday 14th August workshop](#)—using the NDS costing and pricing tool—basic
Suitable for those with financial oversight responsibilities but with limited finance skills.
- [Friday 17th August workshop](#)—using the NDS costing and pricing tool—advanced
For accountants or experienced bookkeepers.

Therapies Forum - Thursday 16th August

Come along and be inspired by the growing number of therapies at the forefront of aged care. The Therapies Forum will provide members an insight into the various types of therapy available to residents and people cared for in their own homes

The Forum is designed for nurses, carers, facility managers, directors of care, supervisors, therapists and coordinators of services who are looking for new ideas and would like to hear about innovations in Therapeutic Services. [Click here](#) to read more.

Upcoming Workshops at Anglicare

Anglicare is offering the following Professional Development workshops:

- Ethical Decision Making
- Supervision Training
- Worker Safety for Home Visits
- Introduction to Domestic Violence

[Click here](#) for more information.

Upcoming Workshops at WOMEN'S Healthworks - August & September

[Click here](#) for more information on the following workshops available at WOMEN'S Healthworks in August and September.

- Thyroid Awareness & Health
- Continence Workshop
- Feldy-Chi

Sharing Healthy Conversations - Wednesday 22nd August

The Carers Advisory Council (CAC) and the Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability (MACD) has partnered to bring together people with disability, carers and health professionals to explore effective communication practices.

This consultation aims to give people with disability, carers and health professionals the opportunity to provide their experiences and ideas to the Ministers for Seniors and Volunteering and Disability Services. The information will be collated

and analysed to find common themes which may inform future policies, procedures and education of people with disability, carers and health professionals. [Click here](#) to read more.

Public Consultation Sharing Healthy Conversations - 22nd August

It is important that all voices are heard when planning and organising medical assessment and treatment, so good communication is vital.

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability (MACD) and the Carers Advisory Council (CAC) has partnered to bring together people with disability, carers and health professionals to explore effective communication practices. For more information download the [information sheet](#).

A public forum will be held on Wednesday 22nd August, [click here](#) to download the flyer. [Click here](#) to download the questionnaire.

WA Carers Conference 2012 - Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th August

A practical, informative and interactive event for people providing care to family members and friends with mental, physical or aged related ill health or disability.

[Click here](#) for more information.

22nd Annual SOCAP Australia International Symposium - Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st August

Join 200+ consumer affairs professionals from around Australia and beyond for a two and a half day professional development program with great networking opportunities to support you in your role. The 22nd Annual SOCAP Australia International Symposium is said to be the most senior gathering and the longest running event of its kind.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Relationships and Relationship-based practice: emotional intelligence, empathy and mentalization – Wednesday 24 October

A half day interactive presentation by UK Emeritus Professor David Howe. David Howe is the author of A Brief Introduction to Social Work Theory (a text used by Schools of Social Work in WA) and his recent publications include: Child Abuse and Neglect: attachment, development and intervention (2005), The Emotionally Intelligent Social Worker (2008) and Attachment across the Lifecourse: A Brief Introduction (2011). [Find flyer and registration form here](#).

ASID WA State Conference 2012 - Friday 7th September

This year's conference will focus on research, issues, ideas, programs and strategies that are working to address barriers which prevent people with intellectual disability from achieving a healthy life. It seeks to explore the following questions:

- What makes a healthy life for people with intellectual disability?
- What health-related issues are important in the lives of people with intellectual disability?
- What practices improve the health of people with intellectual disability?

[Click here](#) to read more.

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.

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.

- [Case Coordinator /Social Worker](#)
- [Anglicare - Manager \(Arbor Program\)](#)
- [The Big Issue Australia - Vendor Support Coordinator \(Perth\)](#)
- [Mission Australia - Community Service Tenders, Business Development Manager](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House - Health Promotion Coordinator, Mental Health Support Services](#)
- [Bunbury Pathways Inc - Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [Mission Australia - Service Manager \(Youth Services\)](#)
- [Foundation Housing - Resource Officer \(Part Time\)](#)
- [Foundation Housing - Community Development Officer](#)
- [People With Disabilities \(WA\) Inc - Individual Advocate \(Peel\)](#)
- [Anglicare - Coordinator Counselling](#)

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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