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## WACOSS AGM 2012 - Friday 19th October

The WA Council of Social Service invites you to join us for our Annual General Meeting.

The AGM is a wonderful opportunity for our members to be involved in the Council's decision making, to hear the results of the Board election, and to share reflections about our significant achievements over the past year, as well as directions for the coming year.

President, Francis Lynch and CEO, Irina Cattalini, look forward to welcoming you to this special annual event for the Council's members and supporters. Our guest speaker this year is Jan Stewart CEO of Lotterywest.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer. [Click here](#) to register your attendance or apology for the AGM and register for the Pre-Budget Submission launch as well!

## WACOSS Pre-Budget Submission 2013-14 Launch - Friday 19th October

The WACOSS Pre-Budget Submission Launch will be held prior to the WACOSS AGM, between 9:00am – 10.30am.

Special guest Under Treasurer, Tim Marney will formally receive the submission.

The Pre-Budget Submission is a significant part of our policy and advocacy work, influencing funding decisions that impact community service organisations and the Western Australian community, particularly people experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability. It reflects the culmination of sector wide consultation on key issues that are important to achieving our vision of an inclusive, just and equitable society.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer. [Click here](#) to register.

## WACOSS Submission to National Food Plan Green Paper

WACOSS made a submission to the National Food Plan Green Paper to the Australian Government on Thursday 27 September 2012 and is available on WACOSS's website. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Strategies to Reduce your Energy Bills: Midland

WACOSS, in partnership with Anglicare WA, invite you to register for the free workshop: Strategies to Reduce your Energy bills. This workshop is suitable for your client's attendance, so please encourage their participation. To register for this event, please [click here](#).

We are also running an additional training workshop, Supporting Clients with Utilities Issues. This workshop has no current vacancies, however if you wish to be added to the waitlist in case of cancellations or for additional courses, please contact Lauren at [lauren@wacoss.org.au](mailto:lauren@wacoss.org.au)

## The latest Funding Reform Program Newsletter is now out!

The WACOSS Funding Reform Program latest newsletter packed with ideas, information and practical how to tips. It will also provide some details on the new exciting projects being rolled out over the next few months with regard to the funding and contracting reforms. To read the newsletter [click here](#) or alternatively go to our website.

## Stop Cuts to Sole Parent Payments!

**Federal Government to ignore first ever recommendation by its own Parliamentary Human Rights Committee, placing single mothers and their children into greater poverty**

In the May 2012 Budget, the Federal Government announced that it planned to save \$700 million by forcing well over 100,000 more single parents (over 90% are women) off the Parenting Payment onto the Newstart Allowance, which is now so low it is unbearable to live on.

There is a Parliamentary Inquiry right now investigating the adequacy of this payment, which hasn't been increased in real terms in almost 20 years. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Youth Justice Think Tank, Workshop 2 - Thursday 25th October

After kicking off a new Think Tank focused on the issue of Youth Justice, this month The Youth Legal Service, the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) and the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) are very pleased to announce the next workshop in our Think Tank series. [Click here](#) for further information and to register.

## Shelter WA, in partnership with WACOSS, Present: Department of Housing's Disruptive Behaviour Policy, the Rights and Obligations of Tenants - Friday 9th November

The Disruptive Behaviour Management Policy (DBMP), reflecting the rights and obligations of tenants, is a revised approach to the disruptive behaviour of a small proportion of public housing tenants. This workshop is happening on Friday the 9th of November, from 9:30am-11:30am, at City West Lotteries House in West Perth. For more information, please contact Lauren at [lauren@wacoss.org.au](mailto:lauren@wacoss.org.au). Please [click here](#) to register now. [Click here](#) to read more about the workshop.

## Progressing the Early Years Advocacy Agenda for WA

ARACY has recently established an Early Years Chapter and is holding a gathering on 22 October to reflect on achievements past and opportunities ahead for early years advocacy in WA and an opportunity to meet the new Director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Professor Jonathan Carapetis. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Be part of the Western Australian Social Innovation Conference

- **Mark Friday 30 November in your diary**
- **Take the opportunity to showcase your amazing project!**

The Departments for Communities and Premier and Cabinet, Lotterywest, WACOSS, NDS and UWA's Centre on of Social Impact are calling all community service organisations in WA to save **30 November 2012** in their diaries to attend a one-day conference. The Conference is designed to enable community organisations to showcase projects, share experiences and ideas, and be inspired to challenge conventional wisdom in the delivery of community services. The conference will be held at 140 William Street, Perth and will be free of charge. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Changes in Charity and Not for Profit Laws- Preparing for Transition

In preparation for the changes to charity laws, WACOSS, ADD-Ministry and the Christian Churches of WA are pleased to host a series of information sessions in October and November. **Please note Sue Pascoe, Charities Commissioner Elect, will not be presenting on the 18th October, Murray Baird, Assistant Charities Commissioner will be presenting in her place**

Preparing for Transition information seminars will be held on the following dates and locations;

- Thursday 18th October - Perth. **ADDITIONAL PLACES AVAILABLE**
- Monday 29th October - Geraldton
- Tuesday 30th October - Perth
- Wednesday 31st October - Port Hedland
- Saturday 3rd November - Bunbury

[Click here](#) for more information.

## 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 Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Converting Your Data into Standard Chart of Accounts](#) - 12th October
- [Successful Tender Writing](#) - 22nd October
- [Interpreting Financial Reports for Boards](#) - 22nd October
- [Introduction to Being on a Board or Committee \(Evening\)](#) - 23rd October
- [Working with Clients from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds \(CaLD\)](#) - 24th October
- [Taking the Stress Out of Time Management](#) - 31st October
- [Effective Grant Writing](#) - 2nd November
- [Just for Chairs: Leading the Board and Chairing Meetings \(Evening\)](#) - 6th November
- [Marketing Your Organisation or Event](#) - 8th November
- [Occupational Health & Safety](#) - 12th November
- [Supporting Clients with Utility Issues](#) - 13th November
- [Strategies to Reduce Your Energy Bills](#) - 13th November

## Sector News

### Governor opens Horizon House Dianella

His Excellency The Governor of Western Australia, Mr Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC attended the official Blessing and opening ceremony of Horizon House Dianella yesterday in his first engagement as Patron of Horizon House.

Australia's first ever accommodation service solely focused on supporting homeless young women to prepare for the birth of their baby and assisting them to find a secure home, Horizon House Dianella has been home to five women since May and welcomed the first babies in September. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Who are your consumer champions?

Nominations for the Consumer Protection Awards 2013 are now open. The Awards seek to recognise and reward those in our community who promote consumer rights, provide assistance and educational programs and raise awareness of consumer issues, including child safety. [Click here](#) to read more.

## United Community Credit Union encourages WA charities to go green

Leading Australian credit union, United Community, has joined forces with not-for-profit carbon consultancy and offset provider, Carbon Neutral, to launch the inaugural Carbon Footprint Reduction Grant Program.

The Carbon Footprint Reduction Grant will assist charitable and not-for-profit organisations to reduce green house gas emissions, adopt sustainable and environmentally responsible practices and consequently improve business efficiency and decrease their electricity cost. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations' (SWECO) Award

Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations (SWECO) is now open for applications from Australian women and men and will close on 22nd November 12.

The Australian Centre for Leadership for Women's 'Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations' (SWECO) Award aims to honour male and female individuals and groups who have developed a sustainable initiative to empower women in a community or organisation.

Established in 2011, SWECO's first round of winners were commended for their leadership, determination and collaboration in establishing significant initiatives for women in the community and in the workplace.

More information and the application for 2013 SWECO can be accessed at <http://www.leadershipforwomen.com.au/>

## 2013 EScan Consultation - Influence the outcome!

Your input will provide essential industry intelligence on emerging issues and trends in the community services and health workforces. The core workforces are experiencing unprecedented change as new funding and service models are developed.

Our Environmental Scan or EScan influences outcomes that can significantly impact your work and workplace. EScan is a key tool used to direct industry workforce planning, workforce development priorities and updates to the competency standards and qualifications in the Health and Community Services Training Packages. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Model Work Health and Safety Regulations Consultations

The State Government is seeking public comment on the costs and benefits of the proposed national Work Health and Safety (WHS) Regulations as they apply specifically to Western Australian workplaces.

WorkSafe has engaged Marsden Jacob Associates to conduct the two-month consultation process to assess the potential costs and benefits of the proposed laws to the WA community. All workplace participants are invited to provide comment between now and close of business Friday 12 October 2012. [Click here](#) to read more.

## 2012 Human Rights Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2012 Human Rights Awards. Nominate the individuals and organisations who you know have made a difference to the lives of older people. They could be high profile or well-known individuals or organisations or they could be the quiet achievers who wouldn't dream of nominating themselves. This is why you need to nominate them! You may even like to nominate yourself or your organisation.

Nominations close on the 28th September 2012. For more information [click here](#).

## What Cancer Council WA can offer

Cancer Council Western Australia is committed to reducing the incidence and impact of cancer in our community. Cancer Council is able to offer the social and community services sector a range of training and education opportunities around cancer prevention, including support for workplaces wanting to help their staff to quit smoking, various training options for staff wanting to assist their clients to quit smoking, food literacy and skill development for adults and families living in low socioeconomic circumstances, and education sessions on a wide range of cancer topics. If you or someone you know is seeking confidential cancer related information and support you can call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 for the cost of a local call from anywhere in WA. [Click here](#) to read more.

### Sector Events

## Upcoming 2012 CLC State Conference

The theme of this year's CLC State Conference is 'Creating a Just Future'. The aim is to provide registrants with thought provoking and creative ideas on how to create a just future for vulnerable members of our community.

The CLC State Conference will attract over 100 delegates from 28 Community Legal Centres across WA, Legal Aid, Aboriginal Legal Services, Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, pro bono lawyers and university students

[Click here](#) to download the draft program.

## Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations (IBEC) Conference 3rd-4th December

The UWA Business School Centre for Social Impact is delighted to announce the 2nd annual Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations (IBEC) Conference to be held at UWA Business School on 3th –4th December 2012.

Register and submit a paper – Closing Date for Submissions to Present **15th October 2012**

Visit the conference website to register : [www.business.uwa.edu.au/ibeconference](http://www.business.uwa.edu.au/ibeconference)

## **Communicare Golf Day - Tuesday 16th October**

On October 16 Communicare Inc. will be holding its Golf Day in order to raise funds for the building and development of the Communicare Academy – a new fully integrated educational facility for at risk or severely disengaged youth in Western Australia. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Richmond Fellowship WA workshop series with Rachel Waddingham**

Rachel Waddingham will be presenting on the 16th and 17th October in Perth and a free event in Bunbury on Friday, 19th October 2012. Places are limited for all events. Register today to secure your place. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Lets Link for Pink Quiz Night – Pink Ribbon Fundraiser - Friday 19th October**

South Coastal Women's Health Services and the City of Rockingham are proud to present the third annual Lets Link for Pink Quiz Night - Pink Ribbon Fundraiser to be held Friday 19 October at the Gary Holland Community Centre. [Click here](#) to download the flyer.

## **Oxfam WA Bollywood Games Night - Friday 26th October**

Games night with a difference! Bollywood dancing, games and curry! Get a table together and join Oxfam WA on the 26th October, all to support the drought stricken Sahel region in West Africa.

Tickets are \$25 including all games and a meat or vegetarian curry. Bookings recommended in groups of 8-10. Book your tickets at: <http://www.trybooking.com/BU DS>

Get into the spirit of Bollywood and get your tickets today! To see the flyer [click here](#)  
For more information on Oxfam's work in the Sahel region, go to [www.oxfam.org.au](http://www.oxfam.org.au)

## **Is your Organisation Ready to See the Big Picture? Thursday 25th October**

Board members, CEOs and senior management in the aged and community care sectors are invited to get a handle on the 'new world order' with the impending restructure of the Australian health care sectors. Learn more about the potential world of

change about to hit in the very near future. CommunityWest brings to Perth well-known facilitator, Michael Goldsworthy from Australian Strategic Services to conduct the **Big Picture Workshop** on Thursday 25 October.

This full day of thought-provoking and strategic thinking will allow participants to understand the impact of the six major reports and aims to provide at least one practical strategy to take away to motivate your organisation to move forward. The Big Picture Workshop event flyer provides further information on the workshop's planned objectives and outcomes. [Click here](#) to find out more or to register.

## Upcoming Professional Development Workshops at Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA offers a number of Professional Development workshops designed to enhance the skills of employees and provide opportunities for career development in a wide range of industries:

- Supervision Training (9th-10th Oct 2012, 8th-9th Apr 2013, 6th-7th Aug 2013)
- Working with a Child Focused Approach (17th-18th Oct 2012)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (23rd Oct 2012)
- Understanding the Child Inclusive Practice (31st Oct 2012)
- Dealing with Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours (1st Nov 2012)
- Working Therapeutically with Children (8th-9th Nov 2012)
- Introduction to Counselling (13th, 20th, 27th Nov 2012)
- Assisting People Through the Grieving Process (15th Nov 2012)
- Assessment and Intervention of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (22nd-23rd Nov 2012)
- Suicide and Intervention (28th-29th Nov 2012)

Please [click here](#) for more details.

## Life Skills Seminars In Albany September – December 2012

Relationships Australia (WA) is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation with a reputation for excellence in education services. Albany services include:- Community Education, Mediation, Mensplace programmes, Employee Assistance Programme and Counselling for individuals, couples, families and unplanned pregnancy. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Professional Development Training Program Relationships Australia

The following Professional Training is available in October/November 2012  
At Relationships Australia, 15 Cambridge Street West Leederville.

- Change & Loss - Tuesday 23rd October
- Pornography Addiction & Treatment - Wednesday 31st October
- Recognising and Responding to Domestic and Family Violence - Wed/Thurs 21st & 22nd November

- Parenting Between Cultures - working with Migrant & Refugee Families - Thursday 29th November

[Click here](#) for complete course information. To enrol call 9489 6322.

## **Community Safety Month - Friday 28th September to Wednesday 31st October**

Community Safety Month provides an opportunity for individuals and organisations within the WA community to showcase their contributions towards creating a safer community as well as acknowledge the importance of safety in our everyday lives. This year Community Safety Month will focus on safety issues resulting from alcohol misuse, including violence.

[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.

- [MIFWA- Outreach Worker, Family Support Program \(Part-Time\)](#)
- [PHAMS- Program Manager](#)
- [Linkwest - Consultant](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Administration Officer \(Inner City Centre\)](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Manager- Homelessness and Support Services \(City Centre\)](#)
- [Volunteering WA- Volunteer Services Manager \(West Perth/Joondalup\)](#)

**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](mailto:jbroweleit@anson.com.au)**

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