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MEDIA RELEASE: WACOSS welcomes the new Energy Roundtable,

The Western Australian Council of Social Service welcomed the establishment of a new Roundtable of Energy Consumers and Industry, announced by the Minister for Energy, the Hon Peter Collier today.

"It is important that as energy hardship continues to increase that government, the private sector and the community services sector all work together to ensure that strategies are put in place to minimise the impact price rises are having on low income households and the vulnerable," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of The Western Australian Council of Social Service today.

[Click here](#) to read more

Register now for the Learning Exchange! Wednesday 31st October

Learning Exchanges are the latest initiative in the WACOSS support around the sector funding reform. These are casual, interactive and dynamic spaces for community service organisation employees to come learn and be inspired!

The first Learning Exchange will be held 31st October. Attendance is free but places are strictly limited, so register now! To find out more and to register, [click here](#).

Social Enterprises in the Social Services Sector – a research project undertaken by WACOSS, Mission Australia and Edith Cowan University

WACOSS, Mission Australia and Edith Cowan University are conducting a project to gain an understanding of social enterprise ventures in the social services sector in Australia. We would like to hear from staff in all agencies, not just those operating a social enterprise! [Click here](#) to read more.

FREE EVENT! Western Australian Social Innovation Conference - Friday 30th November

The inaugural WA Social Innovation Conference is a unique opportunity for community organisations to share ideas, learn from each other's experiences and harness the creative talents of the sector. Projects funded to date under the Social Innovation Grants program will be showcased, together with many other fantastic projects that are currently under way around the state, highlighting the tremendous innovation taking place to meet the diverse and complex needs of the Western Australian community. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Update: FairWork Equal Pay Remuneration Order

WACOSS is pleased to provide a further update on progress with implementation of the Fairwork Equal Remuneration Order, as well as further information on Pay Equity Education Webinars being held for rural and regionally based employers during October and November. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS submission to Senate Inquiry about Australia's response to the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health report "Closing the gap within a generation"

WACOSS has participated in a joint COSS Network submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Inquiry on Australia's domestic response to the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health report "Closing the gap within a generation".

[Click here](#) to read more.

New Concessions WA website portal

The WA Government has launched a new website where you can find details on more than 100 concessions, rebates and subsidy schemes provided by the State Government.

The new portal, an initiative WACOSS has been calling for, will make it much easier for citizens to determine their entitlements, or for service providers to assist them.

[Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Pre-budget Submission 2013-14 Launch

The Council launched its submission for the 2013-14 State Budget today, presenting the report "Stronger Together: Working collaboratively for a socially sustainable WA" to Under-Treasurer, Tim Marney and Minister for Community Services Robyn McSweeney, representing Premier Colin Barnett this morning.

The submission identified five key priorities for investment in the 2013-14 State Budget:

- Housing and Homelessness \$525m
- The Cost of Living \$275m
- Children, Young People & Families \$78m
- People with Complex Needs \$57m
- Sustainable Community Services State-wide \$15m

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the Pre-budget Submission

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

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.

Shelter WA, in partnership with WACOSS, Present: Department of Housings' 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. Please [click here](#) to register now. [Click here](#) to read more about the workshop.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Taking the Stress Out of Time Management](#) - Wednesday 31st October
- [Learning Circle- Tenders](#) - Wednesday 31st October
- [Effective Grant Writing](#) - Friday 2nd November
- [Just for Chairs: Leading the Board and Chairing Meetings \(Evening\)](#) - Tuesday 6th November
- [Marketing Your Organisation or Event](#) - Thursday 8th November
- [Occupational Health & Safety](#) - Monday 12th November
- [Supporting Clients with Utility Issues](#) - Tuesday 13th November
- [Strategies to Reduce Your Energy Bills](#) - Tuesday 13th November
- [Reviewing Your Board's Performance](#) - Thursday 15th November
- [Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation](#) - Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd November
- [Using Stories for Measuring Outcomes](#) - Friday 23rd November
- [Principles of Project Management](#) - Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th November
- [Converting Your Data into Standard Chart of Accounts](#) - Friday 30th November
- [Just for Treasurers: Oversight of Finances](#) - Monday 3rd December
- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Tuesday 4th December
- [Developing Strategic Plans for your Organisation](#) - Wednesday 5th December
- [Leading High Performance Teams](#) - Thursday 6th December
- [Managing Conflict Resolution in your Workplace](#) - Wednesday 12th December
- [Just for Secretaries: Keeping Records and Writing Minutes](#) - 18th December

Sector News

2013 National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards

The National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions that community organisations make to supporting people who are homeless in our communities. The Awards celebrate excellence and innovation by organisations, services and programs responding to the needs of people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

If your service or organisation, or one you know, has made a significant contribution to addressing homelessness issues—either at a local, regional, state or national level—tell us about it by nominating for a 2013 National Homelessness Services Achievement Award.

To nominate, you can download the guidelines and nomination forms from www.fahcsia.gov.au/homelessnessawards. Nominations close at 5pm EDT **Friday 18 January 2013**.

Free Photocopier

Canon IRC5870 , 5 Years old (has been serviced by Canon throughout the 5 years).
Works well, but has no finisher section i.e. no staple, folding function. Catch tray not available.
Can print black/white and colour. Quality on colour is moderate. Collection required from Northbridge.
Contact Leza 9227 6177 (ext 260) leza.bridges@fpwa.org.au

CAN WA's Sharing Stories

CAN WA's Sharing Stories funding is available to communities located in the Wheatbelt, Goldfields and Great Southern regions of Western Australia.

Sharing Stories offers up to \$5000 towards arts projects that encourage community participation, creative expression and relationship building in a safe environment, with a particular focus on young people.

The Sharing Stories fund is underpinned by Healthway and Relationships Australia's Make Time to Talk message. Make Time to Talk recognises the positive mental and social effects of giving people the opportunity to tell their stories. Projects that focus on young and Indigenous people are encouraged.

More information and the latest Sharing Stories showcase and guidelines publication is available at CAN WA website at <http://www.canwa.com.au/what-we-do/funding/sharing-stories>.

Apprenticeships and Housing Instability or Homelessness Survey

Do you know of an apprentice/trainee experiencing housing instability or homelessness? Please complete this short survey. Researchers from Flinders University in partnership with the South Australian Council of Social Service and Anglicare SA are investigating a link between apprenticeships and housing instability or homelessness. [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/>

Sector Events

Grandparents Day – Sunday 28th October

WA's first Grandparents Day is being held on Sunday October 28.

Resources (posters, flyers etc) are available on the Department for Communities' website at: <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/serviceareas/seniors/GrandparentsDay/Pages/default.aspx>

Port Hedland Workshop for Not-for-Profit Organisations - Thursday 1st November

The Office for the NFP Sector and the NFP Reform Council would like to invite you to attend a workshop at the JD Hardie Youth Centre (Cottier Drive, South Hedland) to help develop a Consultation Code that will be a practical and operational guide for more effective consultation between the Commonwealth Government and the NFP sector. The Consultation Code will sit under the National Compact and is being co-created by the NFP Reform Council and the Office for the NFP Sector. [Click here](#) for more information.

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.

Restorative Justice Week Opening - Monday 19th November

This evening event will provide the foundation for what looks to be a very engaging week of activities across Perth. Come along and share you ideas, restorative solutions, and local practices with friends and colleagues. [Click here](#) for more information.

Recovery: Putting it into Practice with Prof. Dr. Marius Romme, Dr. Sandra Escher and Ron Coleman - Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th November

In November, Richmond Fellowship WA is proud to be playing host to three of the world's most respect figures: Prof. Dr. Marius Romme, Dr. Sandra Escher and Ron Coleman for a rare and insightful day of learning on Monday, 20 November and a special course focusing on Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse with Ron Coleman on Tuesday, 21 November.

[Click here](#) for more information.

YACWA Skillshare day - Thursday 22nd November

This is a free event for Youth Workers about creating safe spaces & feeling confident when talking to young people about sexual health issues. [Click here](#) to read more.

Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March - Friday 23rd November

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services have opened invitations to this year's 22nd Annual Silent domestic Violence Memorial march.

The Silent Memorial march is held each year to commemorate and honour people who have died in the past 12 months from family and domestic violence related incidents. Sadly there have been 20 recorded homicides since we marched last year.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer

[Click here](#) for information on stalls available at this event.

2012 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture - Friday 23rd November

For Love Well known writers, commentators and co-authors of "The F word: how we learned to swear by feminism" Jane Caro and Catherine Fox will co-deliver this year's Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. They will address modern feminism and the big challenges women still face in the workplace. The lecture promises to be interactive, informative and hopeful. The lecture commemorates and honours the significant contribution of leading researcher, bureaucrat and academic Dr Clare Burton who died in 1998 and is sponsored by the Department for Communities Women's Interest and Curtin. For full details regarding the lecture and registration form please [Click here](#). For all other queries please contact Eileen Finn, 9266 4140 or orgdevelopment@curtin.edu.au.

Training Workshop – Assessing Families in Dispute in the Family Court of WA - Wednesday 28th November

A one day workshop outlining the process of preparing family assessment reports for the Family Court of WA. It will be of interest to social workers who work with families in dispute involved with the Court and those who conduct assessments of individuals and families where decisions around risk and risk management are required. [Click here](#) to download the Flyer and Registration Form.

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

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:

- Understanding the Child Inclusive Practice (31st Oct 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)
- Worker Safety for Home Visits (3rd Dec 2012)

- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect (6th Dec 2012)

Please [click here](#) for more details. [links to full text below]

Train with Us @ RFWA

[Click here](#) for information on the following courses now available at Richmond Fellowship WA

- What is it like to hear voices? Saturday 17th November
- Manage Conflict in the Workplace - Thursday 29th November
- Discover Recovery - Thursday 13th December
- Free Hearing Voices Information Session - Thursday 15th November

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 Sector Jobs Board

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

- [Anglicare WA - Manager Balga Hub \(Full Time\)- CLOSING FRIDAY](#)
- [Linkwest - Consultant](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Coordinator Counselling Joondalup \(Full Time\)](#)
- [RUAH Community Services - Policy Project Coordinator Short Term \(9 Months\) Full Time](#)
- [Foundation Housing - Manager Lodging & Shared Housing](#)
- [WA AIDS Council - HIV Positive Peer Education Officer \(0.8 FTE\)](#)

- [YMCA - Youth and Family Centre Manager \(Belmont\)](#)

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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