

WACOSS eNews- 30th November 2012

General WACOSS News

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Sector News

Sector Events

Community Sector Jobs

General WACOSS News

MEDIA RELEASE: The evidence is clear – Time for a \$50 increase in Newstart Allowance, Thursday 29th November 2012

The Western Australian Council of Social Service welcomed the release today of a Senate report that it says provides clear and unambiguous evidence that allowance payments for jobseekers are inadequate.

"We are calling for a \$50 per week increase to the single rate of the Newstart Allowance in the 2013 Federal Budget," said Irina Cattalini CEO of WACOSS today. [Click here](#) to read more.

National Tax Concession Reform Consultation

WACOSS and CEWA are inviting members who are interested in contributing to our submission to take part in a meeting on Friday 7th December 2012 at 2pm to discuss their perspectives and concerns on the Tax Concessions Working Group Consultation Paper. [Click here](#) to read more

Update: Fair Work Australia Equal Remuneration Order

WACOSS has prepared this briefing paper for community service organisations in Western Australia to provide a further update on progress with implementation of the Fair Work Australia (FWA) Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) for community service workers covered by the Federal SCHCDS Award. This update covers supplementary funding for service providers who are contracted directly by the Commonwealth. [Click here](#) to read more. [Click here](#) to download the latest FWA Update.

Free home visits to help households reduce their energy use

Anglicare WA, Red Cross (Darwin College) and the Geraldton Resource Centre are now delivering the Federal government's new Home Energy Saver Scheme (HESS) across Western Australia. The HESS program provides free home visits by professional and experienced home energy assessors. So if your clients are wondering why their energy bills are high, they don't know what to do about it, and are frightened of being unable to pay the next one coming, then a HESS home visit is for them. [Click here](#) for more details.

Do you know someone remarkable working in the community sector?

The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) has joined forces with HESTA to launch the inaugural Community Sector awards, acknowledging excellence in service provision, advocacy and leadership in the sector. [Click here](#) for more info.

Registrations are now open for ACOSS National Conference 2013

Registrations are now open for the ACOSS National Conference 2013. The annual conference is the premier national community sector event bringing together key decision makers, practitioners, researchers and the people at the front line of social policy and services. [Click here](#) for more information or 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.

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 Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [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

Commonwealth Contracts – Responding to late contracts, unfair conditions and inappropriate reporting requirements

Commonwealth departments are now required to nominate a Deputy Secretary to fulfil the role of Compact Advocate. The advocate has responsibility for supporting their agency's contribution to, and adoption of new processes to reduce red tape, streamline reporting requirements and implement priority actions under the National Compact and the Government's reform agenda. [Click here](#) for more info

Join the Do Not knock campaign today!

A recent [court decision](#) has confirmed that salespeople who ignore a Do Not Knock sticker are breaking the law. To help your clients avoid the pitfalls of door to door sales we are encouraging your organisation to join the '[Do Not knock' campaign](#) and help distribute these stickers. [Click here](#) to read more

Shelter WA Housing Options Kit Now Available

With the high cost of housing in WA, it is important that people have useful, accurate information to find the right kind of affordable accommodation. People need to know what to consider and where to go for assistance in seeking crisis or supported accommodation, renting in social housing or the private rental market, and in purchasing a home. Shelter WA's free Housing Options Kit will help connect people to appropriate housing. The kit will be particularly useful to service providers working with people in need of housing, or in need of transitioning from one type of tenure to another such as out of crisis accommodation and into social housing, or from a private rental into affordable home ownership. [Click here](#) to download the complete Housing Options Kit. You can also download individual sections of the kit from the Shelter WA website at www.shelterwa.org.au.

Has the time come to manage your career?

Sentio Recruit are seeking experienced professionals across the human services sector who are committed to career development and continuing professional education for opportunities in the government and not for profit sectors in Australia and The UK. [Click here](#) for more information.

A good gift, gives back

Christmas shopping can be downright frustrating. Not only do you need to find the time (and a park), but choosing something thoughtful takes time and buying junk can be unavoidable.

Thankfully the Internet exists and so too does The Good Gift Catalog—an online catalog featuring over 200 products and services from Australian businesses that benefit the community. [Click here](#) to read more.

Profile of the Middle Years in Western Australia

The Department for Communities has published the Profile of the Middle Years in Western Australia on its website at [Profile of the Middle Years](#)

The statistical profile provides a snapshot of middle years children (aged nine to 14) in Western Australia. This profile is one of the seven initiatives that the Department for Communities has committed to in its Middle Years Strategic Directions 2012–2014 available at <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/childrenandfamilies/middleyears/Pages/default.aspx>

The Independent Social Security Handbook

The Welfare Rights Centre Sydney has just produced the 7th edition of the Independent Social Security Handbook. The Handbook provides community welfare workers in the front line with a simple yet comprehensive guide to the main aspects of the social security system so that they can help their clients through the social security maze.

To purchase the Handbook go to www.welfarerights.org.au and download the purchase form or contact the Centre on (02) 9211 5300. The Handbook costs \$99 plus postage. Discounts are available for a bulk purchase.

Call to Action: NCYLC forced marriage consultation

The National Children's and Youth Law Centre (NCYLC) is undertaking Australia's first national research into the forced marriage of children entitled Not Yours to Promise. The aim of the project is to create a set of best practice guidelines to assist organisations in responding to child victims of forced marriage. [Click here](#) to read more.

Free home visits to help households reduce their energy use

Anglicare WA, Red Cross (Darwin College) and the Geraldton Resource Centre are now delivering the Federal government's new Home Energy Saver Scheme (HESS) across Western Australia. The HESS program provides free home visits by professional and experienced home energy assessors. So if your clients are wondering why their energy bills are high, they don't know what to do about it, and are frightened of being unable to pay the next one coming, then a HESS home visit is for them. [Click here](#) for more details.

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**.

Sector Events

ARBOR - Grieving Aboriginal Way Cultural Training

Walking Alongside Aboriginal Communities Affected By Suicide, this training will provide you with the knowledge and competence to support families and communities in your professional role. [Click here](#) for more info.

Bringing them Home

A great opportunity to be with some amazing national leaders in Perth. In mid December (14th- 17th) Western Australia is privileged to be hosting the *National Stolen Generations Alliance Forum and AGM*. Thirty delegates from around Australia will be in attendance for a weekend of decisions and sharing stories. [Click here](#) for more info.

Upcoming Professional Development Workshops at Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA Training Services can deliver a wide range of courses including accredited courses, short professional development courses or tailored workshops to meet your workforce development requirements. Our 2012-2013 training is listed below:

- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect (6 Dec 2012)
- Supervision Training (Bunbury, 6 and 20 Feb 2013)
- Certificate IV in Child Contact Services (6 modules, 11 Feb – 12 Jun 2013)
- Elder Abuse (6 Mar 2013)
- Working with Children after Sexual Abuse (7-8 Mar 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (12 Mar 2013)
- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect (20 and 22 Mar 2013)
- Working with Children whose Parents Have Separated (26 Mar 2013)
- Understanding Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours (27 Mar 2013)

Please [click here](#) for more details

Train with Us @ RFWA

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

- Discover Recovery - Thursday 13th December

Life Skills Seminars In Albany 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.

Certificate IV Relationships Education (CHC42412)

Relationships Education (CHC42412)- Group Facilitation Skills – commencing February 2013 -

This qualification is aimed at anyone considering or already involved in the delivery of group work in general and psycho-education groups in particular. Delivered over 7 months with 20 days attendance it is highly practical and provides successful students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to facilitate groups. [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.

- [Anglicare WA - Coordinator Albany Women's Centre](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Enquiry Officer](#)

- [Youth Futures WA - Youth Support & Development Worker](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Team Leader](#)

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

Unsubscribe me from this list