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General WACOSS News

WACOSS Releases Regional Services Report, 15th February 2013

The Western Australian Council of Social Services today launched the Stronger Together: Regional & Remote Community Consultation report – the result of extensive consultation with regional community service providers during September 2012. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS WA State Election Website

The WA State Election will be held on Saturday 9 March 2013. This is the first time WA will be holding an election based on fixed terms.

As part of its election strategy, WACOSS has created the [WACOSS WA State Election Website](#)

Community service providers and advocates want to ensure that our shared priorities for disadvantaged and vulnerable Western Australians, the services that support them and the

wider community are clearly on the election agenda.

WACOSS consulted extensively with the community sector during 2012 to identify priorities and emerging issues for the [WACOSS Pre Budget Submission 2013-2014](#).

These five key priority areas form the basis for the major campaign themes in the five weeks leading up to the election.

- [Housing & Homelessness](#) – Week 1 (4-8 February)
- [Sustainable Services & Regions](#) (11-15 February) THIS WEEK
- [Children, Young People & Families](#) (18-21 February)
- [People with Complex Needs](#) (25 Feb – 1 March)
- [Poverty & the Cost of Living](#) (5-8 March)

The WA State Election 2013 website includes key information about priority issues, information about activities and events organised by the Council as well as community organisations and a section on how people can get involved.

WACOSS wrote to the four main parties (Liberals, Nationals, Labor and Greens) and asked them to tell us how their party's policies and election commitments correspond to our five priority areas and the WACOSS Model of Social Sustainability. Their responses, without editing or comment but within a strict word limit, have been included on the website under [Party Policies](#).

New Social Innovation Grant

WACOSS is delighted to thank the State government in its [announcement](#) of the \$394,000 in funding that we will receive through the Social Innovations Grant (SIG) program.

These funds will better enable WACOSS to work with our diverse sector, supporting our sectors engagement in new technologies and creating a shared space through which we can actively work together. The platform is a means through which different organisations, in different sectors and locations can showcase and search for available opportunities, projects, and resources for innovation and collaboration. [Click here](#) to read more.

Centrepay does not automatically transition across for single parents moving from Parenting Payments to Newstart

WACOSS is concerned that recipients of Parenting Payments who have recently been transitioned to the Newstart Allowance may no longer have their Centrepay arrangements in place. The transfer of Centrepay deductions is not an automatic process and requires the recipient to set up new arrangements through Centrepay. [Click here](#) are more details.

Learning Exchange – Let's Talk Tenders- Register

now!Friday 22nd February

Have you participated in one of WACOSS' Learning Exchanges yet? It is the latest initiative by the WACOSS Funding Reform Program.

The second February Learning Exchange is around tenders. If you are going out to tender soon or are in the process of writing one, this event is an absolute must!

[Register now](#) for Let's Talk Tenders Friday 22nd February.

Social Enterprise Fund – Registrations open for information sessions and advice surgeries!

Register now for the next round of Social Enterprise Fund Information sessions and advice surgeries!

[Click here](#) to find out all the details and locations.

Fair Work Australia Equal Remuneration Order – Peaks Survey

We wish to remind members of a survey emailed to all WACOSS and Sector Peak body members between 19 – 20th December 2012 concerning the Fair Work Australia Equal Remuneration Order (ERO). [Click here](#) to read more.

Electricity, Water, & Gas: Strategies to Help your Clients Stay Connected – CANNINGTON – Thursday 28th February

WACOSS' utilities training will teach you how to be a smart energy user and how you can advocate on the behalf of your clients to help them stay connected. You will learn how to interpret and understand an electricity, water, and gas, bill. This Cannington event is being held on the 28th of February, so please register your interest ASAP. [Click here](#) to read more.

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](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013

- [Managing Challenging Behaviours of Clients](#) - Thurs 21st Feb 2013
- [Learning Exchange - Let's Talk Tenders](#) - Friday 22nd Feb 2013
- [Interpreting Financial Reports for Boards](#) - Mon 25th Feb 2013
- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Tues 26th Feb 2013
- [Electricity, Water, & Gas: Strategies to Help your Clients Stay Connected – CANNINGTON](#) – Thursday 28th February
- [Social Media, Websites & Marketing](#) - Thur 5th March 2013
- [WEBINAR: Foundations in Governance](#) - Fri 8th March 2013
- [Leading Teams](#) - Mon 11th Mar 2013
- [Presentation Skills for the Mortally Terrified](#) - Tues 12th March 2013
- [Foundations in Facilitation](#) - Fri 15th March 2013
- [Oversight and Monitoring of Finances](#) - Tues 19th March 2013
- [Occupational Health and Safety](#) - Thurs 21st March 2013
- [Leading and Chairing Board Meetings](#) - Mon 8th April 2013

Sector News

ACCAN Grants Scheme Opening on Monday

Have a great idea for consumer research or advocacy on telecommunications issues? Why not apply for an ACCAN Grant. The ACCAN Grants Scheme provides up to \$60,000 of funding for education, advocacy and research projects that aim to make the communications market work for consumers – a market that should be available, accessible and affordable for all. ACCAN's 2013 Grants Scheme opens on Monday 18th February and has a total pool of \$265,000. [Click here](#) to read more.

Beware of scammers asking for NDIS fees

People are being warned to beware of contact from anyone claiming to work for the Government who tries to make them pay an administration fee to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). These claims are false.

There is no need for people to pay a fee to join the National Disability Insurance Scheme. [Click here](#) to find out more.

WA Youth Awards 2013

There are only 10 days left to nominate someone for a WA Youth Award! Young people aged 12-25, youth workers and youth-led groups are eligible for \$2000 in prize money. Entries close Friday 22 February and winners will be announced during National Youth Week in April. Enter online at www.communities.wa.gov.au or call 6551 8700 for more information.

Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme

Applications for the Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme are now open.

This Scheme has been established to provide ex gratia payments to eligible applicants who were subjected to abuse as a boarder of a hostel operating under the auspices of the Country High School Hostels Authority during the period 1960-2006. [Click here](#) to read more.

Young Leaders Keen on Aged Care

20 young leaders, aged 18 to 35 years old, have been chosen to participate in the inaugural Young Leaders Program which was launched on the 6 February, to arm them with the knowledge, skills and connections to step onto an aged care Board or Committee. The unique four-month program is co-hosted by Southcare, MercyCare and Baptistcare with funding from the Social Innovation Grant through the State Government. A full list of participants and their biographies can be accessed on the website at www.youngleadersinagedcare.ning.com. [Click here](#) to read this article in full.

Not-for-Profit Reform and the Australian Government Report

[Click here](#) to download the *Not-for-Profit Reform and the Australian Government* report.

Open Doors Program

Mission Australia is proud to present the [new flyer](#) for the Open Doors Program. After a successful year last year supporting young people and their families in various areas of need we are starting the New Year with room for a couple of referrals for short term therapeutic counselling for young people and their families. [Click here](#) to download the referral form.

Phone-in day for ACNC consultation

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) is holding a phone-in day on Wednesday 20 February so people can call to provide feedback on the ACNC's approach to regulation.

The consultation, which opened in December last year, seeks to refine a statement to the public about how the ACNC administers the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and uses its regulatory powers.

[Click here](#) for more information

WA Dates for Phase II of the National SACS Education and

Information Workshops

National Disability Services (NDS), Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) and Jobs Australia are pleased to announce the roll-out of Phase II of the National SACS Education and Information Program (SACS EIP) Workshops across Australia.

Workshops will commence on Thursday 7th February to mid-June 2013. [Click here](#) for more information.

"Small Loans – BIG Difference"

WA No Interest Loans Network Inc – Launches first online loan application for "no interest loans".

In a "no interest loans" first for Australia, WA No interest Loans Network Inc (WA NILS) has launched its online application for the general public. The new online application allows low income earners to apply for a "no interest loan" for a wide range of essential loan items and services in the comfort of their home. [Click here](#) to read more.

Being a Learner for Strategic Advantage

Dr Nicky Howe, CEO of Southcare and project leader of the innovative new project, Engaging Young Leaders on Aged Care Boards, is encouraging all aged care sector leaders to join the project website - <http://youngleadersinagedcare.ning.com>.

For more information [click here](#).

Sustainable Venue Guide: new Perth website!

www.sustainablevenueguide.org is a newly launched Perth website for responsible event organisers.

The site evaluates a range of hireable Perth venues based on our triple-bottom-line system: people-planet-pocket

This resource is packed with tips, links and ideas for hosting sustainable events and it's FREE – so please pass on to friends and colleagues.

Regular event organisers are invited to join us for the launch of the website on 15 February – full details on the site.

Sector Events

The Impact of Fly In Fly Out (FIFO) Work in WA - Monday

25th Feb

This Forum is relevant to social workers and others involved in direct service delivery to communities, families and individuals as well as workers who are involved in policy development regarding FIFO.

Participants will be able to reflect on their own knowledge and experiences of the effect of FIFO on communities, families and individuals and what innovations participants can introduce into their professional practice in this area. The Forum will involve a panel of key speakers followed by a question and answer session. [Click here](#) for more information

Run the Place, A night of comic spin! Friday 1st March

WA has advertised for a new boss. Applications close on 9 March and competition is fierce. Join WA's best comic talent as they pitch you their hilarious plans and policies for WA.

Run the Place features the return of comedy veterans such as Andrew Horabin, Werzel, Alex Manfrin and Malcolm Dix, current stars like Bonnie Davies and Tien Tran, alongside shining new talents like Sian Choyce, Sami Shah and Ciaran Lyons. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Play a round to support deafblind in rural WA

A revitalised format and a new venue are expected to elevate Senses Foundation's annual charity golf day to new heights in 2013, in turn raising vital funds to support people with deafblindness living in rural and remote WA. [Click here](#) to read more.

Funds for Freedom Sparkling High Tea - Friday 8th March

Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) invites you to attend a Sparkling High Tea to celebrate International Women's Day.

Spend a lovely International Women's Day celebrating with a scrumptious Sparkling High Tea and raising money to help women and children to make a fresh start after living in a violent relationship.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Place Based Approaches: The Australian Context Forum– Monday 18th March 2013

In Collaboration with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Royal Children's Hospital Centre for Community Child Health, Ngala is delighted to invite you to take part in their Places Based Approaches: The Australian Context forum on Monday 18th March 2013. [Click here](#) to read more.

BBV Informed Consent Discussion Training - 26th & 27th March

The WA AIDS Council is pleased to offer an invaluable 2 day professional developmental training on the 26th & 27th March 2013, which will equip you with the skills to conduct Blood Borne Virus Informed Consent Discussion (previously called BBV Pre and Post test discussion). Please see attached a flyer for details on the training and for further information please don't hesitate to contact me on 9482 0000 from Monday-Wednesday or alternatively via email rdsouza@waaid.com. Closing date for registration is **Wednesday 20th February 2013**. [Click here](#) to download the flyer.

To register, please reply via email rdsouza@waaid.com with the following:

1. Name of Participant/s,
2. Name and Address of Organisation
3. ABN
4. Contact Number and Email Address.

Train with Us @ RFWA

Richmond Fellowship WA offers exciting and informative training courses for everyone from a 3 hour snapshot about Recovery to a full day course for people working in care-based environments. [Click here](#) to read more.

Centrecare Corporate 2013 Training Calendar

Centrecare Corporate is a high quality psychological service and a recognised centre for excellence in the provision of clinical and organisational training for professionals. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the 2013 Training Calendar for Perth. If you have any queries or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us on (08) 9288 2233, email corporate@centrecare.com.au or visit our website www.centrecarecorporate.com.au

WASUA Training Calendar 2013

[Click here](#) to download the 2013 WASUA Training Calendar.

Women's Council Training Calendar

[Click here](#) to download the Feb-June calendar.

Anglicare WA professional development workshops, accredited courses and customised training

Anglicare WA delivers professional development workshops, accredited courses and customised training for human services organisations across WA. Upcoming workshops include:

- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (28 Feb 2013, Albany)
- Elder Abuse (6 Mar 2013 or 19 Jun 2013)
- Working with Children and Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse (7-8 Mar 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (12 Mar 2013 or 18 Jun 2013)
- Child Abuse and Neglect (20 and 22 Mar 2013)
- Working with Children whose Parents Have Separated (26 Mar 2013)
- Dealing with Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours (27 Mar 2013)
- Children and Domestic Violence (4 Apr 2013)
- Dangerous Liaisons (10 Apr 2013)
- Introduction to Domestic Violence (17 Apr 2013)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on rto@anglicarewa.org.au if you have any questions.

Inaugural WA Parenting Support Sector Conference – Wednesday 15th May 2013 to Friday 17th May 2013

Join Linkwest and CLAN WA for an inspirational gathering that focuses on resilience in times of change. Titled "Talking Up Our Strengths", this will be held at the Tradewinds Hotel, Fremantle from Wednesday 15th May to Friday 17th May 2013. The three day gathering will feature guest speakers, workshops and training in the areas of Community Engagement & Innovation, Skills and Practice to Better Support Parents, Practical Skills for Running a Not-for-Profit Organisation, and Adding Value Through Partnerships. [Click here](#) to read more.

WA Active Ageing Conference 2013

COTA WA and the Conference Organising Committee are pleased to announce that the 3rd Annual Western Australian Active Ageing Conference will be held on Weds 5th & Thurs 6th June 2013 at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle. [Click here](#) for more information.

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.

- [Zonta House Women's Refuge - Refuge Co-ordinator](#)
- [Community First - Domestic Assistants \(Casual\)](#)
- [Community First - Home Maintenance Support Worker](#)
- [MIFWA - Community Support Worker- Individualised Community Living Strategy](#)

- [WANADA - Executive Assistant and Office Administration](#)
- [MIFWA - Manager Early Intervention Recovery Program](#)
- [AnglicareWA - Services Executive Officer \(Full Time\)](#)
- [AnglicareWA - Manager Full Time \(Rockingham & Spearwood\)](#)
- [AnglicareWA - Coordinator - Family & Domestic Violence](#)

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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