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General WACOSS News

Utility Price Increases Starting July 1

Electricity, gas and water prices have all increased as of 1 July 2013.

There has been an increase in the Cost of Living Assistance payment, and the Energy Concession Extension Scheme has also recently come into force. Two monthly water billing has commenced, and concessional consumers need to be aware of how the system works to avoid bill shock later on.

To find out more [click here](#) and download our latest factsheet.

Update: Commonwealth Not-for-Profit Legislative Reforms

The Charities Bill 2013 (Statutory Definition of a Charity) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Governance Standards were passed by the Senate in the last week of sitting ending 27th June 2013.

Although WACOSS and other entities called unsuccessfully in submissions to the Charities Bill

consultation paper for further expansion of the definitions of charitable purpose, the final Bill is a satisfactory result for the charitable sector. [Read more...](#)

Media Release: WACOSS welcomes bi-monthly water bills, 1st July

"The commencement of more frequent and manageable water bills from the Water Corporation today should help households who are struggling to be able to better manage their budgets," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS today.

During the billing period commencing on 1 July all households in the metropolitan area will be issued a water bill every two months. Furthermore, the water service charge (which in the past has meant a large bill one a year) will now be spread across bills to make them more manageable. [Read more...](#)

Free Management Support Online Demonstration Webinars

WACOSS is running two free 50-minute online training sessions on Management Support Online (MSO): Wednesday 24th July (11am) and Thursday 25th July (2pm).

Whether you are new to the MSO, need a refresh or just curious about the service, this webinar is an essential guide. You will receive a really practical run-through of how the MSO can be used effectively in the day-to-day management of your organisation.

MSO is currently available to WACOSS members at a discounted rate. In addition to this if you **renew your membership by the 31st of July you will receive an additional 15% discount.**

MSO provides a very comprehensive range of policy templates, procedures, tools and guides focused on management, governance, operations and administration – everything from financial policies and HR through to board/committee management and marketing.

Register for the sessions via one of the links below:

- [Wednesday 24th July](#) (11am)
- [Thursday 25th July](#) (2pm)

All you need to participate is internet access and phone/speakers. Instructions will be sent with registration confirmation.

If you can't make either session but would love to find, you can email info@ngoservicesonline.com.au or call 02 9569 1704.

To learn more about MSO [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013

- [Child & Parent Centres - Sector Update](#) - Mon 8th July
- [Organising and Running Effective AGMs](#) - Wed 10th July
- [Leading Teams](#) - Mon 22nd July

WACOSS Members Showcase

ABC Four Corners Highlights the work done by The Spiers Centre

WACOSS values the contribution of its members in working towards a just and equitable society in WA and will be showcasing stories and profiling some of the organisations that are doing some great work out in the community.

This week we congratulate The Spiers Centre who recently featured on Four Corners. Rhonda Adamsam CEO said " We are so proud to have been featured in the Four Corners program on Monday night, 1st July. Our wonderful financial counsellor Tina, and our brave and selfless client, Barbara, reflect our work and the hardships faced by people who are unemployed"

Four Corners' in its program entitled 'On the Brink', brings to the forefront the circumstances faced by homeless and unemployed individuals, their families and organisations working to support them. The program includes real stories of individuals across Australia. [Click here](#) to see the program

The Spiers Centre Inc exists to relieve the poverty, misfortune and distress of individuals and families in the northern suburbs of Perth. In pursuing this purpose the Centre aims to make a positive difference to the lives of individuals, families and the community through the provision of a range of practical and innovative services.

Sector News

Partner Office tenancy in Foyer Oxford

Foyer Oxford is on its way and looking for a partner (we like long walks on the beach and strengths based practice). Expressions of Interest are sought from a suitable community sector partner to take on a 110m2 tenancy in Foyer Oxford. This world class facility on Oxford Street in Leederville provides an amazing opportunity to connect with Foyer residents and the local community. Available from October 2013. [Click here](#) for more information

Homeless Persons Week 2013

Homeless Persons Week is here again! Show you care this year by holding your own event or registering to participate in one, such as the Homeless Persons Week Cup on Tuesday or the Walk to Support the Homeless on Saturday. This year the Week will run from between 5th – 11th August. Check out the [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Information about Advisory Committees

There are a number of advisory bodies that provide advice and information to the Minister for Child Protection or the Director General on key areas such as adoption, child protection and homelessness. Some advisory groups listed below were established to provide an ongoing forum for the Department to collaborate with its government and non-government partner agencies on key community services based projects. [Read more...](#)

Survey: Work Force Challenges for the Community Services Sector

An investigation into whether the awarding of higher wages through the Equal Remuneration Order handed down by Fair Work Australia on February 1, 2012 has had an impact on the attraction and retention of workers within the community services sector. [Read more...](#)

Charity tax concessions information for non-profit organisations

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) advises that as of 3 December 2012 charities that want to access income tax and fringe benefit tax concessions must be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission as a charity and endorsed by the ATO. [Click here](#) to read more.

WANADA's Drug Action Week Youtube videos

To celebrate Drug Action Week, WANADA has produced a series of seven Youtube videos featuring people who work in the alcohol and other drug field. Eight alcohol and other drug workers (from Cyrenian House, WASUA, The Salvation Army's Bridge Programme, St John of God Health Care's Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Network, Palmerston Association, Womens Health and Family Services and WANADA) agreed to participate. You can watch their interviews at:

[Click here](#) for the full list of videos and interviews.

Gives Jeans A Chance

Gives Jeans A Chance is UnitingCare West's annual denim jeans collection held as part of our Winter Appeal - where people are encouraged to donate their old jeans to support those experiencing homelessness this winter. [Click here](#) for more information.

Healthier Workplace WA Grants

Grants of up to \$10,000 are on offer to workplaces across WA. Funding is available to workplaces to implement projects that encourage workers to get active, eat well, give up smoking or address alcohol consumption. [Click here](#) for more information.

2013 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (NAICD) is fast approaching and the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) is seeking your help to promote the event within your organisation and through your networks, publications and websites. [Click here](#) for more information on how you can get involved.

Alcohol Advertising Review Board annual report

The Alcohol Advertising Review Board (AARB) accepts complaints from the Australian community about alcohol advertising. It was developed by the McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth and Cancer Council WA, supported by other major health organisations, in response to the weaknesses of the current self-regulatory advertising system and aims to provide independent review of alcohol advertising in Australia.

The report was released yesterday at an event in Melbourne, and has received substantial media coverage around Australia. Selected media coverage is archived at www.alcoholadreview.com.au/news.

[Click here](#) to download the report.

Sector Events

National Pain Week Western Australia 22nd - 28th July 2013

Chronic pain is no fun, but a campaign by Pain Information Initiative (Pi2) is aiming to sweeten the message a little. [Click here](#) for more information

MIDLAS Media: Social Media Training - Thu 25th July &

Tues 26th November

Don't miss out on the innovative Social Media training by the leading Social Media NFP, MIDLAS Media. Beginning later this month, the 25th July 2013, and at the later date of the 26th of November, this all day workshop includes Social Media Basics, for introducing social media into your organisation, and Effective Social Media, for using social media strategically.

Training is held at our facilities, please [click here](#) for more information

Knowledge and Skills for Relationship-Based Supervision: A Two-Day Workshop Wed 24th & 31st July

This workshop is for practitioners with experience in providing supervision and is presented by Dr Brenda Clare who has been training practitioners involved in giving and receiving supervision for twenty years. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Advocating for children and young people Seminar - Thu 25th July

This seminar will be relevant for people working in the non-government or government sectors who are involved or interested in strengthening the wellbeing of our children and young people, with presentations from Juan Larranaga, WA Program Manager from Save the Children Australia and Natalie Hall, Director of the Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Inc) George Jones Child Advocacy Centre. [Click here](#) for more information.

Professional Development and Workplace Training - Relationships Australia

The following Professional and Workplace Training is available in July/Aug/Sept 2013.

Professional Development

- Introduction to Couples Counselling Thurs/Fri 15 & 16 August

Workplace Training

- Emotional Intelligence Tues 30 July or Wed 27 November
- Defusing Angry & Abusive Customers Tues 6 August
- Enhancing Self-Esteem in Adolescents Wed 4 September
- Sexual Intelligence Tues 10 September or Tues 12 November
- Responding to Bullying in Workplace Wed 18 September

For more information [click here](#). Ring 9489 6322 to enrol.

Anglicare WA professional development workshops, accredited courses and customised training

Anglicare WA delivers events, professional development workshops and customised training for human services organisations across WA.

Upcoming professional development workshops:

- Child Abuse and Neglect (14 August 2013)
- Child Protection for Managers (11 September 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (13 September 2013)
- Working Therapeutically with Children (19-20 September 2013)
- Case Management with Multi-Problem Families (25 September 2013)

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

National Housing Conference 2013- 30th Oct-1st Nov

Convened by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) in partnership with Housing SA, the National Housing Conference 2013 – a new way home is about new ways of solving contemporary housing problems.

For the housing industry's many sectors, 2013 is a landmark year. Against the backdrop of a federal election, key issues including housing affordability, undersupply, homelessness and indigenous housing continue to dominate the national conversation. These issues mark 2013 as a particularly critical moment in time and the National Housing Conference 2013 is perfectly timed to provide the opportunity for all housing industry sectors to come together to chart a new way home

To register now, or for more information visit: www.nhc.edu.au/adelaide2013.

Job Opportunity at WACOSS

WACOSS Director, Corporate Services

WACOSS is currently recruiting for Director, Corporate Services due to an internal move within the organisation.

The successful candidate for the Director, Corporate Services role will be a member of the WACOSS Executive and will lead and manage the Corporate Services directorate. A typical day in this pivotal role will see you contributing to the future of the organisation at a senior level as well as leading the Corporate Services Team and delivering your own workload.

You will have strong financial and commercial acumen, a sophisticated approach to building

relationships with and responding to the needs of both internal and external stakeholders and experience leading a broad range of corporate functions.

The Director, Corporate Services will be focussed on the ongoing improvement of WACOSS operations and will initially be focussed on managing changes within the organisation. A passion for continuous improvement and experience leading and embedding change will be essential for success in this role.

To be considered for this position you will have;

- Significant experience in the corporate services area (eg: human resources, administrative support, finance, ICT, and facility)
- Strong financial and business acumen
- An ability to lead efficient whole of organisation operations, including communications, HR, and administration
- A desire to bring out the best in a team of direct reports, and experience planning the allocation of human resources to workloads.
- An understanding of developing and retaining talent in an organisation
- Experience leading change and continuous improvement in an organisation
- An understanding of government contracting, compliance and reporting
- High level skills in preparation of reports, document preparation and associated research
- High level organisation skills with strong attention to detail
- A capacity to work in a fast-paced and changing work environment
- Excellent computer skills including the MS Office suite
- An ability to support and operate within the WACOSS Mission, Vision and Values

Experience in the not for profit sector is preferred, but not essential. [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.

- [Anglicare WA - Menstime Counsellor/Facilitator](#)
- [St Patrick's Community Support Centre - Community Engagement Worker](#)
- [St Patrick's Community Support Centre - Assertive Outreach Workers](#)
- [Anglicare - Residential Youth Worker](#)
- [Anglicare - Young Parents Case Worker \(Part time\)](#)
- [Centrecare - 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

Associate Member Advertising

Wanting to Recruit Experienced Professionals?

Sentio Recruitment specialize in recruiting Social Workers, Psychologists and other Allied Health Professionals at Practitioner, Management and Executive Levels.

You will be able to interview excellent candidates available for the position. This way, interviews don't have to stretch out for weeks or even months on end; you can simply talk to the well matched candidates. [Read more...](#)

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