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### General WACOSS News

## Pre-Budget Submission Consultations 19th August – September 9th

WACOSS is pleased to invite members to our Pre-Budget Submission Consultations for 2013 between the 19th August and 9th September. This year The Council will be holding consultations throughout Western Australia. Including Metro consultations in Perth, Armadale and Joondalup and regional consultations taking place in Broome, Bunbury, Mandurah, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie. Please [click here](#) to view more information.

## WACOSS Launches Federal Election 2013 Website

As we go to the polls on 7 September, the nation faces some hard facts and some big choices. While we have enjoyed over two decades of strong economic growth, fault lines are emerging in our economic and social foundations...

Community service providers and advocates are seeking to ensure that our priorities for disadvantaged and vulnerable Australians, the services that support them and the wider community were on the election agenda.

WACOSS has created a website to share information, advocacy and events from the

community sector to support this goal.

The campaigns priorities are:

- Secure the revenue to meet community needs
- Make essential services available and affordable
- Reduce poverty and increase employment
- Improve our democratic economic, social and environmental public policy processes

[Click here](#) to go to the WACOSS Federal Election 2013 website.

## **Media Release: Moderate State Budget Misses Housing Priority, Thu 8th Aug**

The Western Australian Council of Social Service responded to the release of the State Budget– raising concern about the potential impact of service cuts and highlighting affordable housing as the most pressing need for the WA community. [Read more.](#)

## **New Quality Management Tools**

Are you a WA community service wanting tools to help with recording, reporting on and reviewing your quality management systems?

A new set of tools are now available on Management Support Online (MSO), including an Incident Register Template available as a FREE DOWNLOAD for non-MSO Subscribers. Click here to download and see what else is available. For more information on the WACOSS Management Support Online service [click here](#).

## **Save the Date- WACOSS AGM and PBS Launch - Thu 17th Oct**

The WACOSS Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October, immediately following the Pre-Budget Submission Launch. WACOSS encourages all members to attend. Promotion opportunities for your organisation will be available. More details to come!

**To ensure your eligibility to vote at the WACOSS AGM, your membership needs to be paid by Tuesday 3rd September 2013.**

If you haven't renewed your membership yet there is still time! If you need any assistance please contact Carly Guise at [carlyguise@wacoss.org.au](mailto:carlyguise@wacoss.org.au).

## **Integrating Infant Mental Health Services – New WACOSS Report**

WACOSS is currently working with the City of Cockburn on a Mental Health Commission-

funded project exploring the provision of services to support infant and early childhood mental health, with a specific focus on opportunities for service integration. WACOSS's first report — [Integrating services to support the mental health of infants and young children: Developing the Concepts](#) — is now available online. For printed copies of the report, contact Sarah — [sarah@wacoss.org.au](mailto:sarah@wacoss.org.au) / 9420 7222.

## **WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013**

- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Wed 21st Aug
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Broome – Wed 21st Aug
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Bunbury – Fri 23rd Aug
- [Managing Emotions in the Workplace \(EQ\)](#) – Tue 27th Aug
- [Foundations in Governance](#) – Thu 29th Aug
- [Foundations in Facilitation](#) – Mon 2nd Sept
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Joondalup – Mon 2nd Sept
- [Interpreting Financial Reports](#) – Wed 4th Sept
- [Pre-Budget Consultation](#) – Geraldton – Fri 6th Sept

## **Reconciliation WA**

The Reconciliation space has increased substantially in Western Australia over the past 5 years. WA has approximately 90 organisations with Reconciliation Action Plans amid a list of 400 RAP Organisations nationally, endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

Reconciliation WA began as an idea over two years ago and recently established as a dedicated state based organisation funded for three years by Lotterywest and housed at the West Australian Council of Social Services (WACOSS).

Reconciliation WA will function as a Secretariat and make a significant contribution to closing the gap in relation to Aboriginal health, education and employment outcomes in WA.

The Secretariat will work together with the WA Community and Organisations to promote and encourage reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. Over the three years, its key elements are the development of trust, understanding, respect and opportunities between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and the active involvement of government, business and community organisations in reconciliation activities.

We strive to create a West Australian community that has a broad understanding and acknowledgement of a whole range of issues, not just about Aboriginal culture but also around history post colonisation. Our vision is for a state where the special place, culture, rights and contribution of Aboriginal peoples are valued and respected.

For more information please contact [reconciliationwa@wacoss.org.au](mailto:reconciliationwa@wacoss.org.au)

## **WACOSS Members Showcase**

### **Holyoake wins prestigious Constable Care Child Safety Awards 2013**

Holyoake took top honours at the Constable Care Child Safety Awards 2013 held on August 10 at the Crown Perth. Their DRUMBEAT program won the Child Safety Education & Care Award, as well as the overall Child Safety Award of the Year.

The Constable Care Child Safety Awards is an independent statewide awards program created to celebrate the achievements of remarkable West Australians dedicated to protecting children from harm and creating child-safe environments and communities. [Read more.](#)

## **Sector News**

### **Homeless Services in the Inner City**

The City of Perth Homeless Services In The Inner City directory has been recently updated and reprinted and distribution has now commenced.

The directory is a "one stop shop" self help information directory for homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness that require information on where to seek assistance and for agencies assisting homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness. [Read more.](#)

### **Innovative Non-Government Partnership Project Secures Top Worker**

The exciting South Metropolitan Partnership Project funded under the WA Government's Social Innovation Grant, recently announced the appointment of Dr Karin Mac Arthur as its inaugural Community Partnership Broker. The project which is hosted by the lead agency St Patrick's Community Support Centre, brings government and non-government agencies together in the South metropolitan Region of Perth to work collaboratively on social service issues. [Read more.](#)

### **Hepatitis WA are moving!**

HepatitisWA is moving on 30th August to new custom fitted offices at 134 Aberdeen Street Northbridge.

Their current furniture is up for grabs... Free... or if you are kind, a small donation. There are 8 as new desks with removable hutch shelves, 5 matching filing cabinets, and other assorted furniture. You are welcome to come and have a look Monday – Wednesday 9am – 5pm. Please contact Vivianne Brown for more information on (08) 9227 9802. (The furniture must be

removed at your expense on 30th August or 3rd September)

## **Pre-Tender Process for the next 6 Child and Parent Centres**

The tender for the co-ordination of the next 6 Child and Parent Centre's was released on Tenders WA on 18 July. Interested organisations can contact Robyn Kinkade, in the Department of Education [Robyn.Kinkade@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Robyn.Kinkade@education.wa.edu.au) for further information.

## **Release of Issues Paper for Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia**

The Economic Regulation Authority's Issues Paper for the Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform is now available on its [website](#). The ERA is seeking extensive public feedback on reforms that the Western Australian Government could deliver to increase the efficiency and performance of the State's economy. Information on how to make a submission is provided in the [Issues Paper](#).

## **'In Search of Safety' Schools Program**

Australian Red Cross' In Search of Safety project is about creating awareness and challenging myths and stereotypes about asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in the hopes of erasing stigma associated with this issue. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## **Office Space Available**

High profile office space in East Perth for short or long term lease at bargain rate for suitable client.

127sqm ground floor with own kitchen and washroom, quality air conditioning and two secure car bays.

No fit-out but assistance with this negotiable Available NOW.

Contact [mhillam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mhillam@bigpond.net.au)

## **Sector Events**

### **WANADA 2013 Federal Election Forum - Seeking a Commitment - Wed 21st Aug**

WANADA has invited Australia's major political parties to submit written responses to the WA AOD 2013 Federal Election Commitment Statement and to nominate a spokesperson to answer questions - submitted by our member agencies - at the WA AOD Sector 2013 Federal Election Forum, to be held on Wednesday 21 August 2013 at Bentley Technology Park. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

## **Dr Duncan Green Public Lecture 'From Poverty to Power' Fri 6th Sept**

Make Poverty History and Oxfam are proud to present a public lecture by Dr Duncan Green. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Save the Date: The Future of Suicide Prevention - Tue 10th Sept**

Join One Life on World Suicide prevention day to explore future challenges and opportunities in suicide prevention initiatives, impacting individuals, families, workplaces and communities. The forum will explore high profile issues pertaining to FIFO populations, immigration and detention, economic downturns and the impact of these issues on mental health and wellbeing.

Key note speakers, best practice case studies and an expert panel discussion are just a few of the highlights of the last of this 2013 series of One Life Suicide Prevention Forums. [Click here](#) for more information

## **The Charities Commission and Related Matters Seminar - Sat 14th Sept**

Current issues for Church Administrators, Secretaries, Treasurers and Board Chairpersons

The aim of the Seminar is to equip key leaders with current technical and practical information relating to the Australian Charities & Not-for-profit Commission and other new laws that impact on charities and churches..

[Click here](#) to find out more.

## **CREATE children and young people's conference - 22nd- 24th Sept**

Registrations are now open for CREATE's inaugural children and young people's conference, *Strength to Strength: Improving the care system for young Australians through participation*, as well as a Grant Scheme to assist young people to attend. Please [click here](#) to view the website. [Click here](#) to download the grant application.

## **Family and Domestic Violence Common Risk Assessment**

## **and Risk Management Framework Training**

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support, Family and Domestic Violence Unit are offering training across the state to support and sustain implementation of the WA Family and Domestic Violence Common Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework (CRARMF).

The CRARMF includes minimum practice standards for identifying family and domestic violence and the assessment, management and monitoring of risk. The training is open to ALL government, non-government, mainstream and specialist agencies. **This training is free of charge!** [Click here](#) for all the details.

## **First Aid and Emergency Management Training**

The Australian YMCA Institute of Education & Training (Perth Campus) are holding the following nationally recognised courses between August - December.

- First Aid Training
- Accredited Asthma and Anaphylaxis Emergency Management Courses

[Click here](#) to find out more.

## **Professional Development and Workplace Training - Relationships Australia**

The following Professional and Workplace Training is available in 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
- 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 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 from a Manager's Perspective (11 September 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (13 September 2013)
- Working Therapeutically with Children (19-20 September 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Multi-Problem Families (25 September 2013)
- The Lived Experience of Separation (2 October 2013)

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

## **IKON Institute Professional Development Opportunities – August, September, October**

Throughout the year The IKON Institute of Australia provides professional development opportunities through workshops & master classes.

**The Workshops are suitable for:**

Counsellors, Psychologists, Psychotherapists, Social Workers, Welfare Workers, Chaplains and those with a keen interest in personal development. [Click here](#) for more information

## **2013 WA Men's Shed Seminar Mon 14th Oct**

The program will provide you with the opportunity to get connected to the strategies, tactics, and solutions you need to successfully establish, operate and maintain a successful Men's Shed in your community. It offers you the chance to update your skills, reunite with friends and acquaintances and meet new colleagues. You may view the program at <http://www.wamsa.org.au/seminar-program.html>

This seminar follows the very successful state conferences held at Mosman Park in 2012 and Mukinbudin in 2009.

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

## **Women's Retreat- Fri 18th –Sun 20th October.**

Spring time – a time for renewal. Reconnect with the wisdom of your body: retreat, reflect, relax ... This retreat is a small group experience designed and led by women with many years of experience in the Not for Profit sector. It provides both professional and personal learning. We know how important it is for the people you work with that you also take the time to look after yourself. Incorporating reflective exercises, mindfulness, body awareness and gentle hatha yoga. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to download the registration form.

## **National Seniors Australia WA State Convention - Mon**



## 21st Oct

Don't miss this two day convention! Hear from a range of entertaining and informative speakers on what the future holds for Seniors. [Click here](#) for more information.

## 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](http://www.nhc.edu.au/adelaide2013).

## 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.

- [UnitingCare West - Manager](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Support Worker - Tranby Day Centre](#)
- [Community West - Quality Consultant](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Senior Enquiries Officer, Separation Services](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Coordinator Royal Commission Community Based Support Services](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Children's Adolescent & Family Counsellor](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Contact Support Worker](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Senior Children's Counsellor/Supervisor](#)
- [Uniting Church - Congregational Community Services Project officer](#)

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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