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General WACOSS News

Members Consultation: Equal Opportunity Commission Review - Wed 19th Mar

The Public Sector Commission will be completing a review of organisations under the Equal Opportunity Act 1984. WACOSS will be making a submission to the Public Sector Commission and is inviting members to contribute to that submission. WACOSS members have the opportunity to be part of a discussion feeding into the submission on Wednesday 19th March. Alternatively, members wanting to provide input can do so by forwarding information to Helen Creed at: helen@wacoss.org.au prior to that date. [Click here](#) for more information and register.

2014 Community Sector Leaders Forum on Emerging Issues – Tue 1st Apr

The WACOSS Emerging Issues forum provides detailed up to date information and analysis directly relevant to the service planning needs of community service providers, to inform the

strategic planning of their executives and Boards.

The forum will include short presentations on the current and emerging political, social and economic environments and how they impact on the community sector from experts including:

John Nicolau - *Chief Officer of Membership and Advocacy and Chief Economist – Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

Elena Douglas - *Convener- Centre for Social Impact – University of Western Australia*

Chris Twomey – *Director of Policy Western Australian Council of Social Service*

A panel of community sector leaders will join the presenters to respond to questions and debate issues in a Q&A format.

[Click here](#) to register for the event.

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: Federal funding uncertainty jeopardises successful WA homeless programs, 7th Mar

Western Australian community service providers are worried about the future of a range of innovative and highly successful homelessness programs that have been turning around the lives of some of our most vulnerable individuals and families.

"With funding for the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) due to run out in June the impacts are already being directly felt," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS today. [Read more...](#)

2014 WACOSS Conference 5th-7th May 2014 - Registrations now open

The Difference We Make: Our roles, our relationships, our future.

Keynote presenters include Mick Gooda, Karl Wilding Dr Rachel Perkins. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Financial Assistance to Attend WACOSS 2014 Conference

Thanks to the generous support of Lotterywest we are able to offer subsidies to individuals and organisations who may not be able to meet the full cost of registration. Subsidies are also available for travel and accommodation to individuals and organisations in regional, rural and remotes areas and we strongly encourage those individuals and organisations to consider attending the conference. For more information visit the [website](#) or click here.

Calling all community-based talent!

The 2014 Community Services Excellence Awards ceremony will be held on the evening of Tuesday 6 May at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and we are seeking community-based performers to showcase during the gala dinner and awards ceremony. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be on the big stage at this prestigious community event. To register your interest please email details of your group or act to csea@wacoss.org.au or call Sinead on 9420 7222

WACOSS – MODAL Community Sector Diploma of Management course applications now open

Applications are now open for this highly popular WACOSS MODAL accredited course. The course will commence in September 2014 running for 12 months. The course only accepts people working in Community Service organisations that are responsible for managing people, leading teams or staff supervision. It's particularly targeted to those people who have no formal management qualifications. Applicants may be eligible for Lotterywest financial assistance. Please note limited places are available. For more information on the course click here or contact Emilia@wacoss.org.au

Available Office Space – Oxford Close, West Leederville

WACOSS has approximately 250sq metres of office space available at its second premises at 27 Oxford Close, West Leederville. The office is centrally located, close to the West Leederville and West Perth train stations and shops. Please feel free to contact Steve Crotty on 94207222 or steve@wacoss.org.au with any enquiries.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [Tips for Winning Tenders](#) - Mon 10th Mar
- [Writing Persuasive Tenders](#) - Mon 10th Mar
- [Creating a Common Agenda & Partnerships between Agencies](#) - Tue 11th Mar
- [Marketing in a Consumer Driven Environment](#) - Thu 13th Mar
- [Lobbying for Maximum Effect](#) - Tue 18th Mar
- [Introduction to Accounting Practices](#) - Wed 19th Mar
- [Financial Management in the Community Services Sector](#)- Wed 19th Mar
- [Introduction to Management Support On-line \(MSO\)](#) - Tue 20th Mar (webinar)
- [Meetings with Ministers - Making the Most of Them](#) - Tue 25th Mar
- [Interpreting Financial Reports - Essential Board Induction 2](#) - Wed 26th Mar
- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Thu 27th Mar

Reconciliation WA

1st Aboriginal team swims to Rottnest in the HBF Rottnest swim

On Saturday the 22nd of February after months of training and hard work Vinka Barunga, Brianna Ozies, Dennis Simmons and Brendan Moore made history as the first all Aboriginal team to swim the HBF Rottnest Swim. It was a year of firsts for the Rottnest Channel Swim as it was the first time a Welcome to Country was performed for the swimmers. Ingrid Cumming was the first person to perform a Welcome to Country at the swim's safety briefing, where she also shared the history and stories of Rottnest Island. Len Collard then sent the swimmers off on the start line in Cottesloe on the day. Reconciliation WA's EO James Back swam the rigorous journey solo and raised money to pay for all the Welcome to Country's. Lockridge Senior High School's Follow the Dream coordinator Libby Elphick took her students over to Rottnest to be a part of this special day. You can read about her reflections in the [West Australian article](#).

Sector News

THE MHS- 2014 Conference - WA Abstracts Wanted

TheMHS 2014 wants to challenge and shift attitudes towards mental health issues. Therefore the TheMHS 2014 WA Steering Group is developing an interactive, stimulating and creative environment for you to enjoy, participate, learn and share. When you return home, we want you to be encouraged, enthused and energized to share new understandings and to contribute to mentally healthy communities. [Click here](#) to for more information.

2014 Injury Prevention and Safety Excellence Awards

Nominations are now open for ICCWA's Injury Prevention and Safety Excellence Awards 2014.

These annual awards deliver public recognition, education and stature to those making contributions towards a safe WA community. Nominations remain open until Monday 24 March and award winners will be announced on 30 April. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free Photocopier

FPWA Sexual Health Services have a Canon IRC 5870 printer available for free. Pick up only from 70 Re Street, 1st Floor). Contact Carol on 9227 6177 for more information.

Central Institute of Technology's Koolark Centre for Aboriginal Students

s the name suggests, Koolark Centre for Aboriginal Students puts the student's learning right

in the centre! Koolark delivers training to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students who are either starting their careers or wanting to optimise their skills in current job roles. [Click here](#) for more information.

ACCAN Grants Scheme Now Open

Each year the ACCAN Grants Scheme funds projects that develop educational resources to help consumers understand their rights and participate fully in the world of communications. Projects can also conduct research into telecommunications issues, or advocate for better communications services. If you can see a gap in the telecommunications market and have ideas to address and fix it, get in touch with us to discuss your project ideas.

The 2014 grants round opened on **17th February 2014** and will close on **9th April 2014**. Applicants can apply for up to \$60,000 per project. More information is available at www.accan.org.au/grants

Short film challenge to raise global awareness about the Homeless

Screen My Shorts, Australia, in partnership with Parramatta City Council, is launching a global short film challenge over 30 days, from 11th April, to raise awareness about the Homeless.

Filmmakers, animators, machinimatographers and documentary makers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds across the planet are invited to produce a 3 - 10 min short film on the one theme: the Homeless. [Click here](#) to read more.

New Directory of Alcohol and other Drug and Community-Managed Mental Health Services

WANADA and WAAMH have partnered to bring you the new Directory of Alcohol and other Drug and Community-Managed Mental Health Services – online, as a mobile app, and soon in print. Visit www.greenbook.org.au or www.waamh.org.au for more information – or email info@greenbook.org.au

Getting them on Board – Young Leaders and Governance

Many community sector Boards have yet to tap into the potential of including young emerging leaders within their Board and Committee Leadership. Southcare Inc's innovative program "Engaging Young Leaders on Community Boards 2014" invites your organisation to take action in this area. [Read more...](#)

SE Awards: recognising social enterprise excellence

around Australia

The 2014 Social Enterprise Awards are now open, looking to recognise the incredible impact of social enterprises operating around Australia.

With over 20,000 social enterprises operating across every industry in the Australian economy, there are many worthy social enterprise champions. We are looking for five leading social enterprises in Australia to recognise for overall excellence or excellence in a particular domain. [Click here](#) for more information

One Sky, Many Paths Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program

The Department of Local Government and Communities and Challenger Institute of Technology are currently seeking participants for the One Sky, Many Paths Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program. This is an opportunity for young Aboriginal people aged 18 to 25 years to develop their leadership skills, meet Aboriginal leaders and develop new networks. The program is free to eligible people (however participants must register with Abstudy). [Click here](#) to read more.

2014 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards

Nominations for the 2014 Social Worker of the Year Awards were officially launched late in 2013 with a celebratory event for professionals, associates and affiliates of the social work industry. [Click here](#) for more information.

Nominations are now open for the HESTA Community Sector Awards

HESTA are searching for outstanding contributors to the community sector. Help them to find and reward them. Make a nomination by 31 March 2014 at communitysectorawards.com.au

Sector Events

Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development from 09-12 July 2014

This Conference will bring together practitioners, researchers and educators from around the world who are engaged in Social Work and Social Development. The Conference will continue the work of the Global Agenda, first set in Hong Kong in 2010 and then continued in Stockholm in 2012. Together with the Australian Association of Social Work, the Australian Council of Heads of Schools of Social Work, and the Australian Council of Social Service, we

are planning an inspirational program in true Australian tradition. [Click here](#) for more information.

Public lecture: Social Entrepreneurship – Social Service or Social Change? – Fri 14th Mar

The UWA Business School Centre for Social Impact is hosting Dr Pamela Hartigan, Executive Director of the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship to present a public lecture on social entrepreneurship. [Click here](#) for more information.

Worlds Greatest Shave - Thu 13th - Sat 16th March

Be Brave & Shave! The Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave is back March 13-16 and we're asking you to take part! It's easy to get sponsored to shave or colour your hair to help the 31 Australians diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma every day. Be brave & shave – sign up at www.worldsgreatestshave.com or 1800 500 088.

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction - Starts Mon 24th Mar

Special concession price offer for employees of WACOSS members.

Do you want to learn how to take better care of yourself and discover a deeper sense of ease and peace of mind? Are you willing to actively engage in your own health and well-being? Come and be a part of the internationally recognised Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) course. [Click here](#) to find out more.

South West Metropolitan Partnership Forum - Wed 26th Mar

WA's first home-grown collective impact model of its kind to be launched 26 March!

All individuals, groups and organisations providing human services in the local government areas of Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville are invited to celebrate the launch of the South West Metropolitan Partnership Forum by the Hon. Helen Morton, MLC, Minister for Disability Services; Mental Health; Child Protection, at 10am on 26 March, Lucretia Park, Port Coogee. [Click here](#) for more information.

Planning day for not-for-profit organisations working in Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville - Tue 1st Apr

Following the Ministerial launch of the South West Metropolitan Partnership Forum, all not-for-

profit organisations providing human services in Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville are invited to take part in the SWMPF Planning Day, which will be establishing the working groups to develop and implement key projects. [Click here](#) for more information.

Women's retreat, Emotional Learning: Having Our Emotions Work for Us - Fri 21st - Sun 23rd March

Led by women with many years of experience in the Not For Profit sector you will:

- Be rested, nurtured and replenished
- Be able to respond rather than react in challenging situations
- Explore strategies to cultivate positive and effective emotions

Contact Anne Courtney 92270 5746 or annecourtney@inet.net.au

Health Promotion 12 Weeks Online Course: Planning, implementing and evaluating health promotion interventions - March 17th – June 16th

This flexible 12 week online course will provide you with an understanding of the role and importance of health promotion and the broader concept of health within a community and national setting. The course aims to provide you with the skills needed to plan, implement and evaluate a health promotion program. [Click here](#) for more information.

Courage to Lead Retreat: Living Divided No More - Fri 11th – Sun 13th Apr

Based on the work of Parker J. Palmer (books including Let Your Life Speak; A Hidden Wholeness and Healing the Heart of Democracy): this retreat, creates a quiet, focused, and disciplined space—a circle of trust—in which the noise within us and around us can subside and we can begin to hear our own inner voice. In the large group, small groups, and solitary settings, we will explore the intersection of our personal and professional/work lives, making use of stories from our own journeys and insights from poets, storytellers, and various wisdom traditions. For more information and to register for the April retreat go to: <http://www.familyworks.com.au/retreat.html>

YACWA Fairground Conference Thu 10th and Fri 11th Jul

YACWA's Fairground conference will take place on 10th and 11th July 2014 in Perth, Western Australia. The conference theme is 'Fairground' and represents an opportunity to encourage social inclusion through the continued development of an even playing field for young people across Western Australia. Registrations for Fairground 2014 are now open - for more

information please visit <http://www.yacwa.org.au/fairground2014/>

Invitation – Child Protection: Including Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse

Child protection is everyone's business. You are encouraged to attend a free interactive information session collaboratively facilitated by key agencies who work with children. Mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse and non-mandatory reporters are welcome. Please click here to view the flyer. [Click here](#) for more information all dates.

Richmond Fellowship WA Workshops March-April 2014

Richmond fellowship WA (RFWA) is a provider of specialist training in Recovery based practices. This March – April's workshops include: The hearing Voices Approach; An Introduction to Recovery Approach & Recovery in World Context; 'Walking Together' Aboriginal Cultural Awareness; Hearing Voices Group Facilitator 3 Day Training; and Conflict Management Training. Find out more about our Training at www.rfwa.org.au

Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) 2014 Training Calendar February — October 2014

[Click here](#) to download the Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) 2014 Training Calendar for February — October.

Australian Association of Social Workers (WA Branch) - Upcoming Events

WA World Social Work Day Sundowner 'Social Workers Doing Leadership'. Tue 18th March 6 to 8pm at the UWA Club Nedlands. Speakers: Winthrop Professor Dawn Bessarab; Mr Francis Lynch; Ms Michelle Scott. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.aasw.asn.au/events/event/aasw-wa-sundowner>

AASW WA Enabling Conversations: Skills and Processes in Relationship-Based Supervision. Fri Feb 28th and Sat 1st March at CWLH West Perth. Presenter Dr Brenda Clare. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.aasw.asn.au/events/event/aasw-wa-supervision-28Feb>

AASW WA Introducing Marte Meo. Wed 19th March at CWLH West Perth 9:30 to 4pm. Presenter Sally Watson. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.aasw.asn.au/events/event/aasw-wa-martemeo>

Relationships Australia - Upcoming Professional and Workplace Training

The following Professional and Workplace Training is available at Relationships Australia, 22 Southport Street (cnr Cambridge St) West Leederville February – May 2014.

- Emotional Intelligence – 1 day (March)
- Enhancing Self Esteem in Adolescents – 1 day (April)
- Introduction to Couples Counselling – 2 days (April)
- Parenting Between Cultures: Working with Migrant & Refugee Parents – 1 day (May)
- Change & Loss – 1 day (May)

[Click here](#) for complete course information. 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.

- Working with Children and Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse (13 – 14 Mar 2014)
- Non-Violent Communication (14 March 2014)
- SPECIAL EVENT: Family Violence: Understanding the Child and Understanding Children's Relationships (18 -19 Mar 2014)
- Worker Safety for Home Visits (24 March 2014)
- Child Abuse and Neglect (31 March 2014)
- Supervision Training (26-27 Mar, 30 Apr - 1 May, 28-29 May 2014)
- Myers Briggs Type Indicator (1 April 2014)

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

WACOSS Employment Opportunities

The Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc (WACOSS) is the peak council of community service organisations and individuals in Western Australia.

We are currently recruiting for the following position;

- Early Years Project Officer

[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.

- [Women's Health & Family Services \(Joondalup\)](#) - CLOSING MONDAY 10th MAR
- [Gosnells Community Legal Centre Inc - Relief Financial Counsellor](#)
- [Women's Health & Family Services \(Northbridge\) - Intake Officer Perinatal Mental Health](#)
- [YMCA - Case Worker \(City of Belmont\)](#)
- [YMCA - Early Childhood Mentor - Newman](#)
- [Hepatitis WA - Support Services 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

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