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General WACOSS News

\$97m Commonwealth Supplementation Announced for WA Community Services

The Minister for Social Services, Kevin Andrews has announced the commitment of \$97m in supplementation for WA community services delivering services affected by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) decision to increased wages for community sector workers employed under State Awards. Supplementation will be distributed directly to WA service providers through the same mechanism as that used for the SACS Modern Award supplementation. [Read more...](#)

WACOSS Conference 6th - 7th May - Registrations close soon

There are plenty of opportunities to take part in the WACOSS conference either as a guest to listen to the amazing [Key Note Speakers](#), take part in the free [Networking day](#) or [Gala Ceremony and Dinner](#). See the [conference program](#) or explore the [Conference website](#) for

details on all these opportunities!

Last registration chance for The Give Grid Free training workshop – Thu 8th May

Last week we sent out invitations to members the free Give Grid energy efficiency training workshop, which is being held in Perth on Thursday May 8 (straight after the WACOSS conference). The response has been immense with registrations coming in from a wide range of members, which leaves only a handful of places left. This free workshop is part of The Give Grid, which is a collaborative project between WACOSS and the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) to help community organisations in WA to reduce electricity costs. If you are keen to build the capacity of your organisation to better manage energy use, please let your staff, volunteers and networks know that this opportunity is available. Places are limited – for more information [click here](#).

Thirty two extraordinary community groups have been announced as finalists in the 2014 Community Service Excellence Awards

Excellence in Communities vie for Awards

A joint initiative by the Department of Local Government and Communities and the WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS), the biennial awards publicly acknowledge the contribution made by the community services sector and its role in helping to shape, strengthen and inspire our community.

Innovation, creativity and building capacity are key qualities in all of the finalists, from tiny community groups supporting kids in the classroom, to large volunteer organisations making gardens waterwise. West Australian communities and their wonderful citizens are proving that with determination and a clear vision, just about anything can be achieved.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of finalists.

Winners across eight categories will be announced on Tuesday 6 May at the Community Services Excellence Awards Gala Dinner at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Tickets still available for the Community Services Excellence Awards Gala Dinner at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

For more information and to purchase a ticket or a table go [click here](#).

Equal Opportunity Commission Review – Submission now online.

The Submission to the Public Sector Commission Review of organisations under the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (March 2014) is now available online. Click here to view the submission. For any further information please email Helen Creed helen@wacoss.org.au.

Have you Dropped IN?

[DropIN](#) will be launched at the [WACOSS conference](#) on the 5th May. Watch this space.

Submit Lotterywest grants for the Community Sector Management Course as soon as possible!

WACOSS' Diploma of Management course, run in partnership with leading management training provider MODAL commences October 2014. Applicants may be eligible for a grant via Lotterywest to assist with partial course fees, travel and staff relief up to 75% of the course costs. Lotterywest grant applications will need to be submitted no later than the 30th May. Please contact Lotterywest to make enquires as to your organisations eligibility via Lee Grmas on 9340 5280 for assistance. This application process is separate to the application for a place on the course. For more information about the course [click here](#).

Last chance - Leveraging your Assets for Greater Outcomes - Thu 8th May

WACOSS together with Foresters Community Finance presents Leveraging your Assets for Greater Outcomes. Let's explore the hidden value in your organisation, unlock your assets and identify ways to leverage them to further deliver on your organisation's mission and to enhance resilience and sustainability. This interactive workshop will explore how your organisation can identify all its assets, determine what is underutilised, and importantly, how to build on those existing assets to meet the challenges and deliver extraordinary outcomes. For more information or to register [click here](#).

ACOSS National Conference 2014 - Wed 11th - Thu 12th Jun

Global problems, local solutions: Tackling inequality in Australia and beyond

The ACOSS National Conference connects people in the community sector and related industries to spark a conversation and promote action to address poverty and inequality in Australia. [Read more...](#)

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

- [Marketing for Not-For-Profits](#) - Tue 29th Apr
- [Financial Oversight for Boards & Treasurers](#) - Tue 29th Apr
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Wed 30th Apr
- [Preparing Financial Audits and Funding Acquittals](#) - Thu 1st May
- [Introduction to Management Support On-line \(MSO\)](#) - Tue 13th May (WEBINAR)
- [Personal Productivity](#) - Wed 14th May
- [It's all Above Board: Spirituality & Ethics in Governance & Leadership](#) - Thu 15th May
- [Advocacy for Frontline Workers](#) - Tue 20th May
- [Developing your Community Organisation's Business Plan](#) - Thu 22nd May
- [Role of Chair and Running Meetings](#) - Thu 29th May (WEBINAR)
- [Work Health and Safety in the Community Services Sector](#) - Fri 30th May

Sector News

2013 Human Rights Report Card Released.

[Click here](#) to download the recently released 2013 Human Rights Report Card.

Urgent Action Needed: Retain Racial Villification Laws

The government has indicated it intends to make racist hate speech, racist publications and racial slurs legal in Australia. This goes against the very grain of Australian society, as a place where people from all cultures can feel safe and respected. [Read more...](#)

CAN WA seeks company directors to assist in realising its vision

Community Arts Network WA (CAN WA) is an exciting and dynamic not-for-profit community arts and cultural development company limited by guarantee, with an exceptional reputation in Western Australia and nationally. [Read more...](#)

Survey of primary care health workers' awareness and use

of online mental health resources

Members working in primary care are invited to complete the first annual survey about their awareness and use of online mental health resources. The survey will inform the development and evaluation of promotional and training initiatives. Read more or participate in the eMHPac survey at <https://mentalhealth.anu.edu.au/emhprac-2014-survey>

2014 Resilient Australia Awards

Natural disasters are a feature of the Australian climate and landscape and are likely to continue with increasing regularity and severity. Nationwide, there are numerous projects and initiatives supporting communities to be better prepared and more disaster resilient. The Resilient Australia Awards recognise and promote these activities, encouraging excellence and innovation across all sectors of society. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sector Events

Law, History & Personal Narratives: An Aboriginal Family Violence Perspective - Fri 2nd May

Last September the Women's Council for Domestic & family Violence Services (WA) presented the sell-out training: Law, History & Personal Narratives: An Aboriginal Family Violence Perspective. This year, we are delighted to offer you the opportunity to hear from some inspirational Aboriginal women speak about violence in our community once more. This training will address historical, legal, political and personal issues in relation to family violence faced within Aboriginal families and communities. It will describe what constitutes an Aboriginal family and the dynamic kinship systems within them, while analysing similarities and differences experienced by members of diverse Aboriginal communities. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bloodwood Tree Association Inc Open Day - Thu 8th May

It's been 2 wonderful years since Bloodwood Tree moved into its new office at 19 Hamilton Road, South Hedland located next door to Wirraka Maya Health Service. Come celebrate with the team. Enjoy some light refreshments and come see what projects the team have on the go and how we can assist you. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Building children's resilience the focus for 2014 Thinker in Residence - 19th - 30th May

International child resilience expert Michael Ungar returns to Perth from 19 to 30 May as the 2014 Thinker in Residence for the Commissioner for Children and Young People. [Click here](#) to

read more.

Collective Impact and Creating Shared Value – Tue 27th and Wed 28th May

Woodside, The University of WA and the Centre for Social Impact will be hosting Mark Kramer, the founder of FSG Social Impact Advisors to discuss Collective Impact and Creating Shared Value.

On Tue 27th May from 6pm-7pm Mark will present 'Collective Impact: Reimagining Social Change' where he will discuss how deep commitment and structured coordinated action can affect large-scale social change. [Click here](#) to register.

On Wed 28th May from 11:45am-2pm, the topic will be 'Creating Shared Value: aligning economic and social progress' with discussions around how business can foster social progress in communities in which they operate while also enhancing their own competitiveness through shared value creation. [Click here](#) to register.

Relationships Australia present The next steps: Working with fathers and families to support safe, positive fathering – Thu 29th May

Fathers have a significant and long-lasting impact on the lives and development of their children and engaging fathers in parenting intervention is important. However, services find it a challenge to work successfully with fathers who often don't participate in programs or feel alienated from the process.

This one-day workshop by Andrew Kind will explore the importance of the fathers' role and how programs can engage and support them. [Click here](#) for more information.

Opening Closets Mental Health Training

Living Proud LGBTI Community Services of WA and the Mental Health Commission present Opening Closets Mental Health Training.

For more information on the course click the links below

- [FREE Opening Closets Mental Health Training](#)
- [Specialist Opening Closets Mental Health Training](#)

Recovery Based Training - Richmond Fellowship WA - May

As part of its Special Guest Program, RFWA presents Dr Rachel Perkins OBE, to give several talks and facilitate a series of Recovery based workshops. Join us 9 May in [Changing Mental](#)

[Health Practice - Professionals 'on tap' not 'on top'](#) ; 12 May in [Managing Risk in Recovery Environments](#) ; 13 May in the free public event [The Art of Supporting Recovery: A chance to do the things that matter](#) ; and on the 15th of May for the [Living Well with Dementia](#) workshop. Find out more about at www.rfwa.org.au or Follow us on Facebook Richmond Fellowship WA

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.

Introduction to Ontological Coaching – April & May

Ontological Coaching is an extraordinarily powerful methodology which harnesses new understandings of the power of language, moods and conversations to generate profound transformations. Ontological Coaching effects real and lasting change for individuals, teams and organisations. [Click here](#) to read more.

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 April - May 2014.

- 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. Upcoming 2014 events and workshops;

- Introduction to Grief and Loss Counselling (29 April 2014)
- Introduction to Facilitation Skills (5 May 2014)
- Maintaining Neutrality and Impartiality in Your Work (6 May 2014)
- Ethical Decision Making (7 May 2014)

- Working Therapeutically with Children (22-23 May 2014)
- Dealing with Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours (30 May 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.

It's not too late to study in 2014

Would you like to up-skill or have your existing skills formally recognised? Would you like to study one of the following, Vet FEE-HELP Courses in 2014?

Get a head start and commence your study in 2014 in one of the following nationally recognised qualifications:

- Advanced Diploma of Transpersonal (Holistic) Counselling
- Advanced Diploma of Transpersonal Art Therapy

[Click here](#) for more information.

LASA WA State Conference & Exhibition 2014 - Sun 15th-Tue 17th June

The LASA WA Conference offers attendees a comprehensive 2.5 day program, an exiting social program and a trade exhibition showcasing the latest products, services and industry innovations. [Click here](#) for more information.

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/>

Better Boards Conference August 2014

Australasia's leading governance and leadership event, the Better Boards Conference, is taking place in Adelaide, August 1-3 2014.

Designed specifically for board members, CEOs and senior management teams of non-profit organisations across the entire sector, this year's conference theme focuses on the processes required to regenerate non-profit organisations within a rapidly changing environment. [Click here](#) to find out 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.

- [Communicare - Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Senior Case Worker](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Team Leader](#)
- [The Salvation Army - Doorways Perth - Driver Storeperson](#)
- [The Salvation Army - Doorways Perth - Case Worker](#)
- [CommunityWest - Quality Partner/Reviewer](#)
- [Medicare local - Mental Health Professional - Outreach](#)
- [The Patricia Giles Centre - Property Manager](#)

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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