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General WACOSS News

WACOSS 2015-16 Pre-Budget Submission Consultations

Each year the Council submits a Pre-Budget Submission (PBS) to the State Government. It highlights priority areas for service funding for the next State Budget on behalf of the community services sector. This consultation also helps set our policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year and inform our PBS. That's why we want to hear from you!

Submit an expression of interest before Monday 14th July. [Read more...](#)

WACOSS receive funding for capacity building projects to benefit the sector

WACOSS has recently received funding from the Department of Finance and Contracting to undertake some capacity building projects that will see long term benefits to the sector. These include the development and implementation of a costing and pricing support web-based

platform for NFP organisations. For more information click here. [Read more...](#)

Dual Disability Capability Framework

WACOSS has been contracted by the Mental Health Commission to undertake a project supporting cross-sector shared practices and improved response to people with an intellectual and mental health issue (Dual Disability). The project will see two clear deliverables: a Dual Disability Core Capability Framework and short training program for pilot. If you would like to be kept informed of this project and or receive notifications of sector wide consultations when they become available please email lynlevy@wacoss.org.au. For more information [click here](#).

WACOSS CEO wins IPAA Achievement Award

WACOSS CEO Irina Cattalini was recognised for her work in the sector with an IPAA Achievement award in the category of Leader of the Year Not-For-Profit Sector.

The Achievement Awards aim to recognise individual and organisational excellence in public service.

Synergy double funding to the Power Assist Scheme for 2014/15

Synergy has generously increased its funding for the Power Assist Scheme from \$75,000 to \$150,000 for the 2014/2015 financial year. The Power Assist Scheme is an initiative of Synergy, Horizon Power and the WACOSS Emergency Relief Forum. The scheme is aimed at assisting members of the community experiencing financial difficulties with the payment of their electricity accounts and in particular to prevent electricity disconnection. This scheme is available to clients through agencies that provide Emergency Relief or Financial Counselling. [Read more...](#)

Places filling for WACOSS' Community Sector Management course

Are you a manager of a community services organisation in WA? Be rewarded with a qualification to certify your skills. WACOSS' 13th Community Sector Management course will commence in October 2014. Places are filling fast! [Click here](#) for more information as well as forms to apply. If you have any questions email Emilia@wacoss.org.au or phone 94207222.

SYNERGY

2014 State & Federal Minimum Wage Case Decisions

The WA Industrial Relations Commission and Fair Work Commission have both decided upon

increases to the state and federal minimum wage rates, effective July 1, 2014. The state minimum wage will increase 3.1% to \$665.90 per week (full-time), and federal minimum wage will increase 3% to \$640.90 per week (full-time). [Read more..](#)

Supporting Early Years Networks project survey

Are you part of an Early Year's Network, or been involved in one in the past? Then please take five to ten minutes to complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EarlyYearsNetworks>. To read more [click here](#).

Court Rules PBI Directness Test Incorrect

The Full Court of the Federal Court has handed down its decision in the case of *The Hunger Project Australia v Commissioner of Taxation* unanimously rejecting the Commissioner of Taxation's narrow interpretation of what constitutes direct relief for purposes of being a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI).

The significance of this case should not be underestimated. With four judges all agreeing that the ATO misinterpreted the law, **many charities previously denied PBI status and its concomitant FBT exemptions should now be able to gain it.**

Analysis by Myles McGregor-Lowndes, Care of [Pro Bono News](#).

Summary of the case by [Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies, QUT](#)

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [Evaluation in Practice Workshop](#) - Thu 17th July
- [Communicating and Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Thur 24th July
- [Developing a Productive Relationship with your Manager](#) - Thu 31 July
- [Lobbying for Maximum Effect](#) - Wed 6th Aug
- [Writing Effective Case Notes](#) - Wed 20th Aug
- [Human Resource Management for Not For Profits](#) - Fri 22nd Aug
- [Managing a Culturally Diverse Workforce](#) - Fri 29th Aug
- [Meeting with Ministers - Making the most of them](#) - Wed 3rd Sep
- [How to design a survey](#) - Fri 12th Sep
- [Emergency Relief Essentials](#) - Wed 17th Sep - WEBINAR
- [How to be a Super Supervisor](#) - Thu 9th Oct
- [Advocacy for Frontline Workers](#) - Tue 14th Oct
- [Managing Staff Performance](#) - Thu 23rd Oct
- [Leading Teams](#) - Wed 19th Nov
- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Wed 3rd Dec

Sector News

***angelhands* \$50K in 50 Days**

angelhands provides free support for traumatised men, women and children with fellow peers, programs and places after an experience of murder, assault, home invasion, culpable driving or violence. We assist people to regain trust and hope, whilst promoting healing and move towards recovery. To provide this unique service *angelhands* relies on benefactors, sponsors, grants and donations in order to be able to provide rounded service that will allow the clients to benefit. This year, *angelhands* has had an approximate \$50K shortfall in operational funding and is looking forward to your contribution in raising \$50K in 50 days by 27th July 2014. [Read more...](#)

Homeless Persons Week 2014

We can't afford to ignore homelessness. Listen, learn and discuss homelessness and possible solutions during this year's Homeless Persons Week, August 4 – 10. [Read more...](#)

Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) has recently unveiled their 'Charity Passport'

The Charity Passport is designed to be a 'report once, use often' tool as it provides access to publicly available charity documentation. As use of the Charity Passport has the potential to significantly reduce the administrative burden placed on NFP organisations when responding to duplicative reporting requirements, FaCS is currently investigating the nature of the information contained within the Charity Passport and will assess how this tool may be utilised by State Government agencies in order to support the implementation of Recommendation 7: 'Agency access to standard disclosure'. For more information [click here](#).

Latest snapshot of the Australia NFP sector

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released its latest analysis on the NFP sector, providing a compelling picture of the value the sector contributes to Australian society. Non-profit institutions contributed nearly \$55 billion to the economy in 2012-13, an increase of \$22 billion in 2006-07 – the last time comprehensive data of the sector was available. The ABS data also reveals non-profit institutions held \$176 billion worth of assets and employed more than 1 million people. The full report is available from the [ABS website](#).

National Youth Week 2015 Young Member applications open

Are you aged between 18-25 years and want to take a lead role in National Youth Week?

The Department of Local Government and Communities is inviting nominations from young people to become Western Australia's Young Member on the National Planning Group for National Youth Week 2015.

Nominations for WA Young Member close 5pm Friday 18 July 2014. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Non-profits and the UWA Service Learning Experience

UWA is launching a new unit next year where students will be placed with community organisations to engage in volunteer work. The unit is called "Service Learning Experience" and is intended to broaden students horizons to the kinds of challenges faced by our community and the organisations that serve them. Students will contribute approximately 100 hours of time over the course of a semester. UWA is seeking to identify a number of partner organisations interested in taking students on for placement in 2015. Organisations across the sector of any size are encouraged to contact Aden Date, Service Learning Coordinator, to discuss ideas and potentially identify placements. Aden can be reached at aden.date@uwa.edu.au or on 6488 5891. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Being Board Ready: A Guide for Women

[Click here](#) to download the online publication Being Board Ready: A Guide for Women, which was launched by Hon Liza Harvey MLA, Minister for Women's Interests earlier this year. The Guide is a resource to assist and encourage women into leadership and board roles.

Living in Freedom for Ever (LIFE) Program

angelhands is excited to once again offer our Living in Freedom for Ever (LIFE) Program. angelhands1 is inviting women who have survived an abusive relationship to join us for our LIFE program.

This free program offers the opportunity to have fun and share, while learning strategies to understand and heal past abuse and avoid future unhealthy relationships. [Click here](#) for more information.

Interim Report now available on Royal Commission website

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse interim report, which was released by the Government today, is now available on the [Royal Commission website](#).

Panel Contract for Individually Funded Services (DSC0262014) – Information for potential service

providers.

The Disability Services Commission is now using an open tender (request) process to offer new providers the opportunity to join the Panel Contract for Individually Funded Services.

Through this process, successful respondents will be able to provide individualised services to people with disability in the WA NDIS My Way and NDIA trial sites and/or expand their services to include disability services. [Read more...](#)

Affordable Computers for people on Centrelink Benefits, and Not-For-Profit Organisations

Wanneroo Community Men's Shed supply fully refurbished Windows computers, officially licensed with Microsoft, and internet ready.

Every desktop computer is loaded with Windows 7 Professional, Microsoft Office 2010 and Microsoft Security Essentials. Each computer comes with flat-screen monitor, keyboard, mouse and connecting cables. Prices range from \$80 to \$140 depending on the size of the monitor.

These computers are available from Wanneroo Community Men's Shed (currently at Girrawheen) which is a Certified Microsoft refurbisher. We have been operating for 5 years and to date have sold more than 1500 computers. The computers originally come from banks, councils, schools and businesses when they upgrade. (Usually 3 years old). Our computers are available to people and organisations throughout the metropolitan and regional areas of WA. Application forms can be obtained from www.wcmshed.org. For further information ring 0499 243 171.

Regional businesses urged to get involved

Regional business owners and managers are strongly encouraged to share their views on doing business in regional Western Australia.

The Business in the Regions 2014 Survey seeks to identify the characteristics and experiences of regional businesses, and will be used to inform decisions on funding priorities for the State Government's Royalties for Regions program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Applications invited for health projects funding

Not-for-profit groups, health and rehabilitation organisations and research bodies are encouraged to apply for new philanthropic funding for projects aimed at improving the lives of people who face enormous health and wellbeing challenges. [Click here](#) to read more.

Get access to a pool of talented, international young

graduates, passionate about social impact.

[AIESEC](#) is a global youth network impacting the world through leadership development experiences. AIESEC offers the not for profit and community services sector a unique opportunity to access a pool of talented young people from around the world at a very cost effective rate of under \$17000 for the year, including salary. [Read more...](#)

Office Space Available for Rent in East Perth

Fully serviced office space in beautiful heritage building in leafy East Perth available for sub-let to Community Groups and Not For Profit organisations. Spaces on offer range from single cubicles, individual offices, to larger room of up to six workspaces. Onsite parking is also available. Please contact Ric West for further information 9425 2000

Seniors Week 2014 Community Grants Program

Applications opened on 6 June for funding through the Seniors Week 2014 Community Grants Program. Seniors Week 2014 is being held between Sunday 9 November and Sunday 16 November, and with the support of the Department for Local Government and Communities, and Lotterywest, COTA WA has grants available as a contribution towards the cost of hosting events during this time. Standard grants are up to \$1000 (plus GST if applicable). Grants from \$1001 - \$3000 may also be approved if they will attract a large number of seniors. Applications close at 5.00 pm on Friday 15th August 2014.

Visit www.cotawa.org.au/events/seniors-week-2014 for full application and eligibility details. For further information or any queries contact 08 9321 2133 or email admin@cotawa.org.au

Sector Events

Bridges out of Poverty - Wed 23rd July

Dudley Park Primary School P&C invites you to participate in an informative one-day community workshop on 23 July 2014.

Presented by Nairn Walker, the Bridges Out of Poverty workshop aims to develop a shared understanding of some of the challenges facing our community. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The 2014 Kirby Bentley Cup - Fri 25th July

The Kirby Bentley Cup will provide young Aboriginal girls with an exciting opportunity to put their football skills on display. This is the first year of the Kirby Bentley Cup which will be played as a 9-a-side round robin tournament for Aboriginal girls aged 13-17. [Click here](#) for

more information.

Caravan and Park Home Community Consultation - Thu 31st July

Shelter WA and Tenancy WA will be holding a joint consultation with stakeholders to inform submissions to the Department of Local Government and Communities on proposed changes to the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and the Department of Commerce on proposed changes to the Residential Parks (Long-stay Tenants) Act 2006. The submissions are in response to discussion papers issued by both agencies. [Click here](#) to learn more.

From Reacting To Responding - Thu 31st July

20% discount for WACOSS members

From Reacting To Responding: Dealing with challenging situations in the workplace calmly, effectively and with compassion
This workshop integrates Mindfulness, body practices, and an ontological coaching framework which enhances your awareness of self and your impact on others
When: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Thursday, 31 July 2014
Where: Southcare Hall, Cnr Bickley Cres and Pether Rd, Manning
Fee: \$295 (incl GST)
For more information and how to access your WACOSS 20% discount, please contact Kathryn at info@mindandmovement.com.au

Professional Development Relationships Australia

Introduction to Couples Counselling x 2 days
Thursday, 31 July and Friday, 1 August 2014
(22 Southport Street, West Leederville)
[Click here](#) for more information. Ring 9489 6322 to enrol.

Launch of Sexual Assault Counselling Australia - Perth & Broome – Tue 5th and Wed 6th Aug

Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia invites you to join us for the launch of our new service: Sexual Assault Counselling Australia. The launch events will be held in Perth on Tuesday 5 August 2014, and Broome on Wednesday 6 August 2014.
[Read more...](#)

Registrations open for the 2014 NDS WA State Conference

- Thu 14th & Fri 15th Aug

Join NDS WA in discussing issues and changes affecting the disability sector, now and into the future. Take advantage of our Early Bird prices and register today. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The Resilience Doughnut – Thu 21st Aug

Professional training presented by CLAN WA

The Resilience Doughnut is a model for building resilience. It considers both the internal and external qualities of a resilient person as well as the external influences which support and interact with these qualities. It is a creative, fun and practical tool for change.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

TheMHS Conference 2014 - Tue 26th - Fri 29th Aug

TheMHS conference in 2014 will be a vehicle to challenge and shift attitudes about mental health issues. It will be an interactive, stimulating and creative environment for you to enjoy, participate, learn and share. We want you to return home with encouragement, enthusiasm and energy to share new understandings and to contribute to mentally healthy communities. [Click here](#) for more information.

Third National Elder Abuse Conference - Wed 3rd - Fri 5th Sep 2014

Advocare Incorporated, the peak Western Australian organisation in the promotion of older people's rights and prevention of elder abuse, is proud to be hosting the Third National Elder Abuse Conference at the Hyatt Regency Perth, from the 3rd to 5th September 2014. [Read more...](#)

WACOSS Jobs

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Full-time position

WACOSS is seeking a dynamic Executive Support Officer to work with both our CEO and Director of Policy supporting our Management team. This is an important role within our organisation which communicates and manages relationships with high-level stakeholders, including Ministerial offices, senior public servants, community sector CEOs, peak organisations and WACOSS members.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Full-time or Part-time position

WACOSS is seeking a dynamic Administrative Officer to work in it's organisation. This is an important role within our organisation which communicates and assists with logistical support across all teams within WACOSS, while interacting with the organisation's stakeholders and members.

[Click here](#) for more information on both positions.

Applications close on Monday, 21st July 2014 at 9.00am with interviews planned for the week commencing 21st July 2014.

[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.

- [Womens Health and Family Services - Aboriginal support facilitator](#)
- [Uniting Care West Primary Carer - South - Family Group Homes](#)
- [Uniting Care West Team Leader - South - Family Group Homes](#)
- [Uniting Care West - Cafe Supervisor - 12 month contract](#)
- [Unitingcare WestSchool Liaison Officer](#)
- [Uniting Care West - Team Leader/Supervisor \(PHaMS\) Meriwa Location](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House - Support Worker](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Counsellor](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Regional Manager North Metropolitan](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Program and Contract Officer](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Society - Regional Membership Coordinator](#)
- [Centrecare - Clinical Supervisor](#)

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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