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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! [Read more...](#)

Collective Impact in Action: Sharing the Logan Together Story – Wed 20th Aug

WACOSS is pleased to invite you to participate in a forum to further our work around how collective impact can drive coordination and cooperation in WA. This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand about a Queensland collective impact initiative: Logan Together.

Logan Together is a collective impact initiative which has brought together a broad group of community members and organisations from across Logan City in south east Queensland.

The Logan Together initiative is focused on improving development outcomes for Logan children (from birth to eight years) and their families. Come along to hear from local government and community sector representatives involved in this initiative. [Read more.](#)

Social Impact Training – Tue 9th – Thu 11th Sep in Perth

How do you measure the impact of investment in social programs? Are you still limited to measuring inputs? Do you need a tool to help design your social programs and investment?

Net Balance, in partnership with WACOSS will be offering Social Impact training in Perth this September to help you answer these questions. These workshops will be facilitated by the experienced Net Balance social impact measurement team. There are heavily discounted places for WACOSS members.

For more information and to register view the flyer [here](#).

Productivity Commission releases draft report on Childcare and Early Childhood Learning

On Tuesday 22nd July, the Productivity Commission released its draft report on Childcare and Early Childhood Learning. Spanning over 900 pages, the report's recommendations would have significant implications for the Australia's childcare system, if enacted. WACOSS made a [submission to this inquiry](#) and is pleased to note that a number of the concerns which we raised are reflected in the draft report. Further opportunities are also available to comment on the draft report. [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](#).

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.

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

- [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

Reconciliation WA

NAIDOC Week 2014

NAIDOC Week in Perth opened on Sunday July 6th at Wellington Square in East Perth, despite inclement weather it was well attended and people were engaged by a beautiful demonstration of local Noongar culture, stalls and activities. NAIDOC Week celebrates the positive contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders make to the Australian community. The 2014 NAIDOC Week in West Australia was perhaps the best yet, more organisations across all sectors of the community delivered events to effect this and never before have so many people participated in it. It's a clear demonstration that the currency for reconciliation has never been stronger. If you or your organisation is interested in engaging more deeply in the reconciliation space we encourage you to explore the support [Reconciliation WA](#) can provide you. As always NAIDOC Week closes with the prestigious NAIDOC Perth Ball to which a record 1400 black tie guests attended and celebrated upcoming Aboriginal talent in WA.

Sector News

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...](#)

Seeking Nominations for the HCC Consumer Excellence Awards

The Health Consumers' Council Board is seeking nominations from members for their exciting new awards to recognise the unsung heroes behind the scenes in WA Health. Individuals/Groups can be nominated for the 12 Awards.

[Click here](#) to download the nomination form. Send the completed form to info@hconc.org.au or post to GPO Box C134, PERTH WA 6839.

Ask ACNC

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) is running a series of sessions called 'Ask ACNC' that will provide information about the ACNC and charity obligations. ACNC advice and education staff will be available to help people, there will also be a presentation by the Commissioner (or member of the Executive team) and plenty of time for Q and A.

As the deadline for submitting the 2013 Annual Information Statements has just passed for most charities, we are actively reaching out to charities who may not have submitted in time (for any number of reasons), and delivering these sessions as part of our broader approach, which focuses on providing education and advice before considering regulatory powers. These sessions will be useful for people running charities of all sizes and types, who need to meet ACNC obligations.

Charities can find out more information about these events including how to register at www.acnc.gov.au/askacnc

Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme

Western Australia has approximately 2,500 grandparents who have the full-time care of their grandchildren, however many grandparent carers are still unaware of the Grandcarers Support Scheme. Funded by the Department of Local Government and Communities, and managed by Wanslea, the Grandcarers Support Scheme is a potential source of much needed financial support. [Read more.](#)

Thinker in Residence report now online

The Commissioner for Children and Young People's Thinker in Residence for 2014, Dr Michael Ungar, has released a report detailing his findings following his two week residency in May 2014. [Read more](#)

No ATO Appeal on PBI Status

The Australian Tax Office has decided not to appeal a Federal Court decision giving national Not for Profit, the Hunger Project, Public Benevolent Institution status - paving the way for more charities to access the fundraising status. [Read more.](#)

Research Participants Needed

ACAP are conducting research to better understand life for young people following first episode psychosis. This research will be conducted Australia wide through a confidential online focus group. [Click here](#) for more information.

Grandcarers Support Scheme

What is the Grandcarers Support Scheme? An annual payment to grandcarers who have the full-time care of their grandchild / grandchildren

For all enquiries call: Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme 1800 794 909. [Click here](#) for more information.

New reports outline state of WA children's wellbeing

The Commissioner tabled in the Parliament of Western Australia today the second edition of two reports that will further help agencies develop programs and services for children and young people based on the best available data and evidence. [Read more...](#)

Thank A Volunteer Day Grants Program 2014

The Department for Communities is currently seeking applications for the Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration Grants Program 2014.

Funding assistance of up to \$1,000 will be available to communities throughout Western Australia to hold an event or display on Thank a Volunteer Day/International Day of Volunteers, 5 December 2014. The aim of the Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration Grants Program is to support both metropolitan and regional communities to celebrate Thank a Volunteer Day as a whole of community event. [Click here](#) for more information. To download an Application Form, [click here](#).

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...](#)

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

Homeless Persons Week Cup 2014 - Tue 5th Aug

The Big Issue Community Street Soccer would like to invite everyone from local service agencies to join the Street Socceros in the Homeless Persons Week Cup.

This is a fun soccer tournament where having better matching T-Shirts and a cooler name than your opposition is more important than the score! Come and stretch your legs and dust off your boots for what will be a fun afternoon of soccer.

Date: Aug 5th

Venue: Wellington Square, East Perth

Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm

If you're interested in getting involved contact Sean D'Arcy soccerwa@bigissue.org.au

Homelessness – we can't afford to ignore it - Wed 6th Aug

(Mandurah)

Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy live music, self-portraits, face painting, yummy food, drinks, freebies, games and activities and have a chat with local service providers. [Click here](#) for more information.

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...](#)

WA Launch of the AASW Accredited Social Worker Trade Mark - Wed 6th Aug

As part of the AASW's goal to strengthen the regulation of the social work profession in Australia, a legally protected Collective Trade mark is now available for use by eligible Accredited AASW members. Come along and find out how this Trade Mark can assist and support you in your ongoing work. [Click here](#) for more information.

RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training

As part of its Mental Health training, RFWA presents a series of Recovery based workshops join us: 7 August - **Conflict Management Training**; 12 August - **An Introduction to the Recovery Approach & Recovery in a World Context**; 13 August - **Making Real Connection & Who Am I To Help You?**; 14 August - **Trauma Informed Care & Person-Centred Risk Safety**; and for the first time in PaRK region 20 August - **Conflict Management Training – Rockingham**.

To find out more about individual sessions and bookings visit our website www.rfwa.org.au and choose the 'TRAINING' tab, contact us on training@rfwa.org.au or 08 9350 8800. Follow us on Facebook: Richmond Fellowship of WA

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.

Free Social Impact Measurement Panel - Thu 28th Aug

SIMNA WA is hosting a facilitated panel discussion on social impact measurement with representatives from corporate, government and community organisations. Come along to this free panel with an open mind and your questions.

[Click here](#) to register and here to [view the flyer](#).

Lifeline ASIST Workshop - Fri 29th & Sat 30th Aug

Delivered to more than 100 million people world-wide, ASIST is the most researched, developed and evaluated suicide intervention training in the world. This is an essential workshop for those dealing with individuals who may be at risk of suicide. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to download a registration form.

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...](#)

Mentalizing for Mental health Professionals: A Mentalization Awareness & Skills Workshop - Tue 16th &

Wed 17th Sep

Mentalization skills help practitioners and their clients to become more mindfully- aware, secure, and skilful in relationships. Mentalization Based Therapy is a here & now approach, with attachment theory as its theoretical base. This two day workshop is aimed at Social Workers, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Nurses, and any other allied Mental Health or related discipline professional. It is also highly recommended that professionals from the same team or same setting undertake this workshop together. [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.

- [Centrecare - Children's Psychologist/Therapeutic Practitioner](#)
- [Unitingcare West - Project Officer Pathways](#)
- [Unitingcare WestSchool Liaison 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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