



## WACOSS eNews - 22nd August 2014

[General WACOSS News](#)

[WACOSS Workshops and Seminars](#)

[Reconciliation WA](#)

[Sector News](#)

[Sector Events](#)

[Community Sector Jobs](#)

### **General WACOSS News**

## **WACOSS Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Book Friday, 17th October 2014 into your diaries for the WACOSS AGM with the venue yet to be confirmed. Further details will be made available over the next two weeks. The AGM is also held in conjunction with the launch of the annual Pre-Budget Submission, so look out for details on this event too.

## **Discussion Forums for Service Providers & Consumers Working with people with an intellectual disability and a mental illness**

WACOSS is conducting two information sessions to update service providers and consumers on the Dual Disability Project. There will be an opportunity to share experiences, discuss key issues including complexities and service gaps, as well as

what good practice looks like. [Read more...](#)

## **Community Sector online platform continues to grow**

[DropIN](#) the community sectors newest online platform continues to expand with 650 members and over 20 networks. The platform was recently presented in July at the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) Conference and will also be showcased at the [LGMA Community Development Conference](#) in September. If your organisation is interested in getting involved in online collaboration please contact [kyliehansen@wacoss.org.au](mailto:kyliehansen@wacoss.org.au) to organise a private presentation to your organisation or network. For more information on DropIN [click here](#).

## **An invitation to participate in the new, improved 2014 Australian Community Sector Survey**

In September and October 2014, ACOSS will be collecting data for the Australian Community Sector Survey (ACSS). The new look survey report will be released in early December.

WACOSS recognises the value of the ACSS and supports ACOSS' work to develop the survey into a robust data source about the Australian community sector and the people who access its services. We strongly encourage our members to participate. [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](mailto:lynlevy@wacoss.org.au). For more information [click here](#).

## **WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014**

- [Bullying: New laws and what you need to know](#) - Mon 1st Sep
- [Meeting with Ministers - Making the most of them](#) - Wed 3rd Sep
- [Interpreting Financial Reports - Essential Board Induction 2](#) - Thu 4th Sep - WEBINAR
- [How to design a survey](#) - Fri 12th Sep
- [Victim Services, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence: Consultation Forum](#) - Mon 15th Sep
- [Emergency Relief Essentials](#) - Wed 17th Sep - WEBINAR
- [Introduction to DropIN](#) - Thu 18th Sep - WEBINAR
- [Employment Law and Your Legal Risks: What NFPs need to know](#) - Wed 24th Sep
- [Presentation Excellence - Advanced Skills](#) - Fri 26th Sep

- [Contract Law for NFP Organisations](#) - Mon 6th Oct

## Sector News

### **Expressions of interest open for consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people**

The acting Commissioner for Children and Young People Jenni Perkins has announced a major consultation project with the State's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

Expressions of Interest are now open for community agencies to run consultations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people throughout WA on behalf of the Commissioner. [Read more...](#)

### **Contract renewed for Seniors' Housing Centre**

A new contract for the Seniors' Housing Centre will ensure the partnership between Consumer Protection and peak seniors' organisation, the Council on the Ageing Western Australia (COTA WA), will continue to help seniors get advice about housing options. [Read more...](#)

### **WA Seniors Awards**

The WA Seniors Awards recognise seniors, and those who work with them, for their outstanding contributions to Western Australian communities. The awards also recognise West Australian journalists and press photographers whose work portrays a positive image of seniors.

So if you know a senior, or an organisation or individual who works with them, doing great things in the community, consider nominating them for a WA Seniors Award.

Alternatively, consider passing this information on to someone who does.

Nominations close 5pm Friday 29 August 2014. Application kit [click here](#)

### **Australia's largest children's education charity calls for greater clarity on uni fee increases**

Australia's largest children's education charity, The Smith Family, has encouraged the Federal Government to provide greater clarity to families and young people – and particularly those from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds – around

the costs students will need to pay for a degree under its higher education reforms. [Read more...](#)

## **Need a Skilled Board member?**

An experienced organisational, management and business consultant is wanting to be on a large or growing not for profit organisation.

He is a qualified and experienced Company Director, is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and currently sits on the Melbourne's Business School of Alumni.

He was until recently, been part owner and principle consultant at the successful Churchill Consulting. Prior to this he has twenty years international resource management experience. He is currently Director, Business Advisory and Executive Coach, for Strategic Intent. For contact details please contact the WACOSS Office [info@wacoss.org.au](mailto:info@wacoss.org.au)

## **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](mailto:info@hconc.org.au) or post to GPO Box C134, PERTH WA 6839.

## **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...](#)

### **Sector Events**

## **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 registe.

## **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.

## **Pathways to Sustainability: Mergers, collaborations and partnerships in the NFP sector - Tue 2nd Sep**

With sustainability and future-proofing high on the agenda for many Not for Profit executives, Community ExecNet will explore mergers, collaborations and partnerships that are already happening in the sector, as well as practical tips on how these avenues could be explored for your Not for Profit. [Read more...](#)

## **The Strengths Approach – professional training presented by CLAN WA - September 2014**

The Strengths Approach is a way of working with people's strengths, aspirations and resources as a means towards change. It requires a paradigm shift from the deficit to competency basis.

This training provides a framework to assist the exploration and consideration of principles, processes for change, learning and growth. [Read more...](#)

## **RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training**

RFWA presents a series of Recovery based workshops. Join us: **25 August – Shared Decision Making: Prescribing Medication to Enable Recovery:** As services move toward using more recovery oriented frameworks, there is a growing emphasis on 'shared decision making' about medication and treatment. This is essential to support people to live meaningful lives;

**3-4 September – ASIST Suicide Prevention:** This workshop is for people who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

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

## **Workplace Training - Relationships Australia**

The following courses are available in September. [Click here](#) for more information.

Defusing Angry and Abusive Customers - Tue, 2nd Sep

Parenting Between Cultures: Working with Migrant and Refugee Parents – Thu 18th Sep

## **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...](#)

## **Care and Intimate Life in the 21st Century: Changes and Challenges - Thu 11th Sep**

How do people live, love and care in the 21st Century? In this talk Sasha Roseniel draws on over 15 years of research on changing practices of intimacy and care to encourage reflection on the challenges that are thrown up by the transformation of personal life. [Read more...](#)

## **Supervising Staff - Skills for Practice - SPSW workshop - Wed 3rd Sep and Wed 17th Sep**

The Society of Professional Social Workers are presenting its highly successful 2 day workshop on supervision. This workshop is aimed at assisting supervisors and those who aspire to be supervisors to develop the skills and knowledge required to supervise workers. It will address both supervising staff who are open to supervision and learning and those whose behaviours are impacting on their participation in the team or where their performance is poor or substandard.

[Click here](#) for the flyer. [Click here](#) for the registration form.

## **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.

## **Anglicare WA professional development workshops and customised training**

Anglicare WA delivers events, professional development workshops and customised training for human services organisations across WA.

2014 workshops and events

- Elder Abuse (27 August 2014)
- Lessons Learned from the Royal Commission (10 September 2014)
- Worker Safety for Home Visits (24 September 2014)
- Children and Domestic Violence (25 September 2014)

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

## [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 West School 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](mailto:jbroweleit@anson.com.au)**

[Subscribe me to this list.](#)

[Unsubscribe me from this list](#)



wacoss.org.au

© Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc 2013