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### **General WACOSS News**

## **WACOSS Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Pre-Budget Submission (PBS) Launch - Fri 17th Oct**

Each year, WACOSS provides an annual Pre-Budget Submission to the State Government regarding what it sees as priorities for social expenditure in the following State Budget. On the 17th October we will be launching the PBS at a function at Burswood on Swan.

Following the PBS Launch, the Council will be holding our Annual General Meeting with a special presentation by three young West Australians from Polly Farmer Follow the Dream.

President, Steve Joske and CEO, Irina Cattalini, look forward to welcoming you to this special annual event for the Council's members and supporters. [Download the flyer](#) for more information and [click here](#) to register.

## **WACOSS Cost of Living Report 2014**

The latest WACOSS economic modelling of incomes and living costs for low income households clearly shows that a significant slowing of the WA economy has yet to lead to any improvement in their dire financial circumstances. [Read more...](#)

## **Hunger in Developed Countries: Why it exists and how we can end it - Thu 9th Oct**

WACOSS, the Curtin University Food Policy Project, Foodbank, and Healthway are pleased to present [Joel Berg](#), Executive Director of the [New York City Coalition Against Hunger](#) in a free public lecture. On Thursday 9th October, Joel will deliver his presentation "Hunger in Developed Countries: Why it exists and how we can end it" at Curtin University, Bentley. [Read more...](#)

## **New project! Outcomes Measurement Support**

WACOSS have received a small grant from the Department of Finance to draw together the numerous resources available around measuring outcomes; and provide some guidance to the sector on the availability and appropriateness of the resources out there. This survey will assist the direction of this work, both in content and in making the content available to the sector. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes. [Click here](#) to complete the survey or for more information [read more](#).

## **WACOSS to commence Costing and Pricing Support project**

WACOSS has recently received funding from the Department of Finance to develop and implement a costing and pricing software resource for NFP organisations. The CaPS project is designed to respond to capacity issues identified within the WA Social Service sector in the area of costing, pricing and general financial management. To ensure the final product is as valuable and relevant as possible, WACOSS are forming a group of relevant stakeholders from a variety of perspectives that can provide input into the development of the software. [Read more...](#)

## **WACOSS congratulates Bankwest on its launch of the Bankwest Foundation.**

The Foundation – a charity independent from the day to day operations of Bankwest – will receive \$1 million per year for five years from Bankwest, in support of domestic initiatives which align with its four key areas of focus. [Read more...](#)

## **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...](#)

## 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 Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [Employment Law and Your Legal Risks: What NFPs need to know](#) - Wed 24th Sep
- [Presentation Skills Excellence](#) - Fri 26th Sep
- [Contract Law for NFP Organisations](#) - Mon 6th Oct
- [How to be a Super Supervisor](#) - Thu 9th Oct
- [Public Lecture: Joel Berg on Hunger in Developed Countries](#) - Thu 9th Oct
- [Writing Submissions for Parliamentary, Government & Other Inquiries](#) - Fri 10th Oct
- [Advocacy for Frontline Workers](#) - Tue 14th Oct
- [Risk Management - What Boards Need to Know](#) - Wed 15th Oct - WEBINAR

## Sector News

### Fair Go for Asylum Seekers Appeal

Red Cross and other stakeholders have set up an appeal for asylum seekers who can no longer access legal support.

Asylum seekers are no longer be able to access legal support through Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS). Fair Go for Asylum Seekers Appeal has been set up to raise funds so that asylum seekers can access basic legal advice on how to document their claims for asylum. The Appeal is seeking donations from the public to enable a basic legal service to be established. [Click here](#) to view the flyer and the donation link.

## **Changes to health services in Perth's southern suburbs**

From October 2014, hospital and health services in the south metropolitan area are changing to coincide with the phased opening of Fiona Stanley Hospital – leading to changes in the services offered at current hospital and health care facilities in the south metropolitan area. [Read more...](#)

## **Information Sessions & Call for Grant Applications to Support Victims of Crime**

The Department of the Attorney General values the work of organisations that support victims of crime – it strongly encourages applications from not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities for this grants program, particularly from organisations who provide victims of crime with assistance and support. [Read more...](#)

## **Nominations open for women making a difference in regional WA**

Nominations are open for the Rural Remote and Regional Women's Network of Western Australia reference group whose members represent communities across the state.

The RRR Network was established in 1996 to bring together women from rural and remote areas of Western Australia to recognise, promote and expand the contribution they make to their communities. [Read more...](#)

## **New Indigenous Advancement Strategy and associated funding**

The Government has released its Indigenous Advancement Strategy outlining its commitment to working more closely with Indigenous Australians on the priority areas of getting children to school, adults to work and making communities safer.

An open, competitive grant round for funding under the IAS will open on Monday 8 September 2014 and close at 2pm AEST on Tuesday 7 October.

Note the four week timeframe for this tender is very tight. The Council is concerned this makes it hard for service providers to collaborate to deliver better services, and for smaller organisations with limited capacity to be able to tender effectively. [Read more...](#)

## **Are you supporting your clients to quit smoking?**

Cancer Council of WA is currently compiling a list of smoking cessation products/resources

and programs developed by different organisations. This information will be used to identify potential opportunities to share and improve resources, specifically for use with disadvantaged groups. If you have smoking cessation products, resources or programs that you use, please complete this 2-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCDTDYS> or contact Emily at [ebox@cancerwa.asn.org](mailto:ebox@cancerwa.asn.org).

## **Centre for homeless youth wins prestigious development award**

Perth's largest, purpose built development for homeless youth was named the state's best Sustainable Development for 2014 at the prestigious Urban Development Institute of Australia WA Awards on the weekend. Located in the heart of Leederville, it placed ahead of several private sector developments nominated in the same category. [Read more...](#)

## **State Funded Diploma of Human Resource Management**

The Betterlink Group has some funding under Future Skills WA from the Department of Training and Workforce Development to provide the Diploma of Human Resource Management. This is suitable for people working in HR or areas of Management with HR responsibilities. [Read more...](#)

## **Share your thoughts on evaluation in child and family organisations and go into the running to win a \$100 prize.**

A world-first research project on the use of evaluation in Australian child and family welfare organisations is currently underway at The University of Melbourne. If you are a practitioner, team leader or internal evaluator please share your views via a short survey and go into the draw to win a prize. [Read more..](#)

### **Sector Events**

## **Upcoming Workshops at WAAMH**

WAAMh are holding the following workshops in September. [Click here](#) for more information.

- Mental Health First Aid: 22 & 23 September
- Sharing your story to help others: 22 September
- National Standards for Mental Health Services: 30 September

## **Mental Health Week Art Exhibition Opening - Fri 3rd Oct**

4:00 - 7:00pm: Live music Face paint & body art Interactive art display Sausage sizzle for a

6:00pm gallery launch. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## **Launch of the Mental Health Network - Mon 6th Oct**

The WA Department of Health in partnership with the Mental Health Commission would like to announce the official launch of the Mental Health Network on Monday 6 October 2014 at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth.

The Mental Health Network will provide the structure for people to come together to help connect, share and improve on the mental health outcomes for Western Australians. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Anglicare Forum: Uncovering Professional and Ethical Dilemmas for the Future - Thu 16th & Fri 17th Oct**

An opportunity for managers and workers to explore the application of workplace changes following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. [Click here](#) for more information

## **Domestic & Family Violence and the Law Accredited Training - Fri 17th Oct**

Domestic & Family Violence and the Law will focus on State & Federal Legislation in relation to domestic and family violence. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **RESULTS Perth Launch - Sun 19th Oct**

Join an enthusiastic group of people who are passionate about using citizen power to end poverty. Learn about what RESULTS does and how you can get involved by joining or supporting the new RESULTS Perth group.

Get into action straight away, by taking part in RESULTS' monthly action - writing a letter to the editor of your newspaper about Australia's role in ensuring 300 million kids are vaccinated in the world's poorest countries by 2020. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Across the Aged Care Continuum - Wed 22nd Oct**

Aged & Community Services WA (ACSWA) bring together a number of highly experienced presenters who will be discussing the current state of aged care, workforce and other industry issues at Across the Aged Care Continuum.

The forum will include break out sessions covering residential care and community care issues

plus a plenary program relevant to the broader aged care industry. [Read more...](#)

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

As part of its Mental Health training, RFWA presents a series of Recovery based workshops join us: 22 September – Introduction to the Recovery Approach & Introduction to the Hearing Voices Approach; 23 & 24 September – Trauma and Recovery; and 6 October – Mindfulness for Mental Health – FREE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK EVENT.

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

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

2014 workshops and events

- Children and Domestic Violence (25 September 2014)
- Ethical Decision Making (1 October 2014)
- Introduction to Family and Domestic Violence (2 October 2014)
- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect (17 October 2014)
- Case Management with Multi-Problem Families (22 October (day 1) & 5 November (day 2) 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.

## **Up and coming workshops from the Department of Finance, Funding and Contracting Services (FaCS) Directorate**

*Are you interested in learning more about Understanding Tenders, Tendering for Outcomes or Costing and Pricing?*

If the answer's yes then the Department of Finance, Funding and Contracting Services (FaCS) Directorate invite you to attend their up and coming workshops aimed at not-for-profit (NFP) organisations who are currently, or are interested in, providing community services on behalf of the State Government. [Read more...](#)

## **ASIST Workshops - Sep, Oct, Nov & Dec**

LifelineWA are holding ASIST training in Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec 2014. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to download a registration form.

## **24th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March - Fri 21st Nov**

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) invites all community members to attend the to honour all those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic & family violence. [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.

- [St Bartholomew's House - Occupational Therapist](#)
- [Australian Red Cross - Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Housing Support Worker](#)
- [Shelter WA - Manager Communication and Engagement](#)
- [Partners in Recovery \(PIR\) - Support Facilitator](#)

**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)**

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