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General WACOSS News

Taxation Amendment Bill 2014

The Legislative Council Standing Committee on Legislation released its report into the Taxation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 on Friday 21st November 2014. The bill was referred to the committee on 23 September 2014 as a result of letters written to the Minister and the chair of the committee by WACOSS, following discussions with the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Finance and the Commissioner of State Revenue. [Read more...](#)

Supporting Early Years Networks in WA - Final Project Report

WACOSS received funding from Lotterywest to review the existing Early Years Networks and develop a sustainable model to support their ongoing viability. We were fortunate to have Lianda Gibson working with WACOSS on this project.

The final report from the Early Years Networks project is now available for [download here](#).

Request for feedback on Draft Core Capability Framework for Working with people with an intellectual disability and a mental illness

WACOSS is seeking feedback from interested parties on the Draft Core Capability Framework for working with people with an intellectual disability and a co-occurring mental illness/health problem. If you are interested in providing feedback, please click here for more information. [Read more...](#)

Help shape the social enterprise landscape in WA

WACOSS, Social Ventures Australia and the School for Social Entrepreneurs are interested to hear your thoughts on the current state of the social enterprise sector in WA and consider where to next.

We would be grateful if you could please take 10 minutes to complete the survey which can be [found here](#).

Impact 25 - NFP Sector to Decide Most Influential

Pro Bono Australia has launched the inaugural Impact 25, asking the Not for Profit sector to name the most influential people in Australia's social economy.

There are a number of Western Australians on the list including WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini; Mercycare CEO, Chris Hall; UnitingCare West CEO; Sue Ash and Youth Affairs Council CEO, Craig Comrie.

The Council extends congratulations to all the nominees and encourages you to [vote](#) by the closing date of 11th December.

For more information [click here](#). To vote [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Wed 3rd Dec
- [Email & Workflow Mastery for Outlook Users](#) - Tue 9th Dec
- [Introduction to DropIN](#) - Thu 11th Dec - WEBINAR
- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Tue 3rd Feb 2015
- [Human Resource Management: Compliance & Best Practice](#) - Thu 12th Feb 2015

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workshops.

Reconciliation WA

17yr old Aboriginal man named WA Young Person of the year!

We'd like to congratulate James Clarke, a proud homosexual Aboriginal man, who has recently been named WA Young Person of the year. Reconciliation WA has had the great privilege to get to know James over the past year and we are extremely proud of him! [Read more...](#)

Unique Choir, Madjitol Moorna, looking for more people to get involved!

Unique choir, Madjitol Moorna is celebrating 10 years next year and into early 2016. Reconciliation WA attended their planning day recently in Kalamunda, ideas flowed for how to spread the joy of singing in Noongar language with others. [Read more...](#)

Sector News

Pack some peace of mind for you next holiday and you could win a \$500 voucher!

The onset of warmer weather means many of us may be thinking about our next dream holiday. But before you book, make sure you play the 'Pack Some Peace of Mind' travel game. It features handy hints on how to protect your travel purchase, whether booking directly online or through an agent. Plus, one lucky person in Western Australia will win a \$500 travel voucher of their choice, just by playing and answering the question: "What's the one thing you always pack for your peace of mind?"

So, get playing at either by using the link at www.commerce.wa.gov.au/travelgame or via the [Consumer Protection WA Facebook page](#).

Nominate your stars for the 2015 Disability Support Awards

Do you know a support worker or team of support workers who have made a significant contribution to providing support and improving the lives of people with disability?

This is your opportunity to recognise them by nominating them for a 2015 Disability Support

Award. [Read more...](#)

Invitation to Participate in Research

Retirement Village and Community Aged Care Staff of retirement villages and community care providers throughout Australia are invited to participate in a research project being conducted by researchers from Alzheimer's Australia NSW and the University of NSW. [Read more...](#)

Survival Day Concert, Perth 2015 Poster Competition - Calling all Noongar Artists

Noongar artists over the age of 13 are invited to submit their artwork to the Survival Day Concert, Perth 2015 Poster Competition. Artworks should reflect Noongar culture and the yearly celebrations of Survival Day, which is held 26th January each year. The winning entry will be awarded a \$500 prize and the artwork will be featured on event posters and t-shirts. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to download the entry form.

FREE black and white office Printer

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) has a FREE working printer to give away.

- Ricoh Aficio 2027 Black and white Printer
- Good working order, recently serviced
- Fully networkable
- Can print to A3 size
- Printing, scan to email and copying functions

[Click here](#) to see a picture. Contact Emily at ICV on 9228 9151 . Pickup only. Office located on edge of Perth CBD

Planning provisions for affordable housing

Changes will be made to the State's planning system in an effort to boost housing affordability in Western Australia.

[Read more...](#)

Communicare Christmas Appeal 2014

The Communicare Christmas Appeal supports vulnerable families during the festive season through distribution of gifts for Children aged 0 to 12 years and food vouchers for individuals, families and couples.

Each year, Communicare relies on generous donations from the general public, businesses (Communicare's 'Corporate Clauses'), schools and community groups to provide enough gifts to support the demand of the appeal. Gifts are collected for Communicare's Appeal at Stockland Riverton, Stockland Bullcreek and Target Whitfords. Gifts are also received each year by churches, community groups and businesses that collect gifts and deliver them directly to Communicare. [Click here](#) for more information.

Premier names new Lotterywest chief

Western Australia's top surf lifesaving administrator, Paul Andrew will take over as the new Chief Executive Officer of Lotterywest. Premier Colin Barnett announced that Mr Andrew will take up the reins as CEO in February next year following the retirement of Jan Stewart. [Read more..](#)

2014 Review of the National Quality Agenda - Secondary Consultation Process

The next stage of the 2014 Review of the National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care (2014 Review) involves consultation on proposed options for changes to the National Quality Framework. These are set out in a Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).

Feedback provided through the public consultation process earlier in the year has informed the consultation RIS and this is your opportunity to have your say on possible changes. [Read more...](#)

Sector Grants

Western Australian Suicide Prevention Small Grants and Training

Mental Health Minister Hon Helen Morton MLC [has announced](#) \$600,000 for local suicide prevention projects and training. For the first time, the grants have been made available to Aboriginal controlled health organisations; with 'Opening Closets' training also included to help high risk lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual and intersex groups.

The funding will help local communities strengthen the important work undertaken through the State Government's \$13 million Western Australian Suicide Prevention Strategy 2009-2013 (Strategy). [Read more..](#)

Community Gardens Grants

The 2014/15 Community Garden Grant Program is currently open and will close at 5pm on

Friday 12 December 2014. No late applications will be accepted.

Funding of up to \$20,000 for new gardens and up to \$10,000 for existing gardens is available for each project. [Read more...](#)

Two month extensions for DSS grants

DSS is offering two month funding extensions to the majority of existing grant agreements due to expire on 31 December 2014 to ensure continuity of important community services over the Christmas/New Year period.

The Department will contact existing providers over the next several days to arrange extensions. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Sector Events

RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training

As part of its Mental Health training, RFWA presents a series of Recovery based workshop join us; 2nd December – **'Walking Together' Aboriginal Cultural Awareness.**

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

Australian Early Development Census – National Conference - Feb 2015

Conference registrations have opened for the [Australian Early Development Census 2015 National Conference](#) in Glenelg, SA 18-20 February 2015.

The conference aims to increase awareness, understanding and utility of the AEDC, both in Australia and internationally. Additionally, through sharing experiences, delegates will be able to broaden their understanding of the AEDC and how it can be used to inform their planning at a school, community and policy level.

Early bird registrations close December 5th 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.

- [Anglicare WA – Housing Project Worker](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at jcho@anson.com.au

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