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General WACOSS News

WACOSS launches “Inspiring Women to Lead” interview series

In the lead up to International Women’s Day 2015, the WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) is launching the “Inspiring Women to Lead” interview series to inform and inspire women to seek out and take up community sector leadership and board positions in greater numbers, and in larger organisations. [Read more...](#)

MEDIA RELEASE: McClure Report Principles on the Right Track, Wednesday 25th February 2015

The WA Council of Social Service welcomed today's release of the long awaited McClure report on welfare reform, A New System for Better Employment and Social Outcomes.

"The Report acknowledges the key problems in the payment system needing reform: complexity, unfairness, inadequacy and disincentives to work. While it falls short of proposing the right mix of solutions, it substantially advances the public debate on these critical issues of simplicity, equity and effectiveness," said WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini. [Read more...](#)

Expressions of Interest – Disaster Resilience and the

Community Sector

WACOSS is calling for Expressions of Interest from organisations in the Pilbara region to participate in a pilot program to increase the disaster resilience in community sector organisations.

Under a National Emergency Management Projects (NEMP) program, The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) will be developing and piloting a disaster resilience and response program and benchmarking system for the Australian community services sector. These will be piloted in the Pilbara region as well as other diverse sites across Australia. [Read more...](#)

WACOSS Welcomes New Director of Sector Services and Development – John Gregg

The Council is pleased to announce that John Gregg will be joining the WACOSS team, replacing Lyn Levy while she is on extended long service leave.

John brings over 25 years' experience in numerous roles in civil society and public sector organizations. He has worked in direct service delivery roles in Child Protection, Health, Youth and Family Support. John has lead large multidisciplinary teams and managed policy and contract arrangements for state and national programs.

For the past two years John has been consulting to assist civil society organizations address emerging service delivery, governance and performance related issues in Australia and supporting large scale humanitarian coordination in the Middle East.

You can contact John about all your sector development inquiries, training and consultancy needs on 9420 7222 or by email to john@wacoss.org.au

MEDIA RELEASE: Joint statement - End Detention of Children, Fri 13th February

NEVER AGAIN: LET'S END THE DETENTION OF CHILDREN ONCE AND FOR ALL

The report of the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention provides compelling evidence of the need for Australia to cease the detention of children once and for all. Drawing on interviews in detention facilities with more than 1000 children and their parents, the report offers a deeply disturbing record of the harm inflicted on so many children by successive governments. The Government, Opposition and all members of the Australian Parliament must take immediate action to ensure that all children are released from Australian-funded detention centres, in Australia and Nauru, and to ensure that these policies are never repeated. [Read more...](#)

MEDIA RELEASE: Closing The Gap Efforts Undermined by Funding Cuts, Wed 11th February

"The release of the Closing The Gap report into Indigenous disadvantage today highlights that policies and programs in critical areas including education, employment, child protection and community safety are clearly missing the mark," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS.

The Council is calling on the Federal Government to reverse recent cuts to funding for critical social services and to engage with communities on how to achieve meaningful and sustainable outcomes. [Read more...](#)

MEDIA RELEASE: PC Report Highlights Need for Homelessness Funding Certainty

The Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) is urging the Federal Government to commit to long-term future homelessness funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) in the wake of the troubling findings from the Productivity Commission's 2015 Report on Government Services (ROGS) released overnight.

The continued uncertainty regarding the future of NPAH funding, coupled with the recent cut of \$20 million for housing and homelessness programs under the Department of Social Services' grants program, are significant concerns for the community services sector and their clients. [Read more...](#)

Peter Sirr Awarded Life Membership at New Year Sector Breakfast

The Board of WACOSS were pleased to [award Peter Sirr](#) with Life Membership on the 21st January at the annual New Year Sector Breakfast.

Peter Sirr, was originally the CEO of Communicare, but is most well known for his work at Outcare where he commenced in the early 80's. Peter was also WACOSS Vice President in 1995/96 and Board member from 2005 to 2011 and a member of the CEWA Management Committee.

This award is in recognition of his exemplary service and contribution to the community services sector of Western Australia. The Council extends its gratitude to Peter on behalf of the sector and community.

ERA Prison Inquiry (2014) - Joint submission by WACOSS,

WAAMH & WANADA

WACOSS, WAAMH and WANADA made a joint submission to the Economic Regulation Authority Prison Inquiry (2014) in early January 2015. To read the full submission, [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Work Health & Safety for Not for Profits](#) - Fri 27th Feb - WEBINAR
- [Developing a Productive Relationship with your Manager](#) - Wed 4th Mar
- [Nuts & Bolts of Measuring Outcomes](#) - Tue 10th Mar
- [How to be a Super Supervisor](#) - Fri 6th Mar
- [Getting the best out of Business Contracts](#) - Thu 12th Mar

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Reconciliation WA

Apology Anniversary afternoon tea

On Friday February 13, Reconciliation WA and [The Aspiration Initiative](#) (TAI) held an afternoon tea to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the Apology Kevin Rudd gave to the Stolen Generations in 2008. It was a wonderful event and a perfect opportunity for everyone to reflect and acknowledge the day. Marie Taylor performed a Welcome to Country and shared a special insight into her family's story. A highlight was hearing from TAI students [Kalvin McKie](#) and [Stephanie Markey](#) who delivered personal and aspirational speeches reflecting on what the day meant to them as young Aboriginal students.

Sector News

Royal Commission releases Consultation paper on redress and civil litigation

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has released a consultation paper on redress and civil litigation.

Early on the Royal Commission recognised that redress and civil litigation are important issues to survivors of child sexual abuse and to institutions that have acknowledged the inadequacies of their current redress processes. [Read more...](#)

External Professional Support

ASeTTS are now offering external professional support services to people working in the 'helping' sector who may be impacted by their work and need additional support to prevent, or

manage symptoms of professional burnout or vicarious trauma. It is for anyone wanting assistance with their own wellbeing and effectiveness as a worker and ultimately for the wellbeing of their clients.

Support can be either more formal arrangements for clinical supervision or sessional 'as needs' basis debriefing for individuals or a group of workers. Support can take place at ASeTTS offices, onsite, by telephone or skype (for remote locations).

For further information please email the Clinical Supervisor at supervision@asetts.org.au or call 9227 2700.

South-West 'Ageing in Place' project gets green light

Access Housing Australia Ltd is proud to announce it will commence development of 26 Independent Living Units (ILUs) in the State's South-West in a pilot 'Ageing in Place' project. The project will see 14 units at Mitchell Way, Dardanup and 12 units at Thomas Street, Boyanup constructed for accommodating local seniors. Regional Development Minister Terry Redman today gave the project the green light by announcing more than \$4.8 million of Royalties for Regions funding through the Growing our South initiative to supplement Access Housing's capital investment. [Read more...](#)

Consultation on Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Replacement Arrangements

The Government believes it should not impose unnecessary regulatory control over the civil sector; rather, it should work with and support the sector's ability to self-manage, allowing organisations to focus more on their work on in the community.

The repeal of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) is consistent with the Government's broader deregulation agenda to boost productivity by removing complex red and green tape imposed on business, community and individuals by at least \$1 billion per year. [Read more...](#)

CoMHWA Collaboration to Recovery - Action Research Project Survey

Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA) is calling people to take part in an important survey we are coordinating as part of the Collaboration to Recovery project aimed at capturing the experiences of both consumers and service providers when accessing/ utilising cross-sector referrals. The goal of this project is to build inter-sector knowledge which will strengthen regional partnerships that support 'whole of life wellbeing' outcomes for people with multiple unmet needs, such as mental and physical health care needs, and substance use issues. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

Connect for Life program

You are invited to participate in a project about the experiences of young people who have a close friend or family member who is experiencing mental health concern. The project is being undertaken by AnglicareWA as part of the Connect for Life program, with an ultimate aim of improving service provision for young people. [Click here](#) for more information.

Office Space for rent in Victoria Park

VisAbility / Guide Dogs WA have approximately 300sqm of office space to let in their prestigious offices located in Victoria Park. Only a short 3 minute walk to the train station and plenty of on site parking.

The office space is required to be rented by a NFP organisation. If anyone would like any further information then please contact Janine Neal on 08 9311 8202.

SWMPF tools to support service coordination

We all know that we need to work together collaboratively if we are to respond effectively to clients with complex needs. But that is easier said than done. Both service providers and users cite information sharing issues - notably around informed client consent and what client information can and cannot be shared - as one of the key barriers to service coordination. The South West Metropolitan Partnership Forum (SWMPF) has produced two valuable tools to assist service providers to overcome this significant barrier. To find out more, check out <http://www.swmpf.org.au/swmpf-projects/coordination-of-wrap-around-services/>

Social Work Research Invitation

Are you an:

- Early career social worker (with less than 3 years experience)
- Manager or supervisor of an early career social worker

Share your experiences as a social worker working in the health sector. [Click here](#) for more information.

Two FREE Konica Minolta photocopiers available to Community Groups and Not For Profit organisations.

Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd Has two Konica Minolta Bizhub C451 Machines available for free. Both are high quality machines capable of printing, copying, faxing and scanning. One has a finishing unit installed which enables the production of booklets. Installation software, some toners and finishing products are also available. These machines

are out of contract with Konica. Collection from East Perth is required. Please contact Karine Flematti for further information 9425 2000.

Make Smoking History's '16 Cancers'

On 8 February 2015, Make Smoking History launched its new, state-wide campaign '16 Cancers'. The hard-hitting campaign highlights both the common and lesser known cancers that can be caused by smoking and emphasises the immediate and long-term consequences these cancers can have on a person's life. The campaign will run from 8 February to 21 March 2015 in both metropolitan and regional areas. Visit makesmokinghistory.org.au to view the advertisements.

For more information about the Make Smoking History campaign please contact Stacey Keightley at Cancer Council WA on (08) 9388 4369 or email skeightley@cancerwa.asn.au. The Make Smoking History Campaign is an initiative of Cancer Council WA and is funded by the Department of Health WA, Healthway and Cancer Council WA.

Foodbank relocated to meet growing need

Foodbank has relocated to new premises. From January 5 2015, Foodbank will operate from a purpose built distribution centre located at Perth Airport.

With space for more food, improved access and parking and a commercial kitchen, the new Foodbank provide even more support for the work of its existing and new sector partners. [Read more...](#)

State Training Board Youth Survey

The State Training Board have launched their *Youth Matters Survey*, designed for everyone aged 15 to 24 years living in Western Australia. We want to hear from young people from all over the State about your experiences with school, work experience, career advice and getting a job. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

Sector Grants

Applications Open - Department of Local Government and Communities' Women's Grants

Funding of up to \$5000 is available for community organisations and Local Governments to develop projects that encourage women's economic independence and/or encourage women's leadership. [Click here](#) for more information on the grants. [Click here](#) to read the Minister for Women's Interests' media statement.

Applications close 4.00pm Thursday 12th March 2015.

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..](#)

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

Art Therapy – Diversify Your Skills and increase your job eligibility and success (Free Workshop) - Tue 17th Feb

Diversify your skills and increase your job eligibility and success. Get a taste of Art Therapy at our FREE workshop, Tuesday 17th February, 3pm – 5.30pm. This FREE workshop introduces the concept of Art Therapy and its potential for discovery, change and healing in a variety of settings including aged care, working with children, dealing with trauma and stress.

Contact info@ikoninstitute.com.au for further information or register on line [click here](#). For more information on other courses by IKON Institute [click here](#).

Networking Morning Tea - Aged Friendly Communities - Tue 24th February

The City of Subiaco together with Aged Care Revolution would like to invite you to a Networking Morning Tea on the 24th February 2015.

In this networking morning tea we will explore how community organisations can become

"Aged Friendly" and build their capacity to respond to dementia by being "dementia champions". By showcasing innovative national and local initiatives around the aged and health care sector, you will be inspired to implement practical initiatives in your organisation, regardless of your service type. [Click here](#) for more information.

Continence Workshops - Mon 9th February

Continence can be treated, and in many cases cured. Join Continence Nurse Advisor from Silver Chain , Lisa Llewellyn for a workshop on how you can "Treat it. Beat it" using simple strategies to improve your bladder and/or bowel health.

Date: Monday 9th March 2015 , Time: 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm , Venue: Joondalup Office, Cost: Gold Coin Donation

To register please call 9300 1566. Bookings are essential

International Women's Day Sparking High Tea - Fri 6th March

Spend a lovely International Women's Day celebrating with a scrumptious Sparkling High Tea and raising money to help women and children to make a fresh start after living in a violent relationship. Guest Speaker: Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of Western Australia Will be in attendance. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Ruah Mental Health- Collaborative Practice, Building working relationships across sectors – Wed 11th March

Working with people in families where someone experiences a mental illness highlights where we collaborate well and where services and systems are challenged.

This workshop supports finding the best outcomes for individuals, their families and their children through collaborative efforts. It explores how innovation and improved services system design also arise when we work collaboratively. [Click here](#) to find out more..

Be Brave & Shave! World's Greatest Shave - Thu 12th - Sun 15th March

The Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave is back March 12-15! Decide to shave or colour your hair to support the 31 Australians diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma every day. Do something amazing to help beat blood cancer. Be brave and shave – sign up now at www.worldsgreatestshave.com or 1800 500 088.

Start Pedalling for Asthma - Sun 22nd March

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ride down Perth's Freeways and through the Tunnel?

This year Telethon is proudly supporting Perth's largest and most unique community cycling event; the Telethon Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma. Join in on Sunday 22nd March 2015 and help put the 'brakes' on asthma. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Supporting Children & Young People who have Experienced Domestic and Family Violence Conference - Wed 25th & Thu 26th March

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA), (WCDFVS) is hosting a forum on 25th & 26th March 2015 to discuss good practice in supporting children and young people who have experienced domestic and family violence. [Click here](#) for more information.

ACA Approved Clinical Supervisor Training – Wed 25th – Fri 27th Mar

Australian Counselling Association Approved three day training course: Clinical Supervisor Training suitable for Counsellors, Social Workers, School Counsellors, OT's and anyone in the helping professions. Upskill, and gain valuable Professional Development with ACA approved training over three days at very competitive cost. [Find out more here.](#)

Business Development Masterclass for Disability Organisations - Fri 27th March

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from respected international expert Peter Brinckerhoff as he delivers a masterclass on engaging with the challenges and opportunities of the NDIS, evaluating business opportunities for new services, new customers and/or communities to serve. This session, adapted specifically for disability organisations, will cover such topics as risk analysis, picking the right opportunity, aligning the opportunity to the organisations core competencies, researching and writing both feasibility studies and business plans and marketing. Participants will come away with hands on applications to use as soon as they return to their organisation. [Click here](#) for more information.

2015 Disability Support Awards - Sat 28th March

Tickets are available for the 2015 Disability Support Awards. You're invited to an evening of recognition and celebration at the 2015 Disability Support Awards gala dinner.

The Disability Support Awards recognise Western Australians who demonstrate excellence, passion and commitment in supporting people with disability. [Read more...](#)

Relationships Australia - Professional & Workplace Training

February/March 2015

- Introduction to Couples Counselling – Wed/Thurs 12th & 13th March. [Click here](#)
- Family Patterns – Monday, 16th, 23rd February 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March. [Click here](#)
- Parenting Between Cultures – Thursday, 19th March. [Click here](#)
- Emotional Intelligence – Tuesday, 24th March. [Click here](#)

For more information all the professional and workplace training available at Relationships Australia [click here](#).

RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training

- Wed 18th & Thu 19th February: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).
- Friday 20th February: Effective Engagement Skills.

For further information and to book please visit www.rfwa.org.au, email: training@rfwa.org.au or phone RFWA on 08 9350 8800. Like us on Facebook [Richmond Fellowship of WA](#). Follow us on Twitter [@MentalHealthWA](#)

Anglicare WA professional development workshops and customised training

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

SAVE THE DATES: Family and Domestic Violence Series 2015

- 27 March 2015 - Alan Jenkins
- 2 July 2015 - Rodney Vlasis
- 23 November 2015 - Dr Allan Wade

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2015

- Lessons Learnt from the Royal Commission (4 Mar 2015)
- Child Abuse and Neglect from a Manager's Perspective (11 Mar 2015)
- Working Therapeutically with Children (12-13 Mar 2015)
- The Lived Experience of Separation (17 Mar 2015)

- Supervision Training (18-19 Mar, 22-23 Apr, 27-28 May 2015)

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

2015 WA Early Childhood Education & Care Conference - Fri 7th & Sat 8th Aug

Our 2015 conference '1 Voyage' acknowledges that the journey continues and that we are all on the same voyage of discovering what excellence via continuous improvement looks like.

The voyage's destination is ensuring positive outcomes for all children. The word voyage also acknowledges that this may mean we need to sail in new waters and to be brave enough to reflect critically and change our practice when necessary.

Our voyage is one of ongoing discovery as the evidence about children's development and learning and the role of families and services continues to build. [Find out more...](#)

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care's (SNAICC) National Conference - Tue 15th - Thu 17th September

The conference has become the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family issues conference in the southern hemisphere. It will feature local and international keynote speakers and over 70 concurrent sessions, yarning circles and workshops to choose from.

Delegates and speakers will gather from around the country and some from overseas to discuss our challenges and share our knowledge and experiences in raising happy, healthy and confident children in our communities.

As well as providing a powerful and inspiring learning experience for all attendees it will also provide opportunities to meet and experience some the richness and culture of our Aboriginal communities in the west. [Click here](#) to find out more.

WACOSS Employment Opportunities

The Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc (WACOSS) is the peak council of community service organisations and individuals in Western Australia.

We are currently recruiting for the following positions.

- Managing Consultant

- Learning and Development Officer
- Administrative Officer

[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.

- [Communicare – Support Worker](#)
- [Communicare – Night Support Worker](#)
- [Communicare – Crèche Worker](#)
- [Communicare – Coordinator Tuart House](#)
- [Centrecare – Team Leader – Assessment and Referral](#)
- [Centrecare – Team Leader](#)
- [Communicare – Therapeutic Programs Officer](#)
- [Communicare – Trainer/Educator/Youth Worker](#)
- [Communicare – Employment Consultant](#)
- [Communicare – Job Placement Consultant](#)
- [Community First – Program Manager Aged and Disability Services](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Live-in Therapeutic Carer/s](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Community Support Workers \(Disability\)](#)

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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