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General WACOSS News

Leaving No-One Behind: A Brighter Future For Our Children, Families and Community

The Council's 2016-17 Pre-Budget Submission was launched and sent to the State Government on the 23rd October. The PBS is written following extensive consultation and engagement with over 194 service providers, government agencies, our interstate counterparts, local government and industry stakeholders, and the community.

The PBS canvasses key questions including:

- **How do we think our world is changing ... or failing to change?**
- **What are the biggest challenges we face?**
- **Where is there increasing community concern and**
- **Where are emerging opportunities for new initiatives?**

In addition the PBS provides a high level analysis of the key priorities of the community services sector, which we are seeking to have addressed by the WA Government through the next State Budget.

Leaving No-One Behind: A Brighter Future For Our Children, Families and Community includes recommendations and specific budget asks across a range of areas including issues facing children, young people and families, regional services, support for people with complex needs,

housing accessibility and homelessness, and increased financial resilience.

Leaving No-One Behind: A Brighter Future For Our Children, Families and Community can be [read/ downloaded here](#).

To view the presentation given by Director Social Policy, Chris Twomey; please follow [this link](#).

WACOSS Conference 2016 – “WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind”

The WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) would like to invite you to participate in the WACOSS Conference 2016, "WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind" by submitting an abstract for consideration by the conference committee to present at the WACOSS Conference 2016 or Sector Networking Day.

The conference theme, "WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind" will look at the future of the Community Services Sector in Western Australia. We know that there are amazing projects, service designs and initiatives being undertaken in the Community Services Sector in WA, nationally and internationally. We are looking for presenters to share, discuss, debate and reflect on the emerging issues in the WA community and share how the sector can meet the challenges of these complex issues now and in the future.

For more information on the themes for the Networking day and Conference, please visit the WACOSS website by [clicking here](#).

To submit your abstract, please visit our online submission form [here](#). Submissions are open until 30th November 2015.

Incorporated Associations Act 2014

The Associations Incorporation Bill 2015 was passed by the Legislative Council. WACOSS is working with the WA Department of Commerce to provide online resources to assist Western Australia's 18,000+ incorporated associations to understand how the changes will impact on them.

While it is anticipated that associations will not have to apply the new law until July next year, planning can now commence for those associations that have been waiting for these changes. WACOSS will be providing the sector with a range of online resources and training and will keep you updated on these via WACOSS member news and sector E-News. Subscribe to E-News by [clicking here](#).

We also strongly advise all incorporated associations to subscribe to the Department of Commerce "Association Info" to receive the latest updates on the Associations Incorporation Bill. You can subscribe by [clicking here](#).

Diploma of Leadership & Management

WACOSS has partnered with MODAL for the past 12 years to deliver the Diploma of Leadership & Management to help improve the leadership capability within the not for profit services sector. This program over the many years has added to the quality and value of the services provided to the community more broadly.

This Diploma program consists of 12 units conducted over a 12 month period. For more information on the units please

visit http://www.wacoss.org.au/Events/Accredited/community_management_program.aspx.

Children and Community Services Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2014

Providers in the non-government sector are increasingly being engaged to deliver services to the community on Government's behalf. We have included a summary of the key features of the Children and Community Services Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2014. This information will be of interest to people supporting children and families engaged with DCPFS.

Of particular interest are provisions that allow for greater information sharing which will enable better collaboration between government and non-government services in the interests of promoting the wellbeing of children.

The provisions enable the exchange of relevant information (with regard the best interests of the child as the paramount consideration) between 'prescribed authorities' and 'authorised entities' in the non-government sector. Definitions of authorised entities are broadly defined to include a wide range of services that assist children, other individuals, families and communities and include preventative services, therapeutic and counselling services, education and training services and family and domestic violence services provided to victims as well as perpetrators.

The amendments also introduce a new principle for children with disabilities, giving special consideration to any difficulties or discrimination the child may encounter, to support the child's full and effective participation in society.

To learn more please follow [this link](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Designing Surveys](#) - Wed 4th Nov
- [DropIN Champions L2: Smart Navigation Design](#) - Thu 5th Nov
- [DropIN 101](#) - Tue 10th Nov
- [Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Alliances](#) - Tue 10th Nov

- [Leading Change](#) - Tue 10th Nov
- [DropIN as a Knowledge Management Solution](#) - Wed 11th Nov
- [Managing Media](#) - Tue 17th Nov
- [Mastering Email & Workflow](#) - Wed 18th Nov
- [Interpreting Financial Reports](#) - Wed 18th Nov - WEBINAR
- [DropIN Champions L3: Maximising Online Engagement](#) - Thu 19th Nov
- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Tue 24th Nov

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Sector News

Leader of the Opposition - Extension to Retail Trading on Sunday (Consultation)

Leader of the Opposition Mark McGowan is requesting feedback on a Government proposal to extend Sunday trading hours. The government has recently proposed that retail trading hours on Sunday should be extended to allow shops to open at 9am, rather than the current 11am opening time. To provide your feedback please email rod.clark@loop.wa.gov.au

Alternately you can also write letters to this address:

Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
Perth WA 6000

Vinnies WA issues Phone Scam Warning

The St Vincent de Paul Society WA is warning people of possible phone scammers contacting them and asking for donations in the organisation's name. Vinnies wish to make it very clear that to this date the Society in WA does not undertake the practice of cold calling people and asking for donations or trying to sell anything.

Recently Vinnies WA were contacted by a lady in Perth who had received a call from someone claiming to be a Vinnies volunteer and asking her to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

We understand that the caller's message was that many people struggle at this time of year and you can help by purchasing tickets at \$4 each or if you buy 50 tickets you will receive a \$75 gift voucher. Thankfully the lady who received the call was suspicious and didn't give out any bank details but instead called Vinnies to check whether this was legitimate.

The Society operates with the upmost integrity and adheres to strict and robust fundraising guidelines.

Vinnies WA do conduct an annual Christmas Appeal which runs from 1 November to the end of January. However to date do not undertake the practice of door knocking or cold calling in relation to this campaign but simply appeal to the community to support the organisation through donations.

If anyone receives a call that they are concerned may not be legitimate, Vinnies WA would encourage them to check with the organisation directly before giving out any credit card details. Vinnies WA can be reached on this number: **08 9475 5400**

Curtin University - Housing Affordability Survey

Curtin University is undertaking a Housing Affordability Survey for those over 18 years of age in NSW, QLD and WA. Whether you are renting, buying or living at home – we would like to hear about your housing affordability experiences, understand any trade-offs you made when selecting your home, strategies households use to make their housing more affordable as well as future housing aspirations.

Housing affordability is a national issue and it has wide-ranging social and economic implications for individuals and households. The results of the survey will be used to provide housing policy makers with a better understanding of how housing affordability affects individual and households in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia.

The survey is anticipated to take no more than 15 minutes, all responses will remain anonymous and participation is voluntary. The project is funded by the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre and has been granted ethics approval by Curtin University.

To start the survey please click on this link: [Curtin Housing Affordability Survey](#)

HUGS Now Unavailable Through Financial Counsellors

As of 1 Oct 2015, people who wish to apply for a Hardship Utilities Grant will need to negotiate a payment arrangement directly with their utility. Hardship Utilities Grants will no longer be available through financial counsellors.

The grants enable Western Australians experiencing financial hardship to keep connected to their electricity, water or gas services. [Read more...](#)

Never Alone - Campaign to End Domestic Violence

Many of you will have heard Rosie Batty's story. Last year her son Luke was murdered by his own father at cricket practice. It was a horrifying event that captured the attention of the entire nation. Soon after, Rosie spoke passionately about the need to address family violence. Since then Rosie has made it her mission to lift the burden from victims and make family violence every Australian's business.

"If Luke hadn't died in such an extreme way, I'd just be one of those 'family violence' people no one listens to". Rosie Batty

Rosie started the Luke Batty Foundation so her son Luke did not die in vain. Now she is asking Australians to stand with her beside every victim. Please stand with Rosie and the [Never Alone campaign](#).

Study a Masters of Social Research Methods at UWA

Social research skills are highly sought after in a wide variety of sectors to identify social, organisational and government needs. You might be surprised to know that your university studies or work experience lend themselves to a Masters of Social Research Methods and can open up avenues for improving society, developing the well-being of communities and working towards solving the world's problems.

Gain invaluable research skills in Semester 1, 2016 at UWA. Visit arts.uwa.edu.au/postgrad or call 6488 2091 to find out more.

Expression of Interest - Children and Young People 2016 Advisory Committees

The Commissioner for Children and Young People is calling for Expressions of Interest from existing groups of children and young people who would like to be one of her 2016 advisory committees.

The Commissioner appoints advisory committees from metropolitan Perth and regional WA each year to assist her to hear the views of a broad range of children and young people.

In 2016 the advisory committees will be involved in a project on the subject: keeping children engaged in education. To learn more please [click here](#).

Join Other Organisations that are Making Smoking History

People experiencing social and financial disadvantage carry an unjust burden of death, disease, grief and financial stress caused by high smoking rates. Health and community services are well placed to support people from at risk groups to quit or cut down their smoking. Some organisations have already committed to be part of the solution to tackle health and financial inequalities caused by smoking in their organisation by following a two-step process:

- Step 1: Committing to do something about unacceptable high smoking rates of at risk groups
- Step 2: Completing a smoke check

Commit your organisation to be part of the solution [here](#).

Referral Pathways for Smokers Interested in Quitting or Cutting Down

Quitline now has an online form you can use to refer people to Quitline's callback service – a no cost service where Quitline counsellors will phone at a time convenient to the person being referred. Access the online [form here](#). There are three state-wide services that you can refer smokers to for information or support to quit or cut down smoking.

- [Quitline](#)
- [GP](#)
- [Aboriginal services](#)

The support you choose to refer clients will be dependent on their preference, needs and the appropriateness of the service. Where clients do not want support or are not ready to quit smoking, offer them [information about smoking](#) and the support available and let them know that you are there to help them when they're ready.

Consumer Protection Awards 2016 - Nominations Open

The Consumer Protection awards aim to reward and recognise consumer advocates in the community. They are seeking nominees whom are working to protect consumers such as: educating the community about scams, assisting people with money management, striving for a better deal for consumers in the marketplace or creating safer products. If you would like to submit a nomination please follow [this link](#). Note that nominations close Fri 27th Nov.

Call for Submissions – Developing Social Housing on NFP Land

The Housing Authority is calling for Submissions from not-for-profit and local government organisations to develop social housing on land in priority locations. If your organisation has land in priority locations, the Housing Authority is interested in working with you to develop new social housing dwellings on those sites.

The Call for Submissions (HOU1701315) is now advertised on [Tenders WA](#) and will be open for four weeks, closing Tuesday, 3 November 2:30pm WST. Ensure you are registered with [Tenders WA](#) so you can download and submit the documents. To read more about this opportunity please [click here](#).

Sector Grants

OMI alert: National Youth Week 2016 Grant Program - Applications now open

The Department of Local Government and Communities is seeking applications for the National Youth Week 2016 Grants Program.

Funding of up to \$1000 will be available for organisations to host an event during National Youth Week, which takes place from 8 to 17 April 2016. For more information please follow [this link](#).

OMI Alert: Young People and the Arts Grants - Applications Now Open

The Department of Culture and the Arts (DCA) Young People and the Arts program supports creative, skills and market development for arts workers and practitioners aged 26 years and under, as well as individuals, groups and organisations creating work with and/or for young people. For further information on grant categories please [click here](#).

OMI alert: Project Grants to Engage At-Risk Youth in Sport Now Open

Applications are now open for grants to involve 'at-risk' young people in sport and recreation activities. The Youth Engagement Scheme targets young people aged eight to 18 years who live in lower socioeconomic areas in metropolitan and regional locations.

Administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation, the scheme supports local governments and not-for-profit organisations in delivering programs to targeted local youth. Grants for projects of up to \$40,000 will be considered. For more detail please [click here](#).

Sector Events

150 Tickets Available for NDS WA Lunch - Applications for Grant Close - Fri 6th Nov

NDS is pleased to advise that through a Lotterywest grant, up to 150 tickets for people with disability are available to attend the NDS WA Lunch in celebration of International Day of People with Disability.

Event details

Date: Thursday 3 December 2015

Venue: Astral Ballroom, Crown Perth

Time: 11.00am for 11.30am start to 1.30pm

Previously a breakfast, NDS has changed the format of this event to a lunch to make it more inclusive and accessible. To be opened by the Hon. Helen Morton MLC, Minister for Disability Services, the theme for the lunch is **'Inclusion Matters: access and empowerment of people of all abilities'**.

Join NDS, along with 500 people from across the disability sector, as well as private, corporate and government sectors, in celebrating the achievements of people with disability in Western Australia.

Please submit your expression of interest and the approximate number of tickets you require to Partner&Prosper on 08 9443 3468 or events@partnerandprosper.com.au by Friday 6 November 2015. Please [click here](#) to view the event page.

Upcoming Training With Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA draws on over 30 years' experience as a leading service provider to develop and deliver quality training and professional development. We are committed to workforce and sector development delivering the latest research and best practice and sharing our expertise and experience.

Bookings are essential for all courses. To register, please send a completed registration form to: training@anglicarewa.org.au

SPECIAL EVENTS

[Small Acts of Living: Promoting Effective Responses to Interpersonal Violence, presented by Dr Allan Wade](#) (23 November 2015)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2015

[Engaging and Planning with Complex High Needs Clients and Families](#) (4 Nov 2015)

[Working with Complicated Grief](#) (5 Nov 2015)

[Child Abuse and Neglect from a Manager's Perspective](#) (11 Nov 2015)

[Introduction to Family and Domestic Violence](#) (12 Nov 2015)

[Working Therapeutically with Children](#) (12-13 Nov 2015)

[Dangerous Liaisons](#) (18 Nov 2015)

[Children and Domestic Violence](#) (23 Nov 2015)

[Supervision Skills for Community Based Settings](#) (24-25 Nov 2015)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on training@anglicarewa.org.au or 9263 2122 if you have any questions.

Walking Away From Diabetes - Prevention Program - 4th November & 4th December

Come along to Walking Away from Diabetes, a new FREE prevention program that will help you reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Walking Away is a three hour, interactive program for those who have been diagnosed with pre diabetes or are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The program will identify small changes that you can make now to help reduce your risk in the future. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

Free Stakeholder Engagement Awareness Workshop - 11th Nov

Join the Department of Finance for this workshop to learn about effective engagement strategies, hear from local community service collaborators about inclusive engagement in community services procurement and build your personal engagement awareness and skills. To view dates and locations please click on the [flyer attached](#).

Listening to the Views of Aboriginal Children and Young People - Wed 11th Nov

This forum will be based on the landmark consultation with 1,271 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people across the state, and the resulting report "Listen To Us" tabled in the WA Parliament in August. The forum will provide a rich source of information about both the consultation project and the content of the report, and will be of great value to staff of government and non-government agencies in their work to deliver effective, culturally secure programs and services.

It will be held on Wednesday 11 November, from 10am to 11.30am, at the Perth Concert Hall. See the [flyer](#) for further information or [book your place](#) now.

Engaging with Asia on Refugee Rights - Mon 16th Nov

As billions of Australian taxpayer dollars are spent on keeping asylum seekers at bay, the Asia Pacific region is struggling to deal with the needs of 3.9 million refugees.

This forum will explore the implications of Australian policy in the Asia-Pacific region. The forum will be facilitated by Dr Caroline Fleay from Curtin University and the three panellists will be:

- Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer of the Refugee Council of Australia and Board Member of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network.
- Sunili Govinnage, Human rights lawyer, The Humanitarian Group, previously spent seven years as a writer, editor and researcher in Indonesia.
- Ashraf Mohammad, arrived in Australia three years ago having travelled through Indonesia as an asylum seeker.

The Public Forum will be held at the State Library of Western Australia, 25 Francis Street
Perth Cultural Centre, Perth

Please RSVP by emailing admin@refugeecouncil.org.au or calling (02) 9211 9333.

FIFO Focused Communities Workshop - Wed 18th Nov

Ngala and the Shire of Carnarvon invite service providers in Carnarvon to partner with us for a free workshop to begin the exploration of the local needs of long distance commuting families and their use of services. This is a repeat opportunity for those who missed our first workshop. [Click here](#) for more information

FIFO Focused Communities Workshop - Wed 25th Nov

Ngala and the Shire of Broome invite service providers in Broome to partner with us for a free workshop to begin the exploration of the local needs of long distance commuting families and their use of services. This is a repeat opportunity for those who missed out on our first workshop.

The workshop will cover:

Fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out in your region,
Issues faced by a commuting worker and their family, and
Service needs of commuting workers and their families.

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Red Cross Training - Issues in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) course: Health Care in Danger

Violence against health care workers and patients is a significantly overlooked humanitarian issue, most recently in the headlines with the bombing of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSFs) hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan.

This new one day course focuses on the provision of healthcare services in times of conflict and during emergency situations.

Participants will learn from a number of practitioners about the challenges of healthcare provision in conflict, the incidence and nature of attacks on health care workers and facilities, the consequences of insecurity of health care in the field and tensions and harmonies between military practices and healthcare imperatives. It will also look at the possible impact of counter-terrorism legislation on the provision of impartial and neutral aid. The course aims to stimulate

reflections and discussion on what participants can do to contribute to the protection of health care workers and facilities in the field.

To learn more about the course please click on the [flyer attached](#).

Mental Health Act 2014 - Information Sessions (State Wide) Sept - Nov 2015

On behalf of the Mental Health Commission, and in partnership with the Western Australian Country Health Service, you are invited to attend an information session designed to inform you of the changes associated with the new Mental Health Act 2014 and give you an opportunity to have your questions answered. Lunch will be provided and this event is free to attend. These information sessions will be hosted at a variety of locations throughout the State. To see if there will be one in your area please see the [flyer attached](#).

SRHWA - Market Research Findings - Tue 24th Nov

You are warmly invited to join SRHWA for a presentation of key findings from the most extensive WA sexual health survey this year.

In May, SRHWA commissioned a state-wide study to better understand the community's sexual and reproductive health needs, in particular those aged 15-30. The research explored people's knowledge and awareness of sexual health matters, their attitudes and behaviour relating to sexual health, and current and preferred sources of information and services. Running over three months, the study used innovative qualitative and quantitative research techniques, leading to powerful insights about community needs and how best to meet them.

If your role involves supporting the community's sexual and reproductive health, you can't afford to miss this!

Please RSVP to Cynthia Cross by Wednesday 18th November. Cynthia.Cross@srhwa.com.au

Lets Talk Culture Series - Thurs 26th Nov

The 'Let's Talk Culture' seminar series aims to assist professionals to work in a culturally responsive way with consumers and carers from ethnically diverse backgrounds. These seminars are jointly organised by the Mental Health Commission, Transcultural Mental Health of the Royal Perth Group; and the Cultural Diversity Unit of the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate at the Department of Health.

The 21st seminar in this series will focus on the issues relating to family and domestic violence as seen through a cultural lens. Presenters will speak from personal and professional experience about how different culture-based beliefs and values concerning traditional gender

role outside the culture of origin may influence interpersonal relationships. The experience of acculturative stress and its destabilising impact on family harmony is also explored. To read more [click here](#).

SPSW Workshop - Getting the Most Out of Your Supervision - Fri 27th Nov

SPSW is pleased to present this important workshop relevant for all human service workers who ever wondered why they weren't getting the most out of their supervision, why supervision was difficult to schedule, or why it didn't seem to help them with their practice.

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Barbara Meddin, a well known and experienced social work practitioner, supervisor, and trainer. Dr. Meddin is the author of the supervision policy of a major West Australian government agency and several non government agencies, is widely published in the area and has presented this workshop to a number of government and non government agencies where it has consistently been extremely well received. [Read more...](#)

AASW (WA) Eco-social Work Weekend Symposium - 27th - 29th Nov

This symposium will draw on permaculture principles (of Earthcare, people care and fairshare) to bring together people who are interested in economic, social, political & ecological sustainability as it applies to social work, specifically to explore practice opportunities across all of the domains. If you know (and like) the ideas of Un-conferencing, Open Space Technology or World Café then this is probably for you. [Read more...](#)

Peoples Climate March 2015 - Sun 29th Nov

As world leaders meet in Paris for the United Nations climate summit, people will gather in Australian cities and walk alongside millions in hundreds of major cities around the world. This is going to be a fun event, aims to put out a positive message and where people can bring the whole family!

The march will show that citizens want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy.

The Perth march and rally will be held [on Sunday, the 29th of November](#). It will start off [at 1pm](#) from Wellington Square, march through Perth's CBD and finish at Wellington Square with some speeches, music and other activities. We will finish [at 4pm](#).

Curtin University Health Promotion 4 Day Short Course -

30th Nov - 3rd Dec

This four day course will provide you with an understanding of the role and importance of health promotion and the broader concept of health within a community and national setting. You will develop the skills to plan, implement and evaluate a health promotion program. This course has been developed for those already working in the health sector, those wanting to move into this area and those wanting to incorporate health promotion principles into their roles, such as nurses or teachers.

As part of this course, you will design a health promotion project in small groups with the assistance of highly qualified academic staff. You will be led through an engaging program using discussion, lectures and group work. This course is ideal if you wish to build health promotion skills and knowledge quickly in a stimulating environment. [Read more...](#)

Trauma Triggered Behaviour in Looked After Children and Beyond - Thurs 3rd Dec

This one day interactive, dynamic workshop demonstrates how the legacy of maltreatment and neglect frequently prevents children from growing up 'normally' and demonstrates why therapeutic re-parenting and truth telling is essential for fostered and adopted children.

The day weaves together data on trauma, brain functioning, sensory memories, parenting strategies and child development with practical strategies and behaviour management tools. Please [click here](#) for more detail.

Victim Awareness Training Program - Jan 2016

angelhands Inc presents the launch of the Victim Awareness Training Program.

- Lived-experience and theoretical approaches to better management of traumatised Survivors of violent crime,
- Delivered by the only free ongoing trauma specialised service in Perth.

Workshops are also FREE to attend or host. These will be a half day in duration, plus networking time. Workshops are to be scheduled on agreement between angelhands and the organisation, and will begin in January 2015. [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.

- [UnitingCare West – Community Support Workers \(Disability\) – Full time](#)
- [Community First – Mental Health Community Support Worker \(Part time\)](#)

- [Regional Coordination Manager – Country WA PHN – Goldfields](#)

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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