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**Ticket Sales Close 5pm Friday 22nd April
for the Gala Dinner of the Year**

4th May - Hyatt Regency

**Join us as we celebrate the outstanding
achievements of WA's vibrant and innovative
community services sector**

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10% discount for tables of ten

The Community Services Excellence Awards recognise the important role that the community sector and individuals play in **making a positive difference to people, families and communities** through their innovative and creative services.

The CSEA publically acknowledges the Western Australian community services sector and its role in **helping shape, strengthen and inspire our community**.

Thanks to the generous support of Lotterywest, the **tickets have been subsidised** to enable all community service organisations an opportunity to attend.

With thanks to our supporters and sponsors, Lotterywest, Department of Local Government and Communities, Hesta, Ansvar Insurance and Reliance Partners, and Reconciliation WA.



Last Weeks for Registration

The Western Australian Council of Social Service has great pleasure inviting you to attend the WACOSS 2016 Conference "Way Ahead: Leave No One Behind". It will explore the future directions of community services in WA, where we are getting ahead with great outcomes and where we may need to change directions to make a difference.

The WACOSS Conference is highly recognised for its contribution to the professional development of staff across all sectors, and provides a unique opportunity to **share new approaches to practice, innovation, service design and delivery**.

[Find out more](#)

Unable to spare the time and cant afford to attend the conference?

With support from Lotterywest, **registrations are free** for the **Networking Day on 3 May** for small & medium size organisations (income less than 1.5 million) and regional organisations (income less than 2 million).

Join us and help shape the future directions of community services in WA.

REGISTER NOW

Want to attend the full three day event?

Full Conference Subsidies also available for Regional and Small Organisations

[Click Here to Apply](#)

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Please note both organisations and individuals are eligible to be members of WACOSS. Members are able to access the discounted member's price for conference registrations and other WACOSS training and events.

WACOSS Members Only Event

State and Federal Budget Briefing 2016-2017

The Western Australian Council of Social Services invites its Members to a special community sector briefing on the outcomes of the 2016-17 State and Federal Budgets on **Friday 13th May 2016 at 2pm.**

The future of community service funding and the Government's social policy priorities will be of great concern to WACOSS members as State and Federal Governments release their budgets in the lead up to July's election. What is and what is not in these budgets will set the scene for the election campaigns - and Government - to come.

With the State Budget being released on May 12th following the Federal Budget on May 3rd, this event will be critical for community sector professionals seeking to understand what each budget is going to mean for community services.

REGISTER NOW

for the WACOSS Members Only 2016 -17 State and Federal Budget Briefing

General WACOSS News

Summary of 'State of the Partnership' Community Event

The Partnership Forum recently held their '*State of the Partnership*' Community Event on 4 March 2016 at Technology Park in Bentley to showcase, celebrate and explore the challenges of partnership and collaboration in Western Australia. The Event was attended by over 330 representatives from not-for-profit organisations and government agencies, as well as carers, consumers, consultants and others with a shared vision to improve outcomes for all Western Australians through working in partnership. To access a summary of the key issues and messages emerging from the Event, and to view videos of some of the Event sessions, please visit the [Partnership Forum webpage](#).

Please contact the Partnership Forum Secretariat at partnershipforum@dpc.wa.gov.au if you have any queries or would like to know more about the Partnership Forum.

DropIN Newsletter Launch

[DropIn](#) - the community sector's purpose-built online portal - has now launched a fortnightly newsletter. To view the newsletter, or subscribe to future editions, visit DropIn's [News and Events page](#).

ASeTTS Keys To Diversity Training Programs

People working with migrants and refugees now have access to two new online resources to help them better understand their clients, and better meet their clients' needs.

Unlocking Cultural Diversity is a six-part program that uses personal reflection, family history and migrant stories to prepare staff and volunteers to work in a culturally aware and culturally secure way with people of any cultural background.

Working Effectively with People from a Refugee Background is a four-part program that uses powerful refugee testimony and a range of engaging exercises to prepare staff and volunteers to better understand the backgrounds and special needs of refugee clients.

The resources have been trialled by four regional and nine metropolitan organisations and feedback has been very positive. ASeTTS engaged Fortis Consulting to develop and deliver this online project working closely with the Office of Multicultural Interests, WACOSS and a Reference Group representing a wide cross-section of community and Government organisations.

Try the courses for yourself at www.keystodiversity.com.au

For further information contact Michael Jones at Michael.jones@asetts.org.au

New and Improved Online Emergency Relief Directory

Major changes in Emergency Relief funding have made it more challenging for ER agencies and the wider community to know what support is available and where they can go to get it. Thanks to Lotterywest, WACOSS launched the State's first interactive online directory of services on **April 6th 2016**. Unlike the recently released mobile directory Ask Izzy, this directory is for use by the sector, and was requested by the State Emergency Relief Committee as a means to address the ongoing challenge many organisations have of keeping up-to-date information on other agencies and their resources to support service referrals. The Directory will be integrated with the [DropIN](#) platform, meaning that agencies will not need to create a new log in account for yet another new system, and will allow agencies to update their service information in real time.

For more information, or to put your agency on the invite list, please contact **Bernie Fisher** at bernie@wacoss.org.au or by calling **9420 7222**

[Click here](#) to read more.

Diploma of Leadership & Management

Applications are still open for the Diploma of Leadership & Management. This highly valued course has remained a benchmark for managers and team leaders in the business sector. This program is designed and tailored for those in management roles within the community services sector who wish to further their managerial background with management qualifications.

For more information on the course or to apply [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [DropIN Champions - WEBINAR](#) - Thu 28th Apr 2016
- [Taking the Stress out of Time Management](#) - Fri 29th Apr
- [Enterprise-wide Risk Management](#) - Wed 11th May
- [Business & Operational Plans that Work](#) - Wed 11th May
- [Finance Fundamentals for Non-Accountants](#) - Thu 12th May
- [Keeping Good People in Hard Times](#) - Wednesday 18th May
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) - Wed 18th May
- [Attracting and Keeping Sponsors](#) - Thu 19th May
- [Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members](#) - WEBINAR - Thu 19th May
- [DropIN 101](#) - WEBINAR - Wed 25th May

[Subscribe](#) to our events alert and keep informed on the latest events and workshops.

Sector News

Productivity Commission Inquiry into Data Availability and Use

The Productivity Commission has invited academics, government agencies, private entities with large data holdings (including in finance and social media), organisations interested in data access and members of the community to contribute to its new public inquiry on Data Availability and Use.

An [issues paper](#) provides initial perspectives on areas of interest to the inquiry. It contains and outlines:

- the scope of the inquiry
- the Commission's procedures
- matters about which the Commission is seeking comment and information
- how to make a submission

Participants should not feel that they are restricted to comment only on matters raised in the issues paper. The Commission wishes to receive information and comment on issues which participants consider relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference.

Please email advice or submissions to this Inquiry via: www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/data-access. **Submissions are due 29 July 2016.**

The Productivity Commission will release a draft report later this year, with a final report to be delivered to Government in March 2017. Further information is available through [the inquiry's web page](#).

Partnership Forum Welcomes New Members

Six new members have joined the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's [Partnership Forum](#).

Consumer representatives Pip Brennan (Health Consumers' Council) and Paul Fleay (Inclusion WA), Aboriginal representatives Daniel Morrison (Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service) and Susan Murphy (Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation), the Department of Education's David Axwothy, and the Department of Regional Development's Ralph Addis join the existing Forum members in working to build the relationship between the public and not-for-profit sectors to improve outcomes for all Western Australians.

WACOSS extends its congratulations to these new representatives, as well as its sincere thanks to those outgoing in recognition of their services to the sector and community.

View a full list of Partnership Forum members [here](#).

Red My Lips Campaign

The Australian Institute of Criminology estimates that 70 per cent of sexual assault incidents are not reported to police, making sexual violence "the most underreported crime in our community". **Red My Lips** (RML) is a campaign to raise awareness of this sexual violence, rape culture, and victim blaming, while demonstrating solidarity and support for those who have experienced these. By encouraging supporters to wear red lipstick through the month of April, it aims to transform Australia's culture of sexual violence through educating, inspiring, and mobilising a global community to raise their voices and create real change.

To read more about how to participate visit the [Red My Lips website](#).

Positive Pathways App for Domestic Violence Now Available

[Zonta House Refuge Association](#) have launched a highly unique app which can potentially save the lives of women in danger from domestic and family violence in Western Australia.

The Positive Pathways App, named after the holistic outreach program run by Zonta House, is the first of its kind in Australia, is available on new and old iOS and Android devices, and is completely free to all users.

The unique app has a facade of being a "wellness" app, with no apparent domestic violence relevance. Its emergency functionalities are built into this facade, enabling the user to record and send emergency messages to trusted contacts without detection.

For further information about this innovative and important app, please contact **Karen Brittain** on **08 6189 2952** or at karen.brittain@zontahouse.org.au

YACWA Survey for Engagement and Co-Design with Young People

YACWA have developed a survey which will assist them in the development of a new project to improve the capacity of the not-for-profit sector in effectively engaging with and determining the needs of young service users, and supporting not-for-profit organisations in their inclusion of young people.

The survey will provide YACWA an understanding of how services currently engage with young people, enabling them to ensure resources are spent on the most informative, practical and relevant tools and ideas for the sector.

If you are a service provider with young people as clients, [click here](#) to be taken directly through to the survey.

Please contact [Kylie Hansen](#), Strategic Policy Specialist, should you have any queries about this project.

2016 Federal Election Youth Survey - Now Open

[Youth Action](#) and the [Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth](#) have launched a national survey for Australian young people to show decision makers that young people's issues must be addressed in the upcoming Federal Election. It is urged that organisations take the time to sit with young people aged 12-25 within their service and assist them in completing the online survey so that they can be represented.

[Take the survey now](#), or use this link to distribute the survey amongst your networks: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPelectionsurvey3>

Mission Australia's 2016 Youth Survey and Tailored Reports

Mission Australia has launched their 15th annual Youth Survey, which aims to give voice to the concerns, values and thoughts of young people ages 15-19 across Australia. It can be accessed now at www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey for distribution throughout your networks. You can also join the conversation online on [Facebook](#), or through [Twitter](#).

As in previous years, Mission Australia are offering tailored individual reports to any organisation or group who anticipate being able to collect 100 or more responses, however this must be arranged in advance to arrange a unique code for young people to enter when completing the survey online. Please contact [Research and Evaluation Officer Leah Cave](#) if you would like to request an individual report.

National Youth Week

National Youth Week in WA is coordinated by the Department of Local Government and Communities in partnership with Propel Youth Arts. From **9 to 24 April**, more than 140 events will take place throughout Western Australia, such as the [National Youth Week Launch](#) which will take place in Broome on **April 9th**, leading into the flagship [KickstART Festival](#) taking place across Perth and Northbridge until **April 24th**. A full list of National Youth Week events is [available on the DLGC website](#).

The [Youth WA Facebook page](#) will be posting photos of events taking place during National Youth Week. Send your photo with a brief caption to youngpeople@dlgc.wa.gov.au to be featured. Use the hashtag **#nyw2016**.

Australian Early Development Census - Release of 2015

Results

The 2015 Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) community results are now publicly available. The Census is a population measure of young children's progress against five developmental domains. The data, collected every three years (commencing in 2009), is analysed and reported at the national, state/territory and AEDC community levels (based on the suburb/town in which children live).

With data sets covering three collections, many communities will have results from 2009, 2012 and 2015 which can be compared to assess changes in children's development over time. The primary output for the 2015 results is through a national and State report, on-line community maps and profiles. These will be available from the [AEDC website](#).

For more information on the AEDC visit www.aedc.gov.au or contact Gail Clark at Gail.Clark@education.wa.edu.au.

Foundation Housing - Partnership Opportunity for Social Initiative

Foundation Housing is seeking a partner to activate its fully renovated and equipped kitchen at its lodging house on Hampton Road, Fremantle. This is an outstanding opportunity for a not for profit or social enterprise organisation needing a commercial kitchen for its fundraising or social inclusion projects.

Groups who use food for a social purpose are invited to come to an 'Open Kitchen' event at 100 Hampton Road lodge on **Tuesday 3rd May from 3.30pm**. Chef Sophie Budd will put the refurbished commercial kitchen through its paces, giving you the chance to walk the floor of this great resource that might be just what your organisation needs to get cooking. [Register here](#) for this free event.

For enquiries please contact Tom Tolchard on **0415 078 607** or email tom@foundationhousing.org.au. Download a flyer [here](#), or [click here](#) to read more.

Expressions of Interest for Property and Tenancy Management for Crisis Accommodation Facility

Through the [State Government's Crisis Accommodation Program](#), the [Department of Housing](#) is undertaking a Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) process with respect to the use of the property owned by it and located at Lot 5487, 21 Hamilton Street, South Hedland as a Crisis Accommodation facility.

Housing is proposing to enter into a lease for the Property with the successful Respondent who will provide services at the Property, which will include, without limitation:

- subleasing the Property to eligible residents and managing those tenancies;
- establishing support services for the tenants (appropriate to the purpose for which the Property will be used); and
- undertaking all aspects of maintenance and management of the Property.

Housing will be offering a lease to the Property only and will not be making available any funding to the successful Respondent nor contributing towards the cost of provide support services. The Lease will be offered to the successful Respondent at a peppercorn rent and provide for two (2) two-year renewal options.

For further information, please contact **Ivor Byrde**, Manager of Partnering and Contract Development, on **08 9222 4887** or at ivor.byrde@housing.wa.gov.au

LGMA 2016 State Community Development Conference - Partnership Opportunities

LGMA is extending an invitation to partner with the major event for the Community Development Industry in 2016 – the [LGMA 2016 State Community Development Conference](#), to be held **8 - 9 September** at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough, Perth.

Hosted by the Community Development Network (CDN WA) of LGMA, this conference promises to be another high calibre event attended by 150 delegates including senior decision makers, officers and elected members from Local, State and Federal Government, academia, key community organisations, and the service sector. "Activ8 WA" is the exciting theme for the conference, and partnership offers a significant opportunity to link with influential leaders and decision makers from communities across the State.

If you would like to know more about partnerships, or would like a partnership package, please contact Luana Abbott at luana@lgmawa.org.au or on **9271 1136**. Applications close **Friday 20 May 2016**.

SWMPF Resources to Promote Inter-Agency Collaboration

[The South West Metropolitan Partnership Forum](#) (SWMPF) has recently produced two resources to support the work of inter-agency groups in the region. These are a *Directory of Inter-Agency Groups* operating in Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville, and *10 Building Blocks for Effective Collaboration*.

These resources are available from the SWMPF at <http://www.swmpf.org.au/swmpf-projects/coordination-of-wrap-around-services/>

Applications Open for 2016 Aboriginal Leadership Program

The 2016 Aboriginal Leadership Program, run through Challenger Institute of Technology, has been specifically designed for Aboriginal employees aspiring to become leaders and managers across all sectors of industry.

The program aims to assist participants in developing the essential skills and knowledge required to

- manage their own performance and professional development
- provide leadership, guidance and support to individuals and teams
- mentor others in the workplace and community
- communicate effectively as a workplace leader
- deal with conflict and manage difficult situations
- maintain an ethical approach in a leadership role
- monitor operational plans and implement organisational policies and procedures
- manage stress in the workplace

On successful completion of the program, participants will obtain a nationally accredited Certificate IV in Leadership and Mentoring.

Enrolment closes **5pm Friday 6th May**. For full details on entry requirements, program dates and course content, view the Course Information Brochure [here](#), or click [here](#) to download an application form.

Curtin University's Learn, Engage and Play (LEaP) Study

The [Learn, Engage and Play \(LEaP\) Study](#) aims to develop a therapeutic playgroup for children with developmental delay and their families. The purpose of the study is to see if it is an effective way for parents and their children to access information and support when first referred to the Child Development Service.

Community playgroup professionals that have experience running or facilitating a therapeutic and/or supportive playgroup for children with developmental delays and/or disabilities and their families are required for small group discussions about what they consider to be the most important aspects of playgroups for children with developmental delays and/or disabilities.

This study has been approved by Princess Margaret Hospital Ethics Committee and Curtin University Ethics Committee. To participate or for more information, contact **Jodie Armstrong** on **0400 528 304**, or at jodie.armstrong@health.wa.gov.au

UWA Centre for Social Impact Outcomes Measurement Study

In a study funded by the Bankwest Foundation, the University of Western Australia Centre for Social Impact is undertaking ground-breaking research examining the state of play in

outcomes measurement in the West Australian community sector.

The study is led by Professor Paul Flatau and seeks to explore the current state of outcomes measurement in Western Australia, key barriers and challenges faced by community sector organisations, and the relationship between funders and outcomes measurement. Understanding outcomes measurement enables organisations to better understand the difference they are making and the most effective way of supporting clients; provides recognition of the value delivered by community organisations, and strengthens the case for funding of community organisations.

The survey represents the first step towards understanding the state of outcomes measurement in Western Australia, and will inform future initiatives to reduce barriers and improve outcomes measurement. The important findings of the study will ensure that the impact of community organisations in Western Australia is widely recognised.

If you wish to participate, contact Ami Seivwright at the UWA Centre for Social Impact at ami.seivwright@uwa.edu.au.

Nominations Sought for Premier's Awards

Premier Colin Barnett has launched the [2016 Premier's Award](#) for Excellence in Public Sector Management.

"This year marks the 20-year anniversary for the awards and they showcase and reward the most outstanding initiatives, extraordinary achievements and quality services delivered across the State," Mr Barnett said.

"The awards are also an opportunity to celebrate the increased collaboration and partnerships formed across the sector to provide the best outcomes for Western Australia. I encourage all State Government agencies, local government authorities and public universities to consider putting forward a nomination in one of our seven categories this year".

The seven award categories reflect the Government's vision and direction for the public sector in the current social economic environment. The award categories are:

- Developing the Economy
- Improving Aboriginal Outcomes
- Improving Government and Reducing Red Tape
- Managing the Environment
- Revitalising the Regions
- Strengthening Families and Communities
- Western Australia in Asia

Nominations close **Friday April 29th 2016**. Details of past winners and finalists are available [here](#).

2016 Resilient Australia Awards

The Resilient Australia Awards is a national program to recognise and promote initiatives which strengthen community disaster resilience across the nation, making our communities safer, stronger, more resilient and better prepared to manage the effects of natural disasters.

The 2016 Resilient Australia Awards will open for entries in **April 2016** and close in **June 2016**. Please enter your own projects, and encourage those that you are working with to enter projects. All state winners will be eligible for entry into the National Awards.

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact **Tracy Smith** at the SEMC Secretariat on **9482 1711**. Links will be available soon on the [SEMC website](#).

Applications Open for State's Training Awards

Applications for the State Government's WA Training Awards 2016 are now open and provide more opportunities to recognise the outstanding training achievements of students and organisations.

Changes to this year's program include the new award of "WA International Student of the Year", providing an opportunity to celebrate the successes of international students in our training system, as well as a broader eligibility for the WA School-based Apprentice of the Year category.. In addition to this, the WA Training Initiative Award has been replaced by the WA Industry Collaboration Award, to recognise co-operation between two or more organisations in innovative skills development.

Applications are now open in 13 categories for individuals and organisations, including WA Apprentice of the Year, WA Trainer of the Year and WA Employer of the Year. Applications close at **5pm Friday May 13th, 2016**.

Further information, including an application kit, is available at <http://www.dtwd.wa.gov.au/trainingawards>

Applications Now Open for 2016 Indigenous Governance Awards

Reconciliation Australia, in partnership with BHP Billiton, are proud to launch the Indigenous Governance Awards (IGAs) for 2016. The awards recognise and celebrate the effective governance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations and initiatives that are benefiting families, communities and the nation.

If you work for or know of an Indigenous-lead organisation that you'd like to nominate, you can find out more or apply now at www.reconciliation.org.au/iga

Applications for the IGAs close **Friday 20 May 2016**.

2016 Social Investment Grants Program

The 2016 [Community Sector Banking's Social Investment Grants Program](#) will open for applications on **Monday, 2 May 2016**, and will this year have a focus on reducing homelessness.

Funded directly by contributions from Social Investment Deposit Account holders and Community Sector Banking profits, the grants create impact through everyday, not-for-profit banking.

A total of \$200,000 across three grant categories will be made available to not-for-profits with innovative homelessness programs or projects. To learn more about the Social Investment Grants Program, [click here](#).

Application for OneLife Grants Now Open

A new round of Suicide Prevention Small Grants are now available. Local government and not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for small grants to undertake suicide prevention training.

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for organisations to undertake evidence-based training that equips people with skills to recognise and support someone who is at risk of suicide. The training programs are offered by [Living Proud](#), and include Opening Closets, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and safeTALK. Trainings are available all across Western Australia.

A copy of the application form and associated guidelines are [available here](#). For more information and support on how to apply, please contact Mason Rothwell on **(08) 9370 0333** or mason.rothwell@mhc.wa.gov.au. Living Proud can also provide support in completing your application and with further information on our training packages.

Endeavour Foundation QArt Grants

[The Endeavour Foundation Endowment Challenge Fund](#) seeks to benefit Australians with a disability, especially those with an intellectual disability, by:

- Supporting people with an intellectual disability realise their creative potential across all areas of the arts.
- Supporting community participation for persons with a disability
- Encouraging quality and innovation in the disability services and broader community sectors

Grants are available for non-profit organisations to undertake projects that enable people with intellectual disability to realise their creative potential through the arts. The Fund is particularly

interested in encouraging arts organisations to consider how they could directly include people with a disability within their current work. The 2016 QArt Grants Round opens on **14 March 2016**, with \$6,500 available to non-profit organisations across Australia.

The Endowment Challenge Fund also provides grants to researchers and students undertaking research into significant issues for the Australian disability sector, or issues related to artistic expression for people with an intellectual disability.

For more information and to apply, visit www.endowmentchallengefund.com.au. Applications must be received by **5pm, Friday 22 April 2016 (EST)**.

Office Space Available at Claisebrook Lotteries House

This first floor space is 18sqm and would suit a small organisation, fitting 2-3 desks. Office furniture currently in the room will also be available for purchase. Claisebrook Lotteries House is a friendly, welcoming, community-minded work environment.

If you are a not for profit organisation looking for space similar to the above, or would like to be added to the wait list and advised of future opportunities, please contact Jane via the [Claisebrook Lotteries House website](#).

Premises Available at Baptistcare

Up to 1,200 sq. m. ideal office space available in Belgravia Street Belmont, near to city centre on philanthropic terms for up to 3 years. Will need fit-out. Short-term leasing also possible. Please contact Baptistcare on 08 9282 8689 or Katie.scott@baptistcare.com.au and speak to Katie Scott, Manager Property and Contracts.

Free Legal Help for Community Groups

Justice Connect's [Not-for-profit Law Service](#) - a new free online service for not-for-profit community organisations - has run its acclaimed [Information Hub](#) in Victoria and NSW, and is now helping groups in all other states and territories. The Hub offers hundreds of plain-language legal resources, covers national laws and has tailored resources for states and territories. You can filter the site so that you only see resources for the locations that you are interested in.

These practical resources help charities and not-for-profits better navigate their legal landscape – covering legal issues from how to start a charity, taxation, managing fundraising and volunteers, all the way through to merging or winding up.

The Information Hub can be found at www.nfplaw.org.au.

Pro Bono Dispute Resolution

A wide range of disputes can be resolved through mediation. For a short time Advocare Inc is offering free mediation to not for profit organisations that have a dispute that needs resolution. It could be an issue between Board members, between the management and the Board, between staff members, between clients and service deliverers, between members and the organisation, or any two individuals or small groups having trouble resolving an issue.

Mediation will be facilitated by a nationally accredited mediator and there will be no charge for the service. If there are any costs, for example for room hire, the NFP will be asked to meet that cost. In many cases a suitable room can be found at no cost.

If you have an issue that may benefit from mediation, email to Advocare CEO Greg Mahney at gregm@advocare.org.au or on **9479 7566** stating the organisation you represent and briefly outlining the nature of the dispute.

ACE+ Bus – Free Bus Hire for the WA Community Proudly Supported by ACE+

The ACE+ Bus is a community initiative proudly supported by ACE+. It is aimed at helping not-for-profit organisations and local community clubs to meeting their transportation needs. The ACE+ Bus can be hired free of charge.

Please submit your interest through [this form](#) and share this opportunity with your networks. All applications will be reviewed for consideration and subject to availability.

For further information, please [click here](#).

Sector Events

Australian Institute of Company Directors' Speed Networking

The Australian Institute of Company Directors are holding their annual [Speed Networking](#) event fortnightly until **20th April**. Attend to meet engaged professionals from the WA Business community who are taking charge of their professional development and are looking for a new or additional board position. It's free to attend (with one complimentary ticket offered to a representative from a not-for-profit organisation - Additional representatives charged at the member rate of \$70), so book your place now.

For more information, visit the [AICD website](#).

Gateway to All of WA - 27th April 2016

Linkwest invite you to their event Gateway to All of WA, which will enable you to see first-hand how the physical and digital resources available through this network can help you achieve your organisation's goals.

For full details, [click here](#)

Information Sessions for New Associations Law

Department of Commerce are conducting information sessions on the current issues and developments for not-for-profits regarding the [New Associations Law](#). At these sessions, you can find out about:

- How the new laws will impact existing incorporated associations;
- Key changes to committee responsibilities;
- The prescribed model rules; and
- The process for updating an association's rules during the 3 year transition period.

There will be sessions run in Joondalup, Fremantle, Mandurah, Midland and Perth across April and May - Please [click here](#) to view the dates, times, and full details of all sessions.

Community ExecNet Perth: Leaders with IMPACT - 3rd May 2016

Hear from two local not-for-profit CEOs at this fantastic professional development opportunity about what it takes to be a leader with impact.

Returning to Perth, the *Community ExecNet Breakfast Series* provides a platform for NFP CEOs, executives, managers and Board members to learn, network and collaborate. With the impressive line-up for this latest instalment in the series on **Tuesday 3rd May** featuring Justine Collyer, CEO of Rise Network, and Dr Clare Allen, CEO at VisAbility, this is an event not to be missed.

[Click here](#) for full details or to register. Registrations close **Friday April 29th**.

COTA Estate Planning Workshop - 25th May 2016

[Council on the Aging WA](#) are partnering with [Willcraft](#) in an Estate Planning workshop titled *Get Your Act Together: The Importance of Planning and Arranging Your Affairs*. Willcraft specialise in will and estate planning, and presenter Colin Chapman has extensive experience in advising on wills, Enduring Power of Guardianship, Enduring Power of Attorney, and Advance Health Care Directives. The workshop will be held at The Perron Centre, Victoria

Park, on **Wednesday 25th May**. [View the flyer](#) for full details, or [click here](#) to register.

Zonta House 'Positive Pathways' Education Workshops

[Zonta House](#) are running a program of workshops across May and June, designed for women that have endured a family/domestic violence, homelessness, or mental health crisis and wish to take the next step towards emotional resilience and independence.

The next workshop in the program, titled *Creating Routines* on **Wednesday 4th May, 5-7pm**, is a parenting course presented by Di Wilcox, followed by full-day Women's Wellness workshops on **May 18th** and **June 15th** which emphasise the importance of a healthy body and mind to enable positive life changes.

Attendees must be referred to this free service. Please contact Dorte Dyrbye on **08 6189 2953** to learn more. All courses are run out of the Positive Pathways office in Bentley.

Aes16 International Evaluation Conference – Early Bird Registrations Open

Australasian Evaluation Society are holding their annual International Evaluation Conference in Perth from **17 to 21 September 2016**. Early bird registrations are now open.

For further information, [click here](#).

Seminars from the Commissioner for Children and Young People

The Commissioner for Children and Young People Colin Pettit has announced the first [Child Safe Organisations WA seminars](#), an initiative that aims to increase the safety of all WA children and young people when they are interacting with government and non-government organisations.

The seminars are particularly designed for leaders or managers of organisations that operate activities or services for children and young people, and who are responsible for children's safety and welfare. The first series of an ongoing program of seminars are now open for bookings.

- **Perth (Subiaco) – 16, 17 and 30 May 2016**
- **Albany – 11 May 2016**
- **Broome – 14 June 2016**

For more information and links to bookings, visit the Commissioner's [new website](#).

[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 – Support Workers \(Homelessness\)](#) – Part time
- [St Patrick's Community Support Centre – Health Clinics Coordinator](#) – Full Time
- [St Patrick's Community Support Centre – Quality Officer](#) – Full Time
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