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General WACOSS News



Congratulations to Finalists and Winners

WACOSS would like to congratulate the finalists and winners of the 2016 Community Service Excellence Awards. The evening was a huge success with tremendous displays of commitment, dedication, knowledge and achievement from all organisations involved, and a fitting celebration of the invaluable work of the entire sector.

It is with great pleasure that WACOSS announces the following category winners:

- Small Organisation - Coolbina Bombers Junior Football Club for their program "Starkick All Abilities Football"
- Medium Organisation - Zonta House Refuge Association for their program "Positive Pathways to Safety for Women and Children"
- Large Organisation - TADWA (Technology Assisting Disability WA Inc)
- Regional Organisation - Youth Involvement Council Inc. for their program "Mingle Mob"

- Outstanding Commitment to Citizenship Empowerment - DADAA Ltd for their "Arts programs for people with disability and/or mental health issues"
- Outstanding Commitment to Reconciliation - Kaitijin Mia Mia Aboriginal Foundation for their program "Healing Centre and Bush University"
- Local Government and Community Services Collaboration - CommunityWest Inc for their program "Act To Connect: Facilitating Community Connections"
- Partnership - Centacare Employment and Training for their program "Project Stepping Stones"



2016 WACOSS Conference

Last week saw a truly inspiring effort of collaboration and support in the 2016 WACOSS Conference '*WAty Ahead: Leave No-One Behind*'. With over 350 delegates in attendance, it was clear that the sector is committed to finding innovative new ways of working together and seeking collaborative solutions to make WA a socially just and equitable community for all people.

The overwhelming support from sponsors, keynote speakers, presenters and, of course, the sector, made the three day event the overwhelming success that it was, and made the Sustainable Development Goals' bold aim that "*As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that nobody will be left behind*" seem more tangibly possible than ever.

WACOSS extends its sincere thanks to all who participated, and looks forward with excitement to what shared work and opportunities the future holds for the sector.

Presentations and session summaries can now be accessed on the [WACOSS Conference DropIN space](#). Should you have any feedback, or wish to continue any of the discussions further, you can access relevant forums via [the space's Home 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

- [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
- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Thu 26th May
- [Leading Teams](#) - Fri 27th May
- [Implementing and Managing a Program Measurement System](#) - Tue 31st May
- [Learn, Capture & Build Better Results with Knowledge Management](#) - Wed 1st Jun
- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Wed 15th Jun

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Sector News

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 Coproration), Executive Director of Red Cross Australia and WACOSS President Steve Joske CSC, 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](#).

YACWA Announce New CEO

The Board of Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ross Wortham as YACWA Chief Executive Officer.

Beginning with YACWA in January 2016 as Director of Policy and Advocacy after moving from his role as Regional Manager at Save the Children Australia, Ross brings significant experience and a diverse range of skills to the organisation from his previous roles working across the Australian and international community sectors.

Ross has a broad cross section of experience in the areas of policy and program development, project management, community consultations and stakeholder engagement, with a particular focus on children and young people.

WACOSS congratulates Ross on the new appointment, and wishes him all the best in his continued work with YACWA.

New CEO Announced for Volunteering WA

WACOSS congratulates Tina Williams on her appointment as the new Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering WA.

Ms Williams has a Diploma in Business and Finance and Graduate Diploma in Marketing, and holds professional memberships with FIA (Fundraising Institute of Australia), AMI (Australian Marketing Institute) and AIM (Australian Institute of Management). With her extensive experience in the Community Sector, working at The Women and Infants Research Foundation, Brightwater Care Group, and Carers WA, she brings a myriad of skills in general management; strategic planning, fundraising, sponsorships and stakeholder management.

The appointment aligns with two major annual VWA events - National Volunteer Week **9-15 May** and The Western Australian Volunteer of the Year Awards Gala Presentation **11 May 2016**. For more information about either event visit www.volunteeringwa.org.au

ACNC Advice for Charities on Election Advocacy and Campaigning

The ACNC have recently published advice for charitable organisations engaging in public advocacy concerning how they should and shouldn't engage in election campaigning.

Charities need to be cautious they do not cross the line between legitimately advocating for a cause or outcome in keeping with their mission, and any activities promoting or opposing a particular political party or candidate.

If you are likely to be engaged in advocacy during an election campaign period you need to be very clear about where that line is. Find out more at: www.acnc.gov.au/ACNC/Reg/Charities_elections_and_advocacy_.aspx

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](#).

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.

New Website for Commissioner for Children and Young People

The Commissioner for Children and Young People has launched a [new and improved website](#), providing organisations and the broader community with better access to information concerning the wellbeing of WA's children and young people.

As well as meeting current accessibility standards, the new website enables users to review the office's information and resources under key issues and topics, including mental health, early childhood, sexualisation of children and social media.

The website also includes a dedicated section for children and young people with information,

videos and publications about what children and young people in WA have been saying about important issues that affect them, and how the Commissioner has responded. This area of the website also presents young people with opportunities to participate in consultations and to share comments and feedback.

All significant resources, such as reports, policy briefs, submissions, and speeches will also be available on the website.

If you have questions or feedback about the new website, please contact the Commissioner's office by [email](#) or phone **(08) 6213 2297**.

Deadly Jobs Expo - Expressions of Interest

The Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre is seeking expressions of interest from Employers looking to offer employment opportunities to Aboriginal people to come along and take part in the Deadly Jobs Expo 2016.

The Deadly Jobs Expo, held in conjunction with NAIDOC 2016 Family Day, is Perth's largest NAIDOC Week event and provides a unique opportunity for employers to engage with over 4000 local Aboriginal people. The focus of the expo is on 'real jobs' and we encourage all of our Employers who can offer current and projected opportunities to Aboriginal people to take part in the Expo.

[Click here](#) for full details and an expression of interest form, which can be returned to brenton.turner@dtwd.wa.gov.au by **Friday 20th May 2016**. Those selected to attend will be advised by email on Friday 27 May 2016.

Make Smoking History to Air 'Last Dance' Campaign

On **Sunday 15 May**, *Make Smoking History* will air the state-wide campaign 'Last Dance'. The television commercial was first aired in 2013 in Victoria and was developed and produced by Quit Victoria.

For this campaign, *Make Smoking History* will continue to extend its reach to people working in the community and social services sector, using tailored messaging derived from the advertisements already created to target the general public. At-risk groups, including people experiencing homelessness, people living with a mental illness and people with drug and alcohol dependence, experience much higher rates of smoking than the general population. A portion of campaign advertising will be targeted to people who work in the community and social services sector through online advertising, with the aim to drive traffic to the [Make Smoking History Community Services website](#) for information on supporting their clients to quit smoking.

For more information about the *Make Smoking History* campaign please contact Sarah

Beasley at Cancer Council WA on **(08) 9388 4370** or email sbeasley@cancerwa.asn.au

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](#). A flyer for your organisation can be [downloaded here](#).

Positive Pathways App for Domestic Violence Now Available

[Zonta House Refuge Association](#) has 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.

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.

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 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/>

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.

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](#).

HCC Health Consumer Excellence Awards

The Health Consumers' Council *Health Consumer Excellence Awards* were created to celebrate the achievements of the unsung heroes in WA Health Care, from the administrator to the clinician, and to recognise health consumers that go out of their way to make a difference. [Click here](#) to nominate a health care provider, clinician, or consumer. Nominations close **April 15th, 2016**.

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](#).

Board Table Offered by Goodstart

Goodstart Early Learning are offering a board table which they no longer require to any organisation who may have use for it. Collection from their premises in East Victoria Park will need to be arranged. Dimensions of the table are 1200mm wide, 3000 mm long, 730mm high, and an image of it can be viewed [here](#).

Please contact Goodstart on **9475 4201** to express your interest.

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 require 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.

Sector Events

State Councils of Social Service 'Love Your Tender' Webinar Series

Discover how to develop and present grant applications and tender proposals that give you the best chance of success in a competitive funding environment.

The State Councils of Social Service (COSS) are partnering to deliver a webinar series to uncover what every not-for-profit organisation needs to know about effectively responding to

government procurement processes delivered in four one hour webinar sessions.

This training is based on the 2015 NCROSS Workshop “Writing Winning Funding Proposals” and is a repeat of the webinar series held in February/March 2016 of the same name.

Series Dates:

Thursday 12 May 2016
Thursday 19 May 2016
Thursday 26 May 2016
Thursday 2 June 2016

The four, one-hour webinar sessions will run from **10:30am-11:30am (AEST) / 10:00am-11:00am (ACST) / 8:30am-9:30am (AWST)**.

Register at <https://www.qcross.org.au/love-your-tender-webinar-series-may-june> or for more information email events@qcross.org.au

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.

Richmond Wellbeing NDIS Information Sessions

Richmond Wellbeing is presenting a series of information sessions, aimed to build individual and local capacity for carers and consumers to engage with the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme). If you would like to find out more about NDIS and how it relates to mental health, you are invited to attend one of the following free sessions:

Bunbury: 17 May 2016 | 9.30am – 4.00pm

Perth: 19 May 2016 | 9.30am – 4.00pm

For more information on all events and how to register, visit the [Richmond Wellbeing website](#) or call **08 9350 8800**.

Half Day Cross Cultural Awareness Course- 20th May 2016

JobTrainWA Employment and Mentoring Services (JEMS) will be running their Cross Cultural Awareness Course on **Friday 20th May**. This course differs to many others of its kind as it explores attitudes and how they are formed. It aims to dispel myths and stereotypes in a non-confrontational way, providing attendees tools to deal with Indigenous clients, employees, or Traditional Owners, and to work through the cultural barriers that exist in modern day work environments.

JEMS' trainers are highly experienced and respected local Aboriginal people. Full course details can be viewed [here](#), or [click here](#) to download a registration form.

For more information please contact Selina Maguire, Aboriginal Cross Cultural Awareness Training Coordinator, on **08 9351 2200**.

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.

Coming up on the program are 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, as well as Self Esteem and Confidence workshops on **May 18th** and **June 15th**.

Attendees must be referred to this free service. Please contact Karen Brittain on on **08 6189 2952** or at karen.brittain@zontahouse.org.au to learn more. All courses are run out of the Positive Pathways office in Bentley.

SPSW Workshop "Making Healing and Recovery the Goal; Using Trauma Informed Practice Interventions" - May 30th

2016

[Society of Professional Social Workers](#) presents this important workshop relevant for all human service workers who work with families and individuals who have survived or are experiencing traumatic events or cumulative traumatic life events. The workshop will be presented by Tori Cooke, a Senior Social Work Practitioner who provides training, professional supervision and practice advice to a range of stakeholders and professionals. Tori is currently working as the Family and Domestic Violence Consultant for Anglicare WA, and has 15 years' experience which includes working with high risk families, both victim and perpetrators of domestic violence, suicide bereavement counselling, and alcohol and drug counselling.

The workshop will explore what trauma informed practice is, and how to apply it in a practical and meaningful way with people who report surviving or experiencing traumatic life events.

View the event flyer [here](#) for full details, or download a registration form [here](#).

Anglicare WA Training

Anglicare WA draws on over 30 years' experience as a leading service provider to develop and deliver quality training and professional development. They are committed to workforce and sector development delivering the latest research and best practice and sharing our expertise and experience. Anglicare WA can also [partner with your organisation](#) to develop and customise training solutions.

Upcoming training and special events include:

- [Introduction to Australian Family Law](#) -17 May
- [Engaging and Planning with Complex High Needs Clients and Families](#) - 18 May
- [Children and Domestic Violence](#) - 19 May
- [Creating Child-Safe, Child Friendly Organisations: Can Sexual Abuse be 'Designed Out?'](#) Perth - 7th Jun
- [Creating Child-Safe, Child Friendly Organisations: Can Sexual Abuse be 'Designed Out?'](#) Albany - 9th Jun
- [Ethical Decision Making](#) -15 Jun
- [Responding to Challenging Behaviours](#) - 28 Jun
- [Working with Children & Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse](#) - 30 Jun - 1 Jul

Please [click here](#) for more details on the full range of training services, or download a [registration form](#) here.

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.

- **Albany – 11 May 2016**
- **Perth (Subiaco) – 16, 17 and 30 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 – Senior Case Worker \(counselling\) Child and Family Therapeutic Service](#) – Part time
- [Western Australia Association of Mental Health – Position Events Officer](#) – Part time

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