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General WACOSS News

WACOSS 2017-18 Pre Budget Submission Consultations and DropIN Space

WACOSS would like to thank all those who have attended the consultations held for our 2017-18 Pre-Budget Submission over recent weeks. The advice received within these forums is invaluable to ensuring the sector's most pressing and emergent issues are presented to Government as priorities, and WACOSS is extremely appreciative of your valuable contributions thus far.

Summaries of the four sector-based consultations held will be available for viewing and comment on the WACOSS Pre-Budget Submission [DropIN Space](#). Here you will be able to read the conversation amongst the sector so far, and provide any further comments, suggestions, proposals or case studies you may have that can better inform this year's Submission, and the community sector's 2017 Election Policy Platform. Visit the Space over the coming week to join the conversation.

Our last [Pre-Budget Submission](#) can be found here.

Please contact Demelza Demelza@wacoss.org.au or call **9420 7222** if you have any questions.

COSS Submissions on Data Linkage and Competition Policy

The Productivity Commission recently 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.

The State COSSes and ACOSS have provided a joint Submission to this inquiry, which can now be accessed and read [here](#).

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](#).

WACOSS have also provided an independent Submission to the State on the WA Data Linkage Review - [Click here](#) to read this Submission.

We have also contributed to the ACOSS submission to the [Productivity Commission Inquiry into Human Services](#).

This is clearly an emerging issue for the sector, with clear signals from the Federal Treasurer that they are looking to extend competition in human services as a cost-cutting measure. We are concerned that further marketisation of community services may lead to reductions in service quality, cherry-picking of profitable clients and the 'churn and burn' of more difficult ones by for-profit providers, as we have already seen in some service areas (eg. job services).

This is the first stage of a longer inquiry. We await the release of a draft report from the Productivity Commission in September and will then be looking to hold a roundtable to discuss our response.

View the [ACOSS Submission](#) here. If you are interested in taking part please email Demelza@wacoss.org.au

WACOSS Members – AGM Eligibility

While formal notification to members hasn't been issued at this point, it's worthwhile reminding WACOSS members that to be eligible to vote at the AGM or to nominate for any Board Member vacancies, you or your organisation will need to have paid your 2016-17 membership fees by **Friday, 16th September 2016**.

We encourage everyone including potential new members to renew their membership and pay the applicable fees by **the due date!**

For Membership information and benefits please [click here](#):

For any enquiries regarding membership please contact **Candelle Nestor** or **Monika Fitzpatrick** on **94207222**

Early Years Network Newsletter

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The Connecting Early Years Networks Project is a two-year pilot project developed by WACOSS and funded by Lotterywest and the Woodside Child Development Fund. This project aims to support early years networks to become or remain **sustainable** and **achieve their full potential**. We provide support that is **realistic, practical and builds capacity**.

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- [Creating Partnerships with Parents to Build your Early Years Network](#) - Perth 20 Sept, Collie 27 Sept
- [Writing Winning Grants](#) - 6 Oct
- [Early Years Networks Have Talent](#) - 2 Nov

New Associations Act Support from WACOSS

The new Associations Incorporation Act (2015) came into effect on 1 July 2016 and WACOSS is providing a range of support to complement the [Department of Commerce resources](#).

WACOSS additional support includes:

- The '[Testing Your Associations Knowledge](#)' quiz on DropIN
- An online site, located on [DropIN](#), with all of the resources referred to throughout the quiz in one place – Free
- Board briefings – Fee for service
- Quick scan constitution consultancy services – Fee for Service
- Comprehensive constitutional review and update consultancy services – Fee for Service

For quotes or more information on Fee for Service support, please email training@wacoss.org.au.

The WACOSS free support is provided through a Fostering Partnerships grant from the Department of Finance.

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Training & Workshops

Do you have a position you can't fill, or a major project and no-one to do it?

The solution may surprise you—The person you need you may be a whole world away.

Find out about overseas recruitment options and to hear first-hand about WACOSS's success with international interns, we are holding a half-day workshop on **7 September 2016**.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

To view all of our Training and Events Calendar [click here](#).

WACOSS Customised Training

Did you know we can deliver any of our courses in your workplace?

WACOSS customised training enables your organisation to train multiple staff at one time. All our workshops can be delivered in your workplace making it a very cost effective way to upskill your staff, board members or volunteers. Choose courses from our extensive catalogue and request a quote by contacting training@wacoss.org.au.

To view our catalogue online [click here](#), or call **08 9420 7222** to discuss.

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**. 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.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with the WACOSS ER Connect, Emergency Relief & Financial Support Directory

WACOSS has opportunities for 3 volunteer positions – 6 hours minimum a week (flexible arrangements available).

The positions will help the successful candidates to develop a wide variety of skills across a range of disciplines including networking, prospecting, sales, presentation skills, communications as well as customer relationship management.

The positions will also provide familiarisation with the social service sector as whole.

Interested? [Click here](#) for further information or contact Gustavo at :gustavo@wacoss.org.au

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 executive@asetts.org.au.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Employing Overseas Workers and Interns](#) - Wed 7th Sep
- [DropIN 101 WEBINAR](#) - Tue 13th Sep
- [Dealing with Conflict and Difficult Situations in the Workplace](#) - Wed 14th Sep
- [Effectively Engaging with your Stakeholders](#) - Thu 15th
- [DropIN Champions](#) - Tue 20th Sep 2016 - WEBINAR
- [Introduction to Strategic Planning](#) - Wed 21st Sep 2016
- [Engaging Consumers](#) - Thu 22nd Sep 2016
- [Foundations in Governance](#): Module 3 - Risk Management - Thu 22nd Sep 2016 - WEBINAR

For the full list of WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars, [click here](#).

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

Sector News

Department of Local Government and Communities - Community Gardens Grants Program

The Department of Local Government and Communities are pleased to announce that a new round of funding through the Community Gardens Grants Program is now open.

Community gardens provide the opportunity to develop greater understanding between neighbours, parents and young people from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds. This program encourages community members to:

- participate in community life more actively
- connect with the environment and other people
- use their skills
- give back to the community.

Existing community gardens may apply for funding of up to \$10,000 and new community gardens may apply for funding of up to \$20,000.

Prior to submitting an application, please contact Ms Gemma Turner, Senior Grants Officer, at the Department of Local Government and Communities on (08) 6552 1643 or at grants@dlgc.wa.gov.au, to discuss the project proposal.

Please refer to the Department's website for further information about this Program and application details at, <https://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/GrantsFunding/Pages/Community-Gardens-Grants.aspx>.

Applications for this program close at 4pm, Thursday, 20 October 2016.

WA PCYC - Youth and Community Justice Conference, 26 - 27 October 2016

WA Police and Community Youth Centres (WA PCYC) are hosting the Youth and Community Justice Conference in October, highlighting how negative and positive global factors shape and impact the lives of young people and society.

The theme of the conference is ***Globalisation: challenges for young people in the community*** in response to the escalating incidence of negative global factors that shape and impact the lives of young people.

Keynote speakers will touch on topics such as organised crime, child abuse, drug proliferation, domestic violence, radicalisation and cybercrime has on young people minority groups, families and communities.

Register (<http://bit.ly/2bwezuw>) your attendance at this event by **30th September 2016** or download (<http://bit.ly/2aMLZ7i>) the full conference program .

St.George Foundation's NFP Funding Round

St.George Foundation are calling on community organisations focused on the future of disadvantaged children to apply for its latest round of grant funding of up to \$50,000 each.

The foundation says grants would be awarded to smaller community organisations that work to provide a brighter future for socially, economically or physically disadvantaged children.

For eligibility, further information or to apply by **30 September 2016**, [click here](#).

ACOSS - Resilient Community Organisations Toolkit and Disaster Resilience

As the national peak body for community welfare and social service organisations, Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) are here to ensure that our sector has the resources it needs to grow, to thrive and to serve the people in our communities as best as we can.

"Every day, you and your colleagues work to serve people in your community to ensure they have access to the services and opportunities they deserve."

That's why they have developed the Resilient Community Organisations Toolkit and Disaster Resilience Benchmarking Tool to help you and your organisation get ready for disasters and emergencies.

[Click here](#) to get started now.

CommunityWest - Learn to navigate disruption in the community services sector

In response to major disruption in the community sector, CommunityWest have developed a series of sunrise sessions and masterclasses built around the theme of 'Navigating the current and future territory of disruption across the community sector.'

These have been designed to provide participants with tools, insights and learnings which they can immediately apply. In doing this, executives and leaders will be better equipped and have greater confidence in managing their organisations.

Each session builds on the previous topics covered, giving participants a suite of knowledge and tools by the end of the six sessions. They can be attended on an individual basis, however it is recommended to attend all six to gain the full benefit. Purchasing attendance gains you a seat at both the sunrise session and the masterclass. [Click here](#) for pricing and more information.

New Guides to Navigate Rights for NDIS Purchasing Decisions

Consumer protection agencies around Australia have recently released three new guides that provide key information about consumer rights and trader obligations under the Australian Consumer Law.

The guides are specifically designed to help consumers when buying goods and services under the The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and have been developed to also inform providers of goods and services, community organisations, carers and support networks of traders' obligations under the law.

The following resources are available:

- Your Consumer Rights – A guide for consumers with disability
- Easy English Guide – Your rights when you buy something (designed for people who have difficulty reading and understanding written information)
- A Guide to Competition and Consumer Law – For businesses selling to and supplying consumers with disability (guidance for suppliers to consumers with disability, outlining their role and obligations under Australia's competition and consumer laws)
- Factsheet – Including a snapshot on legal rights

These guides are available for free from the [Department of Commerce Website](#). Limited hard copies are also available to order - Please call **1300 30 40 54** or email consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au

ISA Fundraising Campaign

Incest Survivors' Association Inc (ISA) is aiming to raise funds to assist with capacity building of their organisation in order to provide more support to those who have been impacted by childhood sexual abuse.

For further information use this link to ISA's 'go fund me' page: <https://www.gofundme.com/2hkvrn8>

AHURI - Nation Conference, 19 October

Join Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) at the iconic Adelaide Oval on **Wednesday 19 October 2016** for our next national one-day conference ***The Future of Housing Assistance***.

With the election of a new Federal Government and national funding agreements up for renewal, now is the right time to debate, discuss and consider the future of housing assistance in Australia.

AHURI would love to see your organisation represented at the conference. If you would like to register a number of staff to attend this conference, there is a special discount of 10% for groups of 3 or more. For full details visit the [AHURI website](#).

Office Space Available at City West Lotteries House

City West Lotteries House (CWLH) invites expressions of interest from Not-For-Profit organisations and Local Government for affordable office spaces, centrally located at 2 Delhi St, West Perth.

Available ground floor office spaces include:

- Office 13 35.1 m
Office 15 30.2 m
Office 16 17.0 m

For further information, please contact the Property Manager on 9420 7200 or email propertymanager.cwlh@westnet.com.au

Office Space Available in Midland

The Department of Education are offering units in Midland rent-free to selected not-for-profit organisations. Criteria for selection includes, but is not limited to, services for children, teens, families or communities in the Midland school catchment area, or organisations supporting education, welfare, health, young parents, and financial or relationship counselling.

Please contact **Peter Petkov** on **9264 4210** with expressions of interest.

Sector Events

IHAT Course - 7th - 9th September 2016

The Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Action Training (IHAT) is an inspiring, practical, and informative three-day course that will give you a solid grounding in issues of humanitarian assistance and help you understand what it takes to be an effective and resilient aid worker. . [Click](#) here to register!

Community Resource Centre Network Video Conferencing - 1st September 2016

Community Resource Centres have the ability to provide video conferencing services and are working very collaboratively with a number of Perth based NFPs to ensure that regional communities can benefit from the services they offer.

The event will show the benefits of video conferencing and provide an example on how a number of Perth based NFPs are using video conferencing in innovative ways.

To register for this event which is being held on **1 September** from **1 – 2.30pm** via video conference [click here](#).

Eastern Region Domestic Violence Services Network Inc - AGM - 29th September 2016

The Annual General meeting of the Eastern Region Domestic Violence Services Network Inc is being held at **10.30am** on the **29th September 2016** at the Old Midland Courthouse, 49 Helena Street, Midland 6056. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

RSV by phone on 9274 6142 or email admin@kooluna.org.au by **5th September 2016**.

CCYP Child Safe Organisations WA Seminars - August & September 2016

Additional seminars have been announced by the Commissioner for Children and Young People for the [Child Safe Organisations WA program](#).

These free, all-day seminars are designed for leaders, managers and staff of organisations that provide activities and services for children and young people. Participants will be provided with information, resources and opportunities to reflect on the key considerations in developing and maintaining an organisation culture that is child-focused, respectful and accountable.

A Seminar is being held at **Kalgoorlie - Tuesday 13 September**. To book [click here](#).

NDS "Individual Safeguarding and Complaints" Metro and Regional Forums - September 2016

NDS WA, in partnership with disability service organisations and with support from the Disability Services Commission and the Health and Disability Services Complaints Office (HaDSCO), has developed a forum to deliver practical resources and information on safeguarding vulnerable people and complaints management and handling.

This free one-day interactive forum will be held in metro and regional locations to provide you with an opportunity to deepen your knowledge around individual safeguarding and best practice in complaints-handling, management and resolution.

Presenters Merissa Van Der Linden and Jenny Gleeson from NDS WA will facilitate collaboration and discussion between sector representatives, people with disability, family members and advocates, concluding with a panel discussion.

[Click here](#) for full details.

AASW – WA Branch: Workshop - Creative Self Expression and Narrative Re-Authoring working with children and young adults

There are different ways of telling a story. For some people talking therapy is the preferred. For others engaging in creative self expression may be a preferred or complement to talking.

In this two part workshop they will combine narrative re-authoring practice-maps and creative self expressions as ways of working therapeutically with children and young people around trauma, loss and pain, fears and worries, attachment and relational concerns and challenges in managing intense emotions.

The two part workshop is being held on **14 September and 12 October from 9.15am - 4.00pm**. To register [click here](#):

ASSW NT Branch Conference -"Dust, Diversity & Dedication"- 20-22 March 2017

Australian Association of Social Workers NT Branch are inviting social workers and other allied health representatives to its annual conference which is being held in the heart of Australia.

If you're interested in regional and remote service delivery and employed in interdisciplinary positions in the human and community services sector the ASSW NT Branch would like you to join them! The event

The event will be held between the **20th and 22nd March** in Alice Springs at the Star of Alice Function Centre with a strong focus on remote and regional practices within the Northern Territory and similar locations. [Click here](#) for more information.

Women's Council For Domestic & Family Violence Services - (WA) - Domestic & Family Violence and the Law - Accredited Training

Women's Council For Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) are holding an accredited training on Domestic & Family Violence and the Law on **15 September 2016** from **9am - 3.30pm** at City West Lotteries House 2 Delhi St, West Perth.

For more information or to register please [click here](#).

Relationships Australia - Professional and Workplace

Training

- [Parenting Between Cultures](#) – 13 Sept
- [Marital & Relationship First Responder](#) – 21 Sept
- [Introduction to being a Supervisor](#) – 22 & 23 Sept

For more information on our Professional training go to [Professional Development](#)

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:

- [Children and Domestic Violence](#) - 1 Sept
- [Worker Safety for Home Visits](#) - 6 Sept
- [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) - 14 - 15 Sept
- [Accidental Counsellor](#) - 19 Sept & 24 Oct
- [The Lived Experience of Seperation](#) 21 Sept
- [Mental Health Training](#) - 10-11 Oct

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

[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.

- [Identitywa – Disability Support Worker](#) – Permanent Part Time (Flexible)
- [Identitywa – Team Leader](#) – Full time
- [Identitywa – Area Manager](#) – Full time
- [Wanslea – Social Worker/Case Worker \(Out of Home Care\)](#) – Full time
- [UnitingCare West – Program Facilitator \(Multiple Roles/Locations\)](#) – Contract
- [Community First – Community Support Workers](#) – Casual
- [Community First – Mental Health Recovery Worker \(Mandurah\)](#) – Fixed Term Contract
Position

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

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