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General WACOSS News

WACOSS Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Pre-Budget Submission (PBS) Launch - Friday, 28th October 2016

Each year WACOSS provides an annual Pre-Budget Submission to the State Government regarding what it sees as priority for social expenditure in the following State Budget. On 28 October we will be launching the PBS function at The Rise in Maylands with the PBS being presented to the State Government.

Following the PBS launch, the Council will be holding our Annual General Meeting. Please be aware that a Call for Board Nominations went out by post and email on Friday 16 September.

Further details including registration information for the PBS and AGM will be provided by the COB 30th September 2016.

DropIN Solutions

DropIN and WACOSS with their mission to empower the community sector, have launched a series of different IT and marketing services specifically designed for the WA social sector.

[Websites](#) [Promotions](#) [Workshops](#) [Ads](#)

Browse through our service offering and get in touch with us. We understand the needs of not-for-profits because *we are one as well!*

"WACOSS members are eligible for a 20% discount on all our services"

[Find out more](#)

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 State COSSes and ACOSS have provided a joint Submission to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry on Data Linkage and Use, which can now be accessed and read [click 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 - Become a Member

Early Years Network Newsletter

The Early Years Networks team are really excited to have the opportunity to share their edition of the Early Years Networks [Newsletter](#).

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**.

There are some exciting customised workshops coming up for early years networks. Each course has been designed with early years networks in mind and are contextualised to their work in the community. Some of the upcoming workshops for early years networks in WA. are:

- [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.

Training & Workshops

Applications open - Diploma of Leadership and Management 2017

Applications for the 2017 program of the Diploma of Leadership & Management are now open. 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 Customised Training

Customised Training Discounts until 31 Dec 2016

WACOSS is offering discounts on the full range of customised training booked between 15 September and 31 December 2016. The following discounts apply:

- 20% off a Full day training course
- 10% off a half day training course

All bookings must be made and dates confirmed before 31 December 2016 for the discount to apply. To view our full range of training on offer, [click here](#).

Hurry and get a quote now!

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.

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

- [Lead Business Improvement and Innovation](#) - Wed 5th Oct 2016
- [DropIn 101](#) - Tue 11th Oct 2016 - WEBINAR
- [Finance Fundamentals for Non Accountants](#) - Wed 12th Oct 2016
- [Communicating and Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Thu 13th Oct 2016
- [Developing a Business Case to Meet Organisational Needs](#) - Tue 18th Oct 2016

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

Local Drug Action Groups Inc - Launch of the Meth Helpline

On 12 September 2016, the Minister for Mental Health, the Hon Andrea Mitchell MLA officially launched the Meth Helpline. Situated within the Alcohol and Drug Support Service, the helpline provides a 24/7, confidential, non-judgmental telephone counselling, information and referral service for anyone seeking help for their own or another person's methamphetamine use.

The Meth Helpline is part of the State methamphetamine strategy and has been developed to increase access to support and help reduce the impact of methamphetamine use in WA.

The Alcohol and Drug Support Service will continue to provide 24/7, state-wide telephone counselling, information, referral and support to anyone concerned about their own or another person's alcohol or other drug [click here](#) for further information and contact details.

Youth Affairs Council of WA - WA Youth Awards

The WA Youth Awards 2016 are proudly presented by the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia, in partnership with the Department of Local Government and Communities. The Awards are supported by Lotterywest.

[Click here](#) to view more or nominate a young person.

Tenancy WA - Update from Community Legal Centre for Tenants

Tenancy WA would like to provide the following updates:

Fee for service

A fee for service has been introduced, [click here](#) for full details,:

The community worker hotline, bond clinic and the duty advocate service at the Magistrates Court remain free. Tenants seeking advice about getting their bond back can book online [here](#): or call the advice line to book a free advice appointment. on 9221 0088 or 1800 621 888.

Online Booking

A new on line booking process. Tenants can book free or paid advice [here](#):

Community workers hotline

Tenancy WA provide a community workers hotline to assist Tenant Advocates and other community workers with specialist tenancy advice for their clients. For hotline details or to register call 6263 8560. Details about the service are [here](#):

New website

Tenancy WA's new website is live and has new functions including: [Book Advice](#), [Finding a Local Tenant Advocate](#) and [New Factsheets](#)

Department of Local Government and Communities - National Youth Week 2017 Grants Program

The Department of Local Government and Communities is currently seeking applications for the National Youth Week 2017 Grants Program.

Funding of up to \$1 000 will be available for organisations to host an event during **National Youth Week 2017 (31 March -9 April 2017)**.

For further information on the eligibility or to apply [click here](#). **Applications close at 4:00pm on Thursday, 20 October 2016.**

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. **The closing date is 20 October 2016.**

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

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

Commissioner for Children and Young People - 2016-17 Thinker in Residence

The Commissioner for Children and Young People Colin Pettit advises that he has appointed e-mental health researcher and advocate Professor Jane Burns as his 2016-17 Thinker in Residence.

The Commissioner said the appointment of Professor Burns is a key initiative in his work to promote an increased focus on how innovation and technology can be used to strengthen children and young people's mental health, a key recommendation of his 2015 report *Our Children Can't Wait*.

The 2016-17 Thinker in Residence will be held in two phases:

- **24 to 28 October 2016 (Children's Week)**
- **13 to 16 March 2017**

More information about the Thinker in Residence and consultation is available [here](#).

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.'

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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>

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Join 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.

We 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

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/2bwezuv>) your attendance at this event by **30th September 2016** or download (<http://bit.ly/2aMLZ7j>) 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](#).

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

Child Australia and Collaboration for Impact

Child Australia and Collaboration for Impact have brought together **Liz Weaver** (Vice President and Director, Tamarack Institute, Canada) and **Kerry Graham** (Founder and Director, Collaboration for Impact, Australia) for:

This interactive event builds on the knowledge and experience of local, national and international thought leaders together with local initiatives, services, government, investors, communities and industries to explore our Collective Impact journey in WA. [Click here](#) for further information or to book.

SPSW - Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop

Society of Professional Social Workers (Inc) are excited to bring to you a workshop on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) presented by Robyn Williams. Robyn is a Nyoongar woman with extensive experience as a FASD trainer and researcher. The workshop is being held on **Thursday 10 November 2016**. [click here](#) to see flyer for further information. For complete a registration form [click here](#).

Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation - Children's Week 2016

Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation through the Department of Local Government and Communities is providing small grants to encourage not for profit community organisations and local governments in regional and remote areas to be part of Children's Week 2016.

Children's Week is a National, annual event held during the fourth week in October right across Australia. This week is dedicated to celebrating children across our State and highlighting their achievements. It is an opportunity for the community to engage in a variety of activities that facilitate, support and encourage children and their families to celebrate, play and discover together

Grants of up to \$2,000 (excl GST) will be available for local activities organised by one or more organisations with applications closing at **4:00pm on Friday 30 September 2016**.

Program Objectives are outline below with further information and applications available at www.childrensweekwa.org.au

AASW WA Branch - Free Book Launch - Going Private in the Helping Professions

Australian Association of Social Workers would like people to join them for the book launch of "Going Private in the Helping Professions." The event is being held on **3rd October at 6:15pm** at City West Lotteries House.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

AASW WA Branch - 70th Anniversary Celebration October 27th

Australian Association of Social Workers WA Branch would like to extend invitations to celebrate the AASW's 70th Anniversary on 27th October between 6.30 to 9.00pm at St Catherine's on Park.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

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

Australian Association of Social Workers NT Branch invites 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.

AWESOME Festival Ticket Subsidy for Health Care and Pension Card Holders

With the support of the State Government, through the Department of Culture and the Arts, AWESOME is able to offer a limited number of concession priced tickets to Health Care and Pension Card holders. This enables families to purchase \$5 tickets to a number of shows in the 2016 AWESOME Festival!

Tickets are strictly limited and are sold on a first come, first served basis, so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment. Once the ticket allocation has sold out, discounts will no longer apply. Please ensure you bring your valid Government issued Pension or Health Care Card with you on the day to gain admission.

Visit www.awesomearts.com/concession for full terms and conditions and pricing to selected events.

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:

- [Mental Health First Aid](#) - 10-11 Oct
- [Supervision Skills for Community Based Settings](#) - 12 & 13 Oct
- [Attachment and Social-Emotional Development](#) - 14 Oct
- [Accidental Counsellor](#) - 24 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.

- [WACOSS – Finance Officer](#) – Part time 22.8 hours per week

- [Identitywa – Disability Support Worker](#) – Permanent Part Time (Flexible)
- [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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