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General WACOSS News

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

Each year WACOSS provides an annual Pre-Budget Submission to the State Government regarding what it sees as social expenditure in the following State Budget. On the 28th October, we will be launching the PBS at 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.

The formal Notice of Annual General Meeting and the voting pack for the Board nominations will be forward to all paid up members on Friday, 14th October 2016.

For information on both events please [download the flyer](#). To register for each event, please click on the following links:

[PBS Registration link](#)

[AGM Registration link](#)

Newsletter and MailChimp

Email is one of the most widely used electronic methods of communication and promotion. But using a software like Outlook is not the most efficient way to send promotional emails and newsletters.

Register for this worksop and learn how you can use a simple tool like MailChimp to better manage your mailing lists and design newsletters that are simple, effective and optimised

[Find Out More](#)

"Special discount for WACOSS members"

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.

Joint Councils of Social Service Network Submission to ACNC

WACOSS recently contributed to a joint submission with the Councils of Social Service Network to the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission](#)'s 2017 Annual Information Statement Consultation.

A copy of this submission can be viewed [here](#).

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

- [Choosing an Outcomes Measurement Framework](#) - Wed 19th Oct 2016
- [Strategic Thinking for Strategic Action: Ensuring Organisational Viability](#) - Thu 20th Oct 2016
- [DropIN Champions](#) - Tue 25th Oct 2016 - WEBINAR
- [Managing Staff Performance](#) - Wed 26th Oct 2016
- [Communicate with Influence and Lead Effective Teams](#) - Wed 2 Nov, 30 Nov & Thur 1 Dec 2016
- [Foundations in Governance: Module 4 - Organisational Performance](#) - Wed 2 Nov 2016 - WEBINAR

- [Leading Teams](#) - Thu 3rd Nov 2016
- [Using MailChimp to design professional newsletters](#) - Tue 8th Nov 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

Youth Affairs Council of WA - WA Youth Awards

Nominations for the WA Youth Awards have been extended for one week. Don't miss your chance! Nominate before **5pm this Friday, 14th October 2016**.

The WA Youth Awards were established in 1999 to recognise West Australians aged 12 to 25 years for their contributions to the community, as well as outstanding youth groups and organisations that serve and support the State's young people.

You can nominate an outstanding young person, youth worker or organisation in one of seven categories.

Category winners will receive a framed certificate and \$1000, and the WA Young Person of the Year will receive return flights for two people to Europe.

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

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.

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 4pm on 20 October 2016.**

Please refer to the Department's website for further information about this Program by [clicking here](#).

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](#).

Women's Council for Domestic Violence Services (WA) -

All concerned community members are invited to attend the 26th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March at Stirling Gardens, Perth on the **25th November 2016**.

There will be free morning tea and Information stalls at **10.30am**. Speakers at 11am with Guest Speaker, The Hon. Andrea Mitchell MLA, Minister for Child Protection.

Silent March at **12 Noon**. For more information visit: [click here](#)

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

Mental Health in Early Years

Meerilinga together with the Commissioner of Children and Young people would like to invite professionals working with children to a **free** presentation by 2016-17 Thinker in Residence Professor Jane Burns and Professor Donna Cross during Children's Week 2016.

Renowned mental health researcher and advocate Professor Jane Burns and Winthrop Professor Donna Cross from the Telethon Kids Institute and the University of Western Australia will present information on Mental Health in the Early Years including support, risk factors and the practice implications for Early Childhood professionals. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: **9.30am – Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 11.00am**

Location: **State Library Theatre 25 Francis Street 6000**

[Click here](#) for flyer information. [Click here](#) to register for event

Justice Connect - Webinar Training

Does your organisation engage volunteers? Do you understand the difference between paid and unpaid workers? Not-for-profit advises this webinar will provide an overview of the laws relating to volunteers and the current issues affecting the sector.

Date: **Wednesday 19 October**

Time: 12.45pm – 2pm

For Bookings or further information [click here](#).

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](#).

ASSW 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.

ASSW 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.

Social Innovation Skills Training

Bishop & Colquhoun Consulting would like to invite sector members to a **FREE** one hour information session on Social Innovation. It will be held on **18th October from 10-11am at Curtin University**.

With the current competitive open tendering environment, social innovation skills can aid organisation to develop innovative and flexible approaches to allow groups to adapt to changing social environments. Active learning in the program is based on integration of knowledge and skill development providing long lasting tacit and overt thinking and behavioural

skills.

To register [click here](#) leaving your contact details on Bishop & Colquhoun Consulting's [website](#) or contact Simon Colquhoun on **0431107986**. Registration closes by **15th October**.

Relationships Australia – Professional and Workplace Training

- Parenting Between Cultures – 20 Oct
- Understanding Domestic Violence Workshops - 28 Oct, 4 & 11 Nov
- Introduction to Couple Counselling - 3 & 4 Nov
- Accidental Counsellor - 8 Nov
- Emotional Intelligence - 9 Nov
- Change & Loss - 30 Nov

For more information [click 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:

- [Attachment and Social-Emotional Development](#) - 14 Oct
- [Accidental Counsellor](#) - 24 Oct
- [Adult Survivors of Child Abuse & Neglect](#) - 26 October
- [Working Intensively with Perpetrators of Family and Domestic Violence](#) - 27 Oct
- [Introduction to Family Domestic Violence](#) - 03 Nov

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.

- [St Patrick's Community Support Centre – Alliance Manager](#) – Full time
- [Community First – Community Support Workers](#) – Casual
- [UnitingCare West – Case Worker Family Group Homes \(North\)](#) – Part time
- [Identitywa – Manager Business Development](#) – Contract
- [Identitywa – Disability Support Worker](#) – Permanent Part Time (Flexible)

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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