

WACOSS strives for
an inclusive, just and
equitable society.

We advocate for
social change
to improve the
wellbeing of
Western Australians
and to strengthen
the community
services sector that
supports them.

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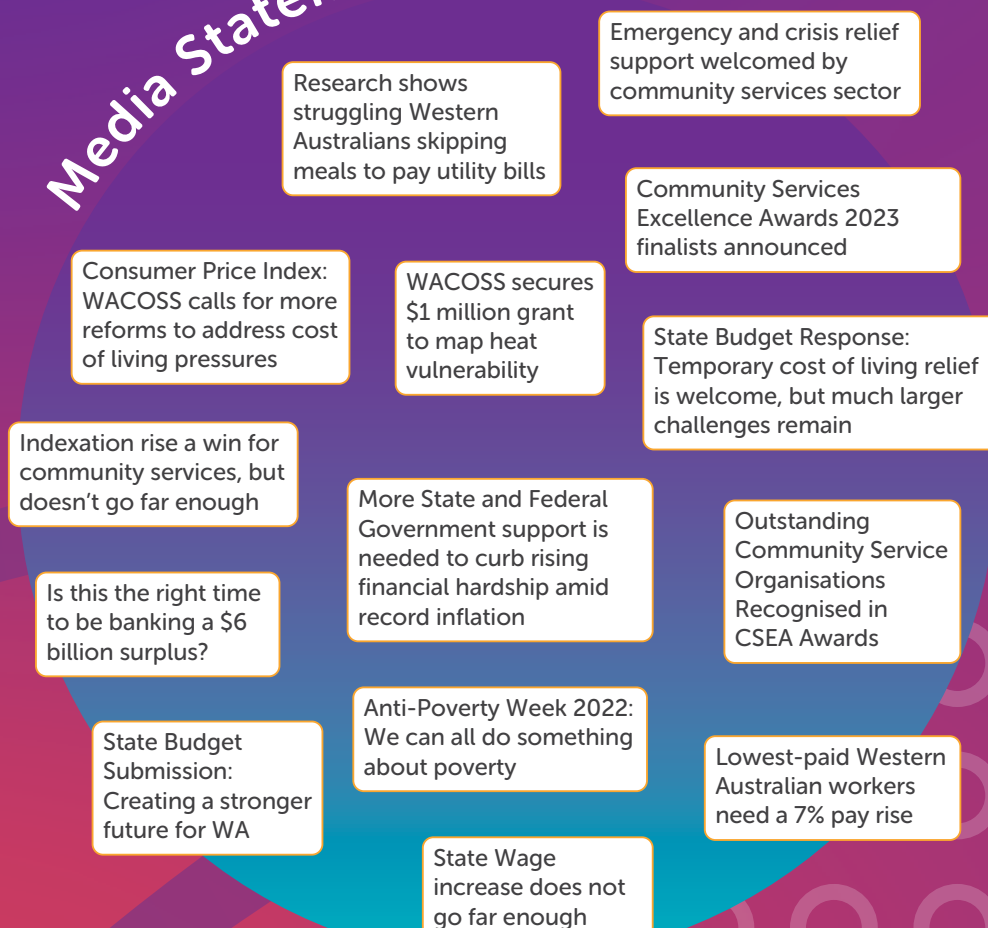
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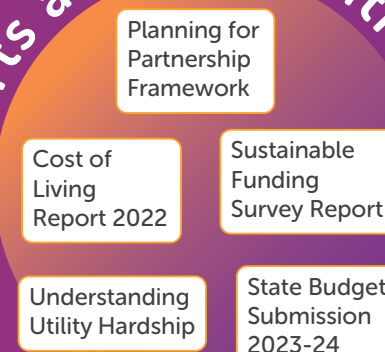
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On reflection of the past year, we are reminded that our commitment to our community and its wellbeing is more vital than ever. In the face of ongoing challenges, WACOSS has continued to stand as a beacon of hope, and as a driving force for positive change in the community sector.

The widening gap between those with, and those without, underscores the importance behind most of the campaigns we have supported this year, and the importance of advocating for fair and equitable systems for those who need it most.

As always, the strength, resilience and capability of our members sustains us, as does the unwavering commitment from our Board and staff.

We look forward to new challenges and opportunities, proud of our efforts, but knowing there will always be work to do, to drive real positive change in our communities.



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Chief Executive Officer

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Campaigns We Actively Support



Advocacy Wins

It is important to recognise that the work we do is ongoing and often takes years to achieve. They require a sustained effort by dedicated individuals and organisations, if we are to overcome the systemic barriers that stop access to basic human rights and services.

We know that we are stronger together, and collaborative policy develop and advocacy are at the heart of what we do.



Residential Tenancies Act Reforms – no-grounds evictions are still a focus in the coming year



Reviewing Bond Assistance to support renters on low incomes



Increase in the Hardship Utility Grant (HUGS) limits by 10%



Commitment from the State Government to ban LGBTQIA+ conversion practices and protect against conversion ideology



Indexation: Increase to 4.51% and review to the formula



Increase in social housing in the Budget



Abolishment of Parents Next



Resources and reimbursement for additional COVID-19 cleaning



Electricity Code of Conduct Reforms



Resourcing to support organisations to become child safe

Conference and Awards Ceremony

In early 2023, WACOSS hosted the biennial Conference and Community Services Excellence Awards. These events were made possible thanks to our generous partners, supporters and event sponsors. A very special thanks goes to Lotterywest for their support of the event.

The three-day event brought together our sector, with lived experience experts, Government, industry and academia. On the banks of the Derbarl Yerrigan we gathered, met, shared stories and experiences, celebrated, and listened.

In the evening we celebrated the immense work of the sector in the Community Services Excellence Awards. Congratulations to the 2023 Awards Winners across the eight categories:

Man Up WA - Small organisation providing collaborative, innovative or creative programs or services

Starick - Medium organisation providing collaborative, innovative or creative programs or services

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation – Large organisation providing collaborative, innovative or creative programs or services

Busselton Hospice Care - Regional Organisation providing collaborative, innovative, or creative programs or services

Social Reinvestment WA - Outstanding community-led collaboration leading to better community outcomes

Derbarl Yerrigan Health - Outstanding achievement by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (leading to better community outcomes)

Winnie Hayward - Above and Beyond

Elena Petrici - Excellence in Leadership