

CP-Nepean HACCC FLASH



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Working together still works

Note
Starting June, the CP-Nepean HACCC Flash will be released at the beginning (not the end) of each month.

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Have your say about the new aged care arrangements

Who hasn't heard about the new aged care arrangements and its implications for HACCC/Community Care?

http://www.coag.gov.au/coag_meeting_outcomes/2010-04-19/docs/NHHN_Agreement.pdf

The question by now is: what kind of structural changes will Government do within the aged care system in the coming years? How would they affect our services? Do we have any say at all?

Yes, we have a say (or so we'd like to think). The Productivity Commission is undertaking a Public Inquiry, and the NSW HACCC Development Officers Network is making a submission. Rocellita (who's part of the working group) is now inviting your thoughts. Remember that no one knows on-the-ground service delivery like you do; it's important that the policy makers and program developers hear you!

For starts, can you think of a *structural reform* (change in the way we do things) in any of the following areas:

- Addressing the interests of HACCC special needs groups (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking or CALD backgrounds, people with dementia, financially disadvantaged persons, people living in rural and remote areas)?
- Improving the interface between HACCC/CC and other related services?
- Developing funding options for new, emerging needs?
- Meeting future workforce requirements?
- Providing continuity of care for all age groups whilst transitioning into the new system?
- Others?

Please submit short but clear ideas (bullet points accepted), that state both the issue and proposed strategy. Supporting evidence would be good. We will contact you if we need to clarify. An example of your thoughts might be:

Issue 1: HACCC services are currently not equipped nor able to provide community transport for extremely overweight persons (bariatric transport). This results in the increasing social isolation of this small but high-need group.

Proposal: Explore the possibility of funding a new subsidised bariatric wheelchair rental program (not necessarily under HACCC) for non-medical related community transport needs of extremely obese persons.

Please e-mail your thoughts to rocellital@wscf.org.au by Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

For more info about the Public Inquiry, go to :
<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/aged-care>

Funding announcements

List of successful tenders for 2009-2011 HACC funding:

http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Doing+business+with+us/successful_applicants.htm

Breakdown and ACOSS analysis of 2010 Federal Budget for health and aged care (interesting because you get an idea of new programs and priorities):

http://acoss.org.au/images/uploads/Budget_2010_Health_analysis.pdf

Extra HACC funding announcement for NSW "... giving all non-government agencies that provide HACC services a one-off payment of up to \$37,000."

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2010uploads/HACC/extra%20hacc%20funding-31%20may%202010.pdf>

New resources, training and forums

Updated Info Pack for HACC Interpreting Service in CP-Nepean

From CP Multicultural Access Project (Monika Latanik), on how to use the HACC Interpreting Service. Includes a booking form, easy guide to access, tips, and language identification chart. Download from WSCF HACC webpage:

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2010uploads/HACC/HACC%20Interpreting%20Service%20CP%20may%202010.pdf>

HACC Eligibility Fact Sheet 1- from Sutherland Shire HACC Development Project

<http://www.sscsi.org.au/resources/view-document?id=f268e357aa59aaf227855f4c155bc59c>

HACC Eligibility Fact Sheet 2- eligibility for HACC-like programs

<http://www.sscsi.org.au/resources/view-document?id=bbfcb4bf8a8b87c24e34f581f5def32>

NCOSS Ageing & Disability Update- 25 May 2010

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2010uploads/HACC/NCOSS%20Ageing%20disability%20update%2025%20may%202010.pdf>

June CALD Practice Forum - "Reflecting on practice: Developing culturally responsive Services". Download flyer from WSCF HACC webpage:

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2010uploads/HACC/CALD%20Practice%20Forum%20invite%20June2010.pdf>

'How ACATs can help you' is now available in 17 different languages and can be downloaded from the ACAT-specific webpage:

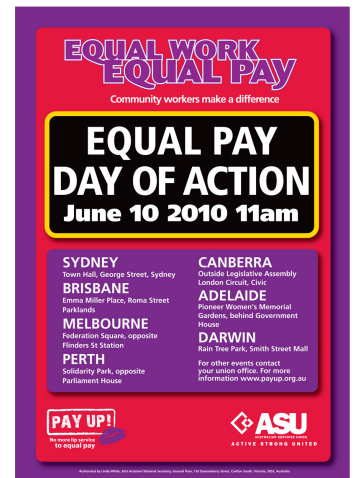
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-publicats-multi.htm>

2010 NSW Meals on Wheels (MoW) Conference- just concluded

Held on 26-28 May at Novotel Northbeach Wollongong, the conference was quite outstanding. Meals On Wheels Coordinators/Managers, board members, volunteers and sector workers came from all parts of NSW and a few from Queensland. The workshops were especially useful. Most issues discussed were understandably age-old, but the focus was on *what works*.

Rocellita attended the workshops on "Innovative ideas from services" and "CALD Meals- what do we need? What's in the marketplace?"; as well as parts of "Working with your local dietician", "The image of Meals on Wheels", "Surviving the audit- implementing food safety" and "What's after change?" (I was workshop-hopping, hoping to get the best bits of everything!).

The conference dinner was a real let-your-hair-down affair, with an Elvis impersonator singing old favourites and everyone dancing with gusto. To be sure, some good old information sharing was happening around the tables at the same time.



**WSCF supports ASU's
Day of Action!**

See item in page 3 below.

Below: Kia donates 5 Carnival vans to help NSW Meals on Wheels services. See page 3.



**Have you heard of
the Sydney Alliance?**

**It's well worth
knowing about!**

Visit -

<http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/>

A fitting conclusion to the event was Kia's giving away (by raffle draw) no less than five (5) Kia Carnival vans to MoW services. (The vans were waiting at the hotel entrance, ready to be driven away by the time the conference ended). At the same time, Kia's National Fleet Manager announced an "exclusive offer" for Meals on Wheels volunteers (and staff) to purchase a Kia vehicle (Rio 5-door, Cerato S and Soul) at government contract prices. The offer is for an initial period of 12 months. To avail of the offer, just ring any Kia dealer or call 1800 600 010 and quote "exclusive offer for Meals on Wheels volunteers and staff".

On behalf of WSCF and the Western Sydney Food Forum, congratulations to NSW Meals on Wheels conference organisers - Sue, Godfrey, Ros and Christine!

Want to buy your supplies under NSW state contracts?

On the last day of the NSW MoW Conference, there was a most informative session/reminder on State Contracts and how not-for-profit (nfp) community services can register with the Office of NSW Procurement.

Under these contracts, nfp orgs can avail of good discounted prices on office and food supplies, furniture, vehicles, computers, and many other items in the NSWBuy catalogue. The state contracts with Meals On Wheels food suppliers, in particular, are up for renewal. (At the regional level, the Western Sydney Food Forum has been comparing prices among food suppliers, and may well recommend new appropriate suppliers to enter into state contracts).

For more info on how to register and buy under a State contract, go to:

<http://www.nswprocurement.com.au/state-contracts.aspx>

The NSW MoW conference papers will surely be up on the NSW Meals On Wheels website in due time - we'll let you know then.

Have you heard about the June 10 "Equal Pay Day of Action"?

"ASU (Australian Services Union) is the union of Community Sector Workers. In 2010, Unions led by the ASU and supported by the ACTU and the Federal Government are lodging a test case in Fair Work Australia using the new Equal Remuneration Laws embedded in the Fair Work Act. The case will impact the working lives of about 200,000 community workers. Winning the case will prove that these workers are undervalued - but, the case outcome alone will not correct the injustice. Workers need the Government to fund the outcome of the case to make Equal Pay a reality."

On 10 June, thousands of Equal Pay supporters will gather across the country at 11 a.m. and we need you to be one of them.

WSCF will be closed on this day to join ASU. Community workers in Western Sydney will be travelling down the line on the train, collecting people as we go - leaving Blackheath at 8.12am, Katoomba at 8.25, Springwood at 9.06, Penrith at 9.39, Blacktown at 9.53 & Parramatta at 10.05, arriving at Central Station by 10:30 a.m. From there, we will march to Town Hall. For more info, visit :

<http://www.asumembers.org.au/equalpay> or http://www.payup.org.au/more_info/

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