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NCOSS AGEING & DISABILITY UPDATES 15 July 2010

NCOSS Conference: Fairness in NSW

Australian Technology Park, Redfern on 5-6 August, 2010

Can NSW pass the Fairness Test?

For information and registration details:

website: ncoss.org.au/conferences

download: [program/registration](http://ncoss.org.au/conferences/program/registration)

email: info@ncoss.org.au

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GENERAL NEWS

- **BIA NSW Brokerage Packages Expanded to rural and regional areas of NSW *apply now!***

Brain Injury Australia NSW Brokerage Packages are now available for people living in regional and rural areas of NSW. The maximum amount per package is \$5,000 (plus GST) per person. Applications are currently being accepted. **There is extremely limited funding available and potential applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible.**

Service providers can apply for these packages for use in the case management/case coordination of people who are not clients of the BIA NSW Case Management Service. The pool of funds available is intended for a short term or a one-off purchase. For this reason, packages should not be used to establish ongoing supports that will result in distress to clients if the funds are withdrawn.

Priority will be given to people with an ABI who are unable to access ABI-specific services; have complex and immediate unmet needs relating to their ABI, have been unable to access other appropriate funding services or have been unsuccessful in receiving other funding and/or are in crisis avoidance situations. For more information please refer to the Information and FAQs sheet attached. <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-BIA-Information-Brokerage-Funds-REGIONAL.doc>

TO APPLY please use the attached referral form, <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-BIA-Application-for-use-of-Brokerage-Funds.doc>

providing as much detail as necessary to appropriately reflect the client's situation and need. Please send your completed applications to BIA NSW, Attention: Michelle Baldacchino (Fax: 9868 5619 or E: michelleab@biansw.org.au or PO BOX 698, EPPING, NSW, 1710)

Any other enquiries regarding these packages can be directed to Rebekah Loukas on 9868 5261 or rebekahl@biansw.org.au

- **POSITIVE AGEING GRANTS Program from ADHC *deadline 20 August***

Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW invites applications for funding under the 2010-11 Positive Ageing Grants program. The 2010–11 Positive Ageing Grants program supports positive ageing initiatives that strengthen communities, contribute to an aged-friendly culture in NSW, and maximise opportunities for older people to remain active, socially connected and engaged. The 2010–11 Positive Ageing Grants program provides one-off grants to local government and not-for-profit organisations to implement positive ageing projects throughout 2011.

Funding is available under two categories:

- **Small grants** - grants of \$5,000 are available for positive ageing projects in local areas throughout NSW.
- **State wide grants** - Two Positive Ageing Grants of \$30,000 each are available for state-wide positive ageing projects.

One grant of \$30,000 is available to organisations to implement a project across NSW that specifically targets the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and One grant of \$30,000 is available to organisations to implement a project across NSW that specifically targets the culturally and linguistically diverse community.

Application dates The program closes on Friday 20 August 2010 **More info & to apply:**

<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Older+people/Office+for+Ageing.htm>

▪ **Historic COAG decision will change HACC from 2012 *encore by popular demand***

NCOSS has prepared a summary of the major points of this historic decision to separate all services to older people (65+ years) to the Commonwealth and all services to younger people with disability aged up to 65 years to the states and territories.

Read the HACC summary: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/100511-NCOSS-Briefing-Paper-COAG-reforms-4-May-2010.pdf>

More info on the Health & Hospitals Network Reforms: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/100511-Key-elements-of-the-COAG-NHHN-Agreement-20-April-2010.pdf>

NCOSS analysis of the Health & Hospitals Reforms: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/100511-Summary-analysis-of-COAG-NHHN-Agreement-20-April-2010.pdf>

▪ **Australian Government Media Releases:**

A helping hand for young carers: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-194N1605-Help-young-carers.DOC>

Promoting livable housing design in Australia: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-194N1600-housing-design.DOC>

\$640,000 for inquiry into national disability care and support: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-188N1550-funds-for-inquiry-consults.DOC>

\$1.4 million to help deliver print material to people with disability: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-186N1647-print-material.DOC>

▪ **Other Media Releases:**

Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Assoc:

Super reforms a big step forward for pensioners and superannuants,

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-CPSA-Super-reforms-a-big-step-forward-for-pensioners-and-superannuants.doc>

CONSULTATIONS NEW LISTINGS

▪ **Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council consults Respite coordinators 3 August Sydney CBD**

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&H ISC) is holding four free Industry Consultation Forums in NSW (3 August, Sydney CBD, venue to be advised), VIC, QLD and WA as well as an online survey to receive national industry feedback on the development of Draft 1 additions to the Community Services Training Package (CHC08).

What are the changes?

The draft additions of units of competency are intended to assist Workers in Community Services who coordinate Respite for carers

Who should attend?

Please be advised that this is **not** a training session or professional development activity. It is an opportunity for Community Services Stakeholders to provide detailed feedback on the proposed draft additions to the CHC08 Training Package based on their experience with the work functions of an intake and respite coordination role.

The CS&H ISC is looking for registrations of attendance from the following:

- Government / Private Employers (including Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres)
- Peak Bodies / Associations
- Unions

Information regarding the Industry Consultation Forums is now available and Registrations for the forums are now open. [Register Today](#) Numbers are limited so please register now! More information is on the project [webpage](#).

CAMPAIGNS NEW LISTINGS

- **Vote 1 Fairness in NSW** www.ncoss.org.au/vote1fairness
NCOSS campaign for the 2011 NSW State Election

UPCOMING EVENTS NEW LISTINGS

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email: info@ncoss.org.au
phone: 02 9211 2599

- **Supported Living Events 9 & 10 August**

At the ***In Control seminar on 9 August***, you will hear from and talk directly to leaders from two organisations that have been providing supported living for more than 15 years. My Place in Perth supports 170 people with a wide range of support needs, life aspirations and living situations. Homes West in Brisbane is a family led organisation that supports 11 people with disability with wisdom that resonates strongly with families. The whole focus of the day is to understand to how to replicate the experience in NSW

The ***Family Advocacy seminar on Tuesday 10 August*** will provide a UNIQUE opportunity to discuss the nitty gritty – the how. People experienced in providing supported living in NSW will join Greg Lewis and Jill Hole so there will be plenty of opportunity to clarify issues of absolute local relevance. Our campaign for a Supported Living Fund for NSW is progressing well so this is the time to build your knowledge and skills.

More info: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-In-control-and-Family-Advocacy-Supported-living-August-combined-flier.pdf>

- **Quality of Life workshop 17 August**

This is a workshop that Centre for Disability Studies is holding on 17 August on Issues of Individual and family quality of life presented by Professor Roy Brown. More info: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-Quality-of-Life-Flyer-Registration-Form.doc>

▪ **Macarthur Disability Services Training Events:**

Cost: \$25.00 for HACC services in Liverpool, Fairfield, Bankstown, Macarthur, Wollondilly & Wingecarribee local government areas

\$50.00 for Non HACC funded services or out of area HACC services

Please email the HACC Training Co-ordinator for registration forms: Macarthur Disability Services Email:

hactrain@mdservices.com.au

Experiencing Dementia Workshop on Wednesday 18th August 2010.

This three hour simulation and workshop offers those working with people who have dementia the opportunity to experience some of the feelings and emotions associated with having dementia. This session helps to create genuine empathy towards people who have dementia.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: MDS Head Office, Level 8, 138 Queen St., Campbelltown

Working Effectively with Carers Workshop on Tuesday 31st August 2010.

This session provides knowledge and information relevant to working with carers. Increase your understanding of issues affecting carers and learn how to work more effectively with carers. This session has been adapted from the Carers NSW 'Working with Carers training package'.

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Venue: MDS Head Office, Level 8, 138 Queen Street Campbelltown

▪ **Macarthur Disability Services Training Centre Courses August to December 2010**

For full training calendar: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-calendar.pdf>

27th July: Policies and Procedures <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-27JUL10.pdf>

3rd August: Restrictive Practices <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-3AUG10.pdf>

31st August: Managing Staff with a Disability <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-31AUG10.pdf>

22nd September: Recruiting Volunteers <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-22SEPT10.pdf>

23rd September: Challenging Behaviours *see contact details below*

12th October: Dual Diagnosis <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-12OCT10.pdf>

9th November: Industrial Relations <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-9NOV10.pdf>

10th November: Making the Most out of Training <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-10NOV10.pdf>

18th November: Disability Awareness <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-train-18NOV10.pdf>

Accredited Training: Cert IV Front Line Management <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-front-line-management-August-2010.pdf>

Cert IV TAA <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-MDS-TAA-July-2010.pdf>

For Registration: <http://www.mdservices.com.au/training/enrolmentform.html>

Or Contact: Vanessa Vale, MDS Training Support Officer, Phone: 4621 8400 / Fax: 4628 4006, Email:

Vanessah@mdservices.com.au

▪ **SPARK FESTIVAL Creative Arts for People with Disability 8 – 10 September 2010**

Brought to you by the JunctionWorks. See info: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-SPARK-DL-Flier-10-v6-WEB.pdf>

▪ **Disability Support: Options for Reform Conference Melbourne 21-22 March 2011 Call for papers due 30 November**

Papers and contributions are invited for presentation at this national conference on 21-22 March 2011. The conference will provide an opportunity to explore the options for reform arising out of the Commonwealth's Inquiry into a National Disability Long-term Care and Support Scheme. This Inquiry will report to the Commonwealth Government by July 2011. The conference will examine the main proposals for reform, scrutinise their strengths and weaknesses, and explore their implications for people with disabilities and their families. The event is hosted by Social Enterprise Partnerships. Contributions may take the form of papers, workshops, group presentations, displays and presentations in electronic form for those unable to travel to participate. Expressions of interest are invited in

presenting on any aspect of the disability support reform process. The deadline for contributions is **30 November 2010**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your expression of interest and abstract. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.

Contact: Liz Stewart, Social Enterprise Partnerships, liz@partnerships.org.au,
<http://www.partnerships.org.au/DisabilityConference2011.htm>

▪ **People With Disabilities Australia PWDA Training Calendar July 2010 to June 2011**

Visit: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100713-PWD-Training-Calendar-2010-2011.pdf>

RESOURCES & REPORTS NEW LISTINGS

▪ **Call To Apply For Golden Gurus Grants, deadline 30 July**

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator Ursula Stephens, announced that applications are now open for the Australian Government's \$500 000 Golden Gurus grants. Golden Gurus, an Australia 2020 Summit initiative, brings together a diverse range of quality organisations to link the expertise of mature age mentors (50 and over) with community organisations or start-up businesses. There are 50 Golden Gurus grants of \$10,000 each available to organisations that deliver the Golden Gurus program. Applications open on 1 July 2010 and close on 30 July 2010.

The Golden Gurus Grants Application Guidelines are available on the Golden Gurus website at www.deewr.gov.au/goldengurus.

For organisations who want to join Golden Gurus, the Golden Gurus Quality Guidelines are also available at www.deewr.gov.au/goldengurus; emailing goldengurus@deewr.gov.au; or calling (02) 6121 6315 (and ask for the Golden Gurus Program Manager).

▪ **ACSA National Community Care Conference June 2010 Speaker Presentations**

We have had some great feedback about speakers at the recent ACSA National Community Care Conference held on the Gold Coast. If you are interested in any of the speaker's presentations, please follow this link to the ACSA website: <http://www.agedcare.org.au/CONFERENCES/Speakers-Papers.html>

Please note that only speaker's who have given permission will have their presentation on the website.

▪ **New NCOSS governance support for HACC service providers**

Glen Klatovsky is the new Senior Project Officer: Management Support Unit (MSU) at NCOSS, Council of Social Service of NSW .

The MSU has been part-funded by *NSWHealth* for a number of years and has recently secured funding from ADHC. This will enable NCOSS to provide **management and governance support** and **resources** to ADHC funded NGOs, until December 2011. The NCOSS MSU is available to assist your organisation with confidential advice, support and referrals, by phone and email, during business hours (Mon – Fri, 9.00- 5:00pm).

We provide an extensive range of resources including information sheets, templates, policy and procedures and useful links. Some examples include information sheets on reviewing the performance of the Board/Management Committee and determining appropriate financial delegations (click on links below).

[Board Performance Review](#)

Information Sheet 24: Board Performance Review The increasing governance and compliance requirements placed on Boards of non profit organisations include the expectation that they evaluate their performance regularly. This information sheet outlines principles for effective Board reviews and offers some practical information for Boards that seek to evaluate their efforts.

[Board Financial Delegation](#)

Information Sheet 23: Board Financial Delegation When the Board of a not-for-profit organisation has power to engage in an activity, it can delegate that responsibility to another party to enable the organisation to operate effectively and efficiently. The form, limits, risks and responsibilities of financial delegations are explained in this information sheet.

The MSU also acts as a 'clearing house' for relevant information on management and governance training, consultants and events. Our news and articles section provides up-to-date information from multiple sources.

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/msu>

To contact Glen at the MSU: (02) 92112599 ext 127 or msu@ncoss.org.au

CURRENT LISTINGS from previous updates

CAMPAIGNS

- **Height adjustable examination tables as a mandatory standard for GP surgeries.**

The Royal Australian College of General Practice RACGP has released their new draft Standards for General Practices, including the new adjustable bed requirement, for its second round of consultations from April – June; see Criterion 5.1.1 Practice facilities at <http://www.racgp.org.au/standards>

Human Rights Commission media release:

http://www.hreoc.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2010/30_10.html

PDCN has decided to distribute 'flyers' to people and organisations that may have an interest in encouraging GPs to view the use of adjustable tables in a positive light. **We would appreciate you promoting this initiative in any way you can... including sending it to others.**

Flyers: <http://www.pdcnsw.org.au/images/stories/documents/gp%20information.pdf>

- **Because We Care Campaign**

Alzheimer's Australia NSW requests that we please take a few minutes to review this brochure on the Nurses Union 'Because We Care' campaign, to address inadequate funding for residential aged care facilities. There are a number of ways individuals can support the campaign and due to the industry we work in, it would be great if we all gave this campaign our support. [More info: www.becausewecare.org.au](http://www.becausewecare.org.au)

- **Vital services, decent pay - full funding for community sector wages**

ACOSS is pleased to launch a resource kit to support the campaign for funding of decent wages for community sector workers.

ACOSS has been working with the Employer Reference Group to develop a campaign for funding of higher wages. The purpose of the campaign is to support the community sector seeking commitments to fund decent wages from both government and private sources of funding. The campaign for funding needs to build support for decent wages in the community sector, in anticipation of higher wages resulting from the equal remuneration application for social and community sector and disability workers across Australia, currently before Fair Work Australia.

For the Campaign resource kit:

[Click here to download the Resources Kit](#)

The campaign for full funding of decent pay is sponsored by the Australian Council of Social Service, National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS, National Shelter, Queensland Council of Social Service, Relationships Australia and South Australian Council of Social Service.

To provide financial support for the campaign or for further information, contact ACOSS (email SectorDevelopment@acoss.org.au or ph 02 9310 6200).

CONSULTATIONS

- **THE NATIONAL ARTS AND DISABILITY STRATEGY SURVEY Deadline – Friday 16 July**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/NADS>

In October 2009, the Cultural Ministers Council of all nine state, territory and federal arts ministers, released the National Arts and Disability Strategy. The Strategy addresses the rights of people with a disability to have access to, and full participation in, arts and cultural activities in Australia.

The National Arts and Disability Strategy was developed by the Cultural Ministers Council after a national public consultation process with over 100 responses in addition to input from peak bodies including Arts Access Australia. The Strategy is also intended to align with the National Disability Strategy, the Fourth National Mental Health Plan and the National Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy. In addition, in 2010, Australia is developing its first national arts curriculum. To read the full document in a range of formats follow this link to the Cultural Ministers Council web page: http://www.cmc.gov.au/working_groups/national_arts_and_disability_strategy

If you can spend 15 mins filling out the survey Arts Access Australia and our state and territory members will be better able to support you and provide government with your ideas and comments. If you would like to receive this survey in an alternative format or record your responses via an interview, please contact Arts Access Victoria at info@artsaccess.com.au or phone 03 9699 8299. Click here to commence the Survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/NADS>

▪ **NSW Ombudsman consults with Families with Children with a Disability to August 2010**

It is important that children with a disability and their families get the help they need. The NSW Ombudsman wants to hear from families who have a child with a disability living at home about the services and support they receive and how well services work together to support families.

The project team would like to hear from families about specialist disability services, such as:

- information and referral services
- intensive family support and other family support
- respite
- early intervention
- therapy
- case management
- support for carers
- physical aids and equipment
- and the way services work together

The NSW Ombudsman is also interested in how well children with a disability are supported in services for families in the community, such as:

- child care, out-of-school hours care and vacation care
- pre-school and education
- health services
- public transport
- sport and recreation.

The NSW Ombudsman is independent of government and other services. Our role includes monitoring the delivery of community services in NSW – such as services to children and people with disabilities. Through the consultation report, the NSW Ombudsman will let the NSW Government know what families say about the support and services they need. The details of individuals will be kept confidential, and specific services will not be named.

Families can share their views individually, by phone or in person, or through email, or join other parents in a small group.

The consultation is on between now and August 2010.

Read all about it here: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100525-Promotion-to-families-OMBO-25may.PDF>

▪ **The Australian Human Rights Register May to 31 October 2010**

The collection and sharing of human rights stories can be a powerful mechanism to effect change. The purpose of this email is to introduce you to the Australian Human Rights Register – an advocacy tool that seeks to further the advancement of human rights in Australia.

Purpose of the Register: The Register provides a quick and easy opportunity for NGOs to record human rights developments.

Through the collation of human rights stories, the register seeks to inform, build knowledge and capture the experiences of NGOs in the field, their observations arising from case work, service delivery and policy changes that affect the human rights of Australians.

How Submissions will be utilized: This database will be a useful tool in human rights advocacy and documentation. The data collected from the Register will be used for the purpose of advocacy in documentation and submissions for change, public speaking and communication with key decision-makers including the United Nations bodies responsible for advancing human rights, media and lobbying for improved outcomes and human rights. We hope to maintain this database over the next few years as public perceptions of human rights take shape.

How to Make a Submission: Access the link provided below it would be instrumental to our efforts. Entries to the Register should provide an accurate, verifiable account of both positive and negative developments in human rights. An entry may include case histories, as experienced by an individual or group, or a shift in policy/legislation or administration which reflects on a positive or negative development in human rights.

To access the Register, please click [here](#). Entries will be accepted from **May until 31 October 2010**. A sample entry can be found [here](#).

Inquiries? please contact us at HumanRightsRegister@hrlrc.org.au if you have any questions.

Kind regards, Loren Days , *Human Rights Register Coordinator, Human Rights Law Resource Centre*

▪ **Proposed Access to Premises Standards legislation**

The Federal Government's Access to Premises Standards legislation aims to improve access to public buildings for people with a disability. Subject to adoption by Parliament, the Premises Standards will take effect from 1 May 2011 and will apply to new buildings and new parts of existing buildings undergoing renovation or upgrade.

More info on the draft legislation: [www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Humanrightsandanti-discrimination_Disability\(AccesstoPremises-Buildings\)Standards](http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Humanrightsandanti-discrimination_Disability(AccesstoPremises-Buildings)Standards)

▪ **Productivity Commission Inquiry *Caring for Older Australians*: due 31 July 2010**

The Australian Government has asked the Productivity Commission to undertake an inquiry into **Caring for Older Australians**.

Issues Paper: http://www.pc.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/98283/aged-care-issues.pdf

The final report is to be presented to Government in April 2011.

Further information, including the full terms of reference are available from the Commission's website:

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/aged-care>.

Register here to be kept up to date and to make a submission: <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/aged-care/register>

▪ **Services provided or funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (Inquiry) due 6 August 2010**

This inquiry is a current Legislative Council inquiry conducted by the [Social Issues Committee](#). This inquiry was proposed by Mr Ian Cohen on 24 June 2010, to report on the quality, effectiveness and delivery of services provided or funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) Info on how and where to make your submission and for Terms of Reference:

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/parlment/committee.nsf/0/012F70C073C28F78CA25774D0011708A>

Final Report due 30 Sep 2010 **Hearings will be held 6, 10, 16, 17 October**. The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 6 August 2010**.

More info: [How to Make a submission](#) (PDF), and for background reading, [Standing Committees of the Legislative Council](#) (PDF).

Primary contact: Beverly Duffy, phone (02) 9230 3367, socialissues@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Assistant Council Officer: Lynn Race, phone (02) 9230 3504, socialissues@parliament.nsw.gov.au

▪ **Productivity Commission *Disability Care & Support* Inquiry: now due 16 August 2010**

The Australian Government has asked the Productivity Commission to undertake a public inquiry into a long-term disability care and support scheme.

We have extended the due date for initial submissions to 16 August 2010. We welcome second and further submissions

More Information: <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support>

UPCOMING EVENTS

▪ **ACOSS Seminar: *Climate Change Real Risks for Community Services* 19 July 2010**

Climate change is all but certain. From drought and bushfire to greenhouse pollution and emissions trading schemes, what are the potential impacts of climate change? How will climate change affect the community sector and the services we provide? What risks does climate change pose to the sector and our clients?

How do we cut through the tangle of climate change issues? What can we do? How can we prepare?

Please see the flyer and registration form for the upcoming ACOSS climate change seminar, to be held in Sydney on 19 July 2010.

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-climate-change-risk-seminar.pdf>

Places are limited and are beginning to fill up! Registrations are still open - please contact the ACOSS office for further information - 02 9310 6200 or events@acoss.org.au To register online please [click here](#) or just fill out the attached form and fax back to 02 9310 4822.

▪ **Northside Community Forum Training Events:**

We still have spaces on the following four great courses:

- *Fire Safety* 26 July
- *Speak Up, Speak Out* 29 July

More info & register at http://www.nsforum.org.au/index.php?option=com_eventlist&view=eventlist&Itemid=52

▪ ***Let's Talk About Caring* Conference 2010 28 July 2010**

Northside Community Forum Inc. would like to offer your *organisation* the opportunity to be part of the "Let's Talk About Caring" Conference 2010.

The “**Let’s Talk About Caring**” Biannual Conference 2010, aims to inspire carers and community workers to talk about their caring experiences; to talk about their thoughts and feelings; to meet other carers; to gain knowledge about looking after themselves and to have fun!

Venue: Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby, NSW, 2077 **Date:** Wednesday 28 July 2010

Time: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Registration: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100409-Carers-Conference-2010.pdf>

The conference will aim to address the issues of caring, and includes interactive workshops to encourage delegates to become active in managing their own health.

The areas to be explored by this conference will include:

- Keynote speakers - Cheryl Koenig 2009 NSW Woman of the Year
- Workshops for the Body, mind and Spirit
- Information and exhibition stands.

In order to allocate free places to community members we are seeking support towards the cost of organising the conference. *All monies received will fund places for carers to attend the conference at no cost.*

Please contact Irena Liddell or Ben O’Rourke on (02) 8405 4444 for any enquires regarding sponsorship.

For a sponsorship pack [Conference Sponsorship Pack](#)

For general conference enquires please email conference@nsforum.org.au or visit the website [Let’s Talk about Caring Conference](#)

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing at the “Let’s Talk about Caring” Conference 2010.

▪ **Family Advocacy workshop and information sessions July & August**

Throughout July and August, Family Advocacy will be running FREE information sessions and workshops for families of people with disability. Each information session will be followed by a workshop on the following dates and locations:

Wollongong 27 July	Burwood 28 July	Bankstown 29 July
Penrith 30 July	Hornsby 11 August	Gosford 12 August
Newcastle 13 August		

Information session 9.30 am-10:45am: Flyer: http://www.family-advocacy.com/docs/Info_sessions_July_&_Aug_2010.pdf

The workshop REGISTRATION: 10:45 am-11:15am WORKSHOP: 11:15 am-2:15 pm:

Flyer: http://www.family-advocacy.com/docs/Let's_Get_Started_flier_July_&_Aug_2010.pdf

Contact Family Advocacy on 02 9869 0866 or 1800 620 588 (free call) or by email to workshops@family-advocacy.com.

▪ **DISABILITY ROCKS 3PM • SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2010**

Brought to you by the Mad as Hell Campaign. Show you’re Mad as Hell and support change for Australians with disability, their families and carers

at a great afternoon of jazz, blues and dance at the SEYMOUR CENTRE, CHIPPENDALE

Featuring **Jim Conway’s ‘Big Wheel’**, Plus **The James Valentine Quartet, Studio Artes**, Speakers Include

The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Kelly Vincent MLC, Ian Cohen MLC.

COST: \$28 per ticket • call 02 9351 7940 or visit www.seymour.usyd.edu.au CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

▪ **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Forum 4 – 5 August 2010, Adelaide, South Australia**

More info: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-aged-care-forum.htm>

▪ **Assistive Technology: *The tip of the iceberg* Hobart 10 - 13 August 2010**

Edited with thanks

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Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association National Conference; Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 August 2010, Hobart, TAS

Expression of Interest Form: The 2010 ARATA National Conference, AT: The tip of the iceberg, from Tuesday 10-Friday 13 August 2010. to be held in Hobart, Tasmania, the home of the ice breakers heading to the Antarctic, papers will similarly crack through the surface to look more deeply at what lies beneath, explore new frontiers and meet the challenges of the pitfalls and crevasses. There will be an emphasis on thinking beyond the prescription of equipment to look more deeply at the issues of funding, training and support for users and their support personnel, and helping consumers to have the endurance to persevere with their equipment, despite the obstacles. Like the Antarctic explorers, there will be a focus on research and discovery - showcasing new products and ensuring ease in the use of

equipment by capitalising on universal design and mainstream products. 'ARATAS 2010' will be full of new territory to explore, with the promise of many adventures to come in the field of Assistive Technology.

Contact: Karen Frost & Christopher Bryg, Convenors, ARATAS 2010, For information about ARATA, and the 2010 conference, visit the website at: <http://www.arata.org.au/conf.php>

▪ **Sydney CAREX 2010 at Rosehill Racecourse 11 & 12 August 2010**

Sydney CAREX 2010 is being presented on **August 11 & 12** at the **Rosehill Racecourse** (0930-1600). It is absolutely **FREE** to attend - [click here](#) to register online. If you do not want to register online, your registration can be completed "at the door" when you arrive at the venue.

CAREX is designed for the following sectors Acute Care, Home & Community Care, Residential Aged Care, Disability Services, Retirement Living.

CAREX is designed for the following people CEOs, Administrators, Managers, DONs, Supervisors, Educators, Co-ordinators, Purchasing/Supply

Officers, Nurses, Carers, Students & all Health/Other Professionals/staff working in the above sectors.

CAREX exhibits cover the following product/service areas Clinical, Safety, Staffing, Education, Furniture & Fit Out, Food & Catering, Laundry, Equipment and much more...

Please remember to tell / forward this email to your staff, colleagues, contacts, clients, professional networks ...

Any questions, please contact Wayne Woff, Manager - Total Aged Services, P 03 9571 5606 / 0422 484 209, F 03 9571 9708

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▪ **The Silver Century Prospects & Problems 19th August, 2010**

Australian Assoc Gerontology and NSW Council on the Ageing present our next Seminar:

http://www.aag.asn.au/nsw_events.php

Flyer: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100525-The-Silver-Century-Prospects-and-Problems-25may.pdf>

▪ **Daily Living Expo from the Independent Rehabilitation Suppliers Association 25 & 26 August**

This year's IRSA Daily Living Expo is shaping up to be an excellent Clinical Education Program featuring an impressive array of local & international speakers presenting on a broad range of topics. The Expo is being staged in Melbourne 25th-26th August & is an excellent opportunity to experience some world class training & also visit the shopping & food Mecca of Melbourne.

Admission to the Expo is **FREE**, attending the Clinical Program is **FREE** & on-site parking is also **FREE**, provided at no cost.

Full details on the Expo & the Clinical Program http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-IRSA_Expo.pdf and http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-IRSA_Expo_ClinicalProgram.pdf or can be found at

www.dailylivingexpo.com.au, where people can also pre-register online to save time & be kept up to date with all the latest Expo information.

Please forward this email onto your clients, colleagues & others who would enjoy this event.

More info: CHRIS SPARKS, Executive Officer – Independent Rehabilitation Suppliers Assoc, Mob: (0418) 62-5598;

Fax: (02) 8212-5840; Email: chris.sparks@irsa.org.au; Mail: PO Box 6097 DC, DURAL, NSW, 2158

▪ **21st PANDDA Conference: 27 August 2010**

Coming of Age: A Celebration of Intellectual/Developmental Disability Nursing

The 21st PANDDA [Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas (Aust) Inc]. Conference on the 27th August 2010 at Parramatta. Early Bird rates close **9 August**. The Registration Form is on the PANDDA Webpage: www.pandda.net

▪ **In Control Australia THE BIG EVENT 27th August**

SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO GET A LIFE... NOT JUST A SERVICE

The event brings together a host of people, all united by a common aim - to help people to be fully in control of their lives. This is the first event of its kind in Australia. With the theme of personalisation and self managed funding, **100 delegates, 8 presenters (people with disabilities, their families) and a high profile key note speaker**, the event is set to be the best ever in Australia.

Penrith Panthers 9am to 4:30pm More info and to register: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-INCNTROL-INVITEV7HR.pdf>

▪ **Alzheimer's Australia 14th National Conference: Call for papers now open - Closing 30 August 2010**

Conference titled: *Take a different View 17-20 May 2011* More info: <http://www.alzheimers2011.com/>

▪ **Positive Living in Aged Care Awards @ Luna Park 30 August** Application Pack [NOW AVAILABLE](#)

▪ **Riding the waves of change 2010 NDS Employment Forum, Melbourne; 6-7 September 2010**

2010 begins a period of significant change for providers of employment services to people with disability. Disability Employment Services are operating with a new service model which places an increased emphasis on employment outcomes. Providers are required to respond to consumer demand while adjusting to new funding tools, a revised performance framework and complex new rules. The challenges of providing high quality outcomes for people with disability while maintaining a sustainable service have altered. National Disability Services is hosting a 2-day conference to equip delegates with knowledge and strategies to ensure they can continue to focus on the employment of people with disability as they meet the challenges ahead.

Flyer: http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100304-Synergy_A4email.jpg

▪ **Synergy Conference of the NSW Home Modification and Maintenance Services State Council 14+15 September 2010**

Synergy *working together to produce a greater outcome* NSW HMMS Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley NSW.

<http://www.nswhmms.org.au/synergy-2010-nsw-hmms-state-conference-online-registration-form>

▪ **Are you interested in learning more about dementia? 23 & 24 Sept 2010**

Hosted by the Dementia Collaborative Research Centres (DCRCs), the Annual National Dementia Research Forum will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on the **Gold Coast** on **23-24 September 2010**. The Forum will showcase the latest research in Quality of Life and Quality of Care for people living with dementia and their carers as well providing updates on intervention research, translation of research through education, diagnosis, treatment and management of dementia, drug treatments, and prevention of dementia. Highlights of this year's program include: **Professor Lou Burgio**, Harold R. Johnson Professor of Social Work and Research Professor, Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan. *Lost in Translation: Implementing Dementia Care Giver Intervention Programs in Community Settings*

Call for abstracts: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-Call-for-Abstracts-Flyer-2010-V4.pdf>

Submit a Research Poster at [the poster submission site for details](#)

Submission deadline 1 July, 2010

WHEN Thursday, September 23, 2010 - Friday, September 24, 2010

WHERE Holiday Inn; 22 View Avenue, Surfers Paradise, QLD 4217

RSVP Online registrations close on Friday, September 17, 2010

MORE DETAILS <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-National-Dementia-Research-Forum-2010-Invitation.pdf>

OR GO DIRECTLY TO THE REGISTRATION [View Event Summary & Agenda](#)

Register to attend by clicking [here](#) If you are unable to attend please [click here](#) to let us know

▪ **National Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Conference - 18th & 19th November 2010**

Please find attached a call for papers for the inaugural National Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Conference **Indigenous Policy and Dialogue: New Relationships, New Possibilities** on 18th & 19th November 2010 at the University of New South Wales.

More information and instructions for submitting papers: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100318-NIPDC-2010-Call-for-Papers.pdf>

If you would like further information about the conference, the organisers can be contacted on nipdc@unsw.edu.au.

▪ **Australian Orientation & Mobility Conference 24-26 November in Sydney**

Visit www.guidedogs.com.au/amc2010 and click on "Register Now!" to save with the *earlybird rate*.

There are now also links to:

- details on registration costs
- a draft conference program
- a draft pre-conference workshop program and topic outlines
- accommodation options

The 4th Australasian Orientation and Mobility Conference (AMC2010) will take place between 24-26 November 2010, and will be hosted by Guide Dogs NSW/ACT at The Women's College within the University of Sydney, NSW, Australia. This is a conference for the professional development of Orientation and Mobility specialists, including Guide Dog specialists and those with a professional interest in vision impairment.

For more information please email: amc2010@guidedogs.com.au

▪ **12th Having a Say Conference: *You are the Voice* 9-11 February 2011**

A Conference for people with intellectual disability and their families etc.

More info: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100628-Having-a-Say-Conference-First-Notice-HaS-2011.pdf>

TRAINING CALENDARS & WORKSHOPS

▪ **2010 Aged & Community Services NSW&ACT Education & Training Program – up to November 2010**

In an effort to give members added value, many of the new short courses will result in nationally accredited Statements of Attainment. We have reviewed our RTO scope of registration and have additional certificate courses included in our scope of delivery. These are also listed in the Calendar under Nationally & VETAB Accredited Courses. The Learning Centre has been in consultation with The College of Nursing throughout the year. This consultation has resulted in a number of our courses being accredited by The College of Nursing with Continuing Professional Development Points. Courses accredited with CPD points are defined by the College logo. View the Training Calendar here: http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/091215_ACS-Calendar-10-v5.pdf

▪ **Good Governance Training for CEOs, Senior Managers and Board members for all ADHC funded services up to November**

Please note: This News Update has been re-issued by NDS to incorporate up to date internet links.

NDS NSW is holding a statewide program of Good Governance Regional Forums for all ADHC funded organisations, as part of a learning and development strategy to support the implementation of ADHC's "[It's Your Business](#)" governance resource manual, entitled the [Good Governance Program](#).

The [Good Governance Regional Forums](#) are specifically designed for CEO's or senior managers, and Voluntary Board or Management Committee members of all ADHC funded service providers. All sessions are at no cost to participants.

The Good Governance Regional Forums will cover the following topics: Governance (and legal issues), Financial Management (Sessions on pre and post end of financial year), Business Planning and Strategy, Quality and Performance Management. NDS NSW has contracted subject matter experts from [Matrix on Board](#), specialists in providing financial management and management support to non-profit organisations across Australia, to deliver the Regional Forums. Individual profiles of the subject matter experts are available on the [Good Governance Home Page](#).

The Good Governance Regional Forums for CEOs and Board Members will be held on the same day in each location according to the following timetable:

- CEOs and Senior Managers from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
- A 30 minute "networking break" from 5.00pm to 5:30pm.
- Voluntary Board and Management Committee members from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

[View a calendar of all sessions, locations and venues here.](#) [Word 1.14MB]

[Register online for these sessions here](#)

[An outline of the agenda's for each topic are available here.](#) [Word 136KB]

RESOURCES

▪ **Scholarships available to community organisations!** **deadline 2 August**

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is offering scholarships to community organisations for a university course commencing in 2011. Links to details are below. **Please circulate to your networks.**

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/100531-GSG-Brochure-2011.pdf>

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/100531-GSG-Diploma-Application-Form-2011-Non-government-organisations.doc>

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/100531-Application-Guidelines-for-NGOs-GSG-2011.pdf>

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/100531-Letter-to-NGO-CEOs.pdf>

The NSW Government is offering five scholarships in the Graduate Diploma in Public Administration, each to the value of \$25,920, as part of an initiative to support workforce development in the community sector.

The Diploma is an 18-month course offered by the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney. It encompasses important themes of study relevant to contemporary organisations including leadership and strategic administration, Commonwealth/State/Local government relations and whole of government policy development and program implementation.

Correspondence to CEOs is attached, together with the program brochure, application guidelines and form.

Applications should be returned to the Department of Premier and Cabinet by 2 August 2010.

Queries to Timothy Burt, Senior Advisor, Performance & Development, Public Sector Workforce, NSW Dept of Premier and Cabinet on 9228 3607 or email courses@dpc.nsw.gov.au.

▪ **Expression of Interest Applications for NSW Mental Health NGO Infrastructure Grants Program**

[Applications must be lodged with MHCC by 10am on Monday 9 August 2010.](#)

The NSW Government, under the NSW Mental Health NGO Infrastructure Grants Program (IGP) assists NGOs providing mental health programs in NSW to improve service delivery by enhancing organisational infrastructure and encouraging NGOs to work towards service quality review and/or accreditation. The grants are administered by the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC).

MHCC invites applications from non-government community organisations providing mental health programs for the following three streams of the NSW Mental Health NGO Infrastructure Grants Program. Previous applicants may apply for new projects.

- **Round 3 - General** is open to NGOs providing mental health programs with a focus on promoting social inclusion, supporting community participation and preventing homelessness.
- **Stage 2 of the No NGO left behind** is targeting organisations who have not previously received IGP funding.
- **Smoking Reduction** is a one off grant for NGOs to support mental health consumers in their efforts to stop smoking.

Applicants may apply for more than one stream. Information packages, including grant selection criteria and application forms can be obtained by contacting Edi Condack on (02) 9555 8388, by email at info@mhcc.org.au or on the MHCC website www.mhcc.org.au

Note: Being a member of the MHCC is not a requirement for application.

Written applications addressing the criteria should be marked "Private and Confidential" and addressed to: Ms Jenna Bateman, Chief Executive Officer, IGP, Mental Health Coordinating Council, PO Box 668; **ROZELLE NSW 2039**; Email: info@mhcc.org.au

▪ **Free Home Power Savings Program for vulnerable households**

The NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water DECCW has launched its [Home Power Savings Program](#) to help vulnerable households take control of their power use and to reduce power bills. Eligible households can join the program by calling 1300 662 416. **Contact: Ronan Ryan** on 9995 5476
More info: savepower.nsw.gov.au

▪ **NSW Disability Services Sector – Directions for Industry Development Final Report**

Released 30 June 2010 (from NDS website)

NDS and ADHC today release a major report setting clear direction for building the capacity of the not for profit disability sector in NSW. The report [NSW Disability Services Sector: Directions for Industry Development Final Report](#) [PDF 878KB] represents the culmination of extensive consultation with relevant stakeholders, and details strategies and actions over the next 5 years.

Contact Information: Patrick Maher, State Manager, NDS New South Wales, Ph 02 9256 3101, patrick.maher@nds.org.au © [This publication is copyright.](#) (Word 78KB)

The Industry Development Fund is a joint initiative of NDS and ADHC, funded by ADHC

- **NEW**

- **New National Continence Aids Payment Scheme replaces CAAS from 1 July 2010**

The CAPS is a Scheme that provides a payment to assist eligible people who have permanent and severe incontinence to meet some of the costs of their continence products. The CAPS will provide greater choice and flexibility for clients to allow them to purchase the most appropriate continence products from the supplier of their choice. The CAPS scheme will be implemented from the 1st July 2010.

Information sessions for consumers and professionals are scheduled around NSW in April but unfortunately registrations closed before NCOSS could promote these sessions. Australian Government Health & Ageing will be making information from these sessions available for download at this site:

www.bladderbowel.gov.au/furtherinfo/caps.htm

- **Get the NSW COMPANION CARD for discounts on a range of goods and services!**

First read the brochure: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100322-comp-card-Brochure.pdf>

Then if eligible complete the application: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/HACC/100322-companion-card-application-form.pdf>

More information: www.nds.org.au/nsw/companioncard.htm

- **Legal service to meet the needs of older people**

22 March 2010 marked the beginning of Seniors Week by launching a 'one-stop-shop' pilot program that will help older people obtain free or reduced cost legal assistance. The **Legal Pathways for Older People** project will enable seniors who receive the Age Pension or hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card to obtain an initial free 30-minute appointment with a lawyer, who will provide advice on a range of problems commonly faced by older people.

This project is an initiative involving the Council on the Ageing NSW (COTA), Legal Aid NSW, the Aged-Care Rights Service and the Law Society of NSW. The Service will be based at COTA offices in Sydney. For more information about the Legal Pathways Project for Older people or to make an appointment, please call COTA NSW on 9268 3860 or 1800 449 102 (outside of Sydney). More information: <http://nsw.gov.au/news/legal-service-meet-needs-older-people>

- **IMPACT website is the talk of the town!**

IMPACT is the NSW name for the new and proposed wellness/restorative/strengths based approach to client focussed and directed supports in HACC and community care. A working group has been beavering away since April 2008, developing principles and delivering presentations. Thanks to the support of the Physical Disability Council NSW, the IMPACT website is now live. Visit the website and learn more at: www.impactnsw.com

- **Carecareers is now live!** Check it out: <http://www.carecareers.com.au/> **FREE service until August 2010!**

Cheers to all,
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