

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

Forum Flash

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DoCS's respond to Wood Report WSAAS / CSGP

DoCS have responded to the Wood Special inquiry into Child Protection with an agreement to implement almost all of the recommendations. NSW Treasury will be allocating \$230 million to this over the next five years. This is good news.

For the NCOSS briefing paper [click here](#)

DoCS response to Wood Report: Keep Them Safe: A Shared Approach to Child Wellbeing: http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/about_us/keep_them_safe.html

As was expected, Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) and Area assistance Scheme (WSAAS) were not mentioned in the implementation plan. Consequently we will be working with other peaks to re-activated the CSGP Business Case presented by DoCS to Treasury in February 2008 and to ensure that community development and capacity building / prevention programs are back on the agenda as an important part of a healthy society and good early intervention policy. WSCF will continue to keep you informed - stay tuned!

Western Sydney Neighbourhood Centres are coming together at WSCF in Parramatta

As well known Western Sydney Community Forum is committed to social justice principals, a peak organisation that supports community organisations across Western Sydney region to provide better service to their target communities. We are aware that Neighbourhood Centres in Western Sydney are in need of additional support than they receive from funding bodies and LCSA. Therefore we've decided to organise an informal gathering for the beginning. If you are working in a Neighbourhood Centre or your organisation just changed from being a Neighbourhood Centre to a Community Centre make an extra effort in your busy schedule and come along to exchange ideas on how to act collaboratively on the issues that affecting communities in Western Sydney and share resources. Your participation in this activity is very important and we look forward seeing you on the 19th March. [Click here for your invitation/registration.](#)

The meeting will be held at the Western Sydney Community Forum; **Level 4, 146 Marsden Street, Parramatta on 19 March between 11 am and 1:00pm.**

Contact Semra Guler on 9687 6974 or send an e-mail to semrag@wscf.org.au if you are interested and after more information or to RSVP.

HACC Flash

Find updates on Community Care Forums and issues in Western Sydney through the Western Sydney HACC Forums Flash.

In the 3 March 2009 issue, you will find some information on:

- Community Care CEOs & Managers Forum - Wednesday, 18 March 2009
- Working group for Western Sydney HACC Respite Monitoring Tool - first meeting on Friday, 13 March 2009
- Follow up call for two HACC training sessions
- Seniors Week buzz - 15 to 22 March 2009
- Links to new resources

Please visit the HACC Forums webpage for continuing updates on news, events, resources and training:

http://www.wscf.org.au/index.php/home/hacc_home_and_community_care

The Hills Aren't Alive With the Sound Of Trains

WSCF attended the public transport forum promoted by local radio CCR in Baulkham Hills last week.

The forum featured presentations by the Mayor and two internationally renowned public transport experts. The obvious problem for the people in the Hills is that their long-planned railway link has been cancelled.

For a report from the forum and some history of the rail link into the North West go to the Western Sydney Public Transport Users blog. www.wsptu.blogspot.com

If you can recommend any community members who are interested in public transport issues contact Hugh or Paul on 9687 9669 or hughw@wscf.org.au

Berala Child & Family Forum

Berala Public School (Auburn LGA) and Western Sydney Community Forum invites relevant child and family services to a Forum. The object of this Forum is to bring together people interested in providing additional services to children (0-8) and families in the Berala area. The Forum is also for those service providers who want to find out more about Berala.

[Click here for a registration form](#) for the Berala Child & Family Forum to be held at Berala Public School on Tuesday, March 31 from 9.30am-12.30pm. If you would like to do a short presentation on the day about your service provision to children and families in the Auburn LGA, please contact me and I will arrange to fit you into the program. There will be a mini-expo at morning tea time so please bring your promotional material.

Contact Cheryl Kelly if you are interested in the Forum on 9687 6754 or send an e-mail to cherylk@wscf.org.au .

Joke Spot

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.