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From the Executive Director

TIME TO DRAW THE LINE IN THE SAND



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Civil Society is everywhere these days. In the Anglicare network we are all a part of Civil Society of course - whatever it may be - and as such have discovered ourselves with an awkward responsibility to fight the good fight: work with each other to raise issues of social importance, and to balance the self-interests of business and the self-serving of government. I had a good look at it in Canberra and Melbourne a couple of weeks ago.

The Anglicare Australia CEO Forum on Thursday 18 June had leaders from across the Anglicare network talking about how they can work better together, and then listening to Bernie Fraser over dinner who argued that Australia has never been moving towards unfairness and inequity more than it is now. The next day this collegiate group met ministers, shadow and crossbench leaders at Parliament House and talked with them about how they hope to engage over the wellbeing of the people Anglicare services work with every day.

Then I spent a couple of days attending the C20 Summit in Melbourne. Two hundred key contributors from the not-for-profit sector across Australia and from across the world, refining four key goals we would like the G20 leaders and their governments to take on board. Through a lot of interaction, incredibly expert advice and a back room of dedicated and highly skilled servants to the process, we came out with a [Communiqué](#) which articulates extremely important priorities for a healthy world. And the Communiqué was then handed over to Prime Minister Abbott, who is the host of this year's G20, and to the sherpas, who are officials from every G20 member who 'clear the way' for their leaders, with the expectation – or perhaps hope – that it will feed in to the G20 agenda.

There's a lot of aiming for outcomes (and having an impact) in community service and development work these days. It's about trying to hold ourselves accountable for what difference we make rather than simply reporting on what we did. The old Yes Minister joke about an efficient hospital with no patients springs to mind here. That's what we're all trying to move on from. So what are our outcomes, or what outcomes were we aiming for in these civil exercises of Civil Society?

The Anglicare CEO Forum clearly brings us in contact with political decision-makers and government leaders. As then Minister Bill Shorten put it last year, we keep turning up and we keep making the case; that's important and it doesn't go unnoticed. I guess the corollary too is that the CEOs here in Canberra last week, our leaders, engage in constructive conversation, build contacts. They try not to back away from their concerns and disagreements but try to remain constructive all the same.

In that spirit, one of the lessons from the CEO Forum at Parliament House is that we need to build relationships with party policy committees, the new Senators and so on, and that's not just Anglicare Australia but the Anglicare agencies in their states and electorates who need to do it. By suggesting what we do makes a difference we've created a kind of rod for our own back; we're becoming obliged to make our case to the world around us.

The C20 project raises similar issues. It was pointed out the G20 itself isn't really a form of governance but an opportunity for leaders to stand together on some matters. It was suggested in Melbourne that the Communiqué is addressing history – putting on the record what we agree are vital priorities – as much as it's an attempt to set the agenda for any international action. Nonetheless, by calling for climate change to be a stand-alone topic for the G20 leaders to discuss, for example, it is providing some ammunition for those of a like mind.

Civil Society isn't just the views or perspectives of the not-for-profit sector. Academia and the more general public debate seem to fit in there too somehow. And so maybe our strength comes when we are – to a degree – singing from the same hymn sheet. It's not just past governors of the Reserve Bank such as Bernie Fraser who are concerned that we are heading towards an unfair and inequitable society. Nor current members of the Reserve Bank board, such as John Edwards who think Australia needs to raise more revenue rather than cut social service costs. Joseph Stiglitz and Thomas Picketty – one a Nobel laureate in economics and former chief economist of the World Bank, the other a French economics professor whose latest book on wealth and inequality is all the rage – would seem to agree with both the C20 group and Anglicare CEOs - our unequal society is creating problems for us all.

Now the interim McClure report is out for consultation and it is suggesting the welfare system needs to shift more people into work. If that were done fairly, we'd all be pleased. But if income support remains dreadfully inadequate and there still aren't jobs available to people who need them, inequality - social and economical - will grow.

And maybe, as Bernie Fraser suggested, this is the time for Civil Society to draw the line in the sand. From an Anglicare Australia perspective, I guess we try to do that – constructively – through our [media statements](#). From a C20 perspective, it would have helped if we'd included a few snappy points in the Communiqué with some goals and timelines that we could call on the governments to aim for.

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EXCLUSIVE MASTERCLASS SECURED FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Canadian administrator, clinician and author, Raymond Lemay will be holding an exclusive Masterclass at the Anglicare Australia National Conference in Melbourne this year.

Raymond is currently Executive Director of Valoris, a multiservice agency for children, teenagers, adults and their families, which provides a single access point for a wide variety of services and programs, including psychosocial interventions, different types of group sessions, alternative living environments, community integration activities, child protection services and more.

Raymond's Masterclass will be held on Wednesday afternoon, 17 September. Details on the content of his Masterclass will be published on the National Conference webpage shortly.



[Early Bird registration closes on 18 July.](#)

What's in it for you?

- Learn from the experiences of your peers, who will be presenting the concurrent sessions.
- Grow your networks across the country; share ideas and expertise in similar areas of work.
- Expand your professional development.
- Understand how you fit into the bigger Anglicare Australia network: you are not doing this on your own, there is plenty of support for you within the Anglicare family.

Call for Papers closed

We have had a very good response to our Call for Papers. We understand our network members are most eager to see what's on offer in the Concurrent Sessions, so we have tightened the review timeline and will have this information out to you shortly.

A big thank you to all who submitted abstracts.

Special Interest Networks

A number of Special Interest Networks (Research Network; Media & Communications; Aged & Community Care; Family Support; Fundraising) have secured a meeting time and place in the program.

Rooms are still available for booking so if you are in a Special Interest Network and would like to organise a meeting, contact our Office Manager, [Erin Clark](#).

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CALL FOR NATIONAL AWARD NOMINATIONS



The closing date for the Anglicare Australia National Awards is fast approaching.

We hope there are lots of Statement of Support forms heading our way this week, as we haven't received many as yet.

If you are struggling to meet the deadline, let us know and I'm sure we can negotiate something mutually beneficial.

To nominate for an award, download the following documents below.

[Nomination Form](#)

[Statement of Support: Excellence](#)

[Statement of Support: Innovation](#)

[Statement of Support: Partnership](#)

[Statement of Support: Volunteer Achievement](#)

Before you begin your Statement of Support, be sure to read the [NOMINATION GUIDE](#). The Checklist in the guide will ensure you have covered all bases.

The [HELPFUL HINTS](#) document will provide guidance on what you need to consider when filling out your Statement of Support form.

The National Awards closing date is 7 July 2014. Winners will be announced at the National Awards ceremony dinner in the Hilton on Park Melbourne on Monday 15 September 2014.

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NATIONAL OFFICE ... OUT AND ABOUT

Another busy month. Anglicare Australia ED, Kasy Chambers is currently overseas on a part work, part pleasure trip. This week Kasy is visiting various think tanks and institutions in Britain to talk about their work.

Outside of organising and participating in the Anglicare CEO Forum, Kasy co-presented the Opening Plenary at the ACOSS Conference in Brisbane and participated in the ALP's Youth Unemployment Roundtable in Melbourne. She also attended a meeting with a small group of stakeholders in Minister Kevin Andrews's office to discuss reducing regulation and red tape burdens.

And just before she left, Kasy attended the Retreat Conference in Newcastle, held by the Chaplaincy and Parish Community Work Network.

Deputy Director, Roland Manderson attended the launch of the Australian Centre for Community Services Research, participated in the South Australian Anglicare CEOs meeting and the New South Wales Anglicare CEOs meeting. He also attended the C20 Australia Summit in Melbourne.

Policy and Research Director, Michelle Waterford attended the ACOSS Conference in Brisbane, where more than 300 delegates passed a resolution calling on the federal parliament of Australia to reject divisive and unfair budget proposals that severely impact on the most vulnerable people in our community.

THE COMMUNITY SECTOR AS GUARDIANS OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Anglicare Australia ED, Kasy Chambers co-presented the Opening Plenary at the 2014 ACOSS Conference in Brisbane this month. She was joined by Marninwartikura Women's Resource Centre CEO, June Oscar, Illawarra Forum ED, Nicky Sloan and ACOSS CEO, Cassandra Goldie as chair.

The topic was Inequality: The role and response of civil society and the discussion focused on the opportunities for civil society groups to be effective in their work to strengthen democracy, support people most disadvantaged to have better lives and be strong advocates for equity in Australia, and beyond.

Kasy's speech, [The community sector as guardians of civil society](#) was particularly well received.

The following day, Kasy participated in an invitation-only Youth Unemployment Roundtable, the third in a series of roundtables that Federal Labor is convening to help inform the development of a new set of social policies for modern Australia.

This Social Policy Review Roundtable focussed on youth unemployment, following the release of Anglicare Australia member, the Brotherhood of St Laurence's report, [Investing in Our Future – Getting our young people into jobs](#).

Shadow Minister for Families and Payments, Jenny Macklin, said early consultations in the review of Labor's social policies have been broad ranging, but young people have been a strong theme.



Anglicare Australia ED, Kasy Chambers (second from right) and Plenary panel members at the ACOSS National Conference in Brisbane.

2014 CEO FORUM

The CEO Forum this year was again a resounding success for all who attended; 24 on Day 1 and 21 on Day 2.

Day 1 began after lunch with talks around national work and collaboration. Benetas CEO, Sandra Hills presented on Sustainability for the Community Sector, which was insightful and informative.

Anglicare NT CEO, David Pugh provided an update on national collaboration, which was followed by current and potential collaborative work, including employment assistance collaboration, geographic collaboration, collaboration on Indigenous programs, lead agency modelling and the Special Interest Networks. Guest presenter, Community 21 Limited ED, Peter Quarmby spoke about a potential national partnership with the Community Sector Bank.

With the release of the new grants program by the Department of Social Services the next day, Policy and Research Director Michelle Waterford gave information and advice on the grants process to those present.

Our dinner guest that night was Chair of the Climate Change Authority and former Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Bernie Fraser.

On Day 2, CEOs congregated at Parliament House for the day's discussions with politicians representing a number of parties. Politicians who presented and answered question on the day were:

- Kevin Andrews, Minister for Social Services ([opening address](#))
- Clive Palmer, Leader of the Palmer United Party
- Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services
- Senator Christine Milne, Leader of the Australian Greens
- Luke Hartsuyker, Assistant Minister for Employment
- Jamie Briggs, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Barbara Bennett, Deputy Secretary for Families and Communities, Department of Social Services
- Jenny Macklin, Shadow Minister for Families and Payments, Shadow Minister for Disability Reform
- Ursula Stephens, outgoing Senator for New South Wales
- Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- Shayne Neumann, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Shadow Minister for Ageing
- Marise Payne, Minister for Human Services

Question Time proved entertaining with Bronwen Bishop ejecting six Members of Parliament.



Rev'd Chris Jones and Bernie Fraser.



Clive Palmer and Kasy Chambers.



Senator for New South Wales, Ursula Stephens, with CEOs who attended the 2014 CEO Forum.

JEFF KENNETT LAUNCHES ANGLICARE NT SERVICE

Northern Territory Chief Minister, Adam Giles and beyondblue Chairman, Jeff Kennett launched Anglicare NT's unique attempted suicide service in June.

The Way Back Support Service will link up hospital, GP and mental health services to provide intensive support to anyone in the Top End who attempts suicide. It is funded by the Movember Foundation, the Australian Hotels Association NT and beyondblue, for people who have tried to take their lives.

The Northern Territory has the highest suicide rate in Australia with 18.1 suicides per 100,000, compared to the national average of 10.8 per 100,000. Men account for 85% of suicides in the NT, compared to 75% nationally.

People who have attempted suicide will be referred from the Royal Darwin Hospital and assigned a support worker to help them in their recovery. The support worker will reach out to the person and check on their safety, remind them of



appointments and where necessary, make arrangements for transport to ensure the person continues to receive help after being discharged from hospital.

Anglicare NT CEO, Dave Pugh said the support service would provide vital assistance to vulnerable people in the region, and ensure they were supported through their recovery.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Congratulations to those recognised in the [2014 Queen's Birthday Honours](#) list this year.

Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia

Regional Director, Anglicare Mackay Whitsunday Region (since 2006), John Langford was recognised for significant service to the community through providing social welfare services for people with mental health issues.

The Honourable Demetrios Fouras for significant service to the Parliament of Queensland, as an advocate for homeless youth and social justice, and to the community. Mr Fouras was a member of Anglicare Southern Queensland's Migrant and Refugee Program Committee until 2005.

Mr Geoffrey Pie was recognised for significant service to architecture and heritage preservation as a practitioner, mentor and leader. Mr Pie was a Board Member of Anglican Family Care (now Anglicare), Diocese of Brisbane between 1986-1991.

Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division

Ms Anne Brown of Tasmania for service to youth through the Guiding movement, and to the community. Ms Brown has been a member of the Board of Anglicare Tasmania since 2005 and Deputy Chairman from 2011-2014.

Mrs Marilla Lowrey of NSW was recognised for service to refugees, and to the community of Braidwood. Mrs Lowrey is a Pastoral Carer for Anglicare and Braidwood Care.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN FOR ANGLICARE SYDNEY

Anglicare Sydney has extended its commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the launch of its new [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) (RAP).

After lengthy consultations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Anglicare Sydney's RAP strategies aim to develop a greater understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as well as responding to the depth of disadvantage they experience.

"The plan is an example of our vision to see lives changing and communities growing by care through Jesus Christ working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and for their benefit," said Anglicare Sydney CEO, Grant Millard.

"Three key elements - relationships, respect and opportunities - underpin the RAP. The organisation is committed to developing effective collaborative relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians to make a positive and lasting difference to disadvantage."

The RAP includes organisational targets for staff employment, cultural awareness training and enhancing relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Brodie Wilkie of the Elizabeth Riders Committee (ERC), who was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in May in a ceremony at Government House.

Brodie, who has been recognised as a youth leader, has been a member of the ERC for more than three years, achieving his silver and bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards along the way.

ERC/Anglicare SA won the Innovation (large organisation) category of the Anglicare Australia National Awards last year and is featured in Aspect this month.



ANGLICARE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

In late May, Anglicare Central Queensland celebrated 30 years of service in local communities, from the Outback to the Capricorn Coast.

The Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton has a history of social welfare stretching back to the turn of the century, when St Mary's Homes was established "for girls who had fallen in the bush". By the 1920s the focus of their work had shifted to St George's Home for Children at Parkhurst, which operated until 1979.

In the early 1980s, newly elected Bishop George Hearn was keen to continue the Diocese's social welfare. This commitment led to the creation of Careforce, an agency providing support and intervention for families at risk. In 1998, Careforce officially became Anglicare Central Queensland. In 1999, Anglicare Central Queensland became a separately incorporated entity from the Diocese, and today its main funding partner is the Queensland Government.

Anglicare Central Queensland's values and framework focuses on social justice, offering hope, compassion, focusing on the person first within a holistic support model. The organisation works with people of all ages and from all backgrounds, to provide services ranging from crisis intervention to long-term support.

Efforts are concentrated on foster care and child protection, access to housing, and services related to families, youth, and mental health. The organisation has more than 150 staff and volunteers servicing an area that stretches from the Capricorn Coast inland to Winton, delivering services and programs tailored to meet local needs.



Staff in Gladstone celebrate Anglicare Central Queensland's 30th birthday. Photo: Mike Richards

ROYAL COMMISSION PRIVATE SESSIONS UPDATE

Since May 2013, the Royal Commission has been holding private sessions in capital cities and regional centres around Australia. In that time, over 1600 people have met with a Royal Commissioner and shared their experiences.

Throughout 2014 and into 2015, the Royal Commission will continue to hold private sessions around Australia. Due to the large number of people wishing to attend a private session, it is anticipated that there will be a significant wait time before people can be booked in to share their story. For some people it may be as long as six months.

If you or one of your clients is waiting for a private session, the Royal Commission will be in contact when it has an appointment available using the details previously provided.

The Royal Commission understands that the length of this process may be a cause of concern for some, but urge people to be assured that it is working to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate. Information about support services which those who are waiting may find helpful is available on the [Royal Commission website](#).

The Royal Commission is extremely grateful to everyone who has agreed to tell it of their experiences. The Commissioners could not carry out their work without all those who come forward to share their story.

ANGLICARE SA VOLUNTEER WINS AWARD

Aged and Community Services SA & NT recognised leading organisations and individuals at its Awards for Excellence, presented at the Crowne Plaza Adelaide in June. The awards honour and recognise excellence in the delivery of aged and community care services.

Anglicare SA volunteer, Emily Gurd won the volunteer category. She has volunteered at Peppertree Fashions, Anglicare SA's opportunity shop for 15 years. Emily is now in the running for the national titles at the Aged and Community Services Australia National Conference in September.

Special Interest Networks

MISSION, CHURCH AND GOSPEL

Chaplaincy and Parish Community Work Network

Mission, Church and Gospel was the theme of a recent Anglicare Australia network gathering in Newcastle, NSW.

The Chaplaincy and Parish Community Work Network met at the end of June for a Retreat Conference, to explore and go deeper on a range of issues arising from the 2013 [John Roffey Lecture](#) delivered by Bishop Andrew Curnow.

This included a focus on:

- the significance of the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion
- the diversity of structure and participation across the Anglican community, including parishes, services, Anglican organisations, schools and service agencies
- the development of MOUs or covenants to develop closer relationships and partnerships across the Anglican community
- engagement in holistic care practice through pastoral and spiritual care, and forms of engagement based on seeing other in body, mind and spirit
- the linkages between care and justice, with a focus on engagement in prophetic ministry and social advocacy
- the role of the theological reflection and awareness of the theological and ecclesial foundations of our work and participation in academic reflections
- the leadership we seek to experience in our organisations through chaplaincy and pastoral care and engagement with the Anglican community through a range of partnerships to further engage the Church in the wider society.

The two-day retreat conference was led by the Reverend Julia Perry, Chaplain to the Samaritans and Peter Burke, Director of Mission and Anglican Community Engagements, Anglicare SA.

The 14 participants in the Network gathering included two from New Zealand, with others coming from Adelaide, Whyalla, Lismore, Newcastle, Ballarat, southern Queensland and Melbourne.



Members of the Chaplaincy and Parish Community Work Network in Newcastle.

National Awards Profile

2013 NATIONAL AWARDS - INNOVATION

The fifth in our series of profiles on Anglicare Australia National Award winners and honourable mentions is the winner of Innovation (large organisation) category, Anglicare South Australia for its Elizabeth Riders Committee.

The judges felt it was very encouraging for young people to take a leadership role and become their own mentors.

The volunteers of the youth-led Elizabeth Riders Committee, aged between 12 and 20 years, organise skate competitions, run BMX/scooter/skateboard workshops, teach scooter maintenance and deliver presentations on the benefits of youth-led volunteering activities.

Established in 2008, the Elizabeth Riders Committee travels across South Australia with its workshops and presentations, working with Councils and encouraging other young people to eat healthily, ride safely and get involved with skate parks.



[DOWNLOAD FULL PROFILE](#)

Research and Resources

FRSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Family & Relationships Services Australia (FRSA) has announced the appointment of Jackie Brady (right) as its new Executive Director.

Jackie is well known to Anglicare Australia as she previously worked as the Director of Government and Public Relations for Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA). Her role at CSSA focused on advocacy at the national/federal level, policy formulation, organisational and communication strategies, and meeting member services objectives.

Jackie was selected for her clarity of vision for the organisation and her competence across the key areas of responsibility.

Her experience as a FRSA Member Organisation combined with her extensive peak body experience, strong sector-knowledge and established relationships with government will be a great asset that will enable her to provide insight and direction for FRSA's future.



ROYAL COMMISSION INFORMATION MATERIALS

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recently distributed information materials including brochures, posters and postcards to a range of organisations across Australia, including local councils, medical practices, Medicare and Centrelink offices, aged care facilities and police stations.

These materials are designed to support people who may wish to share their story with the Royal Commission. You can download or order printed resources free of charge from the [Royal Commission website](#).

REPORT: RISING INEQUALITY IN AUSTRALIA

This month Dr John Hewson launched a new report, [Advance Australia Fair?](#) What to do about growing inequality in Australia at Parliament House, Canberra.

A collaboration between Australia21, the Australia Institute and the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, the report concludes that inequality is rising in Australia and this is not only unfair but poses dangers to community wellbeing, health, social stability, sustainable growth and long term prosperity. It proposes 10 ways to address inequality and protect the fair go in Australia.

At the launch, Dr Hewson said: "The figures clearly show that the land of the fair go is disappearing. I don't think we should just let it go without understanding how it has happened and what the consequences are - for all of us. Inequality

is a significant issue across the globe, but we in Australia have always prided ourselves on our egalitarianism, both in terms of equality of opportunity and equality of outcomes. We can protect that proud tradition through the policies we adopt now or we can trash it. Drawing on the contributions of some of our country's leading thinkers in this field, this report highlights policy directions for retaining the fair go society in Australia."



INTRODUCING TUNE IN NOW

If you work with men who you think may be experiencing depression or anxiety, you should Tune in Now, and access the toolkit for homelessness support workers developed by Homelessness Australia with beyondblue.

[Tune In Now](#) has four informative modules that workers can explore and learn how to help men experiencing homelessness, break down the barriers, take action and seek support for depression and anxiety.



The toolkit is easy to navigate and is packed with information about the signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety, screening tools, useful links to other resources, and practical tips on having a conversation about depression and anxiety. It also includes inspiring videos featuring men who have experienced homelessness and mental health issues, and experienced homelessness case/support workers.

DOWNSIZING NOT A PRIORITY FOR MOST SENIORS

Most seniors are reluctant to downsize to smaller residences, with an increasing number of older Australians preferring to live in homes with at least three bedrooms, according to new research.

The [National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre study](#) of 2000 [National Seniors'](#) members aged over 50 examined the proportion of seniors who downsized in the past five years, or who were considering downsizing in the future, and the motivating and discouraging factors affecting their decision to downsize.

The factor that discouraged the most people from downsizing was that it would "take too much effort" (44%), especially for people aged over 75. The cost of stamp duty was reported as a disincentive by 33% of people, as was the growing need for seniors to keep spare living space available to provide care for grandchildren or parents.

TIPS FOR YOUNG WORKERS STARTING A NEW JOB

Young people starting a new job can now access a new online learning course with helpful tips and advice on employment issues that affect them.

The [interactive online course](#) has been developed by the Fair Work Ombudsman to assist new employees settle quickly into their workplace and become a valued member of staff.

The course allows users to "practice talking to their new boss" and runs through a checklist of things they need for their first day on the job. There is also a section for parents and guardians on how to support young people entering the workforce for the first time.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILIES, POLICY AND THE LAW

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has a new collection of essays on family policy and the law to inform government, legal professionals, service providers and the community about changes in these areas in recent years.

[Families, policy and the law: Selected essays on contemporary issues for Australia](#) explores a range of topics including trends in family formation; the child protection system; relationship breakdown; family violence and developments in social science and the law.

The publication includes contributions from 38 Australian authors in four key sections:

- Diverse family formation: Identity, recognition and law
- Legal and statutory responses to families in difficulty
- Relationship breakdown and family policies and practices
- Social science and developments in Australian law relating to families, safety and child wellbeing.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The [Youth Mental Health Report](#), launched in June by Mission Australia and the Black Dog Institute, found one in five

young Australians are likely to be experiencing mental illness, and less than 40% are comfortable seeking professional help.

It also found the rate of mental illness among young Australians aged 15 to 19 was much higher among females and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, while young people with a disability were also overrepresented.

COMMUNITY SURVEY ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre (Knowledge Centre) is [conducting a survey](#) to identify the information needs of communities in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

The Knowledge Centre will be providing information about alcohol and other drugs on its web resource, with some of this information written specifically for Indigenous Elders and other community members who are interested in reducing the harms of alcohol and other drug use in their communities.

Survey closes on 18 July 2014.

AFP AND DISNEY PROMOTE ONLINE SAFETY TO CHILDREN

Australian Federal Police (AFP) cyber security experts have teamed up with Disney to create a new online safety program for primary schools.

Disney's [Club Penguin](#), a virtual world for kids, has teamed up with experts from the AFP to create the free online safety program called [Online Safety. It Starts With You](#).

So far the national program has reached out to over 1,200 Australian primary schools, involving an estimated 30,000 students. The accompanying resource pack includes classroom activities, posters and safety tips for parents. The program is available to classrooms as a free digital multi-touch book for iPad that can be downloaded on iBooks.

SOME CHILDREN DOING LESS WELL THAN OTHERS

Australian children are generally doing well in terms of their health and early learning, but some groups are doing less well than others, according to data released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The [Children's Headline Indicator](#) interactive data portal provides the latest available information on how Australia's children aged 0–12 are faring. This release provides updated data for 11 of 19 nationally agreed priority areas covering health, early learning and care, and family and community.

FRSA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations are now open for the [2014 FRSA National Conference](#), Wellbeing for Children, Families and Communities – Future policies, programs and practice, to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 4-6 November 2014 with one day of pre-Conference workshops on 3 November.

This year the conference will feature presentations exploring the changing role of community service organisations in supporting the wellbeing of children, families and communities into the future.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Chief Justice Diana Bryant and National Children's Commissioner, Megan Mitchell.

A HEADS UP ON MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

Workplace mental health is one of the most important issues business faces today. Ignoring it costs Australian companies about \$10.9 billion a year in lost productivity, and it's likely that one in five of your workers is affected by poor mental health.

The [Heads Up](#) website highlights the simple steps that businesses can take to reduce costs by improving mental health in their operations. The site also makes available a range of practical and flexible resource materials for all businesses, even the smallest, including case studies and an online action plan.

Government Policy and Information

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARDS

Nominations for the 2014 [National Disability Awards](#) are open, giving Australians the opportunity to celebrate the individuals and organisations that impact positively on the lives of people with disability.

This year there are eight award categories, each highlighting an area where champions of people with disability are making a difference:

1. Lesley Hall Award for Lifetime Achievement in Disability
2. Emerging Leaders Award in Disability
3. Improving Inclusive and Accessible Communities Award
4. Improving Advocacy and Rights Promotion Award
5. Improving Employment Opportunities Award
6. Improving Personal and Community Support Award
7. Improving Education Outcomes Award
8. Improving Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Award

To nominate for the National Disability Awards, go to the [website](#) or call 1800 672 682. TTY users call 1800 555 677 and ask for 1800 672 682. Nominations close on 18 July.

CIVIL SOCIETY NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Social Impact (CSI) is conducting a research and stakeholder engagement project to provide recommendations for the Australian Government about the establishment of a proposed [Civil Society National Centre for Excellence](#) (NCE).

An interim report will be delivered to government in July and will be based on CSI's research and consultation. This will provide a basis for concrete discussions with stakeholders on the form and functions of the Centre for Excellence.

The task of the Centre for Social Impact is to propose models for the NCE that will be relevant to the landscape in Australia and that include functions that fill existing gaps in support for civil society.

The stakeholder engagement will be focused on:

- Focus groups and consultation workshops in Sydney, Melbourne early in the first phase of the project to inform the research and potential model designs.
- An online survey in the first phase of the project to broaden the opportunity for input into proposed roles and activities for the NCE (closed 30 June).
- Engagement workshops in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane in the second phase of the project to engage stakeholders around proposed model/s and solicit final feedback.
- A second online survey in phase 2 of the project to seek responses around proposed models for the NCE.

SENATE TO SCRUTINISE AUSTRALIA'S INEQUALITY

A Senate Inquiry into inequality and the gap between Australia's rich and poor has been referred to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee.

The Inquiry into the [Extent of Income Inequality in Australia](#) will examine the specific impacts of inequality on disadvantaged groups within the community, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, older job seekers, people living with a disability or mental illness, refugees, single parents, those on a low income, people at risk of poverty in retirement as well as the relationship between gender and inequality.

At the time of publishing, the submission due date had yet to be decided. The reporting date is 26 November.

ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW CEO

Philip Reed has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse](#).

Mr Reed was most recently Director-General at the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts in Queensland, and prior to that, Director-General of the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General. He brings significant levels of experience in senior levels of government in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales.

NDS NEGOTIATES BOOST IN NDIS PRICES

Following negotiations over two months between National Disability Services and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), it has been agreed that the NDIS will pay service providers higher prices for some types of support to people with disability.

The new prices, for 'assistance in self-care' and 'community support', represent a 13.5% increase on the price paid for standard one-to-one support in Victoria; 11.9% in NSW; and 8.1% in Tasmania.

In addition to these increases, the NDIA has agreed to:

- allow providers to claim for unreasonable cancellations or 'no shows'
- pay for the cost of travel between participants by determining the first hour of support to be 50 minutes (and providing travel reimbursement funds in the packages of participants)
- increase the travel reimbursement rate to 76 cents per kilometre (the rate listed in the SCHADS Modern Award)

- introduce an establishment fee which can be claimed for new participants and participants whose plans change significantly.

GOVERNMENT TO CONSULT ON ACNC REPLACEMENT

The government says it will consultation with the Not for Profit sector during July and August, on a replacement for the national charity regulator despite the legislation to repeal the ACNC remaining held up in the Senate.

The dates and locations of a series of consultation forums for charities and Not for Profits will be released shortly via the [Department of Social Services](#) website, and written submissions will be accepted up until four weeks after the last open forum is held.

JOB BONUS LEGISLATION PASSES PARLIAMENT

Long-term unemployed people, particularly young Australian job seekers, will receive help to find and keep a job through a Bill that passed federal Parliament in June.

The Job Commitment Bonus is a new payment that rewards young, long term unemployed job seekers aged 18-30 if they get and keep a job. Young job seekers who have been on Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) for at least the preceding 12 months will receive \$2,500 if they get a job, remain in continuous work and off income support for 12 months.

These same job seekers will be eligible for an additional \$4,000 if they remain in continuous work and off income support for a further 12 months, that is 24 months in total.

The Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job measure is designed to promote workforce participation by encouraging job seekers to move to areas where jobs are available. This program provides financial support to all job seekers who have been on Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other) and Parenting Payment for at least the preceding 12 months.

Up to \$6,000 will be available to support eligible job seekers who relocate to a regional area to take up a job. Up to \$3,000 will be available to support eligible job seekers who relocate to a metropolitan area from a regional area to take up a job.

The \$3,000 payment will also be available to eligible job seekers who relocate from a capital city with higher unemployment to one with lower unemployment.

Families with dependent children will be provided with up to an extra \$3,000, in recognition of any other additional costs. Support provided through this program will reimburse the actual costs of moving.

BETTER MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN AUSTRALIA

Australia's mental health services are to benefit from a \$6.5 million government initiative to train primary health practitioners in the use of e-mental health therapies and associated technologies.

Queensland's University of Technology will lead the [e-Mental Health in Practice](#) (eMHPrac) initiative in partnership with the Menzies School of Health Research, The University for Rural Health at the University of Sydney, the Australian National University and the Black Dog Institute.

International research has demonstrated that telephone and online services can be equally effective for people with anxiety and depression as face to face therapy. eMHPrac will provide specialised training and support in the provision of e-mental health therapies and associated technologies to GPs, psychologists, social workers, counsellors, practice nurses and other health professionals, who may otherwise find it difficult to keep abreast of developments in the field.

There's a special focus in the program on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, as well as health care providers in rural and remote areas who are providing services to Indigenous people.

AUSTRALIAN CHILD CARE WEEK AWARDS

The [Australian Child Care Week Awards](#) shine a light on the wonderful, rewarding and invaluable work of the sector and helps put early childhood education and care on the map.

The eight awards categories featured this year highlight the sector's passionate and dedicated educators, community champions, innovators, leaders and mentors and more. Most of the awards this year recognise s performance throughout the year, not just during Australian Child Care.

Awards applications close on Friday 25 July.

CUTTING RED TAPE TO IMPROVE TRAINING

The first in a series of changes to reduce red tape in the [vocational education and training sector](#) was announced in June, making it easier for registered training organisations to manage changes to training packages (from 1 July).

When a training package qualification is changed, but the vocational outcome remains the same, training providers will no longer need to apply to their regulator or pay a fee to update their registration. Minor updates to training packages do not represent a significant risk to a training provider's capacity to deliver.

ACNC LAUNCHES CHARITY PASSPORT

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has launched its [Charity Passport](#) - a secure online system set up to save charities from reporting the same information to multiple government agencies.

The Charity Passport is the key to the ACNC's "report once, use often" framework, cutting down the amount of time charities spend on duplicative reporting to government.

The ACNC says authorised government agencies that use the Charity Passport will have access to information about charities, including their contact details, registration information, charitable purpose and who benefits from their work, their size, activities, responsible persons, governance documents, and enforcement outcomes.

Anglicare Events

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[Anglicare Australia National Conference](#)

Date: 14-17 September 2014

Venue: Hilton on the Park, Melbourne

Sector Events

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[National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020](#)

Families Australia will run consultations throughout 2014 about the National Framework:

21 July - Melbourne (annual Coalition meeting)

23 July – Hobart

10 November – Canberra

4 December – Perth

[COTA Australia's National Policy Forum](#)

Date: 22 July 2014

Venue: National Press Club, Canberra

[Information Technology in Aged Care Conference](#)

Date: 22-23 July 2014

Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart

[Australian Winter School Conference](#)

Date: 23-25 July 2014

Venue: Ridges South Bank, Brisbane

[13th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference](#)

Date: 30 July-1 August 2014

Venue: Melbourne Convention Centre

[Australasian Better Boards Conference 2014](#)

Date: 1-3 August 2014

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

[Childhood Trauma: Understanding the basis of change and recovery](#)

Date: 4-8 August 2014

Venue: Melbourne Convention Centre

[The NDIS One Year On: National Conference](#)

Date: 11-12 August 2014

Venue: Costa Hall, Deakin University, Waterfront, Geelong, VIC

[Association of Children's Welfare Agencies \(ACWA\) Conference 2014](#)

Date: 18-20 August 2014

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, Sydney

[Aged and Community Services Australia \(ACSA\) National Conference](#)

Date: 7-10 September 2014

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

[8th National Homelessness Conference 2014](#)

Date: 10-12 September 2014

Venue: Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Qld

[World Volunteer Conference](#)

Date: 17-20 September 2014

Venue: Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Qld

[LASA National Congress 2014](#)

Date: 20-22 October 2014

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

