

# Newsflash for week ending 28th October 2016

Hi Everyone, **(Dementia Workshop attachment)**

Attached is a flyer for some education that is coming up in Armidale on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Well worth considering attending.

Kind regards,

Cate

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For November / December**

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**For more information please click on the links below:**

**ACFI - Are You Ready for the 2017 changes?**

**Tamworth - *NEW COURSE!! Definitely going ahead***

**Wagga Wagga - *NEW COURSE!! Definitely going ahead***

**ACFI in Practice**

**Bathurst - *Definitely going ahead***

**Conflict Resolution**

**Ballina - *Definitely going ahead***

**Dealing with Difficult People**

**Rhodes - *Definitely going ahead***

**Leisure & Lifestyle Practical Workshop**

**Rhodes - *Definitely going ahead***

**Putting the 'Business' into your Home Care Service**  
**Rhodes - *Definitely going ahead***

**Register ONLINE Now**

Late registrations will be accepted for confirmed courses.

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## **Webinar: 'Introduction to HSNet'**

***Want to know more about HSNet?  
Are you a first-time visitor?  
Or a returning member who's feeling a little lost?***

The HSNet Team hosts webinars monthly to educate users about the website, its business applications, active networks and how to get the most out of what's available.

The webinars are completely free and run for approximately 90 minutes. Each session includes:

- searching and viewing services in the service directory.
- registering to use the capacity display traffic light.
- exploring the HSNet dashboard.
- starting groups, posting to groups and sharing events.
- creating and managing online referrals.

Our next session is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 8 November, 10.00am** - [book now!](#)  
...or check the [HSNet Support Calendar 2016](#) for more sessions.

If you can't attend one of the scheduled sessions and would like to discuss other options, such as a targeted Webinar for you and your team, contact HSNet on **02 9765 5260** or [HSNet@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HSNet@facs.nsw.gov.au)

Thanks from,  
**The HSNet Team**

*Support materials including videos and reference guides can be found on the HSNet website [here](#), or by choosing the question mark link at the top of every page.*

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I am hoping you will be able to circulate this invitation to your members please.

Shelter NSW is the peak advocate for housing justice uniting the voices of low-income households and non-profit organisations working on their behalf in NSW.

We are conducting a project that involves workshops in each of the NSW Family and Community Services (FACS) Districts to discuss housing issues that are affecting each region.

I would like to invite you (or one of your colleagues) to attend a workshop in Armidale:

Date: Thursday 10 November, 2016  
Time: Light lunch provided from midday, workshop from 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm  
Location: Armidale City Bowling Club

RSVP: By Tuesday 1 November 2016 via email [sarah@shelternsw.org.au](mailto:sarah@shelternsw.org.au) or call 02 9267 5733 (extension 12) - please indicate any dietary requirements you may have. If you are unable to attend, please still RSVP so we don't follow up with you.

We are looking to get feedback on:

- What are the key housing issues facing your region and do these issues affect some groups of people more than others?
- What successful or promising solutions to these issues are present in your region?

The workshop will be facilitated by Jon Eastgate of 99 Consulting and will involve an interactive, participatory process.

Before the workshop, material will be distributed to help inform discussion. This will include a background paper on current policy directions in housing, a brief summary of housing statistics for your region, and some information about the recent NSW Government's Future Directions for Social Housing initiative.

The findings of this project will be reflected to FACS both separately for each region, and as an overall set of findings for the State. Shelter NSW will also be using them to inform our advocacy on key policy issues, ensuring that our advocacy is grounded in the real experiences of people on the ground.

We look forward to seeing you at what we are hoping will be a lively and engaging event – if you have any questions or know someone who should be invited to attend, please feel free to pass this invitation along.

Best wishes  
Sarah

Sarah Wilson  
Project Officer (Engagement and Outreach) Shelter NSW  
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Hi Everyone,

**(Goes with FamilyCareEd/VolunteerEd/Educate Healthworkers attachments)**

Just sending out this information about some Alzheimer's Australia NSW education that is coming up in Tamworth in November.

Kind regards,

Cate

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**Farm-Link is delivering its Suicide Prevention Skills Workshop supported by Moree  
Community College  
Friday, November 4, 2016  
9.00 am - 1.00 pm  
ALL WELCOME**

Would you please forward via your networks - flyer attached.

Many thanks,

Carmel

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Three workshops, Armidale Tamworth Inverell– Topic :**People living with a Brain Injury**  
Please see flyers as attached (**flyer Come Connect Inverell ,Armidale, Tamworth**) for details.

Hi Everyone

My apologies for the short notice- I have just returned to work this morning.

Please share the attached information re free workshops for people affected by Brain Injury, their families and Carers, if you know people please invite them and a workshop for Service Providers.

Adrian O'Malley, Information and Capacity Building Facilitator. **Please note RSVP to**

**Armidale Workshop needs to be in TODAY!! 1800 673 074**

Kind Regards

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## Closing soon - ACAR application period

The application period for the 2016-17 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) closes this week.

All applications must be received within the department by **11:59pm (AEST)**

**Friday 28 October 2016.**

The ACAR includes:

- 10,000 residential aged care places and 475 Short-Term Restorative Care places

- up to \$64 million in capital grants under the *Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund*.

As part of the planning process for the 2016-17 ACAR, the department has identified areas of high need to encourage applicants to focus their applications in these areas, a large proportion of which fall within regional, rural and remote areas.

[More information](#)

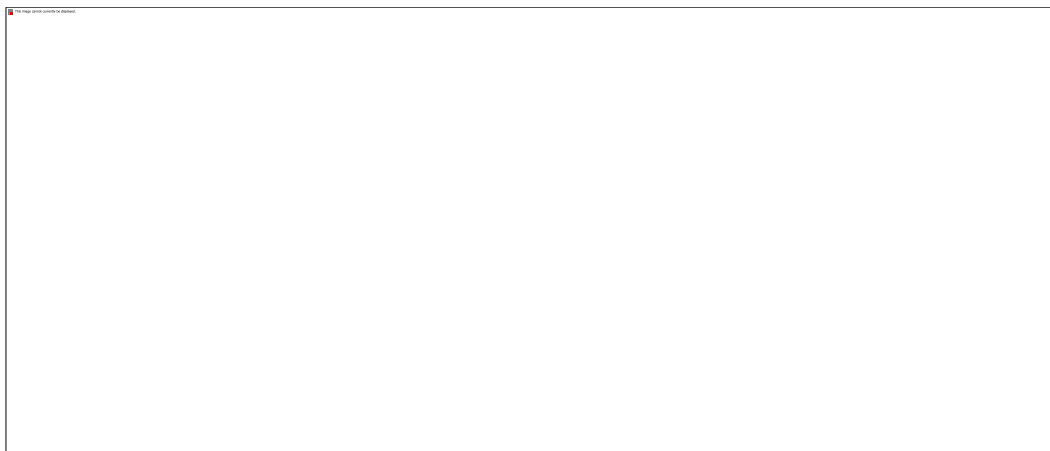
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### [Combining social purpose with astute business-thinking in the NDIS world](#)

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## *Aboriginal NDIS Readiness Gathering 'Getting Our Mob NDIS Ready' Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service Forster 8 November*

How will the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) impact Aboriginal families living in the Forster area and how can your service best support local Aboriginal families through the transition and beyond into culturally aware service provision.

The NDIS will support people with disability to live life their way, to achieve their goals, and to further participate in social and economic life.

Registration for the 'Getting Our Mob NDIS Ready' gathering includes attendance at the conference on the 8 November 2016.

Please see the [Aboriginal NDIS Readiness Gathering 'Getting Our Mob NDIS Ready' flyer](#).

Also see the:

- [Getting Our MOB NDIS Ready community member Registration form](#)
- [Getting Our MOB NDIS Ready kids club Registration form](#)

To register for the conference or for more information please call:

Pru Hampton, Aboriginal Ability Links on 0429 465 263 or

Tanya Simon/ Steph Ping Tobwabba AMS on 02 6555 6271

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For further information, contact 1300 136 067 or email [portal@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:portal@facs.nsw.gov.au)

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**NDS** National  
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[Urgent Clarification – ECEI transitional approach offers made only to select providers](#)

An NDS news update that was sent out yesterday implied that all ADHC/FACS-funded ECEI providers in Year 1 transition districts will be invited to participate as transitional ECEI providers. This is not the case. Only a limited number of current providers have

been invited.

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## Increasing Choice – requirements for exit amounts before February 2017

Legislative amendments for the Increasing Choice in Home Care reforms are in place following [registration of the amendments to the Aged Care Principles and Determinations](#) on 23 September 2016. While the majority of the legislative amendments start on 27 February 2017, some transitional arrangements for exit amounts started on 24 September 2016.

### Transitional arrangements

Providers can now include an exit amount in a consumer's home care agreement in anticipation of the 27 February 2017 changes if they meet the following requirements:

1. A statement of the maximum exit amount is agreed with the consumer and included in the consumer's home care agreement.
2. The department is notified in writing before 27 February 2017 of the maximum exit amount included in any home care agreements by the provider. In the coming months, the department will advise providers how to give the written notice.

### **Further information**

A webinar will be held on Wednesday 2 November 2016 on consumer portability between home care providers, the management of unspent home care amounts and arrangements for exit amounts. A link to the webinar will be available on the [department's website](#).

More information is available in our [fact sheet](#).

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