



NESST (New England Sector Support Team) Newsflash

Dear All,

In this edition of the NESST Newsflash we have the following highlights for your attention:

- Dept Health - Invitation to ACAR Consultation [Consultation Hub](#).
- Community Grants Hub [View this email in your browser](#)
- NDS <https://www.nds.org.au/>
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Invitation to participate in ACAR consultation

The Minister for Aged Care, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP has [announced](#) the opening of the 2018-19 ACAR consultation to ensure thousands of new residential aged care places are located where they are most needed.

A short survey is now open on the [Consultation Hub](#). The survey closes on Monday, **28 May 2018**.

Your feedback will help the Department to better understand unmet needs at a local level for:

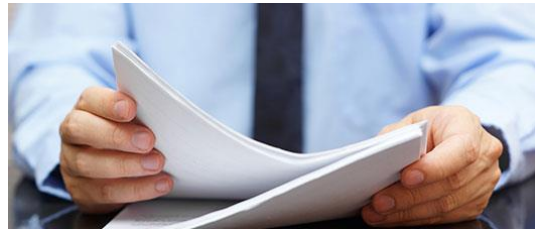
- specific geographic locations
- special needs
- other key issues.

Further information on the survey can be found on the [Consultation Hub](#).

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NEWS UPDATE



[Backlog of reviews shows a system under stress](#)

A new report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman details the long delays many participants experience when seeking a review of their NDIS supports.

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[ABC The World Today: Ombudsman report stresses changes for NDIS](#)

An ABC report outlines today's Ombudsman report, with 23 recommendations for action to improve NDIS processes amid a backlog of plan reviews. NDS Chief Executive Ken Baker features in the report.

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Two open grants for the Department of Social Services

Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) is an early intervention program that equips and empowers eligible clients and communities to address their identified settlement needs in order to improve social participation, economic well-being, independence, personal well-being and community connectedness. The SETS program consists of two components:

- SETS-Client Services
- SETS-Community Capacity Building.

Further information on these grants is below.



Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) - Client Services - open for application

The Australian Government is inviting organisations through an open competitive process to apply for the [Settlement Engagement and Transition Support \(SETS\) - Client Services](#)

The objective of SETS-Client Services is to equip humanitarian entrants and other vulnerable migrants in their first five years in Australia with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand and take action to address their identified settlement needs. Services will be delivered in accordance with a needs-based approach. Clients will be provided with settlement-related information, advice, advocacy and assistance to access mainstream and other relevant services.

Applications close at 2:00 pm AEST on **26 June 2018**.

For further information about eligibility and how to apply, go to the [Community Grants Hub website](#). Information about applying for this funding round can also be found on [GrantConnect](#).



Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) - Community Capacity Building - open for application

The Australian Government is inviting organisations through an open competitive process to apply for the [Settlement Engagement and Transition Support \(SETS\) – Community Capacity Building](#)

The objective of SETS-Community Capacity Building is to empower new and emerging community groups and organisations to support their specific communities towards collectively increasing the social participation, economic and personal wellbeing of community members, to ensure that positive settlement outcomes are sustained in the long term. Support may include development of leadership and governance skills, linkages to the broader community, interaction with government and local stakeholders and access to resources and facilities.

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NEWS UPDATE

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[Providers urged to seek extension to sign leases for NSW State Government Properties under Deed of License or CHP Lease](#)

NDS is seeking clarification as the deadline approaches for accommodation providers to sign leases on Government Properties under deed of license or CHP Lease.

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Webinar: CHSP Funding Extension – 24 May 2018

All Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) providers are invited to a live webinar about the 2018-2020 CHSP Funding Extension. This includes information for CHSP providers in Victoria and Western Australia.

The webinar will focus on providing:

- information on new funding agreements and conditions
- clarification on some existing CHSP policy.

Participants will be able to submit questions throughout the presentation.

Webinar title	CHSP Funding Extension	
Date and time	Thursday 24 May 2018	
	ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS	2:00pm - 4:00pm (AEST)
	SA & NT	1:30pm - 3:30pm (ACST)
	WA	12:00pm - 2:00pm (AWST)
Link	http://livestream.education.gov.au/health/24may2018/	

You do not need to RSVP for the webinar, and there is no limit to the number of participants.

More information

Information on the CHSP Funding Extension can be found on the [department's website](#).

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