



NESST (New England Sector Support Team) Newsflash

Dear All,

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

- NDS – <https://www.nds.org.au/people-with-disability-and-carers>
- Community Grants Hub – <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/>
- ACSA - link to Web <https://acsa.asn.au/>
- NCOSS – Link to web <https://www.ncoss.org.au/>
- NESST Website and Aboriginal Services Portal link - <https://www.nesst.org.au/>

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Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19 – open for application

The Australian Government is inviting organisations through an open non-competitive process to apply for the [Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19](#)

The objectives of this grant round are to:

- Enable the delivery of individual capacity building activities for people with disability, such as peer support.
- Build the organisational capacity of Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations across Australia to deliver these activities.

Applications close at 2:00 pm AEDT on **21 December 2018**.

*For further information about eligibility and how to apply, go to the [Grant Round Application page](#).
Information about applying for this funding round can also be found on [GrantConnect](#).*





Attend an ACSA festive function!

We are close to the end of what has been a difficult and challenging year for aged care providers and no doubt your calendar is filling up fast with Christmas events and plans. To express our thanks for your loyalty and membership throughout 2018, ACSA is hosting a series of Members Christmas Breakfast & Celebration Events which are open to all ACSA members. What a great opportunity to celebrate the start of the festive season! For more details, visit [ACSA's events pages](#).

As we head into 2019, our mission to provide our members with value-added support is stronger and more focused than ever. Each week we are strengthening our Royal Commission Advisory Panel and dedicated RC-resources at the same time ensuring we meet the core needs of members – whether in advocacy, training and member support and information.

ACSA takes a collegiate approach to working with others in the industry and will from time-to-time choose to combine our efforts with peak peers when it is in the interests of members to do so.

There were some in the industry that this week made the easily-disproven claim they have initiated 'a new enquiry framework' with the Department of Human Services to deal with the issue of the increasing number of non-payments and duplications of subsidies. In fact,

this troubleshooting work has been undertaken by ACSA in collaboration with all of the other industry peak bodies for years now. Our focus has been on working collaboratively to iron out the problems and we will continue this as an ongoing and important part of effectively representing our members' needs.

Regards,



Pat Sparrow, CEO

This Week in Politics

Only the Senate was sitting last week, and though the Bills to establish the *Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission* were listed for debate, their passing was stalled by a couple of other controversial bills which took up the majority of debating time. ACSA understand the Quality and Safety Commission Bills will now be listed for the week commencing 26 November. [Continue reading...](#)

Timeframes for unannounced re-accreditation visits

Since July this year, the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency has been undertaking unannounced re-accreditation visits. Providers are reminded that the Quality Agency can conduct the unannounced site audit **at any time between the submission of the application for re-accreditation and the expiry of the service's period of accreditation**, a window of time that spans six months. Further information on the unannounced re-accreditation process is available on the Quality Agency's website [here](#).



Membership Manager - Susan Greenbank

We are pleased to have appointed a new National Membership Manager, Susan Greenbank, based in our Melbourne office. Susan joins us with a wealth of Senior Management experience in member engagement across the not-for-profit sector. Susan looks forward to meeting you soon, but in the meantime please feel free to reach out via susan.greenbank@acsa.asn.au or connect with Susan on LinkedIn [here](#).



Royal Commission UPDATE

As part of ACSA's regular Royal Commission updates for our members, this week ACSA has made available the presentation slides and the video of the ACSA's **Webinar named "Preparing For The ACRC - Key Considerations & Practical Actions"** that was held last Monday 19 November. This new helpful resource, exclusively for members, has now been added to ACSA Royal Commission Advisory Panel page under the Governance section.

Should you have any questions related to the **ACSA Member Royal Commission Advisory Panel** please email: RC@acsa.asn.au

Hector the Virtual Reality Driving Simulator

ACSA was privileged to be invited to the launch of the "Hector" Virtual Reality Driving Simulator at ACSA Member McLean Care in Inverell in north western NSW this week. McLean Care, led by CEO Sue Thomson, identified the need for an objective way for elderly people to assess their confidence and ability to drive safely as they are getting older and were successful in securing a Commonwealth Government grant to facilitate this. They partnered with Deakin University to develop a driving simulator which is named after the original founder of McLean Care, Hector McLean. [Read more](#)



Sue Thomson (CEO McLean Care), Anthony Michael (Deputy Mayor, Inverell Shire) and two members of the Deakin design team.



Hector VR and the Hon Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England, behind the wheel taking Hector for a spin.



'Applying the new Aged Care Quality Standards' Workshops - Feb 2019

Following the positive response by aged care providers to our New Quality Standards Workshops recently held, new places have opened for 2019. [Read](#)

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26 & 27 Nov_ [Regional Workforce Forums Far North and Eyre](#) (SA - several locations)

28 Nov_ [ACSA NSW & ACT Members Christmas Breakfast](#) (NSW)

29 Nov_ [LGBTIQ](#) (SA)

11 Dec_ [Regional Workforce Forum - Illawarra](#) (NSW)

11 Dec_ [ACSA SA/NT Members Christmas Celebration](#) (SA)

11 Dec_ [ACSA WA Members Christmas Breakfast](#) (WA)

5 & 6 Feb 2019_ [Applying the new Aged Care Quality Standards: Hitting the target workshops](#)



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Other Events

Transforming aging together, Toronto 17-19 September 2019

The [Global Ageing Network](#) is pleased to announce that the 2019 Global Ageing Conference, “This is Long Term Care 2019,” will take place September 17-19, 2019 at the Beanfield Centre in Toronto, Canada! The 2019 conference will be hosted in partnership with Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA). More info [here](#)

Publications, reports, grants and resources

Department of Health

Request for Tender open - Health professional referrals to My Aged Care - [click here](#)

Have your say – dementia services survey - [click here](#)

The survey focuses on how effectively DBMAS and DTP are meeting the needs of individuals who care for people living with dementia and the needs of the person(s) they care for. The online survey takes approximately 20-25 minutes to complete and closes on **30 November 2018**.

Department of Social Services

Carer Gateway regional delivery partner grant opportunity and online industry briefing - [click here](#)

Political Alerts

DEMENTIA CARERS UNPREPARED AND DISTRESSED BY END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS - [click here](#)

NEW TRAINING AIMS TO STOP ELDER ABUSE AS HELP CENTRE CALLS RISE - [click here](#)

Other Resources

NACA Aged Care Reform Monthly Update - October 2018 - [click here](#)

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NCOSS News & Events

NSW First Social Benefit Bond between Benevolent Society, OSII and Private Investors Complete!



The Benevolent Society has released two reports, signalling the completion of NSW's first Social Impact Bond between the Benevolent Society, Office of Social Impact Investment and other private investors, including Westpac and Commonwealth Bank. The release of these reports, one titled the [Investor Financial Report 2018](#) and the other [Resilient Families Impact report 2013 – 2018](#), highlight the importance and the success of Social Benefit Bonds as a form of funding for social change. To read more about the Social Benefit Bond click [HERE](#).

Opal One Day Travel Pass has launched



Transport NSW has made available the [Opal One Day Travel Pass](#), designed to assist the clients of eligible charitable organisations with short-term emergency travel. It is a stigma-free card that may be distributed by an organisation to help their clients in circumstances such as fleeing crisis situations, attending court hearings or reaching home following essential appointments. Find out more information [HERE](#).

State of the Disability Sector Report 2018 now available



NDS has released its State of the Disability Sector Report for 2018, launched in Melbourne today to coincide with our national CEO Meeting. The report finds that while disability service providers remain committed to the NDIS, the majority (73 per cent) believe its systems and processes need urgent improvement. To read more about the key findings from the report and to read the report itself click [HERE](#).

NCOSS Members Event – A Morning with Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald



NCOSS will host Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald at 10am on 23rd November for a discussion on Addressing Deep and Persistent Disadvantage and answer questions from members. Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald is a member of the Australian Productivity Commission and has led inquiries and studies into key areas of public policy including early childhood, older Australians, health, parental leave and the Not-for Profit Sector. Read more about the event and how to register [HERE](#).

Loneliness Study Shows that 1 in 4 Australians Feel Lonely



This year for psychology week, a study released by the Australian Psychological Society found that 1 in 4 Australians feel lonely, often leading to a worsened state of physical and mental health. This release of this [report](#) found created a renewed sense of emphasis on the importance of mental well-being in today's society. To find out more about the report and what you can do to improve your mental health click [HERE](#).

Upcoming NCOSS Professional Development Events

- [NGO Research Forum - 19 Dec 2018](#)

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Community Services News & Resources

Donations fall as volunteering rises



People, particularly women, are preferring to donate their time and expertise rather than money, according to the *Charities Aid Foundation World Giving Index* Report. Australia ranks second in the world in terms of giving, behind Indonesia and ahead of the New Zealand and the USA.

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PayPal Giving Fund Teams with Facebook for Social Media Donating



Paypal has eased the way for Australians to donate online to their chosen charities and get an instant receipt. Donors can either search or browse categories on the [PayPal Giving Fund](#) site, or through Facebook.

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900 to 4,100 Volunteers in 1 year



Share the Dignity utilised a free digital tool to massively boost their volunteer base from 900 to 4,100 volunteers since 2017. It could be the future of volunteer management.

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Why Would a Business Partner with a Charity?



Businesses want to create meaningful social impact, not just give money for the sake of it. They also like to use their core business - do what they're good at - as part of in-kind donation. Fundraising & Philanthropy Magazine explores the issue.

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Foreign Political Donations Bill Softened for Charities



A bill introduced by the Turnbull Government in 2017 would have categorised issues-based campaigns as "electoral matters" that attract higher transparency measures. The revised bill, passed in the Senate on November 15, removes this definition.

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Climate Change - Affecting the Vulnerable?



How does climate change affect the elderly, disabled, homeless and individuals with chronic disease? The risk is debatable. Some research suggests climate change is creating more and more risks for vulnerable people than ever.

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New ATO Draft Ruling Clarifies FBT Exemptions



Organisations which 'advance religion' may qualify for concessions and exemptions over and above the usual FBT exemptions for charitable institutions. The draft ruling allows practitioners, students and family members in religious institutions to claim exemptions for things like school fees and vehicles.

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Professional Development Events

Senior Right Service Symposium - 28 Nov - Surry Hills & Online



Women, Ageing & Disadvantage Join this symposium facilitated by well-known journalist Ellen Fanning 9.30am - 12.15pm, Wednesday 28 November Auditorium, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, 2010 Places are limited.

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Transform: Digital Transformation Conference for Non-Profits - 8-10 May 2019, Melbourne



The [Connecting Up 'Transform' Conference at Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre \(MCEC\) next May](#) will see an array of world class speakers and non-profit CEOs focused on helping non-profits achieve a successful digital transformation.

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For Purpose Conference - 30 Nov, 2018, Toowoomba



'Setting Your Purpose in 2020' - A one day conference for the non-profit sector Governance, legal risks, innovation and high performance culture. Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre (Opposite USQ) Toowoomba.

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Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) Conference - 27 Feb-1 Mar 2019, Melbourne



Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) Conference 'Your Time is Now!' 27 February-1 March 2019 Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

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Financial Reporting for NFPs - 4 Dec 2018, Online



Not-for-profit Law
Financial Reporting for NFPs
4 December 2018, 12.45pm-2.00pm AEDT
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Australian & New Zealand Third Sector Research (ANZTSR) Conference - 29-30 Nov 2018, Sydney



Australian & New Zealand Third Sector Research (ANZTSR) Conference
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University of Notre Dame Australia, School of Business and School of Law, Sydney

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In Brief

The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience has recently published the [Public Information and Warnings Handbook](#) – a collection of resources to help you prepare for a Natural Disaster. Read more [HERE](#).

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