

## NESST Newsflash

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the NESST Newsflash.

Expect to see this each week for the foreseeable – we will try to capture the state of play at the close of each week.

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### **NESST Regional Zoom**

Our next Regional Zoom will be held on 25 June 2020 at 10am. We will send the link out closer to the date. If you have suggested agenda items, please send them.

### **NESST Free On-line Training Portal**

The portal gives access to free, basic induction modules for frontline staff. Current modules:

#### **An introduction to the Commonwealth Home Support Programme**

##### **Community Basics**

A certificate is emailed on completion. Please share with your staff and volunteers within the New England area:

<https://www.inductforwork.com.au/portals/new-england-sector-support-team-online-induction-nesst-basic-training>

Watch this space for news on the next exciting episode 😊

### **Position Vacant – Coordinator Tablelands Community Transport**

<https://urallashirecouncil-external.applynow.net.au/jobs/USC100-coordinator-tablelands-community-transport>

## **Steps to become a COVID Safe organisation**

As part of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the NSW Government is encouraging organisations and businesses to [prepare a COVID Safety Plan](#) to help protect staff, workers, clients and visitors. Specific advice is available for [community centres and halls](#), while other organisations can use the [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) or develop their own plan based on a checklist of recommended actions.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/safe-workplaces/employers>

## **Monitoring the impacts of Gov and other COVID-19 support for vulnerable communities**

ACOSS has released a briefing paper [Taking the Temperature: COVID-19 Update](#). It is the first in a series that will present the latest data and frontline feedback about the economic, social, and environmental impacts of COVID-19 on people on lower incomes or facing higher risks.

## **Calling for health consumers to contribute to the future of health policy beyond COVID-19**

Are you a health consumer with strong connections to your community whose health and wellbeing has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? As part of the Consumer Commission: Beyond COVID-19, the Consumers Health Forum of Australia is looking for 20-30 consumer leaders to contribute views and ideas about the future of the Australian health and social care system. Applicants must be able to participate in online workshops over the next 6 months. For more information, contact CHF Senior Policy Officer Lisa Gelbart at [l.gelbart@chf.org.au](mailto:l.gelbart@chf.org.au). Online [applications](#) open until 5 July 2020, midnight.

## **MyAus COVID-19: A new multilingual mobile app**

Migration Council Australia has co-developed a multilingual mobile app for Australia's CALD communities about COVID-19, its impact and available support. The <https://www.myauscovid-19.org.au/> allows users to browse articles, search for topics, view short animations with helpful summaries, and find useful tips and contacts to help adjusting during COVID-19. MyAus COVID-19 is free and available in 25 languages.

## Dementia training and education for aged care staff

[Dementia Training Australia](#) (DTA) and the University of Tasmania's [Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre](#) both offer courses on dementia and dementia care that are accessible to all aged care staff. DTA delivers a range of free online educational resources and training for individuals and government subsidised tailored training for organisations. There is training to suit new starters up to experienced health professionals. The Wicking Dementia Centre's free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) *Understanding Dementia*, is open for enrolments now. [Learn more](#)

## CHSP COVID-19 Fact Sheets

The following fact sheets are now available on the Department of Health website:

- [COVID-19 emergency funding for Commonwealth Home Support Programme \(CHSP\) providers](#)
- [COVID-19 changes to Commonwealth Home Support Programme \(CHSP\) flexibility provisions](#)
- [COVID-19 other support and programme initiatives for Commonwealth Home Support Programme \(CHSP\) providers](#)

## Easing of restrictions – COVID -19 Update

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

## National sign language interpreting service for aged care

A free sign language interpreting service will soon be available for senior Australians who are deaf, deaf/blind or hard of hearing. The service will provide appropriate sign language assistance to people who are receiving or want to access aged care services. Starting this month, it will be available to improve interactions with My Aged Care, aged care assessors, service providers and related organisations. Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Richard Colbeck, said Auslan Connections would deliver the service ensuring those in need would receive much-needed support.

[Read more](#)

## Serious Incident Response Scheme

A Serious Incident Response Scheme will be introduced by the Morrison Government to protect vulnerable and senior Australians from abuse and neglect. The initial \$23 million investment will be rolled out from July 1, 2021. Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Richard Colbeck, says the scheme will be an important measure to guarantee transparency and keep our loved ones safe. It follows the release of findings of a prevalence study which provides a framework for the appropriate implementation of the scheme. <https://tinyurl.com/ybxoc6pz>