



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 28 July at 10am. Agenda attached.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87510736032?pwd=UWVrQ2VOODkvQ0crSFp5ektqVFg1dz09>

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

Food Safety for Seniors

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 😊

Guardianship - Busting the Myths Thurs 30 July 11 am – 12 noon

This interactive webinar will be presented by guests from The Public Guardian. The Public Guardian promotes the rights and interests of people with disabilities through the practice of guardianship, advocacy, and education. In this webinar we will explore: - the different functions of the Guardianship Division of NCAT, the NSW Trustee and Guardian and the Public Guardian - independent, supported and substitute decision making - alternatives to applying for guardianship - when to apply for Guardianship - what decisions a guardian can make - the role and functions of the Public Guardian This webinar is important for community workers, health workers and any providers who assist people with disability or older people in NSW.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8961593019932772621>

New Online Wellbeing Hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

[WellMob](#) brings together online resources made by and for First Peoples. It includes websites, apps, podcasts, videos, helplines, social media, and online programs focusing on social and emotional wellbeing. WellMob is for all frontline health and wellbeing workers, including community health and wellbeing workers, mental health workers, family support and education and youth services.

Governance in Age Care and Risk Management Online

NESST will support one Board or Management Committee member per CHSP funded organisation to attend this training. Contact us for reimbursement of registration.

Facilitated by Brendan Moore over 3 weeks - 28 July, 4 August and 11 August

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

The aged care sector has experienced over a decade of disruption in funding, clinical requirements and legislative changes amidst a background of changing consumer needs and expectations.

The learnings from the financial services royal commission, as well as the recently established royal commission into Australia's aged care sector highlight the importance of putting the consumer first and finding the right balance between societal purpose and sustainability.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/governance-in-age-care-and-risk-management-online-tickets-113290675460>

Australian community supports increased aged care funding

Landmark new research by Flinders University shows Australians strongly support increased funding to ensure universal access to high-quality aged care services in the future. The research was conducted for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and is based on a survey of 10,000 adults not currently using aged care services.

<https://agedcare.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/research-paper-6-australias-aged-care-system-assessing-views-and-preferences-general-public-quality-care-and-future-funding>

Royal Commission having two Sydney hearings in August

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has announced details on two upcoming Sydney hearings in August. [Sydney Hearing 2](#) will run from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th August and will inquire into the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in aged care. [Sydney Hearing 3](#) will be held from Thursday 13th to Friday 14th August and will focus on aged care accommodation.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4agsug8>

Services NSW - apply for a small business COVID-19 Recovery Grant

If your not-for-profit organisation has experienced a decline in turnover as a result of COVID-19, you may be eligible for a small business recovery grant of between \$500 and \$3000. This grant helps small businesses and NFPs meet the costs of safely reopening or up-scaling operations. **Applications close 11:59pm Sunday 16 August 2020.** <https://tinyurl.com/yb6n6wms>

Use of face masks in the community to protect against COVID-19

Wearing a face mask is now recommended by Australian health experts in areas where community transmission of COVID-19 is high if physical distancing is not possible. In response, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed new resources to provide guidance to consumers on the use of face masks to protect against COVID-19.

<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/covid-19>

Senior Australian Stakeholder Kit - COVID-19 Supports

Older people are at greater risk of more serious illness if they get coronavirus. As we move towards a COVIDSafe Australia, it is important for people at greater risk to take extra steps to protect themselves. There are a range of government-funded services they can access to help with this. You may already be aware of some or all of these services, but many older people are not. Please help in promoting these services to older Australians so they reach those who need them.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycro9uec>

Connecting Up: Do you Have the Right Hardware for Collaboration?

4 August 2020, 11.00am-12.00pm

Online **Cost:** Free.

Most of us have spent the last 3 months trying to work our way around Zoom, Slack and Microsoft Teams from home, but what happens when some staff begin to return to the office? How do you ensure those still working from home don't get left behind?

This session will explore the critical hardware and software (and budget) required to prepare your office environment for best practice video conferencing, document sharing and meetings. Code Blue will share agnostic hardware and software recommendations, comparisons, and case studies of products available to enable organisations to adapt their office environment to cater for employees who work from home and in the office together.

Examples for small to large office settings, one to one meetings, and some unique digital solutions available for managing reception and staff movements will be shared.

[More information and registration](#)

Connecting Up: Facebook Workshop Series

Build & Engage your Community with the Right Tools

27 August 2020: How to fundraise on Facebook

10 September 2020: Facebook Messenger & Chatbots

[Read More](#)

Transitioning Volunteers back into the Workforce

As government restrictions ease, and organisations make plans to transition workers back to the workplace, many organisations are asking whether they can or should ask volunteers to return to the workplace. It has been tricky for organisations to understand what to do if they have volunteers that fall into the categories that government has declared to be at increased risk of a serious COVID-19 infection. Justice Connect Not-for-profit Law have answered some of the questions being asked by volunteer-involving organisations about managing the return of volunteers to the workplace in a fact sheet. [More information and fact sheet download](#)

Information for the Aged Care Sector: Issue 2020/16

<https://mailchi.mp/agedcareupdates/information-for-the-aged-care-sector-newsletter-16-dementia-community-of-practice-sdcp-update-home-care-package-data-report-and-more?e=39efcbb117>

Easing of restrictions – COVID -19 Update

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