



NESST Newsflash

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NESST Regional Zoom

Our next Regional Zoom will be held on **24 September at 2pm**. If you have agenda items or ideas, please let us know.

2020 CHSP Manual

Attached to this newsletter is a document noting the changes to the CHSP Manual. We will discuss this more at our CHSP Forum next week.

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>

NEW MODULE: DEMENTIA BASICS

If you are having trouble getting the modules to load for some people, please give us a call and we will resend the invitation to the individual.

CHSP Orientation Training for Coordination Staff

NESST will be conducting on-line Orientation for Coordination staff on-line on 15 September 2020. This will be a live, interactive session. We will send out the link closer to the date.

New Position! Inverell Home Support Program Services Manager

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/50450670?type=standard#searchRequestToken=b3fed884-63a4-4749-8d4b-c60392b64145>

Position Vacant: Home Support Assessor (Regional Assessment Service) - Tamworth Region

<https://www.aspire4life.com.au/careers/7932818>

Supplementary Volunteer Grants 2020 - Now Open

Grants of between \$1,000 – \$5,000 are available to enable volunteer involving organisations to strengthen community functioning by increasing participation in volunteering. A total pool of \$748,000 will be available within New South Wales.

Applications close 11.59PM AEST 20 September 2020

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/volunteer-grants-activity-2019-20>

Care in the age of outrage – International Dementia Conference

September 21-22 Streamed live and On Demand

Hear and interact with international sector-leading speakers, as they share the latest insights, research, and evidence-based best practice solutions. Streamed live & on-demand. • Discover pragmatic, evidence-based solutions to use in your practice & operations • Hear the invaluable opinions from people living with dementia and their carers • Participate in interactive discussions with speakers & delegates across the world

Virtual Registration – AUD \$299.00 <https://www.dementiaconference.com/#>

New Fair Work Information Statement

On 13 August, the High Court handed down a decision regarding the method of accruing and taking paid personal/carer's leave under the National Employment Standards. The High Court found that the entitlement of 10 days of personal/carer's leave is calculated based on an employee's hours of work, not days. 10 days of personal leave can be calculated as 1/26 of an employee's ordinary hours of work in a year. The High Court's decision overturned a decision made by the Full Federal Court in August 2019.

<https://www.fairwork.gov.au/employee-entitlements/national-employment-standards/fair-work-information-statement>

The Senior Pen Pal Club

Australia Post has announced a new Senior Pen Pal club to help older Australians across Australia connect and discover the joy of having a pen pal. By fostering connections between seniors' organisations and assisting older Australians to find a new friend to write to, the Senior Pen Pal club will help to relieve the issue of social isolation facing up to one in five Australians over the age of 75.

<https://auspost.com.au/about-us/corporate-responsibility/our-community/senior-pen-pal-club>

Dementia Australia National Symposium - Free Online Event

Reconsidering Person-Centred Dementia Care: Can we make this an everyday experience for those living with high dependency needs and dementia? Join Professor Dawn Brooker on Tuesday 1 September, 4.00pm-5.30pm (AEST) as part of the free Dementia Australia National Online Symposium

https://www.dementia.org.au/conferences/symposium-2020?utm_campaign=Symposium_series&utm_medium=acsaemail&utm_source=comm

Quality care for people living with dementia – Dementia Australia

A useful resource giving guidance on meeting the aged care quality standards when working with people with dementia.

<https://www.dementia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/DA-Consumer-Summit-Communique.pdf>

On the frontline: how you can support yourself and others

The coronavirus pandemic is a challenge unlike anything Australia has seen before. As a healthcare worker, you may be feeling anxious, overwhelmed, or unsure what lies ahead. Just because you're trained, doesn't mean you're immune to the mental health impacts of this pandemic. Feeling stressed is not a sign of weakness. Looking after your health and wellbeing is more important than ever. Support services are available and it's vital that you use them when you need to.

<https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/impacts-on-my-work/essential-services/how-healthcare-workers-can-support-themselves-and-each-other.html>

AAG Position Paper: Wellness and Reablement for all Australians Receiving Home, Community and Residential Aged Care Services

The aim of this Position Paper is to provide clear direction to the Australian Government, policymakers and service providers on the core principles of wellness and reablement in aged care that must be upheld in order to meet the needs, strengths and preferences of Australians as they age. <https://www.aag.asn.au/documents/item/3692>

Online Grant Writing Training – 10 September

This fun, practical grant writing training session will help to set up a framework from which your organisation can be ready to apply for any grant, efficiently and effectively. It will give you the confidence and tools, to apply strategies which will give you the best chance of writing a successful application to a variety of sources

<https://nonprofittraining.com.au/grant-writing-for-non-profit-organisations/>

How to get found on-line – 4 steps to attract your community

3 September 2020 – on-line

Connecting Up

How to Get Found Online: 4 Steps to Attract your Community

3 September 2020, 11.00am-12.00pm

Online [Read More](#)

Information on CHSP support available for residents moving out of a RACF during COVID-19

There are two tiers of support available under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) to support residential aged care clients who choose to temporarily move out of residential care due to COVID-19.

Tier 1 Clinical support for clients who relocate from a facility that is significantly impacted by COVID-19

Temporary clinical support (Nursing and Personal Care) is available to clients who have had to relocate from a significantly impacted residential aged care facility. This support is the equivalent to a Level 4 Home Care Package.

The client or their family can call OPAN on 1800 700 600 to discuss their care needs. OPAN will provide information on the services available, the process for transition to community care and can arrange for a referral to a suitable local provider to deliver clinical services in the home for up to eight weeks.

Tier 2 Entry level services for clients who voluntarily decide to return to the community

Clients of residential aged care facilities that are not eligible for the complex clinical support above, but still choose to return to the community, may contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422. My Aged Care will provide information on the services available, the process for transition to the community. They can arrange for a referral to access some entry-level home support services (including Meals, Transport, Unaccompanied Shopping, Social Support Individual, Nursing, Personal Care and Allied Health and Therapy Services) for up to eight weeks through the CHSP.

More information can be found in the

[COVID-19 & the CHSP- Information for clients, families and carers fact sheet.](#)

Damn Good Advice on Creating a COVID-19-Safe workplace:

<https://communitydirectors.com.au/advice-guides/damn-good-advice-for-a-covid-19-safe-workplace>

Budget Direct Sponsorships 2020-2021

Striving to make a difference in your local community but need a financial leg-up? If your organisation is eligible, you can apply for a Budget Direct sponsorship of \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000. This one-off cash donation can be spent as your organisation sees fit. Budget Direct support organisations who:

- provide local or statewide community services
- run community awareness and education programs
- promote health and wellbeing (e.g. sports clubs)
- advocate for road safety
- provide emergency services
- support in need or at-risk Australians
- help build strong, vibrant communities

Round closing dates: 30 September 2020; 31 December 2020; 31 March 2021; 30 June 2021. [More information and application](#)

Contact: sponsorship.support@budgetdirect.com.au

COVID-19: Infection prevention and control risk management

The risks associated with COVID-19 in Australia are ongoing. Health service organisations are required to prepare and implement an organisation-wide Risk Management Plan to manage and reduce the risks related to the transmission of COVID-19.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) has developed advice to support health service organisations to undertake a COVID-19 risk assessment and develop a comprehensive Risk Management Plan.

[The fact sheet COVID-19: Infection prevention and control risk management is now available.](#)

For further information, visit the [COVID-19](#) page on the Commission's website or email HAI@safetyandquality.gov.au.

Strategic Grants Bootcamp: Seeking and applying for Grants in 2020

9 September 2020 – on-line

Connecting Up

Strategic Grants Bootcamp: Seeking & Applying for Grants in 2020

2 & 9 September 2020, 11.00am-12.30pm

Online

[Read More](#)

Webinar: Aged Care Governance - The Chair and CEO Relationship

4 September 2020

Explore the critical relationship between the Chair and CEO of aged care organisations. Join Chair, Virginia Bourke, and Group CEO, Stephen Cornelissen, of Mercy Health as they discuss this unique and crucially important relationship. In partnership with The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

<https://events.acsa.asn.au/event/webinar-aged-care-governance-the-chair-and-ceo-relationship/>

Registration Open: Excellence in Home & Community Care Online Symposium

September 15-17 2020

Hear the latest insights and innovations from sector experts and leaders, plus shared experiences from other home and community care organisations. Topics include home care pricing, risk management in the home and community care environment, the sector's response to COVID-19, and leveraging new technologies. Sessions are spread across each day, with breaks in-between.

<https://events.acsa.asn.au/event/excellence-in-home-care-online-symposium/>

Easing of restrictions – COVID -19 Update

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