

NESST Newsflash

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NESST Regional Zoom

Our regular Regional CHSP Zooms will be held on **1 June 2021 at 2 pm.**

If anyone has agenda items for the forum or would like us to find information/speakers on specific issues please let us know asap.

NESST Free On-line Training Portal

Have a look at the new portal! We have now moved most content over to the new platform. A certificate is emailed on completion. The portal is now available to all New England Aged Care providers and all community transport projects in NSW. Please share with your staff and volunteers:

<https://nesstbasictraining.thinkific.com/>

On this site you will find:

An introduction to the Commonwealth Home Support Programme

Food Safety for Seniors

Dementia Basics

Duty of Care

Professional Boundaries

Confidentiality

If you would prefer to host a paper-based group session we are happy to help. We can provide resources and send out certificates after completion.

The Aged Care Royal Commission

The Aged Care Royal Commission report was released to the public on 1st March. The report is contained in 8 volumes. Hard copy volumes can be ordered from the website or they are available on-line. Volume One is the summary and recommendations.

There are 144 recommendations the entire report can be found here

<https://agedcare.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/final-report>

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<https://agedcare.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/final-report-list-recommendations>

Updates to the CHSP Program Manual

The Department of Health (the department) has recently revised the CHSP Program Manual 2020-2022. A copy of the revised Manual is now available for download from the [Department's website](#).

The Road Less Travelled – Rural CHSP Transport Conference

5th and 6th May 2021 in Mudgee

Register: https://whova.com/portal/registration/roadl_202105/

Federal Government will disappoint – initial Budget commitment forecast to less than \$4B a year: Sky News

The news channel's Political Editor, Andrew Clennell says senior Government sources have informed him that the aged care levy recommended by the Commissioners is not expected to be a feature in next month's Federal Budget.

You can watch the report [here](#).

"While no final decision has been made, senior Government sources have told me the imposition of the levy is not expected to occur," he told Sky News.

"There will be a funding commitment for aged care in the budget worth extra billions but presumably it will be funded through debt or other savings."

Both Commissioners supported the idea of a levy but differed on its design – Commissioner Lynelle Briggs AO pushed for a 1% levy on personal taxable income while Commissioner Tony Pagone QC suggested this figure could be higher but need to be examined by the Productivity Commission first.

In his interim response to the Final Report, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the Government would consider the idea – but also repeated that the Coalition remained committed to lower taxes.

Mr Clennell said: "I'm told Budget discussions have found the party of lower taxes wants to stay that way. The commitment per year will be less than the \$4 billion a year the sector wants initially in the Budget, but it will build up over time."

He added that some in the sector have advised him that a minimum of \$6 to \$7 billion is required.

"You can expect new funding for residential aged care and home care with restructuring around what sort of services people can access in home care," Mr Clennell went on.

"With a deficit around the \$200 billion mark likely to be improved by a few billion because of iron ore prices, now is the time to spend a few billion without being so controversial."

We will have to wait for the budget!

Register now for Federal Budget information

You can now register to receive information from the Department of Health about the 2021-22 Federal Budget via our [subscription link](#). We encourage you to share this link with colleagues within your organisation who may find this information useful. Details of the department's information webinar and ePack will be shared through the mailing list in coming weeks.

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety – Final Report: Care, Dignity and Respect. Where to from here for CHSP Providers?

This webinar will focus on the key findings from the Royal Commission and implications plus challenges for CHSP providers Presented by Derek Dittrich, ACSA’s senior strategic policy manager.

Learning Outcomes:

Attendees will have insights into

How the Royal Commission’s key findings might affect their current service model.

Considerations of their current business model and skills sets and potential changes for their organisation.

How the finding might impact on their current and future workforce

Considerations about navigating important structural changes.

Target Audience – Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) providers – managers, team leaders, coordinators and governing board members.

Date: Thursday 22 April 2021

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm AEST (1:00pm ACDT, 11:30am AWST)

Registration: This is a free event

Please follow the below link to register through the ACSA Training and Development Page.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Quality dementia care the focus of National Press Club address by Dementia Australia Chair

“Quality dementia care needs to become an intrinsic, core element of aged care in Australia.” Yesterday Dementia Australia Chair Professor Graeme Samuel AC spoke at the National Press Club. Watch his full address on ABC iView now.

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/national-press-club-address/series/0/video/NC2111C011S00>

Quadrant Private Equity-backed myHomecare snaps up home care provider Let's Get Care to create home care giant – 18,000 clients

The acquisition brings together the two largest operators in the home care sector to create the largest provider in Australia with over 9,000 Home Care Packages and more than 18,000 clients.

To read more: <https://tinyurl.com/36wzbt7h>

Volunteer Grants Open

The Australian Government is inviting organisations via a restricted non-competitive process to apply for a Volunteer Grant under the Families and Communities Program – Volunteer Grants Activity in 2021.

The 2021 Volunteer Grants round begins with a call for Expressions of Interest, with your local Member of Parliament (MP) using a community committee to develop a list of organisations to nominate. Following the Expression of Interest process, the MPs will nominate organisations from their lists. The nomination period is between 6 April 2021 and 2:00 PM AEST 29 April 2021.

Only organisations nominated by their MP will receive an invitation to apply for the 2021 Volunteer Grants. The application period is between 20 May 2021 and 9:00 PM AEST 9 June 2021.

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/volunteer-grants-activity-2021-volunteer-grants>

Good Governance in Regional and Rural Areas

Thu, Apr 29, 2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM AEST

Rural and regional community board members report that training programs too often are city-centric, and many of the lessons aren't applicable to them given their unique circumstances. That's why ourcommunity.com.au have teamed up with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) for a special webinar focused on the issues important to rural and regional not-for-profit organisations. <https://tinyurl.com/3b4wdvby>

The Centre for Diversity Training FREE - Diversity Training Servies

The Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing has launched eight new webinars for 2021. The Diversity Training Series was designed in response to a diversity training provider survey conducted in 2020 by the Centre. The webinars cover a range of topics of interest to staff and leaders in aged care services. These free webinars will be facilitated by diversity experts from across Australia.

<http://www.culturaldiversity.com.au/news-and-events/latest-news/682-diversity-training-series>

Top 10 Questions for Forgotten Australians/ Care Leavers to ask when looking for residential aged care accommodation

This brochure has been prepared by Healing Hand's Real Care the Second Time Around Project Team and informed by Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers Involved in the Project. This guide will help Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers to ask the questions that are important to them.

<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/top-ten-questions-for-care-leavers-to-ask-aged-care-homes.pdf>

Aged Care Workforce - Caring for people who have experienced trauma

Working in aged care can be rewarding but also difficult, particularly if the people in your care have experienced trauma. There are simple things you can do to help an older person affected by trauma feel safe and get the help that they need, while also supporting your well-being.

https://www.phoenixaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Aged-Care-Handout_Impact_of_Trauma_Staff.pdf

All CHSP Staff and Volunteers are eligible for Phase 1b Vaccinations

In the recent Webinar, Department of Health advised that all CHSP staff and volunteers, regardless of their level of contact with clients, are eligible to be vaccinated in Phase 1b. They must provide formal evidence of their position, or fill out an Eligibility Declaration form available from Department of Health website, health.gov.au. View the recent webinar here:

<https://publish.viostream.com/app/s-drckhux>

HSP Digital Landing Page – reablement resources

Following consultation with the aged care sector, Health have designed a suite of products for Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) organisations to better understand, embed, and practically apply wellness and reablement into CHSP service delivery practices.

All CHSP organisations can access the reablement digital landing page on the department's website.

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/wellness-and-reablement-initiative>

CRANA - Bush Support

Toll-free 24hr Telephone Counselling every day of the year - call 1800 805 391 - for ALL remote health workers/service providers and their families <https://crana.org.au/support>

Bush Support provide a range of programs and resources to assist remote workers and their families in managing the stress of living and working in a remote location. The program includes an anonymous, nationwide 24-hour telephone debriefing and support service staffed by psychologists with remote experience.

CHSP Ad-Hoc Emergency COVID-19 Funding – GO3877 – closes 30 June 2021

The objective of this grant is to provide assistance through limited financial support to existing CHSP service providers to enable them to respond to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances that directly impact on existing service delivery arrangements that are beyond the control of the grant recipient.

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=6c903322-0521-8405-245c-dd56c93b7960>

CHSP Ad Hoc Funding - GO4265 - closes 30 June 2022

This is to enable services to respond to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances, address gaps in service delivery and trial and implement new and innovative service delivery models. You have until **30th June 2022 @ 2 pm** to apply for one-off and/or recurrent funding.

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=64c68525-fdd8-bbb7-1826-7ff80a0f88ca>

Department of Health Updates

Keep up to date – find all the updates here:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/newsletters>