The news in WA

2019 ACSA Aged Care Awards – Book your table!

We hope you can join us for this year’s aged care awards as it promises to be a fun night of celebrating the excellent work and successes of our colleagues in the WA aged care community.

Tickets are $170 per person and $1600 per table of 10 for members, or $210 per person and $2000 per table of 10 for non-members. The ticket price includes a three-course meal, entertainment and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. We look forward to seeing you at the WA Awards dinner.

Please register your team here.

Thank you to major sponsor HESTA

Strategy launched as State Government joins Bankwest to combat financial elder abuse

The State Government launched this week its Western Australian-first elder abuse prevention strategy for public comment and announced it will partner with Bankwest to host a roundtable on the prevention of financial elder abuse.

The Bankwest roundtable will bring financial institutions, government and other stakeholders together to develop approaches to address financial elder abuse - the most common form of abuse against older Australians.

Financial elder abuse generally involves the inappropriate use of a vulnerable or dependent person’s financial asset by someone close to them, often a relative or friend.

Read more here.
Actions to support older Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people: A guide for aged care providers

Under the Aged Care Quality Standards, aged care providers are required to show that “each consumer is treated with dignity and respect, and their identity, culture and diversity is valued”. Addressing each of the six Consumer Outcomes presented in the Aged Care Diversity Framework will help providers to meet their obligations under the Aged Care Quality Standards, which include diversity elements throughout.

Earlier this year, a report was developed in consultation with older people from CALD backgrounds including their families, advocates, carers, aged care providers and peak agencies to empower the consumer to know what they are entitled to and to support aged care providers to meet their obligations under the Quality Standards.

Read the Actions to support older Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people A guide for aged care providers report

Palliative Care Placements for North Metropolitan TAFE Enrolled Nursing students

Palliative Care is an elective unit at North Metropolitan TAFE offered to our Enrolled Nursing students. Outside of Notre Dame we are the only tertiary institution group who teach this unit and feel strongly about the inclusion of it in the qualification for this group.

All students who wish to enrol in this unit must make an application request. The applications are then considered and we take a group not exceeding 16 students per semester.

The students require a two week (80 hours) placement with the focus on complex nursing interventions, holistic and person centred care using the palliative approach and to identify roles, working with the patient and the interdisciplinary team to plan, deliver and evaluate nursing care.

North Metropolitan TAFE has asked if providers were interested in offering placements in facilities that feel able to support a sincerely passionate number of students to learn and deliver palliative care.

If you can assist us can you please reply to Jayne Ivey jayne.ivey@nmtafe.wa.edu.au or Bernadette Minchinton bernadette.minchinton@nmtafe.wa.edu.au
UPCOMING EVENTS

25 June – Webinar: Use of Psychotropic Medications/Restrictive Practice

***Webinar is exclusive to ACSA members***

Date: 25 June
Time: 12pm (AEST)
Duration: 1 hour

This webinar is aimed at Clinical Staff and those involved in medication administration and management. Presented by Leanne Askey-Doran who is a Senior Accredited Pharmacist and second-in-charge to the CEO. She has been an accredited pharmacist for 11 years and prior to joining Meditrax in 2010, worked in a variety of hospital and retail pharmacy roles throughout 5 states/territories of Australia. She has owned a retail pharmacy servicing aged care facilities and brings this amongst her other experience to Meditrax. She is based in the Meditrax Office 2-3 days a week responding to facility clinical and legislative enquiries, and oversees and edits the writing of the majority of Meditrax’ clinical and educational resources. Like all the pharmacists at Meditrax, she is passionate about empowering nursing and care staff in areas of medication use and management to facilitate the best possible outcomes for each individual aged care resident.

Register now
25 June – Webinar: How Jobactive Can Help Find Staff

***Webinar is exclusive to ACSA members***

**Date:** 25 June  
**Time:** 2.30pm (AEST)  
**Duration:** 1 hour

This webinar will outline how your local jobactive provider will work with you to understand your recruitment needs in order to identify job seekers who are a good match for your business – at no cost to you.

**Need staff?**
Your local jobactive provider can help you find the right candidate for your business at no cost to you. Jobactive is the Australian Government’s way to get more Australians into work. With 1700 providers nationwide, jobactive will work with you to understand your recruitment needs in order to identify job seekers who are a good match for your business.

Your jobactive provider can assist you with:
- pre-screening of candidates to match your requirements;
- ensuring candidates have a police check and a first aid certificate and work related equipment if required;
- arranging work experience; and
- post-placement support.

By building a relationship with your local provider they will better understand your business and your requirements, enabling them to refer candidates who are the right fit for your business.

If you prefer to manage your own recruitment, you can advertise and manage vacancies for free through the jobactive website or the jobactive Employer app (available on iTunes and Google Play). These resources allow you to shortlist, rate and contact candidates all in the one place at a time that suits you.

**Speaker:** Amanda Pont, Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

[Register now](#)
26 June - Webinar: Home Care Pricing

***Webinar is exclusive to ACSA members***

Date: 26 June
Time: 1pm (AEST)
Duration: 1 hour

Health Shonhan, a representative from Bentleys, will give an overview of the implementation of the new Home Care Pricing.

**Health Shonhan, Partner, Bentleys Qld**

Health is a Partner at Bentleys Qld responsible for advising high growth clients, private families, multinational corporations, government, banks, churches and healthcare institutions. Through this role, Health advises several Boards of multi-billion dollar organisations, chairs advisory councils and family councils, and works with high growth business owners around their scale-up and commercialisations activities. This includes supporting aged care providers (home and residential) around their pricing strategies and long term financial viability.

Health is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia, New Zealand, and Responsible Manager (RM), Board and Investment Committee member for Bentleys Qld’s full and unrestricted Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL).

Health is also well-regarded and long-standing active early stage investor (angel, seed and venture capital) and later-stage private equity investor. He is also a CSIRO ON mentor, Brisbane Angels Member, QLD Government Mentoring 4 Growth mentor.

Register now
27 June - Opportunity for WA aged care consumers to learn about the new Charter of Aged Care Rights

**Date:** Thursday 27 June 2019  
**Time:** 9:30am – 12:00am (AWST)  
**Venue:** The Perron Centre, 61 Kitchener Avenue, Victoria Park

Your rights in aged care – Understanding the new Charter of Aged Care Rights and how it will empower and protect you

From the 1 July 2019, the Australian Government is introducing a new and simpler Charter of Aged Care Rights (the Charter). Providers have responsibilities to sign the Charter, assist consumers to understand the Charter and provide the option of signing it too. Consumers can play an important role in the delivery of high quality care and services. Meeting your consumer responsibilities helps the provider to work with you to get the care and services that best meet your needs.

For more information or to register [click here](#)
Delivered by LGBTI aged care specialist GRAI, these training sessions will promote a better understanding of the needs of LGBTI people, and increase the confidence of aged care staff to deliver an inclusive, best practice service.

This training is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health as part of the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Training Project, and is subsidised for those working in the aged care sector.

**These workshops will:**
- Increase awareness and understanding of LGBTI clients and support the delivery of culturally safe and welcoming services to LGBTI elders.
- Assist your organisation to provide LGBTI inclusive care and comply with legal obligations under the Aged Care Act and the Equal Opportunities Act.

**Did you know?**
- There are approximately 24,000 LGBTI older adults in WA, the largest special needs group requiring aged care services.
- Lack of positive recognition for LGBTI elders can cause stress and poor care outcomes.

**This training is suitable for:**
Managers, front line workers and health professionals in the aged care sector, including, residential facilities, retirement villages, community care providers and all services engaging with older members of the community.

**Training program**
Half day and full day workshops are offered in both in the metro area and in a few rural areas.

For details of dates and venues please visit the GRAI webpage grai.org.au

**Bookings**
https://right-to-belong.eventbrite.com

**Enquiries**
training@grai.org.au | 9436 3422

**GRAI also offers:**
- A five part course to achieve sustainable organisational change and ensure best practice. Be confident that your service meets the Six National Standards for LGBTI inclusivity!
- Individualised training or presentations to aged care providers on request.

To discuss your organisation's training needs, contact: training@grai.org.au | 9436 3422.

learn more at grai.org.au