



# EDAC NEWS BULLETIN – September, 2017

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Welcome to Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre (EDAC) Inc. News Bulletin. Published monthly, this e-bulletin keeps you up-to-date with News and Events from the Disability and Multicultural sectors.

## **Awareness of your rights**

The Equal Opportunity Commission is offering free Equal Opportunity (EO) Awareness presentations for CaLD communities to raise awareness of the rights of newly arrived migrants, humanitarian entrants and refugees in WA, and the community workers who support them in relation to EO legislation and the services the commission provides. The presentations can be conducted for 8-25 participants at a convenient time and venue. For further information and to attend a session near you please contact Mike Harte on 9216 3900 or by email to [mike@eoc.wa.gov.au](mailto:mike@eoc.wa.gov.au)

## **Country of Origin Volleyball**

Nominations are now open for this social volleyball competition. This annual event is a multicultural social competition for everyone in the community. Participants can represent their country of origin, meet new people from different cultural backgrounds and - most important have fun.

This event will be held at Warwick Stadium on **Sunday 15 October 2017**. For more information, please visit <https://www.volleyballwa.com.au/compete/alcohol-think-again-country-of-origin/>

## **Disability Safe Week events and NDIS Masterclasses**

There are a series of free masterclasses centring the needs and safety of people with disability, particularly focusing the issues faced by students in schools with disability, and domestic and family violence awareness. Some workshops will be held specifically in Plain English.

For more information and to RSVP for one or more of the workshops, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/developmental-disability-wa-2046684199>

## **Feedback on Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (City of Cockburn)**

E-QUAL is assisting City of Cockburn to gather feedback from the community to be used in drafting their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2017-2022 and wants to hear from individuals with disability, family members, carers, disability service organisations, disability advocates and people with a multicultural background, seniors and others.

Contact E-equal at [www.e-equal.net](http://www.e-equal.net) to access the survey and any other information you are seeking.

## **Discover Day at Telethon Kids Institute**

Now in its third year, the Telethon Kids Institute's Discover Day is on again and this year it's bigger and better than ever! Participate in a range of fun, family-friendly science activities and discover how our amazing researchers are improving the health and development of kids, families and communities in WA. This year Discover Day will expand outside to Hamilton Street and Mueller Park with more activities, more researchers and more fun than ever before.

**Date:** Thursday 5 October 2017, AWST

**Time:** 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**Venue:** Telethon Kids Institute, Mueller Park, 100 Roberts Road  
Subiaco, WA 6008

Register here <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/telethon-kids-institutes-discover-day-a-free-family-event-registration-36675700006>

## **Youth Community Conversations**

The WA Department of Health wants to find out what you think about health services for young people. It is particularly interested in hearing from young people aged 13 – 24 about the WA Youth Health Policy.

You are invited to come along and share your thoughts and ideas. They want to hear from everyone; people who are well and healthy, those with chronic conditions, people with a disability, refugees or migrants, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex, those living in rural and remote areas... we want to hear from you all! Free pizza, refreshments and small payment provided.

For a list of dates and times of sessions you can register for, visit this link or the "Involving People in Research" page: [http://www.involvingpeopleinresearch.org.au/find-out-more/future-events-trainings?utm\\_source=System+Users&utm\\_campaign=44f35362b8-fasdpsp+and+youth+policy+2017+08+17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_eeddc01a2-44f35362b8-98448869](http://www.involvingpeopleinresearch.org.au/find-out-more/future-events-trainings?utm_source=System+Users&utm_campaign=44f35362b8-fasdpsp+and+youth+policy+2017+08+17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_eeddc01a2-44f35362b8-98448869)

## **Understanding NDIS in WA - Community and Carer information sessions**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a new way to support people with disability in Australia. Richmond Wellbeing is running 'Understanding NDIS in WA' sessions in Mandurah.

**Date:** Tuesday 19 September 2017

**Time:** 9.30am (session one) and 1.00pm (session two)

**Venue:** Greenfield Community Centre, 2 Waldron Boulevard, Greenfields

Topics include: - is NDIS in WA for you?  
- how to make the most of NDIS in WA.

For more information about this and future sessions, please access this link:

<http://www.disability.wa.gov.au/events-dsc/events/events-2017/september/understanding-ndis-in-wa---how-to-make-the-most-of-the-ndis-in-wa/> or phone 1800 742 466.

### **Your AT Chat Launch Invite**

After six months of consultation on Assistive Technology (AT) it's time to party and officially Launch AT Chat. Current and future Assistive Technology users are invited to this landmark event. AT Chat is a peer to peer information and communication hub created by people with disability for people with people with disability.

See videos here: <https://www.facebook.com/atchatwithus/videos/1407019392747685/>

There will be live music performances by AT users, food, wine, boutique beers, a photo booth, gift bags, even the chance to win one of 3 (yes 3!) iPads on the night.

**Launch Date:** Friday 13th October 2017.

**Time:** 4:30pm - 8pm.

**Venue:** Claisebrook Design Community, 25 Gladstone Street, Perth

Free Tickets Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/at-chat-launch-party-tickets-36648543781>. The event is completely FREE, but there are very limited numbers (an anticipated sell-out!)

So, you have the first opportunity to RSVP via the link above. Carers and friends who are AT users are very much welcome, however they must also get a ticket.

**Accessibility:** AUSLAN interpreter present on night, accessible toilets.

**Transport:** one block away from Claisebrook train station, otherwise street parking.

One last thing! In response to the overwhelming feedback from focus group members about the need for better peer support and information around assistive technology – 'Chatterbox' will be launched on the night. Chatterbox is an AT Facebook group and forum. It's a little different from your regular group as there will be the addition of an expert therapist from the Independent Living Centre WA who people can interact with. Please help to build this community by joining the group, you can find it here: <http://bit.ly/ATchatterbox>

AT Chat is collaboration with the Independent Living Centre WA and is funded by the Disability Service Commission.

### **African Australians Youth Visibility Summit 2017**

An initiative of the African Communities' Youth Mentoring Program and Edith Cowan University's HEPPP funded Top Up Program, the African Australians Youth Visibility Summit aims to support and empower young African Australians to:

- collectively identify solutions to pressing challenges and social problems
- pursue purpose-driven higher education
- build resilience to identify opportunities in systematic obstacles.

You cannot miss this opportunity to have your voice heard and meet other young African leaders in Western Australia.

**Date:** Saturday 21 October 2017

**Time:** 1.00 - 6.00pm

**Venue:** Edith Cowan University  
2 Bradford Street  
Mount Lawley

Places are limited. Access [this link](#) to register today.

### **FECCA 2017 Conference**

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) 2017 Conference from **8 to 10 October 2017** in Darwin will bring together community leaders, advocates, stakeholders and service providers along with culturally and linguistically diverse Australians from across the country.

The conference will include a variety of panels, workshops, speakers and debates to discuss the experiences of women, older people, communities living in rural and regional areas, people with disability and new and emerging communities. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to be part of the evolving multicultural Australia. Visit this link to register: <http://fecca2017.com.au/>

### **Care n' Share Café**

Join this group to share experiences of loss, grief, and bereavement in a relaxed atmosphere over coffee and cake.

**Time:** 12:30PM

**Date:** Every third Friday of the month

**Venue:** LJB Church Hall

8 Kennedy Drive

Joondalup

For more information, call Lyn on 0421938805.

### **Resettlement Health Passport Pilot 2017**

When arriving in a new country or State, families enter an intense and confusing time of resettlement. Refugees and migrants begin the journey of meeting various service providers and attending new clinics and agencies. The knowledge of systems and networks can sometimes be incomplete for service providers, so how confusing must it be to navigate these systems and pathways for the very people they exist to support.

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is piloting a "Resettlement Health Passport" to assist new arrivals navigate and organise their health related matters.

The pilot commences in September 2017 and will be primarily targeted at refugee and migrant clients.

The pilot will be evaluated after six months with clients and service providers. For any further information please contact [tessa.scholefield@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:tessa.scholefield@health.wa.gov.au).

### **Information Sessions: 'Exploring Being My Own Boss'**

The 'Exploring Being My Own Boss' program has the potential to open opportunities for job seekers interested in working for themselves but unsure about the reality of starting their own business and whether this career path would be right for them. The program is run over a two-week period and is also a pathway to the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) if the participant is eligible. Mark Van Lith from the ABS Institute is conducting an information session on the program at 10.00am on 3 October 2017. This session will give people the opportunity to register for the workshop if interested.

RSVP for the information session to [leonard@mscwa.com.au](mailto:leonard@mscwa.com.au)

### **Safe Driver Education program**

This free workshop provides participants with an overview of safe driving practices, essential road rules, how to get an Australian driver's licence, and the process of purchasing a car. Participants will also receive a small amount of financial assistance towards their driving tuition after successful completion of the workshop.

**Date: Wednesday 27 September 2017**

**Time:** 12.30 - 4.00pm

**Venue:** Communicare  
28 Cecil Avenue  
Cannington

To register call 9470 5381

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