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1. Sector News and Resources

- **NCOSS *Future of Community Management* Conference papers**

On 22 November 2010, over 250 delegates from throughout NSW gathered to review the continuing relevance of the governance model of community management. Conference Papers are available.

View online: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/futureofcommunitymanagement>

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- **Social Impact Bonds**

The NSW Government has recently announced a trial of Social Impact Bonds in conjunction with the Centre for Social Impact. Social Impact Bonds provide a mechanism for investors to invest in social and community service programs with investors getting a return when particular outcomes are achieved.

The following article by the Archerfish Foundation provides an interesting overview.

View online: [Social Impact Bonds: a pathway to better social outcomes in NSW](#)

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- **NCOSS submission on the DHS draft Procurement Framework**

The NSW Department of Human Services (DHS) recently released a draft Procurement Policy Framework for comment. In the NCOSS State Election Platform, Vote 1 Fairness in NSW, a key measure being advocated for is a sensible and whole of NSW Government Funding Policy developed through consultation, discussion and negotiation between Government and the sector. NCOSS has used the opportunity to comment on the DHS draft Procurement Policy Framework to further our advocacy for a better funding policy for the sector.

Download: [NCOSS Submission on the draft DHS Procurement Policy Framework](#)

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- **ICAC Investigation into Corruption Risks Involved in Lobbying**

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) tabled a report in Parliament in mid November titled *Investigation into Corruption Risks Involved in Lobbying*. The recommendations include expanding the regulation of lobbying activity to “lobbying entities” – which includes peak bodies, religious and charitable bodies.

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- **Employment Models towards a Sustainable Workforce**

South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) offers a discussion paper *Alternative Employment Models in the South Australian Community Sector: towards a sustainable workforce*.

Download: [SACOSS Paper](#)

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- **ACOSS Community Sector Survey**

Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) conducts the Australian Community Sector Survey. The 2010 Report (about activities of 2008-09) generated extensive national media coverage. The findings informed sector advocacy and are widely quoted in government and academic publications.

Download: [Australian Community Sector Survey Report 2010](#)

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- **Pay Equity Remuneration: National approach proposed by ACOSS**

ACOSS released a discussion paper on 19 November, towards a nationally consistent approach to government funding of the equal remuneration order.

Download: [Equal Remuneration Case 2010](#)

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- **Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) realignment information**

The Community Services website has updated information about the transition to the new funding systems in 2010. The *Community Builders Program Guidelines*, October 2010, is critical reading prior to any application.

Read more: [CSGP realignment website](#)

Download: [Community Builders Program Guidelines, October 2010](#)

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- **Human Rights Register: invitation for entries**

The Australian Human Rights Register, compiled by the Human Rights Law Resource Centre, takes entries from NGOs and not from individuals. Further information is available.

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- **NCOSS Festive Season/ New Year shutdown**

NCOSS Office shuts at 12:00pm Wednesday 22 December 2010 and reopens on 9am Tuesday 4 January 2011.

The Sector Development Unit at NCOSS appreciates your interest in the diverse issues that affect our sector. NCOSS trusts that the e-Bulletin has contributed, throughout 2010, to your knowledge of these issues, and, thereby, to effective advocacy for continuing improvements for the sector.

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- **Do you have a job vacancy? List it on the NCOSS website.**

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Phone 02 9211 2599 ext 115.

Contact email: jobs@ncoss.org.au

View on-line: www.ncoss.org.au/jobs

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2. Management Support Unit (MSU)

- **The Challenges of Leading a NFP**

This paper by the Australian School of Business at the University of NSW, discusses how leading a not-for-profit organisation is very different from other businesses or the public sector. There is a greater range of tasks required of a leader in our sector, with fewer resources.

View online: [When Goodwill Meets Change](#)

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- **Good Governance Code from UK - an excellent resource for all Boards**

The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) published a revised Good Governance Code in October 2010, for the voluntary and community sector in the United Kingdom (UK).

Download: [Good Governance: A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector](#)

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- **Nine conditions for selecting a new Board member.**

Using the checklist below may assist in choosing the right person to join a Board of Management.

Read more: [Selecting a Board member](#)

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- **Management and Governance telephone support**

Confidential management and governance phone advice and referral is available for Ageing, Disability and Home Care NSW (ADHC) funded services, as well as Health NSW funded services, from the NCOSS Management Support Unit, five days a week.

Contact:
Glen Klatovsky
Senior Project Officer
Management Support Unit
02 9211 2599 ext 127

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3. Insurance

- **Insurance and Climate Change**

The Insurance Council of Australia reports that the general insurance industry has not been invited to be part of the Federal Government's new roundtable to discuss climate change policies. Zurich Financial Services Australia CEO David Smith commented that this lack of representation is a missed opportunity for the Government to gain valuable insights into climate risk.

View online: [Insurance News article](#)

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- **Public Liability Insurance 101**

More than 90% of queries to the NCOSS Information Service concern public liability insurance. This presentation offers a simple introduction to some of the issues around public liability.

Download: [Public Liability Insurance](#)

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- **Insurance Information**

For insurance information for the sector, contact:

Liz Shreeve (Monday and Tuesday)
NCOSS Community Cover
Phone: 02 9211 2599
Email: insurance@ncoss.org.au
Web: www.ncoss.org.au/insurance

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4. Information Communication Technology (ICT)

- **A helpful technical article on PowerPoint®**

Social media and interactive web sites are being increasingly used by small NGOs to communicate with their client group.

View online: [How to Add Live Web Pages to a PowerPoint Presentation](#)

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- **Upgrading your computers? GreenPC may be able to assist.**

GreenPC refurbish computers donated by corporate and government organisations. They are a non-profit social enterprise with Australia wide support from Infoxchange Australia.

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