

PROGRAM

ncoss Regional Forum – Dubbo

Wednesday 22 May 10am to 3.20pm

Rhino Lodge 14L Camp Rd Dubbo

Join in the conversation about how to reduce risk for regional communities in Western NSW.

The focus of the day will be:

- Keeping communities safe and kids out of jail.
- Keeping communities housed.
- Workforce issues in the social service sector.

<p>MC for the day: Ben McAlpine – Director Policy and Advocacy NCOSS Local Hosts: Mission Australia Dubbo</p>	
9.30	Registration/Morning Tea
10.00	Welcome to Country – Aunty Sandra, Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council
10.10	<p>Introduction – NCOSS and Mission Australia</p> <p>Cara Varian - CEO NCOSS and Dale Towns – Area Manager, Mission Australia Dubbo will introduce the day and highlight some of the issues being discussed. <i>Dale is a Bundjalung woman, who has lived off Country all of her life on Wongaibon & Wiradjuri Country in Western NSW.</i></p>
10.25	<p>How do we make communities safe and keep kids out of jail?</p> <p>Dr Mindy Sotiri – Executive Director, Justice Reform Initiative will talk about what works to keep communities safe and kids out of jail.</p> <p>Alister Ferguson – Maranguka, Executive Director & Founder - First Major Collective Impact and Justice Reinvestment & Largest Data-Driven First Nations Community-Led Initiative in Australia – Alister will be talking about the ground breaking work they are doing in Bourke to support better outcomes for young people and families. <i>Alister is a Ngemba man living and working on country.</i></p>

	Megan Boshell - Area Manager, Mission Australia will highlight the successes of Safe Me - an early intervention program for young males aged 13-18 who use violence in the household towards female partners or family members.
11.10	Discussion – break out groups
11.50	Short Break
12.00	<p>Housing and Homelessness in Western NSW</p> <p>Rebecca Pinkstone - Chief Executive Officer, Homes NSW will discuss how HomesNSW hopes to transform the way social and affordable housing is done to increase access, improve the tenant experience, and collaborate with services on the ground.</p> <p>Michelle Craig - Manager Aboriginal Resource Unit, NSW Aboriginal Tenant Advice and Advocacy Services, Murra Mia Aboriginal Corporation – Michelle will highlight issues for Aboriginal renters in Western NSW. <i>Michelle has resided on Darkinjung Country for over 40 years and has a large kinship group extending from Worrimi to the Yuin Nations.</i></p>
12.30	Discussion – break out groups
1.05	Lunch
1.45	Afternoon Warm Up - NCOSS
2.05	<p>How do we support a skilled social services sector ?</p> <p>Ben McAlpine – Director Policy and Advocacy, NCOSS will highlight findings from previous NCOSS research relevant to staffing challenges for the sector in regional NSW. He will put a spotlight on the work being done by the Job Security and Funding Certainty Taskforce and the potential for meaningful change in the way services are funded.</p> <p>Alison Tye and Jennifer Newman – CHIANSW along with Janine Tulenew & Kristy Bolch - Mission Australia (participants in the Diploma in Community Services) will highlight how a partnership between CHIANSW and Mission Australia has provided local opportunities in the social service sector.</p>
2.35	Discussion – break out groups
3.15	Meeting Wrap Up – Ben McAlpine
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