

# Community Sector Futures

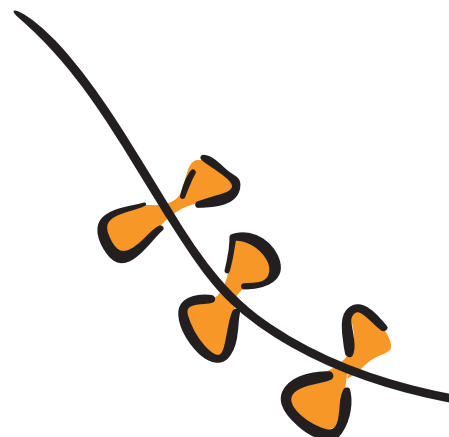
**ACTCOSS Conference**

**4 - 5 September 2008**



**Kippax Uniting Community  
Centre, corner of Luke Street  
and Hardwick Crescent, Holt**

**Final Program**



# Day One: Thursday 4 September 2008

**8:00am Registration and Welcome – Tea, Coffee and Light Breakfast**

**9:00am Plenary Session**

Facilitator **Ara Cresswell** ACTCOSS Director

**Welcome to Country** **Ruth Bell**

**Opening Address** **Jon Stanhope** MLA ACT Chief Minister

**Sharing Hard Yards, Working for Better Futures**

Keynote Speaker: **Jackie Huggins** University of Queensland, former Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia

**10:30am Morning Tea**

**11:00am Concurrent Sessions**

Room 1 - Auditorium	Room 2 - Hall	Room 3 - Meeting Room
<p><b>Supporting Indigenous Communities: Strategies for Future Service Delivery</b></p> <p><b>Jackie Huggins</b> <i>University of Queensland</i></p> <p><b>Julie Tongs</b> <i>Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service</i></p> <p><b>Bill Bashford</b> <i>Marymead</i></p> <p>Facilitator <b>Rod Little</b> <i>ACTCOSS Vice President</i></p> <p>This session will explore methods and concepts in working with Indigenous communities to improve service delivery outcomes and partner with Indigenous people to empower them to “close the gap” with non-Indigenous Australia.</p>	<p><b>Finding Solutions to Community Sector Viability</b></p> <p><b>Llewellyn Reynders</b> <i>ACTCOSS</i></p> <p><b>Susan Abbott</b> <i>ACTCOSS</i></p> <p>This session will present the findings of the ACTCOSS Community Sector Viability Project: Finding Solutions. The project undertook research and consultations with community organisations in the ACT to provide some ideas and direction to improve organisations’ viability.</p>	<p><b>Tools for Building Sustainable Community Organisations</b></p> <p><b>Grant Whitehorn</b> <i>Risk Management Innovations</i></p> <p>In this session, participants will be provided with an overview of business models and tools used for achieving organisational resilience, including change management, organisational capability, planning and business integration.</p>

**12:30pm Lunch**

**1:30pm Plenary Session**

Facilitator **Peter Sutherland** ACTCOSS Treasurer

**Housing & Homelessness: Chronic, Critical or Curable?**

Keynote Speaker: **Adrian Pisarski** *Chairperson, National Shelter*

**Strengthening Capacity to Deliver Services to People with a Disability**

Keynote Speaker: **Maryanne Diamond** *Vision Australia*

**3:00pm Afternoon Tea**

**3:30pm Concurrent Sessions**

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<p><b>Housing Futures</b></p> <p><b>Adrian Pisarski</b> <i>National Shelter</i></p> <p><b>Simon Smith</b> <i>Homelessness Australia</i></p> <p><b>Craig Brennan</b> <i>Community Housing Canberra</i></p> <p>Facilitator <b>Cathi Moore</b> <i>ACTCOSS Secretary</i></p> <p>This session will examine some of the new directions in housing and homelessness, in response to the housing boom and uncertain economic environment, and the increasing interest in these areas by both the Federal and ACT Governments.</p>	<p><b>Perspectives on the Future of Consumer Engagement in Service Delivery</b></p> <p><b>Maryanne Diamond</b> <i>Vision Australia</i></p> <p><b>Jane Williams</b> <i>Mental Health Consumer Network</i></p> <p><b>Darlene Cox</b> <i>Health Care Consumers Association</i></p> <p>Facilitator <b>Richard Duckett</b></p> <p>The session will explore the innovative ways that organisations engage consumers, as well as possible strategies for the future of consumer engagement.</p>	<p><b>Keeping True to our Mission in a Time of Change</b></p> <p><b>Marie Bennett</b> <i>Lifeline Canberra</i></p> <p>This workshop will look at how organisations can be true to their core values, purpose and vision in a world where organisations are adopting new practices and adapting commercial models of funding and service delivery.</p>

**5:00pm Day 1 Close**

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# Day Two: Friday 5 September 2008

**8:00am Registration and Welcome – Tea, Coffee and Light Breakfast**

**9:00am Plenary Session**

Facilitator **Rebecca Vassarotti** ACTCOSS President

**What's a 'Human Rights' Prison for Women? Just Come to the ACT and See...**

Keynote Speaker: **Debbie Kilroy** *Sisters Inside*

**The Impact of Climate Change on Australians at Risk of Social Exclusion**

Keynote Speaker: **Janet Stanley** *Monash Sustainability Institute*

**10:30am Morning Tea**

**11:00am Plenary Session**

Facilitator **Robert Jansen** ACTCOSS General Committee Member

**The Future of the Sector: A Victorian Perspective**

Keynote Speaker: **Cath Smith** CEO, VCOSS

**Social Inclusion: Beyond Planning to Action**

Keynote Speaker: **Lin Hatfield Dodds** Chair, ACT Community Inclusion Board

**12:30pm Lunch**

**1:30pm Concurrent Sessions**

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<p><b>Incarceration &amp; Throughcare: The Impact on the Sector</b></p> <p><b>Debbie Kilroy</b> <i>Sisters Inside</i></p> <p><b>Brian Dunn</b> <i>Offender Services Manager, ACT Corrective Services</i></p> <p>Facilitator <b>Deb Wybron</b> <i>ACT Women and Prisons</i></p> <p>The ACT is about to introduce its first prison, the Alexander Maconochie Centre. This session will examine the possibilities for working with the community sector to support prisoners and their families, and ways to ensure "throughcare" in the ACT prison system.</p>	<p><b>Cutting Through: Building Community Sector Profile</b></p> <p><b>Parker &amp; Partners</b></p> <p>This session will be presented by professional public relations specialists Parker and Partners, and will examine ways that community sector organisations can build their relationships with government and business and build awareness and profile in the community.</p>	<p><b>A Snapshot of Community Development in the ACT &amp; Region: What's Emerging?</b></p> <p><b>Community Development Network of the ACT &amp; Region</b></p> <p>In this workshop the Community Development Network of the ACT &amp; Region will provide a briefing on its current community development mapping project and engage participants in an interactive session to explore the implications and potential of community development in the ACT and Region.</p>

**3:00pm Afternoon Tea**

**3:20pm Election Forum**

**ACT Election 2008: Choosing Our Futures**

Facilitator: **Lin Hatfield Dodds** ACTCOSS President

Participants:

**Katy Gallagher** MLA *Deputy Chief Minister*

**Zed Seselja** MLA *Leader of the Opposition*

**Richard Mulcahy** MLA *Independent*

**Meredith Hunter** *ACT Greens*

**Mike Crowther** *Community Alliance Party*

This session will allow parties and candidates standing for the ACT Election to outline their vision for building social inclusion and the capacity of the ACT community sector. Candidates will take questions from the floor.

**5:00pm Close**

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