



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Can you help victims of the Bali bombing?

No doubt as you read this, the unimaginable evil that occurred in Bali is still fresh in all our minds. Many people have come forth to help with the immediate needs that victims and their families have had. Social workers, psychologists, and others in the helping professions from a range of agencies have been a part of the 24 hour phone service to provide information and support to victims' families and friends, met planes at the airport, accompanied police to victims' homes and the like.

While the immediate supports seem to be firmly in place, as social workers you would be aware that trauma, loss and grief doesn't get resolved easily. I have had discussions with the Director General of Department for Community Development and with those coordinating the Department's response to the Bali crisis. (DCD is responsible for emergency response to West Australians during such times).

What is vitally needed is resources to provide on-going counselling. This counselling is needed for survivors of the bombing as well as for the families and friends of those who lost loved ones in the attack.

If there are members who would like to volunteer to assist with the provision of counselling services, could you please let the WA Branch know. You can do so by contacting the Branch office, 9420 7240 or emailing the Branch's Executive Officer. Her email address is aaswwa@highway1.com.au

Any member who wishes to volunteer needs to have counselling or therapeutic experience. Access to professional supervision, as with any therapeutic work, should be in place. For more information, feel free to contact me on 041 795 9058. Please note, that the assistance that is needed is for long term counselling. Consultation with the National Association of Loss and Grief indicates that support will be required possibly until after the first anniversary of the bombing.

Please do not contact DCD directly. The Branch will be coordinating all offers from members.

Thanks to members who have already contacted me offering their services. Thanks especially to Mindy Horseman who suggested that our members are likely to have vital expertise especially in areas of working with children and young people and individuals and families who have been effected by this senseless tragedy.

It is times like these that we are confronted with just how fragile

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life is and how fortunate one is to be somewhere safe. Safety for ourselves and for citizens throughout the world can only occur if all of us work together to ensure that terrorism in what ever form for what ever supposed reason is unacceptable. Barbaric acts are never justified. We must be clear that the values enshrined in the AASW Code of Ethics about the dignity and worth of all humans beings and the respect for diversity of culture and religion are ones we entreat all citizens of our world to live by.

While it is hard to move on to the more routine topics of the Association, given this is the last newsletter of this calendar year, I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Erlene Chun, Sarah Kemp, Valerie Sollis and Fran Crawford, chairs of this year's AASW/WA State Conference/National AASWWE Conference for a job extremely well done. Under their leadership and with the able assistance of Cindy Gorton, project officer, and the energy and hard work of the Conference Committee, we were all treated to a superb event.

A special thanks to all the work by students from the three schools of social work. They put enormous enthusiasm into the task, with their presence seen everywhere. Without them we wouldn't have been able to bring you the quality conference we did. Thanks for that, we look forward to your help again next year.

I also wanted to let you know that there was a National Board teleconference held on October 14th. It was announced that National Social Work Day will be held Wednesday, May 7th, 2003. Be sure and note that date in your diary now. It's not too soon to begin thinking about how you and your agency can

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Continued from page 1 celebrate National Social Work Day to honour the contributions social workers make to your agency and the clients that it serves.

Also at that teleconference, Anne Pickard, Branch Vice President, Education, was confirmed as a member of the CPE portfolio of the National Education Committee. No doubt Anne will represent the CPE issues that are vital as part of her contribution to that committee.

I note that the teleconference was convened primarily to finalise the 2001/2002 financial accounts for the Association's AGM to be held in November. I am disappointed to inform you that the Association has experienced a deficit of \$96,580. This is in contrast to the Board agreeing to a \$36,881 deficit when it endorsed the budget last June. Board members were informed that this almost \$60,000 unanticipated deficit was due, in part, to errors in calculating accruals.

I seem to recall that each year since the Association's 50th Anniversary, the Association has experienced some form of unanticipated deficit. As a Director, I find these recurring deficits extremely concerning. I suspect that all Board members share this concern that these recurring deficits cannot continue. What isn't shared is an agreement as to how these can be addressed. It was announced that we will be spending the Friday before the November Board meeting looking at how the Association's finances should be managed. On a more positive note, our CEO reported that it appears that membership renewals are up on this time last year.

Given this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of those members who have worked so hard for the Branch, the Association, and our profession. Members are the Association and without your commitment and hard work there would be no Association.

Thanks to everyone who at the core of their being strive to truly "make a difference". On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous holiday season and close with a hope that we all share a safe and peaceful world together for the coming year.


DR. BARBARA MEDDIN MAASW ACC

HEY! WANT TO:

- Add "advanced organisational skills" to your CV?
- Tailor some social work education activities to suit your needs?
- Network with other colleagues over a drink and some nibbles?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these, then the Branch Education Committee is for you!

Our meetings are stimulating and the planning for educational activities for our profession is satisfying and productive. The Committee meets for an hour or so on the 3rd Thursday of the month at City West Lotteries House at 5.30 p.m



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LETTERS

The Editor

I write to join what will undoubtedly be a long stream of protest about the lead article from the October edition of *The West Australian Social Worker*. Clearly Joe Goerke has been too long (out) in the field, suggesting that social work's advances in knowledge are simply 'new myths exchanged for old'. Such serious issues Joe's making light of! Joe clearly doesn't realise that social work is progressing ever onwards and upwards towards our ultimate arrival at the truth about the human condition, its problems and solutions.

But we needn't worry too much about old Uncle Joe; truth is he's wandering down amnesia lane, toward his senility, dotage and ultimate decomposition (to those of you who say it can't happen soon enough, I say where is your compassion for an old man's idiosyncrasies?)

What I say is SHAME on the AASW WA branch! Publishing this piece and honouring its author with front-page status will only make readers think there is a rightful place in the social work cannon for humour and irreverence.

Don't you people in charge at the AASW realise we should be publishing long manifestos and debates about serious subjects like

that fact the DCD is currently de-social working its workforce? (Come to think of it that's Joe's old employer, maybe he was too long in the place after all).

The fact readers may have actually enjoyed Joe's piece should be of no consequence in the decision to never again publish such froth and nonsense. Social work is after all a serious business!

Andrew Turnell

The Editor

I am writing in response to the wonderful lead article New myths for old by Joe Goerke published in the October edition of The West Australian Social Worker.

So often I interact with professionals who 'Know imperial truths' and use them making decisions about other peoples lives.

Fifteen years of practice in this challenging profession has shown me only one truth. And that is just how little I "know" about anything.

Keep up the wonderful work

Regards
Greg Rusha
Senior Social Worker, Avon Health Service

Detective First Class Constable Simone Van Der Sluys Warwick Police Station

Dear Detective Van Der Sluys

I am writing on behalf of the Australian Association of Social Workers, Western Australian Branch to offer our congratulations for your award as Police Officer of the Year.

All too often the very important and critical work officers such as yourself do goes unrecognised.

The AASW/WA feels that your commendation is particularly important in that you were able to gain the trust and confidence of, what no doubt was, a very vulnerable young person.

As professional social workers, members of the Association believe that abuse is unacceptable in whatever form it takes. It is only by a partnership between disciplines such as police and social workers and other helping professionals can we work towards ensuring the safety of all children in our society.

Again, our congratulations for your very important contributions to the field of child protection.

Hope the trip to Broome that was your prize was wonderful! Truly a just reward for making a difference in a child's life!

Yours sincerely

Dr. Barbara Meddin MAASW Acc
President
22 October 2002

Brian Wooller

Dear Brian

Just wanted to drop you a note to say thanks for your assistance with the Committee of Management's induction program. I'm sure I speak for all COM members when I say the information you provided was interesting and informative and will, I feel certain, assist the COM as it progresses its work.

More importantly, let me say a tremendous thanks for all you do for the Branch and the Association. Your commitment and support are unequalled and really "makes a difference" to myself and to the Branch. Thanks.

Fondly

Dr. Barbara Meddin MAASW Acc
President
22 October 2002

Ms. Jane Brazier Director General Department for Community Development

Dear Jane

Further to our discussions last week, I am pleased to say that I have been in touch with Hans-willem Van Hall, District Psychologist, and Tania Clayton, Emergency Services Co-ordinator.

Both are in agreement that the WA Branch's offer of assistance in terms of the provision of counselling services to those effected by the Bali bombing will be most welcomed by the Department.

As you can see by the enclosed copy of the Branch's newsletter, we will be coordinating offers of assistance from our members who have clinical or counselling skills and will liaise with Mr. Van Hall as to how specifically members will be linked to those individuals, children and families in the West Australian community needing on-going counselling.

I am pleased that the WA Branch can be of assistance. I feel that this and other initiatives are ways in which that desired partnership between the Branch and the Department can come to fruition.

Sincerely

Dr. Barbara Meddin MAASW Acc
President
4 November 2002

Ms Jo Gaha National President, AASW

Dear Jo

The NSW Branch Committee of Management (COM), at its most recent meeting, expressed concern about the proposed financial management document. The key concerns are as follows:

The COM endorses the sentiments and concerns expressed in the Western Australia Branch letter, particularly where the proposed strategy contravenes clause 8.h of the branch by-laws, ie restrict the branches' in their ability to disperse or use members funds as deemed appropriate for that branch.

The proposal impacts on the decision making ability of branches and there is no consideration given to the role and function of branches, only to the organisation as a whole. The AASW is not one national organisation, it is also a collection of branches. To ignore this is to ignore its inherent strength. Of course, at times, there is a tension within the structure between the needs of the organisation as a national body and those of the branches, and it is part of the Board's duty to manage this tension for both branches and the national organisation as a whole. It should not merely focus on only one of these to the detriment of the other.

There is no evidence in the proposal document that a centralised banking system would address the 'cost flow' difficulties. There is an assertion that retaining separate accounts is "at the heart of the cash flow problem", yet there is no evidence to back this statement. Indeed, it could be argued that having all monies in one account takes away the flexibility that currently exists to manage the cash flow.

This proposal involves a fundamental shift not just in managing the finances but in the relationship between the AASW nationally and the branches. Such a shift must have full consultation with the membership and so should not be decided until such consultation has taken place. A precipitous decision could seriously alienate the membership and would make the Board appear arrogant and out of touch with the membership.

The experience of the NSW Branch with the changes to capitation already in place, which has reduced the amount of capitation received from that forecast by National Office, is the negative impact on previously agreed directions and activities. NSW Branch is not prepared to bring down a deficit budget again and has therefore taken steps to reduce its expenditure, albeit reluctantly.

Examples of this are needing to reduce support to the retired social workers group, reducing planning days from two to one per year, reduce the member scholarship scheme for rural and remote members to attend professional development activities, humanitarian aid to eg East Timor, India.

These reductions are impacting on rural/regional/remote social workers particularly in relation to access and equity. NSW Branch has worked hard to engage these members in the Branch and to have representation on the COM and other committees and the COM is very concerned that the gains that have been made will be lost.

The proposal talks about equity between big and small branches and loses sight of the issues of access and equity from the rural perspective within branches. It is also the view of the COM that the comment "smaller branches are missing out at the expense of the larger branches" is highly divisive and not substantiated. It is the responsibility of the Board to make decisions for all the membership and not divide the membership against itself.

The Western Australia Branch letter outlines a couple of ways forward. A full review of the structure of the AASW is overdue. This would consider the financial system but would not be solely focussed on this. As, indicated above, the role and function of branches must be also considered along with that of the national organisation. The NSW Branch recommended a review along these lines as a result of consultation with members over the Green paper. We strongly urge for this to occur.

Yours sincerely

Jill Davidson
President
NSW Branch AASW

cc. AASW Directors to the Board and Branch Presidents.

10 September, 2002

**President
WA Branch**

Dear Barbie

The staff in the social work department at Royal Hobart Hospital would like to convey best wishes to social workers and other health professionals who may be working with families and groups in Perth affected by the events in Bali at the weekend.

Staff here still recall the positive benefits of receiving messages of support from colleagues around the country when we were facing such demanding work after the Port Arthur tragedy so we would appreciate it very much if you were able to forward this e-mail or pass on our greetings to our Perth colleagues.

With best wishes

Janet Whelan
Manager, Social Work Services
Royal Hobart Hospital

**Ms Jo Gaha
National President, AASW**

Dear Jo

We write to you and all our colleagues in the AASW to express our profound sadness over the recent killings in Bali. It is now quite clear that a significant number of the victims are Australian citizens.

Like the many who have died before them in similar attacks these people were entirely innocent, indeed going about their annual holiday or "Australian rite of passage".

We know that our colleagues in Australia will be heavily involved in a range of support work both now and in the coming years as people struggle with the reality of their loss. We also know that such a tragedy may have struck very close to home for some. We extend our condolences to all of the family and friends who lost loved ones.

We also want to express our support for the work of the AASW in actively calling for a measured response by the Australian government to this tragedy and also in its stated policy surrounding terrorism and apparent support for military action in Iraq.

Like your colleagues around the world we know that you do not support acts of terrorism wherever they occur, however understand the links between chronic poverty, prejudice, disadvantage and the likelihood that terrorists will find support where it may otherwise have not existed. These are difficult and unpopular views to voice at times such as these but never the less they must be aired.

Please know that your colleagues in IFSW stand with the AASW in its work.

Yours sincerely

Imelda Dodds (President)
Justina Leung (Vice President)
Tom Johannesen (Secretary General)

Mr Ian Rentsch
Chief Executive Officer, AASW

On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers' staff and members, we want to express our sincere condolences for the loss of lives in Bali.

Social workers should unite to resolve issues without violence. The future ahead appears uncertain; however, we stand together in solidarity with all of our colleagues in Australia. Please express our sympathy to all of your members and to the whole social work community. Let us know if there are additional ways to help or express support.

Sincerely

Terry Mizrahi, PhD, MSW (President)
National Association Social Workers

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NASW Executive Director

What the Branch Has Been Doing On Your Behalf In Social Policy

This month there are several submissions and issues that have been raised and that the WA Branch have been and will be involved with providing feedback.

The *Mental Health Act 1996* and the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Defendants) Act 1996* are being reviewed. The terms of reference for this review are basically exploring the "operation and effectiveness" of each piece of legislation. The Mental Health Subcommittee are providing input and if anyone else would like a copy of the terms of reference and specific sections of the *Acts* being reviewed, just email me.

As people may be aware, the Office of Children and Young People's Policy have been conducting community forums and asking the community "What's important to children and young people?" and "What changes would people like to see?"

The WA Branch will have an opportunity to provide some feedback on these questions in the near future. One of the ideas that is being raised regularly is a "Commissioner" for children and young people. We recently completed a submission to the ALP about this and anticipate sharing some of the ideas with the state Office of children and Young People soon.

Some members may have noticed the newspaper coverage of child protection issues during child protection week. Chris Coopes, Vice President for Social Policy, Barbara Meddin - (President) and Carole Kagi (NAPCAN) facilitated the media contacts and planning of the articles. Future work on child protection issues may include linking in with WACOSS.

The Department of Health have requested input from the WA Branch on a discussion paper addressing "Rehabilitation Services in WA". The Department have developed a model of rehabilitation service and are seeking feedback on the strengths and difficulties of the proposed system.

Finally, the WA Equal Opportunity Commission will be conducting a review of public housing and Aboriginal people in the

state. The Commission is finalising the terms of reference which we are providing feedback on and will then await a deadline for submissions.

Lastly, important dates in October:

1- International Day of Older People
13-21 - Lone Parent Week
21- Proclamation Day
24- United Nations Day
19-27 - Children's Week
27 - Universal Children's Day
27- Grandparent's Day
27 - National Family Day

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CPE UPDATE

I am writing to update members on current information about the AASW's policy concerning continuing professional education (CPE).

Accreditation

By now members should have received their log books for the 2002-2004 cycle. If you have not received yours, please contact the Executive Officer Tel. 08 9332 0019 or email aaswwa@highway1.com.au.

Certificates of accreditation will be mailed with the October 2002 edition of the National Bulletin. There has been a good response to the requirement to submit declarations of meeting the minimum 150 CPE points in the 2000-2002 cycle to be eligible for accreditation. 5% of log books will be called for random auditing in the next few weeks and selected members will have 28 days to return their completed log books to National Office.

Rural and Remote Social Workers

There have been discussions at a Branch and national level about feedback from AASW members in rural and remote areas reporting about difficulties about accruing CPE points for accreditation. The WA Branch is committed to developing accessible education opportunities for our country members. This year, workshops have been organised in Geraldton, Karratha and Broome to provide alternatives to social workers having to travel to Perth for CPE programs.

At a national level discussions are taking place about:

- on-line programs with CDs
- an exchange system for accessing audio-visual material held in different Branches
- gathering information on the special needs of rural and remote social workers
- suggestions for alternatives to face-to-face supervision for social workers in rural and remote areas

The Rural and Remote Special Interest Group is being formed following 60 expressions of interest from members.

Appellation of Educational Activities

As noted in the 2002-2004 Log Book, an appellation procedure is being implemented. Appellation is the approval that a proposal for an education program meets specified guidelines. For a training/education activity to attract double CPE points the presenter of that

activity will be required to submit an application for appellation. Appellation will be valid for the 2 year CPE cycle.

The appellation process is still being streamlined and Branches with scheduled educational activities for the current financial year can continue to award double points under the previous CPE policy conditions until June 2003. Individual education/training providers should make application to the AASW National Office now, with the appropriate fee, to have their program approved for double CPE points. Unless indicated in the advertising flier, it can be assumed that other educational activities will accrue 1 point per 1 hour content of the course. A course/workshop/seminar etc. which contributes to the development of knowledge, skills and competencies for social work practice and which can be transferred from one employment area to another, qualifies for CPE points.

Costs of CPE activities

A review will take place of registration fees for CPE activities across the AASW Branches. In Western Australia, the Branch Education Committee endeavours to provide accessible, affordable activities. The registration fee must cover the presenter's fee, cost of a venue (City West Lotteries House is free because the Branch is a tenant), any travel and accommodation costs, postage, advertising fliers, and refreshments. Members are increasingly finding difficulty in getting their employers to fund attendance at CPE activities and unless this can be negotiated as part of a workplace agreement, perhaps we have to accept that the cost of CPE is going to be an individual responsibility in order to maintain accreditation. Continuing professional education is a tax deduction.

Future CPE events

I commend to social workers the forthcoming Spring Postgraduate Program being presented in partnership with Curtin University Discipline of Social Work and Social Policy. This program offers half-day, one-day and two-day units.

Attending CPE activities offers social workers, and colleagues from related disciplines, the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in selected areas. The added advantage of such programs, as was discussed by participants at the recent two-day workshop on Social Work in the Mental Health Services is that practitioners can network with colleagues, exchange ideas and information, and support each other for work in their specialised area of employment. The program may also be a stepping stone to research, or formal post-graduate studies.

The joint AASW/AASWWE Conference held September/October 2002 was a great success and thanks must go to Sarah Kemp and Erlene Chun (AASW joint convenors) and to Valerie Sollis and Fran Crawford (AASWWE Convenors), and conference committee members, for their perseverance, creativity and imagination to design a program involving so many papers and presenters. A post-conference de brief is scheduled for October and evaluation responses from participants will form the basis for measuring how the aims of the conference met the needs of those who attended - then it will be off to the drawing board to start planning for the next conference.

I wish all our members an exciting and rewarding year of continuing professional education. The Branch Education Committee welcomes any suggestions for courses or activities which would suit your particular needs - in fact we rely on that sort of feedback to provide a comprehensive program to meet the needs of social workers. Suggestions can be forwarded to the Executive Officer PO BOX 198, West Perth WA 6872, or by email aaswwa@highway1.com.au

ANNE PICKARD

BRANCH VICE-PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

THE HOLLYWOOD PSYCHOPATH

The current guru of American screenwriting, Robert McKee, talks about the essential role of the psychopath in the American thriller. McKee argues that thrillers need psychopaths - people who kill for no reason, who are not subject to negotiation, and who share no common moral values with the hero. Psychopaths force even the most ardent pacifist to defend themselves, to kill. In fact, the more twisted and evil the villain, the more successful the thriller.

When the Twin Towers were destroyed on September 11th, more than one commentator noted how grotesquely cinematic the event was. From the idea of using fully laden passenger jets as weapons, which seemed to come straight out of an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie to the shot of the Twin Towers collapsing, repeated over and over, like the cum shot at the end of a porno. For most people the experience of September 11th was televisual.

The American response was equally the stuff of the movies. Casting himself as Harrison Ford from "Airforce One", sprouting banal tag lines like John Wayne, George W Bush systematically went about constructing the "terrorist" as the new "psychopath".

The Terrorist is evil. The Terrorist strikes for no reason. The Terrorist cannot be bargained with (not that there was actually any attempt to). The only moral action is kill the terrorist without mercy or regret, and thus protect innocent lives against future acts of terrorism.

Not surprisingly, in a nation which notoriously struggles to differentiate between what's real and what's in the movies, the American public bought this angle hook, line and sinker. Terrorists are psychopaths, they must be hunted down and destroyed.

And because Terrorists are psychopaths, any possible causal connection between the actions of the hero and the actions of the psychopath is at best coincidental. For example, the terrorist acts of September 11th can't possibly be connected to America's Middle East policy. Nor can the recent horrific bombings in Bali be connected to John Howard's declaration of Australia as an enemy of fundamental Islam. There can't be a link, because terrorists are psychopaths, and psychopaths kill for no reason.

When we go to a movie, we enter an engagement with the filmmakers known as "the willing suspension of disbelief". Provided they offer us a modicum of credibility, we in that darkened cinema will believe almost anything- that a man can fly, that Nicole Kidman can sing, that a brave person can save the world singlehandedly.

And it seems to me that this is what's happening to the world at the moment. We have entered a contract with our politicians to believe that we are "good guys" and that terrorists are the "bad guys". The "war on terror" therefore is the only moral, and logical action available to us. And ultimately, because we are the heroes, we will prevail. That's what happens in the movies.

And this is the most irresponsible aspect of this fantasy. Because the truth is, in the real world, you cannot win a "war on terror". Terrorism is a course of action, a desperate methodology, not a physical entity which can be hunted down and destroyed. You can't wipe out terrorism by killing terrorists. You simply plant the seeds of hatred into the victims of your righteous violence. And create, as a consequence, a whole new generation of would be terrorists.

The perfect example of this was the war against Afghanistan, where more Afghan civilians were slaughtered than American lives lost in the twin towers. Only last Saturday, the CIA Director,

George Tenet said that Al Qaeda are more powerful and ready to strike than ever. But rather than see this as proof of how ineffective a "War against terror" actually is, the Bush Administration is arming itself for a sequel, "The War on Terror 2" in Iraq and like most Hollywood sequels, They're struggling to come up with a plot.

But that's the problem of casting yourself as the hero. There's no backing down. No last minute realisation of another, non violent path. As any Hollywood script doctor will tell you, once the hero is set upon their course, they must face the villain in that bloody climax, no matter what the consequences, no matter what the body count.

Transcript of address by Tony Ayres, film director; (most recent film he has directed in Walking on water), broadcast on Perspective, on Radio National 21 October 2002.

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CPE CALENDAR

15 November. 9:15 am – 4:30 pm

An introduction to single session therapy: an alternative to waiting lists.
Roxanne Garven

November

Spring Postgraduate Program 2002 Curtin University and AASW

9 November 9 am - 12:30 pm

Rethinking, knowing and doing: Social work, post modernism and everyday practice.

Emma White and Angela Barns

16 November 9 am -12:30 pm

Reflexivity in practice: Researching, understanding & reflecting for practice.

Fran Crawford and Sabina Leitmann

22 - 23 November 9.00 - 4:30 pm

New stories for old: re-authoring client stories. (Narrative therapy and community work practice for social work)

Julie Dickinson & Ian Percy

29 November 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Human rights and social work

Professor Jim Ife

30 November 9.00 am - 4:30 pm

Working with refugees: Global and local implications for practice. (Local and global issues that impact on work with refugees)

Sonia Tascon

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WA BRANCH'S 2003 STATE CONFERENCE

MEMBER/AGENCY CONSULTATION

Have Your Say About the State Conference

Preliminary notice of a meeting of community service agencies and AASW members to discuss the title, themes and format of the AASW WA branch's 22nd State Conference in 2003.

It is your opportunity as a member of AASW WA to have input into the direction and content of this next Conference so that it remains a relevant, worthwhile professional development event for all social workers in WA. Members are also invited to join our enthusiastic Conference committee as another way to directly have input into the decisions about the 22nd State branch Conference.

The meeting will be held on Monday, 20 January 2003 at 5 pm at City West Lotteries House. Take the opportunity to have your say about the Conference and /or join the Conference committee. For more details contact Cindy Gorton, Conference project officer on 9244 7797 or Meredith on 9420 7240.