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The Office for the Community Sector was established in the Department of Planning and Community Development to strengthen and support the not-for-profit community sector. More information on the work of the Office may be found at our website:

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/communitydevelopment/community-sector>

News from the Office for the Community Sector...

The Office for the Community Sector's 2011 Summit

We want your ideas!

The OCS has begun preparations for its Annual Not-For-Profit Summit, and wants to hear your ideas to help us make the day as relevant and useful as possible.

The Summit is designed for not-for-profit community organisations so it's important that we hear back from people working in the sector about what they want to see on the agenda.

The theme of the day will focus on building capacity - practical and useful ways that community sector organisations can take full advantage of ICT, mentoring, the better utilisation of workforce resources and engaging with philanthropy.

What topics would you like the OCS to focus on? We would love to hear your ideas. Please send your suggestions to us at [communitysector@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitysector@dpcd.vic.gov.au)

VCOSS Clearinghouse Rural & Regional Training - Now underway

Registrations are still open for sessions running through to May 2011

The Office for the Community Sector has funded VCOSS to deliver the 2011 Rural and Regional Training Program. The program, now underway, is delivering 40 face-to-face training sessions across the State to staff and volunteers from the NFP community sector on a variety of topics including grant writing, dealing with conflict and strategic planning.

To date, there has been a tremendous response with over 400 people already registered to attend training sessions. The sessions are being held throughout the State and will continue through to the end of May.

Below is a snapshot of the training sessions scheduled during April:

1 April 2011 - Ballarat Roles, responsibilities, liabilities & protections of boards and committees

1 April 2011 - Melbourne Making sense of financial statements

4 April 2011 - Bendigo Strategies for dealing with conflict in boards and committees

5 April 2011 - Benalla Grant Writing

7 April 2011 - Sale Making sense of financial statements

28 April 2011 - Port Fairy Making sense of financial statements

This is a not to be missed opportunity to access training by highly qualified trainers who have extensive experience working with NFP community organisations. To find out more about the training and to register, visit:

<http://www.vcooss.org.au/clearinghouse/resources/R&R2011.html>

News from the Victorian Government...

Safety Spotlight on.....

REMINDER - Have your say on national workplace health and safety regulations

WorkSafe is encouraging all employers and workers to be aware of changes to Work Health and Safety laws that may affect them from 1 January 2012, and to make a submission to Safe Work Australia on the draft regulations currently out for public comment.

If you would like more information on Safe Work Australia's draft model Work Health and Safety regulatory package, information sessions are being held by WorkSafe across Victoria. To find out more, or to register for an information session, visit: [www.worksafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 136 089.

## **Flood Funding still available!**

Community-based clubs and organisations (including sport and recreation clubs) in regional Victoria affected by the recent floods are reminded that government funding is available to assist. The Floods Community Recovery Fund has been established to repair damaged community facilities, replace damaged equipment or even organise a community event to lift residents' spirits. For more information about this grant, visit:

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/communitydevelopment/grants/floods-community-recovery-fund>

For information on other floods funding which is being co-ordinated by the Department of Human Services, please visit:

[http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/emergency/current-events/flood\\_recovery/](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/emergency/current-events/flood_recovery/)

## **Information from the Community Sector...**

### **FIA Conference - "The Top Seven Insights for Fundraisers"**

ProBono Australia recently published an article about the Fundraising Institute of Australia's 34th International Conference. The opening address was made by fundraising expert John Jeffries, who has a successful

28 year charity career. During his insightful address he spoke about his "top seven things fundraisers don't want to know about donors".

To read more, visit:

[www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2011/02/%E2%80%9Ctop-seven-insights%E2%80%9D-fundraisers-fia-conference](http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2011/02/%E2%80%9Ctop-seven-insights%E2%80%9D-fundraisers-fia-conference)

### **Disability Sport & Recreation to host Cycle Power Vietnam 2011**

Did you know that in Victoria alone there are more than 1 million people who have a disability? This means one in every five people has a disability; and this number is expected to grow.

This year, Disability Sport & Recreation Victoria is hosting Cycle Power Vietnam, a 13 day, 540km cycling challenge from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City departing on the 16th of July, 2011. Led by champion handcyclist, disability sport ambassador and paraplegic, Gary Connor, the trip provides a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity for up to 20 people with and without disabilities to cycle across Vietnam for a significantly important cause.

Funds raised will enable Disability Sport and Recreation to continue to provide sport and recreation opportunities and to educate young people about the issues facing people with disabilities. Disability Sport and Recreation has also partnered with East Meets West to work on delivering a pilot sports program for Vietnamese people with a disability.

All of the participants bring to the adventure very inspiring stories and a passion for sport, fitness and health. If you are interested in finding out more about the event, please visit: [www.cyclepower.org.au/](http://www.cyclepower.org.au/)

### **Running a not-for-profit organisation: what Secretaries need to know**

Are you the Secretary or Public Officer of your not-for-profit organisation, or on the Board and involved in its governance? Would you like a better understanding of your role and responsibilities? The legal

requirements and record keeping obligations involved in running a not-for-profit can seem confusing and onerous.

PilchConnect is hosting a practical and informative seminar presented by Neil Greenaway (Chartered Secretaries Australia) who will help you to increase your skills and build confidence to carry out your governance role. The seminar will be held on Thursday 7 April 2011. At the low cost of \$40 (incl GST) per person, the seminar is very affordable for NFP community organisations.

To find out more about the seminar and to register, please visit:

<http://www.pilch.org.au/Page.aspx?ID=838>

### **Managing Mental Illness in the Workplace**

E-Village's latest webinar addresses the important topic of managing mental illness in the workplace. Presenter, Nicci Wall speaks from personal experience and the experiences of others which she has gleaned from her work as an advocate.

The free webinar will be held online on Friday 25 March at 3.00pm. To find out more, visit: <http://dee-village.org.au/>

### **Leadership Development Opportunity for a Person with a Disability**

National Disability Services Victoria, the peak body for community organisations providing disability supports, is working with the Harvard Club of Victoria to offer a leadership development opportunity to a person with a disability. Harvard Club of Victoria is offering a scholarship place to a person with a disability to attend the HCA Nonprofit Leaders Workshop in NSW in August. The award covers costs of tuition, accommodation, travel and costs of a support staff member, carer and/or interpreter if required.

Applicants with a disability who are working in an executive or management role in a not for profit organisation are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close on Friday 25 March 2011. To find out more about this unique opportunity, please visit: [www.hcag.org.au/Nonprofit%20Fellowships/HCAV/HCV%20Disability%20Scholars hips.html](http://www.hcag.org.au/Nonprofit%20Fellowships/HCAV/HCV%20Disability%20Scholars%20hips.html)

If you have an event you would like to promote, or any important news about your organisation we can publicise it in e-Bulletin. For further information, please contact: [annalisa.corica@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:annalisa.corica@dpcd.vic.gov.au)