

FUTURE READY

People and Communities

WACOSS CONFERENCE 2027

Sponsorship & Exhibition **Prospectus**

3-5 May 2027
OPTUS STADIUM

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70 Years

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WACOSS respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Western Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to them, their cultures, and to elders both past and present. We acknowledge the land on which we live and work is, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

Sovereignty was never ceded.

YOUR INVITATION TO SPONSOR

On behalf of WACOSS, it is my great pleasure to invite you to partner with us as a sponsor of the 2027 WACOSS Conference and Community Services Excellence Awards.

Future Ready: People and Communities *is more than a conference theme; it is a call to action. It reflects our shared responsibility to build communities that are resilient, inclusive and prepared for the challenges and opportunities ahead.*

The WACOSS Conference is one of the most significant gatherings of the community services sector in Western Australia, bringing together leaders, practitioners, advocates, government representatives, researchers, philanthropists and people with lived experience. It is a place where ideas are challenged, partnerships are formed, and solutions are developed to create lasting change.

In 2027, the conference will explore three critical streams:

Excellence and Resilience in Times of Crisis
How we strengthen individuals, organisations and communities to navigate disruption, uncertainty and increasing social challenges.

Changing the Trajectory Through Early Investment and Systems Reform
How we shift from responding to crises to preventing them, investing earlier and building systems that create better outcomes for future generations.

Voices, Power and Participation in Designing the Future
How we ensure that people and communities have a genuine say in the decisions that affect their lives, and that lived experience shapes policy, services and solutions.

Together, these conversations will celebrate excellence, build capability, influence systems, elevate diverse voices and strengthen connections across communities, organisations and sectors.

YOUR INVITATION TO SPONSOR cont.

The Community Services Excellence Awards (CSEA), held on the first night of the conference, remain a highlight of the event. They honour the extraordinary people, organisations and partnerships making a difference every day across Western Australia. From grassroots community leaders to innovative organisations, CSEA shines a light on the dedication, courage and creativity that help our communities thrive.

As a sponsor, you are not simply supporting an event. You are investing in a stronger community sector and a better future for Western Australians. Your contribution helps us attract exceptional speakers, amplify diverse voices, create opportunities for regional and remote participation, and ensure the conference remains accessible and affordable for organisations of all sizes.

There are sponsorship opportunities to suit a wide range of organisations and budgets, from major partnership opportunities through to targeted sponsorships and exhibition packages. Whether you are seeking prominent brand visibility, thought leadership opportunities, deeper engagement with the sector, or a meaningful way to demonstrate your commitment to community wellbeing, there is a package designed to meet your objectives.

By partnering with WACOSS, your organisation will be positioned alongside the people and organisations shaping the future of Western Australia. You will engage with hundreds of delegates, decision-makers and sector leaders while demonstrating your commitment to creating strong, connected and thriving communities.

I encourage you to join us for what promises to be an inspiring, thought-provoking and impactful event. Together, we can celebrate what is possible, tackle the challenges ahead, and build a future where every person and community can thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you as a valued sponsor and partner in 2027.

Warm regards,



Louise Giolitto
Chief Executive Officer
WACOSS



CHLOE CALYON

2027 Conference Artwork



WACOSS 2025 Conference:

INNOVATING TOGETHER

Leaving no one behind

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***Future Ready:* People and Communities** will bring the Western Australian community sector together at a time of change and increasing complexity. As we navigate persistent cost of living pressures, fuel insecurity, rising global instability and an increasing frequency of extreme weather events, communities are facing overlapping and accelerating challenges that test the resilience of people, services and systems alike. The conference will create space to share learnings, recognise the sector's leadership, and focus on how we collectively prepare for the challenges ahead.

The conference will celebrate the excellence, adaptability and resolve of the community sector, while critically examining the systems, policies and investments required to support resilient people and communities over the long term. It will offer opportunities for shared learning, practical skill building, and dialogue across government, community organisations, lived experience leaders and partners.

Through keynotes, interactive plenaries, workshops and showcases, Future Ready will strengthen connection across the sector, elevate lived experience, and support a shared commitment to prevention, inclusion and resilience as core principles for the future. By fostering connection, showcasing good practice and exploring key issues, the conference aims to strengthen collective purpose and support long term resilience.

- **The first stream, Excellence and Resilience in Times of Crisis,** focuses on the community sector's demonstrated excellence during periods of crisis, including global uncertainty, natural disasters, cost of living pressures and emerging fuel and supply chain insecurity. It will showcase how organisations innovate, adapted service models, maintain trust with communities, support staff wellbeing, and communicated effectively under pressure.

- **The second stream, Changing the Trajectory Through Early Investment and Systems Reform,** will unpack what prevention and early intervention mean in practice, why they matter, and how they can be more effectively embedded across policy, funding and service systems.

- **The third stream, Voices, Power and Participation in Designing the Future,** centres inclusion as both a principle and a practice, recognising that effective systems are built **with**, not just for communities.

Each of these streams provides a strong platform for bringing the Western Australian Community Sector together to celebrate excellence, strengthen capability and connection, elevate diverse voices, and advance the systems, policies and investments needed to build resilient, inclusive and future-ready people and communities.



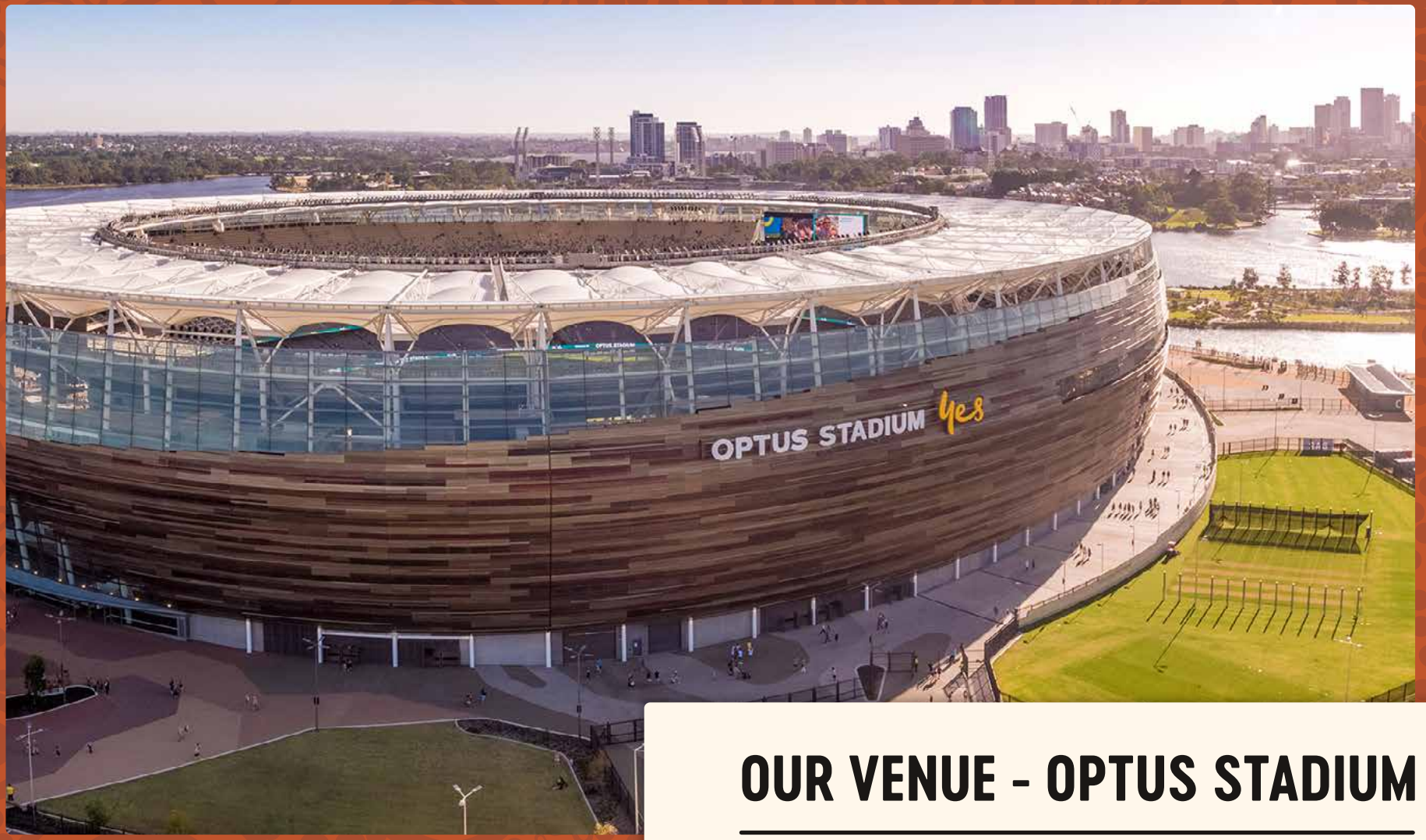
About the Western Australian Council of Social Service

The Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) is the peak body for the community services sector in WA. It was founded in 1956.

Our members work across every issue that touches people's lives: poverty, housing, early childhood, health, education, family violence, digital inclusion, food security, justice, disability, aged care and disaster resilience.

At the heart of this work are the people and communities who face injustice, exclusion and disadvantage every day. Whether it's families struggling to afford housing, women and children escaping violence, people living with disability or communities left behind by economic and social systems, our sector stands with them.

Our sector generates about $16 billion a year, employs more than 72,000 people and engages more than 111,000 volunteers. It is a major employer of women.

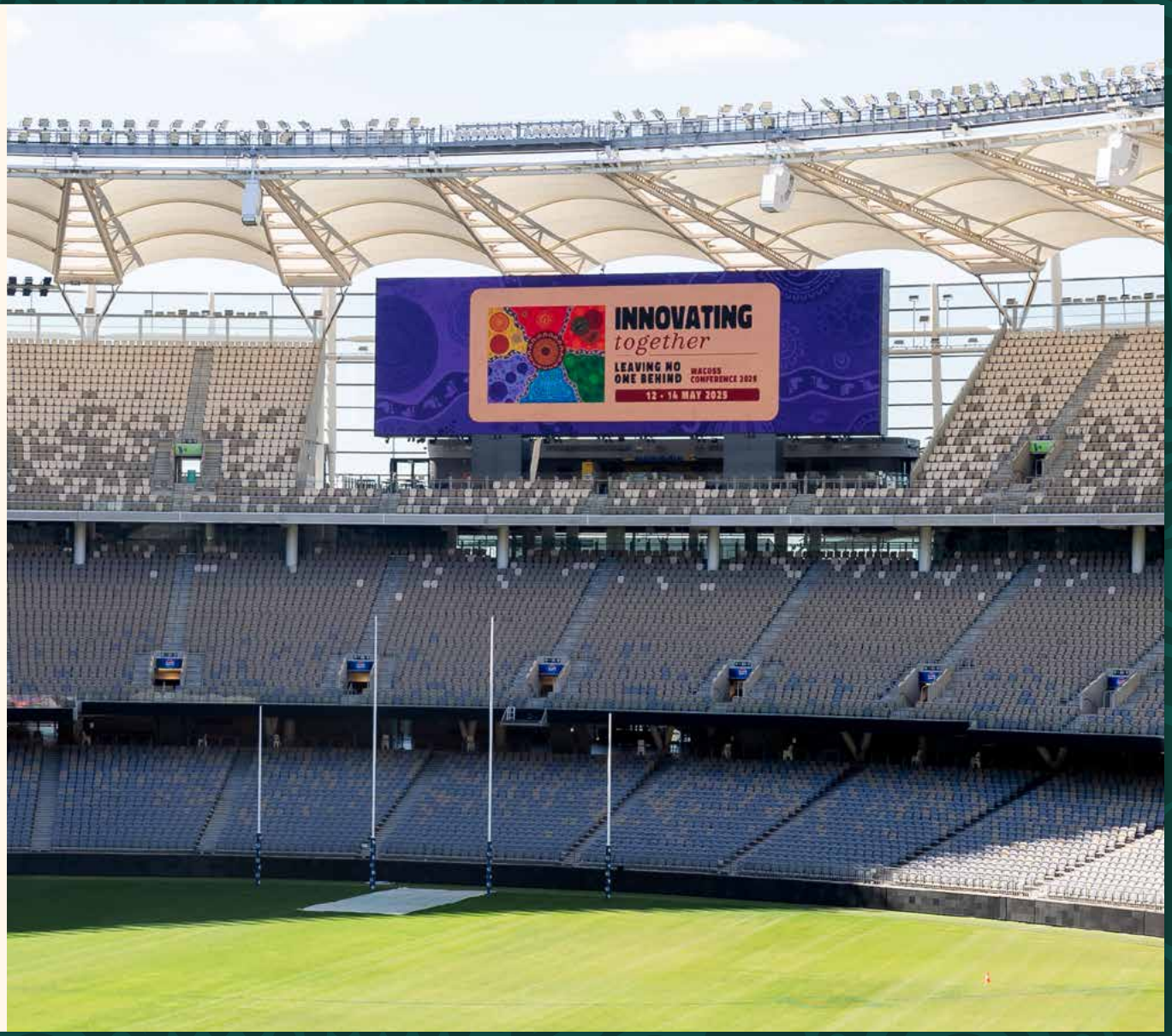


OUR VENUE - OPTUS STADIUM

With views of the picturesque Swan River, this 60,000 seat, multi-purpose and world-class venue hosts a variety of sports and entertainment events. This stunning venue is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and has beautiful open and airy rooms filled with an abundance of natural light.

PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Platinum Sponsor
- Gold Sponsor
- Silver Sponsor



PLATINUM SPONSOR

1 AVAILABLE

Not-for-Profit: $25,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November) **$22,500+ GST**

Corporate: $30,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November) **$27,000+ GST**

As a Platinum Sponsor your organisation will have an exclusive opportunity to receive premium and unparalleled brand exposure. Imagine your logo showcased on the giant screen at the iconic Optus Stadium.

You will be recognised as an exceptional supporter of the Community Services Sector and the Western Australian community. Your investment ensures your organisation will receive exclusive recognition opportunities – before, during, and after the Conference.

Benefits Include:

- Branding displayed on the impressive screen overlooking Optus Stadium
- Two-minute presentation or video to the full delegation during conference opening
- Special mention by Master of Ceremonies during opening speech
- Sponsorship of a Community Services Excellence Award of your choosing, and presentation of the Award during the Awards ceremony, valued at $5500
- Logo on all event marketing (excluding any conference banners)
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Four complimentary registrations to WACOSS Conference, including the half-day workshop - valued at up to $4320
- Four complimentary registrations to CSEA Dinner, valued at up to $800
- One complimentary exhibition space including a 1.8m elegant table setting with black linen tablecloth, chairs and 5AMP power, and two exhibitor registrations - exhibition spaces valued at $5,000
- Premium position within the exhibition space ensuring maximum exposure to delegates
- Exposure across WACOSS social media platforms (6 mentions), including an acknowledgement of sponsorship, and the opportunity to submit a piece of the organisation's choosing
- Exposure of logo inclusion and a one-off write up, of up to 400 words in WACOSS e-newsletters, Members Bulletin and Conference email bulletins (nearly 5,000 subscribers)
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- Promotional insert for the conference gift bags (provided by sponsor)
- Display of organisation's logo via looped slideshow in session rooms
- Recognition in the 2026/2027 WACOSS Annual Report

This package can be tailored further to suit your interests and objectives.

GOLD SPONSOR

Not-for-Profit: $20,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November) **$17,000+ GST**

Corporate: $25,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November) **$22,000+ GST**

Gold Sponsors have some of the most visible branding opportunities during the conference and can substantially support the community services sector. Seize one of the most prestigious branding opportunities at the event.

Gold Sponsors will be rewarded with valuable marketing and promotion recognition before, during, and after the conference. As a Gold Sponsor you will have the opportunity to build strong networking relationships at the stunning Optus Stadium. Make a lasting impression and show your support of the sector.

2 AVAILABLE

Benefits Include:

- Special mention by Master of Ceremonies during conference opening
- The two Gold sponsors will have shared sponsorship of the Kulark Marketplace. This will be a vibrant marketplace area hosting stalls for social enterprises and local businesses aligned with the community sector. Sponsorship of this demonstrates your organisation's support of innovative and progressive initiatives, and community
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Logo on all event marketing (excluding banners)
- Three complimentary registrations to WACOSS Conference, including the half-day workshop - valued at up to $3240
- Three complimentary registrations to CSEA Dinner, valued at up to $600
- One complimentary exhibition space, including a 1.8m elegant table setting with black linen tablecloth, chairs and 5AMP power and two exhibitor registrations - exhibition spaces valued at $5,000
- Exposure across WACOSS social media platforms (4 mentions), including an acknowledgement of sponsorship, and the opportunity to submit a piece of content chosen by the sponsor
- Exposure of logo inclusion and a one-off write up, of up to 400 words in WACOSS e-newsletters, Members Bulletin and Conference email bulletins (nearly 5,000 subscribers)
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official Conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- Promotional insert for the conference gift bags (provided by sponsor)
- Display of organisation's logo on a looped slideshow in session rooms
- Recognition in the 2026/2027 WACOSS Annual Report

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SILVER SPONSOR

Not-for-Profit:
$12,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November)
$11,000+ GST

Corporate:
$17,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November)
$15,000+ GST

Align your brand with our powerful vision for an equitable society. Silver sponsors are offered the opportunity for valuable marketing and promotion recognition before, during, and after the Conference.

Forge meaningful connections, build strong relationships, and shine as a key player in advancing social change, at Optus Stadium. Showcase your commitment to making real difference and embrace this opportunity to elevate the brand of your organisation.

5 AVAILABLE

Benefits Include:

- Special mention by Master of Ceremonies during conference opening
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Logo on all event marketing (excluding banners)
- Two complimentary registrations to WACOSS Conference, including the half-day workshop - valued at up to $2160
- One complimentary exhibition space, including a 1.8m elegant table setting with black linen tablecloth, chairs and 5AMP power and two exhibitor registrations - exhibition spaces valued at up to $5000
- Exposure across WACOSS social media platforms (2 mentions), including an acknowledgement of sponsorship, and the opportunity to submit a piece of the organisation's choosing
- Exposure of logo inclusion and a one-off write up, of up to 200 words in WACOSS e-newsletters, Members Bulletin and Conference email bulletins (nearly 5,000 subscribers)
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- Display of organisation's logo on a looped slideshow in session rooms prior to commencement of all presentations
- Promotional insert for the conference gift bags (provided by sponsor)
- Recognition in the 2026/2027 WACOSS Annual Report

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PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS TABLE

BENEFIT	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER
Branding displayed on screen overlooking Optus Stadium	✓		
Sponsor Presentation or video to delegation	✓		
Presentation of a Community Services Excellence Award	✓		
Sponsor of the Kulark Marketplace		✓	
Special promotion as primary sponsoring bodies by the Master of Ceremonies during Conference opening	✓	✓	✓
Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue	✓	✓	✓
Logo on all event marketing collateral (excluding banners)	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary Conference registrations	**4**	**3**	**2**
Complimentary tickets to the Community Services Excellence Awards	**4**	**3**	**2**
Promotion on WACOSS social media	**6 mentions**	**4 mentions**	**2 mentions**
Exhibition space	✓	✓	✓
Promotional articles in WACOSS e-newsletters, Members Bulletin and special email blasts (5000+ subscription)	✓	✓	✓
Logo linking to sponsoring organisation's website on WACOSS Conference page	✓	✓	✓
Logo promotion on sponsorship slides	✓	✓	✓
Promotional Insert into the delegate satchel	✓	✓	✓
Recognition of your role in supporting the Conference in the WACOSS Annual Report 2026/2027	✓	✓	✓

OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



1 AVAILABLE

VISUAL SCRIBE

$10,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$8,500+ GST

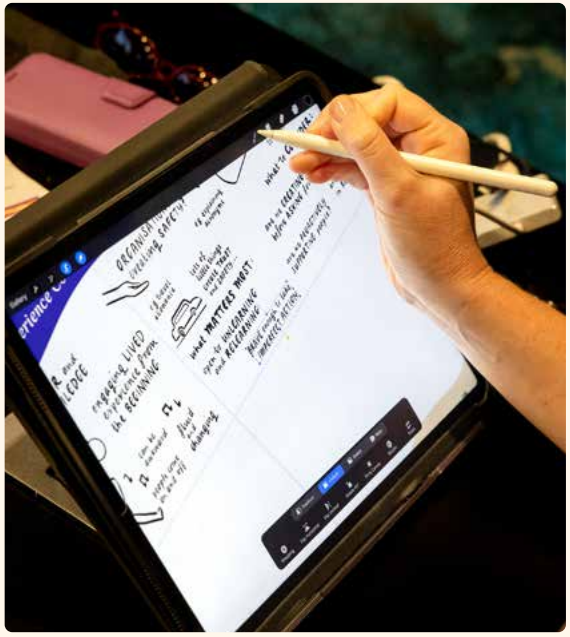
A hugely popular addition to the 2025 Conference was the introduction of a live visual scribe in the main room. WACOSS is delighted to bring this engaging element back for the 2027 Conference.

Visual scribing is the art of capturing key ideas, conversations and presentations in real time through illustrations and graphic storytelling. As the Visual Scribe Sponsor, your brand will be showcased alongside the creation of these dynamic visual summaries, ensuring high visibility throughout the event and beyond.

These visual outputs help delegates better understand, retain and engage more deeply with the conference content. This unique sponsorship opportunity aligns your organisation with innovation, creativity and meaningful knowledge-sharing.

Benefits Include:

- Logo will appear on the final visual scribe piece, which will be published on the conference website after the conference
- Logo will appear periodically on live digital screen as visual scribe narrates the session in the main room
- A complimentary registration to WACOSS Conference, including the half-day workshop - valued at up to $1080
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- Promotional insert for the conference gift bags (provided by sponsor)



REFRESHMENT AND COFFEE CART SPONSOR

$10,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$8,000+ GST

Fuel conversations and make a lasting impression as the sponsor of the Conference Refreshment Bar and Coffee Cart.

1 AVAILABLE

A favourite destination for delegates throughout the event, the refreshment bar and coffee cart are natural meeting points where attendees gather to recharge, network and connect. Located in a highly visible positions, this sponsorship places your brand front and centre in the midst of the conference buzz.

Benefits Include:

- Display of organisation's branding in the prominent and central bar location within the exhibition space
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- MC to mention refreshments (including coffee cart) and sponsor organisation throughout the conference.
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and hyperlink to sponsor organisation's website
- Option for sponsor to provide coffee cups featuring sponsor's logo

CONFERENCE GIFT BAG SPONSOR

$9,500 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$8,500+ GST

Conference gift bags are an integral part of the WACOSS Conference.

1 AVAILABLE

Conference gift bags feature your organisation's logo, demonstrating your support will not only reach conference attendees, but their wider professional and personal networks. Over 500 conference gift bags are given out over the conference.

Benefits Include:

- Logo displayed on conference gift bags (given to all conference delegates)
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- Two promotional inserts for the conference gift bags (provided by sponsor) of your organisation

1 AVAILABLE

PHOTO BOOTH SPONSOR

at the Community Services Excellence Award

$8,500 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$7,000+ GST

Help celebrate our sector, one photo at a time! As the exclusive Photo Booth Sponsor, your branding will feature on the printed photo keepsakes along with digital screens around the venue.

Every snapshot becomes a memorable reminder of both the awards night and your support of the community sector.

Benefits Include:

- Two complimentary registrations to the CSEA Dinner, valued at up to $400
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Custom watermark of sponsor's logo for all photos
- Custom branding for the photobooth home screen with your sponsor's logo -
- Promotional use of sponsors logo at the awards ceremony
- Recognition in all promotional materials and media releases pertaining to the sponsored award
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor's website



1 AVAILABLE

KEYNOTE SPONSOR DAY 1

$5,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$4,500+ GST

From Transaction to Transformation: Reimagining Partnership

Day 1 of the Conference will be a half-day workshop presented in partnership with the Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia (CASWA), and WACOSS.



Join Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and community service organisations to explore how we build strong, respectful partnerships grounded in trust, capability and shared leadership.

Sponsoring the Keynote address for this day is a great way to raise the profile of your organisation, and align the diverse content of this half day workshop with your organisation's values and purpose.

Benefits Include:

- Acknowledgement by Master of Ceremonies at the start of the sponsored keynote speech
- Logo displayed on screen before the keynote speech
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue over the whole conference time period
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- One conference gift bags insert (provided by sponsor) that is given out on Days 2 and 3

3 AVAILABLE

KEYNOTE SPONSORS DAY 2 & 3

$5,000 + GST *

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$4,500+ GST *

Sponsoring a keynote address is a great way to raise the profile of your organisation, and align the diverse content of the conference with your organisation's values and purpose.

This sponsorship provides your organisation with excellent exposure throughout the whole conference.

**There are 2 keynotes available on Day 2 and 1 keynote available on Day 3*

Benefits Include:

- Acknowledgement by Master of Ceremonies at the start of the sponsored keynote speech
- Logo displayed on screen before keynote speech
- Logo displayed periodically on digital screens throughout the venue
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- One conference gift bags insert (provided by sponsor)



NOTE PAD SPONSOR

$2,000 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$1,800+ GST

1 AVAILABLE

Branded notepads is an excellent way to keep your organisation front of mind throughout the conference. As delegates capture key insights, ideas, and memorable moments, your brand will be prominently displayed on a practical item they can use throughout the event and continue to reference long after the conference has ended.

You supply the notepads and we ensure they reach all conference delegates.

Benefits Include:

- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and hyperlink to sponsor organisation's website
- Exposure amongst conference delegates, and their further networks beyond the conference

PEN SPONSOR

$1,500 + GST

Early Bird Discount
(available until 24 November)
$1,350+ GST

1 AVAILABLE

Branded pen sponsorship is a simple yet effective way to ensure every delegate leaves with a useful reminder of your organisation.

You supply the branded pens, and we ensure they reach all delegates ensuring maximum visibility and engagement.

Benefits Include:

- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and link to sponsor organisation's website
- Exposure amongst conference delegates, and their further networks beyond the conference. Sponsor organisation to supply pens.

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EXHIBITION SPACE

Not-for-Profit: $4,000 + GST

Corporate: $6,000 + GST

Exhibition space at the conference provide opportunities for brand activation and showcasing products and services in the stunning Optus Stadium Sports Lounge, a premier exhibition space in Perth.

Your package will include an 1.8m table setting with black linen tablecloth (or you can bring your own branded tablecloth), chairs and 5AMP power. All catering breaks will be served in the exhibition area, which means your brand is front and centre as delegates circulate and network. Spaces are limited.

Exhibitor manual with detailed venue, bump in, and bump out information, and supplier contact details will be supplied closer to the Conference date.





Benefits Include:

- Two exhibitor passes for two members of your organisation to staff the stand – meals and beverages included in pass
- A complimentary registration to WACOSS Conference, including the half-day workshop – valued at up to $1,080
- Logo featured on looping slideshow in exhibition space.
- Acknowledgement on the sponsors page of the official conference website with logo and hyperlink to sponsor organisation's website

THANK YOU

... for considering this opportunity to sponsor the WACOSS Conference 2027: ***Future Ready:*** **People and Communities.**

Choosing to sponsor the 2027 Conference will not only elevate your organisation but will also signal your commitment to shaping a better future for all Western Australians. To discuss the best sponsorship package for you, please contact WACOSS Conference and CSEA Coordinator, Sophie Berry, via ***Sponsorship2027@wacoss.org.au*** *or* ***6381 5300****.*

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Community Services Excellence Awards

Recognising the Western Australian community services sector and its role in helping to shape, strengthen and inspire our communities

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Sponsorship Features and Benefits

Your organisation's name will become synonymous with recognition of the community services sector and its contributions. Sponsoring an award within the Community Services Excellence Awards is an ideal way to demonstrate corporate social responsibility, and to give back to a sector that gives so much to the people of Western Australia.

There are four key opportunities, spanning more than five months, that Awards Sponsorship can offer your organisation.

1. **Formal announcement of the Award Sponsors**
   Award sponsors will be announced at the WACOSS New Year Sector Sundowner celebrating WACOSS's 70th birthday on Wednesday 27th January 2027 with attendance of approximately 200 people anticipated, including elected members of parliament, community service and associate members and other dignitaries.
2. **Showcasing of Finalists**
   In the lead-up to the awards ceremony and announcement of award winners, each sponsor will have their name and logo showcased in all promotional material related to the award category sponsored. Sponsors will be mentioned across all media releases shared by WACOSS about the awards and finalists.
3. **WACOSS 2027 Conference**
   All finalists and sponsors are promoted throughout the conference held between Monday 3 May to Wednesday 5 May 2027 at Optus Stadium in Boorloo.
   The WACOSS Conference is a highlight in the community service sector calendar and is expected to attract more than 500 delegates in 2027.
4. **Awards Presentation**
   Award winners are announced at the CSEA ceremony event in the evening of Monday 3 May 2027. This event is attended by approximately 450 people from across government, business, and the community sector.

Sponsoring an award will entitle you to:

- Promotional use of sponsors logo at the Awards Ceremony
- Presentation of sponsored Award
- 2 x complimentary tickets to the Awards Ceremony
- A certificate presented to sponsor organisation to recognise support of the awards and community service organisations.
- Recognition in promotional materials pertaining to the sponsored Award
- Sponsor recognition on the CSEA website linking to your website.
- Display of your organisation's logo on electronic signage at the Awards Ceremony

Sponsorship Options

There are nine Award categories available to sponsor.



Organisational Categories | $5,500 each

Early Bird

Discount (available until 24 November) $4,950 + GST

★ Category 1

Trailblazing Small Organisation:
Catalysts of Community Innovation

Celebrate the unsung heroes of our communities – small, often volunteer-driven organisations that make a huge impact through their innovative, collaborative, or creative programs. These dynamic organisations deliver essential, irreplaceable services that make a real difference in people's lives. Support a small organisation that's making a real difference supporting individuals, families, and communities.

★ Category 2

Standout Medium Organisation:
Engines of Progress and Creativity

Medium-sized organisations are the quiet achievers in the community sector. This award honours those organisations that are driving positive change through inventive, collaborative, and imaginative programs or services. Shine a spotlight on a medium organisation that's making a significant difference in the lives of people in the community.

★ Category 3

Impactful Large Organisation:
Powerhouses of Positive Change

Large organisations have the resources to make a significant impact and often include well-known, iconic brands. This award category acknowledges a large organisation that stands out for its exceptional contributions through innovative, collaborative, and creative programs or services. Recognise an organisation that is making a meaningful difference to individuals, families, or communities.

★ Category 4

Remarkable Regional Organisation:
Champions of Rural and Remote Innovation

Regional, rural, and remote community service organisations are the backbone of vibrant, diverse regions who face unique challenges. This award honours organisations that excel in delivering creative, collaborative, and innovative programs or services in these tough environments. Celebrate an organisation that is a star in their regional community.

★ Category 5

Visionary Community-Led Collaboration:
Crafting Better Futures Together

Highlight the power of community-driven solutions and collaborations that rise from our collective strengths. This category recognises outstanding strategies that emerge from genuine, community-led design, leading to culturally sensitive, place-based, and sustainable outcomes. Support a collaboration that exemplifies how community insights and experiences can forge impactful, lasting change.



Presented in partnership with Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia

★ Category 6

Dr Millie Penny AM Award - Outstanding Exceptional Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation: Champions of Cultural Empowerment

This award is dedicated to Dr Millie Penny AM, a respected WACOSS Elder, community leader and tireless advocate for Aboriginal people and communities. Throughout her life, Dr Penny championed self-determination, cultural strength, and community-led solutions, inspiring generations through her wisdom, generosity and leadership. This award honours her enduring legacy by recognising Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations that embody the same commitment to empowering communities, strengthening culture, and creating lasting positive change..

Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) are essential providers of trusted, place-based, community-led, and culturally appropriate services for Aboriginal communities. This Award celebrates an ACCO that embodies and promotes the spirit of self-determination, and achieves outstanding outcomes for Aboriginal people and families in collaboration with their communities, through a holistic and culturally grounded approach.

★ Category 7

Inspiring Partnership Between an Aboriginal Controlled Organisation and a Community Service Organisation

Partnerships between Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and Community Service Organisations (CSO) enhance culturally sensitive service delivery, build capacity, foster trust, and work towards self-determination for Aboriginal communities.

First introduced in 2025, this category recognises exceptional relationships between ACCOs and CSOs, grounded in trust and genuine partnership, which lead to culturally appropriate service delivery and improved outcomes for Aboriginal people and their communities. This award will highlight initiatives that are based on mutual respect, shared decision making, and impactful outcomes, showcasing how the partnership effectively addresses community needs while empowering Aboriginal voices and self-determination. Successful nominees will exemplify commitment to cultural safety and innovative practices that foster community resilience and inclusivity.

Individual Categories | $5,500 each

Early Bird Discount (available until 24 November) $4,950 + GST

★ Category 8

Outstanding Contribution: *Going Above and Beyond*

In the community services sector, some individuals truly stand out by going that extra mile. This Outstanding Contribution Award celebrates staff members who have exceeded expectations through their extraordinary involvement in community projects or in their significant impact to the sector. Nominees for this award will automatically be considered for the 2028 Western Australian of the Year Award.

★ Category 9

Leadership Excellence: *Inspiring Change and Innovation*

Great leaders don't just manage – they inspire and drive positive change. The Leadership Excellence Award honours a standout leader who has brought exceptional innovation and guidance to their organisation and community. This award recognises those who have made a substantial difference in improving the lives of individuals and communities. Finalists in this category will also be nominated for the 2028 Western Australian of the Year Award.



CSEA Sponsorship Inquiries

Thank you for considering this opportunity to sponsor the 2027 Community Services Excellence Awards.

Choosing to sponsor this significant awards event will not only elevate your organisation but will also signal your commitment to shaping a better future for all Western Australians.

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