

Last Chance to Register for The Link Up!

Registrations for The Link Up - Building Connections, Sharing Knowledge close this Thursday at 10am, so do not miss your chance to secure a spot at this free event on Friday, 24 July at the [Woodlupine Family Centre](#).

Join fellow Linkwest members for a morning of networking, learning, and practical insights designed specifically for Centre staff and volunteers. There will be a session from

Lotterywest on tools to strengthen projects and grant applications, and an engaging discussion with the Department of Treasury and Finance unpacking the often-complex world of commissioning and procurement.

If you have not already registered, now is the time. We look forward to connecting, sharing, and learning with you. For enquiries, contact Amelia at Amelia@linkwest.asn.au



[Find out more and register](#)

Prioritise Your Wellbeing with Linkwest and Assure Care

Did you know that Linkwest members can sign up for Assure Care, a confidential wellbeing and EAP service? Whether you are navigating workplace challenges, managing stress, or seeking support for your mental health and wellbeing. Assure Care provides professional assistance and access to a range of resources and wellbeing supports. If you have not explored the service yet, now is a great time to [learn more](#).



Resources include the [Assure's Mental Health and Wellbeing Calendar](#) which offers practical tips, resources, and activities to support wellbeing throughout the year. Get full value from the service by:

- Encouraging team members to register on the [Wellbeing Gateway](#)
- Displaying the wellbeing calendar or poster in team areas
- Including Assure Care information in staff and volunteer onboarding
- Adding relevant wellbeing themes to team or committee meetings

Current Linkwest members can find out more at the [Linkwest Assure Care page](#), or by attending the next [Assure Programs Awareness Webinar](#).

Can't find what you are looking for, then please contact office@linkest.asn.au

Adult Learners Week 2026 – Follow your Compass!

WA adult and community education providers will be joining others across Australia to celebrate Adult Learners Week from 1 – 8 September.

The theme for this year's Adult Learners Week is *Follow Your Compass* – chosen because the compass shares learning's ability to reveal new paths and open up new horizons.

Whatever your Centre is planning for Adult Learners Week, [register your events](#) before 7 August for a chance to win 1 of 20 \$200 prizes. Three events will also win \$1000 after Adult Learners Week.



[Find out more about Adult Learners Week](#)

PLACE Youth Impact Network

Are you aged 18–28 and interested in creating positive change in your community?

PLACE is launching the Youth Impact Network, a new national network connecting young people involved in place-based work across Australia.

As a member, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Connect with other young changemakers from across the country
- Share ideas, challenges and what's happening in your community
- Learn from others working on locally-led change
- Help influence the systems and decisions that affect young people

The network is flexible, supportive and designed to fit around your capacity, with regular online gatherings and opportunities to shape its future. EOIs close on 30 July 2026.

[Find out more](#)

National Small-Town Reinvention Conference

Small Town Prosperity Through Building on Local Assets, Stories, Creativity and Community Connection

This September community builders, leaders, volunteers and organisations passionate about thriving regional communities are coming together in Longreach, Queensland for a unique and inspiring conference to help you discover renewed passion, and new skills, knowledge and resources about rural and remote small-town reinvention.

Long-time Linkwest friend, Peter Kenyon, will lead practical workshops, storytelling and knowledge-sharing sessions to connect best practice initiatives and rural 'movers and shakers' from across Australia. If you're looking for a week of inspiration, learning, networking and fun, consider joining and be part of a growing movement of people creating vibrant futures for rural communities.



Dates: Sunday 6 September to Friday 11 September 2026

[Find out more](#)

No Place For Poverty

[No Place For Poverty](#) is excited to be developing a free program aimed at mobilizing everyday West Aussies to take action on locally-driven solutions to poverty. They provide both the structure and the support needed to inspire people and drive real impact.

Poverty in WA is extensive, with 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 6 children living in poverty (source Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre). This means that poverty could be affecting your community, making it an important issue we all need to care about.

No Place For Poverty is keen to connect with Linkwest members to understand what you might be doing to help alleviate poverty in their area. Whether via direct actions addressing poverty, or supporting those who could not normally afford it to join in, they want to learn from your good ideas so that we can share them to inspire others and explore what else you could be doing at your Centre.

Join an [information session on 1 October](#) to explore how No Place For Poverty initiatives can complement and strengthen the important work you are already doing in your community.

Feel free to contact Tarsha (Community Engagement Officer) at connect@noplacementforpoverty.org.au if you would like to connect or find out more.



Your Support Can Help Shape Thriving Kids in WA

Linkwest friend and neighbour [Kiind](#) is partnering with the Department of Communities to support the design and delivery of [Thriving Kids](#) in Western Australia.

As part of this work, Kiind are hosting a series of online and in-person consultation sessions to better understand the experiences, needs and priorities of families across WA.

Insights gathered through these consultations will directly inform how Thriving Kids is designed and delivered across the state, helping ensure the program meets the needs of children aged 0–8 years with developmental delay and/or autism, along with their families and carers.

Please share this opportunity with your networks. All participants who attend an online or in-person session will be eligible for paid participation to the value of \$100.

[Find out more and express your interest](#)



Give your input to the WA Preventative Health Strategy

The WA Government is developing its first Preventative Health Strategy. This is an opportunity for all Western Australians to have their say on what supports better health and wellbeing. Prevention is key to a healthier, more sustainable WA. Preventing illness, disease and injury before it occurs improves quality of life and reduces pressure on our health system.

Take a few minutes to respond and help raise the profile of the preventative work of place-based and community led initiatives.

[Give your input](#)



Member Centre Spotlight: Hyden's Biggest Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 27 May, the Hyden Community Resource Centre hosted a Cancer Council Biggest Afternoon Tea as part of the 2026 campaign, bringing the community together for a warm and enjoyable afternoon in support of a vital cause.

Cancer impacts many lives in our community, and this event provided an opportunity to acknowledge those experiences while raising funds for the Cancer Council's important work in research, prevention, and support services.

[Read the article](#)



Upcoming Training and Events

Introduction to Copilot

Join Rishona Elijah, Digital Campaigns Manager at Akkodis, for Session 1 of this two-part series on Microsoft Copilot designed just for Linkwest members. Generative AI is transforming how we work, communicate, and make decisions. In this session, we will explore how tools like Microsoft Copilot can be integrated into your everyday workflows to enhance collaboration, streamline tasks, and support smarter, faster decision-making.

When: Thursday 16 July @ 10am - 11am AWST

Members price: FREE

Location: Online

[Register](#)

Community of Practice: Staying in Place

These sessions facilitate networking between organisations leading Staying in Place, promoting learning and sharing to assist Staying in Place to grow. Come with your questions and take this opportunity to connect with peers across WA.

When: Wednesday 22 July @ 11am - 12pm AWST

Members price: FREE

Location: Online

[Register](#)

Constitutions and Charity Clarity Drop-In Session

Join us for a peer-led, drop-in Q&A session!

Bring your questions on ATO, ACNC, LGIRS, constitutions, state and federal reporting - or simply ask for help understanding the latest notices.

When: Thursday 23 July @ 1–1:30pm AWST

Members price: FREE

Location: Online

[Register](#)

Copilot for Creating and Collaborating

Join Rishona Elijah, Digital Campaigns Manager at Akkodis, for this Microsoft Copilot session focused on planning, collaboration, and creation. In this session, you will learn how to use Copilot to organise information, collaborate with your team, and bring ideas to life.

When: Tuesday 28 July @ 10am - 11am AWST
Members price: FREE
Location: Online

[Register](#)

Understanding, Reviewing, and Refreshing Your Constitution

Join Jane for an overview of how and why to review your organisation's constitution. This session is suitable for board members, managers, and staff involved in governance or compliance who are looking to better understand their constitution, the review process or who just have some questions.

When: Wednesday 5 August @ 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWST
Members price: NC & CRC Package = FREE
CRC Members & Associate = \$20
Location: Online

[Register](#)

Reading the Profit and Loss without an Accounting Degree

Understanding your Profit and Loss (P&L) statement is key to knowing how your Centre is really performing. This session demystifies the P&L, highlighting what to look for, what questions to ask, and how to use it to support better operational decisions.

When: Thursday 13 August @ 1pm - 1:30pm AWST
Members price: NC & CRC Package = FREE
CRC Members & Associate = \$20
Location: Online

[Register](#)

Get Connected: Making the Most of Your Linkwest Membership

Discover how to get the most from your Linkwest membership. This session highlights member benefits, connection opportunities, and ways to strengthen your organisation through networking, training, and advocacy. Join us to meet others in the network, learn, grow, and build meaningful connections.

When: Friday 21 August @ 11am - 12pm AWST

[Register](#)

Members price: FREE

Location: Online

Director Duties and How They Apply to Your Committee

This session explores key director duties and how they apply in a committee context, helping you navigate your role with confidence. We will break down legal and ethical responsibilities in a practical way, and discuss how they translate into day-to-day decision-making, accountability, and leadership within your organisation. This session is suitable for board members, managers, and staff involved in governance or compliance.

When: Monday 31 August @ 6:30pm - 7:30pm AWST

[Register](#)

Members price: NC & CRC Package = FREE

CRC Members & Associate = \$20

Location: Online

See the whole range of upcoming training sessions and events on our [Training and Events Calendar](#).

Grant Opportunities

Next Gen Arts Grant

Funding of up to \$5,000 is available to support the employment of regional artists in delivering arts activities for young people aged 12 to 18 living in regional areas. It aims to increase access to quality youth arts activities, support employment of regional artists, grow arts connections between regions and add to the liveability of regional communities.

Applications close 6 August 2026.

[Find out more details](#)

Seniors Week Community Grants Program

The 2026 WA Seniors Week Community Grants Program offers financial support to local governments, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations to celebrate the valuable contributions of older people in Western Australia during WA Seniors Week, 8-15 November 2026.

Applications close 7 August 2026.

[Find out more details](#)

National Carers Week – Community Activity Grants

Apply for a Community Activity Grant of usually \$500 – \$800 to host your own activity or event for National Carers Week – taking place from 11-17 October 2026.

Applications close 10 August 2026.

[Find out more details](#)

Community Initiatives Grant Program

The Road Safety Commission's Community Initiatives Grant Program supports the development and implementation road safety projects and applicable project costs, to engage community on a relevant road safety issue. The project, which can run for up to 12 months, will aim to positively influence behaviour on WA roads to help make every journey safe.

Applications close 12 August 2026.

[Find out more details](#)

Youth Week WA Grants

Grants are available for events run as part of Youth Week WA – the biggest celebration of young people on the Western Australian calendar, held each year in April. Youth Week WA 2027 will take place from 16 to 23 April 2027.

Applications close 12 August 2026.

[Find out more details](#)

Find more grant opportunities and sign up to receive regular grant notification emails.

[More grant opportunities](#)

Our eNews is published regularly, and we welcome content submissions that provide value through information, best practices, tips, advice or resources to those in small, community-led organisations.

Refer to our [eNews Submission Guidelines](#) for more details.

Linkwest acknowledges the traditional owners of Country throughout Western Australia and their connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to their Elders, past and present.



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