

April 2019 Newsletter

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Our latest topic papers for the 2016 Census, which explore data for Greater Western Sydney, are now available below:

- [Index of Household Advantage and Disadvantage](#)
- [Ageing in Greater Western Sydney](#)

The first paper looks to illustrate the diversity of advantages and disadvantages within Greater Western Sydney for housing and assumes that members of a household often pool their income and resources and share similar living characteristics. The other examines how the ageing population presents several opportunities and challenges for decision makers.

More Census Papers



AMPLIFY SOCIAL IMPACT

WESTIR Limited attended an Australasian Evaluation Society's (AES) seminar exploring how outcomes and impact can be measured validly and reliably. The seminar focused on the [Amplify Social Impact Initiative](#) which is being driven by the [Centre for Social Impact \(CSI\)](#).

- Approximately, \$510 billion is spent annually on social purpose programs, with many funders asking programs to show evidence and demonstrate accountability.
- There is an increasing demand for programs to measure outcomes rather than outputs, however, the majority do not have the resources to undertake this measurement correctly.
- There is no mechanism to benchmark and invest in programs that work, while social disadvantage persists for many groups.

It is in this context that the Amplify Social Impact Initiative is being developed. Amplify is a suite of online resources and tools which are designed to support organisations to improve their evidence-based decision-making, program evaluation and, ultimately, their social impact.

[WESTIR's report on the seminar can be found here.](#)

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