



Welcome to WESTIR Ltd's quarterly e-newsletter- the last for 2018! This free e-newsletter provides a summary of the latest demographic news, information and resources for Greater Western Sydney over the last three months. To find out more about us and for regular updates on our work, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or visit our [website](#).

See below for the WESTIR Ltd Annual Report 2017 - 2018 and for our end of year closure.

NEW WESTIR Ltd PUBLICATIONS



Penrith Community Profile

Penrith City Council has recently launched its new Penrith Community Profile. WESTIR Ltd assisted Penrith City Council in the research, data analysis and survey development for this project. The Penrith Community Profile and its summary can be viewed [here](#).



Disability and Need for Assistance with Core Activities in Greater Western Sydney

This 2016 Census topic paper by WESTIR Ltd looks at the available data on disability and need for assistance from three sources: the Australian Early Development Census; Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers Australian and the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The paper can be viewed [here](#).



Today WESTIR participated in a filming session.

We can't tell you anymore for now but watch this space...

WESTIR Limited farewelled one of our researchers Dr Olivia (Liv) Hamilton. Liv has contributed to a significant number of WESTIR's research projects and publications over the last 3.5 years plus, as well as the organisation's training program. Live has relocated out of Sydney and we wish her well in all her future endeavours!

WESTIR LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on Thursday, 13th December. Please find attached our [Annual Report for 2017 - 2018](#).

The WESTIR office will be closed from Friday, 21st December 2018 and will reopen on Monday, 7th January 2019. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

SOME SUMMER HOLIDAY READING

WHAT HAS WESTIR LTD BEEN UP TO THIS QUARTER?

WESTIR Limited has been involved in a variety of activities over the last few months. Click the relevant links below to read more:

- [Statistics for Non-Statisticians Course](#)
- [TASA Symposium: Migration, Social Inclusion and the Multicultural City](#)
- [NGO and Evaluation on a Shoestring Seminar](#)
- [LCSA Connecting Communities Conference](#)
- [LCSA Connecting Communities Conference Masterclass](#)
- [Outcome Budgeting Seminar](#)
- [ACOSS Conference 2018](#)
- [Official Breakfast Launch of SIMNA Western Sydney](#)
- [PHAA Food Futures Conference](#)
- [AES 2018 Conference Highlights Seminar](#)

OTHER GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY NEWS (AND BEYOND)

It's been another busy quarter for reports and publications. Check them out below:

- [Faces of Unemployment](#) (ACOSS)
- [Analysis of the impact of raising benefit rates](#) (ACOSS)
- [Voices of Unemployment](#) (ACOSS)
- [What we heard: Insights from NCOSS regional community consultations](#) (NCOSS)
- [Evidence based policy research project: 20 case studies \(Version 1\)](#) (Per Capita)
- [Evidence based policy research project: 20 case studies \(Version 2\)](#) (Institute of Public Affairs)
- [Poverty in Australia 2018](#) (ACOSS and UNSW)
- [Jobs Availability Snapshot 2018](#) (Anglicare Australia)
- [Hunger Report 2018](#) (Foodbank Australia)
- [Position Paper: NDIS Reasonable and Necessary Supports – The Case for Respite](#) (Carers Australia)
- [Child Social Exclusion Poverty and Disadvantage in Australia](#) (UnitingCare Australia)
- [Australian Digital Inclusion Index – Reports](#) (Telstra and various)

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- [Launch of Western City and Aerotropolis Authority](#) (WCAA)
- [ABS to remove 'number of cars' from 2021 Census \(and other topic changes\)](#) (.id)
- [Analysis of breast cancer outcomes and screening behaviour for BreastScreen Australia](#) (AIHW)
- [Happiness Index](#) (Bond University)
- [Material Deprivation and Social Exclusion Among Young Australians: A child-focused approach](#) (UNSW Social Policy Research Centre)
- [Exhibition of draft Community Participation Plan](#) (NSW Department of Planning)
- [Australia's population to reach 30 million in 11 to 15 years](#) (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
- [State of the Family Report 2018](#) (Anglicare Australia)
- [Refugee Transitions October 2018](#) (STARTTS NSW)
- [Rental Affordability Index](#) (Shelter NSW and partners)
- [The Family Matters Report 2018](#) (SNAICC and partners)
- [Twelve charts on race and racism in Australia](#) (The Conversation)
- [Putting Domestic and Family Violence on the Agenda](#) (Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue)
- [2018 Scanlon Mapping Social Cohesion Report](#) (Scanlon Foundation and others)

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