

Sue Ash awarded Order of Australia!

UnitingCare West CEO, Sue Ash, was recently awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) is awarded for distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or humanity at large. Sue's award recognises her "distinguished service to the community, particularly in the area of social policy development, reform and implementation, and to the provision of services to people in need".

As CEO of UnitingCare West, Sue brings a deep and passionate commitment to UnitingCare West's mission to serve, support and empower people most in need. This commitment has been shaped over a lifetime by Sue's strong Christian ethos, and by her desire to ensure people are heard and provided with access to life-enhancing opportunities.

Of her award, Sue says "It really is quite amazing. This award has not only given me private joy but a public opportunity to speak up for people most in need. This recognition has come at the right time to be able to advocate for those without a voice."

Sue has been a part of the community sector for over 45 years and is passionate about building a civil society for future generations. She has held executive positions in a number of organisations including Wanslea Family Services, Care Options and the Western Australian Council of Social Services. During her time as CEO of WACOSS, Sue chaired the strategic partnership between WACOSS and the Commonwealth Foundation to present the Commonwealth People's Forum as part of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Perth in 2011. One of the highlights of this Forum was the Whadjuk Noongar Elders leading the Commonwealth People's Forum delegation when it met with the Foreign Ministers of the Nations of the Commonwealth. In addition, Sue is the Deputy Chairperson for the State Emergency Management Committee and is a member of the Partnership Forum with the Western Australian Government.

Please join with us as we congratulate and thank Sue Ash AO as she continues to work for the wellbeing of people and society in Western Australia.

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