



## Identitywa



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Identitywa is one of Western Australia's leading agencies supporting people with a disability and their families, with a 35 year legacy of providing quality support to children and adults throughout the Perth metropolitan area.

The organisation's Vision is to build a community in which "All people live with a sense of purpose, a sense of belonging and a sense of wellbeing". For each individual and family this means they begin the relationship by asking, "What does a good life look like for you?" and they work together to find the mix of right supports to help make this a reality.

This approach means that people with a disability, families and Identitywa effectively become partners, working together to ensure lives are lived with a sense of purpose, belonging and well being.



## The Shopfront



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The Shopfront began twelve years ago in Maylands as the Church's response to a growing number of people in Perth who came seeking its assistance. In the early years the Centre operated as a simple place of hospitality and sharing. However, gradually people came with other needs related to homelessness, health issues and lack of food or finance.

Thankfully, as The Shopfront reached out to help more people in need, more generous volunteers and donors came forward sharing their time, talents and resources. The Shopfront is the front line for welfare within the community and offers help and assistance to people who may be experiencing difficulty in their lives, for example: accommodation, budgeting, addiction, violence, loneliness, etc.

The Shopfront is run predominately by volunteers, who offer assistance in a friendly, non-bureaucratic manner and network with other agencies to obtain the appropriate assistance.

Although thousands of visitors came to The Shopfront in 2014, a really important aspect of the agency is the development of relationships with people who are regular visitors. There are people in the Maylands area who are socially isolated and the friendship that they experience at The Shopfront is so important to their well-being.

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With a history dating back to the 1940s, Centrecare is a Catholic not-for-profit, community services organisation with over 300 staff delivering more than 72 quality, professional counselling, support, mediation and training services throughout the Perth metropolitan, Goldfields, Esperance and South West regions of Western Australia.

This includes weekly and fortnightly services to the communities of Coolgardie, Menzies, Leonora, Laverton and Norseman. Additionally, staff provide regular support to the remote Aboriginal communities of Coonana, Tjuntjuntjarra and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

Centrecare aims to strengthen people and communities through the provision of professional social services, inspired by compassion and recognition for human dignity.

## Catholic Ministry for People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired



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The Catholic Ministry for People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired seeks to expand accessibility to deaf and hearing impaired people, and to educate the community on the needs of their clients.

Catholic Ministry for People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired activities are varied, and include telephone support, information sharing, counselling and interpreting services.

## Catholic Outreach



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Catholic Outreach assists parishes to develop Care Programs which enable volunteers to provide practical emergency short-term support for people in need in their local community, such as meals, transport, visiting etc.

Parish volunteers reach out with love, care and compassion to those in need within their own community, and demonstrate in a very positive and tangible way... "Faith In Action".

## Emmanuel Centre



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The Emmanuel Centre is a volunteer-run, self-help centre for people with disabilities. A number of support groups and organisations are involved in running the centre. Together, they aim to provide a caring, supportive environment for those living with disabilities.

The Emmanuel Centre is often described as the place to contact if you have tried everywhere else. Through its large volunteer base, the Emmanuel Centre offers information, support, counselling, advocacy, library lending and resources, work experience and training.

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Daydawn Advocacy Centre helps and assists Aboriginal people who are at the risk of eviction from public or private housing or are experiencing homelessness. Clients are referred by parents, grandparents, friends, Government departments, welfare agencies, hospitals and a variety of other organizations.

The majority are women who are mothers, grandmothers or aunties, most have children or have taken in family members' children.

As an agency of the Catholic Church, Daydawn Advocacy Centre is involved in reconciliation initiatives, in addition to networking with Aboriginal leaders and other Aboriginal organisations.

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Emmaus Community provides long term independent community living for people of adult age who live with mental health issues. The environment is such that it supports and encourages the independence of the individual to the best of each member's ability.

Emmaus started in 1996 as an informal drop in centre, and was set up out of the need for people living with mental illness to have some form of ongoing emotional support after leaving crisis care. Many people living with mental health issues had nowhere to go and were often very isolated. This isolation contributed to further deterioration of mental health.

As people started to use the drop in centre it was obvious that there was a need for long term permanent 'community' accommodation, as many were unable to live on their own and often had nowhere to go at night. Today, Emmaus Community owns 5 houses, rents a further 2 houses from the local Catholic Parish and one from the Archdiocese of Perth. They are in the process of building 4 purpose built community houses, which should be ready in early 2016.

The mental health system makes excellent provision for the mental health needs of their patients, however, it is the need of belonging, being able to love and be loved, being respected and most importantly of being taken seriously. This is what Emmaus strives to do for each community member on a daily basis.

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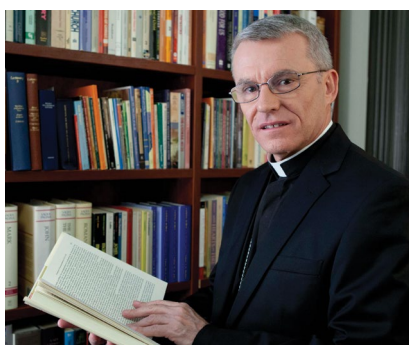


Centacare Employment and Training is a not-for-profit, registered training organisation (RTO), established in 1976. It delivers flexible adult education programs and fully accredited Vocational Education and Training, (VET) courses, specifically for disadvantaged and/or marginalised members of the community who are looking to learn new skills or obtain the qualifications necessary to go on to further study, training or employment in a particular field or industry.

Centacare Employment and Training supports students aged between 15 and 64 who identify the English language, literacy and/or numeracy as a barrier to participation in the labour market, including Indigenous people, those for whom English is not their first language, young Australians at risk of disengaging from mainstream education and mature-age people looking to improve their general level of education, obtain job-ready skills or gain the qualifications necessary to enter the workforce.

Courses are delivered by qualified, experienced and talented teachers, tailored to the individual needs of each student. Classes are practical, fun, interactive and available from six locations across the Perth metropolitan region, including Gosnells, Cannington, Midland, West Perth, Mirrabooka and Joondalup.

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Samaritan Projects is a unique agency which is directed by the Archbishop of Perth to respond to emergency or special needs which may arise within the community. This fund is directed solely at the Archbishop's discretion.

