

MEDIA RELEASE – 8 July 2019

Woden Community Service is celebrating its 50th and is looking for its volunteers from the early years

Woden Community Service (WCS) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and wants to contact as many of the volunteers involved in the early days as possible.

On Tuesday, July 30, an afternoon tea will be held for the people who first started the organisation to share their stories and photos of those remarkable days.

WCS was first established in 1969 by a group of local residents responding to the needs of people in the community.

"It was an entirely grass roots beginning for our organization. Ten people attended our first meeting in May 1969. They identified a lack of facilities, social isolation and the need to support new mothers, young families and older citizens," explains Jenny Kitchin, CEO of WCS.

By June 1969 a telephone answering service was formed and three volunteers offered the use of their home telephone numbers. They started to take calls from Woden residents needing assistance.

From these humble beginnings WCS has grown to an organization that now employs almost 400 people and a volunteer program. The agency delivers a wide range of services for children, families, young people and seniors, including disability, housing and mental health support.

"If you or someone you know were involved in the early days of our organisation, we would love to hear from you," said Jenny Kitchin.

The event details are:

Recollections: Celebrating 50 years of service

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 30 July 2019

The Pearce Community Centre

Collett Place, Pearce, ACT 2607

https://wcs_celebrating_50_years.eventbrite.com.au

To get in touch please call 6282 2644 and ask for Anita Gardner or email: info@wcs.org.au

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Jenny Kitchin at jenny.kitchin@wcs.org.au or on 0448 835 369

Anita Gardner at anita.gardner@wcs.org.au or on 0476 804 565

NOTES TO EDITOR:

Interviews and photo opportunities with some of our founding members can be arranged.

Woden Community Service (WCS) is a for purpose organisation that has been providing high quality community based services for 50 years.

WCS employs almost 400 staff and has an active volunteer program delivering a wide range of services covering: children, families, young people and seniors, including disability, housing and mental health support.