

2017 WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

WAGGA SOCIAL WORK NETWORK

DAY 21.3.17
TIME 6.30PM
VENUE WAGGA TOWN HOUSE FUNCTION
ROOM



The Organising Committee

Left to right

Kathleen Gaisford, Aaron Morrison,
Therese Jones-Mutton,
Taryn Humphries



The Guest Speaker

Tiina Silvasti is a Professor of Social and Public Policy in the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

She has studied the social consequences of structural change in agriculture and cultural models that organize farmers' way of life, covering also gender and environmental issues.

Her recent research interests lie in food system studies, particularly in food security in the first-world context and food aid delivery in wealthy Western countries.

Besides publishing articles in scientific journals, both in Finnish and in English, she has written two books (in Finnish) and co-edited nine books (two in English).



The Guest Speaker

Recent publications in English:

Kortetmäki, T. & Silvasti, T. (2017) Charitable Food Aid in a Nordic Welfare State: A Case for Environmental and Social Injustice in A-L. Matthies & K. Näthi (ed.) Ecosocial transition in society. Contribution of social work and social policy. Routledge.

Riches, G. & Silvasti, T. (ed.) (2014) First World Hunger Revisited. Food Charity or Right to Food? PalgraveMacMillan



The Cake



Network Members

**Karen, Chris, Clare, Cara, Aaron,
Serena, Kathleen, Chris and Narelle**



Jeanette, Clare and Karen



Network Members

Taryn

Sam, Kylie and Fiona



Network Members

Fiona, Corrine and Heather – Serena is hiding



Other members present but not photographed

- Jeanette
- Don
- Garth
- Matt
- Don
- David
- Ruth
- Lisa

New Stories related to the day
<http://news.csu.edu.au/local-news/wagga-wagga/world-social-work-day-marked-in-wagga-wagga>

World Social Work Day marked in Wagga Wagga

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Monday, 20 Mar 2017



Charles Sturt University (CSU) academics and local social workers will celebrate World Social Work Day on Tuesday 21 March at a special dinner in Wagga Wagga.

Lecturer in social work and human services in the CSU **School of Humanities and Social Sciences** Ms **Therese Jones-Mutton** (pictured) said, "Social workers are passionate advocates for a more socially-just Australia, and nationally the Australian Association of Social Work is promoting the difference social workers make to society."

"Locally, the World Social Work Day celebration is being organised by the Wagga Social Work Network which is now its third year of operation. We feel it is important to highlight the value of social work to society on this significant international day."

In 2017 **World Social Work Day** highlights the theme 'Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability', which relates to the third pillar of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development.

Ms Jones-Mutton, who is also an organising committee member of the celebrations in Wagga Wagga, said, "The Wagga Social Work Network is a network of professional social workers and social work students. Its aim is to network, share information, participate in continuing education, and mentor and support students coming into the profession."

At the Network dinner on Tuesday night the audience will hear an address by leading international guest speaker, Professor Tiina Silvasti. She is Professor of Social and Public Policy in the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland. CSU offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Social Work and Human Services, read more [here](#).

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Media Note:

Ms Therese Jones-Mutton is a lecturer, social work field education coordinator and manager of work place learning for the **social work** discipline in CSU's **School of Humanities and Social Sciences** in Wagga Wagga. Contact CSU Media to arrange interviews.

Registrations have closed for the Wagga Social Work Dinner at 6.30pm Tuesday 21 March at the Function Room at the Town House, Margan Street Wagga Wagga.

The dinner organising committee is Ms Therese Jones-Mutton (CSU), Mr Aaron Morison (Intereach), Ms Taryn Humphries (Anglicare), and Ms Kathleen Gaisford (a CSU graduate).

News stories related to the day

<http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/society/social-work-can-contribute-to-environmental-sustainability>

Social work can contribute to environmental sustainability

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Tuesday 21 Mar 2017



A conceptual shift is needed in the modern social work field to contribute to environmental sustainability, a Charles Sturt University (CSU) academic argues.

Lecturer in social work and human services in the CSU [School of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) Ms Heather Boetto (pictured) says, "In the context of an accelerated global environmental crisis that disproportionately affects the world's poorest, an environmentally sensitive approach to practice has never been more important."

In her [recently published article](#) in the *British Journal of Social Work*, Ms Boetto argues that by adopting a distinct philosophy that emphasises a holistic and interdependent outlook, social work can build a consistent new base that promotes transformative change towards a more sustainable environment.

"The shift in focus by the social work discipline from a human-centred worldview to an ecologically-centred worldview is a potentially important contribution to addressing the impacts of the global environmental crisis," Ms Boetto said.

"This is especially important to keep in mind today on [World Social Work Day 2017](#)."

The theme of the International Federation for Social Work is 'Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability', which relates to the third pillar of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development.

"Furthermore, this shift in conceptualisation represents a significant shift in consciousness about the place of humans in the natural world," Ms Boetto said.

"The unsustainable use of the world's eco-system is affecting and will continue to affect the quality of human existence and the lives of other creatures. There needs to be a fundamental re-orientation to a world-view that reflects a holistic, interdependent view of humans as part of the natural world."

Ms Boetto says the logical extension of her argument for this transformative model would see the meaning of 'well-being' reconceptualised, and an emphasis on activism within the discipline and profession.

"The 'doing' of eco-social work requires an emphasis on activism within the profession, and attention to personal, individual, collective, community and political dimensions of practice," Ms Boetto said.

"Such a shift in the model offers alternative conceptualisations to existing modernist and human-centred approaches in social work, which encourage transformative change towards a more sustainable world."

"For these reasons and more it is important that social workers champion World Social Work Day and continue to work towards achieving a more equitable and sustainable world for all."

CSU offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in social work and human services. To learn more see CSU [social work](#) courses and read more [here](#).

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WAGGA NETWORK

ü TO PROVIDE A NETWORK FOR LOCAL SOCIAL WORKERS TO MEET, EXCHANGE IDEAS AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER

ü TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES/FORUMS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

ü TO SUPPORT AND MENTOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

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