Various Articles and news items are included in this list:

National: Our Community Matters (Item 1 p3) extract below:

**Standard Chart of Accounts goes national**

Just to show what can be done if you only persevere, the Standard Chart of Accounts (SCOA), devised by Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes and the gang from the QUT’s Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies has now been accepted by all Australian governments.

Wherever your organisation is based, you can hand in your financial information in one standard format. No longer will you have to recalculate all your accounts to fit them into a different set of definitions – and for larger groups that have been dealing with different levels of government or different government agencies, this is a considerable saving in time and therefore (eventually) money.

It’s not compulsory for your organisation to use the SCOA (unless your grantmaker says so), and understanding its ins and outs will take a little time, but it’s a massive step forward.

Victoria: Review of SCOA (Probono Australia)

Specific WA News and Articles


Fundraising & Philanthropy Less red tape, more money - standard chart of accounts for nonprofits e-bulletin June 2010

Our Community Matters Standard Chart of Accounts April 2010 Edition

Bell Potter Securities Limited - Daily Research Journal 23.04.10

Research from Scotland Small Charity Accounts: a comparative study 26 March 2010

What is happening in Canada? Papers for review and comment by 15 July 2010

Australia: Third Sector Magazine Article 17 March 2010

Australia: ACOSS survey February 2010

Australia: Keeping Good Company New & Views article February 2010

Victoria: Probono article 24 February 2010

Victoria: Third Sector Review article 25 February 2010

A summary of the Standard Business Reporting and XBRL SBR/XBRL Summary

One of the key objectives of the Standard Business Reporting project is to link the data requests from businesses to information that is already collected by business thus responding to the reduction of the compliance burden by a much reduced list of data fields. There are efficiency and effectiveness improvements that can be made with the data and within the businesses. Initially this project has a for-profit business focus with the project set to expand into the nonprofit area from 1 July 2010.

This summary is Appendix B to the report of the Productivity Commission on Annual Review of Regulatory Burdens on Business: Social and Economic Infrastructure Services. This research report was released on 15 September 2009.

Call for one watchdog on non-profits by Mark Fenton-Jones in The Australian Financial Review on 5 June 2009

Red tape to be slashed for charities and other non-profit groups* Media Release by the Hon Lindsay Tanner MP and Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (13 March 2009)

Senate Economics Committee Submissions

Full December 2008 Report
Other Research papers

The Smith Family CPA Conference paper
Dr Rob Simon, Head of Research and Social Policy, The Smith Family, CPA Conference, Embracing the Next Generation of Governments, Brisbane, 22 March 2007 The Smith Family CPA Paper


Movement on Australian NPO Accounting Standards