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For all who have lost and deeply miss a dear person:

Oh heart, if one should say to you that the soul perishes like the body, answer that the flower withers, but the seed remains. ~ Kahlil Gibran

Reminder: Discobility “Dance to the Nines”

What? A free night for people over 18 with a disability to dance to the music of The Junction House Band. Light refreshments provided.
When? Friday 15 July, 6pm-9pm.
Where? Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood.
RSVP? To book, phone 9777 7975.

‘Sounds of The Streets’ (SOTS) Music Course

What? Creative Youth Initiatives (CYI) invites youth aged 16-25 facing mental illness, disability, homelessness, family breakdown, unemployment etc a course to express themselves creatively in a safe and supportive environment. Supported by Albert Music, Sony Foundation Australia, Sir David Martin Foundation, Gwynvill Group, Australian Stockbrokers Foundation.
When? Commences in July for 20 weeks. Runs 10am-4pm Tuesday to Thursday for 20 weeks.
Where? Lower Ground Floor, 19 Denham Street, Surry Hills 2010.
Info? Phone Mission Australia’s Creative Youth Initiatives on 9356 8897 or email cyi@missionaustralia.com.au.

Source: *Young Carers NSW newsletter – June 2011*

Booklet: Leisure for youth and adults with disabilities on the Northern Beaches 2011

This free yellow-covered A5 size book has 44 pages of details of recreation and leisure activities for people with disabilities aged 15+ in and around the Northern Sydney area. Sections deal with accessibility, leisure (art, craft, dance, drama, gardening, music), communication (colleges, libraries), holiday camps, social clubs and groups, sport activities, transport and the LINC database. For your copy (May 2011), email Marjorie on janzm@warringah.nsw.gov.au or phone 9942 2686.

Post School Options and Transition Planning Forum – online registration

What? Parents, carers and staff of high school students with special learning needs are invited to consider: the process of transition from school to adult life, making informed choices about the future, education and training options, employment services and other programs, financial assistance and government guidelines, how funding works and the levels allocated. The speakers represent Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Centrelink and TAFE. Supported by Willoughby City Council, Hills Schools Industry Partnership, National Disability Coordination Officer, North Sydney and Central Coast.
When? Wednesday 10 August, 3.30pm-5.30pm or 6pm-8pm.
Where? Dougherty Centre auditorium, 7 Victor Road, Chatswood.
Info? For information and to register (essential), go to <http://ndco.cds.org.au/index.php/post-school-transition-planning-forums>.

CARERS

Reminder: Free Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

What? Triple P Seminars address general parenting issues, why children tend to behave in certain ways under certain influences, and what they best respond to. Dealing decisively and effectively with behaviours such as aggression, non-co-operation and disobedience. Recognising and managing situations that might be much less obvious such as sadness, anxiety, difficulty with separation and problems mixing with other children.
1. The power of positive parenting: Tuesday 26 July 10am-11:30
2. Raising competent, confident children: Tuesday 2 August 10am-11:30
3. Raising resilient children: Tuesday 9 August 10am-11:30
Where? North Sydney Community Centre, 220 Miller St, North Sydney (inside Civic Park).
RSVP? Bookings are essential by contacting Centacare on 8425 8700 or melinda.love@dbb.org.au

Note: Centacare is running many seminars and groups for Parenting, Kids, Parenting after separation, and Dads only programs. Phone their Brookvale (on 8968 5100) and Naremburn (on 8425 8700) centres to obtain a brochure listing all programs.

Australia's 1st National Pain Week (23-30 July 2011) "Growing Hope for People in Pain"

Chronic Pain Australia aims to reduce the social and other barriers to living with chronic pain, which others often do not understand. The Chronic Pain Australia Website has a forum and resources to help people with their persistent pain – the telephone support line is on 1800 218 921.

To run an event during or around this time, register at www.chronicpinaustralia.org.au. To receive a Chronic Pain Information Pack and posters advertising National Pain Week, email your details and mailing address to Liz at nsw@chronicpinaustralia.org.au.

First Fibromyalgia Support Group Meeting in Parramatta- on Saturday 23 July, 11am to 1pm, in the National Office in Parramatta. To attend this meeting you will need to be a member of Chronic Pain Australia. For information and to register to attend, phone 1800 218 921.

Booklet: Services for Children aged 0-6 Years with Additional Needs 2011

This free booklet lists details about services available to Northern Beaches residents relating to: advocacy, assessment and referral, child care, early childhood health centres, early intervention, equipment and aids, family support (parent groups, counselling, general), financial issues, fun, information (and LINC database), playgroups, preschools, respite, siblings, transport. Many services are available to parents / carers / services throughout the Northern Sydney region. For your copy, phone 9942 2686, email janzm@warringah.nsw.gov.au.

FUNDRAISING / FINANCIAL ISSUES

Reminder: Commonwealth Bank Community Grants

Current and former staff donate funds to help organisations that support the health and wellbeing of Australian children. Applications for grants of up to \$10,000 are open **until 15 July**, with a total of \$650,000 being awarded this year. The key criteria are that the organisation:

- support the health and wellbeing of Australian children;
- identify realistic, measurable and achievable project goals and outcomes; and
- be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

All the details are at www.commbank.com.au/communitygrants.

2011 Print Disability Scholarship Program and Seniors Grant

Quantum introduces this new program and grant in order to build awareness of how alternative information needs can be met for people (young children in school to older people at home) whose print disability impacts on their daily lives. Accessibility is critical for people with a print disability. This Program will feature a range of new prizes, including electronic magnifiers, text-to-speech devices and portable DAISY players.

- To enter for the 3 categories of scholarship (Primary Education, Secondary Education, Tertiary Education / TAFE), complete the application form and provide a supporting piece of 500 words or less on how having a print disability affects you and how the adaptive equipment on offer would help you at school and in your studies.
- To go into the draw to win a prize from the award collection, seniors need to complete an application form and write 50 words or less on how Low Vision most affects you in your daily life and how the adaptive equipment on offer may help you get back to doing what you miss most. The office staff are happy to provide assistance in completing the application form – phone 9875 1646.

Applications close Friday 25 November. For information and application form for the program and grant, and the prizes, see www.quantumrlv.com.au/2011-Scholarship-Program-and-Seniors-Grant.

Education Tax Rebate for Assistive Technology for Students with a Disability

Every student with or without a disability is rebated by 50% by the Australian Tax Office under the "education tax rebate". For the 2010–11 tax year, refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school. Eligible expenses are listed on the ATO website link to the "Education Tax Refund" at www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/index.html

Another useful resource is the online version of "Through the Maze" – from page 89 for Taxation – at www.acdns.org.au/images/stories/ttm_ed3_2010.pdf.

Free Tax Help for Low Income Earners with Tax Returns and Baby Bonus Claims

From 1 July to 31 October, community volunteers provide free confidential help to complete tax returns for people on low incomes at convenient community locations. The straightforward tax returns include income received through Centrelink payments and benefits, salary and wages, dividends, managed funds, interest. See www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/9172.htm.

Volunteers assist with a Non-lodgment advice (for certain people on a low income), claims for family tax benefit, refund of imputation credits and baby bonus; but NOT business tax returns, partnership and trust matters, capital gains tax (CGT), rental property.

To make an appointment with the local Tax Help program, phone 13 28 61 (press 2, then 3), with your tax file number ready. Email queries to www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/4892.htm. Anyone can download e-tax at www.ato.gov.au/etax to prepare and lodge a tax return electronically.

JOB: Manager, Disabled Alternative Road Travel Service DARTS, Chatswood

This small non profit organisation provides social and recreational daytrips for people who use wheelchairs for mobility. Required: self-motivated leader with strong people skills committed to working with people with disabilities, experience in Community Services or those returning to the workforce with other relevant experience, access to comprehensively insured vehicle (mileage allowance provided). Responsible for operational, staff and financial management, funding submissions, planning / promoting the service. 28 hrs/wk. SACS Grade 5 with salary package including fringe benefits and super. See job listed on www.seek.com.au and www.mycareer.com.au, phone DARTS on 9777 7840 or email darts@tpg.com.au. Send resume and cover letter to darts@tpg.com.au (preferred) or DARTS, Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor Street, Chatswood NSW 2067. Closes 5pm Mon 18 July.

RESOURCES

Substitute Consent: What the Law Says

The Public Guardian has updated a booklet on what the law says when a person cannot give consent to medical and dental treatment. It outlines who can give consent and the sorts of decisions that can be made. This is a useful guide for guardians and healthcare professionals where there is a need to seek and make substitute decisions about medical and dental treatment. This booklet can be downloaded from www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/opg or contact PGSU on 8688 5984 for your free copy.

Disability Support Pension

Legal Aid NSW has launched a new resource in Arabic, Chinese, English, Farsi, Turkish and Vietnamese. Copies of this and many other resources in various languages can be ordered online through Legal Aid at www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/pubsonline

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Legal Services and Assistance

- LawAccess is a free government telephone service providing legal information, advice, referrals, factsheets & guides to help with legal issues - 1800 888 529 and www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au
- Mental Health Advocacy Service provides free legal advice and assistance about mental health law, represent people in hearings that relate to their detention and treatment in hospitals and the community, and the management of their money, It now also provide representation for people with other disabilities before the Guardianship Tribunal - phone 9745 4277
- Intellectual Disability Rights Service is a community legal centre working with people with an intellectual disability to exercise and advance their rights 1800 666 611
- Legal Services Commissioner receives all complaints about solicitors and barristers in NSW – phone 1800 242 958
- Administrative Decisions Tribunal reviews specific administrative decisions of NSW Government agencies including Guardianship Tribunal and Public Guardian – phone 9223 4677

Source: *Onguard – Public guardian newsletter – June 2011*

“Think before you park” Educational Campaign

A Guide Dogs NSW/ACT survey has found that vehicles parked on footpaths are commonly experienced as of concern and safety for people who are blind or vision impaired. On 7 June a campaign was launched to educate motorists about the consequences of parking on or across footpaths for people who are blind or do not see very well. Tradesmen in particular should remember that long “guide” canes can’t detect objects protruding from the back of their utes (like ladders) which can cause head injuries. You can see the video (starring celebrity builders Two Fat Tradies from TV show) and download posters to display in public areas at www.thinkbeforeyoupark.com.au. Video and poster resources have been developed with the support of an NRMA Road Safety Grant. For information or resources, contact the Community Educator Jane Bryce on 9412 9300 or email jbryce@guidedogs.com.au.

Launch of the first World Disability Report

The first [World Report on Disability](http://www.who.int/publications/2011/9789240685215_eng.pdf) has been produced jointly by the World Health Organization and the World Bank. It reviews evidence about the global situation of persons with disabilities, and offers directions for policy and practice to address exclusion. The report contains chapters on health; rehabilitation; assistance and support; enabling environments; education; and employment. It also includes the first new disability prevalence estimates since the 1970s and encourages better data collection. The 350-page report demonstrates how removing barriers, investing in rehabilitation and more accessible environments can enable millions of persons with disabilities to participate in education, employment and wider society. It is important for policy-makers, professionals, persons with disabilities and their families. See http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789240685215_eng.pdf.
Source: NCOSS Ageing and Disability Update - 29 June 2011

Podcasts by Vision Australia's Equipment Solutions Specialist Team

This range of podcasts is designed to help answer common accessibility questions concerning new developments in assistive technology at www.visionaustralia.org/atpodcasts/.

YOUR PARTICIPATION COUNTS

Invitation to Complete Short Survey for Warringah Disability Newsletter

More than 300 responses have been received in 2 weeks – thank you! This is a friendly reminder requesting the others to take 5 minutes to complete the 9 questions online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WarringahDisabilitye-NewsletterSurvey>. A summary of results will be posted on the website. You can also mail the completed form at no charge to: The Disability Information Officer, Warringah Library Service, Warringah Council, Reply Paid 74140, Dee Why NSW 2099; or fax it to 9942 2371. Thank you again for providing this feedback for the benefit of all newsletter readers.

Your Say - Collaroy Accessible for All

- What? Warringah Council wants to hear your view and ideas on how Collaroy – the beach, reserve, playground, pool, shops - could become a more accessible place for all. The previous consultation on the two concept options showed that more information was required in order to meet all needs. The community survey and needs assessment for the Collaroy Precinct asks your opinion on what works well and what doesn't, to be used to develop a Master Plan for the area. Free balloons and face painting.
- When? Wednesday 20 July, 11am–2pm (free coffee, come any time between 11 and 2) or Saturday 23 July, 10am–1pm (any time, free sausage sizzle)
- Where? Collaroy Reserve near the playground (in the marquee), Collaroy Beach, Pittwater Road.
- Info? For information or to complete an online survey, see www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/comment/comment.aspx#collaroy.

NSW Carers Awards - Nominations now Open

Over 150 carers in local and state celebrations during Carers Week will be presented with an Award in Carers Week celebrated from 16 – 23 October 2011. The awards recognise carers for making a positive contribution to the lives of the people they care for and the broader contribution they make to the community. Categories for the awards include Senior Carer, Caring Partner, Young Carer, Carer-Friendly Workplace, Carer Support Group, Caring Family or Parent, Caring Volunteer or Community Member, Caring School. Nominations are open until 5pm Friday 22 July. For online nomination, see www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/caring_for_someone/nsw_carers_award_2011_nomination.

Reminder: Nomination Time for the 2011 National Disability Awards closes 29 July

These awards celebrate International Day of People with Disability by recognising people with disability who have achieved something remarkable or made a significant contribution to their community, and people or groups within the community who have contributed to the disability sector or improved access and inclusion. The 2011 Award categories are: Minister's Lifelong Achievement Award, Young Disability Challenge Award, Business Award, Local Government Award, Social Inclusion Award, Inclusive and Accessible Communities Award, Health and Wellbeing Award. To nominate, download a nomination form and guidelines at www.idpwd.com.au, or call 1800 440 385 to order printed copies.

“Inside the Beast” – Feedback to Public Health Services

- What?** Northern Sydney Peak Community Participation Council wants to hear from community members about their priorities, needs and preferences regarding health services in the Lower North Shore area, and to seek community views on the efficacy of current local health services, plans and policies. Input on hospital services, including Royal North Shore and Greenwich Hospitals, and also community health, patient transport and outpatient services will be sought. A local health consumer and two health professionals will speak before you raise questions, experiences, needs and suggestions. On the basis of this feedback, a written report to be given to the NS LHD Board to influence future health service policy and planning. Copies of the report will also be provided to forum attendees.
- When?** Tuesday 26 July, 9:30 am–1 pm, with a free light lunch.
- Where?** Bradfield Park Wellbeing Centre, Alfred Street, Milsons Point (next to train station).
- RSVP?** For information or to book your place, phone Martina Fox on 9926 5925. Maximum 70 places.

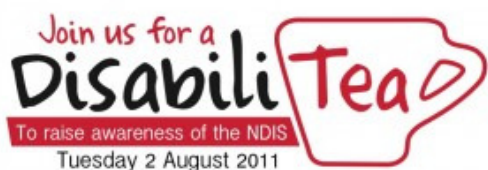
The Cerebral Palsy Challenge 2011

- What?** This national 8 week team activity encourages staff and colleagues in agencies, schools and community to improve their health, fitness and wellbeing, while raising funds for children with cerebral palsy. Teams of 4 enter their daily step count (pedometers are supplied) into the Cerebral Palsy Challenge website to progress up a virtual mountain. Other activities like swimming, cycling and team sports can be converted to steps through the online system. Steps count toward reaching the top of each of the 7 world summits. Official Ambassadors are John Hughes (MasterChef contestant with cerebral palsy) and Lola Berry (nutritionist on The Circle). You can also donate on the website.
- When?** From 6 September - 31 October.
- Cost?** \$25 per team member or \$100 for a team of four.
- Info?** See www.cpchallenge.org.au, phone 9479 7200 or email cpchallenge@cerebralpalsy.org.au.
- Note:** Every 15 hours an Australian baby is born with cerebral palsy: 1 in 3 will not walk, and 1 in 5 will not talk. There is no known cure and, for most, the cause is unknown.

Survey: Have you employed a person with disability?

The Australian Network on Disability (AND) has assisted the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) to develop a survey to get a snapshot of employers' experiences with Disability Employment Services (DES), employer engagement and readiness, and to gauge the adequacy of the Government's DES. The survey will provide valuable information that AHRI and AND can use as members of the Federal Employment Participation Minister's Disability Employment Services Reference Group. All responses will remain anonymous. The closing date for the survey is Friday 29 July 2011. To complete the survey, click onto <http://ahri.checkboxonline.com/disemp.aspx>

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



* The final report of the Productivity Commissions Inquiry into Disability Care and Support will be presented to the Federal Government on the 31 July. Register your tea at <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/disabilitea>.

* Speak with your federal MP while s/he is in the electorate during the five-week winter break from Canberra. To see

David Pearce, a campaigner from Tasmania, visit his MP Andrew Wilkie, click onto http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/andrew_wilkie_mp_i_count/.

CONFERENCES, TRAINING, SEMINARS

Reminder: Self Directed Funding discussed at Manly Warringah Pittwater HACC Forum

- What? Guest speakers Melise Bourne, Ability Options and Naomi James, Lifestyle Solutions, will discuss how self directed funding is organised and supported by their staff for people with disabilities of all ages. The forum is attended by representatives from many agencies offering services to people with a disability, frail older people and their carers (not only HACC funded agencies), to network, update on services and issues for clients on the Northern Beaches, hear presentations. Reports by HACC Development, ADHC, working parties (CALD, Social Isolation, Transport, Volunteering). Light refreshments.
- Where? Pittwater Rugby Park, North Narrabeen Reserve - 1472 Pittwater Road, Warriewood, is bounded by Pittwater Road to the west and Walsh Street to the south.
- When? Wednesday 13 July, 8.45am for 9am-11am.
- Info? Phone Angela Doolan on 9942 2560 or email angela.doolan@warringah.nsw.gov.au.

Reminder: Workshop on 'How can I know what Someone Else needs?'

- What? Presenter John Armstrong will examine how to know and understand the needs of a person with communications difficulties (maybe through intellectual or physical disability, mental illness or acquired brain injury/stroke), and safeguard to be put in place. He has been involved in SRV-related training since 1983 in Australia and New Zealand.
- When? Thursday 28 July, 8.30am registration for 9am-4.30pm.
- Where? North Ryde RSL Club, Cnr Pittwater and Magdala Rds, North Ryde NSW 2113.
- Cost? \$150 per person OR \$130 per person for 3 or more from the same organisation. Includes workshop package, morning / afternoon tea and lunch). Limited discounts are available for those on fixed income or full-time students.
- RSVP? For a flier and the registration form, visit the Foundations Forum's website www.foundationsforum.info or call Wendy on 0405 071 577.

Rethinking Risk - Recovery Based Approaches to Complex Situations

- What? Recovery based approaches involve a shift from 'managing risk' and 'avoiding relapse' to supporting people's efforts to live meaningful and satisfying lives. Central is the role of choice and self-determination, and the contribution of positive risk-taking to the recovery process. Mary O'Hagan, international consultant in mental health recovery, will look at how to respect the right to autonomy and self-determination while at the same time meeting all our personal and/or professional obligations and optimising safety. See www.pra.org.au/index.html.
- When? Monday 8 August, 9am – 4.30pm.
- Where? Platform 10, Level 10, 1 Lawson Square, Redfern (directions at www.platform10.com.au)
- Cost? \$175 (waged), \$85 (unwaged – proof required), includes morning/afternoon teas and lunch.
- RSVP? For information and registration form, email insideoutconversations@gmail.com or phone 0407 983 364. Hosted by the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association – phone 9690 8900.

Creating Inclusive Lives – the Canadian Experience

- What? Resourcing Families (an initiative of Family Advocacy) invites families, friends and professionals interested in creating rich inclusive lives for people with developmental disability to learn from self directed funding in Alberta, hear about strategies to build inclusive communities, explore opportunities for post school life, understand the value and importance of a vision in creating a rich life. This includes presentations by family members / professionals (Lori Adamchick, Kim Guay, Stacey Andrews, Barbara Nish, Trish Bowman, Orvella Small) and professionals (Bruce Uditsky, Robin Acton and Wendy McDonald, Anne Hughson) who have a long history of supporting inclusion and self directed funding - helpful as the NSW government has committed to making self-directed funding an option by 1 July 2014.
- Where? Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde. On-site undercover parking via Wattle Street. Accessible venue, short walk from West Ryde Train Station.
- When? Thursday 18 August, 9.30am-3pm. Registrations from 9am.
- Cost? Person with Disability \$10, Family member / friend \$30, Student \$30, Professional \$100. Morning tea and lunch are included.
- RSVP? For information, see www.resourcingfamilies.org.au/index.php/events.html, phone 9869 0866 or 1800 620 588 or email info@resourcingfamilies.org.au.

Sydney CAREX 2011 - Health & Aged Care Expo

- What? CEOs, Managers, Health Professionals and Staff are invited to review, compare, research, network, learn, invest - 100 exhibit sites of products, services, education & information. Three fee paying half-day seminars: Wound Care, Dementia & Palliative Care, & Catering; plus 18 free 45-minute mini workshops.
- When? 10 & 11 August, 9.30am-4pm.
- Where? Public Grandstand, Rosehill Racecourse, James Ruse Drive, Rosehill. Good bus / train.
- RSVP? Information and free registration on <http://www.totalagedservices.com.au/carex.asp>, or phone 03 9571 5606 or email office@totalagedservices.com.au.

Care Planning for Future Care Needs

- What? Everyone, especially carers, are invited to hear Jenna McNabb, Attorney General's Department and Barbara Lewis, Carer Support Service on: "How do I decide whether a person has the capacity to make their own decisions?" Confused about the Next of Kin/Carer/Person Responsible/Enduring Guardianship? Planning for care and decision making is important we will also discuss Advance Care Planning what it means, how to do it etc. Other information stalls will be available providing a range of related resources.
- When? Tuesday 16 August, 10.30am to 12noon.
- Where? The Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor Street, Chatswood.
- RSVP? Email Mary DiMattina at mdimatti@nscchahs.health.nsw.gov.au Carer Support Service, Northern Sydney Local Health District, on 9998 0811.

The Artistry of Facilitation

- What? Presenter Scott Dutton is a social worker with a background in parent-adolescent mediation, and tailors in-house training. This course explores the integral ingredients when facilitating a group – ensuring it is engaging, interactive, fun and challenging! It also looks at how to create a supportive environment and to deal with challenging behaviours. Endorsed by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW – 24 CPE points) and the Australian Psychological Society (APS - 12 Generalist PD hours).
- When? 29-30 August, 9:15am–4:15pm.
- Where? The Marque Sydney, CBD Sydney.
- Cost? \$390+GST (Early Bird - 2 months prior to start or AASW member) or \$420+GST non-members. Includes training manual, morning and afternoon tea, healthy vegetarian lunch.
- RSVP? Information and registration on www.groupfacilitation.com.au, or email Scott Dutton on scott@groupfacilitation.com.au or phone 0425 837 756.

Language Development & Language Disorders

- What? 'Applying 21st Century knowledge to 20th Century problems' presented by Dr Patricia Eadie, Speech Pathologist, University of Melbourne. About 15% of children at 2 years, and 5 years, have late and slow language development ending in persistent language disorder (LD). However, little evidence exists about which interventions work best and how they should be delivered. Dr Eadie will discuss early language delay and the different developmental pathways to late talking at 2 years and language disorder at 4 & 5 years; recent research findings regarding the risk & protective factors for language disorder; complex interaction of the biological foundation & environmental influences; clinical implications of recent research regarding detection, prevention and intervention for language delay in the preschool years and the implications of persistent language disorder in the school years.
- When? Friday 2 September, 8.30 registration, then 8.45am–4.30pm.
- Where? Lorimer Dods Lecture Theatre, Level 4, The Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Cost? Early Bird (5 Aug) / regular (26 Aug): Speech Pathologists \$220 / \$250, Students \$100 / \$125. Includes morning / afternoon teas, lunch, course materials handouts, certificate of attendance (points towards PSR for eligible).
- Info? Phone Noella Phillips, Speech Pathology Admin Asst, on 9845 2076 or NoellaP@chw.edu.au.

2011 Annual NSW/ACT ASID Conference - Research to Practice "Tweaking the Future"

What? At the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability conference, Bob Bowen (a leading trainer in the Mandt system from the USA) will be the keynote speaker on the neurological basis of the response to trauma, thereby providing insights into how trauma affects the way people interact with their environment, and how this knowledge can be used to inform the way one works positively with people with disabilities who display concern. Other presentations will cover topics like: Inclusive research, End of life issues, Person centred behaviour support, Person centred approaches in practise, Ethical research in service delivery. The 2010 and 2011 recipients of the ASID NSW/ACT Disability Support Worker Recognition Awards will be featured.

When? Monday 12 September 2011.

Where? Liverpool Catholic Club, Cnr Joadja & Hoxton Park Roads, Liverpool.

RSVP? Information and online registration at <http://asid.asn.au/Regions/NewSouthWales.aspx>.

ASID NSW & ACT Disability Support Professional Awards 2011

These are the only awards in NSW and ACT, designed to recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions made by disability support professionals in relation to the support they provide to people with disabilities in NSW and ACT. At the above website, download the nomination form for two:

1. An outstanding Disability Support Professional who has worked in the sector for at least 3 years.
2. A Disability Support Professional who has been employed in the sector for less than 3 years and who has made a significant contribution during this time.

Courses of Relationships Australia NSW in Term 3 (18 July – 23 September 2011)

Lane Cove – 8 wk courses, 6pm-8.30pm

- Managing After Separation - Tue 26 Jul – 13 Sep
- Building better relationships - Wed 3 Aug - 21 Sep

North Ryde

- Focus on Kids Parenting After Separation - Thu 11 Aug – 15 Sep, 6pm-8.30pm (6wk).

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- Focus on Kids Parenting After Separation, Mon 1 Aug – 5 Sep, 6pm–8:30 pm (6wk)
- My Changing Family and Me, Thu 28 Jul – 1 Sep, 4pm-6pm (6wk)
- Taking Responsibility (Info night 13 Jul 6:30pm), Wed 3 Aug – 7 Sep, 6:30–8:30pm (6wk)
- Women Choice and Change - Wed 27 Jul – 14 Sep, 10am-12.30pm (8wk)

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TRI IT Training Calendar July-December 2011 at www.tricomm.org.au/training

New training workshops include:

- What is Social Media? - (social bookmarking, social news, multimedia sharing etc)
- iPhone, iPad, iPerplexed!
- Introduction to Facebook
- Introduction to Twitter
- Connect with your community using Blogs

Previously run workshops are running again, including:

- Microsoft Word: Introduction / Intermediate / Advanced / to manage long documents & reports
- Microsoft Excel: Introduction / Intermediate / to collect, analyse & report on Surveys
- Introduction to Microsoft Publisher / Microsoft PowerPoint / Microsoft Access / Microsoft Outlook / Photoshop Elements
- Office 2010 Overview
- Create Effective Surveys Using Survey Monkey

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