Registrations are now open for dArpa’s 3rd State Conference. A range of interesting papers have been accepted as well as two very interesting key note speakers, all discussing the pressing issue in our field of the health issues that affect people with disabilities.

Each day of the conference will include Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Tea, entertainment and showcases of Art by people with disabilities.

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for service providers, families and people with disabilities to meet and share their knowledge and experiences. There is also an opportunity to discuss an even wider range of topics over a nice meal and a drink at the post-conference dinner to be held on Tuesday 17th July at Morphettville Junction.

So don’t delay, register now, before June 30th to take advantage of the Early Bird discount. dArpa members receive further discounts.

Registration forms are attached to this newsletter.
Professor Trevor R. Parmenter commenced his career in 1953 as a primary school teacher with the NSW Department of Education. He entered the field of special education in 1964, teaching secondary students with a range of disabilities. Following principalship of a special school for students with an intellectually disability, he joined the foundation staff of Macquarie University’s special education program in 1974. He established the Unit for Community Integration Studies researching community living, employment and transitional programs for adolescents and adults with a disability.

In 1997 he accepted the Foundation Chair of Developmental Disabilities at The University of Sydney and the Directorship of the newly established Centre for Developmental Disability Studies at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney. He is active in a range of national and international disability organisations, including four years as president of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (IASSSID) and ex-officio member of the Board of the American Association on Mental Retardation. His research interests include quality of life; transition from school to work and adult living; employment; behaviour problems; ageing; family studies; autism spectrum disorders; policy development; evaluation of disability programs; and physical and mental health of people with a developmental disability. He serves on the editorial boards of six international journals and is a member of five boards of management of disability support organisations.

Publications include 88 papers in peer reviewed journals, 44 books/book chapters and 190 national and international conference presentations. He is noted for his experience in translating research into practice, especially through the development of training programs; supervision of research students and strategic planning consultancies.

Sue Miers

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Sue is the carer of a 26 year old foster daughter who has partial fetal alcohol syndrome.

She has lobbied extensively on both a state and national level to raise awareness about FASD issues and is a founding member of NOFASARD (National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Related Disorders). She has been invited to be a member of, and has reported to, various national and state government agencies in Australia, as a recognised parent authority in this area.

In June 2006 she was awarded the Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to the community through the establishment of the National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and Related Disorders, to community education and reconciliation.
OTHER INTERESTING PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE:

- Staff knowledge of physical effects of ageing on people with intellectual disability
- Navigating the health care system – a personal journey
- Investigating the mental health of people with intellectual disability
- Investigating the mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults with an intellectual disability.
- Caring for minds in all sorts of bodies.
- The construction of ‘Sexuality’ within Disability Support Workers’ discourse
- Health support of people with disabilities: Considerations for providers and health plans.
- Intellectual disability nursing – a specialised field or a dying art?
- Meeting health support needs of people with disability in the community: a state and sector wide approach
- What’s art therapy got to do with it?
- Young People in Nursing Homes project – ‘Living the Good life’
- Spinal canal pathology in people with intellectual disabilities
- The Web of Life: Improving the quality of life for people with disabilities
- The Jasmine Dragon (a framework for a personal support network) – The creation of something beautiful

Become a member of d’Arpa

Full Membership $40
Agency Membership $60
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Discounted Membership for Students

Join d’Arpa or renew your membership before July 2007 to go into the draw for the chance to win a 2 day pass to the upcoming d’Arpa Conference

Membership forms available on the website:
http://darpa.asn.au

Post Conference Dinner

You are invited to join us for dinner

When: Tuesday 17th July
Where: Morphettville Junction
Cost: $50.00

The evening will include a 3 course deluxe dinner, 3 hours of beverages including sparkling wine, red and white bottled wine, heavy and light beer and assorted soft drinks.

The venue is wheelchair friendly.

If you are interested in attending please let us know by completing the relevant section of the Conference registration form.

Morphettville Junction
470 Anzac Highway,
Camden Park,
South Australia
Nominations for Inaugural National Disability Awards Open

Achievements of people with disability and contributions to the disability sector will be recognised in the Inaugural National Disability Awards, to be announced on International Day of People with Disability, 3 December 2007. Nominations opened on 2 June and will close on 20 July 2007.

The awards will celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding contributions and achievements that individuals with disability make to the community, as well as recognise individuals within the community who have contributed to the disability sector.

There are five award categories:
- Community Contribution Award
- Young Community Contribution Award
- Inclusion Award
- Go Getter Award
- Personal Achievement Award


Opportunity (with funding) for an Australian service provider to partner with KOREA in relation to Vocational Training for people with disabilities

Australia has been recognised by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as a leader in the development of vocational training for people with disabilities, particularly for its inclusive policies and practices in mainstream vocational training.

In 2002, the Biwako Millennium Framework of Action: Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (BMF), was adopted by governments across the region, including the Australian government. This Framework reiterates principles of inclusion and non-discrimination of people with disabilities in all areas of social participation, and includes a specific target related to inclusive vocational training, which states: By 2012, at least 30 per cent of all vocational training programmes in signatory countries will be inclusive of persons with disabilities and provide appropriate support and job placement or business development services for them.

The ILO is currently seeking an Australian service provider to work in partnership with Korea (and with the ILO Senior Specialist in Disability based in Bangkok,) to conduct research which will identify barriers and capacity-building needs that need to be addressed to foster inclusion, a critical issue in light of the UN Convention and other global, regional and national policy initiatives.

Please contact Margaret Gadd, NDS Project Officer Asia Pacific Partnerships – email mgadd@ucwpa.org.au; or phone (08) 8440 2255. (This project can also be undertaken by, or in partnership with, an Australian mainstream vocational training provider.)

Coming Events:


CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

DARPA 3rd State Conference
Health and Disability – Issues and Strategies for Change
Monday July 16th & Tuesday July 17th 2007
Sturt Theatre – Flinders University

Disability and Rehabilitation Professionals’ Association
ABN 81 690 294 328
PO BOX 1088, Unley Business Centre, South Australia, 5061

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(Note that this is a tax invoice. Details need to be completed by the sender and a copy kept, if required, for tax purposes)

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Surname: ___________________________ Given Name ______________________

Preferred name on lapel badge: ________________________________

Organisation (if applicable): ________________________________________

Business/Private address ___________________________________________

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Phone: ____________________________ Fax: __________________________

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dArpa Member
Early Bird Full Registration prior to June 29th, 2007 $190-00
Full Registration after June 29th $240-00
Early Bird Full Reg. Concession/student/unwaged prior to June 29th $ 90-00
Full Registration Concession/student/unwaged after June 29th $110-00
Day Registration Monday Tuesday $130-00
Day Registration Concession/student/unwaged Monday Tuesday $ 60-00
Non dArpa member
Early Bird Full Registration prior to June 29th, 2007 $240-00
Full Registration after June 29th $280-00
Early Bird Full Reg. Concession/student/unwaged prior to June 29th $110-00
Full Registration Concession/student/unwaged after June 29th $130-00
Day Registration Monday Tuesday $170-00
Day Registration Concession/student/unwaged Monday Tuesday $ 80-00

Note: Please attach copies of Student and/or Health Care Card with Concession Registration Application.

Conference Dinner Ticket(s) $50.00 x ________ $ ___________

Special Dietary Requirements? ______________________________________

TOTAL PAYMENT $ _________

NO GST HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR THIS SERVICE
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please make cheques or money orders payable to dArpa and post the completed registration form and TOTAL PAYMENT to

Lorene Thiel
dArpa Conference Registration Coordinator
PO BOX 286,
Henley Beach, SA, 5022

NOTE, THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND MAILED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, BUT Direct Payments may be made to

dArpa
Bank Savings and Loans Credit Union
BSB 805023
Account Number 25685810
Indicate Initial and Last Name where prompted for Reference Information. A receipt will be issued but you may also print off the electronic statement from your financial institution..

SORRY – NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION
Special dietary requirements please specify ______________________________________
Morning and afternoon teas, welcome drinks and nibbles, and conference materials are included in the cost of registration.

Should delegates require conference materials in an alternative format please specify ______________________________________

Please indicate if there are mobility issues of which the Conference Organisers should be aware and comment on these.
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Any other issues that you might be aware of?

Please specify ______________________________________________________________

Please indicate if a certificate of attendance is required.