

# ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION AUSTRALIA (ASPIA) INCORPORATED



**ASPIA**

(Formerly **GRASP** Partner/Spouse Support Group)

*“Mutual acknowledgement and understanding  
of the Asperger marriage experience”*

**NEWSLETTER – August 2005**

***It is with great pride that we are announcing our new name as set out above!  
We hope you like it. We are currently working on a new logo and other details.***

***Our next regular meeting is on Saturday 3 September and we are very pleased to announce that Psychologist ELEANOR GITTINS will be attending and facilitating a discussion time. Please bring your questions and enjoy an opportunity to hear Eleanor's supportive and sensible suggestions. Normal meeting time, 2pm – 5pm. \$5.00 entry.***

***Please reserve Sunday 23 October and Monday 24 October 2005 for our first **BIG EVENT** which we will be advertising as widely as possible. **Chris & Gisela Slater-Walker**, authors from the UK will speak on their experiences of an Asperger Marriage, before and after diagnosis, etc and **Roger Meyer**, an adult with AS from USA will present workshops on AS in adulthood, including pre & post diagnosis, late diagnosis, counselling, support, peer groups, etc. This event will be open to anyone who is interested including adults with AS, partners, family members, professionals, etc. Tentative booking at venue in Ashfield. Detailed info to follow soon.***

*I am disappointed with myself for omitting an advertisement from our last newsletter on another opportunity to hear **Tony Attwood** speak. This Sat 27 August at Campbelltown Civic Centre. Age focus is 0 – 12yrs. Reg'n has closed but contact 4645 4834 in case.*

**Therapeutic Group for NT Partners.**  
*Maureen Magee, a Clinical Social Worker is offering an opportunity for partners to attend a series of seven sessions on Mondays from 17 Oct to 28 Nov, 10.15am – 12.15pm at Sutherland Library. Cost \$175. Contact Maureen on (02) 4261 1392. Topics include communication, personal emotions, self esteem, relaxation, etc.*

**Western Sydney Autism Support Group** is offering an opportunity to hear Libby Scherrer speak about **RDI** (Relationship Development Intervention). Contact Irene Tuazon AH 9757 1990 or email [ituazon@idx.com.au](mailto:ituazon@idx.com.au)

*We continue to be thankful for the donations that have been coming in. Cheques may now be made out to ASPIA as we have opened a bank account and also have an ABN.*

ASPIA meets at Parramatta RSL Club, Lachlan Room  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month, 2pm – 5pm  
Cnr Macquarie & O'Connell Streets, Parramatta  
Free parking Macquarie Street, opposite Club main doors

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