

ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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



ASPIA

**Mutual acknowledgement and understanding
of the Asperger marriage experience.**

NEWSLETTER – April 2006

Greetings once again from **ASPIA**! This Newsletter is a little rushed as I try to plough through all the “happenings” of the school holidays with four kids at home, etc. I’m wondering how everyone “weathered” Easter weekend. I’ve received about 6 new enquiries since Easter Monday which to me indicates that weekends and holidays can be a time of much greater stress as whole families try to navigate spending lots of time around each other! This is often when confusing behaviours become much more concentrated and coping resources are stretched. I trust everyone is managing ok. Carol.

NEXT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – SATURDAY 6 MAY, 2pm – 5pm

Topic: Interpersonal Communication between Partners And Family Members

“Repairing Breakdowns and Building Understanding”

Speaker: Noël Boycott, who combines her professional background as a Speech Pathologist and Registered Psychologist to develop practical programs on communication and social skills. She runs groups for adolescents and adults with Aspergers on communication, sexuality and social development. She is also a counsellor in private practice in Sydney. (\$5.00 donation at the door to cover Room Hire & Expenses)

ASPIA WORKSHOP WITH TONY ATTWOOD – SATURDAY 8 JULY, 2006

Topics now confirmed:

Asperger’s Syndrome and Marriage/Long-Term Relationships

- 1) An Explanation of the Difficulties faced in a long-term relationship where one of the partners has Asperger’s Syndrome
- 2) A Look at Constructive Strategies to make the Relationship Successful
Tentative venue – Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde
Flyers and Registration Forms coming soon

ASPIA MEMBERSHIP

As of 1 May 2006 ASPIA is offering membership to those who’ve been receiving our Newsletters, attending our meetings and benefiting from ASPIA’s dedication to Partners and the “Cause” of Asperger awareness in adults & marriage

A Membership Application Form accompanies this Newsletter.

Members will be offered discounts at events and meetings, including Tony Attwood’s workshops on 8 July. Members’ contributions will be used to support our present activities, enable more activities and events and build up a lending library, etc.

DVD’S STILL AVAILABLE FROM ASPIA

“An Asperger Marriage” 4 Workshops by Chris & Gisela Slater-Walker,
2 DVD Set. \$68.50 per set, includes GST, Packaging & Postage
Please phone or email your order (credit card facilities now available)
Feedback on the content of these DVD’s is very positive

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for partners (and family members) of adults with Asperger’s Syndrome**