

**ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION
AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
ASPIA**

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

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

NEWSLETTER – December 2006

Our next ASPIA support group meeting is this coming **Saturday
2 December, 2pm – 5pm**

College of Nursing, 14 Railway Parade, Burwood.

Our TOPIC will be
HOARDING AND COLLECTING

and Psychologist

ELEANOR GITTINS

will be speaking and facilitating discussion.

We'll also share some **anecdotes from our weddings and honeymoons**

Please bring a plate of something to share
for our **Christmas Party afternoon tea**



Please Note that ASPIA does not hold support group meetings in January

For our first 2007 meeting on **3 February**,
Clinical Psychologist **JEROEN DECATES** will be presenting
"Life Coaching for Aspies".

Saturday 3 March 2007, 10am – 5pm

Psychologist **Meg Perkins** from Brisbane will present
"Emotion Focused Therapy for Asperger / Neurotypical Couples".
Venue still to be confirmed; further information to come.

Remember to keep an eye on our website www.aspia.org.au
We have recently added our own ASPIA leaflet "Asperger's Syndrome in Marriage"
http://www.aspia.org.au/pdf/AS_Marriage_brochure.pdf
We have also added a link to Maxine Aston's article "AS in the Counselling Room"
http://www.maxineaston.co.uk/published/AS_in_the_Counselling_Room.pdf

At our last ASPIA meeting we were to have a representative from TAFE Outreach speak but this did not end up working out. TAFE Outreach provides courses for people who find it difficult to enter education or training programmes. Contact Meadowbank TAFE Outreach 9942 3815.

ASPIA Membership is \$55.00 per year.
Your support via membership is greatly appreciated

New parent support group has started in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, meeting at Coogee Randwick RSL Club, Byron Street, Coogee on the last Thursday of each month. Email jmorrow@three.com.au

From 1 November 2006 MEDICARE has introduced a rebate for visits to Psychologists who have a Medicare Provider Number. You must have a referral from your GP, Psychiatrist or Paediatrician.

ASPIA would like to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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**Providing information, contacts and support
for partners (and family members) of adults with Asperger's Syndrome**
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