

**ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION
AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
ASPIA**

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

(Formerly GRASP Partner/Spouse Support Group)

February 2007 – NEWSLETTER – Best wishes for the New Year!

Our next ASPIA support group meeting is this coming **Saturday 3 February, 2pm – 5pm**
College of Nursing, 14 Railway Parade, Burwood.

We plan to view a portion of **TONY ATTWOOD'S** workshop from July 2006

Our TOPIC was to be **LIFE COACHING FOR ASPIES by Psychologist Jeroen Decates**
however, this will have to be postponed for another time.

Jeroen is very disappointed to have to postpone, and is sorry to disappoint us, but he explained that he underwent surgery in December for a non-malignant growth near his vocal chords, and following what appeared to be a successful recovery, the growth has re-grown and further surgery will be necessary. We wish Jeroen a speedy and full recovery and look forward to having him speak when he is fully well.

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Saturday 3 March 2007, 9am – 4pm

Psychologist **Meg Perkins** from Brisbane will present

“Emotion Focused Therapy for Asperger / Neurotypical Couples”.

Venue will be **Burwood RSL Club**. A flyer will be distributed early in February.

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If anyone on our list is a **Lawyer** knowledgeable in Asperger's Syndrome and interested in Family Law (or if you know one), PLEASE let us know. There is a growing need for legal representation for families affected by Asperger's Syndrome.

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For those who missed the SBS Programme on Temple Grandin, one of our members (Michelle) has kindly forwarded us an online link to enable you to view it:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1063749803579204077>

Michelle also mentioned a segment on Asperger's Syndrome on ABC Radio National – Life Matters program on **25 January**. The program can be accessed via the ABC Radio National website, select “Life Matters” from the “Program” list and the days and topics will be listed.

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For any parents of children with AS who are interested in finding out more about the **“Dore Program”** there is a **free information evening** on Thursday 8th February 2007, 7pm to 9pm at the Harrington Park Community Centre, Fairwater Drive (next to the shopping centre) Harrington Park (near Narellan in the Macarthur region). Please contact BOB LESTER from the Families in Partnership Co-Operative on 4648 1593 or 0400 481 520, or email fip@ispdr.net.au

For anyone in the Macarthur area interested in **Social Skills groups for children of any age**, please also contact Bob Lester.

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Remember to keep an eye on the following websites:

Our own at www.aspia.org.au ;

The Autism & Asperger's Support Group Inc (Richmond & Burwood) at www.autismsupport.org.au to find out about activities for families, etc;

<http://www.aspect.org.au/our%20services/socialclub.asp>

for a Social Club for Young Adults (aged 18+)

www.add.org.au for information on adults with ADD & ADHD

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

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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.

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