

**ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION  
AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED  
ASPIA**

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

*(Formerly GRASP Partner/Spouse Support Group)*

**May 2007 – NEWSLETTER**

**LIFE COACHING FOR ASPIES**

is our topic at this Saturday's ASPIA meeting and Clinical Psychologist **JEROEN DECATES** will be speaking for us and facilitating lots of discussion.

**Saturday 5 May, 2pm – 5pm**

College of Nursing, 14 Railway Parade, Burwood.

Members: \$2.00, Non-Members: \$5.00

Jeroen has been involved with and supportive of ASPIA since before we commenced meetings in June 2003. We are always thrilled to have him attend our meetings and present topics for us.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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**Tony Attwood** will be at Richmond on 14 & 15 June. Please contact the Autism & Aspergers Support Group Inc, visit their website at [www.autismsupport.org.au](http://www.autismsupport.org.au) or phone 0425 380 575. Registrations close 31 May.

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During this past week TONY ATTWOOD was interviewed by Richard Fidler on the ABC. You can read the interview or listen to a podcast of it at <http://www.abc.net.au/queensland/conversations/stories/s1904502.htm?sydney>

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**TAFE** is once again offering a **Social Occupational and Communication Skills Course** for students 16 years and older. Contact Simon Piggott on 0403 897 414 or Desley Creedy on 0404 148 717 or Deborah Trevan-Catling on 9448 4431. Commences mid-May.

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**AUTISM AWARENESS EXPO at Macquarie Uni on 12 May, starting at 9.00am**

No cost to attend, though gold coin donation appreciated.

For more information visit [www.autismawareness.com.au](http://www.autismawareness.com.au)

ASPIA will be staffing a BOOK IN HAND bookstall on this day

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**LEGAL ADVICE**

In our last Newsletter we mentioned the law firm LAC LAWYERS who have committed themselves to learning about Asperger's Syndrome. They have provided the following links: [http://www.lacfamilylawyers.com.au/web/service\\_1180.htm](http://www.lacfamilylawyers.com.au/web/service_1180.htm) then click on the Asperger's link at the top of the page. Also, [http://www.lacfamilylawyers.com.au/web/resource\\_652.htm](http://www.lacfamilylawyers.com.au/web/resource_652.htm) If you would like to discuss any legal matters, please contact Frank Egan at LAC LAWYERS, Sydney 1300 799 888, email: [corporate@lac.com.au](mailto:corporate@lac.com.au) Make sure you mention Asperger's Syndrome and **ASPIA**. We will be listing this information on our website soon.

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Links to Family Law Articles re Asperger's Syndrome (which will also be linked from the Lawyers' website):

[www.aspires-relationships.com/articles\\_courts\\_and\\_custody\\_issue.htm](http://www.aspires-relationships.com/articles_courts_and_custody_issue.htm)

Highly recommended - [www.aspires-relationships.com/acting\\_as\\_cassandra.pdf](http://www.aspires-relationships.com/acting_as_cassandra.pdf)

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For anyone in the South West of Sydney interested in a **Social group for teens**, please contact Bob Lester at Families in Partnership Co-operative, Ph: 4648 1593, Mob: 0400 481 520 or email [fip@ispdr.net.au](mailto:fip@ispdr.net.au)

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**Support for people with AS (repeated from our April Newsletter)**

We have recently received two new requests for links from our website to groups who support adults with AS.

Kerryn from Melbourne has AS & is offering e-coaching for adults with AS. Her website is [www.ktalk.org](http://www.ktalk.org) and her email is [speaker@ktalk.org](mailto:speaker@ktalk.org)  
Another is from Asperger Adults of Greater Washington, who have a link to ASPIA from their website already. Their web address is [www.aagw.net](http://www.aagw.net)

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New **Support/Satellite class** commenced at St Ignatius' College at Riverview for Students from Years 7 – 12. (Information received by email during the week)  
Contact Jean Agior-Tis on 9882 8335.

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On Wednesday 9 May 2007, 6.30pm – 8.30pm in Campbelltown there is an information evening being held on "**Transition to School for Young Children with Special Needs**".  
For more information contact Lorraine Brown on 4620 0091 or email [ku.startingpointsmac@bigpond.com](mailto:ku.startingpointsmac@bigpond.com)

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**ASPIA Membership is \$55.00 per year & will be renewable on 1 May 2007**

Current members will be sent a renewal form.

Memberships of those who joined earlier this year will not expire until 1 May 2008.  
Your support via membership is greatly appreciated, please phone or email for an application form.

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