

**ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION
AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
ASPIA**

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

NOVEMBER 2007 – NEWSLETTER

Coming Events ...

This coming Saturday 3 November 2pm – 5pm
Normal Support Group Meeting at College of Nursing, 14 Railway Parade, Burwood
Topic for this meeting has been postponed until our December meeting (see below)
Discussion instead – bring your questions and concerns
Entry \$5.00 non members; \$2.00 members.

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Saturday 1 December 2pm – 5pm – Support Group Meeting
Clinical Psychologist Janina Szyndler will speak on
Reforms to the Family Law Act and how this impacts on families who are separating
This meeting will also be our Christmas Celebration

January 2008 – no meeting

Saturday 2 February 2008 2pm – 5pm – Support Group Meeting
Clinical Psychologist Debra Ende (who was introduced to ASPIA in our Oct mtg)
Will speak on “How to tell the Children” when a parent has Asperger’s Syndrome
This meeting will be followed by our AGM – Members please note

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Friday 29 February & Saturday 1 March, 2008 – Special Event
Professor Tony Attwood – flyers coming soon
Burwood RSL Club

Other news and items ...

ASPIA LUNCH CLUB now underway !

Please join us for lunch before ASPIA Meetings at

EAST-WEST NOODLING
117 Burwood Road, Burwood

The restaurant is easy to find, being 15 metres from the entrance to Burwood Railway Station
and directly opposite Hungry Jacks.

Come along at 12noon – 2pm, on the first Saturday of every month (except January).
Arrive any time between 12noon and 2pm. We will be at the back of the restaurant. Most meals
under \$10.

The purpose of Lunch Club is to foster friendship.
All welcome.

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Legal Articles available online

As mentioned in the October newsletter we have updated the information page on our website with
a link to some articles on Asperger’s Syndrome and legal matters.

Other news and items, cont'd ...

Partner support group in Shellharbour Region

ASPIA satellite support group is starting in the Shellharbour region.
Anyone interested please contact Psychologist Eleanor Gittins on 0408 954 358
or ASPIA (contact details below)

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Visual aids for ASD children

Families with a child with ASD who would like some help with visual aids,
please contact Jenny Craig on (02) 8824 9950

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Empathy and Communication Skills Programme

For young people (aged 16-20) with Asperger's syndrome. This group will meet eight times in
November 2007 to help develop the important social skills of empathy and communication.

Registration closes on 26 October 2007.

(ASPIA did not have this information in time for the October Newsletter. If interested, I'm sure a
call to Aspect (8977 8300) or Noel Boycott (0402 058 899) could still be ok.)

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Gluten Free Food & Allergy Show

The issue of diet and its influence in Autism Spectrum Disorders
is raised frequently in our ASPIA meetings.

The Mindd Foundation is presenting some free seminars on childhood disorders
(which would also be relevant to adults) at the
Gluten Free Food & Allergy Show

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre on 17 & 18 November 2007.

For more information visit the following websites:

www.allergyglutenshow.com.au

www.mindd.org

www.allergyglutenshow.com.au/mindd.php

New Medicare Items from 1 July 2008

Recently the Prime Minister announced that the Australian Government will allocate substantial
funds for a range of initiatives to assist with early diagnosis and intervention for children with ASD.

Part of this package includes the introduction of new medicare items to cover diagnosis,
development of treatment plans, developmental psychologists, speech pathologists, early
intervention treatment, etc.

Whilst these relate to children at this stage, government recognition and support is a huge step in
the right direction for all families affected by Aspergers Syndrome and Autism.

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