# ASPERGER SYNDROME PARTNER INFORMATION AUSTRALIA INC

ASPIA

(Formerly GRASP Partner Support Group, est June 2003)

#### Presents

# "UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE" MAKES THE DIFFERENCE"

For Adults with Asperger's Syndrome, partners, parents, siblings, families, therapists, educators, employers, service providers and other interested people and groups.

at

## WESTS LEAGUES CLUB ASHFIELD ENTERTAINMENT LOUNGE 115 Liverpool Road (Hume Hwy) ASHFIELD NSW 2131

#### SUNDAY 23 October 2005, 9am – 5pm

CHRIS & GISELA SLATER-WALKER, UK Authors of "An Asperger Marriage" will present four seminars focusing on Asperger's Syndrome in marriage. Drawing from their own personal experiences they will describe how undiagnosed AS affected their relationship; the difference diagnosis can make for both partners, including parenting issues; daily challenges in the life of an adult with AS including education, employment, etc; and fourthly, suggested strategies for avoiding pitfalls and enabling more effective communication. Question time.

\$85.00 per person (\$80 pp if two or more from same family)
Includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea

### <u>MONDAY 24 October 2005, 9am – 5pm</u>

ROGER MEYER, from the USA & diagnosed with AS in 1997 at age 55, Writer, Mediator, Advocate "... of a different mind", will present four workshops focusing more specifically on the needs of the Adult with Asperger's Syndrome. His topics will cover pre, during & post diagnosis process, late diagnosis, adult support, relationships, education, employment, the consequences of generational denial of AS in a family, finding a good personal counsellor, vocational & career counselling, peer-led adult support groups, discussion about the pitfalls and rifts existing among Autism Advocacy Organisations, etc. Question time.

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Book stockists **BOOK-IN-HAND** will be attending, offering a comprehensive range of books on Asperger's Syndrome and Autism, including titles by our speakers.

#### Other helpful Info:

**Club is located** on northern side of Hume Hwy, just south of railway line, several hundred metres from intersection with Parramatta Rd. There are traffic lights at Club entry making access by car from either direction simple. **Free Parking** beside and under Club (with overflow in nearby Victoria Street)

By rail, allow 10 minute walk from Ashfield Railway Station (courtesy bus can be arranged).

Club will be open from approximately 8am for café & restroom facilities.

Accommodation nearby is budget but ok: Westside Motor Inn, Ph: 9797 7711, Ashfield Motor Inn, Ph: 9798 0333, Ashfield Manor, Ph: 9798 0088, Phillip Lodge Motel, Ph: 9797 9411 or visit <a href="www.wotif.com">www.wotif.com</a> two weeks prior to event.

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Registration form attached. Prices inclusive of GST. Cheques or money orders. Direct dep to bank a/c avail.