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More spent on disability support services in 2011–12

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There were some differences in the types of services used between 2010-11 and 2011-12.
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Among users of disability support services, the most commonly-reported disability groups continue to be intellectual (33%), physical (32%) and psychiatric (28%). Most service users needed some assistance in the activities of daily living (52%), independent living (61%) and in work, education and community living (57%). 'Around a quarter of service users used more than one type of service,' Dr Kinnear said.
Disability support service users also received assistance from 133,841 informal carers, an increase of 5% from 127,777 service users with an informal carer in 2010-11.

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AIHW catalogue number (AUS 173) View the media release and download the full report for free online.

Disability News

Justice reinvestment for people with disability could save millions

Casey is in her early-20s and has an intellectual disability. Her contact with the criminal justice system and other institutions has cost over $5.5 million to date. That bill is expected to reach a staggering $12 million by the time Casey turns 27 if she continues on her current trajectory. But a new report released today by the Australian Human Rights Commission shows Casey's costs could be reduced to $4 million if she had received early intensive support.

The report, *People with mental health disorders and cognitive impairment in the criminal justice system,* by the University of New South Wales and Price Waterhouse Coopers, models the cost-benefits of introducing diversionary programs early in life for people with mental health disorders and cognitive impairment.

Researchers found that early and intensive support could help people avoid a lifetime in the criminal justice system and save the community millions of dollars. "Justice reinvestment not only offers significant savings but it also has the ability to improve lives and well-being," said Disability Discrimination Commissioner Graeme Innes. "The case studies and costs are real and the cost-benefit modelling is based on services currently available in the community but not widely used," report co-author, Professor Eileen Baldry said. Other case studies presented in the report highlight the significant savings that could be made by providing early access to support programs to improve health, education and well-being. Click here to read the report

Featured Conference

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New e-tool supports better mental health care for people with intellectual disability

Health and disability professionals will receive additional training to provide expert care to thousands of people in NSW living with an intellectual disability and a mental illness following the launch of a ground-breaking e-learning website today launched by the Minister for Disability Services Andrew Constance and Minister for Mental Health Kevin Humphries.

Mr Constance said the website would significantly change the way professionals, carers, and eventually people with an intellectual disability themselves access information on intellectual disability and mental health.
"We know that people with an intellectual disability are at increased risk of developing a mental health issue," Mr Constance said. "They are a particularly vulnerable group and that is why the NSW Government is committed to taking a more integrated approach between disability and health services."

The innovative educational tool – which is available at www.idhealtheducation.edu.au - is aimed at up-skilling the workforce to meet the unique mental health needs of those people with an intellectual disability. The website has been developed by the Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) at UNSW Medicine and funded by the NSW Government.

Mr Humphries said this new approach would provide a better future for people in NSW with an intellectual disability and mental illness. "This website is the first of its kind in Australia," Mr Humphries said. "It is a practical and accessible approach that will enable health and disability professionals to stop people with an intellectual disability and a mental disorder from falling between the cracks of the two systems."

Associate Professor Julian Trollor, Chair of Intellectual Disability Mental Health and head of 3DN at UNSW Medicine, said that people with an intellectual disability have the same mental health concerns as everyone else, and the e-learning promotes the best practice in their mental health care. "We're very pleased to make this practical educational resource available. We are launching with seven modules that are fundamental to clinical training in this area, aiming to improve knowledge, skills and confidence for healthcare practitioners," Professor Trollor said. "Thanks to the support and collaboration between health and disability services, we have been able to create a learning tool that will generate greater access to much needed education. With future funding, we also have the capacity to expand the site to meet the needs not only of healthcare professionals nationally, but also those who have an intellectual disability and their families.

"The e-learning site's main intention is to improve the quality of life for people with an intellectual disability. Through our holistic approach to mental health and considered planning of the site, we believe this will be achievable in the future."

An estimated 300,000 to 400,000 Australians have an intellectual disability.
This tool encourages inclusion of people with an intellectual disability and a person-centred approach in line with the National Disability Insurance Scheme which began its initial roll out in NSW this month.

New SANE Australia report calls for action to reduce stigma against mental illness

A new study from mental health charity, SANE Australia, reports that stigma and discrimination against people with mental illness is widespread, harmful to recovery, and is a major barrier to participation in society for those affected.

The **new report – *A Life without Stigma*** – concludes that a national strategy to tackle stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness is vital, and should be a non-negotiable component of mental health policies and plans. 'Stigma is a major issue for people affected by mental illness, influencing how they are viewed and how they view themselves' says Jack Heath, CEO of SANE Australia. 'It is destructive, hurtful, and excluding. If we are to help people with mental illness lead a contributing life, it is essential that we take action against stigma.'

A Life without Stigma points out that while significant progress has been made to reduce the stigma associated with depression, Australia urgently needs a national, long-term strategy to reduce the stigma associated with schizophrenia and other psychotic illnesses.

The report's recommendations stress that the strategy must be:
- comprehensive, targeted, long-term, and robustly funded
- inclusive of people living with mental illness and family carers
- based on evidence of good practice, and evaluated
- complementary to existing stigma reduction strategies for depression and anxiety, as well as the Mindframe strategy to reduce stigma in the media
- consistent with the mental health plans of national and state governments, as well as the National Mental Health Commission.

SANE Australia is calling on the major political parties to commit to a national, long-term strategy and campaign to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness, with a particular focus on psychotic illness. SANE has written to the Minister for Mental Health, Jacinta Collins as well as the mental health spokespeople for the Coalition and the Greens party, asking them to make stigma reduction a priority for the next government.

'Mental illness is common. With one in five of us affected every year, reducing stigma across all diagnoses is an important issue for everyone' says Jack Heath. 'SANE Australia calls on each party to review the report and make stigma reduction for mental illness a commitment in the upcoming Federal election.'

A life without Stigma was funded by the Department of Health and Ageing. To view the report visit http://www.sane.org/images/stories/media/ALifeWithoutStigma_A_SANE_Report.pdf

Disability Issues In The Media

Google Glass gives independence to people with disabilities
(Sydney Morning Herald - Technology) Two decades after she was paralysed from the chest down, Tammie Lou Van Sant is using a phone and camera again thanks to Google Glass.

Featured Organisation

ARAFMI (Association of Friends And Relatives of the Mentally Ill)

http://www.arafmi.org

ARAFMI provides support and advocacy for families and friends of people living with a mental illness or disorder. If you have just discovered that a family member or friend has a mental illness or disorder you may be feeling shocked, confused and afraid.

New information shows drop in use of seclusion in mental health facilities

Information on seclusion in public mental health facilities has today been made available on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) *Mental Health Services in Australia* **website.**

Seclusion is defined as confinement at any time of the day or night alone in a room or area from which free exit is prevented. 'This is the first time national seclusion information has been made available in Australia, and it shows that seclusion rates are falling,' said AIHW spokesperson Dr Pamela Kinnear.

Reducing the use of seclusion is a national priority for mental health, and was formally endorsed by health ministers in the *National safety priorities in mental health: a national plan for reducing harm*.

Initiatives were implemented through Australian mental health pilot sites to progress this priority as part of the National Mental Health Seclusion and Restraint (Beacon Site) Project 2007-09. The project resulted in positive changes for reducing the use of restrictive practices in mental health services. 'Seclusion rates fell from 15.6 events per 1,000 bed days in public acute hospital services to 10.6 seclusion events per 1,000 bed days between 2008-09 and 2011-12,' Dr Kinnear said.

Nationally, child and adolescent units had a higher rate of seclusion events (20.9 per 1,000 bed days) compared with general units (11.9) in 2011-12. And seclusion rates have not fallen in recent years for child and adolescent units.

Work is currently underway to investigate whether states and territories can routinely supply data on restrictive practices in line with agreed national definitions.

The **AIHW's** *Mental Health Services in Australia* **website** is available at http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au.

Report to the Minister on Funding and Financing of the aged care sector

The **Aged Care Financing Authority's report to the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing** on the impact of the aged care financing arrangements on sector viability, access to quality care, the aged care workforce and sustainability. The ACFA's Report has been informed by work commissioned from **KPMG**.

Aged Care Financing Authority (including Government decisions on Accommodation Payments and Significant Refurbishments)

The Aged Care Financing Authority has been established to provide transparent, independent, advice to the Government on pricing and financing issues in aged care. It is informed by consultation with consumers and the aged care and finance sectors.

http://www.livinglongerlivingbetter.gov.au/internet/living/publishing.nsf/Content/Aged-Care-Financing-Authority

Chair in Intellectual Disability and Behaviour Support

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The University of New South Wales (UNSW) is one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities. The University has a reputation for outstanding contributions to Government, industry and non-government sectors, and demonstrates a rich engagement with intellectual disability (ID) teaching, research, policy and practice, and clinical work.

UNSW brings together a unified team of researchers, teachers and eminent leaders in their respective sub-disciplines within ID, who all have a strong drive to improve the lives of people with ID. The team comprises cross-disciplinary distinguished academics from social work, education, criminology, social policy, psychiatry, medicine, psychology and law.

UNSW seeks to appoint a Chair in Intellectual Disability and Behaviour Support (IDBS), which is funded by the NSW Department of Family & Community Services (FaCS) Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC). The appointee will provide leadership in the areas of research, teaching, policy and practice related to IDBS and will be established within UNSW Medicine (School of Psychiatry) or within UNSW Arts & Social Sciences (Social Policy Research Centre) subject to the appointee's background.

For further details please contact Associate Professor Kristy Muir via email: k.muir@unsw.edu.au or phone: 02 9385 7818 or Associate Professor Julian Trollor via email: J.Trollor@unsw.edu.au or phone: 02 9931 9160.

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Disability News

Disability and health inequalities in Australia

http://apo.org.au/research/disability-and-health-inequalities-australia

This research summary defines disability and provides an overview of information regarding the health of people with disabilities and the underlying social determinants, using the population-based data that is available. Despite the high prevalence of disability, Australian evidence regarding the health of people with disabilities is sparse. The Australian and international evidence that does exist shows that the health of people with disabilities is worse than that of their non-disabled peers across a range of health outcomes such as obesity, diabetes, oral health and mental health. Much is known about medical conditions that can cause disability and this is well documented in the medical literature. Many of the health differences are, however, socially determined, rather than due to particular characteristics of the disability itself.

Fragile X Information Clinics

The Fragile X Association has arranged for experts from the US and Australia to present an overview of Fragile X Syndrome for families, health professionals and educators in Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney in September 2013. This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about Fragile X Syndrome and be updated on the latest developments.

Sydney: Wednesday 25 September
Brisbane: Monday 23 September
Adelaide: Monday 16 September

For further information visit www.fragilex.org.au or call 1300 FX INFO

Policies & Guidelines

Child Abuse & Neglect Mandatory Reporting Australian Fact Sheet

This Australian Institute of Family Studies fact sheet examines legal provisions requiring specified people to report suspected abuse and neglect to government child protection services in Australia. This document is provided as a guide only. Individuals are encouraged to contact the relevant department or organisation to clarify requirements in their states or territories, or in relation to legislation. For more information, see Reporting Abuse and Neglect: State and Territory Departments Responsible for Protecting Children.

http://www.aifs.gov.au/cfca/pubs/factsheets/a141787/index.html

Pre-employment screening: Working With Children Checks and Police Checks

Each day, children across Australia come into contact with a variety of organisations such as schools, childcare centers, medical centres, and sports and recreation clubs. The development and implementation of policy and legislation that provides for the pre-employment screening of adults who work or volunteer in child-related organisations is an important strategy for creating and maintaining child-safe organisations. This Australian Institute of Family Studies document is provided as a guide only. Information is current up to the date of publication. Individuals are encouraged to check the currency of any information that is provided by contacting relevant departments or organisations. http://www.aifs.gov.au/cfca/pubs/factsheets/a141887/

Australian child protection legislation

In Australia, state and territory governments are responsible for the administration and operation of child protection services. Legislative Acts in each state and territory govern the way such services are provided. Table 1 lists the principal child protection Acts in each Australian state and territory. The table also outlines other Acts of Parliament pertinent to the operation and delivery of various services to children and families across Australia. This Australian Institute of Family Studies document is provided as a guide only. Information is current up to the date of publication. Individuals are encouraged to check the currency of any information that is provided by contacting relevant departments or organisations. http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/sheets/rs14/rs14.html

myGov: new Australian Government portal for online services

The Australian Government has launched a new portal to facilitate access to their online services. This will include access to individual online accounts for Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support and eHealth. Veterans and war widows and widowers can access their records. The accounts access helps view payment histories, updating personal details and change of address as well as the making of claims such as Medicare. All existing users of the Australia online with be transferred to the new portal.

A myGov account features:

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A Practical Guide to Delivering Personalisation

Person-Centred Practice in Health and Social Care

Helen Sanderson and Jaimee Lewis. This is the comprehensive guide to delivering personalisation in health and social care using person centred approaches. It covers what personalisation and person centred approaches are, the different elements involved, and how to carry it out with all those receiving care and support, from people with disabilities to people at the end of life. more » 2011, Paperback: £21.99/ $35.00 ISBN: 978-1-84905-194-1, 297mm x 210mm / 11in x 8.5in, 240pp.

Developing Personal Safety Skills in Children with Disabilities

By Freda Briggs Paperback (UK), June 1995. This book, written at the request of teachers, social workers and psychologists, is in two parts. Part 1 provides the information needed by parents, teachers and other caregivers for an understanding of personal safety skills for all children, and explains the risks and considerations peculiar to children with special needs. Possible approaches and methods for their protection are introduced. Part 2 provides practical curriculum ideas and exercises for developing safety skills in children and young people with mild to severe disabilities. The curriculum ideas are sequenced to help with the development of basic safety knowledge and skills, and may also be used in mixed ability classes.

[Community Disability Services: An Evidence-Based Approach to Practice](#)

By [Ian Dempsey](#) (Edited by), [Karen Nankervis](#) (Edited by) Paperback (AUS), November 2005. he first Australasian text on community disability services to provide a ready source of evidence based practice and service management guidelines. The book seeks to provide an integration of principles, policy, and practice in disability service provision in the 21st century. It will have a broad audience including those studying for relevant disability qualifications, and those involved in supporting people with disabilities. out the contributors; Preface; Disability in contemporary society; Theory, research and practice; The purpose of this book; What the book does not do; How the book is organised; PART 1: DISABILITY AND MODERN SOCIETY; Chapter 1: Conceptions of disability Ian Dempsey and Karen Nankervis; Chapter 2: Lifting the silence Patricia O'Brien, Christopher Newell and Irene McEninery with Avril Thesing; Chapter 3: Belief systems and disability services Ian Dempsey; PART 2: WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY; Chapter 4: Supporting empowerment and choice making Karen Nankervis and Roger J Stancliffe; Chapter 5: Planning for support Karen Nankervis; Chapter 6: Services for people with extensive to pervasive support needs Vanessa A Green, Jeff Sigafoos, Mark O'Reilly and Michael Arthur-Kelly; Chapter 7: Positive behaviour supports: issues and practices Michael Arthur-Kelly; Chapter 8: Community Inclusion: belonging to people, not just places John Annison; PART 3: WORKING IN DISABILITY SERVICES; Chapter 9: Legislation and policy Ian Dempsey; Chapter 10: Professional ethics and disability services Keith R McVilly and Trevor R Parmenter; Chapter 11: Services for people with a disability: availability, Issues and models Roger J Stancliffe; Chapter 12: Understanding the management context AJ (Tony) Shaddock; Chapter 13: Staff learning and development Karen Nankervis and Jan Matthews; Chapter 14: Effective communication and collaboration Greg Robinson.

Use of restrictive practices during admitted patient care
This is the first time national seclusion information has been made available in Australia, and it shows that seclusion rates are falling. Reducing the use of seclusion is a national priority for mental health, and was formally endorsed by health ministers in the National safety priorities in mental health: a national plan for reducing harm. Work is currently underway to investigate whether states and territories can routinely supply data on restrictive practices in line with agreed national definitions. View the [media release](#) and download the [information](#) for free online.

[ACSM's Exercise Management for Persons with Chronic Disease and Disabilities](#)

By [American College of Sports Medicine](#) Hardback (UK), June 2009 he third edition of this ever popular title, developed under the auspices of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), boasts an improved layout and an additional colour field to better convey the materials presented. As the title suggests, this is a clear, professional guide to developing exercise programmes for those suffering from chronic diseases and disabilities including but not limited to: Cardiovascular, Pulmonary, Metabolic, Orthopedic, Neuromuscular and Cognitive, Psychological and Sensory. What is unexpected and rather exceptional, is the ease with which readers can digest and retain information from the text. Case reports provide users with real problems and their solutions beginning with a brief overview, a SOAP report and exercise programme with follow-up statement.

Group Homes for People with Intellectual Disabilities
Encouraging Inclusion and Participation
By [Tim Clement](#), [Christine Bigby](#), [Jim Mansell](#) Paperback / softback, 288 pages. United Kingdom, 15 October 2009. Group homes are the dominant form of residential accommodation for people with severe learning or intellectual disabilities, and yet there are significant problems within these living environments. This book seeks to highlight the key issues for both residents and staff, and offers practical suggestions for improving community living. Based on original empirical research and drawing on extensive field notes, the book paints a picture of life in group homes today. The authors propose a framework for increasing community presence and participation, and consider the barriers to be overcome if progress is to be made in achieving these key goals. The notion of 'homeliness', the challenge of maintaining a balance between individual and group needs and the concept of practice leadership are all explored. "Group Homes for People with Intellectual Disabilities" is essential reading for anyone working with people with learning or intellectual disabilities in residential services, as well as academics and students of disability studies, social work and health and social care programs.

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Where can I learn Auslan?

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The geographic distribution of Indigenous disability

Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Gray, Mandy Yap | First Peoples Disability Network
27 May 2013 | The rate of disability in the Indigenous population is substantially higher than for the Australian population as a whole. This paper provides an overview of the geographic distribution of disability in the Indigenous population. http://apo.org.au/research/geographic-distribution-indigenous-disability

Are you interested in helping us learn more about memory development in adults with Down Syndrome?
We are currently looking for participants aged 18-60 years old with Down Syndrome for a study at the University of New South Wales. The study will involve remembering pictures on a computer screen while wearing a special stretchy cap. The cap has recording sensors inside small sponges to help record the small electrical signals that are on everyone's scalp all the time. It is a lot like recording your voice with a tape recorder. It is completely safe and if at any time, you feel uncomfortable, we will stop the session straight away. **The study is a once-off session on-campus, parking is free and you will be paid $20 to cover petrol costs. The participant will also get to choose a gift to take home at the end of the session.** If you're interested in further information or would like to participate, please contact Lynette Roberts on **0405 721 076** or at lynette.roberts@unsw.edu.au.

Kayess, R., Fisher, K.R., Smedley, C., Bates, S and Jones, A. (2013), **Arthritis and disability Research plan,** SPRC Report 8/13, for Arthritis Australia.
https://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/media/SPRCFile/Arthritis_research_plan_June_2013.pdf

Australia's welfare 2013
Australia's welfare 2013 is the 11th biennial welfare report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. This comprehensive and authoritative report provides an overview of the wellbeing of Australians across domains of healthy living, autonomy and participation, and social cohesion. It includes information on:
- population factors underpinning the demand for welfare services
- particular needs and assistance provided to key groups
- the resourcing of welfare services in Australia.
The report is accompanied by a companion mini publication, *Australia's welfare 2013-in brief,* which is available to download free here. AIHW catalogue numbers (AUS 174) and (AUS 175).
Class sets of the mini publication are available at special prices to educational institutions purchasing the main report. View the media release and download the full report for free online.

New Online Offering: Diploma of Community Services Work in Person Centredness Online (CHC50612)

The Centre for Disability Studies is an internationally recognised leader in the field of disability practice and research. The Centre for Disability Studies is pleased to offer the Diploma of Community Services Work in Person Centredness, a unique qualification that supports participants to transform their practices and organisations based on person centred principles, practices and approaches. The Diploma of Community Services Work in Person Centredness is an accredited qualification through SydneyLearning, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The University of Sydney.

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DVD, *Stronger Siblings.*

Siblings Australia is pleased to launch the new DVD, *Stronger Siblings.* It will assist parents to understand the experience of brothers and sisters of a child with disability, and how to support them. Parents and siblings share their stories and, together with professionals, explore a number of issues. Ideally, organisations will include this DVD in their resource libraries for parents to borrow, or will use the DVD with groups of parents (it includes a pdf with discussion questions). To purchase, please download an **order form**, fill in and post, OR scan and email as per directions.

Disability Awareness Information Kit

A useful resource for conducting community and employer disability awareness training.
The broad aims of this website are:

- to promote an understanding of issues surrounding disability
- to encourage service providers to focus on the individual, not the disability
- to develop an understanding of appropriate and effective methods of interaction with people with disabilities
- to foster an understanding of the ways in which the information needs of people with disabilities can be met
- to develop an awareness of issues relating to physical access to library materials

http://www.openroad.net.au/access/dakit/disaware/disawarecontent.htm

The Auslan Signbank Dictionary

Auslan Signbank is a language resources site for Auslan (Australian Sign Language). Auslan is the language of the deaf community in Australia.

Here you will find:

- a dictionary
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- information on the deaf community in Australia
- links to Auslan classes

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http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/conference_calendar.html

3 - 6 September 2013
12th Australian Palliative Care Conference. National Convention Centre, Canberra.
www.palliativecare.org.au

6 – 7 September 2013
Contemporary Treatment Approaches for Anxiety Disorders Course. University of Sydney. 1-5pm.
http://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/ctad

9 – 11 September 2013
6th International Urban Design Conference. Novotel Sydney Olympic Park. http://urbandesignaustralia.com.au

9 - 15 September 2013
National Stoke Week. www.strokefoundation.com.au

10 September 2013
World Suicide Prevention Day.
www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/world_suicide_prevention_day/en/index.html

16 September 2013
Fragile X Information Clinic Adelaide. Fragile X Association. http://fragilex.org.au/fragile-x-clinics-in-adelaide-and-brisbane/

16 – 17 September 2013
2ⁿᵈ Annual Reducing Avoidable Pressure Injuries Conference. Novotel Melbourne on Collins.
http://www.healthcareconferences.com.au/healthcare-conferences/healthcare/reducing-avoidable-pressure-injuries-conference

16 – 18 September 2013
Australian Social Policy Conference 2013. University of New South Wales, Kensington, Sydney. Social Policy Research Centre. http://www.aspc.unsw.edu.au/registration

17 – 18 September 2013
Community Care Conference. Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach, Sydney.
http://www.communityoptions.net.au/

17 – 20 September 2013
21ˢᵗ Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. Sheraton on the Park, Sydney. www.dcconferences.com.au/afrm2013/

18 - 19 September 2013
Residential Aged Care Delivery Models. Melbourne. http://residentialagedcaremodels.com/

19– 20 September 2013
21ˢᵗ Enrolled Nurse State Conference. Sydney, Mecure Hotel. Enrolled Nurse Professional Association NSW.
http://www.enpansw.org.au/conf.htm

19– 20 September 2013
Better Practice Conference. Melbourne. Aged Care Accreditation issues. Web site

19 - 22 September 2013
12ᵗʰ European AAATE Conference (Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe).
Vilamoura, Portugal. http://www.aaate2013.eu

21 September 2013
Personal Care: Client with Spinal Cord Injury, Newington, Sydney. Paraquad Training.
http://www.paraquad.org.au

21 - 22 September 2013
National Dementia Research Forum. QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane Qld.
http://dcrcforum2013.com/

23 - 27 September 2013
P.A.R.T. Train-The-Trainer, Perth. PART **=** Predict, Assess, Respond To Challenging/Aggressive Behaviour.www.mtu.net.au

24 - 25 September 2013
Marketing in a Consumer Directed Environment. Rydges World Square, Sydney.
http://marketingcdc.com/?utm_source=LK&utm_medium=Email+Sig&utm_campaign=4760

1 October 2013
International Day of Older Persons. www.un.org/en/events/olderpersonsday/

2 - 4 October 2013
ACMHN's 39th Annual International Mental Health Nursing Conference. Western Australia.
http://www.acmhn.org/news-a-events/conference-news/conference-2013.html

3 - 4 October 2013
3rd National Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Day Conference. . University of Technology,
Sydney. Mental Health Carers ARAFMI NSW Inc in collaboration with MHA.
http://www.mentalhealth.asn.au/home/item/246-bpd-celebrating-recovery.html

4 - 6 October 2013
Angelman Syndrome Conference. Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach, Sydney.
http://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/AS2013/default.asp

7 - 11 October 2013
21st Conference of Asian Federation on Intellectual Disabilities. New Delhi, Delhi, India.
http://www.afid2013.in

8 - 10 October 2013
NDS Employment Forum & WI International Conference.
Jupiters Gold Coast, Queensland. www.nds.org.au/events

10 October 2013
World Mental Health Day. www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2007/world_mental_health_day/en/

10 October 2013
World Sight Day. www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/world_sight_day/en/index.html

13 October 2013
International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2013. This year's commemoration will focus on disability.
The theme of the Day is: "A Not So Obvious Conversation - Disability and Disasters".
(http://www.un.org/en/events/disasterreductionday; http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/)

14 - 15 October 2013
International Conference for the Recovery from Childhood Trauma and Mental Illness. Mercure Kooindah
Waters Central Coast Hotel, NSW Australia. http://astmanagement.com.au/heal4life/

16 - 17 October 2013
PANDDA Disability Nurses 2013 Conference
Novotel Church St Parramatta.
Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas.
Open to all registered, enrolled and assistant disability nurses.
Now OPEN for registrations.
http://www.pandda.net/PANDDA/2013_Conference.html

16 - 18 October 2013
2nd International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf. Sydney, Australia. Deaf Society, of NSW,
Australia. http://www.wfdsydney2013.com

17– 18 October 2013
Better Practice Conference. Perth. Aged Care Accreditation issues. Web site

21 - 25 October 2013
P.A.R.T. Train-The-Trainer, Brisbane. PART **=** Predict, Assess, Respond To Challenging/Aggressive
Behaviour.www.mtu.net.au

24 - 26 October 2013
4th International Conference on ICT & Accessibility: Design 4 All. Hammamet, Tunisia. www.icta.rnu.tn/

31 October 2013
Blacktown Community Services Expo. Bowman Hall, Blacktown. http://expo.sydwestmsi.org.au/

7– 8 November 2013
Better Practice Conference. Brisbane. Aged Care Accreditation issues. Web site

10 – 13 November 2013
ACSA National Conference. Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. Aged & Community Services Australia.
http://www.agedservices.asn.au/event-detail?EventCode=EHC04

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