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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Australia's Aged Care System Review - Caring for Older Australians

The Productivity Commission invites interested parties to register their interest in an inquiry into Australia's aged care arrangements.

In undertaking the inquiry, the Commission will develop options for further structural reform of the aged care system so it can meet the challenges facing it in coming decades. In particular, the Commission will:

- examine the social, clinical and institutional aspects of aged care in Australia, building on the substantial base of existing reviews into this sector
- address the interests of special needs groups
- develop regulatory and funding options for residential and community aged care (including the Home and Community Care program)
- examine the future workforce requirements of the aged care sector
- recommend a path for transitioning from the current regulatory arrangements to a new system that ensures continuity of care and allows the sector time to adjust
- examine whether the regulation of retirement specific living options should be aligned more closely with the rest of the aged care sector
- assess the fiscal implications of any change in aged care roles and responsibilities.

**In the course of the inquiry, the Commission will consult widely with older Australians, their carers, aged care providers, government agencies and other interested parties.**

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/aged-care>

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Funding boost and less red tape for Australian Disability Enterprises

Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) will receive an additional \$4.5 million in 2010-2011 to allow them to continue to support over 19,000 workers with disability across Australia who would not otherwise be able to find work.

The Australian Government funds 600 businesses operated by 206 organisations across the country to provide supported employment opportunities for people with disability. The Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin said Australian Disability Enterprises had a vital role providing work and training for people with a disability.

'The Government understands that ADEs are under significant pressure which is why we are providing an additional \$4.5 million to support them continue to employ people with a disability during difficult economic times.' The extra funding is in addition to \$9 million provided in 2010-11 to maintain a temporary increase made by the previous Government.

Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, Bill Shorten said ADEs made a huge difference in the lives of people with disability. A job is the key to social inclusion for people with disability. It provides financial independence, the chance to make a contribution to society and the camaraderie of the workplace,' Mr Shorten said.

This additional funding, allocated from within the disability services budget, brings total Australian Government support for ADEs to more than \$204 million in 2010-2011. The Government will continue to listen to and work with the ADEs to support them in providing benefits to people who would otherwise be excluded from the workforce.

The Government will also introduce a 12-month red-tape reduction trial that will reduce the amount of time Australian Disability Enterprises spend assessing the support needs of their employees through Disability Maintenance Instruments, by only conducting re-assessments under certain circumstances, rather than every two years.

Under this trial, re-assessments need only be undertaken by an Australian Disability Enterprise where there is a significant change in the worker's health status, stamina or physical capacity; where there is a profound change in disability that affects work performance or where there is a significant change in the worker's personal circumstances.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will also be able to request an assessment by an ADE, as will workers and their families. 'This decision will deliver significant savings to the sector and make it easier for Australian Disability Enterprises to continue the great work they do giving people with disability the benefits of meaningful employment,' Mr Shorten said.

Ken Baker, the Chief Executive of National Disability Services, the peak association representing non-government disability services, has welcomed the measures.

*[Source: Joint Ministerial Media Release]*

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

### People With Disability – PWP

<http://www.pwd.org.au>

People with Disability is pleased to announce the launch of its new look website and invites your feedback.

People with Disability Australia Incorporated (PWD) is a national peak disability rights and advocacy organisation. Our primary membership is made up of people with disability and organisations primarily constituted by people with disability. PWD also has a large associate membership of other individuals and organisations committed to the disability rights movement. Founded in 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons, People with Disability Australia seeks to provide people with disability with a voice of our own. We have a cross-disability focus - we represent the interests of people with all kinds of disability. PWD is a non-profit, non-government organisation.

We have a vision of a socially just, accessible and inclusive community, in which the human rights, citizenship, contribution, potential and diversity of all people with disability are respected and celebrated.

Our purpose is to be a leading disability rights, advocacy and representative organisation of and for all people with disability, which strives for the realisation of our vision of a socially just, accessible and inclusive community.

PWD's programs include:

- Information Services
- Individual and Group Advocacy
- Boarding House Advocacy Project
- Systemic Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Education and Training

PWD also auspices the Aboriginal Disability Network, the SADA project, the National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline and the Complaints Resolution and Referral Service.

### Position Statements

[Enabling Australia - Migration laws and the CRPD](#) June 2010 - Word 45kb

[PADP Community Alliance Position Statement](#) June 2009 - Word 1.45MB

[PADP Community Alliance Position Statement](#) June 2009 - PDF 154kb

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## GLOBAL – Australian Work Visa Sponsorship

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Global has been granted a pre-approved 'Labour Hire Agreement' for the sponsorship of overseas professionals in disability and nursing for 457 work visa for Australia. This approval of Global from the Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship and the Department of Workplace Relations allows for experienced disability professionals to experience work, travel and life in Australia for up to four years. Global Advantage is also a participant in the Employers Nomination Scheme supporting residency applications for its sponsored disability & nursing staff after two years of work with the company.

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## GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

### 2010 Human Rights Medals & Awards: nominations open

Nominations are now being called for the Australian Human Rights Commission's 2010 Human Rights Medals and Awards.

Commission President, Catherine Branson QC, has called for individuals and organisations around Australia to nominate for the Medals and Awards which recognise and reward efforts to protect human rights in Australia. "For one day of the year, the annual Human Rights Medals and Awards shines the spotlight on the efforts people are making on a daily basis to strengthen Australia's human rights culture," President Branson said.

"These efforts impact on us all and ultimately contribute in some way to making Australia a safer and more inclusive society. "Whether it be by actively working to reduce discrimination in workplaces or communities, supporting individuals or organisations to protect their rights, or whether it is by influencing law and policy to provide a fairer Australia for us all, human rights heroes are everywhere," Ms Branson said. "The annual Human Rights Medals and Awards is an opportunity to applaud their efforts and to say thank you."

Nominations can be made for the Human Rights Medal and Young People's Human Rights Medal and seven Award categories: Law, Community (Organisation), Community (Individual), Literature (non-fiction), Print Media, Television and Radio.

The Australian Human Rights Commission has a web-section containing all the information about the 2010 Human Rights Medals and Awards, including Award categories, how to enter, judging criteria, previous winners and how to buy a ticket to the awards ceremony.

There's also a section for media, with the latest news releases, and information about the sponsors for this year's Award ceremony which are: Rio Tinto; the Department of Immigration and Citizenship; the Law Council of Australia; iHR Australia; Avant Card; Trophyland; The Co-op Bookshop; Online Opinion and Vibe Australia.

**Nominations close at 5pm on Monday, 4 October, 2010.** Winners will be presented with their Medals and Awards at a ceremony to be held on Human Rights Day, Friday, 10 December 2010 at the Sheraton on the Park in Sydney.

Nomination forms/ information: [www.humanrights.gov.au/hr\\_awards](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards) or Ph: 02 9284 9618 or [hrwards@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:hrwards@humanrights.gov.au) This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it

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## Vision Australia's Further Education Bursaries

Each year Vision Australia awards financial bursaries to tertiary students who are blind or have low vision for the purchase of adaptive technology such as CCTVs, laptops, screen reading and magnification software. Vision Australia's Further Education Bursaries aims to assist clients who would not otherwise be able to afford adaptive technology, thus increasing their ability to participate in further education. Since 1996, 191 bursaries have been awarded by Vision Australia to students studying a broad range of disciplines - from Arts and Music to IT and Business.

To be eligible, applicants need to:

- \* Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Vic, NSW, ACT, Qld, the NT or Tas.
- \* Be (or become) a client of Vision Australia
- \* Demonstrate the need for financial assistance to purchase adaptive technology
- \* Be applying for, or enrolled in, a tertiary course graded Certificate IV or above
- \* Be available to attend a presentation ceremony in May.

To apply for a bursary, applicants need to:

- Complete an application form - download available from August at [www.visionaustralia.org/bursary](http://www.visionaustralia.org/bursary)
  - Have an adaptive technology assessment specifically for the Bursary with a Vision Australia consultant
  - Provide some documentary evidence (outlined on the application form).
- (Applications are treated in the strictest confidence.)

Important dates: Applications open in August and close at the end of October. Recipients are selected in December, equipment is purchased and delivered after proof of enrolment has been provided (around March) and the Bursaries are presented at ceremonies in May.

For more information contact: Max Bini, Tertiary Education Consultant for Vision Australia on Freecall: 1300 84 74 66, Direct Line: 03 8378 1223 or visit: [www.visionaustralia.org](http://www.visionaustralia.org)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### NSW Disability Services Sector – Directions for Industry Development Final Report Released

NDS and ADHC release a major report setting clear direction for building the capacity of the not for profit disability sector in NSW. The report [NSW Disability Services Sector: Directions for Industry Development Final Report](#) [PDF 878KB] represents the culmination of extensive consultation with relevant stakeholders, and details strategies and actions over the next 5 years.

The NSW budget for 2009-10 announced \$17 million to establish an Industry Development Fund (IDF) to be used by the sector to build the capacity and sustainability of services and to revolutionise the way in which services are accessed by, and provided to people with disability.

In late 2009 **National Disability Services NSW** in partnership with **Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services** brought together advocates, peak bodies, service providers and policy makers to develop a vision and direction for disability services into the future.

This report is the first step in setting out a truly strategic focus for the sector in collaboration with the NSW Government, moving us beyond the funding relationship into a partnership that is focused on supporting people with a disability, their families and carers, and placing them firmly at the centre of service delivery.

The report highlights six areas of focus:

- People with disability at the centre of service delivery
- People with disability have access to the information and range of supports they need to live the lives they choose
- High-performing organisations achieving real outcomes for people with disability
- Robust planning and resource allocation decisions based on accurate data and evidence
- Effective governance, leadership and management of the sector
- The workforce is skilled, capable and focused on people with disability

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Migration Treatment of Disability report

The Joint Standing Committee on Migration has released its ***Inquiry into migration treatment of disability*** and found that Australia's current health requirement for migration to this country is prejudiced against people with a disability and their families. The full report can be found at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/disability/report.htm>

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

### **Connecting with Your Asperger Partner – new book by Louise Weston, RN; BN; MRCNA**

*Connecting with Your Asperger Partner*, by Louise Weston, opens up the very real issues that clients on the autism spectrum may experience in relation to change, sensory overload and communication difficulties. Health professionals learn that by entering into the Asperger client's world (empathising) and detecting stressors early are the keys to improving the client-professional relationship. Specific communication strategies, helpful tips to prevent meltdowns and charts explaining successful calming techniques during or after a meltdown are provided. The foreword is written by world renowned expert, Professor Tony Attwood. RRP: \$28.95. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Exploring Bullying with Adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome: A Photocopiable Workbook** by **Anna Tickle and Bettina Stott**. Bullying is a serious and pervasive issue for people with autism and Asperger Syndrome. This photocopiable workbook encourages adults who have been involved with bullying - as either victims or perpetrators - to explore what bullying is, the effects it can have and how it can be tackled successfully. *August 2010, 320 pages, ISBN: 978-1-84905-035-7, paperback, £29.99 / US\$49.95*

<http://enews.jkp.com/rp/335/process.cisp?t=24B64BB933126897CE731D8ACC4E2E2F5>

### [Counselling People on the Autism Spectrum: A Practical Manual](#)

Katherine Paxton and Irene A. Estay

[How to Find Work that Works for People with Asperger Syndrome: The Ultimate Guide for Getting People with Asperger Syndrome into the Workplace \(and keeping them there!\)](#) Gail Hawkins

**Cognitive Behavioural Therapy with Older People: Interventions for Those With and Without Dementia** by **Ian Andrew James**. The development of 'ageless' mental health services means that an increasing number of clinicians are now required to work with older people. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy is recognised by all recent meta-analyses as the most effective therapy, yet few clinicians are trained specifically in its usage with the elderly. This book is a detailed guide to using CBT with older people both with and without cognitive difficulties. Reviewing its use in different settings, it covers both conceptual and practical perspectives, and details everything from causes and initial assessment to case formulation and change techniques. Case studies in both depression and dementia are used to illustrate how CBT should work and how positive effects can manifest themselves. Suitable both for trainees and experienced therapists, this book will be essential for anybody using cognitive behavioural therapy in their work with older people, regardless of their clients' levels of cognitive ability. *2010, 256 pages, ISBN: 978-1-84905-100-2, paperback, £24.99 / US\$39.95*

<http://enews.jkp.com/rp/335/process.cisp?t=2163736A7B20A130957C3D93E99B2DEE3>

### [Person-Centred Counselling for People with Dementia: Making Sense of Self](#)

Danuta Lipinska

### [Connecting through Music with People with Dementia: A Guide for Caregivers](#)

Robin Rio

**Best Practice in Professional Supervision: A Guide for the Helping Professions** by **Allyson Davys and Liz Beddoe**. *Best Practice in Professional Supervision* is an authoritative guide to being an excellent supervisor, covering the role, functions and dispositions involved. The authors consider basic skills, the practicalities of forming and maintaining the supervision relationship, and the organisational context and culture of supervision. The book offers practical examples and a model of supervision which draws together ideas from adult learning theory and reflective practice. Viewing supervision as a place for learning, this guide considers how supervision can assist practitioners to develop professional resilience and manage the stresses of complex work environments. It also includes specific chapters on supervision of clinical student placements and in child protection settings. This book covers a range of professions including social care, nursing, counselling, social work and allied health professions, and is an essential guide for all those in these and related professions undertaking supervision or supervision training. *2010, 256 pages, ISBN: 978-1-*

84310-995-2, paperback, £19.99 / US\$34.95

<http://enews.jkp.com/rp//335/process.cisp?t=21C32AD76ED1B076A0D7DA58547D929FE>

[Reflecting On and Developing Your Practice: A Workbook for Social Care Workers](#)

Suzan Collins

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

[Evaluation of the Ensuring Good Nutrition policy - executive summary \(May 2009\)](#)

[Summary of key issues and findings of the evaluation of the Nutrition and Swallowing policy \(Dec 2002\)](#)

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## **GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE**

**Crisis Support Contacts – Sydney** <http://www.sydneyingleparents.org.au/Crisissupport.html>

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### **Home Medicines Review resources – The Pharmacy Guild of Australia**

The Home Medicines Review (HMR) was introduced into the Medical Benefits Scheme in October 2001 to increase the appropriate use of medications and reduce the incidence of 'medication misadventures', thereby assisting in improving patient health outcomes.

The HMR is a consumer-focused, structured and collaborative health care service provided in the community setting to optimise consumer understanding and quality use of medicines. It involves the consumer, their general practitioner, their pharmacy, and other relevant members of the health care team. This information has been developed to highlight the evidence around the use of HMRs and to assist health providers to target those consumers who will gain the most benefit from a review of their medicine.

[Click here to find out more about HMRs.](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

### Sisters of Charity Foundation and Ministry Fund

The Sisters of Charity Foundation and Sisters of Charity Ministry Fund are primarily concerned with funding projects/programs that respond to the needs of the poor and under-served in today's community. It is the aim of those funds to financially support initiatives of benefit to the general community, particularly for people with special needs, and where such support is inadequately funded from other sources. More information

Sisters of Charity Foundation Street Address: Level 175 Grafton Street Bondi Junction NSW 2022 Phone: 02 9367 1211 Fax: 02 9367 1213 Email: [contact@sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au](mailto:contact@sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au) Website: [www.sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au](http://www.sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au)

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### RCNA National Research and Scholarship Fund

The Royal College of Nursing Australia National Research and Scholarship Fund (NRSF), is designed to assist registered nurses to undertake both tertiary and/or postgraduate education, training and/or research activities. NRSF is open to RCNA members and fellows. [Click here to download an application form](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

### **Mental health services in Australia 2007-08**

*Mental Health Services in Australia 2007-08* is the twelfth in the series of annual reports providing a detailed picture of the national response to the mental health care needs of Australians. Details from a wide range of data sources for the 2007-08 period, and where available 2008-09, are presented, as are changes over time. Expenditure on state and territory mental health services has been increasing on average by 6% per year (adjusted for inflation) since 2003-04, states and territories spent \$3,323 million on these services in 2007-08. There were 4.6 million Medicare claims for subsidised psychiatrist, psychologist and other allied health professional services in 2008-09, an increase of 17.4% from the previous year. AIHW catalogue number (HSE 88). Available from CanPrint for \$34.00 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and FREE downloadable [report](#).

[The nature and impact of caring for family members with a disability in Australia](#), Ben Edwards, Daryl J. Higgins, Matthew Gray, Norbert Zmijewski and Marcia Kingston. Melbourne, Vic: AIFS, 2008 (Research report no.16).

### **Australia's Health 2010**

*Australia's health 2010* is the 12th biennial health report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. It's the nation's premier source of statistics and informed commentary on: determinants of health and keys to prevention; diseases and injury; how health varies across population groups; health across the life stages; health services, expenditure and workforce; the health sector's performance. If you're interested in health, *Australia's health 2010* is an essential reference for your bookshelf. AIHW catalogue number (**AUS 122**). Available from CanPrint for \$60 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

### **Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program Report on the 2008-09 Minimum Data Set**

Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program: Report on the 2008-09 Minimum Data Set includes information from the 2008-09 younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Minimum Data Set (YPIRAC MDS). It summarises the characteristics of people who were 'on the books' during 2008-09 and the YPIRAC services they received. AIHW catalogue number (**DIS 57**). Available from CanPrint for \$29.00 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and FREE downloadable [report](#).

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

### **Bachelor of Special Education/Bachelor of Disability Studies.**

More information on the degree can be found here <http://www.une.edu.au/courses/2010/courses/BSEDDS> and here <http://www.une.edu.au/bsebdss/>

### **RCNA Online Information Technology Training Program**

Royal College of Nursing Australia will be offering a continuing professional development program which aims to assist nurses, midwives and support staff to increase their information technology skills. The online program is specifically targeted for beginners and self-taught users of the computer and contains over 70 hours of training – equates to 79 RCNA Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) points! [Click here for more information and to obtain a registration form.](#)

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[http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online\\_education.html](http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online_education.html)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

### New booklet to help women with intellectual disability learn more about their health

NSW Health has launched a new booklet to support the health of more than 70-thousand women living with intellectual disability in NSW. The book *Being a Healthy Woman* is designed to assist women with an intellectual disability who are often less likely to understand life changes, the importance of a healthy lifestyle, or the need to see doctors when ill.

The *Being a Healthy Woman* book is written in simple and accessible language which will improve communication between medical professionals and women with intellectual disabilities.

The book was produced by the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing after extensive consultation with women with intellectual disabilities, their families, carers and support workers.

It covers sixteen topics including being healthy and happy, growing up, safe sex, parenting, breast health, dealing with grief and loss and growing older. *Being a Healthy Woman* is backed by a training package that has been trialled by GPs and hospital registrars to improve the health outcomes for women with an intellectual disability.

The package was developed by GP Synergy and it is based on work done by Centre for Developmental Disability Health Victoria.

“The *Being a Healthy Woman* book is complemented by this training package which is available on DVD or in a power point presentation to address communication barriers medical professionals may have in effectively working with women with intellectual disabilities,” Ms Lynch said.

“The book also contains an extensive list of health resources and where to find them which will help women with intellectual disabilities, family members and medical practitioners seeking more detailed information.”

It can be used by any training facility and may be modified for training to any group.

Family Planning, Centre for Disability Studies, NSW Council for Intellectual Disability and Department of Education have indicated an interest in the training package to address families, carers or teachers. The training package will be available on the GP Synergy website.

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2010/being\\_healthy\\_woman.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2010/being_healthy_woman.html)

### Community Service & Health Training Packages 2010 consultation

The 2010 consultation period for draft Version 3.0 of the CHC08 Community Services and HLT07 Health Training Packages is now open. Your feedback is essential to ensure the integrity of the qualifications in your sector are maintained. Changes to the draft include:

- Amendments to packaging rules to address new requirements introduced by the National Quality Council (NQC)
- Updating of imported units
- Embedding skills for sustainability
- Actioning stakeholder feedback received via Continuous Improvement

Learn more and download the consultation documents for the [HLT07 Health Training Package](#) and [CHC08 Community Services Training Package](#).

*Beyondblue* has developed a free DVD □ **Depression Yarns: Tackling depression and related disorders** □ designed to assist health professionals working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. To order *Depression Yarns* call 1300 22 4636 or visit: [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

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### 27 August 2010

#### 21<sup>st</sup> PANDDA 2010 Conference

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**6<sup>th</sup> National Homelessness Conference.** 'Many Ways Home: Ending Homelessness by 2020' Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. [Click here for more information.](#)

### 3 September 2010

**Aged Care Nurses Forum.** Camperdown, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

### 6 – 7 September 2010

**NDS Employment Forum.** NDS National Disability Services. Melbourne.

**8 - 11 September 2010**

**INP/APNN Conference 2010.** Brisbane, Australia. International Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Practice Nursing Network. *Advanced nursing practice responding to changing environment: Creating opportunities, enhancing services and maximising outcomes.* International Council of Nurses (ICN) and Royal College of Nursing, Australia. [http://www.rcna.org.au/conferences/INP\\_APNN%202010/welcome](http://www.rcna.org.au/conferences/INP_APNN%202010/welcome)

**9 - 12 September 2010**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Psychotherapy Conference.** The State Library of NSW. Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychotherapy (NSW) Ltd. <http://www.anzapweb.com/html/news/22nd-annual-conference-2010.html>

**14 - 17 September 2010**

**The Mental Health Services 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:** 20 years strong: and now a renaissance. Sydney, Australia. Mental Health Services. <http://www.themhs.org/2010-annual-conference>

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**Implementing Disability Inclusive Development in the Pacific and Asia:** Reviewing progress, planning the future. Australian Disability and Development Consortium, Darwin Convention Centre. [www.addc.org.au](http://www.addc.org.au)

**22 September 2010**

**Mental Health Nurses Forum.** Camperdown, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

**23 – 24 September 2010**

**2010 National Dementia Research Forum.** Holiday Inn Gold Coast Queensland. Dementia Collaborative Research Centre. Queensland University of Technology. <http://www.dementiaresearch.org.au/>

**28 – 29 September 2010**

**NDS Regional Support Worker Conference 2010.** Queanbeyan. Contact Emily Caska 02 9256 3112 [emily.caska@nds.org.au](mailto:emily.caska@nds.org.au) Call for Papers [http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/Resources/links/RSWC\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_Jan10.pdf](http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/Resources/links/RSWC_Call_for_Papers_Jan10.pdf)

**29 – 30 September 2010**

**Rural & Remote Mental Health Symposium:** Winds of Change. Canberra, Australia. . Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association. <http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/rmh10>

**29 September - 1 October 2010**

**45th ASSID Australasian Conference.** Hilton Hotel, Brisbane. Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability. Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine. Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support. Registration closes 31 August 2010. [assid2010@optusnet.com.au](mailto:assid2010@optusnet.com.au) (07) 3163 2496 [www.assid.org.au](http://www.assid.org.au)

**12 – 15 October 2010**

**Forensic Psychiatry Annual Conference.** Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP). Prato, Tuscany, Italy. <http://forensic2010.conorg.com.au/>

**18 - 19 October 2010**

**NDS Queensland Communities of Practice Conference 2010.** Sofitel Brisbane. National Disability Services. Queensland, Australia.

**20 – 21 October 2010**

**Dementia and Recreation National Conference 2010.** The Sebel Albert Park. Melbourne Victoria Australia. [http://www.totalagedservices.com.au/workshops\\_conferences.asp](http://www.totalagedservices.com.au/workshops_conferences.asp)

**20 – 22 October 2010**

**3rd IASSID-Europe Congress international Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities** Rome, Italy <http://www.iassid.org/iassid/>

22 - 23 October 2010

**Nepean Disability Expo.** For more information visit [www.nado.org.au](http://www.nado.org.au)

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**RCNA Community and Primary Healthcare Nursing Conference.** Alice Springs, Northern Territory. Royal College of Nursing Australia. <http://www.rcna.org.au/conferences/cphcc/welcome>

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