

Global e-Gazette: Disability & Ageing

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Commonwealth Disability Strategy

A strategic framework for inclusion and participation by people with disabilities in Government policies, programs and services.

The [Commonwealth Disability Strategy](#) recognises that the Australian Government has an impact on the lives of people with disabilities through its many programs, services and facilities. The Strategy is about enabling full participation of people with disabilities. Under the Strategy, Australian Government organisations are obligated to remove barriers which prevent people with disabilities from having access to these policies, programs and services. This means ensuring that people with disabilities have the same access to buildings, services, information, employment, education, sport and recreational activities as everyone else in the community.

In 1999, the Commonwealth Disability Strategy was reviewed, and as a result, it has been refined to ensure it continues to meet the needs of people with disabilities. It is now more flexible and encourages organisations to:

- provide information in accessible formats;
- employ people with disabilities;
- purchase accessible services;
- recognise people with disabilities as consumers of services; and
- consult with people with disabilities to find out what they need.

The Strategy complements a number of other current initiatives, including those of the Office of Government Online, the National Office of Information Economy and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission to make information, particularly electronic information, accessible to people with disabilities. The Commonwealth Disability Strategy's most important message can be summed up in one sentence: A little thought goes a long way in ensuring that people with disabilities can live, work and participate fully in the Australian community.

See the web site for more information.

http://www.facs.gov.au/disability/cds/cds/cds_index.htm

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

AgedCare CONNECT - Online Evidence Based Resources in Aged Care Project

This new important resource – AgedCareCONNECT – consists of a collection of online evidence based resources designed specifically for the aged care community, to assist nursing staff and others involved in the care of older Australians to deliver high quality care and to pursue better practice. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-rescare-evidence.htm>

The implementation will be supported by a series of training workshops, around Australia in late

September 2006. These workshops are designed to demonstrate how AgedCareCONNECT will assist in best practice, including detailed demonstrations and take home resources. Further information can be obtained from The Joanna Briggs Institute: Web: <http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au> Email: jbi@adelaide.edu.au Phone: (08) 8303 4880

Clinical IT Links

These links provide further information about activities

- [Online Evidence Based Resources in Aged Care Project](#)
- [Case Studies](#)
- [Clinical Monitoring](#)
- [Electronic Prescribing](#)
- [Pressure Ulcer Management](#)
- [Medication Management](#)
- [Incontinence Management](#)
- [Clinical IT home](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

Center for Developmental Disability Studies

The Centre for Developmental Disability Studies is a non-profit organisation that began operating in April 1997. CDDS creates and disseminates knowledge that can improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

We design and develop research, teaching and clinical practice to inform policy and practice which have an impact on people who have developmental disabilities.

<http://www.cdds.med.usyd.edu.au/>

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

FULBRIGHT PROFESSIONAL Scholarship

Fulbright Professional Scholarships are available to Australian citizens, in junior to mid career positions, poised for advancement to a senior role from the private or public sector (outside academe), or junior to middle level academics whose professional focus is industry related and whose research and sharing of results within the industry is clearly outlined. The award supports a 3-4 month program of professional development in the United States.

Application proposals must include an educational component (such as a short-course and/or research) and identify a potential U.S. host institution at which the applicant would spend a significant period of their scholarship. It may also involve other forms of professional experience including visits to relevant organisations. While the program may include attending a conference, this does not fulfill the educational requirements of the scholarship. The Professional Scholarship does not fund postgraduate (i.e. Masters or PhD) study programs.

Professional Scholarship Benefits

- Travel entitlement of A\$5,200
- Stipend of US\$2,750 per month for a maximum of 3-4 months
- Establishment allowance of US\$500
- Transport and accommodation to attend an Orientation Program and the Fulbright Presentation Dinner in Australia (May)
- Transport and accommodation to an Enrichment Seminar with international Fulbright Scholars in the U.S.
- Professional network opportunities with Australian, U.S. and international Fulbright Scholars and distinguished alumni.

The 2008 Scholarship period application process opens on 1 June 2007 at which time application forms will be available for downloading.

You need to start planning your application now. (Global Editor)

For further information

http://www.fulbright.com.au/awards/australian_applicants/awards_available/Fulbright_professional_awards.htm

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Santoro explains aged care approvals process

The Minister for Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro, has outlined the independent process for the allocation of aged care places, in response to recent incorrect media reports.

Senator Santoro provided a detailed description of the independent process to *The Courier-Mail* in Brisbane, in response to the newspaper's demand for him to fully explain the 2006 Aged Care Approvals Round and the results.

Senator Santoro has therefore made his article public in the interests of fair and accurate commentary about the \$206 million Aged Care Allocation Round.

[PDF printable version of Santoro explains aged care approvals process \(PDF 115 KB\)](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

Merck Manual of Medical Information Second Home Edition Online

(Free Online Book)

Merck provides all of The Merck Manuals as a service to the community.

Explains disorders, who is likely to get them, their symptoms, how they're diagnosed, how they might be prevented, and how they can be treated; also provides information about prognosis. Based on the world's most widely used textbook of medicine—The Merck Manual—but written in everyday language by 300 outstanding contributors. Provided free of charge on the Internet by Merck & Co., Inc., as a public service.

<http://www.merck.com/mmhe/index.html>

Alzheimer's Disease - A Carer's Guide

By Tony Luck. A short guide to carer's. (Free Online Article)

http://www.free-article-info.com/Free-Article-Info/alzheimer/alzheimer_s_disease_a_carer_s_guide.php

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

National Guideline Clearinghouse (US based)

The National Guideline Clearinghouse™ (NGC) is a comprehensive database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related documents. NGC is an initiative of the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\)](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NGC was originally created by AHRQ in partnership with the [American Medical Association](#) and the [American Association of Health Plans](#) (now America's Health Insurance Plans [AHIP]).

The [NGC mission](#) is to provide physicians, nurses, and other health professionals, health care providers, health plans, integrated delivery systems, purchasers and others an accessible mechanism for obtaining objective, detailed information on clinical practice guidelines and to further their dissemination, implementation and use.

Even though US based, it could also be a valuable source of reference information when conducting international research on guidelines, policies and background reviews. This could be a valuable site for those developing policies and procedures and need to see other international developments.

<http://www.guideline.gov>

GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

Drug & Alcohol Counseling Directory Online

If you ever need to find a drug & alcohol service in NSW to refer a client to – then bookmark this useful online directory http://www.pwp-hills.org/welfaredirectory_disability.htm

Disability & Aged Care Agency Nurses & Residential Care Workers Wanted

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

Family Service and Facilities Plan for DADHC Operated Large Residential Centres - DADHC.07.1

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is seeking to procure the services of a consultant to develop a detailed service plan for the closure or redevelopment of four DADHC operated large residential centres (LRCs) as follows:

- Kanangra
- Stockton
- Rydalmere
- Westmead

DADHC is seeking tenders from capable organisations with a proven.

Applications close **5pm Thursday 22 March 2007.**

[Cover letter](#)

[Information for Applicants](#)

[Specifications](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Standard DADHC Contract](#)

Future Directions for Large and Small Residential Centres Operated by Non-Government Organisations - DADHC.07.2

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is seeking to procure the services of a consultant to develop a report that clarifies the current status of NGO operated large and small residential centres and provides advice on possible future directions for each. This report will be developed in consultation with the relevant NGOs and DADHC staff.

DADHC is seeking tenders from capable organisations with a proven track record in achieving the outputs and outcomes described in the Specification.

Applications close **5pm Thursday 22 March 2007.**

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Disability, Ageing And Carers Australia: Summary Of Findings 2003

This publication presents a summary of results from the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) throughout Australia, from June to November 2003. The primary objective of the survey was to collect information about three population groups:

- ⊕ people with a disability
- ⊕ older people (i.e. those aged 60 years and over)
- ⊕ people who provide assistance to older people and people with disabilities.

The SDAC was also conducted in 1998 and this publication presents some comparisons with this survey. The 2003 SDAC was largely a repeat of the 1998 survey, with some additions to content in the areas of cognitive and emotional support, and computer and Internet use. Comparisons with previous disability surveys are also possible.

Free PDF Download at

[http://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/978A7C78CC11B702CA256F0F007B1311/\\$File/44300_2003.pdf](http://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/978A7C78CC11B702CA256F0F007B1311/$File/44300_2003.pdf)

This is a valuable reference for both researchers and those preparing service funding submissions.

Some Highlights from the report:

In the 2003 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) one in five people in Australia (3,958,300 or 20.0%) had a reported disability. This rate was much the same for males (19.8%) and females (20.1%).

The rate of profound or severe core-activity limitation also showed little change between 1998 (6.4%) and 2003 (6.3%).

The labour force participation rate of persons with a disability was 53% and the unemployment rate was 8.6%. Corresponding rates for those without a disability were 81% and 5.0%.

The median gross personal income per week of persons aged 15-64 years with a reported disability living in households was \$255, compared to \$501 for those without a disability. Median gross personal income per week decreased with increasing severity of disability. It was lowest (\$200 per week) for those with a profound core-activity limitation.

In 2003, there were 3.35 million people aged 60 years and over (17% of the population), which compares to 3.0 million people (16%) in 1998. In 2003, just over half had a reported disability (51%) and 19% had a profound or severe core-activity limitation.

People aged 85 years and over reported a much higher need for assistance than those aged 60-69 years (84% compared with 26%).

In 2003, there were 2.6 million carers who provided some assistance to those who needed help because of disability or age. About one fifth of these (19%) were primary carers. Just over half (54%) of all carers were women. Women were also more likely (71%) to be primary carers. Of those providing care, 1.0 million (39%) were in the 35-54 year age range. Those who provided care to people with a disability were more likely to be older and/or have a disability than those who did not provide care. Twenty-four per cent of primary carers were aged 65 years and over, compared to 13% of the total population.

The report provides much more detail and is an essential starting point in identifying community needs. See these and other summary details at

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4430.0Main+Features12003?OpenDocument>

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Charles Sturt University's Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is designed to provide an enhancement of knowledge and skills relevant to promoting the health and wellbeing of older people.

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology focuses on the quality of life of older people, the importance of fostering their rights and dignity and ways of fulfilling their needs.

The course reflects the multidisciplinary nature of gerontology by offering a broadly based, yet integrative approach to major theoretical and practical issues associated with the ageing.

Admission criteria

As a minimum, applicants must have a TAFE diploma (or alternatively a Bachelor degree), as the Graduate Certificate articulates with the Master program. The area of study in the prior qualification should be broad as the Graduate Certificate is particularly targeted to people who work in aged care but not necessarily in hands-on roles, e.g. hostel managers with qualifications in business administration.

People working with older people in other professions may choose two other subjects relevant to that profession as the final two subjects in the Graduate Certificate.

Articulation and Credit

Credit towards the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology may be possible. People who hold gerontology qualifications may be eligible for one subject credit towards the Graduate Certificate. This course articulates fully with the Master of Health Science (Gerontology).

Further Information at <http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/gerontology/>

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

Management Guidelines: Developmental Disability

Centre for Developmental Disability Health Victoria staff were delighted to see the new Therapeutic Guidelines publication "*Management Guidelines: Developmental Disability Version 2*" which was released in June 2005. **Dr Helen Beange** Clinical Lecturer Centre for Developmental Disability Studies Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney NSW was also a major contributor.

The book is an affordable reference on Developmental Disability Medicine for health professionals. Therapeutic Guidelines produce a range of practical handbooks for doctors, and the decision to broaden the concept to Management Guidelines was welcomed. In 1999 the first edition of *Management Guidelines: Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities* was released, providing detailed guidance on 'whole of life care' for people with developmental disability. Chapters were written by Australian leaders in the field of Developmental Disability Medicine and many of the authors were staff from the CDDHV.

The 2005 edition, entitled *Management Guidelines: Developmental Disability. Version 2, 2005* includes new chapters, as well as updates of previously included work. Web based resources are a valuable addition to this new version. Once again the CDDHV staff have made a substantial contribution to the book and are delighted to be able to recommend the publication to undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, and students from other health disciplines, studying Developmental Disability Medicine.

Price \$39 plus postage & handling

Order online at <https://secure.tg.com.au/order/order1.php>

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Consultant Register in Human Services & Health Sector (Project work and sessional sub-contract consulting)

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We are looking for experienced and qualified people who are interested in special project assignments in Australia and/or overseas. Send us your resume if you have experience in organizational development, quality management & ISO standards, health services accreditation, education accreditation, policy & procedures development, project management, human resources consulting, nursing management, out-placement & re-deployment management, service evaluation, research, consumer research, demographics & needs indicator research, information technology, client records management, clinical consulting, specialist behavioural programming, multicultural programs, health education and/or community development. There could be some interesting opportunities emerge for the right people.

We are looking for people with professional backgrounds in disabilities, aged & dementia care, mental health, community & welfare services, health services, drug & alcohol, public health, nursing, international aid, and human services.

Residential Care Workers, Disability Carers, Social Educators (casual agency work)

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Rural & Regional Recruitment & Education Consultants in NSW (sub-contract work)

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Do you have qualifications & experience in disabilities, aged /dementia care, mental health, community services and have human resources experience in recruitment & selection as well as staff induction, training & education – then send us your resume. We are interested in people who can cover major regional and rural areas in NSW. Discuss the possibilities with Ross our Manager of Education & Development.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

2 February 2007

Conference: 'Exploring self injurious behaviour' (in children and adults with learning disabilities and/or autistic spectrum disorder)

Venue: The Granary Hotel, Kidderminster UK. British Institute of Learning Difficulties in partnership with autism.west midlands. Brochure http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/bild_conf_leaflet_2007feb_sib.pdf

7-8 February 2007

Risk Assessment and Management of Sexual Offenders

By Associate Professor Douglas P. Boer Director of Clinical Psychology University of Waikato New Zealand. Two day workshop presented by The Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability (NSW) Inc Ryde- Eastwood Leagues Club 117 Rydale Road, West Ryde, Sydney [Information and Registration.....](#)
<http://www.assid.org.au/Portals/0/Branches/ASSIDNSWRiskAssmtInfo&Regn.doc> For further information contact John Brown: Phone: 02 4276 1918 (Business) 0428 969737 (Mobile) Email: john@fiveislandsclinic.com.au

14-16 February 2007

16th Annual Medico Legal Congress

At the 2007 Medico Legal Congress you will receive the latest advice provided by industry leaders nominated by health sector professionals. National and international authorities will present case studies and informative sessions highlighting methods which will enable you better grasp and tackle the difficult issues. Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, Australia Brochure http://www.iir.com.au/brochure.html?conf_code=L1297&cat_code=health&cat=conferences&dep_code=conferences&brochure=L1297.pdf

15-16 February 2007

The Mental Health Services 9th Annual Summer Forum 2007 - The Mental Health Workforce of the Future Sydney, NSW

Leading experts in mental health and in workforce development will challenge current thinking on innovative interventions, training and the mental health workforce. Day one focuses on a vision of the future in terms of: what are the new interventions and what does this mean for the mental health workforce? Day two focuses on: now that we have a view of the future, how do we build a system to support it and a workforce to realise it? www.themhs.org; Phone: (02) 9810 8700

19-20 February 2007

ACROD NSW Annual State Conference "Disability Services ~ What's Next?"

Novotel Brighton-Le Sands Call for papers now closed. Early Bird Registration: November 06 Register your interest: Email: gabe@acrodnswnet

23 February 2007

National Symposium – Evidence Based Clinical Leadership in Residential Aged Care

Next Generation Memorial Drive \$66 including GST Registration and further information: [Tiffany Conroy](#) Manager Utilisation Joanna Briggs Institute Phone: +61 8 8303 4880 Fax: +61 8 8303 4881

28 February

Churchill Fellowships Study Travel Scholarships Close – see <http://www.churchilltrust.com.au>

8-9 March 2007

Partnerships for Better Health Outcomes: Carers and Professionals working together A conference for professionals in acute, primary and community health and community care. This NSW conference on leading practice in carer support in health and community care. Dockside, Cockle Bay, Sydney Email:

conference@carersnsw.asn.au Ph: 02 9280 4744

11 - 18 March 2007

NSW Seniors Week 2007 <http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Events/Event0320.htm>

12-13 March 2007

23rd Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort Hawaii With more than 24 countries, provinces & territories represented at the 2006 conference, Pac Rim 2007 will continue the long-standing tradition of assembling researchers, professionals, paraprofessionals, persons with disabilities, family members, students and others to present on a variety of topics that affect everyday lives. Pac Rim continues to promote cutting-edge opportunities to learn from one another, share resources and ideas that support the quality of life, community inclusion, and self-determination for all persons with disabilities and their families to help shape our world community. <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu>

21 March 2007

World Down Syndrome Day.

Australia <http://www.dsansw.org.au/events/WorldDownSyndromeDay.html> International <http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

23 – 24 March 2007

Survive and Flourish in the Changing World of SEBD (UK)

54th National UK Annual Conference/Study Course The Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties Association (SEBDA) at the University of Warwick, Coventry UK. Brochure at http://www.bild.org.uk/pdfs/01news/sebda_conf.pdf

2 - 3 April 2007

NDS 2007 Ageing & Disability National Conference Hilton Hotel, Adelaide. The National Disability Services (formerly ACROD) 2007 Ageing and Disability Conference will seek to integrate policy, research and practice to improve society's response to the needs and lifestyle preferences of older people with disability. It will offer presentations and workshops appealing to a broad cross section of staff from service providers, but designed to be also of interest to people from government departments and academic institutions. <http://www.nds.org.au/conferences/a&d2007/home.htm>

26-28 April 2007

Alzheimers NZ National Conference

www.alzheimers.org.nz/conference/php

Month of May 2007

National Neurofibromatosis Awareness Week - Neurofibromatosis Foundation of Australia, 02 9416 6244, info@nfaa.org.au, www.nfaa.org.au

06 – 12 May 2007

National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week - Tourette Syndrome Association of Victoria, 03 9845 2700, tourettes@mssociety.com.au, www.tourette.org.au

06 – 12 May 2007

National Motor Neurone Disease Week - Motor Neurone Disease Association of Australia, 02 9816 2077, info@mndaust.asn.au, www.mndaust.asn.au

10 May 2007

World Lupus Day - The Lupus Association of NSW, 02 9878 6055, info@lupusnsw.org.au, www.lupusnsw.org.au

14 - 15 May 2007

NSW HACC and Community Care Conference - Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. See the call for papers and expressions of interest [brochure](#).

14 May 2007

National Transverse Myelitis Day - Spinal Injuries Association, 07 3391 2044, mwebb@spinal.com.au, www.spinal.com.au

14 – 20 May 2007

National Volunteers Week - Volunteering Australia, 03 9820 4100, volaus@volunteeringaustralia.org, www.volunteeringaustralia.org

14 – 20 May 2007

National Diversional Therapy Awareness Week - Diversional Therapy Association NSW, 02 9887 5035, dta_nsw@bigpond.com, www.diversionaltherapy.org.au

20 – 26 May 2007

National Palliative Care Week - Palliative Care Australia, 02 6232 4433, pcainc@pallcare.org.au, www.pallcare.org.au

21 – 23 May 2007

Chronic Disease Management in People with Intellectual Disability

The International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability Special Interest Research Group Conference on Physical Health [Conference Brochure](http://www.iassid.org/pdf/health-sirg-brochure.pdf) <http://www.iassid.org/pdf/health-sirg-brochure.pdf>

Prato, Italy [Final Announcement and Update](http://www.iassid.org/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=141)

<http://www.iassid.org/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=141>

29 – 30 May 2007

Nordic Conference on Aging and Disability – see entry below

31 May - 1 June 2007

The 16th Annual Roundtable International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability:

Special Interest Research Group on Aging and Intellectual Disability Oslo, Norway

The Roundtable will be preceded by a Nordic Conference on Aging and Disability on May 29-30, 2007 Final Announcement and Call for Papers - <http://www.iassid.org/pdf/norway-final.pdf> [Registration Form](http://www.iassid.org/pdf/norway-final.pdf) - <http://www.iassid.org/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=137>

04 – 10 June 2007

National Macular Degeneration Awareness Week - Macular Degeneration Foundation, 1800 111 709, info@mdfoundation.com.au, www.maculardegeneration.com.au

7-8 June 2007

Cultural Diversity in Ageing 2007 National Conference Melbourne, Vic

The Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing presents this conference with the theme: "Behind every person is a long journey. Meeting the aged care needs of our culturally and linguistically diverse community" By 2011, it is predicted that nearly 23% of Australians aged 65 and over will be from a culturally and linguistically diverse background. This conference will provide the opportunity for the aged care industry to understand the needs of our culturally and linguistically diverse society, exploring issues around language and communication, current and future service responsiveness, culturally inclusive management and policy development. Call for papers: abstracts for presentations are invited. Closing date for submissions is 9 February 2007. *Further information:* Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing website:

www.culturaldiversity.com.au; Phone: (03) 8823 7900

11 June 2007

National Amputee Awareness Day - Limbs 4 Life Inc. 1300 78 22 31, info@limbs4life.com, www.limbs4life.com

12 June 2007

Amputee Awareness Day - Amputee Association of NSW, 02 4328 1004, nelly@idl.com.au

16 - 17 June 2007

Festival of International Conferences on Disability, Aging and Technology - Toronto, Canada

The Festival includes four important conferences that will be run concurrently and will share special events.

The conferences include:

Growing Older with a Disability;

2nd International Conference on Technology and Aging;

Advances in Neurorehabilitation;

Caring for the Caregiver.

FICDAT <http://www.ficdat.ca>

16-19 June 2007

Growing Older with a Disability Toronto, Canada

This conference is one of five in the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology (FICCDAT). It will address issues facing an aging population with physical, mental, visual, hearing and intellectual/ developmental disabilities. *Further information:* FICCDAT website - www.ficdat.ca

21 June 2007

Global Motor Neurone Disease Day - Motor Neurone Disease Association of Australia, 02 9816 2077, info@mndaust.asn.au, www.mndaust.asn.au

08 – 14 July 2007

National Diabetes Week - Diabetes Australia, 1300 136 588, admin@diabetesaustralia.com.au, www.diabetesaustralia.com.au

11-13 July 2007

Australian Social Policy Conference Sydney, NSW

The theme for the 2007 conference presented by the Social Policy Research Centre is 'Social Policy through the Life Course: Building Community Capacity and Social Resilience'. *Further information:* Phone: (02) 9385 7802. Information will be available on the Social Policy Research Centre website from early 2007 - www.sprc.unsw.edu.au

19-20 July 2007

Te Ao Maramatanga - NZ College of Mental Health Nurses' Conference

email:conference@sixhats.co.nz

22 July – 28 July 2007

National Speech Pathology Week - Speech Pathology Australia, 03 9642 4899, marketing@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au, www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

06 – 12 August 2007

National Post Polio Awareness Week - Spinal Injuries Association, 07 3391 2044, mwebb@spinal.com.au, www.spinal.com.au

02 – 09 September 2007

Parkinson's Awareness Week - Parkinson's NSW, 1800 644 189, pns@parkinsonsnsw.org.au, www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au

4-7 September 2007

17th Annual The Mental Health Services Conference - Looking Toward Excellence in Mental Health Care in 2020

Melbourne, Vic. The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) Conference is an international mental health educational forum, attracting over 1000 mental health clinicians, managers, consumers, carers, families, researchers, educators and policy makers, annually. The conference also includes the presentation of the Mental Health Achievement Awards. *Further information:* The Mental Health Services Conference website - www.themhs.org; Phone: (02) 9810 8733

15 – 22 September 2007

AD/HD Awareness Week - Learning and Attention Disorders Society WA, 08 9346 7544, lads@cnswa.com, www.ladswa.com.au

17 – 23 September 2007

National Stroke Week - National Stroke Foundation, 03 9670 1000, admin@strokefoundation.com.au, www.strokefoundation.com.au

2-11 October 2007

2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games

Shanghai, China

http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Compete/World_Games/2007_World_Summer_Games/default.htm

01 October 2007

International Day of Older Persons - United Nations, 02 6273 8200, unic@un.org.au, www.un.org

06 October 2007

World Hospice & Palliative Care Day - Palliative Care Australia, 02 6232 4433, pcainc@pallcare.org.au, www.pallcare.org.au

10 October 2007

World Mental Health Day - United Nations, 02 6273 8200, unic@un.org.au, www.un.org

13 October – 19 October 2007

National Week for Deaf People - Australian Association of the Deaf, 07 3357 8277, peter.davies@aad.org.au, www.aad.org.au

5 - 7 November 2007

42nd Australasian ASSID Conference In Tune : Activity Citizenship and Community Engagement
Australian Society for Study of Intellectual Disability
Esplanade Hotel FREMANTLE Western Australia
For further information please contact : assidconference@dsc.wa.gov.au
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11 – 17 November 2007

National Psychology Week - Australian Psychological Society, 1800 333 497, contactus@psychology.org.au, www.psychology.org.au

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National Spinal Injuries Awareness Week - Spinal Injuries Association, 07 3391 2044, mwebb@spinal.com.au, www.spinal.com.au

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National Rett Syndrome Angel Week - Rett Syndrome Australia Research Fund, 1800 177 111, jlillis@ispdr.net.au, <http://www.adhd.com.au/Rett.html>

21 November 2007

International Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day - The Australian Lung Foundation, 1800 654 301, enquiries@lungnet.com.au, www.lungnet.com.au

03 December 2007

International Day of Disabled Persons - United Nations, 02 6273 8200, unic@un.org.au, www.un.org

05 December 2007

International Volunteers Day - Volunteering Australia, 03 9820 4100, volaus@volunteeringaustralia.org, www.volunteeringaustralia.org

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