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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

2008 Paralympians

The Paralympics is on again.

Starts this month.

Cheer on our great paralympians – it is going to be the most exciting event for the remainder of this year. Check out their web site for daily updates, information on the dates and times for events, medal tallies, their blog diaries, profiles and other information on our star paralympians. **The first events start on the 7 September.** See them bring home the gold, silver, bronze and/or a great sense of achievement from having made it there to represent Australia. We are proud of them all – win or not win. Good luck to you all. Keep up to date with the Australian Paralympians by visiting <http://www.paralympic.org.au>

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

MMHA's new mental health resources for everyone:

Multicultural Mental Health Australia has released a number of new mental health resources with a couple of leading agencies. MMHA announced its *What Is* series of mental health fact sheets in over 20 languages in their recent newsletter. The 10 topics cover issues surrounding mental illness, anxiety, bipolar mood disorder, eating disorders, depression, personality disorders, schizophrenia, challenging behaviours and suicide. The fact sheets are available from MMHA in Amharic, Arabic, Assyrian, Chinese, Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Khmer, Korean, Krio, Macedonian, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish and Vietnamese. **The English versions are available FREE from the Mental Health & Workforce Division of DOHA – 1800 066 247.** The series has also been adapted for people with a print disability. MMHA and Australia's leading provider of blindness and low vision services, Vision Australia, have produced the series into braille, large print, electronic text for the internet and audio formats such as CD, cassette and DAISY for those with a print disability. These are also available from MMHA. These new resources are all free and can be ordered directly from the MMHA office – 02 9840 3333 or downloaded from www.mmha.org.au/mmha-products/fact-sheets

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

NSW Centre for Mental Health

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policy/cmh/>

The Centre for Mental Health is responsible for developing, managing and coordinating NSW Health Department policy in relation to mental health services. This includes developing, implementing and monitoring strategies for transition to the mental health service development agreed under the National Mental health Strategy and the Australian Health Care Agreements.

The Centre is also responsible for developing and maintaining the regulatory framework for the delivery and monitoring of mental health services under the [Mental Health Act 1990](#) and related legislation affecting clients of

mental health services.

Charter for Mental health services in NSW. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policy/cmh/legal/mhcharter.pdf>
Programs

- **Programs for children and young people:**
 - [Integrated Perinatal and infant Care Program](#)
 - [NSW Parenting Program for Mental Health](#)
 - [School-Link](#)
 - [Early Psychosis Program](#)
 - [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Evaluation Program](#)
- [Regulatory Program](#)
- [Prevention Program](#)
- [Clinical Policy and Practice Program](#)
- [Resources Program](#)
- [Violence in Health Taskforce](#)
- [Mental Health Bed Management System \(MH-BMS\)](#)

National Mental health Strategy

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-strat>

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Scholarships

The **NSW Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Fund** was established by the NSW Department of Health in May 1998. The Fund has grown significantly since its inception, currently offering eleven different streams of scholarships or grants.

[2008 Opening and Closing Dates](#) [NOTE: If any scholarships are closed now – put these in your diary and start preparing ready for next year – many are likely to be repeated]

The following scholarships and grants are offered under the NSW Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Fund in 2008.

[Aboriginal Undergraduate Scholarships](#)

[Enrolled Nurse Medication Administration Scholarships](#)

[Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife Scholarships](#)

[Mental Health Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Scholarships](#)

Royal College of Nursing Australia Scholarships

[Nurse Scholarship Program: Rural and Remote Undergraduate Scheme](#)

[Nurse Scholarship Program: Continuing Professional Education Scheme for Rural and Remote Nurses](#)

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Psychotropic Medication – Victorian Brochures

Seven brochures on psychotropic medication have been produced by the Mental Health Branch of the Department of Human Services Victoria. The brochures explain the actions and side effects of the major psychotropic drug groups. They are designed to be given to patients by their doctors when they are prescribed medication. Six of these Psychotropic Medication brochures can also be mailed out to you and [ordered online](#).

[Antidepressants - February 2004 \(PDF file 54KB\)](#)

[Carbamazepine \(Tegretol/Teril/Carbium\) - February 2004 \(PDF file 49KB\)](#)

[Atypical antipsychotics \(Neuroleptics\) including Clozapine \(Clozaril/Clopine\) - February 2004 \(PDF file 53KB\)](#)

[Lithium carbonate \(Lithicarb, Quilonum SR\) -February 2004 \(PDF file 50KB\)](#)

[Typical neuroleptics \(Antipsychotics\) - February 2004 \(PDF file 51KB\)](#)

[Sodium valproate \(Epilim/Valpro\) - February 2004 \(PDF file 49KB\)](#)

[MAOI Antidepressants](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

[Nursing Documentation in Aged Care](#) - 1st edition This title shows how nursing assessments, care plans and progress notes enable nurses to share their skills and communicate professionally. Best-selling book which focuses entirely on documentation of elderly care. Ideal for residential care settings. Also available with accompanying 2 hour audio book. Series: A Guide to Practice Editors: Christine Crofton, Gaye Witney

[Palliative Care And Aged Care](#) - 1st edition This book focuses on end-of-life issues specific to the needs of the elderly. An excellent evidence-based book written by two high profile Australian professorial nurses who are highly respected for their knowledge and actions. Ideal for managers working in aged care as well as those who actually deliver palliative care. Includes many practice issues. Australia is renowned as a centre of excellence for palliative care which is integrated throughout the health care system. Series:A Guide to Practice Authors: Professor Margaret O'Connor, Dr Rosalie Hudson

[Rethinking Dementia](#) - an Australian approach - 1st edition An easy to read title that has some practical suggestions on ways on working with people with dementia. Those carers who wish to delve further very comprehensive end note are provided. Editors: Sally Garratt, Elery Hamilton-Smith

[Understanding Medication Management](#) - In your Health Care Organisation - 1st edition This new book is a practical tool for international health care organizations seeking to improve their medication management processes and reduce medication errors. The book includes forms, checklists, case studies, and strategies. Author:Joint Commission Resources

[Nursing Dictionary](#) - 2nd edition Low cost and effective nursing dictionary. Contains more than 700 pages. Small size means it is easily portable. Gives quick information. Two colour forma with illustrations. Editor:U. N. Panda

[Palliative Care for People with Intellectual Disabilities and High Support Needs](#) Seeta Durvasula. Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, University of Sydney seetad@med.usyd.edu.au February 2005 This literature review examines palliative care and the needs of people with intellectual disability, especially those with high support requirements. Report: [Palliative care in people with congenital or acquired intellectual disability and high nursing support needs – a literature review](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES **Draft Allocation of Places in Supported Accommodation policy and procedures - pdf**

This draft policy is to replace the existing *Placement of Clients in Group Homes* policy, in line with the commitment made under *Stronger Together, a new direction for disability services in NSW 2006-2016*.

It details the processes for being placed on the state wide accommodation register, declaring a vacancy, allocation committees, appeals, refusal of offers and transition to a placement.

If you would like an MS Word version of this policy email placement.policy@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

We are seeking feedback from people and organisations with an interest in accommodation services for people with a disability.

[Feedback form - pdf](#)

[Feedback form - MS Word](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions - pdf](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions - MS Word](#)

The closing date for feedback is 12 September 2008.

Draft Maintaining Respite Capacity Policy - pdf

[Draft Maintaining Respite Capacity Policy - MS Word](#)

This draft policy outlines DADHC's approach to relocating clients who remain in respite beyond their planned stay to permanent accommodation services. The policy has separate sections for children, young people and adults.

We are seeking feedback from people and organisations with an interest in accommodation services for people with a disability.

[Feedback form - pdf](#)

[Feedback form - MS Word](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions - pdf](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions - MS Word](#)

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GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

Community language resources

Disability information available in a range of languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Farsi, Filipino, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese and more. *Managed by the Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association (MDAA) Clearing House Directory.*

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

NSW DADHC. 08.04 - Re-Auspice of two Autism Specific Group Homes

[Cover letter](#)

[Request for tender](#)

[Specifications](#)

[Application form](#)

[Funding Agreement](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Review of Positive Behaviour Support Michele Wiese, Roger Stancliffe and Bronwyn Hemsley Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, University of Sydney mwiese@med.usyd.edu.au January 2005 The project reviewed available literature on positive behaviour support programs for families with a child with a disability, with a view to identifying a preferred approach that may be implemented across NSW. To guide the review, a set of evaluation benchmarks was developed, based on both national and international literature. The evaluation benchmarks used included best practices in designing positive behavior support programs for families, implementation processes, and outcomes for child and family. [Positive Behaviours Support](#)

Subsequent Risk of Hospitalization for Neuropsychiatric Disorders in Patients With Rheumatic Diseases: A Nationwide Study From Sweden

Kristina Sundquist; Xinjun Li; Kari Hemminki; Jan Sundquist

Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2008; 65:501-507. [ABSTRACT](#) | [FULL TEXT](#) | [PDF](#)

[BankWest and ACAA Annual Aged Care Index Industry Report November 2007](#) Aged Care Association Industry Index Report for download from their web site.

Transient Aboriginal Client Research Project Ellen and Stuart Davies-Meehan, Key Insights Pty Ltd Lifestyle Solutions (Australia) Ltd david@lifestylesolutions.org.au September 2005 Investigated service pathways and access to services by transient Aboriginal clients temporarily in the Hunter and Central Coast area, and the impact of these clients on HACC funded services. [Transient Aboriginal Client Research Project](#)

Amyloid-Associated Depression: A Prodromal Depression of Alzheimer Disease? Xiaoyan Sun; David C. Steffens; Rhoda Au; Marshal Folstein; Paul Summergrad; Jacqueline Yee; Irwin Rosenberg; D. Mkaya Mwamburi; Wei Qiao Qiu

Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2008; 65:542-550. [ABSTRACT](#) | [FULL TEXT](#) | [PDF](#)

Australian Implementation and Evaluation of Active Support Principal Researcher: Dr Roger Stancliffe Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, University of Sydney rogerst@med.usyd.edu.au September 2005 The project evaluated the trial of the UK 's Active Support Model in six DADHC group homes. [Australian Implementation and Evaluation of Active Support](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

RMIT UNIVERSITY DISABILITY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ldpxf3v8vbmj>

RMIT's Division of Disability Studies offers a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Disabilities Studies programs and courses available in Melbourne (Victoria, Australia) include:

- [Bachelor of Applied Science \(Disability\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Applied Science \(Disability\) \(Honours\)](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

Building Foundations *autism: your child, your family*

Building Foundations is a 30-minute DVD and detailed manual for families who have recently had a child diagnosed with autism.

It features families and service providers talking about their experiences. It provides information about autism to families and the people who work with their children and shows some simple strategies parents can use to help their child.

The information includes: 'what is autism?', 'after the diagnosis', 'helping communication', 'play and social interaction' and 'managing behaviour'.

The DVD has been translated into 7 other languages including Arabic; Cantonese; Hindi; Korean; Turkish and Vietnamese. It costs **\$9.95** including postage

[Order your copy of Building Foundations today](#)

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GLOBAL POSITIONS VACANT

Disability Care Workers – Hunter & Central Coast (Agency Casual Work)

Email: Employment@GlobalAdvantage.org **Free phone:** 1800 009 292

We are a growing casual staff agency offering a variety of shifts to care workers throughout Hunter, Central Coast and surrounding areas. Currently we are seeking experienced care workers to work with people who have a disability. **Plenty of shifts available. Weekly pay.** Choose your own days & shift availability. Must have previous experience in a similar role. Drivers License and First Aid Certificate required. Cert 3 or 4 in disabilities is an advantage. Ability to communicate effectively with people who have a disability is essential. Must be able to work as part of a team. For more information contact John on 1800 009 292 or forward your resume along with contact details of two referees to: john@globaladvantage.org

Disability Nursing Positions in the Hunter & Central Coast: Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses, Assistants in Nursing (with min. 1 yr exp with Level 3 or 4 cert in Aged Care or AIN.) (Agency Casual Work)

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Residential Care Workers - Disability & /or Aged Care in the Sydney Region (Agency Casual Work)

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Registered Nurses & Endorsed Enrolled Nurses specialised in aged care, disability and mental health in the Sydney Region (casual agency work)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

1 – 3 September 2008

Brain Injury Australia National Conference 2008

2nd international combined arbias/Brain Injury Australia conference. Melbourne Sofitel, Melbourne, Victoria. Online registration is now open. Please [click here to register online](#). (Please note online payment is via VISA and MasterCard only. All registrations are in Australian Dollars). Please click here to [download a registration form](#) in PDF format (70KB). Web Site http://www.bia.net.au/Conference_2008_Registration.htm

4 - 5 September 2008

Working Together: SPOT on DD Conference 2008

Citigate Central - Haymarket, Sydney. information: See www.spotondd.org.au or email: spotonddsec@aussieisp.net.au

5 September 2008

Essential Skills for Disability Care Workers. CPR Update, OH&S, Clinical Observation

Global Advantage Education. **NEWCASTLE**. Email for brochure & booking form GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com

10-12 September 2008

Fifth World Conference to Promote Mental Health: Mental health and well-being: It's everybody's business.

Melbourne Convention Centre in 2008. The conference is organised by the World Federation for Mental Health, The Clifford Beers Foundation, the Mental Health Program of the Carter Center, AUSEINET and VicHealth, and supported by the Global Consortium for Prevention and Promotion in Mental Health (GCAPP). [Click here for more information.](#)

18-19 September 2008

Enrolled Nurses Professional Association Conference.

Penrith RSL Club in Penrith <http://www.enpansw.org.au/conf.html>

18-19 September 2008

National Dementia Research Forum. Sydney. Interactive conference involving consumers, service providers and clinical researchers. For more information, contact Dementia Collaborative Research Centres, UNSW, website <http://www.dementia.unsw.edu.au/>; email your details to DementiaCRC@unsw.edu.au to be placed on the mailing list.

19 September 2008

Assist Self Medication & Medication Safety for Disability Care Workers.

Global Advantage Education. **Strathfield**. Email for brochure & booking form GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com

19 - 20 September 2008

"**Quality Curriculum for All**" Australian Association of Special Education Inc. 2008 National Conference. The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA www.gemspl.com.au/aase/

21 - 25 September 2008

8th European Congress on Epileptology Berlin, Germany [8th European Congress website](#)

22-24 September 2008

Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association (ARATA) Conference

AT: Creating Value Through Participation, Adelaide Demonstrating the value of assistive technology, Cost/benefit analysis, Impact of assistive technology - quality of life, More research on real clinical practice, Solution development with our regional partners (Asia/Pacific) [Click here for more information.](#)

25–26 September 2008

2008 Accommodation & Social Participation Conference, Home & Community: Overcoming Exclusion. This event, focusing on policy and service delivery issues affecting accommodation and social participation at the Hilton Sydney. <http://www.nds.org.au/conferences/ASP2008/CallForPapers.pdf>

25–26 September 2008

Home & Community: Overcoming Exclusion

National Disability Services: 2008 Accommodation and Social Participation Conference at Hilton Hotel, Sydney
www.nds.org.au/conferences/ASP2008/home.htm

28 September 2008

Aged & Community Services Association (ACSA) National Conference & Trade Exhibition The Conference theme in 2008 is “Aged Care in the Fast Lane” - More Clients, More Costs, More Competition reflecting the dynamics and change being experienced by this growing and developing industry. [Click here for more information.](#)

29 September 2008

Understanding Mental Illness. Lecture Theatre, Caritas, 299 Forbes St, Darlinghurst. A free one day seminar to assist staff from Government and non government organisations in the provision of services to people with mental health problems. Topics include: Communication skills and strategies, Suicide and aggression and Outline of the major mental health disorders. In addition to the above, a consumer will talk about living with a mental health disorder and the process of recovery. For further information email : gquinn@stvincents.com.au .Brochure <http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/download/UMIPOSTER2008.doc>

29 - 30 September 2008

Disability, Disadvantage and Development Conference

National Museum of Australia, Canberra. This Conference will bring together disability and development practitioners and researchers from Australia and representatives of disabled people's organisations and networks from Asia and the Pacific. Several themes will be explored, including social impact (education, access to services, gender), economic impacts (work opportunities), international conventions and other legal instruments and the relationship between disability, disadvantage and poverty. [Disability, Disadvantage and Development Conference](#) more information: www.addc.org.au or contact Paul Deany, email pdeany@cbmi.org.au or phone 1800 678 069

5 October 2008

Mental Health Week NSW 2008 -

- Mental Health Week NSW 2008 is coordinated by the Mental Health Association NSW. The launch of Mental Health Week will be held in Martin Place on Wednesday 8th October 2008.

6-10 October 2008

34th Annual International Conference of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Mental Health Nursing - A Broad Canvas: The art of mental health nursing in the age of technology and science. The Sebel & Citigate Albert Park Hotel, Queens Road, Melbourne. [Click here to go to Conference website.](#)

9 – 10 October 2008

AFDO Conference 2008 - Policy for Us, About Us! A Practical Revolution in the Lives of People with Disabilities. Telstra Dome Melbourne VIC. Program:

http://www.hotelnetwork.com.au/conferences/_data/page/949/AFDO_Draft_Conference_Program_June08-2.doc

Register online: <http://www.hotelnetwork.com.au/conferences/conferences/afdo2/registration>

10 October 2008

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15-16 October 2008

Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council Conference

Adelaide Hilton The central theme of the conference is the Education Revolution for the community services and health industries. <http://www.cshisc.com.au/>

16 October 2008

Parkinson's Australia National Conference 2008 The conference will showcase research projects, practice innovations and support programs which enable people to cope with the physical, psychological and social challenges of living with Parkinson's disease.

17 October 2008

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19 – 21 October, 2008

"Where's the Proof?" National Early Childhood Intervention Australia Conference Evidence-based Practice and Practice-based Evidence Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour
www.eciavic.org.au/ECIA/Conference2008.html

7 November 2008

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