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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program

The Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program is an initiative of the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC). Its main aim is to identify people with physical disabilities or vision impairments who display the athletic potential to one day make it to Paralympic level competition.

The Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program is only open to people with disabilities which would enable them to participate in events currently on the Paralympic Games schedule.

This includes but is not limited to amputees, people with cerebral palsy, limb deficiencies, people in wheelchairs, people with a vision impairment to name a few. Each Talent Search Day involves a series of testing including general measurements as well as sport specific tests. Coaches from the targeted sports are involved in the testing process and are ultimately the "talent spotters". The APC then works in conjunction with our Paralympic coaches, State Disability Organisations and State Sporting Organisations to ensure each talented participant has access to coaching and competition opportunities for his/her chosen sport and displays a high level of commitment and dedication to achieving goals.

This is just the first step in the process of identifying people with disabilities who display the potential to make a future Australian Paralympic team. In most cases it will take years of training and preparation to reach the standards required to compete at a Paralympic level.

All participants are provided with information and guidance to help them become involved in physical activity at any level they wish to pursue.

Remaining NSW Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Days for 2008 are:

Newcastle – 10 May

Taree – 17 May

Wagga Wagga – 31 May

Sydney – 22 June

Coffs Harbour – 10 August

Tamworth – 15 November

Sydney – 29 November

Web site: <http://paralympic.com.au/Sport/TalentSearch/tabid/296/Default.aspx>

Further Information and downloads

[2008 Talent Search Dates](#)

[Talent Search Registration Form \(pdf format\)](#) or [\(word.doc\)](#)

[Talent Search Program Fact Sheet](#)

[Mentor Program](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will become International Law on 4 May 2008

See the Convention at <http://www.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml>

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities received its 20th ratification on 3 April 2008, triggering the entry into force of the Convention and its Optional Protocol 30 days later. This marks a major milestone in the effort to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

According to United Nations officials, the rapid coming into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, which was opened for signature on 30 March 2007, is due to the strong commitment of United Nations member countries as well as advocacy by organizations of persons with disabilities, who were instrumental in drafting the Convention. Adopted by the General Assembly in December 2006, the Convention was one of the fastest treaties ever negotiated at the United Nations.

United Nations Enable Web site <http://www.un.org/disabilities/>

Final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities See it at [Final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities \[A/61/611 - PDF, 117KB\]](#)

[Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention](#) - in PDF

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Global opens a new office in Newcastle

In response to the frequent requests to provide our Global casual staffing services in the Central Coast and Greater Hunter region we have now opened an office in Newcastle.

The region will be managed by John who is moving from our Sydney office and he will be living locally up there.

You can liaise directly with John our Regional Manager for the Greater Hunter & Coast Region for job seekers wanting to list with our agency and/or for services that would like to use our casual staffing services.

The office will be at 2 Market St Newcastle and John can be contacted directly on 4929 2258

Shift booking would still go through our central computer system that has all our staff availabilities, customer requirements and is the basis of our billing and wages systems. **To book staff for the Hunter and Coast Region just call 1800 009 292.**

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Home Maintenance and Modifications Clearinghouse

Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney

The information clearinghouse gathers, collates, summarises, analyses and disseminates home modification information through the website at

http://plan.arch.usyd.edu.au/hmm/hmm_web/default.cfm

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

Down Syndrome Association NSW

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

Down Syndrome NSW is an independent, registered charity established and run by parents. The work of Down Syndrome NSW depends on the generosity of its members and the general

public in supporting its fundraising efforts and through donations. Annual funding from the State Government through the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care assists in meeting administrative costs.

The Aim of Down Syndrome NSW is to encourage people with Down syndrome to fulfill their potential for successful and happy lives, in a society which knows their abilities and is supportive of their needs.

The Work of Down Syndrome NSW is to represent the interests and respond to the needs of people with Down syndrome in the major aspects of their lives; as members of the family, in their individual pursuits, and as members of the community.

The Association's web site is very informative as is their newsletter that is sent out to members. Membership is a great way to keep up to date on their activities for people who have a disability, the parent support meetings held at different locations across the state and other developments.

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Indigenous Researchers Development Scheme

The [Indigenous Researchers Development Scheme](#) aims to encourage participation in, and to improve the standard of, research conducted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The programme commenced in 1996 and in its early years will provide support for research projects and for training and development in research methodology and the preparation of research proposals by Indigenous researchers. In 1999, nine Indigenous Researchers Development grants were approved for funding at a cost of \$0.13 million in 1999.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

The Australian Immunisation Handbook 8th Edition, 2003 Online

For the first time the Australian Immunisation Handbook is being provided in an interactive online format. Please use the navigation toolbar on the left of this screen to negotiate between the sections of the Handbook. The online Handbook also contains a search facility, located at the top of the navigation toolbar.

To visit the **Immunise Australia website** click [here](#)

Update on 9th Edition Handbook

- [Update on the development of the Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), 9th Edition (PDF 27 KB)

Important Update

The Influenza Chapter of the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9th Edition, is being released following endorsement by the NHMRC in order to provide early access to revised paediatric dosage and other information in advance of the release of the full 9th Edition Handbook later in

2007. It supersedes the draft Influenza Chapter released as part of the public consultation, which should be discarded.

For technical information regarding Influenza vaccination please refer to Chapter 3.9 – Influenza of the Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition 2007.

What's new

- November 2007 - Update on the Development of the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9th Edition: More information ...
- August 2007 - Chapter 3.9 – Influenza, Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9th Edition: More information ...
- July 2007 - National Rotavirus Vaccination Program: More information ...
- April 2007 - Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program More information ...

Other web sites:

[National Immunisation Committee](#) (NIC)

[Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation](#) (ATAGI)

[National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance](#) – NCIRS (Sydney University)

[Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee](#) – ADRAC (TGA)

[Australian Childhood Immunisation Register](#) – ACIR (Medicare Australia)

[Australian Immunisation Handbook 8th Edition 2003](#) (NHMRC)

[National Immunisation Program Schedule](#) (NIPS)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

Check out the extensive AusMed PUBLICATIONS CATALOGUE at <http://www.myspace.com/ausmedpublications>

Some of the titles include:-

[Counselling and Interviewing for Carers](#) - 1st edition This book assumes that readers have no formal training in medicine, nursing, psychology or counseling. Technical jargon has been kept to a minimum. All readers, no matter what their professional background, can pick up this book with confidence, knowing that they will be able to follow what is being said. Looks at a range of common mental illnesses and describes how to care for people with distressing symptoms associated with these conditions. Series:A Basic Guide Author: Hugh Irons

[Communicating with Dying People and their Relatives](#) - 1st edition This book assists health professionals to communicate better with those who are terminally ill. A good guide for sensitive and compassionate care. Sold extensively to nurses who work in aged care, although its relevance is clearly beyond this sector. Easy-to-read and grasp key concepts. Author: Jean Lugton

[Dementia Nursing](#) - 1st edition This evidenced-based book empowers nurses and other health professionals with the latest knowledge and best clinical practice in dementia care. Comprising 24 chapters it is written by a very wide range of authors. Highly reviewed book. Endorsed by Royal College of Nursing Australia. Also available with accompanying 2 hour audio book. Series: A Guide to Practice Editor: Rosalie Hudson

[Geriatric Medicine](#) - A pocket guide for doctors, nurses, other health professionals and students - 2nd edition Written by five Geriatricians from Australia and New Zealand, this book has been a useful as well as best-selling book. It gives concise information about the common causes of disease in the elderly and practical care and therapeutic guidelines. Low cost and

very helpful medical book. Authors: David Fonda, Wendy Busby, Ron Scholes, Michael Woodward, Len Gray

[How Drugs Work](#) - Basic pharmacology for healthcare professionals - 1st edition This book provides a clear and interesting understanding of drug absorption, action, metabolism, excretion and adverse reactions. It equips readers with a set of clear concepts on which to base their medication practice. As well, it is an invaluable text for educating staff about minimising clinical risk. Author: Hugh McGavock

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

ACOSS Fact sheets

(Links to the Australian Council for Social Services web site for these and other information)

[Charities Now Factsheet Pack](#), These Fact sheets are designed to provide further information about charities law and definition to community organisations.

[Poverty Factsheet](#), includes statistics and information about poverty in Australia.

[National Anti-poverty Plans Factsheet](#), includes information about national anti-poverty plans in other countries and why one is needed in Australia.

[Causes of Poverty Factsheet](#), includes information about causes of poverty and disadvantage in Australia.

[Payment Levels and Unemployment Factsheet](#),

includes information about payment levels and unemployment levels in Australia and other countries.

[Welfare to Work Legislation](#), includes information about changes as a result of Welfare to Work Legislation passed in late 2005.

Position Paper on Vitamin and Nutritional Therapy in Children with Down Syndrome issued by the National Down Syndrome Congress USA. (Issued May 2004)

[Vitamin and Nutritional Therapy in Children with Down Syndrome](#)

GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

[Travel](#)

IDEAS' travel database is in transition to a new system at present. However we have had many requests for access to the accommodation and services listed and have made this information available in a temporary format in the meantime. *Managed by IDEAS.*

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

Aged Care Zero real interest loans Dept of Health and Ageing

Closing Date: June 6, 2008

Purpose: To build or expand aged care beds in areas of high need.

Overview: The plan is expected to create 2,500 permanent residential aged care places in areas of high need such as regional and undersupplied areas.

The three-part delivery plan comprises:

- Stage One: An initial \$150 million zero real interest loans for up to 1,250 residential aged care places provided by the Commonwealth;

- A review and evaluation within 18 months - to determine the implementation arrangements for the remaining 1,250 places; and
- Stage Two: providing the second set of 1,250 places - \$150 million zero real interest loans. The loans are over 12 years and will target parts of Queensland, the Northern Territory, NSW, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia. All of the Northern Territory (with special attention to Aboriginal needs) and Tasmania are targeted. The department's areas of need are as follows:
 - In general, areas selected are non-metropolitan regions with operational residential aged care ratios below the current national target ratio of 88 residential places per 1000 people aged 70 years and over and where there are not a large number of recently allocated places already under development;
 - While in general metropolitan areas have been excluded, included are those metropolitan areas in Perth which failed to attract a sufficient number of quality applications in recent Aged Care Approvals Rounds to allocate all available places, and which have large indicative release in future years;
 - All of Tasmania has been included because of the inability to allocate all available places in the previous Round;
 - Some non-metropolitan regions with higher ratios have been included because of the high proportion of indigenous people who require care at an earlier age; and
 - In some larger non-metropolitan regions, specific geographic locations within those regions have been targeted where there are particular areas of undersupply.

Who can apply: The department's eligibility criteria for the provider include:

- A good past record as a provider of residential aged care;
- A sound record of developing new services in a timely manner;
- Sound financial viability;
- A willingness to provide aged care services in the identified areas of high need and address any additional identified care needs; and
- The ability to access a suitable site.

State, territory and local government entities will be permitted to apply for the loans as in some small regional centres and rural and remote areas they are the only operators.

Further Information:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr08-je-je038.htm>

Contact Details: Department of Health and Ageing, Ageing and Aged Care Division
Telephone: (02) 6277 7280

Aged Persons Welfare Foundation Grants Aged Persons Welfare Foundation

Closing Date: June 30, 2008

Purpose: To provide services and support for improving the welfare and quality of life of aged and elderly persons.

Overview: Grants will only be made to public benevolent institutions approved in accordance with Section 78(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act and such institutions must satisfy the Trustees that they are in the position to use the funds distributed to them to achieve the objectives as stated above in the following manner: Any such payments must be regarded as seed money paid to a charity to assist it in its efforts to give help to old people in some way and which meets the following requirements:

- it is a new way to give such help;
- the Trustees consider that it is worthy of financial aid during a formative period; and
- it is cost effective when compared with other ways to give help.

Target Group

- Persons to be assisted must be over 60 years of age.
- Those in need of food, shelter and clothing.
- Those in need of companionship, advice, transport or entertainment.
- Those unable to meet their needs from their own resources.
- Members of groups having any of the above needs where funding is not available for servicing such needs.
- Those living on their own or in rented accommodation and needing assistance with repair, alteration or maintenance of their accommodation either in the form of management or of loans (e.g. "Stay-put" schemes).
- Those who have the opportunity to obtain special care but who need some assistance in order to participate (e.g. Wyatt Holiday Homes).
- Respite carers for the aged and incapacitated, including relatives.
- Aged support groups e.g. domiciliary carers.
- Organisations with programs which need the purchase of equipment such as wheel chairs and buses (but not for repair and maintenance).

Limitations: Prohibited Use of Funds:

- Not for research of any description unless such is an essential part of the application and requiring a minor part of the funds.

- Not for education, or being concerned with religion except under the same conditions.
- Not for payments to collection agencies; overhead expenses (except where the amount claimed is actually paid and was incurred due to the applicant's involvement with our Trust); not for payments to consultants or persons other than staff giving "hands-on" care; not for payments to medical staff or practitioners including nurses; nor for any expense normally recouped from government grants or subsidies.
- Not for the purchase, repair, maintenance, or occupation of land or buildings.
- Not for the care or use of persons other than those covered specifically in the application.
- Not for the care normally provided by hospitals or specialist charities (e.g. deaf peoples' care), religious or ethnic groups.
- Not for overseas aid.
- Not for purposes which can be funded by applicants from their own resources.

Who can apply: Grants will only be made to public benevolent institutions approved in accordance with Section 78(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act

Further Information Contact Details: Mr Bryce Bridges , Secretary Aged Persons Welfare Foundation **Email:** bryce.bridges@wesleymission.org.au **Telephone:** (02) 9263 5555

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Defining Dementia Service Appropriate Models: Challenging Behaviour and Younger People with Dementia Principal

Meryl Alt and Dianne Beatty, Alt Beatty Consulting malt@bigpond.net.au The aim of the project was to develop dementia appropriate HACC service models for the two target groups: those with challenging behaviour and younger people with dementia. [Appropriate HACC Service Models for People with Younger Onset Dementia and People with Dementia and Behaviours of Concern](#)

Early childhood intervention coordination program professional development project

Dr Tim Moore and Dr Estelle Irving Murdoch Children's Research Institute
tim.moore@mcri.edu.au

A review of the training and professional development needs of those working in the Early Childhood Intervention sector in NSW. [Early childhood intervention coordination program professional development project](#)

Equity of access to Home and Community Care services for boarding house residents

Sally Robinson Disability Studies and Research Institute srobinson@dsri.org.au August 2005
The project identified barriers to accessing HACC services for people in Licensed Residential Centres (boarding houses). [Equity of access to Home and Community Care Services for boarding house residents](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

Courses for direct care workers in the disability and aged care fields:

- **Assist Self Medication and Medication Safety** -30 May, 20 Jun,
- **Wound Management & Dressings Skills** – 13 Aug
- **Essential Skills Program – CPR Update, Intro OH&S, Manual handling, Clinical Observation Skills with diabetic monitoring.** 9 May, 8 Aug,

See the pdf brochures and a registration form attached to this newsletter.

Very reasonably priced. Certificates of attendance issued.

Course lecturers are university nursing lecturers and nurse educators.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

National Society for Epilepsy (UK) Staff Education Resources

Available at their online shop at

http://www.e-epilepsy.org.uk/pages/online_shop/index.cfm?category=14

manyLives - DVD

Special price of £95! (usually £120) A 3-disc DVD educational programme for professionals involved in the treatment and management of epilepsy.

[More information on the content of the programme.](#)

£ 95.00

Rectal diazepam - for professionals

Training DVD showing how to give rectal diazepam (19 minutes). £ 10.00

Rectal diazepam - for parents

Training DVD showing how to give rectal diazepam (14 minutes). £ 8.00

oneLife - DVD

Four people with epilepsy talk about their experiences of living with epilepsy (35 minutes).

Dubbed in eight languages with English subtitles. £ 12.00

Epileptic seizures DVD

A 35 minute DVD explaining the functions of the brain and genuine epileptic seizures. Practical management of the seizures is also highlighted. English subtitles. Ideal for training purposes. £ 60.00

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GLOBAL POSITIONS VACANT

Hunter & Central Coast Region - Residential Care Workers - Disability & /or Aged Care (Agency Casual Work) and

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Specialist Lecturers in Disability, Aged & Dementia Care, Mental Health (sessional sub-contract lecturing.) (Global Advantage Education Services)

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We are looking for qualified and experienced lecturers in the disability, aged & dementia care, mental health, drug & alcohol, social welfare, health & nursing areas. Expand your lecturing opportunities by registering yourself with us. Please provide a resume with qualifications, experience (educational & professional) and detail any special seminar or workshop presentations you offer. Join a great team.

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As one of the market leaders in the aged care, disability and mental health fields. Global Advantage can offer you plenty of shifts in the private and public aged care, disability, mental health services and dual diagnosis and disability special care areas. An agency founded and run by Registered Nurses, we can assist you in finding work in a variety of locations. Choose the hours and shifts to suit your lifestyle. Must be registered with the NSW Nurses Registration Board. **Excellent pay rates. Weekly pays.** Why not forward your resume to manager@globaladvantage.org or phone to speak to one of our friendly consultants who can help you make that great career move. Free phone: 1800 009 292.

Consultant Register in Human Services & Health Sector (Project work and sessional sub-contract consulting) **Email:** Education@GlobalAdvantage.org **Free phone: 1800 009 292**

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.

Disability Care Workers - Disability & /or Aged Care (Agency Casual Work)

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

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

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.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

30 April 2008 *Call for Papers Closes (they may accept late abstracts)*

43rd ASSID Conference Principles Policies and Practices.

Victorian Division of the Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability (ASSID Vic) conferences to be held 24 to 26 November 2008 at University of Melbourne. Contact assidconference08@rmit.edu.au for more information or phone +61 03 9925 7899.

1-3 May 2008

31st Annual Brain Impairment Conference: Brain Impairment and Ageing

Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI) Hilton on the Park, East Melbourne International keynotes include Prof John Hodges, Dr Peter Nestor, and Prof Donald Stuss. Plus Australian presenters and workshops. [Click here for more information.](#)

8 May 2008

Expo Disability & Community Sector - Wollongong

9 May 2008

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

Global Advantage Education. Strathfield. Email for brochure & booking form

GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com

12 May 2008

Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference

This conference (hosted by Spectronics) focuses specifically on "inclusive learning technologies" - those technologies designed to support people with disabilities and/or learning difficulties. It includes sessions looking at these technologies in the following three different interest streams: Struggling Students, People with Complex Communication Needs, People with Disabilities. Website: [Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference](#)

14-15 May 2008

National Disability Services (NDS) & Families Australia National Conference on Children & Young People with Disability & Their Families

'Every Child Matters'

Melbourne Park Function Centre, Melbourne Olympic Park The aim of this inaugural conference is to identify issues, share solutions and celebrate successes. Additionally, discussion will focus on enabling services to better respond to children's and families' needs by focusing on family well being, all-inclusive communities, policy, practice and priorities, and the voice of children, young people and families. [Click here to go to Conference website.](#)

14-16 May 2008

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) Community Care Conference & Trade Exhibition 'Magic & Myths'

Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour Every year approximately 1 million older people, younger people with disabilities and carers receive community care services. When community care works well it is magic. However there continues to be unmet needs in the community and the availability of family carers is decreasing. In addition it is becoming increasingly hard to attract and retain workers to provide community care services. The expectations of what, and how much, can be provided by community care are increasing. The magic, myths and reality of what community care is and does need to be explored. [Click here for more information.](#)

14 May 2008

National Conference on Children & Young People with Disability & Their Families

The aim of this inaugural conference is to identify issues, share solutions and celebrate successes. Additionally, discussion will focus on enabling services to better respond to children's and families' needs by focusing on family wellbeing, all-inclusive communities, policy, practice and priorities, and the voice of children, young people and families. Venue: Melbourne Park Function Centre at Melbourne Olympic Park. Website: [National Conference on Children & Young People with Disability & Their Families](#)

15 - 17 May 2008

Anxiety Disorders – Exploring the Boundaries.

Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach, Sydney. This is the second Australasian conference hosted by The Anxiety Disorders Association NSW. For further information call – 02 9437 9333 or email: adan@conferenceaction.com.au or visit: www.conferenceaction.com.au

15 - 18 May 2008

7th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress

Xiamen, China [7th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress website](#)

16 May 2008

Hot Topics in Intellectual Disability 2008 NSW Regional Forum

The Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability (NSW) is promoting a professional development day at Ryde-Eastwood RSL Club, West Ryde. Inquiries to Trish Wetton, Treasurer (02) 9872 9000 Email forsight@bigpond.com

17-18 May 2008

30th Annual Convention of The Diversional Therapy Association of Australia National Council, Sydney

The convention theme of 'UNITED 08' represents the move towards a National Diversional therapy Association that will unify the profession allowing it to grow in many ways and to enable the promotion of the positive and meaningful outcomes of Diversional Therapy across Australia and internationally. For more information, visit the website <http://www.diversionaltherapy.org.au/>

22 to 24 May

IDEAS Expo 2008 *Speak Up – Be Heard* - Queenbeyan

IDEAS NSW is hosting an Expo to be held in Queenbeyan The Expo is to raise awareness and promote the development of advocacy in the Southern Highlands region. Go to www.ideas.org.au, or contact Diana Palmer on 1800 029 904 for further details on exhibitors and the range of workshops.

24 May 2008

5th National Deafness Sector Summit

To be held at Rydges Lakeside, Canberra Website: [5th National Deafness Sector Summit](#)

30 May 2008

Assist Self Medication & Medication Safety for Disability Care Workers.

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

10 June 2008

Aged Care 2008

Brisbane. Aged Care-Optimising Knowledge Transfer Through Effective Management Systems. Australian Organisation for Quality [Click here for more information.](#)

11 June 2008

Wound Management for Disability Care Workers.

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12 - 13 June

11th Case Management Society of Australia National Conference *Promoting partnerships in case management - key or catch?* Sofitel Melbourne Pre-conference workshop on National Standards - Wed, 11 June 2008. Preliminary program available and registrations open. For more information please contact Paloma Coleman on 03 9658 2399, email cmsa@cmsa.org.au or visit www.cmsa.org.au

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13 June 2008

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities become Law

Organised by People With Disabilities. 6 – 9 pm. Redfern Town Hall 73 Pitt Street Redfern. RSVP by 23 May 2008 to Orna Marks ornam@pwd.org.au Phone: 02 9370 3100 or Toll Free: 1800 422 015

15th - 19 June 2008

9th Eilat conference on new antiepileptic drugs (Eilat IX)

Sitges, Spain. [9th Eilat conference website](#)

18-19 Jun 2008

Asperger's and Autism Seminar

St Marys NSW. Seminar by world renowned Autism and Asperger's Specialist Professor Tony Attwood. Professor Tony Attwood is a clinical psychologist who has specialised in autism spectrum disorders since 1975. He works in private practice in Brisbane and is also adjunct professor at Griffith University, Queensland. Professor Attwood's book *Asperger's Syndrome – A Guide for Parents and Professionals* has sold over 300,000 copies and has been translated into twenty languages. Professor Attwood's most recently book is *The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome*. For more information contact Leila Wright at Blue Mountains Disability Services Ltd On 4751 5266 or email lwright@eloura.com.au [Click here to download this information in a flyer.](#)

20 June 2008

Assist Self Medication & Medication Safety for Disability Care Workers.

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