



# News

Bimonthly Newsletter of the Redlands Disability Network

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## Local News

### NEXT RDN MEETING

Lifetec will demonstrate the latest in assistive technology at the next meeting of the RDN, from 9.30am on Tuesday 2 September at Capalaba Place meeting hall. RSVP to [janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au) or call 3829 8489 or for catering purposes. Thanks!

*Janet Camilleri, RCC*

### DISABILITY ACTION WEEK

Disability Action Week 2008 will be held from 14-20 September. We'd love to let everybody know about all the wonderful activities and events being held in the Redlands to mark the occasion, so if your group or service has something in the pipeline don't be shy, email [janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au) or call 3829 8489 and let us help spread the news!

*Janet Camilleri, RCC*

### SAIL AWAY

Bayside SAILS will hold a sailing adventure on Saturday 23 August from 11am – 3pm at Breakwater Park, Waterloo Bay, Wynnum (southern side of Wynnum Creek). Case managers / carers with their clients are most welcome to participate. Contact Ian on 0434 526 600 or Charles on 0411 202 412, or send an email to [sailsatbayside@ourbrisbane.com.au](mailto:sailsatbayside@ourbrisbane.com.au) to find out more. Donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family to cover expenses would be greatly appreciated.



*Charles Dunbar, SAILS Bayside*

### 25 YEARS OF BABI!

BABI Youth and Family Services will celebrate 25 years with a Gala Dinner on Thursday 18 September from 7pm at the Shangri-La Gardens Reception Lounge at Wynnum West. Tickets are \$60 per person, book with BABI on 3393 4176 or [admin@babi.org.au](mailto:admin@babi.org.au).

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## Grants & Funding

### FACES PROGRAM

The FACES (Friends of Australian Communication Exchange) funding program seeks to support not-for-profit projects which contribute to the development, strengthening and enhancement of various communities within Australia, particularly those who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. Applications close on 15 September; for further information please visit [www.aceinfo.net.au/Resources/Sponsorship/FACES/index.html](http://www.aceinfo.net.au/Resources/Sponsorship/FACES/index.html), call 3815 7610 or TTY 3815 7610.

[www.ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au)

## Information & Resources

### CARER BUSINESS DISCOUNT CARD

The new Carer Business Discount Card may be used to obtain discounts and incentives from participating businesses, to help Carers save money! Apply at [www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/carerbusinessdiscountcard/carers/apply.html](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/carerbusinessdiscountcard/carers/apply.html) or call Smart Service Queensland on 13 13 04 (remember to have your Centrelink Customer Reference Number handy!).

*DSQ website*

### CP BLOGS

The Spastic Centre has recently launched a series of blogs which are of particular interest to people with cerebral palsy and their families. There are four weekly blogs to choose from:

**Hey Dad** - Life as the father of a child with CP. Rodney Clark celebrates the good times and finds positive ways through the difficult times.

**Web2Go** – Jenny Kapp explores destinations on the web for people with a disability.

**Freerfall** – 20-something Freya shares humorous and insightful tales about leaving home and making a life in the city.

**The Scene** - News, activities, events, websites and classifieds for people with CP and their families, by Robyn Cummins and Erin Casey.

Each blog has its own unique character and is full of interesting anecdotes and useful information, and is designed to encourage feedback and debate from readers. Find them all at [www.cpblogs.org.au](http://www.cpblogs.org.au).

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### ACCESSIBLE HOMES

Real estate agents are being encouraged to identify and promote homes for sale or rent which include access features for older people or those with a disability. Find out more, including which agents are participating in this exciting new trial project between the Dept of Housing and REIQ, at [www.housing.qld.gov.au](http://www.housing.qld.gov.au) or call 13 13 04.

*DSQ Connect*

### QPAC IMPROVEMENTS

The Lyric Theatre and Concert Hall at QPAC will close in November for 4 months, to allow for modifications to improve disability access. These include better seating choices, a ramp from the ticket office to the stalls area, an extra toilet, and counter heights. The Playhouse and Cremorne Theatres will continue to operate as usual.

*DSQ Connect*

### WEB BROWSER FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

ZAC (Zone for Autistic Children) is a Windows-only web browser designed specifically for children with autism (and other developmental disorders). The browser isolates the children from unsuitable sites and provides access to educational games and helpful resources. Download the browser at [www.zacbrowser.com](http://www.zacbrowser.com).

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### ACCESSIBLE TOURISM

Interested in a website which provides information about the accessibility of accommodation and tourism venues? Then check out [www.australiaforall.com.au](http://www.australiaforall.com.au), a non-funded, not-for-profit entity administered by people with disabilities and their carers. To find out more, call Sheila King on 4125 7771 or email [sheilaking@bigpond.com](mailto:sheilaking@bigpond.com).

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### LAUNCH INTO LIFE

Recently the Transition Subcommittee of Queensland Parents of People with a Disability (QPPD) launched a *Handy Hints* booklet. This resource was developed to encourage young people with disability and their families to dream big, and plan wisely towards everything from subject selection for senior schooling, service sampling, work experience and a smooth transition to employment and post school life. Copies of the booklet can be requested from QPPD by telephoning 3368 3055.

*Michelle O'Flynn*

### LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS

Young Aussie Nick Vujicic was recently interviewed on *Sixty Minutes*, saying: "I know I have no arms, no legs, but the definition of disability is something stopping you from being able to do something. In my life, there's hardly anything I've found that I can't do." Full transcript at <http://sixtyminutes.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=606750>.

*Janet Camilleri, RCC*

### CAREBUS LAUNCHED

The Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre South Brisbane has recently launched the Carebus. This mobile information and resource unit is available at no cost, to attend community events and venues such as carer support groups, community centres, shopping centres, fetes, conventions, open days, schools, hospitals, libraries and special education units. For more information or to arrange a visit for your group or event, please call 3274 3655 or email [carelink@fsg.org.au](mailto:carelink@fsg.org.au).



*Andrea Morris, FSG*

## Research & Reports

### WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES AUSTRALIA

Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) represents more than 2 million disabled women in Australia, and is run by women with disabilities for women with disabilities. WWDA has recently released a response to the Australian Government's Green Paper *Which Way Home? A New Approach to Homelessness*. The submission highlights the fact that women with disabilities are one of the most vulnerable groups experiencing, and at risk of experiencing, homelessness in Australia, and it also details a range of strategies to address homelessness for women with disabilities. See [www.wwda.org.au/homesubjune08.htm](http://www.wwda.org.au/homesubjune08.htm) for more.

*Carolyn Frohmader, WWDA*

### REDUCE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WWDA has also produced a response to the Australian Government's *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children*. WWDA's submission focuses on key, practical strategies to end and prevent violence against women with disabilities. To read further, please visit [www.wwda.org.au/subs.htm](http://www.wwda.org.au/subs.htm).

*Carolyn Frohmader, WWDA*

### AUSSIE SUPPORT & SERVICES

*Disability Support and Services in Australia* provides an overview of government provided disability support and services in Australia, such as Commonwealth, state and territory responsibilities, legislation and funding. There are also links to some key national and international organisations in the disability area. See [www.aph.gov.au/library/pubs/BN/2007-08/DisabilitySupportServicesAustralia.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/library/pubs/BN/2007-08/DisabilitySupportServicesAustralia.htm) for more.

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## ADDRESSING CLIENT DROPOUT

*Improving service provision through agency-based research: Addressing client dropout* presents an example of how one agency gathered data from clients who had not completed a program, and applied the findings to improve services and service delivery. More at <http://tinyurl.com/6769oz>.

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## IMPACT ON FAMILIES

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has recently released the report *The Nature and Impact of Caring for Family Members With a Disability in Australia*, which examines the social, emotional, physical and financial impact on families of caring for a person with disability. [www.aifs.gov.au/institute/pubs/resreport16/report16pdf/rr16.pdf](http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/pubs/resreport16/report16pdf/rr16.pdf).

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## Feedback Wanted

## SHARE YOUR STORY

Disability Services Queensland wants to hear your views, ideas and reflections on the experience of disability, whether you are a person with disability, a family member, carer, friend or service provider. Twelve stories will be selected for the 2009 *Share Your Story* calendar, to inspire, educate and encourage others. Entries close on 22 September 2008; find out more at [www.disability.qld.gov.au/community/share-your-story](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/community/share-your-story).

*DSQ website*

## LIVING ON A LOW INCOME

The *150 Low Income* research study is seeking some carers to tell it like it is, with a view to influencing policy and other government decisions. Participants will be rewarded with \$40 for an initial interview, to be followed up in a year with another interview which will also pay \$40. Contact Greg Martson on 3365 3024 or email [sonia.martin@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:sonia.martin@unimelb.edu.au), or read more at: [www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/detail.chtml?filename\\_num=222632](http://www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/detail.chtml?filename_num=222632).

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## Conferences & Training

## EMBRACING DIVERSITY

The 2008 *Embracing Diversity Symposium* will be held on Monday 29 September from 8.15am – 4.30pm at the Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Road. Cost is \$185 for government organisations/private sector attendees; \$165 for non-government. To find out more call Multilink on 3808 4463 or [Jessica@multilink.org.au](mailto:Jessica@multilink.org.au).

*Anthony Peet, Qld Health*

## 2009 SHARED VISIONS CONFERENCE

The 2009 *Shared Visions Conference* will be held on April 2 & 3 at the Brisbane Convention Centre. More at: [www.disability.qld.gov.au/community/shared-visions/conference-2009](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/community/shared-visions/conference-2009).

*QDN E-Bulletin*

## COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

National Disability Services will hold the *Communities of Practice Conference* on 23 & 24 October at Brisbane's Sofitel Hotel. See [www.nds QLD projects.net/con2008](http://www.nds QLD projects.net/con2008) for more, or call Jane on 3357 4188.

*The Call*

## PARTNERSHIPS FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The *Partnerships for Social Inclusion Conference* will be held in October 2008 in Melbourne. Full two-day passes are \$550 (inc GST) and single day passes are available at \$275 (inc GST); plus there will be a conference dinner (\$125 inc GST). For more information, see:

[www.public-policy.unimelb.edu.au/conference08](http://www.public-policy.unimelb.edu.au/conference08).

*Dr Lauren Rosewarne, University of Melbourne*

## SUPPORT WORKER CONFERENCE

The *Annual Disability Support Worker Conference – Working Well: On Paper AND in Practice*, will be held in Melbourne on 27-28 November. Contact the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology on (03) 9925 7899 or [dsconference@rmit.edu.au](mailto:dsconference@rmit.edu.au).

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## INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY CONFERENCE

Also in Melbourne is the *Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability Conference* on 24-26 November. The theme of "Principles, Policies and Practices: The Search for Evidence" looks to promote research and understanding of intellectual and developmental disabilities. For further information, please call Sue Mason on (03) 9925 7899.

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## Next Meeting

**Tuesday 2 September, 9.30 - 11.30am**  
at Capalaba Place meeting hall  
14 Noeleen Street, Capalaba

To RSVP, please call 3829 8489 or email  
[janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au)

**The only disability in life is a bad attitude.**

**Scott Hamilton**