

# Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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## Communiqué from the Board meeting August 2009

- The Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (AAB-ASD) comprises Adrian Ford AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA (ASPECT) (Chairperson), Penny Beeston AUTISM QUEENSLAND (Deputy Chair and Secretary), Jon Martin AUTISM SA (Treasurer), Alison Bird AUTISM NT, Bob Buckley AUTISM ASPERGER ACT, Mick Clark AUTISM TASMANIA, Murray Dawson-Smith AUTISM VICTORIA & Joan McKenna Kerr AUTISM ASSOCIATION OF WA. Secretariat support is provided by Allison Yee-Brogan AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA.
- **ASD Register Proposal:** The state and territory autism organisations had pooled their funding in order that the Advisory Board develop a single comprehensive proposal to FaHCSIA for a national all ages ASD Register.
- **APAC 09:** The Asia – Pacific Autism Conference 2009 (APAC 09) was held in Sydney in August 2009. The conference theme was “Connecting today and inspiring tomorrow”. It was a very successful conference with over 1,500 delegates attending and representing many parts of the Asia Pacific including Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore, India, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. The Board congratulated and thanked Aspect which had co-hosted the conference.
- **ASD Asia Pacific Network:** The formation of the network was the key outcome of APAC 09. The Advisory Board will take the lead in further developing the network which will meet again at APAC 11.
- **APAC 11:** Preparations are already underway for APAC 11 to be held in Perth in September 2011. This will be co-hosted by the Autism Association of WA.
- **Autism Month:** The Board agreed to move Autism Month from May to April as from 2010 to coincide with World Autism Day on 2 April.
- **National Recognition Awards:** The Board will develop national recognition awards for the ASD community to complement the state recognition awards already being given in numerous states.
- **2009 Statutory Accounts:** The Advisory Board approved the 2009 Statutory Accounts
- **2009 AGM:** It will be held on 19 November 2009 by teleconference.
- **The Next Board meeting:** It will be held in Melbourne on 28 – 29 January 2010.

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