

Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Communiqué from the Board meeting April 2009

- The Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (AAB-ASD) comprises Adrian Ford AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA (Chairperson), Mick Clark AUTISM TASMANIA (Deputy Chair), Penny Beeston AUTISM QUEENSLAND (Secretary), Jon Martin AUTISM SA (Treasurer), Joan McKenna Kerr AUTISM WA, Alison Bird AUTISM NT, Murray Dawson-Smith AUTISM VICTORIA & Bob Buckley AUTISM ASPERGER ACT. Secretariat support is provided by Allison Yee-Brogan AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA.
- The Directors of the AAB-ASD met in Adelaide on **World Autism Day**, 2 -3 April 2009.
- The AAB-ASD held a **teleconference with the ASD Branch of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)** to discuss the Board's on-going work. The following Working Papers were presented to FaHCSIA for discussion:
 - National Action Plan
 - Transition to Work
 - Family Support
- **APAC 09 update.** The Asia – Pacific Autism Conference 2009 (APAC 09) will be held in Sydney in August 2009. The conference theme is “Connecting today and inspiring tomorrow”. Papers have been reviewed and invitations have been finalised for presenters and poster presentations.
- **Regional networking in Singapore and New Zealand.** A Board Director recently visited autism specific organisations in both Singapore and New Zealand in order to promote APAC 09 and establish and develop Asia Pacific networks with the AAB-ASD.
- **Autism Month 2009 Update.** Examples of planned events included:
 - NSW: Recognition Awards, AGM, Inter School Sports Carnival (Sydney Olympic Park), signed up for Draw-tism, Carol Gray workshop
 - SA: 2 day Conference, Recognition Awards, networking evening, signed up for Draw-tism, media campaign around schooling issues (suspensions and inclusions), Carol Gray workshop, Nicole Rogerson and Tom Gleisner will be speaking at this conference.
 - ACT: Recognition Awards
 - WA: Seminars, Open Day, Families Day
 - NT: Annual Ball (major fundraising), Hidden Talents Exhibition
- The next Board meeting will be held in Sydney in August 2009.

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