

Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Communiqué from the Board meeting September 2008

- The **Directors** of the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (AAB-ASD) met in Brisbane on 19 – 20 September 2008. The Board 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.
- It was agreed that the **Mission** of the AAB-ASD is as follows:

The Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders is the national peak body providing strategic advice to the Australian government on the issues affecting people with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families.

- As a consequence, the Board agreed to meet face to face 3 times per year, with its **core activities** being to:
 - identify current strategic issues and develop position papers
 - meet with relevant Ministers, Ministerial Advisors and senior bureaucrats in government and in opposition
 - identify key issues that will provide direction for a 5 year agenda for autism
 - promote the National Call to Action
 - promote Autism Month
 - co-host the biennial conference
 - publish Communiqués after each Board meeting and distribute them widely through out the autism community
- Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) and the Advisory Board will co-host the **Asia Pacific Autism Conference 2009** (incorporating the **Biennial Australian Conference on ASD**). The conference will be held from **20th to 22nd August, 2009** at the **Darling Harbour Convention Centre, Sydney**.
- The Board revised its Board Charter which will be posted on the web site
- The next Board meeting will be held in Sydney in February 2009.

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