



'OUT & ABOUT WITH ABILITY'

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2011 International Day of People with Disabilities 3 December

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Important Dates in December:

3 December	International Day of People with Disability (Details on pages 4-7)
10 December	International Human Rights Day (see page 9)
15 December	PWD ACT Board Meeting
23 December	PWD ACT Office will close
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day
27 December	Christmas Box Day Holiday


PWD ACT Activities of the Past Month

November 2011

2 November	Focus Group on Planning a City for Vulnerable - People Robert Altamore and Joshua Brown attended
8 November	4 PMPWACT BOARD Meeting
9 & 10 November	22 November NDIS meeting DANA Robert Altamore, EO and Joshua Brown
23 November	PWD ACT Public Meeting: Disability Parking Spaces in ACT Southern Cross Club
24 November	Funded Organisations Meeting with Disability ACT - Robert Altamore, EO and Joshua Brown attended
	Enhancing Social Inclusion for Young People with Disabilities in the ACT Robert Altamore and Joshua Brown attended Public Service - Robert Altamore EO attended
	Nican 1 Day Celebration Pass preview of ABC Open - Terry Millar and Maida Kajkic attended
30 November	Leanne Martens and Justin Le Couteur re Employment of pwds in ACT Public Service - Robert Altamore, EO and Joshua Brown attended

A Big Note of Thanks from PWD ACT Committee and Staff to:

 *Robyn Arndt & Margaret Edeson for their contribution towards Disability Parking Meeting*

 *Terry Millar for organising of PWD ACT and ACTMDA Activity for 2011 International Day of People with Disability -*

1000 Origami PAPER CRANES

From Executive Officer's Desk

Saturday 3 December is the International Day of People with Disabilities. I hope you will join us for our own International Day event in which we are joining with the ACT Muscular Dystrophy Association. See the details in the Newsletter on page 4.

Disability Parking

On Thursday 23 November 2011, People With Disabilities ACT organized a meeting to discuss the changes to the layout of disability parking spaces. These changes resulted from the implementation of the 2011 amendments to the Disability Discrimination Act Standards for Access to Premises. The meeting was attended by 20 people and another 5 people could not attend but sent us their views. People who use these parking spaces outlined the difficulties they experience arising from the narrowing of the parking space and the use of shared zone on one side only of the parking space. These included difficulty in accessing the space where it is necessary to reverse in or when a car is parked in the shared space and the lack of awareness of both people with disabilities and the general public of the meaning of the shared space. John Taylor represented Roads ACT at the meeting and explained the background to the changed parking arrangements and answered questions of those present. People With Disabilities thank John Taylor for his contribution to our meeting. The outcome is that the Roads ACT are to write to Standards Australia to inform it of the problems experienced by people with disabilities as a result of its changes to the dimension of parking spaces. People With Disabilities is also to write to Standards Australia to inform it of these practical difficulties for the users of the newly defined parking spaces, and to seek a revision and amendment of the Standards to address these problems. It is not too late to let us know your own views on the new disability parking spaces. If you have something to say, please contact Maida or myself at the Office and let us know.

ACT Transport

In late October, the ACT Government released a draft policy on Transport. The policy stressed provision of public transport and increasing the percentages of journeys using public transport and active transport. Active transport is walking and cycling. People With Disabilities put in a submission on this draft policy reminding the ACT Government of their obligations under their own Human Rights Framework and the Convention on the Rights of People With disabilities. We also drew attention to the inadequate and inexact provisions for people with Disabilities, and called for the policy to include precise measures to improve transport for people with disabilities in the same way as the Policy is precise with its recommendations for public transport and active transport. The Policy can be found on the ACT Government website, and the PWD ACT submission can be found on our website.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is also at an important stage of its implementation. The Commonwealth and State Governments have committed to implementing the Scheme and are now working on the details. However, to date, the process is proceeding with little real involvement from people with disabilities and their consumer and advocacy organisations. Our President, Joshua and I attended a meeting of National peak disability advocacy and consumer organisations held in Canberra on 22 November to discuss the NDIS implementation process. Jan Mclucas, Parliamentary Secretary for Disability Services met with us for about half an hour and in that time we gave her our message that we wanted people with disabilities to design the NDIS Scheme and not just be participants in a consultation process. We also put to the Parliamentary Secretary our view that the NDIS should be a Scheme under which people receive the services they need to live their lives and that the support received by a person should reflect their needs and not be dependent on the State or Territory in which they live.

It is not too late to show your support for improved services for people with disabilities and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. You can do so by joining the 90,000 people who have registered their support at the website:

NDIS Every Australian Counts <http://www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au/>

Robert Altamore^{OAM CM} | Executive Officer

-1000 PAPER CRANES-

People With Disabilities ACT Inc. (PWD ACT)

and

ACT Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc. (ACTMDA)

Invite you to Celebrate

2011 International Day of People with Disability

Theme: "Together for a better world for all including persons with disabilities in development."

Where: Canberra Museum & Gallery
Civic Square, London Circuit
Canberra City



Time: 12 noon until 4.30 pm

Date: Saturday, 3 December 2011

A free event, all materials supplied!

Our aim is to fold 1000 paper cranes which then will be displayed in the Gallery for the next week. We encourage you to join us, learn the art of folding paper cranes (origami) and help us celebrate, in a fun way, this special event. Join us to recognise and celebrate the capabilities and contributions of people with disability in our community

For more information – phone 6296 4006

We acknowledge the assistance of the Embassy of Japan.
Assistance from the ACT Government under Disability ACT and
Nican Incorporated – Inclusive Recreation for people of all abilities.

Come and Celebrate by participating:

In the Events for the 2011 International Day of People with Disability

☺ Create a Giant Sunflower of People

101 Actions to Include People with Disability

(BLITS) and Disability ACT invite you to create a **Giant Sunflower of People**. The purpose of this Sunflower (flash) Mob is to inspire everyone to think about the small things they can do to include people with disability in everyday life and

To raise awareness of *the Everyone, Everyday Competition – 101 Actions to Include People with Disability* being promoted to ACT school students.

Minister Joy Burch will be present to launch the competition to the media.

When: Friday, 2 December 2011 **Time:** 1.15pm

Where: Garema Place, Chessboard Pit, Canberra City

☺ We Are What We Do Workshop

Business Leaders Innovative Thoughts and Solutions (BLITS) and Disability ACT invite you to an exciting workshop presented by Nick Stanhope CEO of the international We Are What We Do Movement.

The workshop is about innovative approaches to engaging citizens, particularly children, young people and corporations, in taking individual and collective action to include everyone in their community.

The workshop will have a focus on including people with disability.

This workshop is for teachers, community education and development workers, advocates, community engagement and policy officers as well as people working in corporate responsibility areas in the business sector.

We also welcome students, parents, and people with disability, family members and other interested community members who want to learn more about how to change the world.

Date: Friday, 2 December 2011

Times: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm or 2 - 5 pm

Venue: Derwent Room, 1st floor Fitzroy, National Convention Centre

Cost: \$30. **Free for students, people with disability and accompanying carers**

For further information email: fiona.mcintosh@act.gov.au or call 6207 5594.

☺ Come and Try Sailing and a Free BBQ

Sailing For Everyone Regardless of Ability

12 – 4 pm

DECEMBER 4TH 2011

On Lake Tuggeranong, off Mortimer Lewis Drive Greenway (next to the Sea Scouts) Sailability ACT

Contacts: Gerda 6281 5920 (home) sailabilityact@gmail.com

☺ Football-Connect/Woden School Gala Day

A morning of fun football (soccer) games and activities with qualified Capital Football Staff and Canberra United W-League guest appearances.

Date: 2nd December 2011, 10:00am - 12:00noon Cost: Free

Contact details: Patrick McCann | Ph: (02)6175 7116

Email: coacheducation@capitalfootball.com.au

☺ Ability Expo and Fair

When: 3 December 2011 **Time:** 10:00 - 3:00pm

Where: Lyneham High School, Goodwin St Lyneham

This Expo is for people with disability and their families to show, sell, swap or demonstrate to each other and the Canberra community, anything that interests them. Community organisations and service providers are also invited to hold a stall and highlight what they do in partnership with people with disability throughout the ACT and region.

Further information from Alison McGregor on 0406 333904

This event is proudly sponsored by ACT Community Living Project and Carers ACT

☺ The Radiance Dance Project 2011 presents: *'Every Little Thing'*

A movement installation encompassing a collection of diverse experiences.

'Every Little Thing' has evolved from our continual questioning of traditional hierarchical values of movement.

Music by Jane Aubourg Art Work by Catherine Dabron

When: Saturday 3rd December 1-2pm.

Where: The Belconnen Theatre, Swanson St, Belconnen

Free Accessible venue No bookings required

Please arrive prior to start time. Performances start on time and latecomers may not be admitted.

For more information contact Morgan on 0400 455 965 or email: morganjaimorincome@gmail.com

This Project is supported by the ACT Government

For a Complete List of Events for 2011 International Day of People with Disabilities

Contact Nican

Email: idpwd@nican.com.au or phone 1800 440 385. TTY users please phone 1800 555 677 and ask for 1800 440 385 or visit: <http://www.idpwd.com.au/events/>

Everyone, Everyday Curriculum Resource

A key element of the program is a curriculum resource for ACT teachers to raise student awareness about the inclusion of people with disability. The resource will include a set of classroom activities that are evidence based and align with the new Australian Curriculum and the ACT Schools Curriculum Framework – Every Chance to Learn.

The curriculum resource will initially be developed and trialled with primary school teachers of students in years 3 to 5. We hope to trial the resource in Term 3, 2012.

Everyone, Everyday Competition

Disability ACT is seeking sponsorship of prizes for the Everyone Everyday Competition that are suitable for ACT school students and their teachers.

Business and community organisation may be able to assist with:

- Fun prizes, just for the individual student
- Group prizes that students can share with their classmates as well as prizes for individual teachers
- Gifts of kindness for people with disability – for example, things that assist people with disability to socialise and engage in business, the sports and the arts.

The prizes will be given out in June 2012.

If you can assist with sponsorship of a prize please contact Lisa McClelland at Disability ACT on: 6205 2122 or email: lisa.mcclelland@act.gov.au

ABC Open

ABC Open is an exciting new way for regional communities to connect and share stories on the ABC. If you live in regional Australia, you're invited to share your stories through photos, words, sound and video. ABC Open producers are based in regional towns around Australia to help you get started. What's Your Story?

ABC Open encourages people with disabilities to share their stories through The Moment Behind the Photo. To organise a workshop for you or your group, go to our Regions page and contact your local ABC Open producer. Highlights will be showcased during the **2011 International Day of People with Disabilities on December 3, and could be shown across the ABC.**

Visit ABC Open to View The Moment Behind the Photo.

<http://open.abc.net.au/projects/moment-behind-the-photo-53jq3ls>

and check out the events

<http://open.abc.net.au/projects/moment-behind-the-photo-53jq3ls#events>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

International Human Rights Day

International Human Rights Day Forum: 20 Years of Discrimination Law

The ACT Human Rights Commission will hold its annual International Human Rights Day community forum **on 8 December 2011 at the ACT Legislative Assembly**. This year's theme is the Twentieth Anniversary of the enactment of the ACT Discrimination Act 1991.

The Forum will feature a short summary re-enactment of the debate leading up to the passing of the Act in 1991, with former MLAs Rosemary Follett, Bernard Collaery, Bill Stefaniak and Michael Moore. Keynote speeches will be given by Simon Corbell MLA, Attorney-General and former Chief Ministers, Rosemary Follett and Jon Stanhope. Dr Helen Watchirs, Human Rights and Discrimination Commissioner, will chair the forum.

Ms Follett, also a former ACT Discrimination Commissioner, will talk about the first decade of discrimination and human rights protection in the ACT. Mr Stanhope, also a former Attorney-General, will speak on the second decade of discrimination and human rights protection in the ACT.

This event is completely free, but numbers are limited. You must register to attend at <http://www.hrc.act.gov.au> or by calling 6205 2222.

Women With Disabilities ACT is Conducting: A FlashMob Event

As part of the Women's Services Network Summer of Respect campaign (an antisexual violence and respectful relationships campaign) WWDACT is producing a FlashMob event to highlight and promote respect for women with disabilities and recognition for the strong, confident and amazing women we are!

A FlashMob is a seemingly 'spontaneous' event where an issue is highlighted through dance or song in a public arena. In the case of WWDACT, a FlashMob is a dance event to a mash up of Pink's Raise Your Glass and Aretha Franklin's Respect.

The date for the event is Saturday, March 3, 2012.

WWDACT invites members and supporters to be involved in this contemporary form of awareness raising.

Although FlashMobs seem to be a spontaneous gathering, a lot of work goes into them. WWDACT needs approximately 100 people to participate. WWDACT would like to produce a FlashMob with as many women with disabilities as possible, that is why we are calling on every member to participate.

If some members and supporters do not wish to participate in the performance component of the FlashMob, that's okay because we have lots of behind-the-scenes jobs! Although I stress that WWDACT would like the majority of performance participant's to be members and supporters.

Please contact: Nicole O'Callaghan, Policy, Administration Officer at Women With Disabilities ACT | Women's Centre for Health Matters by 19 December to be involved email: nicole.ocallaghan@wchm.org.au or phone: 6290 2166

People With Disabilities ACT

Wish all our Members and Associates A Very

**Happy, Special
and a
Very, Very**

Merry Christmas

and a

Wonderful New Year



The PWDACT Office will be Closed From the
23 of December and will
Re-Open on the 16 of January 2012

PWD ACT'S ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERS

Organisation:	Address:	Email:	Phone:
ACT Deafness Resource Centre	Grant Cameron Community Centre 27 Mulley St Holder ACT 2611	enquiries@actdrc.org.au auslan@iimetro.com.au	6287 4393
ACT Down Syndrome Association	PO Box 717 Mawson ACT 2607	admindsa@actdsa.asn.au	6290 0656
ACT Mental Health Consumer Network	PO Box 469 Civic Square ACT 2608	eo@actmhcnc.org.au	6230 5796
ACT Muscular Dystrophy Ass.	PO Box 2800 Tuggeranong ACT 2900	actmda@hotmail.com	6296 4006
Advance Personnel	PA Chambers 18 Corinna Street Phillip ACT 2606	jobs@advance.org.au	6285 2466
Advocacy for Inclusion	Room 2.02, Griffin Centre, Canberra City ACT 2601	info@advocacyfoinclusion.org	6257 4005
Arthritis ACT	PO Box 4017 Weston Creek ACT 2611	info@arthritisact.org	6288 4244
Belconnen Community Service	26 Chandler St Belconnen ACT 2616	bcs@bcsact.com.au	6264 0200
Better Hearing Australia	PO Box 546 Jamison ACT 2614	Canberra@betterhearing.org.au	6251 4713
Blind Citizens of Australia Canberra ACT Branch	5 Harper St Macgregor ACT 2615	koala@areujoking.com	6254 7326
Catholic Care	PO Box 3167 Manuka ACT 2603	info@catholiccare.cg.org.au	6163 7660
Charity Computers	46 Lhotsky St Charnwood ACT 2615	admin@charitycomputers.org.au	6101 6931
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Friends of Brain Injured Children ACT	PO Box 717 Mawson ACT 2607	fbicact@shout.org.au	6290 1984
Health Care Consumers	100 Maitland St Hackett ACT	hcc@hcca.org.au	6230 8733
Koomarri	PO Box 262 Woden ACT 2606	reception@koomarri.asn.au	6239 1603 / 6280614
NationsHeart	PO Box 3125 Belconnen ACT 2617	office@nationsheart.org.au	6253 1672
Nican	PO Box 110 Mitchell ACT 2911	info@nican.com.au	6241 1220
Stroke Association of ACT	PO Box 220 Deakin West ACT 2600	mobeirne@email.com.au	6269 2636
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Woden Community Service Inc	PO Box 35 Woden ACT 2606	emma-walter@wcs.org.au	6234 6820
Women's Centre For Health Matters	PO Box 385 Mawson ACT 2607	admin@wchm.org.au	6290 2166

PWD ACT Membership

Individual Membership with Disability: Free

Organisational Membership: \$20 per year

Benefits of PWD ACT Membership Include:

- ✚ Monthly newsletter
- ✚ Policy consultation on key issues
- ✚ Representative opportunities
- ✚ Connection with local and national networks
- ✚ Right to nominate for our Board

Link to Membership Form:

<http://www.pwdact.org.au/index.php/membership.html>

PWD ACT Contact Details

POSTAL ADDRESS:

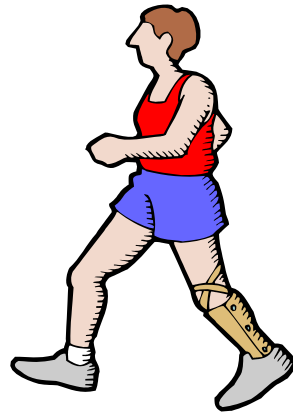
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“For people with disabilities,



by people with disabilities.”

PWD ACT’s newsletter is an easily read, compact and timely way of keeping members and supporters informed about our advocacy work, issues and coming events. We strongly encourage people with disabilities to send feedback on systemic advocacy issues directly to us on the above contacts.

Please send us an email if you would like to receive your PWD ACT newsletter ‘Out & About With Ability’ electronically, as this will save our environment.

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