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To: PWD members/friends

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Message from The President

Since PWD's January/February Bulletin a lot has occurred on the Individual Support Packages front. Disability ACT cancelled the second Information Session on the 15th of February due to lobbying efforts from PWD, other advocacy groups and auspicing agencies. Disability ACT cut some of the policy to make it more user-friendly and changed the more unfair requirements so that people with disabilities were not massively disadvantaged.

Other issues PWD has voiced our opinions on have been the Wheelchair Accessible Taxis and the Australian Federal Police Watchhouse Review. We have put forward how these issues affect people with disabilities and how ideally we should be treated.

PWD is also working hard on updating our policies and procedures so that as an organisation we are operating as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Dennis Stabback
President

Building Strong Self Advocacy

A workshop for people who have an intellectual disability to help them become stronger self advocates. Sessions focus on: Self Expression, Self Determination, Self Confidence, Self Reliance, Self Development and Self Esteem. The course is run by Advocacy for Inclusion.

Where: Erindale College
McBryde Crescent, Wanniasa

When: Starting Tuesday 8 May 2007,
6:30 – 8:30pm for 6 weeks

Call Bob at Erindale Community Education Program on 6205 8107 to register your enrolment.

For more information please call Erin at Advocacy for Inclusion on 6286 9422

'Come and Try' Special Olympics

Come and try a variety of games and skills including cricket, golf, soccer, bocce and athletics. Special Olympics provide opportunities for people with an intellectual disability to develop fitness, show courage, experience joy and participate in their community. All ages are welcome.

Date: Session 1: 19th April
Session 2: 20th April

Time: 3:30 – 5pm

Venue: Hackett Neighbourhood Oval, Hackett

Cost: Free

Contact: Special Olympics office – 6230 1069 for more information or to register for either session.

Dinner & Disco

Proceeds to go towards sending Special Olympics athletes to attend the World Games in October.

Date: Saturday 12 May 2007

Venue: West Deakin Hellenic Bowling Club,
Kent St, Deakin

Time: 6:30pm start
7:00pm Dinner
10:30pm Disco finishes

Cost: \$15 entry OR \$40 per family of 3 or more

\$5 for disco only – 8pm arrival
Please advise Marilyn on 0402 116 632 of
numbers attending dinner for catering
purposes. Please phone after 3pm.
Drinks available at the bar.

Take action on captions!

Media Access Australia, a non-profit
organisation that deals with captioning issues
are holding an information session about
captioning.

Venue: Ainslie Football Club
Wakefield Ave, Ainslie

Date: Friday 4th May 2007 at 10:30am

Cost: Free

Morning tea provided

An Auslan interpreter and hearing loop will be
available at the session

RSVP: Monday 30th April
Media Access Australia
Suite 405, 22-36 Mountain St.
Ultimo NSW 2007-04-16
Ph/TTY: 02 9212 6242
Fax: 02 9212 6289
info@mediaaccess.org.au

2007 Inclusion Conference

Inclusion '07 is an inclusive event to inspire
the Canberra community to celebrate the
diversity of its citizens. Hear inspirational
stories and ideas about how we can build a
more inclusive community. See live theatre,
dance and music. Try Belly Dance, Singing in
a Choir, Bollywood Dance, Life Drawing,
Aerial performance, Sound Circles and much
more. Experience the Best of Backyard
Backanalia.

Gormon House
Saturday 5th May 2007
9:30am – Midnight

For information contact:
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PWD Bulletin

This bulletin has been introduced as an easy
read, compact and timely way of keeping
members and allies informed about advocacy
work, issues and coming events

Your views--we're listening

We strongly encourage people with disabilities
to send feedback on systemic advocacy
issues directly to us.

Call (02) 6290 1984 or email the office
pwdact@shout.org.au

Our office hours are 9am - 2pm Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Feel free to contact our Executive Officer Kylie
Mahar any time during these hours to discuss
any issue you feel PWD needs to be aware of.

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