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(& pre-conference workshop 18th September)

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Shaping Diversional Therapy

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*Last week everyone was sent the email version of the Connections. **Did you see it?***

*The new website is live and kicking! **Have you visited yet?***

Don't forget to register to get a login and password - a treasure trove of information awaits you!

President's Piece

Hello fellow members,

I feel privileged to be writing this report (filling in for President, Louise Absalom) during a time of exciting change for DTA.

Over the past several months you have heard a great deal of talk about the new website. Well finally, after an extraordinary effort from Louise, Margie, the marketing portfolio, the Board and the team from Fluid Marketing the website has gone "live". Please take some time to navigate your way around the site. There are many interesting features, articles and information and of course the "member only" section. We look forward to your feedback about the website.

As we all get back into the swing of work after the Easter and Anzac day holidays, I hope that many of us are looking forward to celebrating, sharing, educating and collaborating about our profession with colleagues, carers, clients and communities. Diversional Therapy week begins on the 5th of May. Please submit your celebration ideas and activities to the office. I do believe there is a prize for the best new idea! There are more ideas in this newsletter in an article by Kayla Davies on how to celebrate!

"Shaping Diversional Therapy: from theory to practice" is also the theme of the Adelaide conference. The Conference is not too far away. September the 19th will come around quickly, so look out for the early bird registrations; they should be available by the time you read this -and plan for a short break in Adelaide to take advantage of wonderful accommodation rates too.

And lastly, I would like to welcome Tracey Keenan to the team of our dedicated Board. Tracey has filled the casual vacancy of NSW Representative and comes with an impressive and varied background. Tracey's biography is available for viewing on our new website under the Meet the Board tab.

Regards

Sue Tripney

Vice President 1

(Filling in for President, Louise Absalom)

Welcome Aboard Tracy!



The Board of Diversional Therapy Australia welcomes Tracy Keenan to the position of NSW Representative. As this position was not filled at the 2013 AGM, Tracy approached the Board and put forth her nomination to take on the role until the 2014 AGM.

Tracy has worked within the non for profit & community service industry for 3 years. She has held positions within Aged Care as a Diversional Therapy Assistant, Lifestyle Carer, Acting Coordinator Lifestyle Team, Treasurer of the Blacktown Branch of Rainbow Club Australia, Board of Directors Lifestart Co-Operative and Volunteer at North West Disability Services.

Her qualifications include:

- ▶ TAA Certificate IV Training & Assessment - TAFE
- ▶ Graduate Certificate in Business Administration - SGSM
- ▶ Diploma Marketing Management - TAFE
- ▶ SOA Front Line Management - Swinburne University of Technology

- ▶ Cert IV Community Services Leisure & Health
- ▶ eLearning Research, Design & Facilitation
- ▶ Diploma Community Services Work

Tracy holds extensive experience providing Training and Assessing for clients including Community Service Online training and Corporate Workplace Training and Assessment. Tracy is qualified to deliver accredited and non-accredited training packages within the fields of Marketing, Sales, Customer Service, Management, Business Administration & Community Services.

Tracy's high enthusiasm and energy levels will make for an exciting delivery and student participation. She aims to draw on relevant experience and scenarios are used to provide relevant "Real World" learning to achieve the best possible results and experience for participants.

Her passions are travelling, investing, studying & learning as well as providing opportunities for social participation and creating an inclusive world.



Diversional Therapy Week

5th – 11th May 2014

Shaping Diversional Therapy: from Theory to Practice

Diversional Therapy Australia is a not for profit organisation solely built and dependent on ordinary members working tirelessly together in order to realise our vision. Our mission statement declares that:

Diversional Therapy Australia is committed to promoting, fostering and advancing the development of the profession of Diversional Therapy in Australia and internationally.

Diversional Therapy Week, first introduced in 1995, was developed to provide our members with an outlet to promote, foster and advance the development of the Diversional Therapy profession and the state DT Associations (now DTA nationally). Diversional Therapy Week aims to encourage you to educate your work peers and the wider community about who Diversional Therapists and Diversional Therapy Assistants are and what we do.

Celebrate and Educate!

How you choose to share your passion for Diversional Therapy is completely up to you, you may decide to use the material made available through Diversional Therapy Australia or develop your own Diversional Therapy Week program.

So let us all join together and do our part in promoting, fostering and advancing both our profession and our association well into the future.

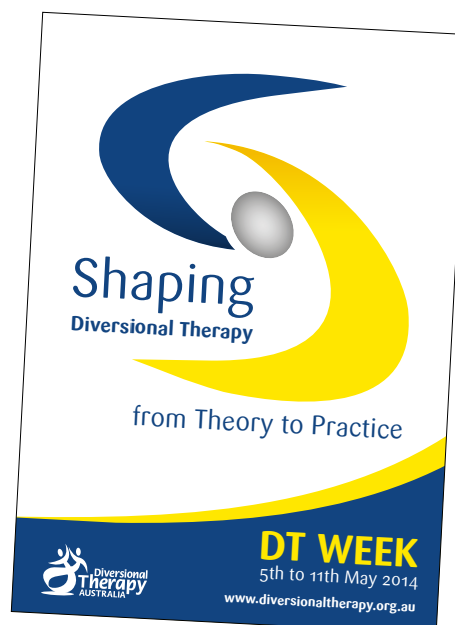
By Kayla Davies

A few ideas!

- ▶ Put up that wonderful poster sent with the April newsletter
- ▶ Use the Powerpoint presentation developed by Kate Noble from the DTA Board to show to other staff members
- ▶ Create a DT Week button or badge during a craft activity for all diversional therapy staff to wear with pride!
- ▶ Consider organising an Information Afternoon Tea (let the office know to get extra support maybe even a Board member to attend if they can)
- ▶ Use DTA post it notes and DTA pens and buy a DTA vest to help make your point!
- ▶ Get a copy of the DTA Mission Statement Poster and get it up on the wall

Let us know how you celebrated and educated! Best new idea wins a prize! – The Ed

Download the poster now!



DTA Conference 2014 Registrations Now Open Attention Early Birds! Watch out Adelaide!

September 18th 19th and 20th will see Adelaide light up with DTA conference attendees heading there for an inspiring, joyful and informative time of “Shaping Diversional Therapy: from theory to practice”

You can choose from 2 full day workshops on Thursday 18th September – either Activities, Activities, Activities or Workshop 2 Music and Art Therapy – number are limited for these workshops and, after July 2nd, they will be open to all – not just conference attendees so don't wait – register now.

On Friday 19th September we have Keynote Speaker Dr Caroline Ellison Conference Keynote – Opening Speaker Day 1 Friday 19th September 2014



Dr Caroline Ellison PhD, Bachelor of Applied Science (Disability Studies) Hons Graduate Certificate in Applied History and Heritage Studies.

Caroline Ellison is a Developmental Educator, education practitioner and consultant. Caroline's PhD explored 'Leisure in Retirement for Individuals with Intellectual Disability'.

On Friday night at the Cocktail Party prizes will be awarded including the inaugural DTA Awards for Excellence, Wendy Butler Award and Conference Awards

On Saturday 20th we have our Day 2 Keynote Speaker,



Dr Rob Thornton who many of you may well have heard from in various conferences around the country! He holds a B.Ed, G Dip Clinical Nutrition, G Dip Ed Admin., M.H.P.Ed, PhD (Gerontology), Cert Training and Assessment. Dr Rob Thornton, now practicing as a gerontologist, has worked in the field of health care for over four decades and has been employed as a clinician, educator, administrator and an academic.

Many more wonderful speakers and presenters are still submitting papers.... They are amazing – we are all in for a treat in Adelaide!

New Men's Activity – Men On Buses – The MOB!

On the Friday 19th September there is a brilliant tour for partners (mainly men but women welcome too of course!) It is a Tour of Port Adelaide via the Historic Port Adelaide Heritage Pub Trail! – limited numbers book early for this!

DTA Award for Excellence 2014

**Now is the time to get
motivated and have a go!
This inaugural award is to
be presented at the DTA
Conference in Adelaide.**

The award is.....

“To recognise a DTA member who has exhibited excellence in DT practice, in a viable and relevant manner, which has contributed to the wellbeing of the individual and the organisation/facility or community environment, whilst also encouraging personal professional development”

**We have a few great entries – but don't hold back!
There may even be a runner up prize!**



Celebrating 35 Years: Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania) (MRC)

Attended by Sandra Reeve

(DTA Tasmanian Representative)

On Wednesday, 19 March 2014 the Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Mr Peter Underwood and Mrs Underwood hosted a reception at Government House to celebrate the Centre's achievements over the last 35 years. It was fitting that the MRC was acknowledged and congratulated for their work during the week of Harmony day, 21 March. Guests at the event were all linked to the MRC in one capacity or another: a founding member; a client; community member; staff; volunteer; peak body; service partner; employer; funding body; politician and so many more. The Burmese-Karen choir entertained guests at the event singing two hymns from their repertoire. (taken from the April MRC Newsletter)

DTA and the MRC have a Memorandum of Understanding so the connection between the two organisations ensures mutual understanding and collaboration, sharing of knowledge and



resources and operating within a consultative and inclusive environment. MRC are also on face book, so you might like to head over and like their page or visit www.mrchobart.org.au for more information about their projects, resources and services. DTA also provides an update about its activities in the CALD Project Newsletter which can be located in the Aged Care tab of the MRC website.

\$97m Commonwealth Supplementation Announced for WA Community Services

April 16, 2014

The Minister for Social Services, Kevin Andrews has announced the commitment of \$97m in supplementation for WA community services delivering services affected by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) decision to increased wages for community sector workers employed under State Awards.

The WAIRC decision was sought by WACOSS, CEWA and the ASU to ensure that community service workers who come under the State Award system achieved pay increases in line with those delivered by the Fair Work Australia equal remuneration order for those employed under the SACS Modern Award.

Furthermore, supplementation will now be distributed directly to WA service providers through the same mechanism as that used for the SACS Modern Award

supplementation - so that red-tape is reduced and organisations to not have to certify whether they are under the Federal or State Awards or provide a detailed breakdown.

The exact details of how funding is to be delivered is to be finalised in a National Partnership Agreement of Pay Equity for the Social and Community Services Sector negotiated by the Commonwealth and State Governments. Collaborative advocacy between the Western Australian Government and community sector peaks has played a critical role in delivering this outcome.

Please contact Chris Twomey on (08) 9420 7222 or Chris@wacoss.org.au for further information

National Workshop programme news and updates with Steph

“**Bugger**” was not quite the word that I uttered as my front tendon was cut by a glass in an accidental fall and I’m sure I would have said more than that if I knew at that moment what a cut like this to my leg actually meant. That’s when you start thinking about how you would be feeling if it was actually a hell of a lot worse!

The last six weeks I have been disabled- not permanently - although, at times, with my impatience at my level of helplessness, loss of control, dependence and confinement you’d think that I was going to be limping around for ever. This experience has given me an insight (although brief) into the emotions and thoughts that occur to the mind and spirit when our physical constraints affect our ability to independently perform tasks of daily life. They even more profoundly affect and dictate our leisure opportunities- a light bulb moment really. I had plans for the last 6 weeks, travelling to workshops, Easter with friends, working at the Blues Festival in Byron Bay and meeting my new man’s family in Queensland. How life can change so quickly when you realise that none of those things are going to be possible right now and your usual source of income and exercise (teaching Yoga) was going to have to stop dead for however long it takes!

12 weeks for it to heal properly they are saying. I am hoping for a quicker recovery. People have been fabulous, calls and visits, special trips out with friends and family when possible, sisters coming to the rescue when I couldn’t stand the “mess” anymore, (my three sons have stepped up to the mark really well- better than I thought they would, but it isn’t the same). I’ve even had date nights doing the shopping or going to the chemist in a wheelchair! Conversations with other people that have suffered the same type of thing are insightful and you realise that you are not the only one.

I have learnt a lot about myself through this experience and been given a very small lesson in what other people may be experiencing when they are served a set of circumstances that affects their every waking thought. People like those that we, as Diversional Therapist, Leisure Consultants and Recreation Officers help each day. I am still in the midst of having to be stiller than I’d like to be and I try to imagine what it would be like, having to be still forever.

I have a good prognosis and expect to be back to full yoga poses in three months. Yes things have had to be let go, plans changed, even DTA workshops have been postponed while I’m working at getting myself back on my two feet but I am lucky in so many ways and grateful for this time to be able to think without doing and give my body time to heal. I don’t know what other’s reaction may be in these circumstances however until I went through this situation where my normal expectations of what I want to do and what I can do are conflicted I don’t think I had the empathy with those I worked with or indeed the people I taught Yoga too.

So I’d like to raise a (plastic) glass to all those people who keep a sense of positivity in the light of such circumstances, I am profoundly inspired (more than before) by the sense of joy for life that I’ve seen in their eyes when they are able to achieve the things they value in their days and I respect completely their need and want to maintain their control and any independence they are able to achieve.

So on that note I’d like to leave you with this quote that got me thinking this month: “Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore”- Andre Gide

Till next time,
Stephania



Upcoming workshops

9th May Bairnsdale
23rd May Canberra
6th June Ballina

21st June Perth
11th July Cairns
8th August Devonport





Dr Loretta Quinn in Melbourne

Melbourne Workshop

DTA presented a full day workshop for 32 attendees on February 21st in Moorabbin, Melbourne. Included in the line-up was a variety of informative and interactive education sessions that gave everyone an opportunity to gain professional development and information about the benefits of DTA membership.

Dr Loretta Quinn headlined the day, presenting “How to Use Music Therapy for People with Dementia” members were involved in a musical experience of positiveness; “ the session gave us an understanding of how to musically interact with our clients and to bring out the best in them” said Chris Grady who facilitated the workshop. (NB Dr Quinn is giving one of the workshops at this year’s conference so register early to secure your place!)

Cultural Diversity in Ageing, was presented by Tonina Gucciardo Marci – an engaging and informative session on how to help linguistically diverse clientele. A presentation by The Elder Rights Advocacy presented by Debra Nicol, talked about residents and care recipients and responsibilities as well as a general overview of the services offered through the Elder Rights service.

The session Gardening Activity for Tight Places, presented by Corinne Withycombe was a project from her workplace, creating gardens that inspired residents to appreciate the greater outdoors. Wendy Henderson from Alzheimer’s Association presented a practical, hands on approach to helping people with Alzheimer’s. This association provides a wealth of information as we work with these clients needing our special support. This was the only Melbourne based workshop programmed for this year so keep your eyes open for the regional Victorian workshops coming up if you missed out.



Denise Herman from Alzheimer’s Australia

Sydney workshop

7th March saw a successful Sydney workshop with 47 attendees with three new people joining the growing rank of DTA membership on the day. The venue proved excellent with great food and accommodation and feedback was very positive regarding the appropriateness of all the speakers. Continuing our aim to roll out similar information to all the national workshops Jessica Marshall from Australian Hearing gave some great education while TARS (The Aged Rights Service) and the Agency were also both well received continuing to enhance the professional development of all those who attended. The Alzheimer’s Art therapy presentation by Denise Herman with practical examples was an information that could cross over to general clients as well as those with dementia and discussed the logistics of visiting an art gallery with clients and participants. The Yoga for Seniors and those with a Disability was also well received however the highlights of the day came from DTA members- Lauretta Kaldor and Stef Gerstner. Lauretta’s activity based presentation was great fun and gave people an opportunity to purchase some of her much loved resources while Stef Gestner’s presentation on mental health as well as her Takeaway café at the end of the day addressed aspects of mental health and provided quite an insight in to the need to provide non aged care related information to meet the needs of all our members. A big thanks also to Lindl Webster for her inspiring Takeaway Cafe presentation “Namaste a Palliative approach and End of Life program”.



Brain Gym session

Brisbane workshop

The first Queensland workshop for 2014 was held in Brisbane on the 11th of April with 65 attendees- Thanks to Glenda Kubler and Ian Platell who facilitated this large workshop from which we had to turn some people away due to the excessive numbers (if you were unable to attend this workshop then the Ballina, NSW workshop coming up on the 6th of June may be your answer or look out for our first Far North Queensland workshop in Cairns on the 11th of July). The first guest speaker Linda Wells was a little nervous in front of such a large crowd passing on her knowledge of The Younger On Set Dementia Key Worker program, a single point of contact to assist younger people with dementia, their carer and family developed by Alzheimer’s Australia to explore Individual plans and strategies, interests and capacity.

Vision Australia presenters and Cathy Meyer from EdeninOZ and NZ were very well received with people asking for further information. Gillian Johnson from Brain Gym “found her groove” after a while although the group size made it a bit difficult and there was a lot of discussion on how to modify and adjust the movements to suit the needs of clients/residents. A highlight was Glenda Kubler’s Adjusting Activity session and Takeaway café’s giving plenty of practical ideas while yoga for Seniors was relaxing. (To find the closest qualified practitioner of yoga/ Hatha Yoga teacher near you check out the find teachers link at www.iyta.org.au the International Yoga Teachers Association website.)

Member Articles

Cherry Blossom Viewing

This DT program was carried out by Nonbily-Mura Imazu. It is an aged care home of the same group of homes that carries out the Sea Bathing every summer that has previously been shown in the DTA newsletter.



When cherry trees bloom, a friend and the coworkers of work place gather and have a picnic under the cherry-blossom trees. This is a spring custom which many Japanese like very much. Our residents and staff also wanted to enjoy the experience and went to the nearby park.

Some residents have a white board which has written on them the haiku poem (seventeen-syllable) made by itself. One lady is 104 years old and wrote one with so much meaning.....

If my husband were here with me, we would write a haiku in a flower garden.



In a picnic, they can enjoy a meal in a different style than what they would do usually, and can also drink beer. This man was devoted to eating and emptied his lunch box. We call such a state "Hana yori Dango" ("Dumplings rather than flowers").

Submitted by: Takako Serizawa, President DTAJ

The Scrapbooking project

Winner of 2012 Positive Living in Aged Care Award and the 2013 Better Practice Award.

An article about the project was also published in the Australian Journal of Dementia Care.

Not always but more commonly people refer to a location or dwelling as feeling like home when they get to know it better and as they get the opportunity to put their own stamp on it.

It is no different for Residents of aged care in that they too will feel more at home when they have a better understanding of the home, how it operates and how it began and developed. Being able to see something they made hanging on the wall or displayed on the coffee table enhances the sensation of feeling at home and even more so if they are able to point it out to their visitors as something they have contributed to their home.

Residents who were withdrawn, showing symptoms of depression, feeling isolated and alone were identified. The methods used to identify these Residents were through activity attendance information, medical records, Cornell Scale of Depression, care plans, progress notes and staff verbal input. After speaking with these Residents I encourage them to come to social morning teas but they only attended a few and wouldn't go to any other programs. When asked, the Residents stated that they feel sad, missed their home and that they didn't belong.

After speaking further to these Resident it was discovered that many had built their own homes, often first with a temporary building the size today of a small garage before building the family home. A collection of photographs of Peninsula Village being built was found in the archive room. After taking these photographs to other staff to show them the old photos it was suggested to scrapbook the photographs rather than leave them in the old photo albums. This is where the project started giving the idea that these



photographs could be used as a tool for the Residents that didn't feel they belong. The aim of the project was as these Residents scrapbooked the photographs of Peninsula Village being built from the ground up that the Residents were now building their new home together.

Resident's wellbeing was assessed before, during and after the project using the "Satisfaction with Life as a Whole" survey which was obtained from Deakin University. Wikipedia defines "Life satisfaction" as the way a person perceives how his or her life has been and how they feel about where it is going in the future. The results from the three surveys were collated and showed 60% improvement in the Resident's satisfaction with their lives after the project.

Project Design

I didn't know much about the techniques of scrapbooking and sort advice from experts in the field. I consulted with Stacey Howe's Paper craft. After speaking with Stacey I realised that some of details required in telling the story on each page may be too fiddly for the Residents. I approached Brisbane Water Secondary College asking for assistance from some students. Six students and a teacher were happy to help.

I recruited an art/history consultant and community volunteers for further assistance. Meetings were held with the Residents, students, teacher and staff to discuss the project. It was decided that a scrapbooking workshop with Stacey Howe's Paper Craft would be necessary to give everyone the skills required.

As the Residents worked on the project with the assistance of the students they revealed aspects of themselves. Residents told the students about how difficult building materials were to purchase, how they had fun with the simplest things and even relayed sad times. One of the Residents stated when they saw the photograph of the bricklayers laying the foundation of Peninsula Village that it reminded her of her



beautiful home's foundation being laid by her husband and neighbour and how she made scones for them. The scone recipe is included on that scrapbook page.

The ongoing project continues to tell the history of Peninsula Village and the Resident's life stories. The pages include Resident's life memories including recipes, poems and personal photographs. As a by-product of the project we, the staff of the Leisure and Lifestyle Department, have a much richer and more comprehensive knowledge and understanding of each of the Resident's lives before they became part of our Peninsula Village family. This gives us more knowledge to achieve our purpose of enhancing quality of life for our Residents.

Materials for the project are easy and cheap to gather. I encourage everyone to give it a go.

It works.

Paula Newman

Lifestyle Manager

Peninsula Village Ltd, Central Coast N.S.W

Corn Patch

Q: What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

A: Strawberries!

Q: How do you make seven an even number?

A: Take the s out!

You can get more Irish jokes from:

<http://www.primarygames.com/holidays/st.patricksday/jokes.php>

Q: What two things can you not have for breakfast?

A: Lunch and dinner.

Journal Watch



Title: Relationship of therapeutic recreation inpatient rehabilitation interventions and patient characteristics to outcomes following spinal cord injury: The SCIR rehab project

Authors: Claire Cahow, Julie Gassaway, Cecilia Rider, Joan P. Joyce, Andrew Bogenschutz, Kelly Edens, Scott E. D. Kreider, and Gale Whiteneck

Journal: Journal Spinal Cord Medicine. Nov 2012; 35(6): 547-564

Source for full article: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3522896/>

Abstract:

Objective

To investigate associations of therapeutic recreation (TR) interventions during inpatient rehabilitation for patients with traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI) with functional, participation, and quality of life outcomes.

Methods

In this prospective observational study, data were obtained from systematic recording of TR services by certified TR specialists, chart review, and patient interview.

Results

TR interventions, including exposure to community settings and leisure activities, add to the variance explained (in addition to the strong predictors of injury classification,

admission motor Functional Independence Measure (FIM), and other patient characteristics) in outcomes at the time of rehabilitation discharge (FIM, discharge to home) and at the 1-year injury anniversary (FIM, working or being in school, residing at home, and societal participation as measured by the Craig Handicap Assessment and Reporting Technique (CHART)). They also are associated with less rehospitalization and less pressure development after discharge. In addition, more time spent in specific TR activities during rehabilitation is associated with more participation in the same type of activities at the 1-year injury anniversary.

Conclusion(s)

Greater participation in TR-led leisure skill and community activities during rehabilitation is a positive predictor of multiple outcomes at rehabilitation discharge and the 1-year injury anniversary demonstrating that TR activities are associated with a return to a productive and healthy life after SCI. Further research should focus on the impact of TR on longer-term outcomes to determine whether relationships continue or change as persons continue to adapt to their life after SCI.

Note

This is the fourth of nine articles in the SCIR rehab series.

Keywords: Spinal cord injuries, Rehabilitation, Therapeutic recreation, Outcomes, Practice-based evidence, Tetraplegia, Paraplegia.

Web Watch



An interesting web site to check out if you are a Diversional Therapist working in Mental Health. This site is American .

<http://stophurtingkids.com>

On this website it outlines types or restraints and seclusion techniques, there is a web video interviewing clients that have being through the process, access to discussion guides and a frequently Asked Questions section.



Book Review by Laretta Kaldor



This month's review is of a new magazine - Ed

WORDS OF WISDOM

The new Activities magazine Words of Wisdom is now available in PDF and hard copy available early March. This up-to-date subscription magazine covers 3 months at a time (April May June). Time-poor activities staff and diversional therapists will find this magazine very useful for their forward planning around events in the calendar with many mentally stimulating activities already prepared. The concept of grading activities to meet the varying cognitive needs of clients in residential or day care is well thought through (1 star high care, 2 stars medium and 3 stars low care). Large print crosswords and word searches make for easy implementation to the different levels of care in a single facility.

There are topics for discussion on music, history, sport, celebrities and more!

There are so many links to useful sites on a whole variety of related subjects making surfing for more information, images and ideas so much easier. The PDF version allows the reader to make 1 click to get on to the relevant website.

The information on conferences and seminars coming up is very relevant as this information does not always filter down to the people at the coalface.

This resource in either or both formats is going to be very useful for libraries, trainers, educators and universities as well students and affordably priced. For more information type in Type in words of wisdom activity magazine

Go to the link to see sample pages and contents topics

http://www.alzheimersproducts.blogspot.com.au/2014/02/words-of-wisdom-activities-magazine-for_10.html

From The Editor

Thanks for all your feedback and enthusiasm over the website which went online last week! Finally, we are starting to get the new eNewsletter system and processes right after numerous trials and of course - errors! So thank you to the members who have been patiently waiting to receive the next edition.

This month we celebrate Diversional Therapy Week and I encourage members to send in photos of your activities and we will choose the best picture for a prize! You may have noticed, we have announced Conference registrations open for our DTA Adelaide conference in September. DTA has already received lots of wonderful paper submissions for presenting at the conference. Also a reminder to consider nominating yourself or a fellow DT for the Wendy Butler Award or for the DTA Excellence Award.

Other exciting things have been happening around the country - Tasmania's Migrant Resource Centre celebrated 35 years and there has been a Commonwealth Supplement for Community Services in WA announced in the media.

We also have some of our regular pieces this month such as Web Watch, Journal Watch, Corn Patch and a Book Review with Laretta Kaldor.

We hope you enjoy May edition of Connections and please send any feedback to the DTA Office so that we can continue to allow our newsletter to evolve.

Till next month
The Ed

Wendy Butler Award

Here is another opportunity to win and be awarded a prize at the Conference (if you can make it to lovely Adelaide!) This important prize is a DTA tradition. With B & S Books, DTA awards a book prize voucher of \$250 from B & S Books to the nomination that can demonstrate the most innovative leisure programme.

Get busy with your application now!



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