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our workshop attendees...*

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President's Piece

Hello Fellow DTA Members,

Last month I commented on the very cold weather around Australia, and sadly, this month seems to have continued the trend! I hope some warmer weather is soon on its way to all of you and you can begin to thaw out.

This month some issues of concern have been raised to the DTA Board. Those of you employed within the aged care sector will know of the cessation of the Dementia and severe behaviours supplement by the current Government. To date, there has not been discussion around what future funding in this area might look like. The Board have drafted a letter to Minister Fifield's office voicing, on behalf of the DTA members, concern around these changes. A copy of the response has been posted in the newsletter and also on the website.

This month, the Office received a letter from the Secretary of the Select Committee on Health inviting DTA to submit to its enquiry into health policy, administration and expenditure. The Committee will be considering factors such as the impact of reduced funding for health promotion, prevention and early intervention, improvements in the provision of health services, including Indigenous health and rural health, and the better integration and coordination of Medicare services, including access to general practice, specialist medical practitioners, pharmaceuticals, optometry, diagnostic, dental and allied health services. Concerned with wellness and enablement, Diversional Therapy holds a significant place within the focus of some of these points.

Submissions should be received by the Committee by Friday 19th September. I would invite you, as members of DTA to either make your own submission, or to forward your discussion points to the office, for inclusion in the DTA submission.

Conference planning continues at a frenetic pace! I know places are filling fast, so if you are interested in networking with like-minded professionals, opening your mind to possibilities and opportunities, and having a generally fantastic time, please make contact with the office. The speaker list is amazing, and the workshops on offer the day prior to the conference are jam-packed, with surprises to boot! I look forward to catching up with many of you over the workshop and conference days. And don't forget the blokes! This year, we have taken a proactive stance, in arranging a day of incredible men's activities, so come on, bring the blokes along and have a great holiday in Adelaide!

Regards
Louise Absalom
President DTA



Upcoming events

For more information go to: <http://iaha.com.au/events/2014-iaha-national-forum/>

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Press Release



Cessation of dementia and severe behaviours supplement? Don't do this! - July 21st 2014

The Board of Diversional Therapy Australia (DTA) would like to express their strong disappointment in the announcement of the termination of the dementia and severe behaviours supplement announced on 26th June 2014.

However, the DTA Board look forward to hearing Minister Fifield's plans for an ongoing commitment to people who experience challenges as a result of severe behaviours, their carers and the range of staff who support people with behaviours and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD), including support through consultative processes.

There is a significant requirement for support of residential aged care facilities by the provision of, and access to, Diversional Therapists and other Allied Health professionals to assist in developing programs and implementing education that supports the engagement of people experiencing dementia and associated behaviours.

Diversional Therapy Australia sees the role of qualified Diversional Therapists within the aged care sector as specialists and mentors to both care and lifestyle staff in the development and implementation of programs, and sustaining environmental changes designed to encourage enablement and to foster wellbeing and reablement through positive engagement.

Maintaining these extra resources - even increasing them - will reduce costly admissions to emergency departments and in hospital wards that result from unmanaged symptoms of dementia and severe behaviour issues. Through individual, meaningful and personalised programs, the opportunity for managing behaviours of concern is maximised. As a result of these programs, and through purposeful therapeutic interventions, reduced chemical or physical restraint use is likely. These are best practice guidelines which underpin the aged care sector in respectful dementia care.

DTA formally requests that additional funding and support be reallocated to residential aged care facilities so the increasing number of individuals within residential care diagnosed with dementia, have consistent and ongoing opportunities for meaningful engagement, supporting a positive and meaningful quality of life, through best practice and evidence based programs and activities delivered by trained professionals.

Further information or discussion contact Louise Absalom, President DTA enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au
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Media release



Pets in Aged Care Grant Applications Now Open - July 3rd 2014

Elderly Australians and their pets will receive an extra helping hand this year, with Animal Welfare League Australia (AWLA) announcing a new small grants program to deliver \$10,000 funding to support pets in aged care settings.

The Pets in Aged Care Grants program will allocate small grants of up to \$1,000 to assist aged care facilities and residents make suitable arrangements or modifications to enable residents and their pets to live-in together.

While a number of aged care facilities have shared pets for the companionship of all residents and staff, the Pets in Aged Care Grants program has been developed to support and maintain the existing bonds between aged care residents and their individual pets.

Separating elderly residents from their animal companions when their pets cannot be accommodated in aged care facilities can lead to significant grief at a time already marked by a profound sense of loss and sadness, and lead to a range of health problems, sleep and appetite disturbances and integration difficulties.

The Pets in Aged Care Grants program will directly address these crucial issues by providing residents with the practical means to cover costs, such as vet bills, grooming, dog walking, feeding or making minor modifications to living quarters to enable live-in arrangements. Funding may also allow for a carer to visit and assist with pet care routines.

The small grants program is a continuation of AWLA's Positive Ageing in the Company of Animals Project which began in 2013. The project is surveying retirement villages and nursing homes across Australia in order to identify successful models for keeping residents and their pets together. Applications for the Pets in Aged Care Grants are now open and can be made by aged care facilities, residents, and family and friends on behalf of residents. Application packages are available online at www.awla.com.au Closing date for applications is 5 September 2014.

For more information please contact:

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National Aged Care Alliance

COMMUNIQUE

Gateway Advisory Group - May 2014 *(abbreviated)*

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This document reflects ongoing discussion and debate regarding the implementation of aged care reform. It is an interim information document that represents discussion at this point in time and is not reflective of either NACA or DSS advice, position, or recommendations.

The NACA Gateway Advisory Group met in May 2014 to review progress and discuss a number of issues and developments. Key discussion points are outlined in this communique.

Gateway Consultations

The Department provided positive feedback on the 'roadshow' consultations across Australia throughout April 2014 and May 2014, recognising that there was no opportunity provided for regional access to the consultations. Over 2000 people attended the consultations and engaged in robust questioning in relation to the detail presented, including the demonstration of the 'proof of concept' showing how the new My Aged Care system will work. Roadshow attendees are expected to be given access to an online version of the proof of concept which will allow stakeholders to provide further feedback on the prototype.

Implementation progress - Stage 1 and Stage 2

My Aged Care (also known as the Aged Care Gateway) Stage 1 commenced in July 2013 and is continuing in conjunction with work currently underway on the design of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, improved communication channels and responses to the various consultation processes.

The Department provided a high level overview of the proposed approach to implementation of Stage 2, noting that further engagement with various stakeholders would occur before finalising its approach. Stage 2 of My Aged Care will provide for the staged roll out of the national assessment framework, involving telephone screening by the My Aged Care contact centre and face to face assessment by regional My Aged Care assessment organisations. This stage will include use of the My Aged Care Assessment tools, the centralised client record, electronic referrals, and service matching tools. During the consultations, the Department confirmed that a staged roll out of the full end to end Gateway will commence from January 2015 in two regions, one in Queensland and one in Victoria. Consultation with service providers and state/territory jurisdictions across

the residential care, home care packages and Home and Community Care (HACC) programs is occurring within the selected regions.

From July 2015, with the commencement of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, the National Screening and Assessment functionality will begin at My Aged Care for CHSP services. This will be followed by the gradual introduction over the following six months of ACAT teams using My Aged Care systems for assessments relating to home care packages and residential care.

My Aged Care Business Design

My Aged Care will deliver a new ICT (Information Communication Technology) system that supports key capabilities for Stage 2, including the central client record and standardised assessments using the National Assessment Framework.

The ICT components required to support My Aged Care business functions include:

- ▶ Access/channel technologies - including telephony and correspondence management
- ▶ Enabling technologies - including internal and external system linkages, identity and access management, and search and data validation
- ▶ Core technologies - including web portal, website content management system (CMS), data warehousing/reporting and analytics, business rules management (BRM), workflow, case management, and customer relationship management (CRM)

The web portals that will be delivered as key elements of the My Aged Care system in January 2015 are:

- ▶ Department of Social Services Portal
- ▶ Contact Centre Portal
- ▶ Assessor Portal
- ▶ Service Provider Portal
- ▶ Client Portal

Early and ongoing engagement with end users is a key factor in design and delivery of a 'fit for purpose' ICT system. This engagement will continue throughout the development of the system.



National Workshop programme news and updates with Steph

Hello everyone,

How are the winter months treating you?

If you attended our Cairns workshop then you had the opportunity to thaw out just a little (if you live in the colder states as I do) and if you are from Far North Queensland then you had the opportunity to network and gain some new and different activity ideas to keep your programs vibrant and diverse.

It was my first extended stay in the lovely Barrier Reef side city and my overall impression was one of smiling faces and generally easygoingness. Now that may have been because-like me people were on a little (work related) holiday however as the shop owners, hotel staff, Barrier Reef tour guides (one of the best job in the world) and generally everyone that attended the workshop, were in a great mood it made me think that the weather really does impact on our wellbeing and sense of happiness.

It is talked about more than politics, more than world issues and can be a common cause of blame for everything from sore bones and muscles, crankiness brought on by the heat or challenging behaviours when it is windy. As nineteenth century American cartoonists Kin Hubbard stated “Don’t knock the weather. If it didn’t change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn’t start a conversation.” There are a lot of beliefs or old wives tales regarding the weather but one thing is for sure- you can’t change it! And gloomy winter weather has been proven to cause SAD-Seasonal Affective Disorder

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is the clinical name for winter depression or what we might call the winter blues. This weather influenced “depression” or mood changes can occur due to the temperature drop and the shorter days during the winter months. Symptoms include depression, excessive eating, sleeping more or generally just wanting to laze around on the lounge. Women suffer from SAD up to three times more than men.



Happy Cairns workshop delegates!

There are ways to treat SAD. Maintaining a regular schedule, especially sleep, is the most important factor. Exercise and exposure to natural light are also factors for keeping the winter blues at bay. Taking daily walks and sitting next to windows can help. Putting your bedroom lights on a timer so that they come on before you wake up (like the sun rising) can help maintain a sleep schedule. In addition, there are special “warm” lights available for fighting seasonal depression (or take an extended stay in a much warmer climate- Tahiti anyone?)

There are a number of studies about how seasonal weathers can affect our moods and health and you can read more at: <http://www.infoplease.com/science/weather/moods.html#ixzz37ylqljtH>.

Stay warm until next month and I hope you enjoy this quote below,

Weather is a great metaphor for life — sometimes it’s good, sometimes it’s bad, and there’s nothing much you can do about it but carry an umbrella. ~ Pepper Giardino

Until next month

Stephania Bejma

Workshops coming up!



Contact the office or go to website for the registration flyers!

8th August – TAS La Trobe

25th August – VIC Warrnambool

19th September – SA Adelaide
(Pre-Conference Workshop – Open to all!)

17th October – VIC Shepparton

7th November – WA Perth

18th November – North Ryde NSW
(followed by AGM)

Cairns Workshop a view

by Glenda Kubler

It was fantastic to meet with members and enthusiastic workers in the region at the Cairns Workshop as the Qld Delegate on the DTA Board.

Go North Qld!

There was a real buzz amongst the group who were excited to be there, share their work experiences and receive validation as well as new ideas and information to super charge their imagination and work place practise.

For me it was a great opportunity to meet some of our regional members who work in isolation compared to their city counterparts, present a topic I'm passionate about as well as contribute to the Takeaway Cafe and I encourage everyone to do so. Then there was also the opportunity to tell everyone present about DTA's new website, and

personal development online training available as well as other benefits.

This saw some new memberships and the possibility of new network groups to maintain the enthusiasm and social interaction and support they need. All attendees appreciated the day.

Special thanks to Julie Carter North Brisbane Network Leader who flew from Brisbane with me to attend and lend a hand as well as provide information about network groups

Ernest Buckley was a fountain of information on dementia and aged care.

From the feedback on the day there will definitely be more workshops in the future brought to our regional areas.



Media release

Sign or PIN: people with dementia given the option

Financial institutions including ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB and Westpac will retain an option of sign only cards for people with special requirements including those with cognitive impairment, following the move to Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) as the required form of verification on all chipped Australian credit and debit cards from 1 August 2014.

Alzheimer's Australia National President Graeme Samuel AC said that he is pleased that although financial institutions believe that the use of a PIN is the more secure option, they have recognised the unique challenges of people with dementia and are offering an alternative form of verification to cater to their needs.

"The commitment by the major financial institutions to incorporate the use of a sign only card as part of the PINwise initiative comes as a relief to people with dementia and their carers," Mr Samuel said.

"Memory loss is one of the common symptoms of dementia, and without the alternative option of a sign only card, the PINwise initiative could bring further barriers for people living with dementia to participate in everyday activities."

Banks will implement their own eligibility criteria for customers seeking to obtain a sign only card.

"There are going to be some functional differences with the sign only cards between the banks. For example, some sign only cards may not be able to be used at Automated Teller Machines (ATM)," Mr Samuel said.

"I urge people with dementia and their carers to consult their banks about what process are in place for obtaining a sign only card as the processes will differ between banks."

Further information about the responses of the major banks to the needs of people with dementia can be found at <http://www.fightdementia.org.au/credit-cards-signature-to-pin.aspx>

Alzheimer's Australia is the charity for people with dementia and their families and carers. As the peak body, it provides advocacy, support services, education and information. More than 332,000 people have dementia in Australia. This number is projected to reach more than half a million by 2030.

National Dementia Helpline: 1800 100 500

An interpreter service is available

(The National Dementia Helpline is an Australian Government Initiative)

Dementia is a National Health Priority Area www.fightdementia.org.au

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Corn Patch

Q: Why couldn't the sesame seed leave the gambling casino?

A: Because he was on a roll

Q: Why does a seagull fly over the sea?

A: Because if it flew over the bay it would be called a bagel!

Q: What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?

A: "Where's pop corn?"

Guy 1: Somebody said you sounded like an owl.

Guy 2: Who?

Sourced from: <http://www.chy.com.au/>

Great humour-based resources perfect for anti-stress for us and, if you subscribe, you are sent a once a week a free email of Friday Funnies - a list of corny (and funny!) jokes - some are suitable for our clients - some are a bit racy... but all are hilarious! - Margie

Book Review with the Ed.

Title: Smart Brain Healthy Brain How to improve your memory and brain health.

Author: Louise Hallinan

Publisher: The Hallinan Memory Clinic, NSW, Australia.

Date: 2013 **ISBN:** 978-0-9922688-0-0

RRP: \$24.99

Louise Hallinan is a qualified nutritionist and homeopathic practitioner. Louise has had personal experience with brain health when her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Louise has been researching memory issues for the past decade and has opened a clinic dedicated to memory testing in honour of her mother.

From a professional perspective the book is an interesting read and Louise has taken the time to research back her information and theories which are interesting. The book starts off with an overview of why the author wrote the book followed by a second session on Memory problems and what is seen as normal everyday memory issues e.g. putting your car keys down and forgetting where to more serious memory issues such as not being able to retrace your steps to find an item you put down or trouble conversing such as repeating one self, forgetting what you were talking about in midsentence and not being able to continue. This section also discusses the importance of prevention vs cure.

The book is then based on 5 key areas to promote a smart and healthy brain. These are:

Step 1 Identifying the causes of memory problems

This section discusses the medical causes of memory loss from brain diseases, hormones, chronic pain, medication induced memory loss to anaesthetics. Numerous areas are covered in this chapter followed up with research and case studies. The second half of this section covers lifestyle causes that contribute to memory loss such as mental health -anxiety and depression, dehydration, diabetes, falls, heavy metals, smoking and vitamin deficiencies.

Step 2. Avoid these foods

This section is based on the usual warnings of what not to eat but also includes aspartame which has recently been discussed in medical circles in regards to the health issues concerned with its use.

Step 3. Testing

This section discusses the three main testing procedures - blood tests, memory tests and bio-energetic screening.

Step 4. Prevention

These chapters talk about good nutrition, vitamin and mineral intake, what are currently seen as the brain foods and what they can do for you and supplements that can help with brain memory and health.

The book discusses the importance of giving the brain a workout and has quite a few case studies to go with the information.

The final chapter in this section is one of the areas Louise specialises in Homeopathy which is a treatment designed for each individual person is taking into consideration the mental, Emotional and physical illness the person is presenting with.

Step 5. Lifestyle

This chapter for us as Diversional Therapists and Recreational Activity Officers is more a reminder or an overview of what we should consider in our programming. As it covers physical exercise, meditation, yoga, socialising and stress management.

The end of the book has information and links to the research Louise has used to build not only her knowledge but to pass it on to the readers of her book.

Title: Challenging our knowledge can be fun

Author: Pamela Bell **Publisher:** P.I. Bell

Date: 2001 **ISBN:** 0-9579282-0-3

RRP: \$24.00 plus \$3.50 postage

In this book Pam gives an overview of her life and an interest in aged care. The book is all based on quizzes from Who am I? , true or false questions, general knowledge of Australian places, themes such as sport, cars, garden and Easter. There is room to also write in written answers to some questions in some sections of the book.

At the end of the book there are three cruises that you can set up for your residents or clients these include - New Zealand, Hawaii and Tasmania. Each cruise has a full activity outline and based on a number of days. This includes ideas for meals, entertainment, crafts, mental stimulation activities and armchair travel.

This book would suit anyone wanting more mental stimulation quizzes or activity ideas and is a great activity resource at a reasonable price to own.

Pam can be contacted by phone on 02 9899 7996 or email p.i.bell@optusnet.com.au



Your DTA Renewals – Have you done it yet?

Go on do it now – DTA office will thank you!

If you have completed your renewal – a BIG THANK YOU from the office!

Chasing renewals takes up our scarce resources....If you haven't yet renewed your membership, remember you are now overdue, so please make it top priority. If you have any concerns over PD points, get in touch with the office – we can nearly always find some PD that you didn't realise you had.... Go on do it NOW!

From **Margie & Diana** in the office

DTA Conference 2014 in Adelaide 19th & 20th September

What a wonderful time we will be having in Adelaide – join us!

Something to share with non-member work colleagues...

\$100 discount offered for 3 non-members attending from one facility...

Usual price \$599 x 3 delegates = \$1797

Now take \$100 off so will be discounted to only \$1697

DTA Pre Conference Workshops Adelaide 18th September

This year workshop attendance is now open to everyone – even if you are not attending conference....

2 amazing all day workshops to choose from :

▶ Activities, Activities, Activities

OR

▶ Music and Art

Members cost: \$155 Non-members: \$195

Limited bookings to these – don't miss out!

DTA Conference Special Event – the first ever Men on Buses!

2014 Conference has a special opportunity for those poor sad, bored partners who mope about when we go to Conference... don't be afraid, bring them along and book them in to Friday's Men On Buses partners' Tour of Port Adelaide... more info see Conference brochure

Conference 2014 in Adelaide... are you going and want to share accommodation to save some \$\$?

Call the office and leave your contact details – Diana will send out to a short list of people who would like to be able to share with others..... then it is up to you to book and work out who gets the best bed!!

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!

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!

Journal Watch



This month's article comes from PALAESTRA which is a quarterly journal that provides subscribers with research, programs, best practices, news, and more on adapted sports, physical education, and recreational therapy. The journal addresses all age groups and abilities as the saying goes you are never too old to learn!

This quarter edition is also a special on this year Paralympic games.

Title: Wheelchair Curling: Chess on Ice

Author: Peter Rimmer

Journal: PALAESTRA, vol 28, no2 (2014)

Abstract

Two of the five events at the Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi were held in the main Olympic Park: Ice Sledge Hockey and Wheelchair Curling. One is frenetic, fearsome, and fast, a game of nonstop aggression and head-on collisions; the other is a game of tactics, cunning, and concentration.

Wheelchair Curling is by far the more gentle, but it loses none of the key elements of competition in the process nor is the game without its moments of controversy. Wheelchair Curling was introduced into the Paralympic program in Torino in 2006. The sport is the Paralympic equivalent of Curling with the difference lying in the way the players move around the field of play and handle the stone. And most notable—there are no sweeping techniques used. So the sport is no less tough physically and arguably even more complicated technically than Curling itself. The sport is open to male and female athletes with a physical disability in the lower half of the body, including spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and double-leg amputation. The sport is now practiced in 24 different countries.

Sourced at:

http://js.sagamorepub.com/palaestra/article/view/5543?utm_source=New+Issue%3A+PALAESTRA+Vol.+28+No.+2&utm_campaign=PAL+v28n2&utm_medium=email

Web Watch



This month I thought I would provide you with the Commonwealth Games and the Paralympic Games websites as there are so many activities you can do in a range of industry settings with clients to make up your own version of the games.

<http://www.glasgow2014.com/>

<http://www.sochi2014.com/en>

Noticeboard

WA Diversional Therapists funding opportunity

Seniors Week 2014 Community Grants Program

Applications opened on 6 June for funding through the Seniors Week 2014 Community Grants Program. Seniors Week 2014 is being held between Sunday 9 November and Sunday 16 November, and with the support of the Department for Local Government and Communities, and Lotterywest, COTA WA has grants available as a contribution towards the cost of hosting events during this time. Standard grants are up to

\$1000 (plus GST if applicable). Grants from \$1001 - \$3000 may also be approved if they will attract a large number of seniors. Applications close at 5.00 pm on Friday 15th August 2014.

Visit www.cotawa.org.au/events/seniors-week-2014 for full application and eligibility details.

For further information or any queries contact 08 9321 2133 or email admin@cotawa.org.au

Sourced from the WACOSS newsletter.

From The Editor

I think this month Steph our Education Coordinator has summed up this winter well and I am sure there are a few of us that are starting to suffer from a bit of cabin fever so don't forget to get those Diversional Therapy and Laughter Boss skills out and into practice not just in the workplace but at home and amongst our love ones.

Conference is drawing closer so I urge those members that are still considering to start getting your applications in or considering going to a workshop if you cannot afford to attend the whole conference some education is better than none and either way you will have earned yourself some PD points.

This month we see a lot of media releases that will affect our industry in different ways so please make sure you take time to read through them as some involve grants. Also there is another grant opportunity to our WA

members you will find it under the noticeboard section of the newsletter. We also have a couple of Can you help? Segments this month so please contact the relevant people if you can.

Sadly, the office received no Membership Articles - remember this is a great way to develop your writing skills, share your research or activity ideas but if you want to also earn some easy PD points just make sure you follow the guidelines. Also it is nice to receive smaller articles too. These can include recipes, movie reviews, activity ideas, photos, bus outings or trips away with clients so don't feel you can only share if it is for PD points the newsletter is for everything relevant to our profession and each other.

Till next month
The Ed

Can you help?

Work experience / Volunteering

My name is Abbey Smith, I am currently working full-time as an events/music manager in Sydney. I have always had a really keen interest in Diversional Therapy, particularly with aged care, and I am exploring different avenues for getting involved in the field.

Whilst I understand I will need to complete a certificate of aged care/DT course, at this stage I am keen to gain some work experience with a DT or simply working in an aged care facility.

As I have a music and events management background, I would love to get involved in planning programs and activities. Even if it's simply running one-off music performances/workshops with some artists I work with.

Any advice or information you can provide would be most appreciated. I would be available to volunteer after business hours and on weekends.

Thank you in advance - I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards Abbey

Abbey can be contacted on 0409 031 436 or email abbeysmith85@gmail.com - Ed

Accommodation share at DTA Conference

Vijay Pillay (from New Zealand) is interested in sharing a room during conference with another delegate if you are able to help or interested please contact Dianna or Margie in the DTA Office ASAP.



POSITIONS VACANT: Qld - Redland Hospital, Cleveland.

Recreation Officer Position advertised on www.health.qld.gov.au/workforum.

Are you interested in this new permanent part time position in acute adult mental health within a multidisciplinary team. Position works alongside Leisure Therapist.



Diary Dates

Due to feedback and changes to our newsletter format I think rather than me as the Editor provide you with dates I think maybe suitable we are going to provide you with the websites for you to go to so you can pick the most specific information to your position in industry.

Australian Government Department of Health
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pubs-calendar-index.htm>

NSW Health
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/calendar/pages/default.aspx>

WA Health
<http://www.whatson.health.wa.gov.au/month.cfm?month=7>

TAS Health
http://www.getmoving.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/82403/2014_HEALTH_WELLBEING_TASMANIA_CALENDAR.pdf

Vic Health (Better Health Channel)
<http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcsite.nsf/pages/events?open>

QLD Health
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/news-alerts/events/>

SA Council of Social Services
<http://www.sacoss.org.au/sites/default/files/public/documents/2014%20Awareness%20Weeks.pdf>

NT Health
<http://www.health.nt.gov.au/index.aspx>

ACT Health
<http://health.act.gov.au/home/>

Our Community
<http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/calendar/>

Australian Government Department of Social Services
<http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/settlement-services/calendar-of-cultural-and-religious-dates>

and each states tourism websites.

* Please note when governments change department names may change or merge and therefore websites may also change.