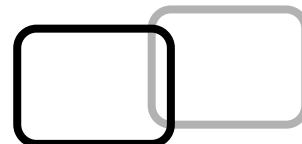


# DisAbility Network NEWS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION.



## Disability Network in the WEST set to help ACE providers....

2003 saw the establishment of a Disability Network the Western ACE Region. The main role of the Network is to **Promote information** sharing among ACE providers with respect to Disability; to **Provide training &** professional development for ACE providers on a wide range of disability issues across the full range of disability to **Promote the development of strong networks among** ACE providers working with people with Disabilities and the Disability Sector and to **Provide support to ACE providers to improve the accessibility of programs to people with disabilities.**

The Network wants to see an increase participation of people with disabilities within ACE programs. The Network recognises that some providers currently have difficulty doing this for a variety of reasons.

We are also delighted to announce that there will soon be a website to pick up great information, tips, ideas and more on this important topic. Stay tuned for more details on when this will be up and running.

Our project worker will (pictured front right) Olympia Tzanoudakis is available to help with any queries or questions that you may have on any issue to do with Disability in the CW ACE Community. You can contact her on: 9916 5825 or email her at [olympiat@yooralla.com.au](mailto:olympiat@yooralla.com.au).



Abit of Disability Network fun at our Christmas lunch...It's not all about work!!

From left: Judith Price, Chris Edwards, Rick Jamieson, Owen Wilson, Marilla Mason & Olympia Tzanoudakis.

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## Did you know??

*The Network core group* is made up of a closely-knit group of workers with specialised skills in the Disability Education area. The organisations include:

*The Yooralla Society of Victoria*- one of the largest Disability services organisations in the state. Represented by Olympia Tzanoudakis ACE Project worker and Judith Price, Education co-ordinator.

*The Disability Employment Action Centre*- the largest education and training provider in the Disability field. Represented by Marilla Mason Education & Training Manager and Rick Jamieson Education & Training Co-ordinator.

*The Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind*- is one of the largest service providers for people with vision impairment & blindness in Australia. Chris Edwards & Chris Reed represent them.

Gawith Villa provides a range of educational, recreational and other programs for people with Intellectual Disability. Carmine Laghi represents them.

All the core group agencies are well known for a variety of services they provide to people with a disability as well as Education & Training expertise. Each has a great deal of expertise and skill that it brings to the Network.

That you can get Computer Software that reads out all text and other Computer features. The user functions by Audio cues. The software can be used to Surf the Net, send e-mails and do almost anything your Computer can do. This software is called **JAWS** and is popular for **people who are blind or vision impaired**.

For more details contact RVIB's Vistech centre on: 9520 5555.



*You may know that the law states that all programs and services be equally accessible to people with a range of disabilities. If you need help to make your centre or its programs accessible please contact us without delay on: 9916 5825. 24hr voicemail. Ask for Olympia- project worker.*

## Workshops Training proposed for 2004.



½ Day workshops topics were chosen on the basis of ACE providers survey results 2003.

Topic	Date	Location
Introduction to Disability for ACE workers	<b>April Tues 6th 12-4.00</b>	Yooralla Flinders St, Melbourne
Identifying & Assessing Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)	<b>June Thurs 24 10-1.00</b>	Yooralla Flinders St, Melbourne
Resources, Tools, & Websites and how to get them cheap.	<b>August Tues 23 10-1.00</b>	DEAC Swanston St, City
Tutors Wisdom What has worked with students with a variety of disabilities.	<b>October 21 Thurs 10-1.00</b>	Yooralla Flinders St, Melbourne

This will be available very soon for any Disability related questions or issues that you need help or advice on....

Contributions, articles and comments to this Newsletter will be rewarded with \$\$\$\$ cash and copious thanks!!  
**Ph: 9916 5825 to win now.**

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