

Here's hoping you had a nice break over the Christmas and New Year period and are ready to take on the new year with gusto.

Briefly, our news is that we were lucky enough to have been granted some time at the December ACFE board meeting to outline our mission, role and detail how an ongoing partnership would allow us to continue to support ACE providers in meeting the diverse and sometimes challenging needs of people with disabilities within ACE.

This year we are considering ways to support ACE providers and in doing so may undertake a follow up survey across ACE asking you to tell us what your key needs and issues are in relation to disability. During 2004 we conducted the first ever disability specific survey in ACE. Key issues identified included the need for greater understanding of the nature of disability, the need to understand the concept of Inclusion, the need for aids and equipment to assist tutors and students with disabilities, and the need for flexibility in assessment systems to ensure recognition of learning at a variety of levels and pace to name some. A report outlining the full survey results was produced and is entitled: **“Learning and Participation for People with Disabilities in the ACE Sector”-2004 Toni Bentley**. We thoroughly recommend this report to any person that wants to expand their knowledge and understanding in terms of Disability and ACE. Please contact me via email at: olympiat@yooralla.com.au or ph” 9916 5821 to get a free copy.



Get your ACE Disability Network **Disability Awareness Kit** consisting of a CD Rom with resource lists, posters, online links and more, simply by sending \$20.00 to:

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2007 ACE Disability Network Co-ordinating Committee update.

This year has started on a positive note with two new faces joining our Co-ordinating Committee. They are: Jessica Zammit from Blind Citizens Australia (BCA) and Denise Wales from Vision Australia. They are taking over the mantels from Alyena Mohammadally (BCA) and Tony Clark Vision Australia. Both Aly and Tony made excellent contributions to the Network and their expertise and enthusiasm was appreciated and valued. They will be missed and we wish them both all the best in their new roles.

We are confident that Jessica and Denise will do equally as well and look forward to their contributions and warmly welcome them on to our Network Team.

The new co-ordinating team will be considering the projects and activities of the Network for the first half of 2008 including a new survey of ACE providers. If you have any ideas or suggestion for disability related projects or activities please call us on the help line or send an email to: olympiat@yooralla.com.au

Here ye.....Here ye...

We will be presenting a workshop on "Inclusion" at the upcoming ANHLC- Community Development is Growing Collectively Conference March 5-7. The workshop entitled "***Inclusion is not a dirty word***" will give you the low down on what Inclusion is and how it is at the very heart of Community Development in a workshop that will be filled with stories, information and case studies in a fun and inspiring format. The session is on: ***Thursday March 6th at 11:00am*** so sign up before you miss out!!!



Disability Information Helpline for ACE

(03) 9916 5812
TTY (03) 9916 5899

NOTICES

Parents of kids with cochlear implants are being asked to participate in a study researching the personal, educational and social benefits of cochlear implantation for children. The study is being conducted by Griffith University in Queensland and Melbourne's Deakin University. If you know a deaf child with a cochlear implant in Victoria, New South Wales or Queensland,

Please let them know about the study. The study will ask up to 10 per cent of those parents who complete the questionnaire for an interviewed to elaborate on the survey data.

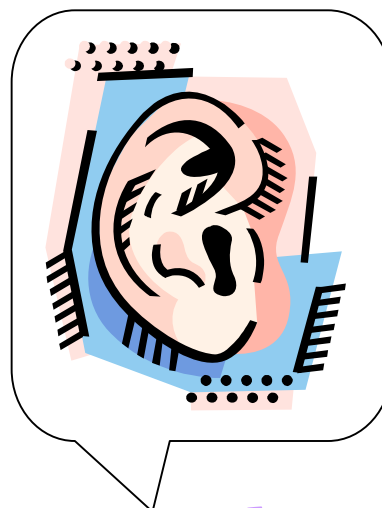
To participate in this study please email cochlear-implants@deakin.edu.au or fill in the questionnaire online at <http://www.deakin.edu.au/cochlear-implants/index.php>

and mail it to: Dr Renee Punch School of Education and Professional Studies Gold Coast Campus Griffith University PMB 50 Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726
For more information contact Dr Renee Punch on (07) 5552 8453

Education and Training - Support for people who provide care

If you care for a person who has an acquired brain injury or neurological disability, or has had a stroke, you may be interested in a course run by Brain Link Services. The course will provide you with practical information to assist you in your carer role, and to meet and mix with other family carers. Expert speakers will discuss topics such as respite, financial information, Centrelink, medical, relationship and behavioural issues. **When:** 10.30am to 2.30pm, March 25, April 2, 9 and 15
Where: The Nerve Centre, 54 Railway Road, Blackburn (Mel 48 A10) **Cost:** Free of charge, lunch provided. Registrations are essential. Respite care can be arranged.

For more information about the course content, or to register, contact Greta Parker on 9845 2950 or email coordinator@brainlink.org.au OR visit the Brainlink website at <http://www.brainlink.org.au/index.htm> (Sourced: Infoxchange website)



Have you heard?

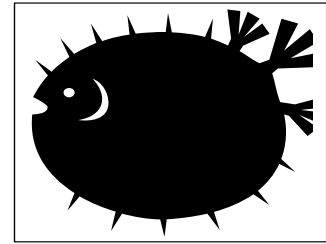
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<http://www.aquability.com.au/>

Yooralla-Celebrating 90 Years

To mark 90 years serving Victorians with Disabilities and their families Yooralla is
hosting a series of celebrations throughout the Year.

Yooralla Jingle Challenge

As part of the fun and festivities Yooralla challenges you to perform your version of its
famous jingle for the chance to win the fame and glory you so richly deserve.

Express yourself through any genre you want - Rock, Pop, Hip Hop, Urban, Jazz, Folk,
Country and Classical - it's all up to you - but the melody and lyrics must be in the same
vein as the original. The 10 best entries will perform live on stage at **Federation Square**
in front of our expert music industry judges and media with the winner going on to
receive a day's recording in **Woodstock Recording Studio** absolutely free - plus a **BOSS
BR600 Multi Track Digital Recorder**.

So you know what we're on about, click on the following link to see The Little Stevies
perform their version of Yooralla's famous jingle.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arz5dUf_eW4.

And to see the original, click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzGDDPARj5M>.

Download the [Official Entry Form](#)