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1. PRISM 17

• Posters Released

Your help in promoting the event is most welcome.

These can be displayed in workplaces, businesses, schools etc.

If you have a Google Drive account (gmail) [follow this link](#) to access this poster.

If you are unable to print copies let us know by return email and we will post some to you.

• School Students' Art Exhibition - All Abilities / All Ages



PRISM 17 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY PUBLIC EVENT

11 AM — 3 PM | SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND | ROSNY FARM

STAND-UP COMEDY · ARTIST TALKS · SPEAKERS
SCHOOL STUDENTS' VIRTUAL ART DISPLAY
LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES

EXHIBITION FEATURING WORK FROM ARTISTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM ON DISPLAY AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

ALL-AGES, SENSORY-FRIENDLY. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE OR BRING A PICNIC. ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION. EXHIBITION OPEN 11AM — 5PM, WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY UNTIL APRIL 23RD



Submissions close Wednesday 22 March 2017.



2. "Sleep and Autism" - Statewide Parent/Carer Information Sessions - Wednesday 29 March 2017

Sleep and Autism - is the first in a series of information sessions for parents/carers of people on the autism spectrum.

- When: Wednesday 29 March 2017
- Time: 10am to 12 noon
- Where: Ulverstone, Launceston and Hobart
- Venues: To be advised
- Cost: Free

[Register your interest today:](#)

Phone: 1300 288 476; or

Email: autism@autismtas.org.au providing names of people attending, age of your child and your preferred location you would like to register for.

These sessions provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss a variety of autism specific issues in a friendly and supportive environment.

Autism Tasmania welcome your suggestions for topics of future information sessions

3. Upcoming Peer Support Group sessions - March/early April Southern Region

Southern NDIS Peers (a peer support group for people on the autism spectrum and parents/carers)

- 21st March 2017 - 6pm-7pm
- Venue: Autism Tasmania's office, 21 Goulburn Street, Hobart
- Contact: Jodie at jodie@autismtas.org.au

- Autism Warriors Parent Peer Support Group
- 31st March 2017 - 10am-12pm
- Venue: Autism Tasmania's office, 21 Goulburn Street, Hobart
- Contact: Robyn Davis at robyn@autismtas.org.au

- Dunalley Peer Support Group
- Tuesday 4th April 2017 - 10am-1pm
- Venue: Dunalley Community Neighbourhood Centre
- Contact: Mel 6253 5579

North West Coast

- Burnie Autism Parent Support Group
- Friday 7th April 2017 from 11.30am
- Venue: Hellyer Distillery, Burnie
- Contact: Kym 0487 493 188

****New participants are always welcome.****

Autism Tasmania facilitates the creation of peer support groups across Tasmania. If you are interested in starting/joining a new group in your part of Tassie please contact us. For a full list of Peer Support Groups registered with Autism Tasmania [follow this link](#).

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5. Tascare - Knowme Program

6. React Drama School - Autism Friendly Drama Class - Hobart



7. Variety Tasmania Grants - Apply today

How does Variety Tasmania help?

Make the new year a breeze!

Knowme lets YOU create a webpage to describe the needs and abilities of a young person. This helps avoid you telling their 'story' over and over again.

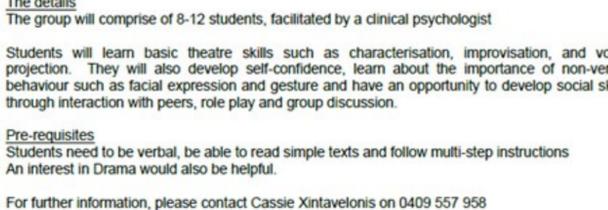
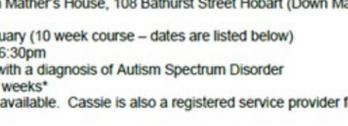
Knowme lets you document all of a young person's care and support needs in a secure online environment - which makes sharing important information easy and convenient.

Parents and carers are able to request their own password protected Knowme account, and, once registered, information can be entered, and guests (such as teachers, doctors, carers and therapists) can be invited to view or contribute to the profile information - at YOUR discretion!

Pages can be individualised, and images and PDF files can be uploaded. Knowme makes it easy to collect information from, and share information with, teachers, teacher assistants, carers and health professionals, all in one secure place.

Call Tascare now on 6272 8265 to set up an account ready for the new school year!

<http://knowme.net.au>



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React

React Drama School
Autism Friendly Drama Class

React are proud to offer a series specialized acting classes unlike any other offered in Tasmania. Classes are held in Mather's House, 108 Bathurst Street Hobart (Down Mather's Lane)

Starting 7th of February (10 week course – dates are listed below)
Tuesdays 5:00pm-6:30pm
For students 9-16 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
Cost = \$235 for 10 weeks*
*Medicare rebates available. Cassie is also a registered service provider for the NDIS.

The details
The group will comprise of 8-12 students, facilitated by a clinical psychologist

Students will learn to develop self-confidence, characterisation, improvisation, and voice projection. They will also develop self-confidence, learn about the importance of non-verbal behaviour such as facial expression and gesture and have an opportunity to develop social skills through interaction with peers, role play and group discussion.

Pre-requisites
Students need to be verbal, be able to read simple texts and follow multi-step instructions
An interest in Drama would also be helpful.

For further information, please contact Cassie Xintavelonis on 0409 557 958

For more information about React, you can view our website at www.reactdramaschool.com.au

To register, please contact React on 0417 827 805 or reactdramaschool@netspace.net.au

Cassie Xintavelonis

lives and help children reach their full potential. Our scope includes Tasmanian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs. Variety aims to 'fill the gaps' where there are no alternate sources of support.

Who is eligible for assistance?

Assistance is available to individual children, schools, community groups or other organisations that help kids in need. To apply for assistance, individuals must be:

- able to demonstrate a genuine need;
- come from a household where the net income is less than \$75,000;
- be less than 18 years of age; and
- be a resident of Tasmania.

Schools, community groups or other organisations must:

- cater for children aged 0 – 17 years of age;
- operate in Tasmania; and
- be a registered business.

What items does Variety normally grant?

Variety Tasmania's Grants Program is designed to be flexible and allow you to apply for the items that best meet your child's / organisation's individual needs. Variety understands that every child is different, so every application is considered on a case by case basis. Examples of items you might consider applying for a grant for are:

- Medical equipment, such as nebulizers, hospital beds, hoists or insulin pumps;
- Communication and learning aids, such as iPads, interactive learning equipment or Eye Gaze systems;
- Mobility and positioning aids, such as wheelchairs, orthotic suits, Liberty Swings or Sunshine Coaches; and
- Opportunities and experiences such as fully funded attendance at Goanna Camp, Scholarship Grants, and basic everyday items to enable children to participate in peer activities.

Please note these are examples only, and do not represent the limits in ways in which Variety can assist.

How can I apply for help?

You can request assistance at any time by completing Variety's application form, accessed online at www.variety.org.au/tas. If you require assistance in accessing or understanding the application form, please feel free to telephone Variety's office on (03) 6248 4888.

How long does the process take?

All applications are assessed by an independent Grants Committee, which meets at the beginning of every month. Variety's Committee will endeavour to assess all applications quickly, however some requests may take between eight to twelve weeks for a decision to be made. Please note that approval of applications is at the absolute discretion of the Variety Tasmania Board and compliance with the application criteria does not guarantee approval of an application. Variety will advise you in writing of the outcome, as soon as a decision has been made.

What happens if my application is successful?

Funds will be paid directly to the supplier on receipt of its invoice. No payment will be made directly to the family or organisation, nor will cash payments be made. When the equipment is delivered or installed, the ownership is transferred directly from the supplier to the child/organisation. As Variety is not the owner of the equipment, it is not liable for any ongoing maintenance or insurance.

Please contact Variety Tasmania with any questions today on 6248 4888

8. KickStart Targa - Launceston

KickStart Targa - Providing children with a disability and children from disadvantaged families rides in TARGA cars as well as classic and muscle cars.

23rd April 2017 at 11:30am
National Automobile Museum
Cimitiere Street, Launceston



KickStart TARGA

****Keep up to date with current events by going to our website****

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