

“1000 Hellos from Autism Tasmania” and welcome to the first edition of our e-newsletter.



A milestone for your association was achieved this week with the approval of our 1000th member. Congratulations to Danielle Gillies from Hobart who is mum of 3 year old Isla who was recently registered with the Helping Children with Autism early intervention program.

We have experienced significant membership growth in recent years from approximately 200 members in 2013. This coincided with the removal of membership fees for individuals on the autism spectrum and their immediate family. Membership from across Tasmania has also diversified and although it still remains prominently parents of children on the autism spectrum we now have 56 individuals on the autism spectrum and over 60 organisation and professional members.

We welcome your feedback on Spectrum eNews and notification of events or developments in your local area that could be included in future editions. Our intention is to share information with you on a regular basis to keep you informed in these changing times.

Terry Burke  
CEO

**In this Issue:**

1. NDIS Rollout Begins
2. Young Carer Bursary Program—Opens 2 August 2016
3. Workshop for Professionals presented by Aspect - “Autism & iPad Pedagogy: A model Class” - Hobart
4. A series of talks for parents, teachers and professionals - Conducted by Catherine Silcock (Speech Path) and Alison Hopwood (Occupational Therapist) - Burnie
5. Autism CRC Research Update - Winter 2016
6. Logitudinal Study of School Leavers with Autism and their Families - Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre
7. Sensory Friendly Films for August 2016
8. Save the Date “Festival of Smiles” - International Day of People with a Disability

**1. NDIS Rollout Begins**

The NDIS has started to be rolled out across Australia. This is a significant moment for people with disability, their families and carers, and for all Australians.

[Click here](#) to view their latest newsletter

**2. Young Carer Bursary Program—Opens 2 August 2016**

**Are you an eligible Young Carer?**

Eligible Young Carers can apply for \$3,000 to assist them to complete or return to study while continuing to care.

The Bursary can be spent on:

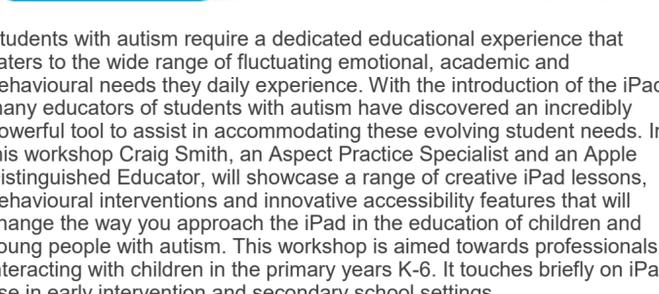
- Education or training itself;
- Respite, accommodation or transport to enable a Young Carer to study, attend classes or training;
- Providing financial support to the family, which will free up money for education or reduce the need to work;
- Emotional support (though if emotional support is required in relation to a caring situation they may be able to get this through Carers Tasmania which is free).

To find out more and to complete an applications online go to:

<http://bursaries.youngcarers.net.au/>

For further information please contact:  
Email: [ycbursaries@carersaustralia.com.au](mailto:ycbursaries@carersaustralia.com.au)  
Phone: 1800 756 238

**3. Workshop for Professionals presented by Aspect - “Autism & iPad Pedagogy: A model Class”**



Students with autism require a dedicated educational experience that caters to the wide range of fluctuating emotional, academic and behavioural needs they daily experience. With the introduction of the iPad, many educators of students with autism have discovered an incredibly powerful tool to assist in accommodating these evolving student needs. In this workshop Craig Smith, an Aspect Practice Specialist and an Apple Distinguished Educator, will showcase a range of creative iPad lessons, behavioural interventions and innovative accessibility features that will change the way you approach the iPad in the education of children and young people with autism. This workshop is aimed towards professionals interacting with children in the primary years K-6. It touches briefly on iPad use in early intervention and secondary school settings.

- When:** Monday 5th September 2016
- Where:** The Old Woolstore The Shearers Room 1 Macquarie St, Hobart
- Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm
- Cost:** \$50.00. This workshop is being offered at a reduced cost thanks to the generosity of Aspect’s supporters in Tasmania.
- For more information and to register:** <http://www.autismspectrum.org.au>
- Contact:** Kerry Ritzrow  
P: 02 8868 8504  
E: [kritzrow@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:kritzrow@autismspectrum.org.au)

**4. A series of talks for parents, teachers and professionals - Burnie**



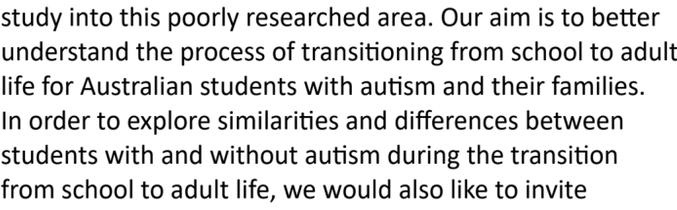
This series of talks is designed for parents, teachers and professionals. They aim to help you understand individual children’s profiles and design the optimal home and school environments to enhance development.

Cost per session: \$45.00 or \$280 for all 7 sessions Saturday -13th August 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday - 14th August 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Where: School of Special Education North West, Burnie Campus (First turn to the left when driving in the road to Hellyer College and follow the road right around. )

Contact: Independent Kids Occupational Therapy: 6234 5333 (ph) or [www.independentkids.com.au](http://www.independentkids.com.au) and follow the links for sessions and to register

**5. Autism CRC Research Update - Winter 2016**



- Diagnostic Practices - [Report Released](#)
- [Supporting students in tertiary settings](#)
- [App](#) to improve written expression
- [Ageing well on the autism spectrum](#)

**6. Logitudinal Study of School Leavers with Autism and their Families - Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre**

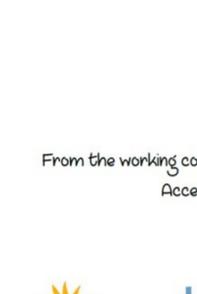


The transition from school to adult life for young people with autism is one of the most difficult periods to traverse. Services around this significant juncture in a young person's life are fragmented and poorly coordinated. Researchers from The Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC) and the Autism Cooperative Research Centre (Autism CRC) are together conducting a longitudinal study into this poorly researched area. Our aim is to better understand the process of transitioning from school to adult life for Australian students with autism and their families. In order to explore similarities and differences between students with and without autism during the transition from school to adult life, we would also like to invite student who DO NOT have autism to participate. We are inviting young people with or without autism between the ages of 15 to 25 years and their parents or guardians, to participate in the study by completing questionnaires and help us answer some of the questions mentioned above.

Once you complete the survey you will be entered in a draw and have 1 in 5 chance to win \$50 dollar voucher. For any questions or to express your interest in participating please contact Dr Mirko Uljarevic ([M.Uljarevic@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:M.Uljarevic@latrobe.edu.au)) or Ru Ying Cai ([R.Cai@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:R.Cai@latrobe.edu.au)).



**7. Sensory Friendly Films for August 2016**



Where: Village Cinemas - Eastlands & Launceston

When: Saturday 13th August at 11am  
Sunday 14th August at 11am

Cost: \$5.00 per person and can be purchased [on line](#) or at the box office

**8. Save the Date “Festival of Smiles” - International Day of People with a Disability**



**Save the Date!**

**‘Festival of Smiles’**

(Family Fun Day Celebrating International Day of People with Disability).

**11am – 2pm,  
Sunday, 27th November, 2016  
at the Montrose Foreshore.**



From the working committee From the Glenorchy, Hobart and Clarence City Council Access Committee and Tascare Society for Children.

Official Invites sent out in September.

