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1. Member Update — Meet the CEO

In conjunction with the NDIA Parent Information Sessions our CEO, Terry Burke, will be hosting morning and afternoon teas to provide a Member Update and the opportunity to share issues affecting members.



Autism Tasmania is entering a significant period of change to successfully operating in the National Disability Insurance Scheme environment. We would like to share with you how we intend to approach this transition and how our membership will play an important role.

All members are welcome to attend regardless of whether they wish to participate in the NDIA Parent Information Session. For catering please register for the **Member Update** by contacting us on 1300 288 476 or email autism@autismtas.org.au indicating your preferred venue and time.

2. NDIA - Parent Information Sessions for new participants

The NDIA in conjunction with Autism Tasmania will be conducting information sessions in June. There will be sessions in the three major regions.

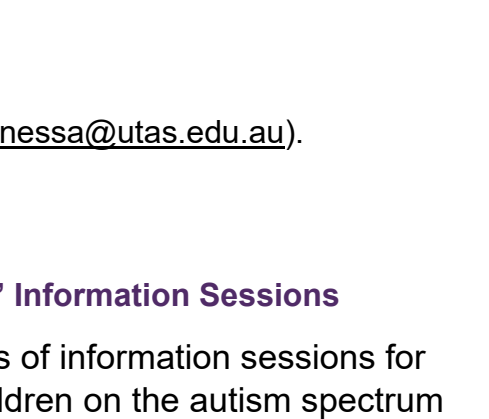
[Follow this link](#) for details on times and how to register

3. Invitation to participate in UTAS research study

Are you a parent?

Do you have a child aged between 4 and 17?

We want to examine the factors associated with parental distress in parents of children with autism. Your participation could help us predict parental distress in parents of children with autism, which could inform treatment interventions.



We are looking for parents of children with autism AND parents of children without autism.

The survey should take around 45-60 minutes. Participants also go in the draw to win one of four \$50 Coles-Myer vouchers.

[Link to study](#)

Student researcher: Scarlett Bones (bonessa@utas.edu.au).

Ethics Approval number: H0016467

4. “Family Resilience and Autism” Information Sessions

This is the final session in a series of information sessions for parents and family members of children on the autism spectrum aged over 7 years. Registration is **free** of charge.

- Date: 28 June 2017
- Time: 10am - midday
- Hobart: Buckingham Rowing Club, Marine Esplanade, New Town
- Launceston: Northern Children’s Network, 59D Amy Road, Newstead
- Ulverstone: Montgomery Room, Ulverstone Civic Centre

To Register:

Phone: 1300 288 476 or **Email:** autism@autismtas.org.au

****Reminder** What topics interest you?**

We are currently planning Statewide member information sessions for July to December and we would prefer these to focus on what is most important to you. Please contact us with your suggestions at autism@autismtas.org.au.

5. APAC 17

6. Amaze launches ground-breaking resource for autistic parents of non-autistic children

Amaze has released its Parenting Skills Guide for Autistic Parents.

This online resource, developed by Amaze in partnership with the Raising Children Network, is for parents on the autism spectrum raising



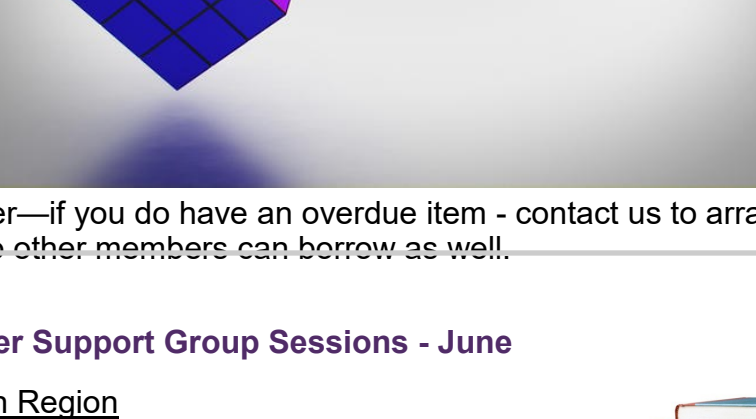
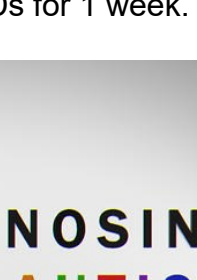
7-9 September 2017
International Convention Centre (ICC)
Sydney, NSW, Australia

The Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (AAB-ASD), the Convenor of the Asia Pacific Autism Conferences, has appointed Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) to host the fifth Asia Pacific Autism Conference in 2017 (APAC 17).

The conference theme is “Growing with Autism” and reflects the recent shift in autism research and practice to look beyond the early childhood and school years to the whole of life for people on the spectrum.

At APAC 17, people on the spectrum, family members, practitioners, researchers and policy makers will together explore how people on the spectrum of all ages, supported by their families and communities, can be the people they want to be.

A number of world leaders in the field have already committed to speaking at APAC 17 including Peter Vermeulen from Belgium who will give the opening address and Dr Barry Prizant from the USA, author of *Uniquely Human*, who will give the closing address.



children aged 0-11 years who aren’t on the spectrum.



To find out more [follow this link](#).

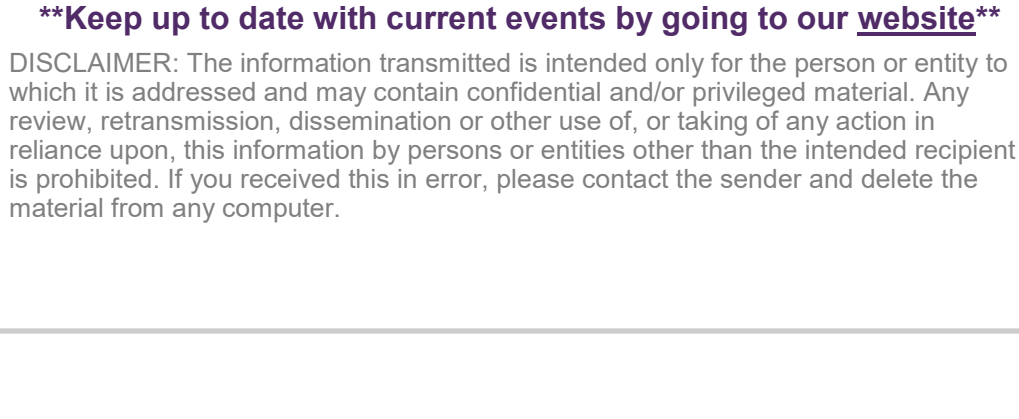
7. Recent ABC and SBS programs about autism

On 22 May 2017 Lateline featured a discussion with Chris Varney, Founder of The ICAN Network and participants in one of their mentoring programs. So click on the image below and come “Meet the Mutants: The students who wear their autism with pride”

On 23 May 2017 Insight on SBS featured a panel and audience discussion on “Diagnosing Autism - Are we Getting Autism Diagnosis Right”

8. Library Resources

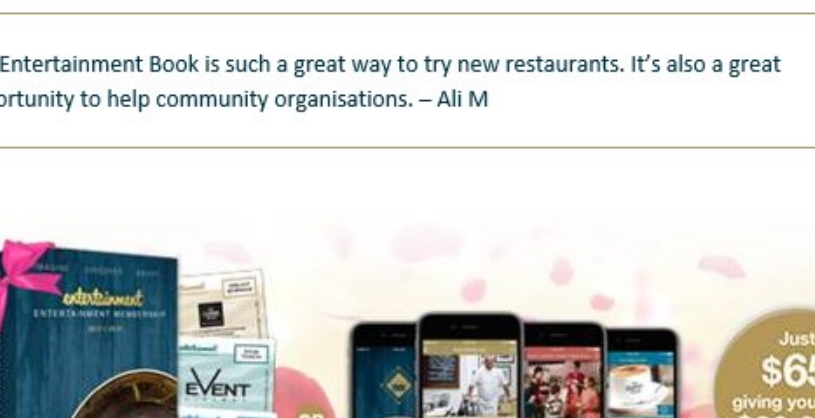
We now have well over 400 library items shared between our



Launceston and Hobart libraries.

As a Member of Autism Tasmania you are welcome to borrow these resources.

Books can be borrowed for 1 month, DVDs for 1 week.



Reminder—if you do have an overdue item - contact us to arrange the return so other members can borrow as well.

9. Peer Support Group Sessions - June

Southern Region

Southern NDIS Peers (a peer support group for people on the autism spectrum and parents/carers) - taking a break this month for the NDIA information session on 20 June 2017



Autism Warriors Parent Peer Support Group
Friday 30th June 2017 - 10am-12pm
Venue: Autism Tasmania’s office, 21 Goulburn Street, Hobart
Contact: Robyn Davis at robyn@autismtas.org.au

North West Coast

Burnie Autism Parent Support Group
Friday 2nd June 2017 from 11.30am
Venue: To be advised
Contact: Kym 0487 493 188

North

Adult Asperger’s Group
Saturday 3 June 2017 from 1:30pm-3:30pm
Venue: Pilgrim Centre, Patterson Street, Launceston

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

For a full list of Peer Support Groups registered with Autism Tasmania [follow this link](#).

10. Entertainment Book 2017/18

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

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Autism Tasmania Inc. is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

The NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Memberships are available now, just in time for Mother’s Day! Help our our fundraising by buying the new Membership from us for your Mum, other family members, or even spoil yourself this Mother’s Day. You’ll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

BUY FROM US NOW.

The Entertainment Book is such a great way to try new restaurants. It’s also a great opportunity to help community organisations. – Ali M

