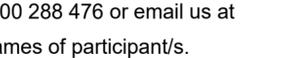


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**1. Disability Services Consulting article: A short history of NDIS implementation**

Roland Naufal tells us why the NDIS


 finds itself knee deep in doo-doo but argues it is short term pain for the long term game. **If you are easily offended, please do not [click here](#)**
**2. NDIS Peer Support Group - Northern Tasmania**

The inaugural Autism Tasmania NDIS Peer Support Group for Northern Tasmania will commence next Wednesday 31st August 2016 from 12:30pm– 2:30pm at Northern Children's Network (office location of Autism Tasmania).

 To register your place please call on 1300 288 476 or email us at [autism@autismtas.org.au](mailto:autism@autismtas.org.au) stating the names of participant/s.

**3. Local Fundraisers for Autism Tasmania**

 Thanks **Costa** for nominating Autism Tasmania as your chosen charity for the Knight Frank Point to

 Pinnacle 2016. All the best on **Knight Frank Point to Pinnacle 2016** © 13 NOV 2016 the day.

**4. Early Days Workshops - Launceston**

Autism Tasmania are proudly supporting families by providing workshops for mothers, fathers and other family carers of young children (0-7 years) who have a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum or who are going through the assessment and diagnostic process.

Early Days is a national program funded by the Federal Government under the Helping Children with Autism Strategy and is run by local facilitators.

**My Child and Autism**

Thursday 1 September 2016

9:30 am - 12:30pm

**Understanding Behaviour (Part 1)**

Wednesday 12 October 2016

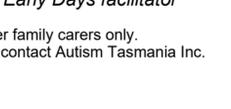
9:30 am - 12:00pm

**Understanding Behaviour (Part 2)**

Wednesday 19 October 2016

9:30 am - 12:00pm

(Participants must have attended Part 1 session)



promoting development of young children on the autism spectrum

**Helping my Child Cope with Change**

Monday 14 November 2016

9:30am - 12:00pm

**Facilitator: Robyn Thomas**

 E: [robynt@autismtas.org.au](mailto:robynt@autismtas.org.au)

P: 6344 1212 or 0458 375 604

**Venue:**

Northern Children's Network

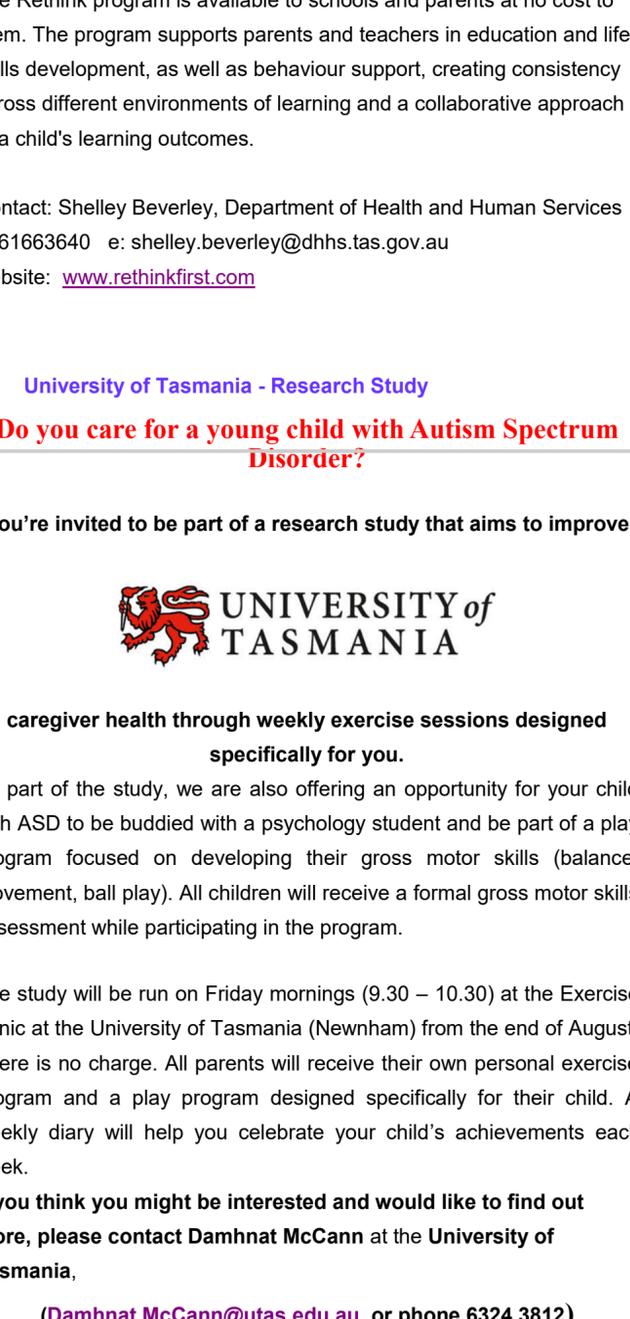
59D Amy Rd, Newstead

To register and to obtain further details on the content of any of the individual workshops please contact your local Early Days facilitator

These workshops are for parents and other family carers only. For professional development opportunities, please contact Autism Tasmania Inc.

**5. Tascare "Pamper the Parent"**

Coming in October. Tascare have been busy planning this and details are still being finalised, but there will be stations setup to provide



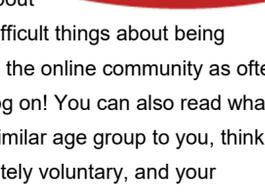
pampering such as massages, manicures, meditation sessions, self-care talks or gentle exercise sessions such as yoga. Sometimes doing life as a busy parent, especially when we have a child with additional needs, we forget and neglect ourselves! So this day will be all about self care and relaxation, Mums and Dads, you deserve it!

 Follow [this link](#) to their Facebook page survey on what you would like to see or do on the day.

**6. Rethink Autism**

A free program available to schools and parents

Rethink aims to place evidence-based solutions in the hands of every educator, clinician or parent working with a child diagnosed with Autism. This is a web-based



program that supports children on the autism spectrum to develop their skills and facilitating their learning through Applied Behaviour Analysis.

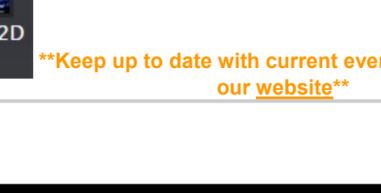
The Rethink program is available to schools and parents at no cost to them. The program supports parents and teachers in education and life skills development, as well as behaviour support, creating consistency across different environments of learning and a collaborative approach to a child's learning outcomes.

Contact: Shelley Beverley, Department of Health and Human Services

 p: 61663640 e: [shelley.beverley@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:shelley.beverley@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

 website: [www.rethinkfirst.com](http://www.rethinkfirst.com)
**7. University of Tasmania - Research Study**
**Do you care for a young child with Autism Spectrum Disorder?**

You're invited to be part of a research study that aims to improve


**caregiver health through weekly exercise sessions designed specifically for you.**

As part of the study, we are also offering an opportunity for your child with ASD to be buddied with a psychology student and be part of a play program focused on developing their gross motor skills (balance, movement, ball play). All children will receive a formal gross motor skills assessment while participating in the program.

The study will be run on Friday mornings (9.30 – 10.30) at the Exercise Clinic at the University of Tasmania (Newnham) from the end of August. There is no charge. All parents will receive their own personal exercise program and a play program designed specifically for their child. A weekly diary will help you celebrate your child's achievements each week.

 If you think you might be interested and would like to find out more, please contact **Damhnat McCann** at the **University of Tasmania**,

 ([Damhnat.McCann@utas.edu.au](mailto:Damhnat.McCann@utas.edu.au) or phone 6324 3812)

The study can only accommodate children with ASD aged 3-6 years, but the researchers would also welcome parents of an older child with ASD who would like to participate in the parent exercise part of the research.

This study has been approved by the Tasmanian Health and Medical Human Research Ethics committee (HREC number: H0015638)

**8. Griffith University - Seeking female participants aged 12-24 years for online social challenges research study**

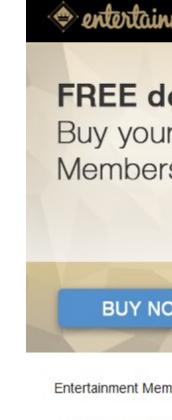
Researchers at Griffith University are conducting a study that looks at the social experiences and expectations of adolescent and young adult females on the autism spectrum.

Selected participants would be asked to join a private online forum, to chat with the researcher and other girls on the autism spectrum about

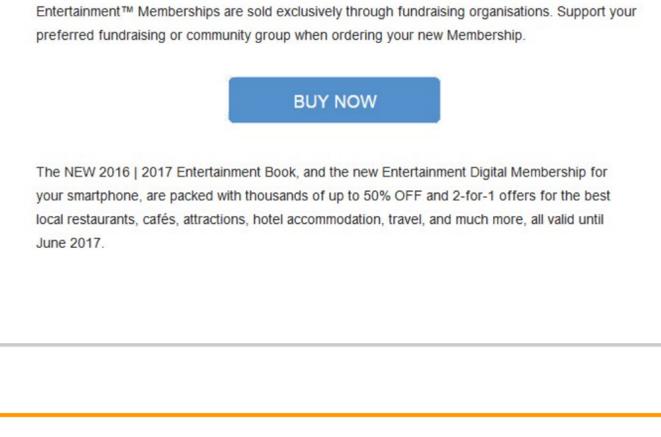

 friendships - the good, the bad and the difficult things about being friends with other girls. You can chat with the online community as often or as little as you like, you only need to log on! You can also read what other girls on the autism spectrum, in a similar age group to you, think about friendships. Participation is completely voluntary, and your confidentiality remains paramount at all stages of the project. For more information on this and other research projects being conducted at Griffith University go to [www.griffith.edu.au](http://www.griffith.edu.au)
**9. Sensory Friendly Film for September 2016**

Where: Village Cinemas - Eastlands

When: Saturday 10th September at 11am

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

**10. Entertainment Books—Closing Soon—Free delivery on book**

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